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'Don't feel bad when ... ': Jaishankar asserts India's right to comment on US democracy

NEW DELHI: External affairs minister S Jaishankar emphasized the nation's right to comment on US political views on Indian democracy. He argued for mutual respect among democracies and underscored India's strengthened regional relations while acknowledging challenges due to political changes in neighboring countries. External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday strongly defended India's right to respond to US political leaders' comments about Indian democracy during an address at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington. In a pointed message, he said the US should not "feel bad" if India comments on their internal affairs in response. In a candid response to questions regarding US political figures' remarks on India's democracy, Jaishankar explained that the globalised nature of the world has blurred the lines between domestic and



Foreign interference is unacceptable, regardless of the country behind it

He clarified that foreign interference is unacceptable, regardless of the country behind it, remarking, "Foreign interference is foreign interference, irrespective of who does it and where it is done." Jaishankar's remarks came in the context of increasing US commentary on democratic developments in India. He acknowledged that the US has long shaped international politics through its foreign policy and that in today's interconnected world, international politics. He emphasised that while

PM accused Congress of relying on false promise

Congress's stance on MSP and false promises. The Prime Minister also criticized Congress for making hollow promises regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farmers. He accused the party of only offering limited support to farmers during its time in power. "Today, Congress talks big about MSP, but when it was in power, it only gave MSP on 3-4 crops," PM Modi pointed out, emphasizing the broader support his government has extended to farmers. He accused Congress of relying on false promise. respect must be maintained. "It cannot be that one democracy has a right to comment on another and that's part of promoting democracy globally, but when others do that, then it becomes foreign interference.

Israel vows response to Iran missile attack as fears of conflict escalation rise

Iran's missile attack on Israel targeted key airbases, escalating regional tensions. Israel vows severe retaliation, while the US urges restraint to avoid a broader conflict. This significant escalation, in response to the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, threatens to draw regional powers into a larger war, testing US influence in shaping outcomes. Israel vows response to Iran missile attack as fears of conflict escalation rise. Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system intercepts rockets fired by Iran. Iran on Wednesday announced that its missile strike on Israel, the most significant military action against the Jewish state, had concluded, unless further provocation occurred. Meanwhile, Israel vowed to take retaliatory measures against Tehran, heightening concerns about a potential broader conflict. **Driving the news** In a statement, Iranian



Will Prashant pitch against liquor ban in Bihar be a gamechanger?

NEW DELHI: Political strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor has dared to tread an uncharted territory in Bihar politics in recent times with his promise of scrapping liquor ban in Bihar. Many analysts believe liquor ban helped increase Nitish Kumar's popularity among women, especially in the rural areas. defense minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasir Zadeh asserted that Iran launched attacks on Israeli "military, operational and intelligence" centers believed to be connected to the assassination

ban is considered to be one of the important factors behind the continued electoral success of Nitish Kumar, who is now the longest serving chief minister of Bihar. Many analysts believe liquor ban helped increase Nitish Kumar's popularity among women, especially in the rural areas. of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. As per a ISW report quoting Iranian media, following airbases were targeted in Israel: The Nevatim Airbase, situated near Beersheba, Israel, is home to Israeli F-35s.

Badlapur school officials arrested in sexual assault case after failed bail attempt

THANE: The Thane city police arrested two school officials from Badlapur on Wednesday evening after the Bombay high court rejected their anticipatory bail plea a day earlier. Chairman Uday Kotwal and Secretary Tushar Apte, who had been evading authorities for several days, were apprehended in the Karjat area around 9:15 pm. The officials face charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for allegedly failing to report a sexual assault incident involving two minor girls at their school. The incident sparked widespread outrage when it came to light, leading to a case being registered against the school.

'Elevated to position where even Karnataka...': CM Himanta hits out at Karnataka MLA Priyank

NEW DELHI: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday addressed recent criticism from Karnataka MLA Priyank Kharge and defended setting up of a semiconductor plant in Assam. CM Sarma said the region has become a significant center for the semiconductor industry. Responding to Kharge's remarks on social media, Sarma expressed gratitude for Karnataka's acknowledgment of Assam's advancements. He posted on X, "When a minister from Karnataka speaks about Assam and its semiconductor project, I can only sincerely thank God that in just 3 1/2 years, Assam has been elevated to a position where even Karnataka, one of the most advanced states in our country, recognizes our achievements." This exchange followed Kharge's criticism against Bharatiya Janata Party leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Assam CM. Addressing Himant, Kharge questioned the fairness of project allocations, stating, "CM @himantabiswa, PM @narendramodi and you protecting your respective State's interests are considered 'masterstrokes' and if I protect Karnataka's interests, it is considered being anti-Assam?" He further added, "Jokers of @BJP4Karnataka, do you agree on this? Hoping Sri. @BYVijayendra will share his invaluable insights on this. CM Sarma saab, Why don't you ask your PM to be benevolent enough to give Assam 2, Karnataka 2 and Gujarat 1 semiconductor projects instead of arm twisting companies?" In his response, Sarma pointed out the significant improvement Assam has seen in recent years. He wrote, "Assam Congress leaders must understand that Assam is now in a position to negotiate with major companies and compel them to invest here."

Mohammed Shami rehab on track, likely to return for New Zealand Tests

NEW DELHI: Mohammed Shami has been sweating it out at the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) newly inaugurated Centre of Excellence (CoE) and the seamer is likely to return to action very soon. There were efforts to have him match ready for the Bangladesh series, which India won 2-0, but once that wasn't possible, all stakeholders have set New Zealand series as a



target. "Shami's rehab is very much on track. New Zealand Tests are being kept as a realistic target. He is under watchful eyes of BCCI specialists and making very good progress," said a senior BCCI official aware of developments. The crafty seamer is still very much in contention for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia later this year. "Why these type of baseless rumors? I'm working hard and

trying my level best to recover. Neither the BCCI nor me have mentioned that I am out of the Border Gavaskar series," wrote Shami in a social media post on Wednesday. "I request the public to stop paying attention to such news from unofficial sources. Please stop and don't spread such fake fake & fake news, especially without my statement," the experienced seamer added.

Iran attacks Israel to avenge Nasrallah's killing

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



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

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

'Churme ne maa ki yaad dila di': PM Modi writes heartfelt letter to Neeraj Chopra's mother

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday penned a touching letter to Saroj Devi, mother of India's celebrated javelin thrower and two-time Olympic medalist Neeraj Chopra. In the letter, PM Modi thanked Saroj Devi for sending her 'churma' ahead of the Indian festive season of Navratri. PM Modi began with respectful greetings, expressing his hope that Neeraj's mother is 'healthy, safe, and happy'. The Prime Minister then stated that tasting Saroj Devi's 'churma' reminded him of his mother. "Respectful greetings! I hope you are healthy, safe, and happy. Yesterday, at



the banquet held on the occasion of the Jamaican Prime Minister's visit to India, I had the opportunity to meet brother Neeraj. My joy increased during our discussions when he gave me the delicious churma made by you," Modi wrote in his letter. "After eating this churma today, I couldn't stop myself from writing to you. Brother Neeraj often talks to me about this churma, but today, after

pare gives brother Neeraj the energy to win medals for the country, this churma will give me the strength to serve the nation for the next 9 days," he noted. "On the occasion of the Navratri festival of strength, I assure you and all the mothers across the country that I will continue to work tirelessly with even more dedication to realize the vision of a developed India." it concludes. During a meet with India's athletes ahead of Paris Olympics, Modi had humorously told Neeraj, "Mera churma abhi tak aaya nahi (I haven't received my churma yet)," evoking laughter among the viewers.

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

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

UP shocker: Group urinates on 22-year-old man, records incident; key accused arrested



NEW DELHI: A group of men allegedly assaulted Pawan Kharwar. Singh said, "The incident took place near Barrier number 1 in the Shaktinagar police station area. The accused thrashed him, urinated on him and made a video of the act." The incident gained attention nearly a week later when the victim's brother, Ankit Kharwar, shared it on social media. ASP Singh mentioned, "Soon after the incident, Kharwar and his brother had left for Baidhan in Madhya Pradesh and have returned now."

All Time Plastics Limited files DRHP with SEBI

Varanasi: All Time Plastics Limited has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company plans to raise funds through fresh issue of equity shares aggregating upto ₹350 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 52,50,000 equity shares.

The company proposes to utilize the net proceeds towards (i) prepayment or repayment of all or a portion of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the company, amounting to ₹120 crore, (ii) the purchase of equipment and machinery for the upcoming Manekpur Facility amounting to ₹133.73 crore, and the rest for general corporate purposes.

The company is the second largest B2B participant in India's plastic consumerware industry by revenue for Fiscal 2023 (Source: Technopak Report). It has over 13 years of expertise creating plastic consumerware goods for common household usage. As at March 31, 2024, the company had 1,608 stock-keeping units ("SKUs") across eight categories: Prep Time (kitchen tools for preparing cooking ingredients); Containers (food storage containers); Organization (miscellaneous storage containers); Hangers (various types of hangers); Meal Time (kitchenware); Cleaning Time (cleaning equipment); Bath Time (bathroom products); and Junior (child-friendly tableware, cutlery and other items).

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

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

The company is a stainless-steel tubes and pipes manufacturer based in India having over 14 years of experience. The products are broadly categorised into: (i) seamless tubes/pipes; and (ii) welded tubes and pipes, under five (5) product lines, namely, (i) stainless steel seamless pipes; (ii) stainless steel seamless tubes; (iii) stainless steel seamless "U" tubes; (iv) stainless steel instrumentation tubes; and (v) stainless steel welded tubes and "U" tubes ("Products" or "Stainless Steel Products"). The products are under the brand, "Scoda Tubes Limited". These products are used by a diverse range of customers like engineering companies, EPC and industrial companies engaged in Oil and Gas, Chemicals, Fertilisers, Power, Pharmaceuticals, Automotive, Railways and Transportation sectors As of August 31, 2024, the company's manufacturing facility has a total installed capacity of 20,000 MT per annum of mother hollow, 10,068 MT per annum of seamless products and 164 1,020 MT per annum of welded products. The company caters to both domestic as well as international markets. Samarth Patel, Jagrutkumar Patel, Ravi Patel, Saurabh Patel, Vipulkumar Patel are the promoters of the company having years of experience in the stainless steel, seamless & welded tubes and pipes industry.

Growing up in slums of Delhi: Student Name - Tripti, Univ of Sydney

New Delhi: How have your experiences growing up in the slums of Delhi influenced your approach to your studies and career goals in Strategic Public Relations?

Growing up in the Vivekanand slum community in Delhi taught me a lot about the struggles people face when they don't have their basic needs met. Surrounded by the stark contrast of magnificent buildings of Embassies, High Commissions, and high-profile residential areas, I lived in a small, one-room shanty with six family members. We faced daily challenges, from the severe water crisis that forced us to rely on tanker supplies to the acute financial struggles of my father, who earned an average of ₹2000/350 AUD per month to support us all.

In my academic journey, I faced numerous obstacles in accessing quality education, but these challenges only strengthened my determination to succeed. I knew that education was my pathway to making a difference. Through Asha Society, I gained access to educational resources, as well as financial support and reassurance about my potential. The organisation's encouragement and guidance were instrumental in shaping my career goals.

Witnessing my family and community struggle with basic needs like water and sanitation inspired me to seek change and use public relations as a tool for social impact, fuelling a desire to make a difference. I realised that effective communication is key to bringing attention to problems and driving change. Dr Kiran Martin, Director of the Asha Society, played an important role in my decision to study Strategic Public Relations. Asha's intervention helped me understand how I could use my skills to tell the stories of people in communities like mine and advocate for their needs.

