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Looking forward to strong ties with Brunei: PM Narendra Modi

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he was looking forward to strong ties with Brunei, as he arrived here on the first leg of his two-nation trip meant to strengthen cooperation in sectors like defence, trade and investment, energy as well as people-to-people exchanges. Modi, the first Indian Prime Minister to travel to Brunei on a bilateral visit, said he was looking forward to his meetings with Sultan Hassanalkhalifa and other members of the royal family to take the historical relationship to new heights. As a special gesture, Modi was received by Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah at the airport. From Brunei, Modi will travel to Singapore on Wednesday. Modi visited the iconic Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque in Brunei, which was built by the current Sultan's father. He also inaugurated the new chancery premises of the High Commission of India. At



Another Kolkata hospital doctor's horror story at same seminar

Amid the outrage over the shocking rape and murder of a doctor in Kolkata, the state administration's measures over the years to ensure the safety of doctors is in the spotlight.

both places, he interacted with the Indian diaspora. He was received by Minister of Religious Affairs Pehin Dato Ustaz Awang Badaruddin at the mosque, where he also watched a video depicting its history. "Looking forward to strong ties between our nations, especially in boosting commercial and cultural linkages. I

Five years ago, the West Bengal government had said it was committed to creating a safer environment for female doctors, yet conditions have not seen substantial improvement.

thank Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah for welcoming me at the airport," Modi said in a post on X shortly after his arrival here. While inaugurating the new chancery premises, Modi termed it as indicative of stronger ties between the two countries.

Delighted to inaugurate the new

Vijay Nair, CM Kejriwal's aide Bibhav walk out of Tihar jail

NEW DELHI: Former communication incharge of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Vijay Nair and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar on Tuesday walked out of Tihar jail, a day after they were granted bail in different cases by the Supreme Court. Delhi chief minister's wife Sunita Kejriwal posted on X a picture of Nair and Kumar sitting together in a living room, and wrote in Hindi, "A tranquil day."

the new Chancery of the High Commission of India, indicative of our stronger ties with Brunei Darussalam. This will also be serving our diaspora," he said in another post on X. The prime minister lit a lamp and unveiled a plaque, inaugurating the chancery premises, which embodies

ICICI's claims on 'payments' to Sebi chief raises more questions, says Congress

NEW DELHI: A day after ICICI bank declined Congress' allegations of providing regular income to Madhabi Puri Buch while being a whole time member of Sebi, the grand old party came back with more details substantiating its allegations.

Pawan Khera said that while ICICI bank's statement attempted to address the issue, it inadvertently provided additional information that further substantiated his party's allegations. Pointing out a mismatch in Buch's average salary while she was with ICICI and the retiral benefit after she left the bank, Khera said, "The average salary drawn by Ms Madhabi Puri Buch from 2007 up until 2013-14 (right before her superannuation from ICICI) is Rs 1.3 crore per annum. However, the so-called retiral benefit given by ICICI to Madhabi Buch from 2016-17 to 2020-21 averages to around Rs 2.77 crore per annum. "How can a person's retiral benefit be more than her salary



Centre moves SC, accuses Mamata gov't of hindering CISF security

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday filed an application in the Supreme Court regarding the deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel at the RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata where a doctor was brutally raped and murdered on August 9, accusing the West Bengal government of not cooperating in providing logistical support to the security team. The application highlighted significant challenges faced by the

CISF personnel, including inadequate accommodation, lack of security equipment, and insufficient transportation, which the Centre said was hindering their ability to perform their duties effectively. In its application, the Centre sought a directive for the West Bengal government to fully cooperate with the CISF and comply with a previous Supreme Court order dated August 20. It added that the Bengal government's

as an employee?" he questioned. 'Violation of the Income Tax Act' Accusing Buch of non-compliance of the

Income Tax Act, Khera said, ICICI paid TDS on ESOP on behalf of Madhabi Puri Buch.

'Nobody has right to ...': Why government summoned Netflix India

NEW DELHI: The ministry of information and broadcasting has summoned the content head of Netflix India on Tuesday regarding the series 'IC-814 - The Kandahar Hijack', which has sparked controversy on social media due to the portrayal of the hijackers. In the series, the five hijackers are referred to as 'Chief', 'Doctor', 'Burger', 'Bhola' and 'Shankar'.

Sources from the ministry have said that they are seeking an explanation from Netflix India's content head about the allegedly contentious aspects of the series, which depicts the 1999 hijacking of an Indian Airlines flight by the Pakistan-based terror group Harkat-ul-Mujahideen. The portrayal of the hijackers has drawn criticism from some viewers who object to the 'humane' projection of the perpetrators. "Nobody has the right to play with the sentiments of the people of this nation."

25-year-old entrepreneur ends up in hospital, blames poor lifestyle



NEW DELHI: A 25-year-old entrepreneur shared his experience of being a part of the hustle culture saying that it "comes with a cost." Sharing a picture of him in a hospital, Kritarth Mittal, founder of Soshals app said, "Hustle culture comes with a cost — some you incur right away and some over decades. Choice is yours, I'm just here to show you the ugly side of it so you don't get swayed easy."

"This is me after pulling all-nighters, sleeping for <5-6 hours, and no diet plan," he added with a picture of him lying on a bed in a hospital. Advising against pulling all-nighters, another techie Gautham Vijayan said, "You should never pull all nighters.

Sleeping for at least 7-8 hours a day and not drinking or smoking has made me sustain this long. The code that we write during the all-nighters can be always written in the morning after a nice sleep. This is the strategy I use."

Road ministry flags CBI chief about an officer seeking room, vehicle during tour

NEW DELHI: The road transport ministry was taken by surprise when it received a letter from the branch head of CBI, ACB Gandhinagar, requesting it to "make arrangement of suitable room and a vehicle" for a senior officer visiting the national capital for six days. The ministry has flagged this request letter to the CBI director calling it "unexpected". "The request to the



ministry for making arrangements for accommodation and vehicle for an officer on an official tour is unexpected. It's not in the domain of the ministry to arrange logistics for officers coming from states for their official work to Delhi," the letter from the ministry said. It also mentioned that for official tours, there are provisions of travel

allowance/daily allowance and hotel accommodation based on the pay level of the officer. "It is requested that officers of CBI, ACB Gandhinagar, are advised as appropriate," the letter said. Sources said it was not the role of ministries to make stay and travel arrangements of officers when they are visiting any place. They added there may be similar cases.

Prez Murmu delegates Delhi L-G power to form, appoint members to boards



NEW DELHI: Ministry of home affairs on Tuesday notified that the President has delegated Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena the power to form and appoint members to any authority, board, commission, or statutory body under laws enacted by Parliament for the national capital. In a gazette notification, the ministry of home affairs said, "In pursuance of clause (1) of Article 239 of

Territory of Delhi shall, subject to the control of the President and until further orders, exercise the powers of the President under clause (a) of section 45D of the said Act for constitution of any authority, board, commission or any statutory body by whatever name it may be called, or for appointment of any Government officer or ex-officio member to such authority, board, commission.

'Mamata can't hide her criminal intent': BJP slams West Bengal CM's new anti-rape law

NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has launched a scathing attack on West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee following the introduction of the Aparajita woman and child bill (West Bengal criminal laws and amendment) bill 2024, a new anti-rape law passed by the state assembly. BJP national spokesperson Amit Malviya said that the new legislation seeks to curtail press freedom while diverting attention from the recent rape and murder of a young doctor at RG Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata. Malviya in his X post accused Mamata Banerjee of attempting to "hide her criminal intent"



behind the new law, claiming that it was a "desperate attempt" to shift focus away from the widespread protests that erupted after the tragic incident. He alleged that the law, under the guise of protecting women, includes provisions that would limit reporting on judicial proceedings in rape cases, effectively silencing the media. "Why is Mamata

Banerjee trying to silence the media? So much for free speech and press freedom!" Malviya tweeted, questioning the chief minister's sincerity in addressing crimes against women. He further called on Banerjee to take concrete actions if she truly aims to tackle these issues, including apologising to the women of Sandeshkhali for defending Sheikh Shahjahan, a rape

accused, on the floor of the West Bengal Assembly, and ensuring that Shahjahan is the first to face the death penalty under the new law. Malviya's comments came in response to Banerjee's statements in the West Bengal Assembly, where she hit back at the BJP by citing high-profile rape cases in BJP-ruled states like Unnao and Hathras. Banerjee.

MiG-29 fighter jet crashes near Barmer in Rajasthan

NEW DELHI: Indian Air Force's (IAF) MiG-29 fighter jet crashed near Barmer in Rajasthan on Monday. The crash took place during a routine exercise. The IAF said that the pilot was safe and that there had been no loss of life or property. "During a routine night training mission in Barmer sector, an IAF MiG-29 encountered a critical technical snag, forcing the pilot to eject. The pilot is safe and no loss of life or property was reported. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered," the IAF said on X.

In June, a Sukhoi fighter plane crashed at a farm in Nipad taluka of Nashik district. The pilot and the co-pilot ejected well in time and fortunately escaped with only minor injuries. The incident took place around 1.20 pm. Police inspector Durgesh Tiwari of the Pimpalgaon Baswant police station said the fighter plane crashed in a tomato field of Dnyaneshwar More in Shirasgaon village.

Country faces surge in immigration scams amidst stricter visa regulations



NEW DELHI: India has experienced a notable increase in immigration scams over recent years, with fraudulent agents exploiting individuals seeking to study, work, or migrate abroad. These scams have caused substantial financial and emotional distress for many victims and tarnished India's reputation as a reliable source of skilled labor.