What motivated you to pursue higher education and a career in public relations despite the numerous obstacles you faced in your early life, and how do you plan to leverage your education to address issues faced by disadvantaged communities?

My motivation to pursue higher education and a career in public relations has been shaped by the support and encouragement of the Asha team. Without their belief in me, I wouldn't be where I am today. They saw potential in me during my struggles and opened doors to opportunities. Their guidance was instrumental in helping me overcome challenges and led me to the University of Sydney, where I am now pursuing my master's degree.

With my education in public relations, I plan to spotlight and address the issues faced by disadvantaged communities. I aim to use my skills to ensure their voices are heard and to advocate for effective solutions.

Various programs organized on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti in North Central Railway

Tree plantation, walkathon, prize distribution and cultural programs were organized

Prayagraj: In accordance with the plan of the Government of India, this year the Swachhta Pakhwada is being organized by the North Central Railway from 17 September to 2 October 2024. In this fortnight being organized with the slogan "Swabhaav Swachhata" Sanskar Swachhata" today on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 02 October 2024, various programs were organized under the chairmanship of General Manager Shri Umesh Chandra Joshi and in the dignified presence of President North Central Railway Mahila Kalyan Sangathan Smt. Chetna Joshi.

First of all, a walkathon was organized at Railgaon Stadium. Thereafter, a street play was presented by North Central Railway Scouts and Guides with the message of stopping the indiscriminate use of plastic. In this, the message was given by showing in a touching manner the effects of the use of plastic on human life and the entire nature including animals. After this, all the officers present including the General Manager and other guests planted saplings at the Miyawaki plantation site under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign. 1200 saplings were planted in an area of ₹400 square meters at this place. In the same sequence, a program of dis-



tribution of cloth bags and grains to Safai Mitras was also organized. During this, volunteers of Sant Nirankari Dal also participated in the program.

After this, a cultural program and prize distribution program for the employees who did excellent work and the winners of the competitions organized during the Swachhta Pakhwada was organized at Spandan Complex located in Rail Village. The program started with paying homage to the pictures of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.

In his address on this

occasion, he said that our commitment towards environmentally friendly railways is reflected in our daily functioning. Three buildings of North Central Railway, A and B Blocks of General Manager's Office and Power House have been certified for the financial year 2024-25 by the Energy Efficiency Bureau of Ministry of Power, New Delhi. Taking a strong step towards green energy initiative, we have installed solar power plants with a power capacity of 12.47 MW in our railway. Automatic coach washing plant has been installed at Kanpur Station and Carriage Wagon

Depot, Agra Cantt. In North Central Railway, special attention has been given to the stations by classifying them, due to which there has been a special improvement in the cleanliness of stations and coaches. 100% electrification has been done in North Central Railway, due to which the consumption of fossil fuel has reduced a lot.

He further said that during this fortnight, the first Miyawaki plantation has also taken place in North Central Railway. This year Swachhta Pakhwada is being celebrated with great enthusiasm in North Central

Railway. Under this, as per the plan of the Railway Board, intensive cleaning programs were organized by forming 1328 CTUs in North Central Railway. Under this fortnight, those places have also been cleaned with collective efforts.

In his address on this occasion, Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer Mr. Animesh Kumar Sinha said that a lot has been said about clean lifestyle in Indian culture. This year the theme of Swachhta Pakhwada is Swabhaav Swachhata Sanskar Swachhata. It is necessary that we do not spread dirt ourselves and

also inspire others not to spread dirt. Inculcate habits related to cleanliness in the upbringing of the next generation. Participation of all family members is necessary for waste segregation. Do not spread dirt in places of public use such as offices, parks, public transport means etc. Throw garbage only in the proper dustbin or give it to the garbage vehicle so that the environment around us remains clean.

On this occasion, prizes were distributed to a total of 52 winners of competitions including 13 railway employees who did excellent work towards cleanliness. On this occasion, the cultural team of North Central Railway gave their performances. During this, Ganesh Vandana, dance on 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram Patit Pawan Sita Ram' and 'Swachh Bharat Mission Humein Garv Hai', songs like 'Kal ki baatein kal ki baat purani', 'Vaishnav jana to kahiye peer parayi jaane to', 'Vande Mataram Vande Mataram' etc were presented.

The program was conducted by Shri Shivaji Kadam. All the above programs were organized by the Environment and House-keeping Department. On this occasion, all the major department heads including Additional General Manager Shri JS Lakra were present.

Service to students is our ultimate religion – Professor Satyakam

Prayagraj: Swachh Bharat Diwas was organized on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Acharya Satyakam, while administering the oath of cleanliness, also administered the oath

clean campus. Mahatma Gandhi also had the same thinking. He used to be very concerned about the lowest section of the society. Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam emotionally recalled the life of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur

Shastri and the contributions made by them in the Indian freedom struggle. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam laid flowers on the photographs of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. After that couplets of Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram, Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye, Kabir, Ravidas and Rahim were heard. In the same sequence, the nodal officer of the Swachhta Hi Seva 2024 campaign program organized by the uni-

versity, Professor S. Kumar, Director, Social Sciences Faculty, in the Swachhta Fortnight organized from September 17, 2024 to October 02, 2024, in all the buildings, regional centers and university employees of the university. With their cooperation, a detailed report was presented on the cleanliness done in the schools, religious places and premises located nearby. After that, all the sanitation workers of the university were honored by providing them with clothes and sweets.

Along with this, the winners of the speech competition organized on the topic 'Self-reliant India' under Seva Pakhwada, Abhishek Singh, Vatsal Srivastava and Parul Srivastava were awarded by Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam for getting first, second and third positions respectively. Conducting the program And the vote of thanks was done by Organizing Secretary Dr. Trivikram Tiwari, Assistant Director/Assistant Professor, Social Science School. On this occasion, university teachers, officers, non-teaching staff and students etc. were present.



to bring transparency in the university work. Professor Satyakam considered the students as God and took an oath not to cause them any harm. He said that the students should be served in such a way that they do not face any difficulty. Service to students is our ultimate religion. On this occasion, while honoring the sanitation workers and gardeners of the university, he said that with the cooperation of all of them, the university is establishing its identity as a green and

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Shramdaan and Swachh Bharat Diwas organized by the Income Tax Department on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi



Prayagraj: On the occasion of the 155th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Shramdaan and Swachh Bharat Diwas was organized by the Income Tax Department, Allahabad. At the beginning of the program, Additional Income Tax Commissioner Shiv Kumar Rai said that the work of cleanliness is not only for the sweeper but we also have to pay attention to it, we have to include cleanliness in our daily routine, only then we can fulfill the responsibility of Babu. Will be able to make dreams come true. Only through clean India can we contribute to building a healthy India. At the end of the program, the cleaning workers of the Income Tax Department were also honored by Additional Income Tax Commissioner Shiv Kumar Rai and Joint Income

Commissioner Kavita Meena, installed the statue of Babu. But after paying floral tributes, cleaning work was done in the Income Tax complex. Addressing the officers and employees present, Additional Income Tax Commissioner Shiv Kumar Rai said that the work of cleanliness is not only for the sweeper but we also have to pay attention to it, we have to include cleanliness in our daily routine, only then we can fulfill the responsibility of Babu. Will be able to make dreams come true. Only through clean India can we contribute to building a healthy India. At the end of the program, the cleaning workers of the Income Tax Department were also honored by Additional Income Tax Commissioner Shiv Kumar Rai and Joint Income

Tax Commissioner Kavita Meena and Joint Income Tax Commissioner Shiv Kumar. During the program, along with senior officials, Assistant Income Tax Commissioner LP Bisen, Income Tax Officers Arup Kumar Mukherjee, Nandan Kumar Sonkar, Ravi Kumar Mehta, NK Verma, Income Tax Employees Federation officials Ravindra Kumar Gaur, Brijesh Kumar, Rohit Singh, Income Tax Inspector Arun Kumar Singh, Shiv Bhola Singh, Gyanendra Kumar Srivastava, Purushottam Sharma, Akhilesh Dwivedi, Arun Kumar Shukla, Shiv Sagar Kashyap, Ankit Gupta, Krishnanand Sharma, Rupesh Kumar, Pushp Raj Patel, Komal Pandey and all the employees also ensured their participation in the cleaning work today.

Dev Accelerator Limited (DevX) files DRHP with SEBI to raise funds through IPO

Varanasi: Dev Accelerator Limited (DevX) has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through IPO. Dev Accelerator Ltd (DevX) is promoted by Umesh Uttamchandani, Parth Shah, Rushit Shah & Dev Information Technology Limited. DevX is one of the largest managed space operator in Tier 2 markets in terms of opera-

tional flex stock, with centres across 6 cities. (Source: JLL Report). Specializing in complete Built to Suit Managed Office Solutions for enterprises, the company has established a presence across 15 submarkets in India across Tier 1 markets of Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune and Tier 2 markets of Ahmedabad (including Gandhinagar), Indore, Jaipur, Udaipur, and Vadodara (Source: JLL Re-

port). DevX provides integrated services from sourcing office spaces, customizing designs, developing spaces, and providing technology solutions to providing complete asset management. As on August 31, 2024, the company has serviced over 230 clients and have 25 Centers across 11 cities in India.

The company's clientele comprises of large corporates, MNCs and

SMEs, offering variety of flexible office space solutions such as managed office spaces and coworking spaces as well as design and execution services through the Subsidiary, Needle and Thread Designs LLP. The Company has experienced rapid growth in their business. Between March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2024, company's Operational Centers, Operational Seats and Operational Super Built-Up Area grew at a

CAGR of 66.67%, 39.89% and 53.14%, respectively. Revenue from operations grew at a CAGR of 87.08% from ₹308.83 million (30.8 cr) in Fiscal 2022 to ₹1,080.87 million (108.08 cr) in Fiscal 2024. As a part of their growth strategy, they plan to enhance their presence in existing markets in India where they already operate as well as establish presence in new markets. This strategic initiative aims to strengthen their footprint

within these regions, and further increase their operational capacity. DevX will use IPO proceeds to fuel its capital expenditure for fit-outs and security deposits for new centres. The proceeds will also be utilised for repayment and/or prepayment of certain borrowings including redemption of non-convertible debentures. Pantomath Capital Advisors Private Limited is the sole Book Running Lead Manager to the Issue.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrations celebrated at Kriyayoga Ashram

Mahatma Gandhi a Prophet: Kriyayoga Guru Swami Sri Yogi Satyam

Jhansi: On Wednesday, at the Kriyayoga Ashram and Research Institute, Kriyayoga Guru Swami Sri Yogi Satyam Ji Maharaj inaugurated the program by offering flowers on the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and lighting the lamp and addressed the devotees of the country and abroad who had come on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Throwing light on the life of Ji and told about the supernatural message given by him. While conducting the practice, Kriya Yoga Guru said that in his message before Mahasamadhi, Paramahansa Yogananda ji had called Mahatma Gandhi a great prophet.

Swami Ji also made it clear that the principle of true non-violence has been going on since time immemorial. Prophets come to earth again and again to make people aware of this principle. On this occasion, Kriyayoga Guru told



the seekers that Mahatma Gandhi used to practice Kriyayoga daily due to which an eternal relationship was established between him and his wife. A glimpse of that eternal friendship can be seen from the thoughts expressed by Kasturba Gandhi regarding Mahatma Gandhi.