According to the Delhi Police, the IGI Airport Police have apprehended 108 fraudulent agents in the last six months—a sharp rise from the 51 arrests made during the same

period last year. This surge in criminal activity has prompted foreign governments to impose stricter visa regulations and heightened scrutiny of Indian applicants. Healthyway visa fraud case (2011): In Chandigarh, Healthyway was accused of visa fraud after promising guaranteed visas to Canada, the US, and Australia.

Despite high fees and quick processing assurances, many victims received fake or unprocessed visas.

Team India to showcase talent at WorldSkills Competition 2024 in France

Varanasi: India is all set to showcase its young talent at the WorldSkills 2024 in Lyon, France with 60 participants competing in 61 skills with competitors from 70 countries. The WorldSkills Competition is a biannual skills competition, often considered as the Olympic Games of international skilling events. More than 52 WorldSkills experts, along with support from over 100 industry and academic partners, have been involved in training and preparing the India Contingent which is one of the largest group representing their country at WorldSkills Lyon.

Commenting on India's participation at WorldSkills Lyon 2024, Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said, "India's participation in WorldSkills 2024 is a testament to our nation's commitment to nurturing world-class talent. Our young competitors, rigorously trained by WorldSkills experts and supported by industry and academic partners, are well-prepared to showcase their skills on the global stage. This journey reflects not just their hard work and dedication, but also India's growing stature in the international skill ecosystem. As they step onto this prestigious platform in Lyon, we stand behind them with immense pride and confidence, knowing they will make the nation proud."

PVVNL set to install 50 lakh smart meters in UP

Varanasi, September 02, 2024: Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PVVNL) has launched a significant drive to install prepaid smart meters across key regions in Uttar Pradesh, including Varanasi, Azamgarh, Prayagraj, and Mirzapur zones. This initiative, part of RDSS program by Ministry of Power, Government of India, marks a pivotal step in modernizing the power distribution network in the state. The project, valued at over Rs. 5,100 crores, aims to enhance operational efficiency and customer satisfaction by deploying over 50 lakh smart meters.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Shambhu Kumar, Managing Director of PuVVNL, stated, "The installation of smart meters is a significant leap forward in our mission to provide reliable and efficient power supply to our consumers. These meters not only empower users with greater control over their energy consumption but also modernise our energy infrastructure. We are committed to playing a pivotal role in accelerating Uttar Pradesh's journey towards a smarter and more sustainable energy future."

SMFG India Credit Launches its 1k Branch

Varanasi: SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd., a prominent player in India's Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) sector, proudly announces the opening of its 1000th branch, located in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. This landmark event underscores the company's unwavering commitment to expanding its footprint across the country and bringing financial services to underpenetrated markets. To mark this significant milestone, SMFG India Credit has collaborated with India Post to release a Special Cover & My Stamp. The official unveiling was graced by the presence of Mr. YAGI Koji, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, Mr. Abhijeet Bansode, Director - Postal Services (HQ) Maharashtra Circle, alongside Mr. Shantanu Mitra, CEO & MD of SMFG India Credit.

The launch of the 1000th branch is a testament to SMFG India Credit's strategic vision of deepening its presence within the large and diverse Indian market. Since its inception in 2007, the company has consistently pursued growth, evolving into a Pan-India institution that now operates in over 670 towns and 70,000+ villages, supported by a workforce exceeding 23,000 employees.

BJP's membership campaign for upliftment of new India: Ganesh Kesarwani

Prayagraj: A workshop of the city southern assembly was organized in Pajwa Ramlila Committee Atrasyua for the BJP membership campaign. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani told the workers present that Bharatiya Janata Party is not limited to just contesting and winning elections, BJP is a system, an ideology, a movement and a journey of building nationalism and harmonious society and said that the membership of Bharatiya Janata Party. The campaign is not just a campaign but the birth and upliftment of a developed and new India and said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party has become the largest party in the world and

will continue to do so in the future and said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is not just a political party. It is a party of welfare which

a means for power but today they are considering it as service. Coordinator of the program former councilor, Giri Shankar Prabha

Raghavendra Mishra, Praveen Malviya, Sumit Vaish, Dilip Kesarwani Dinesh Vishwakarma, Ajay Agrahari, Workers of



is meant to provide happiness to the poor and said that today Bharatiya Janata Party has changed the definition of politics in the country. Earlier people used to consider politics as

and conducted by Pramod Jaiswal. On this occasion, Gyaneshwar Shukla Ram Ji Kesarwani, Brijesh Mishra Raju Pathak, Rajesh Kesarwani, Gopal Malviya, Girjesh Mishra,

Shatrughan Jaiswal, Manoj Mishra, Vikas Babu, Gaya Prasad Nishad, Ajay Srivastava, Pawan Govind City Rohit Sharma, Shiv Kumar Southern Assembly were present.

BJP leaders congratulated Geeta Vishwakarma on becoming member of State Women's Commission

Prayagraj: BJP leader Geeta Vishwakarma was congratulated by the Bharatiya Janata Party on being nominated as a member of the Women's Commission. Officials and workers congratulated. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that Mrs. Geeta Vishwakarma is the regional minister of Bharatiya Janata Party Mahila Morcha and has been an active member of Bharatiya Janata Party for 17 years. Before this, she served the party as the office bearer of which



Mahila Morcha district? On being nominated as a member of the Women's Commission, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, Regional Vice President Awadhesh Chandragupta, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Ramesh Pasi Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Agarwal Raju Pathak Girjesh Mishra Vivek Mishra Rakesh Bharti Prashant Shukla Sushil Jain Ajay Agrahari Shatrughan Jaiswal etc workers congratulated him.

Patient's heart and related carbon footprint can both be cared for

Healthcare is a leading contributor to the world's carbon footprint. New analysis on the environmental impact of two common heart procedures shows it is possible to make changes within cardiac care, without compromising on quality of healthcare.

A team of researchers at the University of Sydney, including a sustainability analyst, a sociologist and cardiologist, has been able to map the carbon footprint of a cardiac patient, from hospital admission to discharge. The study found that in Australia, the carbon footprint of a patient with two blocked heart vessels going to hospital for elective open-heart surgery was 4.9 times greater than a patient receiving a coronary stent (a tube used to keep

open a blood vessel).

This is the first time researchers have been able to compare the carbon footprints of two clinical procedures that included the patient's entire stay at a hospital. The aim is never to compromise quality of care; but to introduce carbon emissions as one of the possible considerations in decision making, especially as this issue becomes more relevant to everyone's health," said senior author Professor David Celermajer, from the Sydney Medical School, and Charles Perkins Centre.

The analysis in Frontiers of Public Health, uses a mathematical method known as EEIO (environmentally extended input output) analysis, that paints a more systemic picture of

healthcare's carbon footprint than previously available. This was because it treats a patient's stay as not isolated to the immediate impacts of a single medical procedure and considers the full supply-chain impact of the patient's stay in hospital.

The calculation considered the intricate systems behind healthcare, including the greenhouse gases emitted to support each step of the patient's stay at the hospital. This included greenhouse gases produced to conduct medical tests, to manufacture and deliver surgical equipment and supplies, as well as to dispose of the resulting waste. The researchers say EEIO is a valuable tool to help map carbon footprints in healthcare for other medi-

cal fields, not just cardiology.

"The results offer a unique and more complete picture of the full climate change impact of healthcare," said the study's first author Dr Fabian Sack from the Sydney Environment Institute and the Centre for Integrated Sustainability Analysis, in the School of Physics.

"Healthcare contributes to seven percent of Australia's total carbon footprint. The study shows medical professionals that, armed with the right data, we can keep both patient and planet in mind when it comes to clinical decisions and healthcare administration, and without compromising standards of care," he said.

Commr gave instructions to solve problems of farmers

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Board President Bablu Dubey, the problems of farmers will be solved in Prayagraj. The meeting of the delegation of Bharatiya Kisan Union (non-political) Prayagraj along with the Divisional Commissioner was held today in the presence of Deputy District Magistrates of other districts. The problems of the farmers were discussed in detail in the meeting and Fatehpur, Kaushambi, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj were ordered to hold a meeting with the district presidents of all the districts and the officials related to the problems of the district under the leadership of Mandal President Bablu Dubey. Get it disposed of. National Legal Advisor Chaudhary Veer Singh, State Spokesperson Vijay Narayan Tripathi, Youth Legal Advisor Rahul Zamindar, President Bablu Dubey, District President Shani Shukla, State Secretary Mahtab Khan, Mandal Organization Minister Dwarka Das, Mandal General Secretary Jagdish Tiwari, Women District President were present in the meeting. Rama Devi, Youth District President Kamesh Rao, Organization Minister Raju Shukla and Gangapur President Bharat Lal Patel were present. Commissioner gave instruc-

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Central govt bringing Waqf Amendment Bill for betterment of Muslim society: Farid Sabri

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Muslim National Forum's Eastern Uttar Pradesh co-convenor Sabri, a meeting was held in Gausnagar Kareli regarding the Waqf Amendment Bill in which a large number of people of Muslim community participated. Took part, the opposition is confusing and misleading the Muslim community regarding this amendment bill which will make the Muslim community turn against the government whereas the minority community will benefit from the amendment bill due to which our country will emerge as a developed India. Javed Ahmed was present. Mohammad Mamun Shakeel Salmani Wakim Ahmed Ishtiaq Ahmed etc. were present.