He also told that Mahatma Gandhi was born to show the people the path of truth and non-violence and follow it. Guru Ji told the devotees present that the path of truth and non-violence is the path of powerful people. Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi never had any complaint in his mind towards anyone, neither towards God nor towards Godse who shot him in the chest. At the end of the program, Kriya Yoga Guru told about those special things of Gandhiji that he used to easily solve the problems of all the nations of the world.

Information given on cleanliness and health through speech and yoga competition

C.B.C. Cleanliness oath administered at Saraswati Shishu Mandir Daraganj

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a public awareness program on the subject of cleanliness and service was organized at Saraswati Shishu Mandir Daraganj in collaboration with the Central Communication Bureau of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and Gyan Arogya Charitable Trust. The program started by garlanding the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. On this occasion, program in-charge of the bureau Ram Murat, college principal Vedanti Prasad Pathak, trust president Acharya Kaushal Kishore Mishra, Dr. Usha Mishra, former head of the Hindi department, Prayag Mahila Vidyapeeth, social worker Poonam Mishra, M.P. Director of Mishra Madhav Shiksha Kendra and college teachers Aqsa Khan, Kalpana Dwivedi, Preeti Srivastava, Mona Upadhyay, Soumya Srivastava and students were present. During the program, Amit Tiwari, Shubham Baranwal, and Anshika Patel won the first, second and third prizes respectively in the speech competition organized on cleanliness and health and in the yoga asana competition, Ujjwal Kumar, Anuj Kumar and Anshika Patel won the first, second and third prizes respectively. The winners were presented certificates on behalf of the Bureau by the guests. On this occasion, saplings were presented to the

guests by Ram Murat of the Bureau for plantation under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign. On this occasion, Dr. Usha Mishra said that cleanliness is an important aspect of our life. We can get rid of many problems by adopting cleanliness in our life. Throwing light on cleanliness and health, social worker Poonam Mishra said that a healthy



mind resides only in a clean body. Trust President Acharya Kaushal Kishore Mishra said that cleanliness is a mega campaign that runs every day, every year, from generation to generation. Therefore, public participation is very important to make this campaign successful. Vote of thanks was given by Vedanti Prasad Pathak. During the program, promotional materials of Developed India and New India News were made available to the attendees.

Modi government is continuously increasing the burden on people's pockets due to inflation: Pramod Tiwari

Lalganj, Pratapgarh: Deputy Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Pramod Tiwari has said that the burden on the common man's pocket is continuously increasing under the rule of Modi government. He said that even on the occasion of festivals, BJP has caused huge inflationary

ment of Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, said that it is very sensitive that the situation on LAC in eastern Ladakh is not normal. He said that the situation in Manipur remains serious regarding national security. The program was coordinated by Block Congress Committee President KD Mishra. Before this, MP Pramod Tiwari took stock of the development schemes being run in the area by doing public relations in Agai Mod, Raipur Tianai, Bhojpur, Purab Deum, Puri Govindram, Amawan, Duxhchhor of Salem Bhadari. On this occasion, representative Bhagwati Prasad Tiwari, Sangipur chief Ashok Singh Bablu, chairperson

representative Santosh Dwivedi, media in-charge Gyan Prakash Shukla, Dadan Singh, KD Mishra, Dharampal Saroj, Anil Tripathi Mahesh, Ashok Singh, Raju Mishra, Dushyant Singh, Dhirendramani Shukla, Monu Pandey, Preetendra Ojha, Muralidhar Tiwari, Shahzad Ansari, Dharmendra Mishra, KB Singh, Pappu Tiwari, Manoj Tripathi, Dhirendra Pandey, Dara Singh etc.



blow to the public by increasing the prices of commercial gas LPG cylinders. He said that the price of 19 kg LPG cylinder has been increased by Rs 48.50 and that of five kg freed LPG cylinder has been increased by Rs 12. Rajya Sabha member Pramod Tiwari said that the festival of Navratri and Dussehra is ahead. Rajya Sabha member Pramod Tiwari, referring to the latest state-

Divisional Commissioner and District Magistrate hoisted the national flag in their respective premises on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant hoisted the flag in his camp office premises and paid floral tributes on the photographs of both the great personalities. District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar Maand also hoisted the national flag in the Collectorate premises and paid floral tributes on the statue of Gandhi. Tried to pay respects by garlanding them. Thereafter, the District Magistrate paid homage to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Late Lal Bahadur Shastri by garlanding his portrait in a program



organized at Sangam Auditorium. On this occasion, the District Magistrate, while wishing the people in the program on Gandhi Jayanti, said that we all know about the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi

since childhood. He said that the principles that Mahatma Gandhi made in social and personal life and following which he tried to make India a glorious nation, we should imbibe them in our lives. In giving a new

direction and new momentum to the Indian independence movement. Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi has made an incomparable contribution. Through Satyagraha and civil disobedience movement, he lit the

flame of freedom among all classes. He played an important role in uniting the nation and making it a strong nation through political, cultural and social harmony. Throwing light on the work and personality of Lal Bahadur Shastri ji, he said that with dedication we can all achieve the biggest goals with continuous hard work. He said that our main focus should be on solving the problems of the people by taking them seriously and working promptly on their expectations from us and not just fulfilling the formalities. On this occasion, all the Additional District Magistrates, Additional City Magistrates along with other officers and employees were present.

Lal Shukla Smriti IFFCO Sahitya Samman 2024 goes to Chandra Kishore Jaiswal and Renu Yadav gets the first Shrilal Shukla Smriti IFFCO Youth Literature Award

Prayagraj: IFFCO, the leading organization of the fertilizer sector, awarded the 'Shri Lal Shukla Smriti IFFCO Sahitya Samman' for the year 2024 to story writer Chandra Kishore Jaiswal. 'Shrilal Shukla Smriti IFFCO Yuva Sahitya Samman', started this year, was awarded to Renu Yadav for her story collection 'Kala Sona'. This honor was presented by senior litterateur Dr. Vishwanath Tripathi in a function organized at the Stein Auditorium of India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Chandra Kishore Jaiswal was born on February 15, 1940 in Bihariganj, Madhepura district of Bihar. He obtained postgraduate education in Economics from Patna University, Patna and after teaching for a long time, retired as a professor from Bhagalpur Engineering College, Bhagalpur.

'Gawah Garhazir', 'Jibach's ka beta Buddha', 'Sirshak', 'Chiranjeev', 'Maa', 'Dah', 'Paltania', 'Saat Phere', 'Manigram', 'Bhattha', 'Dukhgram' (novel); 'Main Nahi Makhan Khayo', 'Mar gaya Deepnath', 'Hingwa Ghat me paani re!', 'Jang', 'Dukhaya Kaga Le Bhitag', 'Nakhiya Das Kabir', 'Kitab mein likha hai', 'Aghatpushp', 'Tarpan', 'Zameen', 'Khate Nahhi Angur', 'Ham Azad ho

gaye!', 'Representative stories' (story collection); 'Shringaar', 'Singhasan', 'Chir-Haran', 'Ratjaga', 'Griha-Pravesh', 'Rang-Bhang' (drama); 'Aaj Kaun Din Hai?', 'Trahimaam', 'Shikasti', 'Zaban Ki Bandish' (one-act play) are his major works. He received

Film Development Corporation based on his novel 'Gawaah Gairhajir' and the films produced by Doodarshang based on the story 'Hingwa Ghat Mein Paani Re!' have been quite popular. 'Rui Ka Boj' was selected for the National Film Festival Panorama (1998) and



'Ramvriksha Benipuri Samman' (Hazariabagh), 'Banarasi Prasad Bhojpur Samman' (Aara), 'Anand Sagar Kathakram Samman' (Lucknow), Bihar National Language Council's 'Sahitya Sadhana Samman' (Patna) and Honored with Bihar Government's Jananayak 'Karpuri Thakuri Samman' (Patna).

The films 'Rui Ka Boj' produced by the National

has been screened in many international film festivals.

Renu Yadav was born on 16 September 1984 in Gorakhpur. Working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Indian Language and Literature (Hindi), Gautam Buddha University, Renu's major works are - 'Mahadevi Verma ke kavya mein vedana ka manovishleshan' (critical book), 'Mein Mukht hun' (po-

etry collection), Sakshatkar-Sudha Om Dhingra (Edited book). The 'Charcha Ke Bahane' column is published in the monthly magazine Sahitya Nandini and before this a column called 'Oriyani Ke Neeche' was published in Hindi Chetna, a magazine published from Canada. Stories,

poems and research articles focused on women's issues were published in various newspapers and magazines.

He has received 'Srijan Shree' award from Srijan Samman Multidimensional Cultural Institute and Pramod Verma Smriti Sansthan, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) as well as 'Virangana Savitribai Phule National Fellowship Award' from Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy, Delhi.

This award, started in the year 2011 in the memory of the great storyteller Shrilal Shukla, is given every year to a Hindi writer whose works mainly depict rural and agricultural life. Under this award, the honored litterateur is given a logo, a citation and a check of an amount of eleven lakh rupees. Under the 'Shri Lal Shukla Smriti IFFCO Yuva Sahitya Samman', which started this year with the approval of the IFFCO Board of Directors, the honored litterateur will be given a logo, a citation and a check of Rs 2.5 lakh.

The jury committee headed by senior litterateur Prof. Asghar Wajahat selected Madhu Kankaria keeping in mind her extensive literary contribution focused on rural and agricultural life and the changing reality of India. The jury included Dr. Anamika, Mr. Priyadarshan, Mr. Yatindra Mishra, Dr. Nalin Vikas and Mr. Utkarsh Shukla. In his message, IFFCO Managing Director Dr. Uday Shanker Awasthi while congratulating Chandra Kishore Jaiswal said that Jaiswal ji is the creator of deep social concerns. He has written skillfully on the subjects of Purnia region and rural life. Referring to the works of Chandra Kishore ji, Dr. U.S. Awasthi said that in

his story world he has tried to capture the complexities of the rural environment.

Chairman of the Honor Selection Committee, Prof. Asghar Wajahat gave detailed information about the selection process. Honor selection committee member Priyadarshan recited the eulogy for Chandra Kishore Jaiswal and Dr. Anamika recited the eulogy for Renu Yadav. Chief guest of the program, litterateur Dr. Vishwanath Tripathi expressed happiness over honoring Chandra Kishore Jaiswal and Renu Yadav and described their writings as extremely important. He said that the work Chandra Kishore Jaiswal has done in articulating the reality of the society through research-based writing is rare anywhere else. He said that Renu has immense potential, if she continues to be creative like this then she will become a future contender for big honours. On this occasion, the play 'Raag Virag' based on the composition of Shrilal Shukla was staged by the artists of Rang Virasat theater troupe under the direction of Asif Ali Haider Khan. A large number of literature lovers including teachers and students participated in the function.

Deputy Chief Minister gave the message of cleanliness by washing the floor of Hanuman Ji's temple located in Civil Line and sweeping the Sangam Ghat

* Swachhata Hi Seva program organized on a large scale in the district

* Special cleaning campaign run under Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight from 17 September to 2 October under Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight

Prayagraj: Deputy Chief Minister Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya ji participated in Swachhata Hi Seva program today on 2 October under the Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight running from 17 September to 2 October in order to make India 'garbage free' by Hon'ble Prime Minister. He first reached Hanuman temple located in Civil Line and offered prayers, after that he washed the floor of Hanuman



Ji's temple and gave the message of cleanliness and then swept the Sangam Ghat.