Muslim areas mourned martyrdom of Rasool Akram and Imam Hasan-e-Mujtaba

Prayagraj: On the 28th of the month of Safar, there was mourning in Muslim areas on the martyrdom of Prophet of Islam Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa and the second Imam Hazrat Hasan-e-Mujtaba. Majlis, mourning and processions were taken out at many places. Majlis was organized on Shabe Martyrdom by Ibne Hasan Jafar Hasan near Karaili Old Water Tank. Maulana Dr. Rizwan Haider Rizvi Sahib read the sad story on the martyrdom of Prophet of Islam and Imam Hasan. So Pasbaan Haider read Purdard Nauha. Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar's Naukhawans wrote about the late Hasan Askari. Shabbar's



funeral is on Qadimi Nauha Shabbir's shoulder. A brother has lifted the brother's coffin. When it was read, the mourners mourned profusely and Oh Rasool of God, the blessings of Imam Hasan. Dr. Rizwan Haider also presided over the Majlis held at Matloob Hussain's Azakhana in Roshan Bagh. When the coffin decorated with green sheets and roses was taken out in candlelight, Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar raised its voice of sorrow and mourning. Dr. Rizwan Haider Rizvi, Aftab Rizvi, Waqar Rizvi, Syed Mohammad Askari, Kavish Rizvi, Ali Sajjad Rizvi and others were present, while from Ranimandi, a Qadimi procession organized by late Chhaban Saheb, founder of Anjuman Mazlumia, was taken out from the Azakhana of Hakeem Aggan, which was organized by Ranimandi Chakayaniem. The child turned from Dharamshala, Dr. Kadju Road, Kotwali, Loknath, Bahadurganj intersection and concluded at the Imambara located near Allahabad Degree College. In the procession, Naukhawano Arshad, Irshad Hussain Munne Bhaiya, Zia Haider Sheru etc. of Anjuman Mazlumia recited Purdard Nauha. Masjid Gada Hussain Daryaabad Majlis was organized on the martyrdom of Imam Hasan-e-Mujtaba by late Syed Afsar Hussain. Riyaz Mirza and Shuja Rizvi read the mercy. Naukhawano of Anjuman Hussainiya Registered read Purdard Nauha. Aftab Rizvi, Hasan Naqvi, Raunaq Safipuri, Shafiqat Abbas Pasha, Najeer Allahabadi, Akbar Rizvi, Shahrukh Hussaini and others were present.

UP CM inaugurates three-day Armed Forces festival organised by Surya Command

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Armed Forces Festival is being organized by Surya Command at Lucknow Cantonment from 3 - 5 Sep 24. The highly anticipated three-day festival, unfolded on Tuesday at Surya Khel Parisar in Lucknow Cantonment with great enthusiasm. The inauguration ceremony on 3 Sep 24, graced by Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, marked the commencement of three-day extravaganza. The occasion was further enriched by the enthusiastic participation of students from various schools and colleges, NCC cadets and citizens of Lucknow.

Audience of more than 8000 of all age groups and from all walks of life, was treated to a breath taking exhibition featuring a magnificent display of latest military equipment such as tanks, helicopters, artillery guns etc, developed as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat, showcasing might of tech-

nology driven Indian Armed Forces. Notable exhibits included T-90 tank (Main Battle Tank of Indian Army), K-9 Vajra self-propelled artillery gun, Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) Swathi, Sarvatra Bridge System, Counter IED equipment, models of ALH and LCH Prachand Helicopters, etc. The live displays showcased the capabilities of state-of-the-art equipment. Para drop and Combat demonstrations by Special Forces, Extraction of troops by helicopters, Para motors and Microlight flying, Horse & Dog show, and many other such captivating live displays, were key attraction of the event. Indian Navy's Band played the marshal tunes to enthral the spectators. As

part of the Naval Pavilion, various stalls and displays were installed, showcasing three dimensional naval capabilities, Aatmanirbharta

outreach program for naval veterans, remote systems support, various latest communication and indigenous system and various

eration next. Stalls of Indian Air Force featured an array of interactive exhibits including advanced aircraft models, simulation displays and information panels that highlighted its achievements, ongoing missions, and future aspirations. It also showcased its state of the art "Inducted Publicity Exhibition Vehicle". The flying simulator of IPEV and synchronised display of weapon drill specially drew attraction of young minds.

The event also featured an array of interactive counters for veterans served as valuable hub, offering resources, support and networking opportunity. The Zonal Recruiting organisation also provided opportunity for the youth

to connect - providing insight into career opportunities and latest developments in military service.

The Chief Guest addressed the audience and complimented all three services and, Surya Command in particular, for organising the mega scale event. He extolled the students and NCC Cadets to draw inspiration from the Armed Forces. He expressed his confidence in the technologically advanced Armed Forces to defend the Nation against all odds and any enemy.

Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, GOC-in-C, Central Command presented a memento to the Honourable Chief Minister. The Chief guest later visited the displays by the three services, NCC, Recruitment and Resettlement Organisation and other stakeholders. The festival shall continue till 05 Sep 24 from 10 AM to 6 PM for all citizens.



and recent innovations. The stalls included naval history by Maritime History Society, various models of Ships, Submarines and aircraft, diving equipment,

career opportunities in the Indian Navy. Flypast by Jaguar Fighter Aircrafts of Indian Air Force was viewed with great interest by the Gen-

Chief Minister's visit to Prayagraj today

Prayagraj: Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath will come to Phulpur, Prayagraj on 04.09.2024 at 12:15 pm. After that, the Chief Minister will participate in the employment fair, loan distribution, tablet and smart phone distribution, distribution of RF and CIF, inauguration/foundation stone laying program of various projects and public meeting organized at IFFCO campus, Phulpur. After this the Chief Minister will hold a meeting with public representatives. The Chief Minister will leave for Lucknow from IFFCO Ground Phulpur Prayagraj at 03:00 pm.



Seven ghat being revamped ahead of Mahakumbh

Seven ghats along the Ganga and Yamuna rivers in Prayagraj are undergoing renovation and beautification, mirroring the upgrades made to ghats in Varanasi. Currently, half of the renovation work is complete, with the remaining tasks scheduled to be finished before the commencement of the Mahakumbh 2025. The project emphasises enhancing facilities for pilgrims and tourists who visit the ghats. Mela officials have announced that 'chhatris' will be constructed, along with arrangements for drinking water, seating facilities, and the installation of high-mast lights. The development is being funded with a budget of over Rs. 11 crores. The ghats on the Yamuna and Ganga rivers are central to activities during the Kumbh and Magh fairs, where lakhs of pilgrims come to take a holy dip. The renovation is being managed by the Construction and Design Division of the Water Corporation. Project manager Rohit Kumar Rana stated that the renovation is progressing with a budget of Rs. 11.01 crores. Fifty percent of the work has been completed, and progress is expected to accelerate once the river levels decrease. The seven ghats under renovation are Baluaghat, Kalighat, Rasulabad Ghat, Chhatnag Ghat, Nageshwar Ghat (both in Jhansi), Maujagiri Ghat, and Old Arail Ghat.

As per the officials, the completion rates for the ghats are as follows: Maujagiri Ghat is 40% complete, Nageshwar Ghat 35%, Chhatnag Ghat 30%, Rasulabad Ghat 35%, Baluaghat 35%, Old Arail Ghat 40%, and Kalighat 50%. Officials have indicated that beautification and facility improvements will be finalised before November. Additionally, a green belt is being developed at the ghats, and RO systems for clean drinking water are being installed, along with toilets, changing rooms, and benches for visitors.

Yellow house wins Inter House Football Tournament at SHUATS

Prayagraj: The final match of Inter house football tournament was played between Red house and Yellow house at the SHUATS football play ground. Yellow house won the final match by 3-0 against Red house. Pink House had to settle for Third position. Athletics committee chairman Dr. C J WESLEY and secretary Dr. Sunita B. John congratulated Mr. Ajai Kumar (football in charge) who very well organized the inter house football tournament. Athletics Committee Chairman also thanks to Match Referee Mr. Tanveer Ahmed. The Chief Guest Dr. C J Wesley, Additional Registrar was welcomed by Dr. (Mrs.) Sunita B. John.

The Chief Guest prayed to God that good days come in the university and sports competitions should be organized with high inspiration. He congratulated the winner and runner-up team on the occasion of closing ceremony of final match. Yellow house won the title of tournament. Promising Player of the tournament was Amon (Red House). Token of Appreciation given to DAHUN and Himanshi Jaiswar. Reporting was done by RAKESH SAHU (Asst. prof) At the time of Prize distribution Mr. Viju John, Dr. Gourav Yadav, Mr. mohd majid, Dr. Gourav Yadav, Mr. Faisal, Mr. Gaurav Suman and All Physical education department staff Mr. Ashish Massey, Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Dr. Deepti Josh, Mr. Naresh Kannoja, Mr. Praveen Rai, Mr. Bipin Singh and students were present.

Workshop of BJP councilors held

Prayagraj: BJP's membership campaign has started. After joining the party by PM Modi at the central office in Delhi on Monday and UP CM Yogi Adityanath at the state office in Lucknow on Tuesday, the campaign will now be run on a large scale at the district level from Wednesday. Under which work will be done to connect people with the organization by going door to door, setting up camps and through online medium. In the meeting of BJP councilors held on Tuesday at the party office in Civil Line regarding the campaign, while de-



scribing the role of councilors in the membership campaign as important, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that every councilor has to fulfill the membership target given by the organization. Take it. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani said that all the councilors should accept this campaign as a challenge and work towards making the campaign successful. Organize Sadyata campaign by organizing camps in their respective areas in a planned manner.

31st Foundation Day of Akhil Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Mandal, Phaphamau Market swearing-in ceremony held

Prayagraj: All India Industry Trade Board Prayagraj celebrated its 31st Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and the oath-taking ceremony was concluded in a huge program organized at Phaphamau across the Ganga. District President Lalu Mittal wished and congratulated all the businessmen who came on the Foundation Day. In his address, Lalu Mittal said that 2024 is an important year because this year the organization achieved two very important achievements. The first achievement for which we were trying for the last 24 years was to declare Traders Day in Uttar Pradesh on the lines of Teachers,

Labourers and Children's Day, which we achieved on 29 June 2024 and on the birth anniversary of Bhamashah ji in all the districts in the entire state. It was organized by the government in 2015. The second big demand was that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made the Traders Security Cell, established by the efforts of your organization for the last several years, very effective for the security of the business class and the Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh. He gave clear instructions to Vyapar Mandal that there should be no exploitation of any businessman at any level. Regional in-charge Vipin



Gupta enumerated many achievements of the Vyapar Mandal and explained about the role of the organization on online business.