On this occasion, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister while talking to the media said that the people of Prayag are witnesses, I am also a witness. Who has seen the grand and divine event of Kumbh-2019. The upcoming Mahakumbh-2025 will be historic, divine, grand and clean. He said that while about 24 crore people had come in Kumbh-2019, this number is expected to double in this Mahakumbh fair. There is enthusiasm about the Mahakumbh fair across the country. He said that all the preparations related to the fair will be completed on time. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister also garlanded the statues of great men located at Balsan intersection. On this occasion, apart from Mayor Shri Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani, BJP Metropolitan President Shri Rajendra Mishra and other honorable public representatives, a large number of people were present.

Editorial

Jammu and Kashmir elections are historic for multiple reasons—Article 370

People stood in long queues Wednesday to cast their vote in an Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir after a gap of ten long years. PM Modi called it Naya Kashmir as he aimed his dart at the 'teen khandan', the three dynasties—Congress, JKNC and PDP. It's been a long ten years in the Valley. There have been other decades marked by turbulence. But none like the past decade—a period of transformational change, depending on who is asked. The ten years carry a lot of weight and significance. On 18 September, Kashmiris, for the first time, voted not for a state but a Union Territory. The region's status changed in 2019, following the abrogation of Article 370 by the Modi government. Many other firsts are also taking place during these keenly watched elections: Established political parties being pitched against several Independent candidates, who are backed by organisations like the banned Jamaat-e-Islami; the entry of Engineer Abdul Rashid; and the absence of stalwarts such as Mehbooba Mufti. It led to the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir becoming fiercely competitive, which is why the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir is ThePrint's Newsmaker Of The Week. The main parties in the fray are the INDIA bloc's National Conference (NC) and Congress, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). During the last election BJP and PDP had entered into an alliance. This election also has the second-highest number of Independent candidates since 2008. These elections carry a lot of political weight for the BJP, even beyond the region. The Modi government has been showcasing the abrogation of Article 370 as one of its key achievements. After the recent delimitation exercise, Kashmir has 47 seats and Jammu has 43. Twenty-four Assembly seats in seven districts went to polls on Wednesday. Delimitation led to an increase in seats in Hindu-dominated Jammu and nine seats being reserved for the Scheduled Tribe community, the BJP is hoping to be a formidable force in Jammu even as it continues to face several challenges in the region. When it comes to the Kashmir valley, BJP has very little influence. For the National Conference too, these elections carry a lot of importance. Former CM of Kashmir and chairperson of NC, Omar Abdullah, lost to Engineer Rashid during the Lok Sabha elections. After making several statements about not contesting elections unless statehood is restored to J&K, he has decided to take the plunge. BJP has also brought up statehood multiple times. On 7 March this year, while launching an 'Integrated Development of Hazratbal Shrine' in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong emotional pitch to the people of J&K. He guaranteed to his "family in J&K" that "under no circumstances would development grind to a halt" in the UT. Modi continued the same rhetoric on Thursday at the rally in support of BJP candidates in Srinagar's Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium. He spoke about BJP's promise to restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, empowerment and development. The withdrawal of Article 370 and statehood have emerged as major issues in these elections. Employment is also another significant concern. Quite naturally, the people in the region are divided regarding Article 370. There is deep dissatisfaction in some circles regarding its abrogation.

And as candidates canvas the region, a sense of fear lingers in the air. Dressed in a beige suit with a floral print and an off-white dupatta around her head, 36-year-old PDP leader Iltija Mufti waves to a group of women in a small village in Anantnag. An old woman holds her hands and tells her she wants to whisper something in her ears—her family member is languishing in jail due to a UAPA charge.



Illicit Foreign Funding: Secret Weapon Advancing a Radical Islamist Agenda in UK

Prior to the UK general elections, a media investigation revealed that five of the six major British political parties had taken illicit foreign funds. To minimise excessive foreign influence, British legislation compels parties to refund unlawful donations within 30 days and disclose any failures to the Electoral Commission. Only people on the electoral roll can make donations, with a minimum limit of £500. However, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism discovered that the Conservative Party, Reform UK, Liberal

Democrats, Green Party, and Scottish National Party failed to prevent or identify these donations, which were made through an assortment of modest payments totalling more than £500 from a foreign source. As per the report, only the Labour Party successfully blocked such unlawful donations. Election law expert Gavin Millar criticised the self-policing method as ineffective and illogical because it relies on beneficiaries to enforce the law. Concerns had grown in the run-up to the 2024 UK general election about foreign

players funding political non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Despite precise laws deliberate to prevent excessive foreign influence, some NGOs with significant influence in UK politics have evidently received large amounts of funding from international sources. These contributions, which are frequently routed through intricate channels to avoid detection, undermine the integrity of the democratic process and threaten to influence election results in favour of foreign interests. The current legal system,

which relies mainly on self-policing, is deeply inadequate, allowing foreign funders to have hidden power over British politics. Several controversial groups in the British community receive funding from ambiguous sources, which they utilise to spread their propaganda and operations throughout the country. One prominent example is the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), an umbrella group that represents over 500 interconnected mosques and Muslim organisations. MCB has a notorious history.

Mamata's brush with protesting doctors serves a lesson. She's now a failed Chief Minister

Partial or not, the roll-back of the junior doctors' six-week cease work in West Bengal must come as a huge relief to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. With 7,000 doctors on dharna for 42 days, corruption charges flying thick and fast and healthcare services hit, she was starting to look like a failed administrator, negotiator and leader. But neither Banerjee nor the Trinamool Congress (TMC) should, for a moment, believe that the rollback was a result of her legendary skills of manipulative politics. Those skills peaked in 2021 when she outsmarted the double-engine poll juggernaut of Amit Shah and Narendra Modi from a wheelchair to decisively defeat the BJP in the West Bengal Assembly elections. Unfortunately for her, this time, her razor-sharp political instincts have collided head-on with an immovable wall of righteous earnestness, a hallmark of the junior doctors' agitation as they seek nothing but justice for their raped and murdered colleague and demand enhanced security in hospitals and medical colleges. Mamata has, over the past week, managed to humiliate the protesting doctors, manipulating them into rolling back many of their demands, while conceding almost nothing in return.

Yet, she has not managed to break their spirit. The junior



doctors may have emerged from their recent face-offs with Mamata looking like wet-behind-the-ears political novices, even foolish. But braving the might of the state, the 7,000-odd junior doctor have forged ahead with their cease-work for 42 days and now rolled back on their own terms. Among the many factors that have enabled the doctors to hang in there is the "threat culture" on their college campuses. This term came up repeatedly in the Supreme Court on 17 September, when Indira Jaisingh, representing junior doctors gave the bench a sealed envelope with names of 40 perpetrators. She argued that many of the perpetrators of this "threat culture" were roaming the college campus, making the striking doctors feel unsafe. Sources say that these names submitted to court are MBBS students, interns, house staff and senior resident doctors of

RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, part of a cabal of mostly TMC Chhatra Parishad members who swore by the now-arrested former principal, Sandip Ghosh. (Incidentally, Ghosh has just lost his medical registration and cannot practice medicine unless it is restored) The 40 names are among 51 hospital staff against whom RG Kar students and resident doctors had filed complaints before a recently constituted special college council to look into allegations of "threat culture". The council had ordered all 51 to vacate their hostel rooms and not enter the college campus unless summoned. Some of these 40 names are already in the public domain. The CBI summoned one of them, house staff and TMCP leader Abhishek Pandey, for questioning on Thursday. He had been seen in photographs, present among the crowds that gathered inside the sem-

inar room after the body of the slain doctor was found. Later in the day, he had checked into a hotel at Kolkata's residential township of Salt Lake, reportedly with a woman, only to check out the next day. The CBI wants to know why. How was the "threat culture" created on campus? According to several junior doctors and students I spoke to, many students who did not toe the line were actually failed. Threats culture could also mean being made the fall guy in a crisis involving a patient, especially if it was a "catch patient", a term used for someone who came to the hospital with a political recommendation. One PG student told me he was so badly harassed that he even considered killing himself by jumping from the second floor of the Trauma Ward building. With final exams coming up this December and him busy with the cease-work and demand for justice, he has been unable to study and fears he may not pass on the first attempt. "But this," he said, waving at the scores of junior doctors sitting on dharna at Swasthya Bhavan, the state health department's office, holding posters demanding justice, "is worth it." But what have the junior doctors achieved? Definitely, an unprecedented support from the people of Kolkata and beyond. Yet concessions from Mamata? Very little.

Day 1, she accused them of playing political games when they refused to budge from their demand for a live broadcast of their meetings. Day 2, when doctors visited her house, the live broadcast demand again got in the way. Day 3, the doctors, some of them in tears, rolled back all their demands—for a live broadcast and videography. But because their response was delayed, the talks were postponed. Day 4, the two sides met, and a tentative deal was struck. Mamata "conceded" to four out of five demands and the junior doctors rejoiced. But a sneering tirade by Trinamool Congress MP Sougata Roy threw cold water on their celebrations. "What concessions, a couple of IPS officers and two health officials have been transferred. What's the big deal," Roy said. Transfers are routine, not a revolution. The floods in several south Bengal districts have given the doctors a valid prompt to roll back their cease work. They will deploy Abhaya Clinics in worst affected areas to continue their campaign for justice. The floods have come as a face-saving, convenient distraction for Mamata. Of course, the chief minister of a state must fire-fight on multiple fronts and cannot focus solely on one issue, no matter how pressing it may be. However, had the floods not come along.

Snatching Mamata's OBC Pie for Muslims, Starving Vote-Bank Politics

By cancelling all Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates issued by the West Bengal government after 2010, the Calcutta High Court has struck at the darkest instincts of appeasement of not just the Mamata Banerjee government but of Indian polity in general. Remember, the Left was still in power in 2010 in Bengal, when the legislation was created. Nakedly soliciting Muslim votes by misusing the OBC quota is not unique to West Bengal.

Karnataka and many other states have been brazenly doing it. Taking advantage of the ambiguity in the Constitution in defining 'Backward Classes' and bending the guarantee under Article 15.1 that the State

shall not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, caste, or gender, Muslims were brought under the OBC quota after the PV Narasimha Rao government. The Sachar Committee report was used as groundwork for the abomination. The Rao government was in overcompensation mode since the fall of the Babri masjid, bringing in a slew of constitutional blunders like the Places of Worship Act, the suicidal new Waqf Act, and the OBC lollipop for Muslims. All this not only robbed the share of the genuinely backward, but also brazenly incentivised conversions to Islam and demographic change, placing Bharat's destiny on a doomed path. Why should Muslims, the 200-million strong sec-

ond largest religious group in India with a global Ummah of nearly two billion, eat into the share of OBCs? That is precisely what the Calcutta High Court ruling questions by cancelling all OBC certificates issued during the tenure of the Trinamool Congress administration led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee since 2011. The Bench struck down many parts of the West Bengal Backward Classes (Other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 2012. But the most remarkable part of the judgment by the division bench of Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty and Justice Rajasekhar Mantha was the bluntness.

There is an ongoing competition between political parties

Industries in Punjab are incurring high electricity bills because the AAP government is giving free electricity to nearly 60 lakh people. Infrastructure development in the state is getting badly affected too. Punjab, once the state with the highest per capita income in the country, has slipped to the 19th position. Other debt-ridden states are suffering a similar fate. In its 2024 election manifesto, Congress has announced Rs 1 lakh as an unconditional cash transfer to the poor every year as part of its Mahalaxmi Scheme. If the party comes to power, the implementation of such a scheme can be frightening. It's notable that as of 31 March 2023, the total debt on the governments (central and state) in India (including the guarantees given by them) was Rs 231.7 lakh crores, which was 85.1 per cent of GDP at current prices. Out of this, the total debt of the central government is equal to 57.1 per cent of the GDP and the rest is of the state governments (nearly 28 per cent of GDP). According to the FRBM Act, the target debt-GSDP (gross state domestic product) ratio, in any state, should not exceed 20 per cent. But as per the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), in many of the states of the country, this ratio is much more than the targeted one. It reached 48.98 per cent in Punjab, 42.37 per

cent in Rajasthan, 37.39 per cent in West Bengal, 36.73 per cent in Bihar, 35.30 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, 31.53 per cent in Madhya Pradesh, 27.80 per cent in Telangana, 27.27 per cent in Tamil Nadu, and 26.47 per cent in Chhattisgarh in 2020-21. If the debt on state government enterprises and the guarantees given by the state governments are also added, then by 2020-21, the debt to GSDP ratio in Rajasthan would be 54.94 per cent and in Punjab, it would be 58.21 per cent. In Andhra Pradesh also it has been estimated.

at 53.77 per cent; it is 47.89 per cent in Telangana and 47.13 per cent in Madhya Pradesh. In West Bengal and Bihar, it's 40.35 per cent and 40.51 per cent, and in Tamil Nadu, 39.94 per cent. It is noteworthy that in Punjab, 45.5 per cent of the total tax revenue is being spent on free schemes and in Andhra Pradesh, expenditure on freebies is 30.3 per cent of total tax revenue. It's unfortunate that the increase in the overall debt due to irresponsible freebies is causing the downgrade of sovereign ratings by international agencies. It has to be understood that whether it is the central or state governments, none has unlimited money to spend. The fiscal space largely depends on the tax-paying capacity of the people of the country. For a long time, our tax-GDP

ratio has remained sticky at 17 per cent, out of which the ratio of taxes levied by the central government has remained around 10-11 per cent of the GDP. The total receipt of taxes (net) in the year 2024-25, of central government, has been estimated to be only Rs 26.02 lakh crore. In such a situation, in the total budget of Rs 47.66 lakh crore, after tax receipts of Rs 26.02 lakh crore and non-tax revenue receipts of Rs 4 lakh crore, the remaining fiscal deficit, which is about Rs 16.85 lakh crore, will be filled from borrowing. That is, there is no other way to spend more. Apart from this, it must also be understood that economists are unanimous on the view that more than 75 per cent of the total budget is spent on predetermined items, which include payment of principal and interest on loans raised in the past, salary and pension, defence expenditure, law and order, international relations, maintenance and other necessary expenses. After this, what remains is spent on infrastructure, welfare schemes such as housing for the poor, public distribution, MNREGA, drinking water, development programmes for Scheduled Castes/Tribes, women, and children, agricultural and industrial development, welfare of minorities etc. If the Mahalaxmi Scheme.

BCCI opens Bengaluru National Cricket Academy

Delhi: The BCCI opened the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The world-class facility is now the BCCI Centre of Excellence. The former facility operated at M Chinnaswamy Stadium since 2000. The BCCI Centre of Excellence, located on 40 acres near Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru, has three world-class grounds and 86 pitches, including indoor and outdoor areas, demonstrating its ability to provide full training facilities. In addition, its revolutionary subsurface drainage system speeds up recovery after rain, avoiding disturbances and ensuring a steady playing schedule. The magnificent 45 outdoor net pitches for practice are divided into nine clusters, including Mumbai red soil, Mandya soil, Kalahandi black cotton soil, and concrete pitches, and separated by UK-made safety nets. Fielding practice



and six outdoor running tracks with natural grass and Mondo synthetic surfaces are next to the nets. The indoor practice facility has eight premium UK and Australian turf fields with an 80-meter run-up. The G 2 South Pavilion, at 45,000 square feet, has one of the largest dressing rooms at roughly 3,000 square feet, replete with a jacuzzi, lounge, massage room, kit room, and restrooms. The Sports Science & Medicine (SSM) Block has a 16,000-square-foot gym with top-notch equipment. Four sports tracks and high-quality Mondo rubber flooring are included. It has a physiotherapy rehab gym, cutting-edge sports science and medicine

lab, recovery area with jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, underwater pool spa, and cold shower. The building will feature a carefully curated Hall of Fame for Indian cricket. Commentator and match referee rooms with cutting-edge broadcasting, a large press conference area, VIP lounge and dining area, and administrative offices are also available. The G 1 Dining and Dormitory block, with 15,000 square feet, provides food and accommodation for staff, including male and female dormitories with room for development. Secretary Jay Shah's BCCI CoE seeks to revolutionize sports training and development in India with its world-class facilities.

Afghanistan hosts Bangladesh in the November three-match ODI series

Delhi: The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) confirmed the dates for Afghanistan's three-match ODI series against Bangladesh in the UAE. The series' host venue is unknown. The series opener is on Wednesday, November 6, and the other two games are on Saturday, November 9 and Monday, November 11. The Future Tour Program (FTP) scheduled three T20is, two Tests, and three ODIs between the two nations in July-August. Due to high heat in the UAE and India, Afghanistan's home cricket grounds, it was postponed. Considering the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy, both countries' cricket boards have chosen to play the ODI series. An eventful year for Afghanistan cricket The past year has been significant for Afghanistan Cricket. They beat England, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,



ISL: Kerala Blasters FC, NorthEast United FC share spoils in pulsating stalemate

Delhi: Kerala Blasters shared points with NorthEast United FC following a gripping 1-1 draw in their Indian Super League match on Sunday. Alaeddine Ajarai's goal from a freekick was equalised by Noah Sadaoui's stunning strike as the Kerala Blasters FC salvaged a crucial point on the road. Right from kickoff, it was a very high-intensity match with end-to-end football from both sides. However, the visitors made the more impres-

sive moves with the likes of Noah, Jesus Jimenez and Danish Farooq combining in attack. Blasters FC almost had the opener when their Moroccan superstar lost his marker and made a telling run down the left flank before finding Farooq in the box. The 28-year-old failed to make contact with the ball with only the goalkeeper to beat. Noah kept pushing for the opening goal as he once again dropped a shoulder and rifled an effort from outside.

and the Netherlands to finish sixth at the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India. They reached the semifinals of the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, co-hosted by the West Indies and the USA, in June.

CAPSULES

European Space Agency shares high-resolution 'Ram Setu' image

Between Rameswaram Island on India's southeast coast and Mannar Island on Sri Lanka's northwest coast, the Ram Setu runs 48 kilometers. The Ram Setu, or Adam's Bridge, a network of shoals connecting India and Sri Lanka, was recently photographed by the European Space Agency in great detail. Copernicus Sentinel-2 satellites captured the image. Satellites with an innovative wide-swath high-resolution multispectral imager with 13 spectral bands offer a unique view of land and vegetation. Between Rameswaram Island on India's southeast coast and Mannar Island on Sri Lanka's northwest coast, the Ram Setu runs 48 kilometers. It divides the Indian Ocean's Gulf of Mannar from the Bay of Bengal's Palk Strait. One bridge end is on Mannar Island. The 130-square-kilometer island is connected to mainland Sri Lanka by a road and railway bridge at its southern end. Pamban Island (Rameswaram Island) is the bridge's other end. The 2-km Pamban Bridge connects India to the island. Pamban on the western tip and Rameswaram 10 kilometers east are the island's principal settlements.



I was not aware I could bowl so quick: Mayank

Delhi: Mayank Yadav was having his dinner at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) when he learnt the selectors had picked him for the T20i series against Bangladesh.

"I wasn't aware of the selection. But I saw my mates here receiving congratulatory calls. I just checked the BCCI website and got to know my name was there," Mayank told. He rang up his mother, spoke to her about six minutes before she got emotional and tears started rolling down her cheeks. "Once I put down the phone, I had flashbacks in front of my eyes—from the day I first went to Sonnet Club to the four anxious months spent at the NCA to recover from frequent nig-



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gles," he said of his first reaction.

Mayank is just 22 and he has only played one first-class match, 17 List A matches and 14 T20s for Delhi before the four exciting IPL

matches for LSG this year. That's not a lot to go by before being picked for India. It's his electric pace which easily breaches the 150 kmph mark on the speed gun that stood out.

'Good to get some overs under the belt' says Bumrah

Delhi: Jasprit Bumrah is gradually increasing his workload at home as the India pace spearhead knows he would be required to bowl a lot more overs during the five Test series in Australia. After the two Test series against Bangladesh, India will host New Zealand for three games before departing for Australia. "You have to be smart (to stay fit for Australia) and it's good to get some overs under the belt here although the number of overs to be bowled will be a lot more in Australia".

Indian shooters start Junior World Championships with two golds

Delhi: Indian shooters started their ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun campaign in the Peruvian capital with two team golds in both men and women's 10m air pistol. With two golds India led the medal tally after competition day one, with Romania and Chinese Taipei winning the two golds and five other nations winning medals. Umesh , Pradyumn, and Mukesh , the junior men's three, led India to the top of the 10m air pistol men's team cate-



gory with 1726 points. Romania finished second, 10 points behind, Umesh shot 580 and Pradyumn 578 but finished sixth and eighth, respectively. Luca of Romania won gold and Hsieh Hsiang-Chen of Taiwan silver. Mukesh scored 574 to finish eighth in qualifying. Kanishka Dagar, Lakshita, and

Anjali Chaudhary won the junior women's 10m air pistol team gold with 1708. They beat Azerbaijan by one point and Ukraine by four. Kanishka and Kanika, who shot 573 but with lower inner 10s, made the individual final in third and fifth place, respectively.

SC calls Punjab's NRI quota a 'fraud' on medical education

Delhi: The Supreme Court called Punjab's medical colleges' extension of the non-resident Indian (NRI) quota a "fraud" that excludes meritorious candidates. A bench chaired by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud dismissed petitions challenging a Punjab and Haryana high court ruling that invalidated the Punjab government's proposal to widen the NRI quota criteria to include distant relatives. We must end NRI quotas today! The bench, which included Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said the NRI quota was being used to circumvent merit-based admissions. The bench called such a broad interpretation of NRI eligibility, which permitted distant relatives to qualify, a



"money-spinning tactic" that undermined the school system. "All three petitions fail. Keep this under control. This scam must end. This NRI business is a scam. Senior counsel Shadan Farasat stated that Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh previously employed the larger NRI quota interpretation during the hearing.

The Court rejected these arguments, stressing that the larger definition weakened merit and permitted less deserving individuals to be admitted based on

'For the next 10 years, we've got players who will make our country proud' says VVS

NEW DELHI: VVS Laxman admitted that he took over as the chief of BCCI Centre of Excellence with trepidation, but now he is a contented person after setting in place a robust bench strength that will allow India to dominate world cricket for the next 10 years, if not more.

money and connections.

India's GenNext looks to 'Test' red-ball mettle against Australia

Delhi: The India U-19 team is set to step into unfamiliar territory. With youth Tests being a rarity, India will play their first multi-day match in over five years when they cross swords with Australia U-19 in the first of two games that begins on Monday here. The India U-19 side had last featured in a red-ball fixture way back in February 2019. At the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Soham Patwardhan & Co, all new kids on the block, should tackle an element of uncertainty and handle the vagaries of long-format cricket besides adapting to the pitch and weather.

Both India and Australia will have their work cut out, having had only three days to acclimatise to the challenging conditions in Chennai - in the one-day series that preceded the Tests and



ended on Thursday in Puducherry, the hosts produced a 3-0 whitewash. India U-19 head coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar acknowledged that the home team has a tough task in front of it. "It is a great initiative to play Tests. Red-ball cricket really tests you. For every player, it is the ideal challenge to see where they stand," Kanitkar said on Sunday.