Ganga Par District President Rajendra Kesarwani Pappu Bhaiya said that no businessman should be al-

lowed to be exploited or harassed in the entire Ganga Par area. Metropolitan President Animesh Aggarwal explained in detail about the nation and the role of businessmen and also talked about respecting the businessmen like a

Treasurer Sunil Kesarwani and Ganga Par District Vice President Dilip Kesarwani. The newly appointed president expressed his gratitude towards the organization and assured that he will always be ready for the struggle of the traders and will not allow any trader to be exploited or harassed. The program was conducted by Shiv Babu Sonu. A large number of businessmen were present in the program in which mainly Raman Gupta Senior Vice President, Sumit Kesarwani District General Secretary Ganga Par, Alok Parmar, Youth President Mihir Baranwal, Vijay Jaiswal, Sanjay etc. were present.

George Town Barwari Durga Puja to kick off celebrations from Oct 8

Prayagraj: "Dear Friends, You are cordially invited with your family and friends to the 96th year of celebrations of George Town Barwari Durga Puja Committee from Tuesday 8th October, to Sunday 13th October, 2024 and Shree Shree Kali Puja on Thursday 31st November, 2024 at Jagat Taran Girls' P. G. Degree College, 32, A.N. Jha Marg (Hamilton Road), Prayagraj," informed President Arindam Ghosh.

General Secretary Sumit Bhattacharya gave detailed itinerary of puja event which are as follows: Maha Panchami: Tuesday 8th October, 2024, Maha Sashthi: Wednesday 9th October, 2024 Shasthi Puja, Amantran & Adhibas, Agomoni (Mahisasur Mardini) By Sur O Shree group), Maha Saptami: Thursday 10th October, 2024 Saptami Puja, Prasad & Pushpanjali Sandhya Aroti, Cultural Program by Aparajita Band, Maha Ashtami/ Maha Navami : Friday 11th October, 2024

Ashtami Puja Sandhi Puja (Balidan within 6.48 a.m.) Navami Puja, Prasad & Pushpanjali Hom, Sandhya Aroti, Cultural Program/Entertainment

Sur O Sangeet Dance Academy. Maha Dashami : Saturday 12th October, 2024



Maha Navami ends, Dashami Puja, Dadhi Karma, Bhog (General), Cultural Program/Entertainment.

Visarjan (Immersion: Sunday 13th October, 2024 Darpan Visarjan & Sindoor Utsav

Immersion (Visarjan) Shanti Jal 9.30a.m. 12.00p.m. (noon) 6.00 p.m. This year Ma Durga is arriving in a

Palki (Palanquin) and departing on an Elephant (Gaj).

Recalling the old days celebrations, President Arindam Ghosh says, "In essence Durga Puja celebrations apart from serving as the rendezvous point of people from all communities including Bengalis, also provided a platform to local talents in the field of performing arts to display their skills before the people."

He added that in the early years focus was on Puja, which had to be performed in orthodox Bengali style with the pre-condition that the puhoit performing it should be from the Bengali community. It was only in the later years that extracurricular activities were introduced with the objective of breaking the monotony in the daily schedule. With this in mind the element of entertainment was introduced to allure and captivate the visitors to Durga

Puja pandals.

"Stress is laid on the fact that the idol of Goddess Durga should portray the many facets of her personality and the element of artistry should draw one towards the aura of goddess. It is our endeavour to see that people visiting pandals should undergo a novel experience every year which is the reason why aesthetics combined with artistry has given shape to pandals of various hues, shades and designs over the last ten years. Focus is on creating the pandal of different material and likewise ornaments of the goddess are also being prepared out of this material, courtesy artists from West Bengal," opined Arindam Ghosh, president George Town Barwari Durga Puja, who also added, "Everyone is cordially invited with family and friends to the 96th year of celebrations of George Town Barwari Durga Puja, which is all set to be bigger, better and grandeur than earlier ones."

Despite Bishop Dan's crackdown, school-related irregularities remain

Prayagraj: These days, everyone is troubled by the arbitrariness of Shirley Masih, the newly appointed principal of Bishop Johnson Girls School and College located at Mission Road and her husband Ashish Masih alias Mohd. Anees. She is so arbitrary that now she is hiring people close to her without permission from the school's management committee. Recently they have appointed a mathematics teacher without any permission, due to which there is a lot of anger among the teachers there. At the same time, the anger of teachers and class IV employees against the newly appointed principal can be clearly seen due to teachers not getting their salaries and PF not being deposited.

The arbitrariness of the newly appointed Principal Shirley Masih has increased so much that despite the re-

peated refusal of the Chairman Bishop Morris Edgar Dan, she has handed over big responsibilities in the school to the teachers close to the former Principal Parul Solomon. Teachers said that a teacher close to Parul Solomon has been made the discipline in-charge of the school. Principal Shirley Masih's husband gives permission as to when and for whom the school money is to be spent. Despite the refusal of Chairman Bishop Morris Dan, the interference of Ashish Masih alias Mohd. Anees has increased in the school. According to the teachers, there are about 700 girl students in the school, whereas Ashish Masih and accountant Jitendra Prful say that there are only 600 girl students in the school. Despite a crackdown by Bishop Morris Edgar Dan, irregularities in the school continue.

Protests against NPS/UPS continued for second day

Prayagraj: On September 3, protests against NPS/UPS continued in Prayagraj on the call of Ateva/NMOPS. Teachers, employees and officials protested by tying black ribbons at all offices and educational institutions. National President Vijay Kumar Bandhu said that protests against NPS/UPS are taking place all over India from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and from Attock to Cuttack. This is the biggest strength of this movement. People are standing together beyond the boundaries of organisation, department, group and position. This demonstration (by tying a black ribbon) has to be continued till 6th September. State Organization Minister Ashok Kanojia, State IT Cell in-charge Syed Danish Imran, National IT member Sanjay

Patel said that the protest is going on all over India till the restoration of the same old pension. There is no

alias Jeetu Bhai and District General Secretary RK Yadav, thousands of students from all educational

continue till 6th September. The above information was given by district media in-charge Ateva



Prayagraj employee leader Ravi Shankar Mishra. UPS was opposed by Amar Yadav from Dhanupur block, Pushpraj Singh from Karchana, Suresh Yadav from Handia, Ratnesh Kumar Singh from Bahadurpur, Lalit from Pratappur, Anurag Pandey from Meja, Jitendra Sharma from Jasra, Sandeep Singh Kushwaha from Koraon, Ashish Ranjan from Uruva, Parvez Akhtar from Phulpur, Rizwan Ahmed from

Kondhiyara, Kamlesh Singh from Shankargarh, Aarti Singh from Mauima, Phoolchand Yadav from Piwi, Ram Sufal Verma, Sandeep Kushwaha, Sanjeet Yadav, Gyan Chand etc.

Meanwhile, in the Friday incident, FIR was registered against four spa centres under the relevant sections and the police had sent 20 persons, including 13 women, to jail. Among the women, there is a national of Uganda who was living in India illegally.

Police launch verification drive of spa centres, many found locked

Prayagraj: Police crackdown on unauthorised spa centres functional in the city continued after sex racket was busted following raid carried out at four spa centres in Civil lines area here on Friday night. Following action against these spa centres which were being run on the upper floor

of a mall, panic has prevailed among other centres. On Monday, many were found locked when police teams reached there to check and verify their registration documents. The police officials have now issued instructions to carry out verification of other spa centres which are being run

in Civil Lines and other areas of the city.

An investigation has revealed that at least 90 such centres are functional in Prayagraj. Among them, over 35 are in Civil Lines and Cantonment areas alone. There are many centres in Kotwali, Shahganj, Kareli, Georgetown, Naini and

Jhansi areas. While the big centres are registered, police suspect that others are being run without any registration. Police officials said that the spa centres should have a license for Ayurvedic therapy, and the staff engaged in giving massage should hold a diploma in physiotherapy.

The officials further said that instructions have been issued to verify the other spa centres in the city and check their documents. It will be checked if they were also involved in running sex rackets. Moreover, the footage of the CCTV cameras which were found at the raided centres will

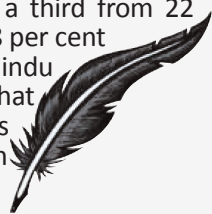
also be scanned, he added.

Editorial

Why we don't care enough for minorities in Bangladesh

The last "great killing" took place in 2021 when a copy of the Quran was found at a Durga Puja pandal. It later turned out to be the handiwork of a Muslim man, but the damage was done. As a result, if The Daily Star, the largest-circulating daily English-language newspaper in Bangladesh, is to be believed, "117 Hindu temples or puja pandals and 301 shops/homes were also damaged". The Hindu-Muslim violence in Bangladesh is starkly different from that in Bharat. One tends to loosely use the term riot to describe it. But then they are not riots. There can never be a riot in a Muslim-majority state. Remember that line from Taslima Nasrin's Lajja, where Suronjon is caught in an argument with his father, Sudhamoy Datta: When the father defends his stay in violence-prone Bangladesh, saying there "are riots in all countries. Aren't there riots in India?", the son responds: "Riots are good, Baba. But here we don't have riots. Here Muslims are killing Hindus!" Still Hindus supported Hasina. Because she ensured there was a semblance of order, a sense of normalcy in their lives. They had seen much worse, so much violence that Hasina's 'controlled chaos' was something they grasped with both hands. But as the saying goes, 'good' things don't last long. And they ended this Tuesday, August 6, when Sheikh Hasina was given the 45-minute ultimatum to pack her bags and leave the country. The chaos soon descended on the streets of Bangladesh and even the statue of Bangbandhu — the man who got the country's freedom in 1971 — was not left alone. For Hindus in Bangladesh, the era of a jhatka-type of execution was back in action. One can grasp the seriousness of the situation from the fact that the head of Bharat's Ministry of External Affairs, which is instinctively prone to take a less alarmist position, informed Parliament that "properties of individuals associated with the (Hasina) regime were torched across the country. What was particularly worrying was that minorities, their businesses and temples also came under attack at multiple locations". Within 24 hours, there were reports of Hindus being attacked, their houses and temples ransacked, and their valuables looted in as many as 27 districts of Bangladesh. Even an ISKCON temple wasn't spared. Orchestrated by Jamaat-led Islamist outfits, one saw the resumption of ethnic cleansing that Sheikh Hasina had put a lid on 15 years ago. One can gauge the scale and nature of violence from a harrowing video in circulation these days when Islamist fundamentalists are seen inspecting the genitals of a lynched man, and expressing happiness that he is a Hindu! The othering of Hindus was always normal in Bangladesh. But now, the genie of jihad, which Hasina had kept inside the bottle for 15 years, is out in the open. Unfortunately, at a time when the minorities of Bangladesh deserved care, empathy and support, there is a tendency, especially among Hindu 'liberals', to look the other way, if not completely discount their sufferings.

One editor of a New Delhi-based website who carries an American passport, in an interview recently, dismissed the possibility of Hindus being attacked in Bangladesh. Ironically, the same gentleman is never tired of raising the spectre of Hindu fundamentalism and Muslim victimhood in Bharat. The said editor is merely the grotesque manifestation of a so-called liberal's innate tendency to submit to the Islamist violence in the name of secularism. These people have chosen to be blind to the deliberate othering of minorities in Islamic states, and Bangladesh is no exception. They don't care to see that Hindu population in Bangladesh has dwindled to a third from 22 per cent in 1952 to less than 8 per cent today. Such is the scale of Hindu decimation in Bangladesh that "30 years from now, no Hindu will be left in Bangladesh should the current rate .



MEA's proclivity for dry understatements, one can be reasonably certain that the situation is alarming

Bangladesh is in the throes of Islamist pogrom against minority Hindus, and our liberals are busy obfuscating reality. Members of the army clear an entrance of the Ganabhaban, the Bangladeshi prime minister's residence, a day after the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in Dhaka on August 6, 2024. Reuters. What started as a students'-led 'liberation movement' in Bangladesh leading to Sheikh Hasina's ouster is in danger of losing its legitimacy before the eyes of the world as it appears to have been co-opted, appro-

priated and hijacked by Islamist fundamentalists who have utilised the ensuing chaos, turbulence, lawlessness and the lack of any governing authority to launch a genocidal campaign against the minority Hindu population. Ever since the Bangladesh prime minister was forced to flee, resulting in a power vacuum in the eighth-most populous country in the world, images, videos and accounts are streaming in of atrocities against the Hindu minority in Bangladesh, whose numbers have dangerously depleted over decades almost

to the point of extinction. The circumstances are so dire that even India's external affairs minister mentioned the issue during his statement in both Houses of the Parliament. S Jaishankar told the Parliament that attacks on police, including police stations and government installations are being carried out, "properties of individuals associated with the regime were torched across the country. What was particularly worrying was that minorities, their businesses and temples also came under attack at multiple locations. The full extent of this

is still not clear." He said India is "monitoring the situation with regard to the status of the minorities." Given MEA's proclivity for dry understatements, one can be reasonably certain that the situation is alarming. Led by radical Islamist groups such as the banned Jamaat-e-Islami and its various front organisations and entities, an ethnic cleansing of Hindus is under way across the length and breadth of the country. Hindu temples are being desecrated, business establishment and houses destroyed, torched.

India's relationship with its neighbours have always been that of an affluent elder sibling

India's relationship with its neighbours have always been that of an affluent elder sibling whom the others love to hate. Among them Pakistan is probably the most straightforward as it is mostly hostile with little shade of grey. However, it is most complex in the case of Bangladesh whose birth India had mid-wifed but the kid sister refuses to acknowledge. That Bangladesh is encircled on three sides by India with a highly nebulous and porous border adds an additional layer. Its religious composition and obvious affinity to the Islamic world is a further dimension. Shared water resources demand a high level of cooperation. Thus, in short, unlike other countries India cannot afford to look the other way from its internal developments. We are joined at the hips by an umbilical cord as it were. Thus successive governments have been carefully watching local developments in Bangladesh since its creation. However, a few questions arise after the August 5 denouement. Should India have been so heavily invested in Sheikh Hasina even when it was apparent that she was losing international support and ground was slipping from beneath her feet at home? Going with Sheikh Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh National Party (BNP) was not an option given her strong anti-India position and leanings towards radical Islamic elements. But could India not have cultivated other moderate politicians or silently promote potential successors to Sheikh Hasina within Awami League? It is



probably easier to find an answer to the first question. The very weaknesses and challenges that Sheikh Hasina faced made her dependent on India. She knew that no other country would stand by her the way India has over the years irrespective of which regime it was in Delhi. For India, there could not be a better bet than Hasina against its detractors notwithstanding her occasional flirtation with China for pure commercial expediency. More importantly, if India had to tackle cross border infiltration of 'Jihadi' assets only Hasina would help because she was afflicted by the same malaise. On this score India reciprocated by handing over to Sheikh Hasina many who were on the look out notice in Bangladesh including the killer of her father. With so much at stake India — especially the Modi government — which has been committed more than any government before it to tackling the menace of infiltration — could not afford to antagonise Sheikh Hasina by cultivating alternate leadership in her home. What it could have done, per-

haps, is work harder to convince Hasina to take a less rigid line to bring in the moderate elements from the opposition into her fold rather than go for a steam-roller approach. Here, perhaps, there was an uncanny meeting of minds between the Modi-Shah and Hasina and over-confidence in a hardline strategy. Everyone would remember the not so veiled threats from the United States establishment to hand over the administration to an interim government for overseeing the elections or face consequences. She ignored the warnings and pressed on with the elections that her opposition boycotted to return with a walkover victory. One would assume she had the tacit support of India in her decision. Could India have prevailed on her to follow the US suggestion and would that have taken the heat off her will remain a matter of conjecture. It is also common knowledge that the United States was not entirely averse to the idea of a regime change in India though it could not have openly called for one. The counter-factual

question that is bound to arise, therefore, is whether the current events have escalated so dramatically had Narendra Modi returned with a larger majority even if not his dream number of "400 paar"? Here it is not difficult to resist the temptation of a flashback of August 15, 1975 when Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was brutally assassinated on a day when Indira Gandhi was unfurling the Indian Tricolour at the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion of Indian Independence Day. Less than two months ago she had declared an Emergency in the country fearing a popular uprising and put opposition leaders behind bars and muzzled the media. There was no love lost between her and the United States — who were unhappy with her dismembering its vassal state Pakistan in 1971 creating Bangladesh and installing Sheikh Mujib as the prime minister. At that time Indira was firmly ensconced with the Soviet Union, which had used its veto power in the United Nations Security Council during the India Pakistan War in

1971. Is it possible that Indira was apprehending a similar destabilisation of the country and political overthrow? Finally she did have to relinquish power albeit through elections — which some believe she may have been nudged to call by a friend or foe. Though she returned to power after a hiatus it was not the same Mrs Gandhi one knew post 1971 and prior to 1975. It is ironic that some of her own have been seen to be supping with players of the same club in recent times. Bangladesh like many nations of its ilk is unfortunately fated to go through turbulent times but the implications of its descent to anarchy would have serious implications for India. Fortunately, political parties across the aisle realise the risks and unequivocally pledged their support to the government, who on its part have taken the opposition into confidence. But once the current crisis blows over some may not be beyond fishing Hilsa in the turbulent waters of the Padma river. Their visceral hatred for Narendra Modi has always been in public and they have found it difficult, or even necessary, to conceal their voyeuristic glee fantasising the prospects of a similar uprising in India and with a similar endgame. This is going to be a challenge that the Narendra Modi government would have to navigate with diplomatic deftness. India has always been a playground of big powers. Now the world is no longer bipolar but it is not multipolar or a Quad as yet. At best it is tri-polar. Seen to be leaning towards.

Tarun Tahiliani was too busy dressing Bollywood

Team India's outfits for the Paris Olympics 2024 opening ceremony on 26 July were unveiled last week. And, the fashion gods are weeping. I am disappointed with Tarun Tahiliani, couturier to the stars. There's not a single detail I can appreciate in the designs. We're headed to the Olympics, not a school Independence Day programme. And I'm not the only one who thinks this way. On social media, people are calling out the outfits for their tackiness. India's sports women will wear saris, while the male athletes have a kurta bundi set—both displaying the Tricolour. But there's a way to wear patriotism with style, and this is not it. And, as if the designs were not enough to digest, I have a hard time believing that they were crafted by Tahiliani. Tarun Tahiliani is the fashion magician who dressed up Indian stars and even Kim Kardashian, for Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's wedding festivities. Is this the best

he could do for the Indian athletes? It seems like the designer poured all his time and effort into dressing celebrities and then hastily threw together the athletes' outfits as an afterthought. Honestly, this is worse than the bare minimum effort some men put into relationships. The men's kurta set is made from lightweight moss cotton, while the women's sari is viscose crepe paired with a high-neck blouse. "They are going to be wearing it for three hours. At 40 degrees Celsius, how to make them look good? So, we focused on cottons," Tahiliani told The Hindu. His lack of effort is evident in his statement—weather forecasts put the temperature in Paris at a high of 25 degrees Celsius and a low of 15 degrees Celsius on the day of the ceremony. Regardless, I'm all in for creating attire that's breezy, lightweight, and weather-appropriate. But it doesn't mean making our athletes look like they've escaped from a circus.