"There is enough time for the bowlers to plan and devise their strategies. Playing against a foreign side is a great thing.

Playing foreign teams at the U-19 level has helped a lot of players, including myself," said Kanitkar, a former India batter.

While India will head into the assignment as the favourites, considering the home advantage and recent results over their rivals, Kanitkar stressed that they will start afresh. "The boys are confident, we had a good one-day series. But having said that, this is a different format altogether. The place is different. It is better to take the good thing.

s and leave the highs as we prepare for the Tests. That is what we have done," said Kanitkar. As for the Oliver Peake-led Australia, they will be keen to open their account after having a frustrating start to the tour.

A warning against bogus syllabuses and sample

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a warning alert informing parents and students to be wary of false information pertaining to the curriculum, study guides, and practice exams for the 2024-25 school year. The Board has issued a warning to pupils about the dangers of falling for online scams that spread false information. We've noticed that some websites and online portals are disseminating stale information and unreliable updates about curriculum, sample question papers, CBSE resources, and activities. The alert said, "These links and news erroneously assert to offer up-to-date information for the session 2024-25. "In the interest of the public, we wish to emphasize that information from unauthorized sources can be misleading and may cause unnecessary confusion among schools, students, parents, and other stakeholders," it continued. Due to significant discrepancies between theory and practical scores in a few courses, CBSE has recently instructed schools to assess practical exams appropriately.

In a notification, the CBSE said that, based on data from prior years' results, it had used sophisticated AI techniques to identify significant disparities between theory and practical grades in specific courses among 50% or more students in about 500 CBSE-affiliated schools. In the meantime, the July 15th date of the CBSE supplementary examinations for Classes 10 and 12 has been set. The Class 12 supplementary test will take place on a single day, July 15, while the Class 10 CBSE supplemental exam 2024 will end on 22.

Servotech Power Systems Ltd. to Build 12 EV Charging Stations for ANERT, Kerala Govt.

CHANDIGARH:

Servotech Power Systems Ltd. (NSE: SERVOTECH), India's largest EV Charger manufacturer, has secured a substantial contract for installing 12 EV charging stations from the Agency for New and Renewable Energy Research and Technology (ANERT), Department of Power, Govt. of Kerala. Under this contract Servotech has to build 12 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations with 30KW Fast DC EV Chargers at the various locations of Kerala Motor Vehicle Department. This contract involves Servotech supplying, commissioning, and construction of EV charging stations. This pilot project whose execution has already begun will be executed in phases with the 1st phase involving the installation of 4 EV charging stations and the 2nd phase will

involve the installation of 8 EV charging stations. This initiative will prove to be beneficial in facilitating Kerala's shift towards sustainable transportation solutions by substantially improving the state's EV charging network. As the demand for EV mobility grows, there is a corresponding requirement for convenient and accessible charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. These charging stations will enable EV owners to recharge their vehicles conveniently while on the move. Sarika Bhatia, Director of Servotech Power Systems Ltd. said, "We are elated to be working on this pilot project for ANERT. As a leading EV Charging player who is very actively working towards making India transition towards green transportation, this step brings us closer to achieving our

collective dream of seeing India as an EV-powered nation. We are creating our green footprints, starting from Kerala, we plan to increase our footprints to other states as well. Our efficient hardware and software solutions will ensure dependable EV charging stations, catering to the growing demand for sustainable travel options. This initiative will prove to be essential for facilitating infrastructure development to support the expanding EV customer base and enable its strategic expansion in EV charging infrastructure at places with high charging demand. Servotech Power Systems is an NSE-listed organization that develops tech-enabled EV Charging solutions leveraging their over two decades of experience and expertise in the electronics space.

Mahindra Launches 'THE' SUV: Thar ROXX

HISAR/KAITHAL:

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., India's leading SUV manufacturer, proudly presents Thar ROXX – 'THE' SUV, a category disruptor set to break norms and redefine the SUV landscape in the country. With a starting price of ₹ 12.99 Lakh, the Thar ROXX embodies the Mahindra boldness and unconventional spirit. Designed and engineered to turn heads and deliver a refined drive and powerful yet safe performance, the Thar ROXX conquers all terrains while offering an array of luxurious features. Built on Mahindra's All-New M_GLYDE platform, the Thar ROXX delivers an exceptionally smooth ride with crisp handling and class leading dynamics. It effortlessly blends Thar's outdoor DNA with modern sophistication, offering a premium SUV experience that caters to those who demand the finest in every aspect of their lives. The Thar ROXX has been rigorously tested in extreme conditions across diverse terrains and altitudes, including the scorching



sand dunes of the Thar desert at +50°C, the high altitudes of Umling La, tricky muddy surfaces in Coorg and the freezing cold of -20°C in Kaza. This extensive testing guarantees that the Thar ROXX is a robust and reliable choice for the Global Indian – people who are Indian at heart but have a global mindset. Mr. Veejay Nakra, President – Automotive Division, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., said, "The Thar brand has always been a cultural phenomenon, symbolizing freedom and a strong sense of community. Building on this legacy, the Thar ROXX is 'THE' SUV, seamlessly combining head-turning design, a refined drive,

powerful performance, superior off-roading capability, ultimate safety, luxurious space, and advanced technology. With Thar ROXX, we're not just elevating the SUV experience—we're setting our sights on making the Thar brand the No. 1 SUV (>12.5 Lakh segment) by volume within the next 3 to 5 years." Mr. R Velusamy, President, Automotive Technology and Product Development, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., said, "Thar ROXX represents a new era of refined body-on-frame SUVs, built on our all-new M_GLYDE platform. This cutting-edge platform, enables us to deliver the best of both worlds – blending refined urban.

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A Japanese company is creating battery material with an energy density that is 100 times higher

Delhi: TDK, a multinational electronics business based in Japan, has revealed that it has created a material for solid-state batteries that has an energy density that is roughly 100 times higher than that of traditional ones. The Tokyo-based company claims that a variety of wearable gadgets, including smartwatches, wireless earbuds, hearing aids, and environmental sensors, may make use of their technology. Although the new material is intended to replace current coin cell batteries, it makes use of lithium alloy anodes and an oxide-based solid electrolyte. "Batteries are quite safe since they employ solid electrolyte based on oxides. It stated in a statement that "it is intended for use in wearable devices and other devices that come into direct contact with the human body." "The battery can be applied for replacing coin cell primary batteries in compliance with EU battery regulations, which require them to be replaced by rechargeable batteries, which is expected to contribute to the reduction of environmental impact," it stated. According to the company, the new technology also makes it possible for batteries to be smaller and have a longer operating life.

Voda to sell 10% Indus share for \$1.1bn

Delhi: Vodafone Group will sell 10% of India's Indus Towers for up to \$1.1 billion to service debt, according to a term sheet obtained by Reuters. Last week, Reuters reported that Vodafone was considering selling its 21.5% holding in mobile-tower operator Indus Towers through several group businesses.

GRM Overseas Ltd. Signs Salman Khan as Brand Ambassador

Chandigarh: GRM Overseas Ltd. (BSE: 531449, NSE: GRMVER), a renowned Indian exporter of basmati rice and a key player in the FMCG sector, is thrilled to announce the signing of Bollywood superstar Salman Khan as its brand ambassador for its Basmati Rice and Wheat Flour (Atta). Salman Khan's popularity, among people across GRM's target market geographies and demographics fit perfectly with 10X. Salman Khan is not just a beloved actor; he is a cultural icon with a massive fan base spanning across India and beyond. His unparalleled popularity, coupled with his relatable and down-to-earth persona, makes him an ideal ambassador

for GRM. His influence extends beyond the silver screen, resonating with audiences across various demographics, from urban centers to rural heartlands in India, and in key export markets like the Middle East. Salman Khan's personality as a fighter and challenger reflects the very essence of GRM's 10X brand. Just as Salman on the screen, is seen facing and overcoming numerous challenges, 10X is a brand that embodies resilience, strength, and the pursuit of excellence. By partnering with Salman Khan, GRM is set to leverage his iconic status to further strengthen its brand presence and connect with millions of consumers globally. His association with

GRM underscores the brand's commitment to quality and excellence, making him the perfect face to represent their mission of delivering the finest products to households everywhere. The company further added, "We are incredibly excited to have Salman Khan join the GRM family," said Atul Garg, Managing Director of GRM. "We found Salman's mass appeal and fanbase to be a perfect match for our 10X brand range of Basmati Rice and 10X Shakti range of Wheat Flour (Atta)." Salman Khan's unparalleled fame and widespread appeal make him a household name across India and beyond. Revered by millions for his charisma and

authenticity, Salman's influence reaches every demographic, creating a deep connection with audiences of all ages. His dedication to health and fitness is widely recognized, further solidifying his status as a role model for those aspiring to lead a healthier lifestyle. By associating with Salman Khan, GRM not only taps into his immense popularity but also reinforces its commitment to delivering premium, nutritious products that resonate with consumers. Salman's iconic status ensures that GRM's message of quality and well-being will reach and inspire a vast audience, making him an ideal ambassador to elevate the brand's presence.

GST Council to change alcohol tax legislation, settle disputes

Delhi: The GST Council is considering amending GST legislation regarding extra neutral alcohol (ENA), a highly pure alcohol used in liquor manufacture but not for direct consumption. These revisions explain that ENA should not be GST-taxable, which could relieve the spirits industry by avoiding dual taxes. In addition to legislative changes, the Council is anticipated to propose a mechanism that would allow central and state tax agencies to stop recovering past tax dues,

helping the spirits industry. This action is part of a larger attempt to settle tax disputes and streamline taxation. The GST Council will discuss officer committee revisions at its meeting in the national capital. According to two Centre-state sources, this committee was charged with drafting legislative revisions to keep ENA outside the GST regime, a decision made at the GST Council's 52nd meeting on October 7 last year. The proposed revisions clarify tax implementa-

tion by excluding ENA from GST under section 9 of the Central and state GST statutes. GST is currently applicable to non-alcoholic goods and services, however ENA is not mentioned. The clarification should reduce the alcoholic beverage industry's tax burden by preventing the same commodity from being taxed under several streams. The Centre would submit CGST and IGST Act revisions in Parliament, while states will alter SGST laws. Since the 2017 indirect tax reform.

Tata AIA introduces Sampoorna Raksha Promise

CHANDIGARH: For many years, family comes first. We do everything possible to keep them happy, while we are amidst them. That's not all, we work towards creating assets that can help them live a life of dignity, in our absence. Term insurance as a solution becomes relevant here, as it fulfills this basic human need of financially securing the loved ones in the unfortunate event of death of the bread earner. However, a term insurance can be a lot more than a mere financial protection solution. Commenting on the launch of Sampoorna Raksha Promise, Samit Upadhyay, President & Chief Financial Officer of Tata AIA, said, "Term insurance as a category has been providing financial security to consumers for

many years. However, over time consumers have started to seek more from their insurance plan, beyond efficient claim payment. At Tata AIA, we earnestly strive to address the evolving needs of our consumers. Our new term insurance plan, Sampoorna Raksha Promise caters to specific needs of consumers with innovative features such as instant payment upon claim intimation, inbuilt terminal illness benefits with acceleration of 50% of the base sum assured on the diagnosis and waiver of future premiums. This new solution is an endeavor to help our consumers live a fika-free (worry free) life, and be taiyaar (prepared) in all situations" Tata AIA Life Insurance, a leading insurer in

India has announced a new term insurance 'Sampoorna Raksha Promise' that comes with innovative features and benefits. Keeping in mind that the family may have to incur urgent expenses on the demise of the key member, it offers instant payout of Rs. 3 lakhs on death claim intimation*. There are times when a consumer may face difficulty in paying the annual premium. Sampoorna Raksha Promise allows the policyholder to defer months in such circumstances. When diagnosed with a terminal illness e.g. cancer, the consumer is paid 50% of the sum assured, even as the future premiums are waived, and policy benefits continue to accrue.

Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon 2024 #RunForZeroHunger kicked off in style by actor and fitness advocate, Milind Soman

New Delhi: Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon (VDHM) 2024 was kicked off for Vedanta employees and its business partners to support the movement of #RunForZeroHunger at a power packed event, by Vedanta's senior leadership led by Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd. & Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd. Celebrated actor and fitness advocate Milind Soman joined the launch to support Vedanta's steadfast dedication to addressing hunger and advancing social development across India, through its umbrella entity for social impact initiatives, Anil



Agarwal Foundation (AAF). The #RunForZeroHunger movement is a commitment to ensure a healthier tomorrow for India. Encouraging employees to participate in the marathon, Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd, and Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd. said, "Vedanta Delhi

Half Marathon is testament to the commitment and power of communities, and the collective effort of Vedanta employees to nourish the country. In the last two years, for every kilometer run by the team, we have facilitated meals for children - and I am proud to say that till date 7 million meals have been given.

Flipkart will challenge Zepto, Blinkit with fast commerce

Delhi: As India's e-commerce power-house targets rapid commerce, the sector will heat up again. Three sources told Entracker that Flipkart has begun building infrastructure for its rapid commerce play. "In six to eight weeks, Flipkart will launch 10-15 minute delivery in at least a dozen cities," stated an anonymous insider. "It's building up a chain of dark stores across several cities including Bengaluru, Delhi (NCR) and Hyderabad among others." Flipkart's move into rapid commerce comes as experts expect it to cut into India's e-commerce pie soon. A 2022 Redseer analysis estimates the Indian fast commerce market at around \$45 billion. More crucially, Zomato's Blinkit, Swiggy's Instamart, and Zepto have shown investors that rapid

commerce has a future in India in recent years. Zepto received a unicorn round, but Blinkit (previously Grofers) and Swiggy Instamart have scaled up with improved profits for their owners. "Flipkart's latest launches indicate its move into fast commerce. It started same-day delivery in 20 cities a couple of weeks ago and delivered flowers and cakes around Valentine's Day (February 2024)," an e-commerce analyst told Entracker, asking for anonymity. Flipkart will have a larger library than Zepto, Instamart, and Blinkit, according to sources. "The company will have a sharp focus on FMCG, grocery and daily essentials but it would also push categories such as electronics, fashion," said the aforesaid insider.

Sultan Jadoula is getting blessings for victory during campaigning in every village of Pundri....

Pundri: Congress candidate from Pundri constituency Sultan Singh Jadoula is continuously getting full cooperation, support and blessings of people of 36 communities in every village of the constituency and is moving towards victory day by day. Under the election public relations campaign, people of 36 communities welcomed Sultan Jadoula by putting a garland of flowers in Salimpur Mahdood, Dhand, Faral, Myouli, Pundri, Munnarehdi, Habdi, Bandarana, Sirsal, honoured him by weighing him with laddus and wearing a turban and openly supported him and blessed him for victory. This showed the growing popularity of Jadoula in the above vil-



lages and the surrounding areas and made it clear that the villagers are completely united to give him a big victory this time. Before the public meeting, Jadoula was honoured by villagers and shopkeepers in many other villages including Balaji Market by weighing him with laddus and wearing a turban. After this, while addressing the public meeting organized in Gurjar Chaupal, Jadoula

said that Dhand village has respected me earlier also and this time also I will get your full support. This village has played an important role in the field of development and employment. Jadoula said that whether it is about making the road from Baba Bihari Das Chowk to Pabnawa Mode in Dhand four lane or building any road, street, Chaupal etc. or giving employment, Dhand vil-

lage was given priority in all and will be given the same in future also. The villagers also expressed their commitment towards Jadoula and said that this time they will make him win with double the votes than before. The villagers declared to stand with Jadoula with body, mind and money.

leaders also appealed to the people to vote in favor of Jadoula

Vikas Tanwar, Dr. Satpal Sakra, Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand, former chairman Randhir Singh Bhalla, former Sarpanch Pyara Ram, Balkar Khepad, Harsh Gurjar Dhand, Ramswaroop Gangal, former chairman Bhalle Ram, Rajendra Gurjar Dhand and other prominent

leaders took part in the public meeting of Dhand. All of them appealed to the villagers to make Sultan Singh Jadoula win with maximum votes so that he can take forward the issues of development and employment of the area more effectively.

All private schools of Pundri and Dhand block supported Jadoula

Today in the town of Dhand, hundreds of officials and members of All Private School Pundri and Dhand block organized a program and announced their support to Sultan Jadoula in the elections. The private school operators honored Jadoula by giving him a garland of flowers, a turban and a memento.

AU Small Finance Bank supports Shimla's Municipal heroes with raincoat distribution under Swachhta Pakhwada initiative

Shimla: AU Small Finance Bank, India's largest small finance bank, today demonstrated its unwavering commitment to community welfare by distributing 1,500 raincoats to the Municipal Corporation staff in Shimla. This CSR initiative was part of the conclusion of the Swachhta Pakhwada programme, a nationwide cleanliness drive organized by Municipal Corporations and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across India. With Shimla experiencing heavy rainfall, this initiative aims to safeguard daily wage workers, garbage collectors, sweepers, and on-site construction workers who work in difficult weather conditions. AU Small Finance Bank's efforts reflect its dedication to support those who are instrumental in maintaining the cleanliness and hygiene of the city. The raincoat distribution was done by Mr. Surinder Chauhan, Honorable Mayor of Shimla; Smt Uma Kaushal, Deputy

Mayor of Shimla; IAS Mr. Bhupinder Attri, Municipal Commissioner, Shimla; Mr. Harish Janartha, MLA, Shimla Urban alongside Mr. Vishal Singla, Regional Sales Manager-Govt. Business, AU Small Finance Bank. Speaking on the initiative Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Founder, MD & CEO, AU Small Finance Bank, said, "At AU Small Finance Bank, we believe in building meaningful connections with the communities we serve. We are honored to participate in the Swachhta Pakhwada initiative and supporting the backbone of Shimla's cleanliness efforts—its unserved and underserved retail and MSME customer segments while providing complete banking solutions to its deposit and branch banking customers. As a tech-led Bank, AU has a strong digital presence with innovative products and services like 24x7 video banking, credit cards,

contributions to the communities in which it operates.

About AU Small Finance Bank

AU Small Finance Bank Limited (AU SFB) is a scheduled commercial bank and has established itself as the largest SFB in India since starting its banking journey in April 2017. Established in 1996 by Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, a first-generation entrepreneur, AU SFB boasts a 29 year legacy with deep understanding of the rural and semi-urban markets and customer segments. The Bank operates a sustainable business model that facilitates credit to the unserved and underserved retail and MSME customer segments while providing complete banking solutions to its deposit and branch banking customers. As a tech-led Bank, AU has a strong digital presence with innovative products and services like 24x7 video banking, credit cards, personal loans, UPI

Dev Accelerator Limited (DevX) files DRHP with SEBI



GURUGRAM : Dev Accelerator Limited (DevX) has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through IPO. Dev Accelerator Ltd (DevX) is promoted by Umesh Uttamchandani, Parth Shah, Rushit Shah & Dev Information Technology Limited. DevX is one of the largest managed space operator in Tier 2 markets in terms of operational flex stock, with centres across 6 cities. (Source: JLL Report). Specializing in complete Built to Suit Managed Office Solutions for enterprises, the company has established a presence across 15 submarkets in India across Tier 1 markets of Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune and Tier 2 markets of Ahmedabad (including Gandhinagar), Indore, Jaipur, Udaipur, and Vadodara (Source: JLL Report). DevX provides

integrated services from sourcing office spaces, customizing designs, developing spaces, and providing technology solutions to providing complete asset management. As on August 31, 2024, the company has serviced over 230 clients and have 25 Centers across 11 cities in India. The company's clientele comprises of large corporates, MNCs and SMEs, offering variety of flexible office space solutions such as managed office spaces and coworking spaces as well as design and execution services through the Subsidiary, Needle and Thread Designs LLP. The Company has experienced rapid growth in their business. Between March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2024, company's Operational Centers, Operational seats and Operational Super Built-Up Area grew at a CAGR of 66.67%, 39.89% and 53.14%, respectively.

All Time Plastics Limited files DRHP with SEBI



GURUGRAM : All Time Plastics Limited has filled its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company plans to raise funds through fresh issue of equity shares aggregating upto ₹350 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 52,50,000 equity shares. The company proposes to utilize the net proceeds towards (i) prepayment or repayment of all or a portion of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the company, amounting to ₹120 crore, (ii) the purchase of equipment and machinery for the upcoming Manekpur Facility amounting to ₹133.73 crore, and the rest for general corporate purposes. The company is the second largest B2B participant in India's plastic consumerware industry by revenue for Fiscal

2023 (Source: Technopak Report). It has over 13 years of expertise creating plastic consumerware goods for common household usage. As at March 31, 2024, the company had 1,608 stock-keeping units ("SKUs") across eight categories: Prep Time (kitchen tools for preparing cooking ingredients); Containers (food storage containers); Organization (miscellaneous storage containers); Hangers (various types of hangers); Meal Time (kitchenware); Cleaning Time (cleaning equipment); Bath Time (bathroom products); and Junior (child-friendly tableware, cutlery and

other items).

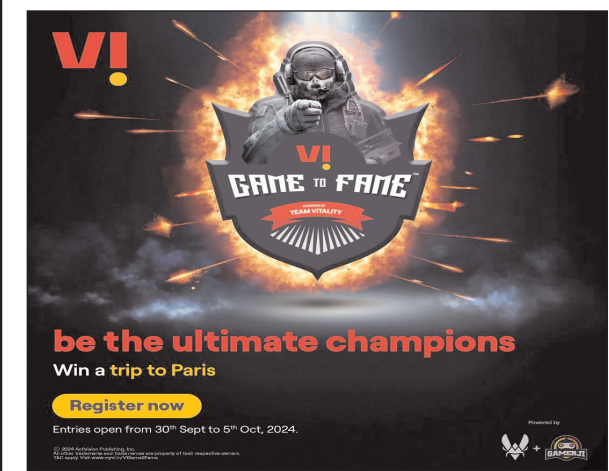
Over the years, the company has specialized in white-label manufacturing, producing high-quality products for customers who market them under their own brand names. Additionally, it promotes its own range under the proprietary brand "All Time." The company has a strong presence in markets such as the European Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Domestically, the company collaborates with prominent retailers, super distributors, and distributors, including IKEA, Tesco, Asda, and Spencer's Retail Limited.

Taj first Indian hotel chain to top IL cr mcap

Delhi: At its initial location in Bombay in 1903, Tata Group's Taj Hotels charged Rs 6 per day. It is presently the first Indian hospitality company to reach a market worth of Rs 1 lakh crore. Second-most valued is Oberoi Hotels at Rs 24,000 crore. Post-Covid tourism surge is boosting desi sectoral valuations. "While IHCL is proud to attain this milestone, I feel the Indian tourism economy and our hospitality sector have yet to reach their full potential. The country's MICE sector will increase dramatically. Domestic tourism will soar. Overall, the Indian tourist industry is about to undergo a dramatic shift that will boost growth, create direct and indirect jobs, and boost GDP "IHCL MD & CEO Puneet Chhatwal. IHCL crossed Rs 1 lakh crore last week. The company has opened hotels.