The night of July 30 may have changed the West Asian region forever

The night of July 30 may have changed the West Asian region forever. On this fateful night, three strikes across three capitals in the region led to two key assassinations. Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh, who was in Tehran for the inauguration of Iran's newly elected president Masoud Pezeshkian, was assassinated in a targeted strike at his residence in a closely guarded area of Tehran. In Beirut, a precision airstrike took out senior Hezbollah military commander Fuad Shukur, who Israel had blamed for the missile attack in the occupied Golan Heights on July 27, which led to the death of 12 Israeli citizens. Elsewhere, in Baghdad, a missile attack by US forces targeted a base south of the city used by Iran-backed Iraqi Popular Mobilisation Forces (PMF), killing four members of the group. A day later, on 1 August, Israel claimed it had also eliminated Hamas military chief Mohammed Deif in an airstrike carried out in Khan Younis city in Gaza on July 13. Earlier, on July 20, Israeli fighter aircraft had targeted

the port city of Hodeidah in Yemen, which is controlled by the Houthis, setting a major oil storage dump on fire and killing six people. With Israel being blamed for all the strikes, the Gaza war, which has been oscillating between hopes of a ceasefire and continuing death and destruction, may have just crossed a critical threshold. It may no longer be possible to keep the conflict isolated to Gaza. This is especially relevant in view of Iran's announcement, after a brief military spat with Israel in April this year, that "the era of strategic patience is over" and that any Israeli assaults will be met with a "direct" response. Following the assassinations, the response was led by none other than Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was firm and clear about seeking revenge. The leader of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, also vowed severe retaliation against Israel. A strike by Iran and its allies thus seems inevitable; it is only a question of 'when' and 'how'. As the region awaits the inevitable, it may be relevant to

examine the military capabilities of each side to better understand how such strikes could unfold. **Military capabilities** Iran is the main protagonist in the anticipated strike. For years, it has relied on its proxies in the region to wage war on its behalf, but this time, it is likely to undertake a direct strike. As Iran and Israel are separated by almost 1,800 km, a ground war or "boots on the ground" is unlikely. Therefore, military power projection will be through stand-off weapon systems like drones and missiles. Regarding airpower, Iran has a poorly equipped and ageing fleet. Its air force comprises an array of aircraft, ranging from US-made F-14s to Chinese F-4s, F-5s, and F-7s, along with Russian Sukhoi and MiG-29s. Most estimates suggest a total of 330–350 aircraft. Although Iran has been asking Russia to supply Sukhoi-35 fighter jets, this is unlikely to materialise soon. It is Iran's missile technology, however, that is potent and lethal. Iran's array of missiles is the largest and most diverse in the region.

TOLINS TYRES LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 09, 2024



GURUGRAM : Tolins Tyres Limited ("TTL" or "The Company") shall open its Bid/Offer in relation to its initial public offering of Equity Shares on Monday, September 09, 2024.

The total offer size of Equity Shares (face value ₹ 5 each) aggregating up to ₹ 230 crore comprises of Fresh Issue aggregating up to ₹ 200 crore and Offer for Sale aggregating up to ₹ 30 crore. ("Total Offer Size"). The Anchor Investor Bidding date shall be on Friday, September 06, 2024 and the Bid Offer will be closed on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. ("Bid Details"). The price band of the Offer is fixed at ₹ 215 to ₹ 226 per Equity Share. ("The Price Band"). Bids can be made for a minimum of 66 Equity Shares and in multiples of

66 Equity Shares thereafter. ("Bid Lot"). Tolins Tyres Limited is one of the leading players in the industry with all India presence with a diverse product range and is one of the companies that is present in both verticals – manufacturing of new tyres and tread rubber (Source: Company Commissioned CRISIL Report). It is primarily engaged in manufacturing of bias tyres for comprehensive array of vehicles (including light commercial, agricultural and two/three-wheeler vehicles) and pre-cured tread rubber and are also involved in manufacturing of ancillary products like bonding gum, vulcanizing solution, tyre flaps and tubes. It operates from three Manufacturing

Facilities out of which two are located at Mattoor in Kalady, Kerala and the third one is located in Al Hamra Industrial Zone in Ras Al Khaimah in UAE. The Company plans to utilize net proceeds of the Fresh Issue towards (i) Repayment and / or prepayment, in full, of certain outstanding loans (including foreclosure charges, if any) availed by the Company amounting ₹ 69.97 crore (ii) Augmentation of long-term working capital requirements of the Company amounting ₹ 75 crore (iii) Investment in the wholly owned subsidiary, Tolins Rubbers Private Limited to repay and/or prepay, in full, certain of its short term and long-term borrowings and augmentation of its

All those who love Indian soil are willing to join the Bharatiya Janata Party: CM Yogi



Lucknow

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath participated in the Bharatiya Janata Party Sadasyata Abhiyan 2024 on Tuesday. Addressing party workers during the membership drive, CM Yogi called on them to engage actively in the campaign and strive to enroll the highest number of general and active members. Highlighting the widespread admiration for the Bharatiya Janata Party, Yogi stated, "Across the length and breadth of India, every person who cherishes this nation's soil aspires to be part of the BJP. When we don't connect with them, they feel a deep sense of disappointment. This is when

they become susceptible to divisive ideologies that prey on caste, regional, and linguistic differences, threatening to unravel India's social fabric and undermine its unity and integrity." He further added, "In such situations, we must reach out to every individual who is waiting for us. Our goal should be singular, as expressed in the line 'Ram kaju kihene bin mohi kahan vishram'... (I find no peace, until I serve Ram)." Earlier, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also joined the Bharatiya Janata Party as a member by dialling the toll-free number under the membership campaign. Yogi remarked: "We are privi-

leged to join the Bharatiya Janata Party, the world's largest political party. "In India, the Bharatiya Janata Party is unique as the only cadre-based party. It operates with a sense of national supremacy, deeply connected to India's heritage, and represents the nation's great leaders and its very essence." He further stated, "The party has not only established a strong presence across the country but has also become inclusive, successfully engaging every segment of society in its mission." Yogi also noted that in independent India, the BJP is the only party whose national president resigned from his position.

CAPSULES

Our Armed Forces are strong pillars of national security, are unparalleled globally: CM Yogi

Lucknow

The Indian Armed Forces are unparalleled globally. Even India's enemies acknowledge the strength, discipline, and technical prowess of its armed forces." Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed these sentiments during an Armed Forces ceremony on Tuesday. Stressing that the armed forces of also tackle challenging situations within the country, Yogi remarked that the grand event offered a glimpse of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of an Integrated Command, where the coordination between the Army, Air Force, and Navy ensures swift victories over the enemy. He said, "The Armed Forces are not merely a defence structure; they are the bedrock of our nation's security, and we must never forget this. Our brave soldiers stand ready to serve the country, even at the cost of their lives, earning them the status of national heroes in the people's hearts. We take immense pride in having such a capable and dedicated army, one that is prepared to defend the nation under any circumstances." Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath highlighted that the vigilance of India's brave soldiers has enabled the nation to safeguard its borders with unwavering strength, even in the face of adverse circumstances, successfully thwarting significant conspiracies. "The courage and valor of our soldiers provide reassurance to 140 crore Indians. Uttar Pradesh is fortunate to be the land of heroes, with its youth having made significant contributions in every war.

BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED'S 6,560 CRORE INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

GURUGRAM : The Bid/Offer Period in respect of the initial public offering of Equity Shares of Bajaj Housing Finance Limited ("BHFL" or the "Company"), and such offering, the "Offer"), shall commence on Monday, September 09, 2024. The total Offer Size is such number of Equity Shares (face value ₹ 10 each) aggregating up to ₹ 6,560 crore, comprising a Fresh Issue of such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 3,560 crore and an Offer for Sale of such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 3,000 crore. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be on Friday, September 06, 2024 and the Bid / Offer Closing Date will be Wednesday, September 11,



2024. The Price band of the Offer is ₹ 66 to ₹ 70 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 214 Equity Shares and in multiples of 214 Equity Shares thereafter. For subscription by Employee, reservation portion includes Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 200 crore and for shareholders of Bajaj

Finance Limited, reservation portion includes Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 500 crore. The Company intends to utilize the Net Proceeds of the Offer towards augmenting its capital base to meet future business requirements of the Company towards onward lending. The Offer for Sale of Equity Shares comprises such number of

Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 3,000 crore by Bajaj Finance Limited (the "Promoter Selling Shareholder").

This Equity Shares are being offered through the red herring prospectus of the Company dated August 30, 2024, read with the addendum to the red herring prospectus dated September 2, 2024 (the "Addendum", and together with the red herring prospectus, the "Red Herring Prospectus") filed with the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra at Pune ("ROC"), and subsequently with the SEBI and the Stock Exchanges (as defined below).

Defence ministry approves proposals worth Rs 1.45 lakh crore to enhance preparedness

NEW DELHI: The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), under the chairmanship of Defence minister Rajnath Singh, on Tuesday approved 10 capital acquisition proposals amounting to Rs 1,44,716 crore. Of the total cost, 99% is from indigenous sources under Buy (Indian) and Buy (Indi-an-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) categories. For modernisation of the tank fleet of the Indian Army, the pro-

posal for procurement of Future Ready Combat Vehicles (FRCVs) has been cleared. The FRCV will be a futuristic Main Battle Tank with superior mobility, all terrain ability, multilayered protections, precision & lethal fires over and real-time situational awareness. Approval was also accorded for procurement of Air Defence Fire Control Radars, which will detect & track aerial target and provide firing solution. A proposal has also

been approved for Forward Repair Team (Tracked) which has suitable cross country mobility for carrying out in-situ repair during mechanised operations. This equipment is designed & developed by Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited, and is authorised for both mechanised Infantry Battalion and Armoured Regiment. Three proposals were also approved to enhance the capabilities of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

'Matter of grave concern ...': Congress on Adani Group's proposed takeover of Kenya airport

NEW DELHI: Adani Group's proposal to take over the airport in Nairobi, which has drawn protests from transport workers of the African nation, was criticised by the Congress which called it a move that could "convert into anger against India and the Indian Government." Adani Enterprises has established a Kenyan subsidiary in a bid to intensify its efforts to take over the management of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, The East African reported. "This is a matter of grave concern for India, because the non-biological PM's friendship with Mr. Adani is now globally well known. The protests can therefore easily convert into anger against India and

the Indian Government," Congress spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said. Continuing with his 'non-biological PM' rhetoric, he further said, "Today, the PM's collusion with the Adani group has contributed to the diminishing of this strength and unprecedented reversals for India on the global stage - just one of the many sacrifices the country has had to make at the altar of the non-biological PM's special friendship." Kenya airports authority workers went on strike at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on Monday to protest Gautam Adani's proposal to take over the airport, citing ongoing concerns about job security.

"The Adani Group's proposed takeover of the airport in Nairobi, Kenya, has led to widespread protests in the country, with the Kenya Aviation Workers Union calling for a strike to demonstrate its opposition," Ramesh added. Ramesh cited recent projects by the billionaire group in neighbouring countries that led to protests against their respective governments. He said that Sheikh Hasina government's contract to purchase power from Adani's coal plant in Jharkhand was one of the boiling points which led to her resignation. "The Bangladesh Government's contract to purchase power from Adani's coal plant in Jharkhand.

PM Mudra Yojana benefitting a large number of eligible citizens in UP

Lucknow

The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana is benefitting a large number of people in Uttar Pradesh significantly, owing to the government's efforts to ensure that the central government's schemes reach every eligible citizen in the state. By June 2024, in the financial year 2024-25, over 11 lakh people have received loans totalling approximately Rs 11,000 crores. These loans have been provided through various banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) operating in the state. To maximize the scheme's impact, the Yogi government is actively coordinating with banks and conducting regular reviews to ensure that the loans are easily accessible to every eligible person. Notably, the Modi government launched the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana to foster entrepreneurship across the country. By prioritizing the scheme's implementation, the Yogi gov-

ernment has enabled financial support for setting up or expanding enterprises in Uttar Pradesh. The State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC UP) recently presented a progress report on the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana during a meeting with Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh. The report revealed that, as of June 30, 2024, a total of Rs 10,996 crores in loans had been distributed to 11.63 lakh account holders across Uttar Pradesh in the financial year 2024-25. Banks disbursed Rs 9,039 crores to 7.10 lakh account holders, while non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) provided Rs 1,957 crores to 4.53 lakh account holders. The SLBC serves as a key forum for coordination between the central and state governments. Through quarterly meetings, the progress of various development programs is reviewed, and strategies are formulated to meet the estab-

lished targets. In Uttar Pradesh, the forum is organized by the Bank of Baroda, which noted that the state's progress under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana is commendable. The report also highlighted the achievements of the previous financial years, 2022-23 and 2023-24. In 2022-23, loans totalling Rs 47,427 crores were disbursed to over 68 lakh people by banks and NBFCs. Banks provided Rs 39,861 crores to 48.97 lakh account holders, while NBFCs distributed Rs 7,566 crores to 19.11 lakh account holders. Similarly, in 2023-24, loans amounting to Rs 58,522 crores were given to 76.76 lakh people of which banks disbursed Rs 41,490 crores to 41.57 lakh account holders, and NBFCs Rs 17,032 crores to 35.19 lakh account holders. The steady increase in both the number of beneficiaries and the loan amounts each year reflects the growing impact of the scheme.

ICG Helicopter crash: Bodies of two Indian coast guard found, one still missing

NEW DELHI: The bodies of two Indian Coast Guard (ICG) jawans were recovered from the Arabian Sea late on Tuesday evening, following an emergency landing of an ICG Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) in the sea late Monday night. One crew member had been rescued earlier, while one is still missing. The helicopter, which had recently played a crucial role in rescuing 67 lives during cyclonic weather in Gujarat, was en route to evacuate a seriously injured crew member from the Indian-flagged motor tanker Hari Leela, approximately 45 kilometers off the coast of Porbandar. The incident occurred around 11 pm. According to the Indian Coast Guard, the helicopter, carrying four aircrew members, was forced to make an emergency landing at sea while approaching the vessel. The cause of the emergency landing is still under investigation. A massive search and rescue operation was swiftly mobilised by the ICG, deploying four ships and two aircraft to search the area for the missing crew members. While the wreckage of the aircraft has been located, efforts continue to find the remaining missing crew member. The ICG had earlier successfully rescued 11 crew members from the distressed MV ITT Puma on August 26, during a challenging night-time search and rescue operation. The Mumbai-registered general cargo vessel was traveling from Kolkata to Port Blair when it reportedly sank approximately 90 nautical miles south of Sagar Island in West Bengal. The ICG's Regional Headquarters (North East) in Kolkata had quickly dispatched two ICG vessels and a Dornier aircraft to the location after receiving a distress signal from the Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Chennai late on August 25.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Partners with Union Bank of India to Offer Comprehensive Vehicle Financing



SONIPAT/PANIPAT: In its continuous effort to enhance customer experience and streamline car ownership through innovative solutions, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Union Bank of India to enable comprehensive and accessible vehicle financing solutions. The partnership aims to offer innovative and attractive solutions curated to meet the evolving needs of the customers and making Toyota vehicles more accessible than ever.

Key highlights of the partnership: Enhanced affordability and accessibility: The

partnership will allow customers to enjoy up to 90% financing on the on-road price of any Toyota vehicles purchased for private use, exempting them from any foreclosure, or part-payment charges.

Flexible Financing under Union Vehicle Scheme: The financing options under the Union Vehicle Scheme for commercial vehicle will aid customers to opt for flexible tenures up

aid customers to opt for flexible tenures up to 84 months with competitive interest rates starting from 8.80% per annum at present.

Flexible Financing under Union Parivahan Scheme: The financing option under the Union Parivahan Scheme for commercial vehicle will aid customers to opt for flexible tenures up

to 60 months with competitive rates.

Broad Reach and Accessibility: Union Bank's extensive network will provide all Toyota customers with easy access to financing options nationwide. Speaking about the new customer initiative, Mr. Sabari Manohar, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "We are delighted to partner with Union Bank of India for enhancing vehicle financing options across the nation. This collaboration signifies our dedication to providing exceptional customer experiences by simplifying and making vehicle financing more

accessible. Our goal is to streamline financing options, offer seamless experiences, and provide timely support to make the vehicle purchase process enjoyable. As an organization dedicated to customer satisfaction, our primary focus is on meeting the dynamic needs of the market. We achieve this by continually introducing innovative products and services that enhance the ownership experience. Through the latest partnership, our aim is to broaden reach and extend support to more customers nationwide, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas, in their pursuit of owning a Toyota vehicle."

Punjab Human rights panel chief holds meeting with DC and police officials

Ludhiana: Punjab State Human Rights Commission chairman justice Sant Prakash alongwith Shri KK Bansal Registrar and Shri D.D.Sharma, Special Secretary on Friday i.e.30.8.24 held a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney and senior police officials to discuss the genuine problems and grievances of senior citizens and inmates of central and women jails.

Upon arrival of the chairman in Ludhiana, deputy commissioner Sakshi Sawhney along with CJM Harinder Singh, ADC Major Amit Sareen, DCP Jaskiran Singh Teja, Civil Surgeon Dr Pardeep Mohindra, Women Jail Superintendent Vijay Kumar, Borstal Jail Superintendent Gurbpreet Singh, Central Jail Superintendent Balvir Singh, DSSO Inderpreet Kaur and other senior officials



welcomed him to the international circuit house. The chairman stated efforts are being made by the state human rights commission to prevent the violation of human rights in any government or non-government organisation. He mentioned, "We should all be aware of human rights which our Constitution has given to every citizen of the country. He also gave necessary directions to the officials to improve services for the

inmates." Later, the deputy commissioner assured the chairman that the administration will make prompt arrangements for ensuring regular medical examination of jail inmates. Besides, the administration will also solve their grievances. Earlier, the Chairman also met the inmates in Central, Borstal and Women Jails and listened to their issues. He also visited various old-age homes and talked with senior citizens.

Construction of Integrated IT Park and Incubation Center project set to gain momentum with the formation of PM

Lucknow In line with CM Yogi's vision, an action plan was developed to establish various facilities, including an IT Park, STPI Park, Incubation Center, and State Data Center, across a 40-acre area in Lucknow's Amausi Industrial Area. To implement this plan, a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) will be formed through the appointment of a consultancy

firm. The IT and Electronics Department has entrusted this task to Uttar Pradesh Electronics Corporation Limited (UPLC), which has begun the process of selecting the consultancy firm. Under the project, the appointed PMU will not only monitor various development and construction activities of the Integrated IT Park and Incubation Center but will also prepare a

roadmap to attract investment from major investors both domestically and globally. Notably, as part of the project, a modern, state-of-the-art building named "Electronics Niketan" will be constructed. This building will house the offices of PMUs and other related units associated with organizations like the IT and Electronics Department.