'Vi Game to Fame' set to democratize esports gaming in India



GURUGRAM / HISAR : In the run-up to the India Mobile Congress 2024, leading telecom operator Vi, today, announced the launch of its first ever grassroots eSports tournament – 'Vi Game to Fame'. India, today, is among the top markets for gaming, accounting for approximately 20% of the world's total mobile game downloads. Vi Game to Fame aims to bring together amateur esports enthusiasts from across the country to compete, collaborate, showcase their skills and earn an opportunity to shine at not only national, but also at an international level.

Vi Game to Fame highlights the company's commitment to enable exciting immersive digital experiences for its customers and foray into gaming with a comprehensive mobile gaming platform – Vi Games. Vi Games today, offers many premium and free online games across Cloud Gaming, Casual Gaming, eSports, AAA Games, Multi-Player Games and more, that can be played on the Vi App.

The first edition of the competition is set to kick off on 1st October 2024 and will feature Call Of Duty: Mobile, with the grand finale to be held at the India Mobile Congress 2024, Asia's largest tech fest. Call of Duty: Mobile is a popular first-person shooter (FPS) title, with participants battling for prizes that amongst others include a trip to visit Team Vitality facility in Paris and get a chance to interact with global eSports teams & managing partners. Registrations for Vi Game to Fame opens from 1st October till 5th October 2024 through Vi's website (myvi.in) & Vi App. Seasoned, pro as well as casual gamers can witness esports excitement by registering for the competition. The tournament is open for both, Vi and non-Vi subscribers.

Jharkhand moves contempt plea against Centre

NEW DELHI: In a first, Jharkhand government has moved Supreme Court seeking contempt of court action against the Centre for its "deliberate and wilful" delay in implementing the SC collegium's July 11 resolution recommending appointment of Justice M S Ramachandra Rao as chief justice of the state, reported. In its petition, the Hemant Soren govt said the state was without a chief justice for two months, since the retirement of Justice B R Sarangi on July 19. It said the SC's five-member collegium led by CJI D Y Chandrachud, anticipating the vacancy, had recommended to the Centre to transfer the

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

Next for Ayush 2021-2022 to improve Ayurveda education and healthcare

Delhi: Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State for Ayush (Independent Charge), said today that the National Exit Test (NeXT) for Ayush will begin in 2021-2022. The Minister said the decision was based on the committee's suggestion to investigate student concerns. The committee suggests applying the NeXT to 2021-22 students under the NCISM and NCH Acts, 2020, eliminating any ambiguity. The committee was led by Vice Chancellor National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, who reviewed student ideas and sub-

mitted them to the Ministry. After a one-year internship, the problem-based test is required for licensing and membership in State or National Registers. It evaluates practical skills using clinical case scenarios, photos, and videos. Without completing their internship, interns who pass the National Exit Test (Next) can only register with a state or national registration board after one year. After several Ayush students expressed concerns about NeXT, the Union Minister of State (IC) for Ayush met with BAMS/BHMS students to discuss the NCISM &

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India wins two Chess Olympiad golds

Delhi: Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand joined India's sporting community in praising the men's and women's teams' historic gold medals at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked the contingent, saying it symbolizes a new era in Indian sports. India's first win in both the Open and Women's divisions at the same Olympiad shows its expanding chess dominance. Anand, Modi, Hikaru Nakamura, and Rahul Gandhi congratulated the Indian chess team. India's First Open Section Gold The Indian men's team, with top young chess players like Gukesh D, Praggnanandhaa R, Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, and Pentala Harikrishna, won India's maiden Open gold. Srinath Narayanan, their captain, led them to important final-round wins and the top spot. Gukesh D's win over Vladimir Fedoseev and Arjun Erigaisi's win over Jan Subelj helped India overtake their toughest competitors in the final matches.



China losing crucial points against the US let India reach the top. India had to beat top teams like the USA, Poland, and Kazakhstan to win gold. However, their well-rounded squad and strategic brilliance helped them win the majority of their matches, finishing with 17 match points. Female Team Wins Golden Double The Indian women's team also won gold, boosting national pride. The team of Harika Dronavalli, Vaishali Rameshbabu, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal, and Tania Sachdev dominated the competition.

Harika Dronavalli defeated Gunay Mammadzada in the last round to help India beat Azerbaijan 3.5-0.5. The team tied Kazakhstan on 17 points after 10 games,

but a great final performance and Kazakhstan's draw versus the USA in the last round gave them the win. Indian women's chess talent is shown by Harika and Vaishali's outstanding performances. The team's gold medal marks India's women chess players' international rise. The Future of Indian Chess India's 2024 Chess Olympiad double win will be remembered as a major chess victory. The players, trainers, and India's chess infrastructure deserve credit for the wins. This success follows Praggnanandhaa R's impressive performances against elite players and Gukesh D's ascent as a top emerging talent. Many more Indian chess players are poised for international stardom.

CAPSULES

CBSE issues show-cause notice to 27 institutions for norm violations

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued show-cause notices to 27 Delhi and Rajasthan institutions for violating its rules. Five Ajmer schools and 22 Delhi schools are involved. CBSE found multiple Bye-Law violations, mainly in enrollment and attendance, after surprise inspections. The Board stated that certain schools had enrolled more pupils in classes 11 and 12 despite not having them attend. Attendance gaps raised worries about schools' CBSE compliance. The inspections also found that several institutions were not meeting the Board's infrastructure criteria, which might affect education quality and student safety. CBSE's notification reaffirmed its commitment to educational standards and promised to constantly monitor schools to guarantee compliance.

GST exemption for educational research grants

Delhi: The GST Council, led by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, declared tax exemption for research funding for higher education institutions and research institutes established under central or state laws and income tax-exempt organizations. At the meeting, the Centre proposed the change, which states accepted, with West Bengal first. After the meeting, Sitharaman told reporters that Prime Minister Narendra Modi questioned notices sent to seven institutions on research grants in light of the government's efforts to boost R&D by allocating funds for research through the budget and creating the National Research Foundation.

As strict immigration regulations wreck Punjab students' Canada hopes, local colleges see enrollment rise

Delhi: With Canada's once-liberal immigration policies turning conservative, Punjab's prospective students have moved from IELTS coaching institutes and visa offices to the state's colleges and universities. Punjab's higher education institutions saw a sharp surge in admissions this year, with some courses shutting above 90%. With Canada cutting international student visas by 35% this year and 10% next year, the trend is expected to continue. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted on 'X' that "Immigration is an advan-



tage for our economy—but when bad actors abuse the system and take advantage of students, we crack down." This year, 24 Punjabi University depart-

ments enrolled about 2,000 students in Bachelors and integrated studies, up from 1,700 in 2023. According to Panjab University, Chandigarh, admissions

increased by approximately 2,000 students in nine colleges. College principals and university officials attributed this sharp rise to students' inability to immigrate to Canada due to immigration policy changes that include no work permits for undergraduates and a higher Guaranteed Investment Certificate requirement that makes immigration more expensive. Additionally, Canadian housing is more expensive and scarce. Students usually study in Canada as undergraduates. Students cannot afford to travel overseas this year.

72 in top 100, all in top 10 AIR choose IIT Bombay

Delhi: The top 100 JEE (A) rankers chose IIT Bombay 72 times and Delhi 23 times. All 10 top rankers at the Powai campus have chosen computer science. IIT Madras reported that 179 of the top 500 chose IIT-B, 109 Delhi, and 69 Madras at the end of 2024-28 admissions. In Mumbai, 16 of the top 500 girls arrived, whereas IIT Kharagpur received no top-100 students. 72 of the top 100 JEE (Advanced) rankers chose IIT Bombay. A further 23 chose IIT Delhi, and two IIT Madras.



All 10 top JEE all-India rankers are enrolling at IIT-B Powai, increasing demand for computer science. At the end of 2024-28 admissions, 24 of the first 25 and 47 of the top 50 chose the college over other technology schools. Quality engineering education

draws a large number of applicants to the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay computer science department each year. One in two JEE (Advanced) 2024 candidates listed IIT-B computer science as a top choice on their admission papers.

Helping non-engineering students learn semiconductor technologies is important

Delhi: The semiconductor industry's growing need for skilled workers and India's commitment to initiatives like the Indian Semiconductor Mission have prompted several HELs to teach non-engineering students semiconductor fabrication. The

Association (ISA) estimates that the semiconductor industry might create 1.75 to 2 million direct and indirect jobs by 2025. In collaboration with Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC), New Delhi, IIT Delhi, and Miranda House, DU, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi (DU), held the 'National Summer School & Workshop on Semiconductors: Hands-on Training for Undergraduates' to train BSc in Physics, Chemistry, Physical Sciences with Electronics students from Khalsa College, Acharya Narendra Dev College, Miranda House, Amity College, and Galgotias University. According to Pradeep Kumar Sharma, assistant professor of physics at

Shyam Lal College, semiconductor technology like layout design and manufacture require technical skill and knowledge of electronic circuits and electronics basics, among other engineering courses. Due to the growing requirement for qualified workers, non-engineering students must learn semiconductor technology. This will increase student interest, improve their CVs, and encourage them to pursue a profession or research in the field in their master's degrees. Several departments teach Semiconductor Physics, Diodes, and Transistors to science undergraduates. "The subjects are not offered in the industry-required format. Some semiconductor-related topics are offered in one department.

Child pension accounts

Delhi: Parents can now plan for their children's long-term financial security, including retirement. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the NPS Vatsalya pension program for minors to implement the FY25 Budget. Over 250 minor subscribers received PRANS (permanent retirement account numbers) when the scheme debuted concurrently at 75 locations nationwide. FM stated NPS Vatsalya is a major milestone in the government's initiative to create long-term financial stability for all. The system protects subscribers' futures and promotes intergenerational equity by covering older and younger family members. "I encourage parents to bring cakes and other gifts to a child's birthday party, but also money to invest in NPS Vatsalya. Sitharaman claimed it will benefit the youngster forever.

1,700 more rooms were added to fight the problem, says the government



Delhi: The Delhi government has built roughly 1,700 rooms to northeast Delhi schools to address overcrowding, which students say is ongoing. Due to classroom space shortages, students in Khajoori Khas, Tughmirpur, and Yamuna Vihar are sitting in staff rooms, libraries, laboratories, and portable cabins. This is despite 30% of enrolled children not attending school regularly, experts claim.

A Delhi government official remarked, "High-enrollment schools in the city's densest neighborhood. With the opening of a Sri Ram Colony school,

Khajoori Khas is less stressed. Classes have been suspended in Tughmirpur while extra rooms are built. However, all pupils now attend school regularly." The source stated 37 local schools were built to accommodate extra kids. Nearly 1,700 rooms have been built for 37 institutions. Some schools have 'new' and 'ancient' building blocks on the same campus. He stated historic blocks coexist with new schools. Three schools in Yamuna Vihar, 152 in the new and old Khajoori Khas schools, 76 in two Tughmirpur schools, 81 in a Karawal Nagar school,

80 in Shahdara, and many more have added rooms, according to Delhi government figures. All Delhi governments since Independence had 24,000 classrooms in 2015. However, in nine years, we erected 22,711 citywide rooms "Source: Delhi government official. He continued, "The government has built new classrooms and improved educational infrastructure. As part of Delhi government school infrastructure expansion, 1,541 new rooms are being built." The Delhi High Court criticized the Delhi government's education department.