'If courts start denying bail ...': SC affirms 'bail is rule' even for special statutes

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to a man accused under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), emphasizing that the legal principle "bail is rule, jail is an exception" is applicable even to offences under special statutes. The top court highlighted that denying bail in deserving cases would be a violation of fundamental rights. A bench of justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih underlined the importance of considering bail applications in accordance with the law, even in serious allegations. They stated, "Allegations of the prosecution may be very serious, but it is court's duty to consider the case for bail in accordance with law. Bail is the rule and jail is the exception applies even to special statutes. If courts start denying bail in deserving cases, it will be a violation of rights guaranteed under Article 21." The judgement came in the case of Jalaluddin Khan, who was booked under the UAPA and other sections of the now-

defunct Indian Penal Code. Khan had rented out the upper floor of his house to alleged members of the banned organisation Popular Front of India (PFI). According to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the investigation disclosed that a criminal conspiracy was hatched with the intention of carrying out acts of terror and violence. This was purported to create an atmosphere of terror and endanger the unity and integrity of the nation. As part of this conspiracy, the accused arranged accommodation in Ahmad Palace, Phulwarisharif (Patna). The premises were used for training individuals in acts of violence and for holding criminal conspiracy meetings. Information received by the Bihar Police indicated that the accused planned to cause disturbances during the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2022. Acting on a tip-off, the Phulwarisharif Police conducted a raid on July 11, 2022, at Khan's house.

E-commerce has ushered in a new era: Yogi

Lucknow Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Friday, highlighted the transformative impact of e-commerce platforms, describing them as a catalyst for a new era of opportunities. He emphasized how these platforms are fostering growth and creating jobs. He said, "E-commerce has ushered in a new era of opportunities. It has provided a platform for entrepreneurs to reach a wider audience and has created numerous jobs. We will continue to support and promote e-commerce as a key driver of economic growth and development in our state."



DRDO successfully test fires Made-in-India portable anti-tank missile



NEW DELHI: The defence research and development organisation on Tuesday conducted successful test-firing of the indigenously developed Man-Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MP-ATGM). The test took place at a field firing range located in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, DRDO officials said. The MP-ATGM is a portable, shoulder-launched missile system designed to neutralize enemy tanks and armored vehicles. The MP-ATGM is a portable, shoulder-launched missile system designed to neutralize enemy tanks and armored vehicles. The ATGM system is well-equipped with day/night and top attack capability with a dual mode seeker functionality. The missile successful trials were conducted on April 14. The system consisted of the MPATGM, launcher, target acquisition system, and the fire control unit. The Warhead Flight Trials were successfully conducted at the Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan on April 13, 2024. Missile performance and warhead performance were found to be remarkable.

We will invest ten times the amount provided by the UP government here: CP Agarwal

Lucknow Steel Chairman CP Agarwal said, "Gallant has invested more than Rs 1500 crores in Gorakhpur since 2006 and more than half of this investment has been made during the Yogi government." He further noted that the environment of honesty and

transparency in governance and administration in Uttar Pradesh is a testament to the Chief Minister's strong will. "In the past, problems were met with statements like 'this work cannot be done,' but now there's a new question—'why?' This shift has transformed the entire

decision-making process. I can confidently say that the grants received have been under the 2017 policy." He added, "I urge all entrepreneurs to invest in Uttar Pradesh. The UP government is currently providing us with substantial funds, and in return, we commit to investing ten times.

Double engine government has turned the impossible into reality: CM Yogi

Lucknow Taking a swipe at the opposition, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stated on Friday that those who once considered investing in Uttar Pradesh an impossible task should now recognize how his government has turned that impossibility into reality. The Chief Minister distributed incentives worth Rs 1,333 crore to 32 industrial units and Letters of Comfort to 10 industrial units for investment of over Rs 4,500 crore in a program organized at Lok Bhavan. During this, he said, "Before 2017, UP was plagued by chaos,

anarchy, and crime due to the narrow-minded approach of the previous government, which lacked vision. But today, the state enjoys the rule of law and has created a favorable environment for investment, making Uttar Pradesh India's dream destination for investors." He highlighted the success of the Global Investors Summit held in February 2023, where the state received investment proposals exceeding Rs 40 lakh crore. "Of this, proposals worth over Rs 10 lakh crore have already been the Ground Breaking Ceremony.

Flipkart expands operations in Uttar Pradesh with two new Fulfillment Centers; aims to boost MSMEs growth and support UP's Path to \$1 Trillion Economy

SONIPAT / FARIDABAD : Flipkart, India's home-grown e-commerce marketplace, announced the grand opening of two new Fulfillment Centers (FCs) in Uttar Pradesh. The facilities include an FC and a sortation center in Unnao and a sortation center along with a Grocery FC in Varanasi. The technologically advanced facilities, covering over 5 lakh sq. ft of storage space, were virtually inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri. Yogi Adityanath. These new Fulfillment Centers aim to streamline delivery times and increase efficiency across numerous pin-codes while creating more



than 3,600 direct and indirect employment opportunities. The new Grocery fulfillment center in Varanasi and the non-large facility in Unnao will provide an expansive selection of products to its customers, ranging from local to established brands. During the virtual inauguration, Yogi Adityanath Ji, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, highlighted the

significant role this expansion will play in boosting economic growth in the state. During his address, Yogi Adityanath Ji remarked, "Flipkart's substantial investment in Uttar Pradesh is a testament to the state's growing reputation as an emerging industrial and entrepreneurial hub. These fulfillment centers are not only generating large-scale employment

but also empowering the state's MSME units by providing them with a pan-India reach. Millions of customers can benefit from Flipkart's advanced supply chain, which seamlessly processes a large number of orders every day." Speaking about the development and echoing these sentiments, Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Flipkart Group, said, "With the government's continued focus on creating a conducive business environment and fostering innovation, Uttar Pradesh offers enormous potential for entrepreneurial growth and success."

BJP rejects leadership change in Maharashtra

Delhi: Following the party's dismal performance in the most recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP ruled against changing the leadership of the state of Maharashtra. The choice was made after a meeting of the Maharashtra BJP core committee that included Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party president JP Nadda. Reporters were informed by Union Minister Piyush Goyal at the BJP headquarters that "there will be no change in leadership in Maharashtra." State BJP chairman Chandrashekhar Bawankule, along with senior leaders Sudhir Mungantiwar, Chandrakant Patil, Pankaja Munde, and Vinod Tawde, were present at the meeting. In the most recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured nine seats in Maharashtra, a decrease from its 2019 total of 23 seats. Devendra Fadnis, the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra, had made the offer to leave the MahaYuti administration of Shiv Sena, BJP, and NCP in order to concentrate on leading the party to victory in the September–October assembly elections. During the meeting at the BJP headquarters, the party's showing in the Lok Sabha elections was also a topic of discussion.

Minorities of Bangladesh assembled in borders along Tripura seeking entry

AGARTALA: The BSF has intensified the vigil along the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura following the report of the gathering of a large number of minorities in Bangladesh across other sides of wire fencing in several places in two days.

According to the report, hundreds of non-Muslim families and Awami League supporters have been facing atrocities and attacks allegedly by the miscreants in and around Dhaka, Patuakhali, Sylhet, Srimangal, Brahmanbaria, Comilla, Noakhali, Feni and



Chittagrame soon after Sheikh Hasina resigned and left the country on Monday.

The report claimed houses, properties, and belongings of more than 17000 families in Bangladesh have been destroyed while about a lakh people ran away

from their localities seeking shelter in safe places. Allegedly, the protestors issued an open threat to the minorities to leave Bangladesh as it is soon to be declared an Islamic country. Not only minority communities but even

Muslims who supported Hasina and believers in democracy have also allegedly been targeted by the demonstrators and were facing the atrocities, said a businessman of Brahmanbaria belonging to the majority community adding, "We have been identified as India's sympathizer." During Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971, a similar situation was created but there was no fencing in those days between India and Bangladesh.

As a result, about 16 lakh people especially Hindus and Buddhists

from then East Pakistan sheltered only in Tripura. Assam, Meghalaya, and West Bengal also witnessed a huge influx and settlement subsequently because the Indian government allowed refugees.

The BSF sources said that villagers assembled other sides of the fencing in the isolated pockets in Kailashahar, Kamalpur, Khowai, Simna, Narshinghar, Belabar, Kamalagar, Sonamura, and Sabrom seeking entry into Indian Territory.

Since India has decided not to allow anybody from Bangladesh.

City benefits from longer amusement license

Delhi: LG Saxena's unified public entertainment licensing platform, launched earlier this month, has made business easier and helped turn Delhi into a dynamic city, restaurateurs claimed. Restaurant operators may now schedule gigs without worrying about getting a license at the last minute with a long-term license. Before launching the service, they had to file a police license form before hosting singer, band, percussionist, or stand-up shows. Permissions were slow, so you couldn't book good artists or host last-minute shows. This link lets you apply for a longer license online. Sandeep Goyle, National Restaurant Association of India Delhi chapter head, said this will help many businesses. The manager of a popular restaurant stated even a casual gig required a license and much documenta-



tion before submission. "Permission could take two weeks to a month. It could also be refused. This nearly ended live music and performance in restaurants, which mostly used DJs or recorded music" said. An LG secretariat official said the webpage was designed to streamline, simplify, and standardize the capital's licensing process for amusement parks, auditoriums, and video game parlours. According to the source, the licensing unit of Delhi Police, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and National Informatics Centre created the transformational portal to improve licensing operations across Delhi. The paperwork and documentation requirements are much reduced, streamlining the application procedure. The site streamlines application processing and cooperation by combining municipal organizations, Delhi Fire Service, and Delhi Police onto a single platform. "The application can be filled out online from anywhere and sent to all agencies simultaneously for quick processing. This allowed public performers, poets, and comedians to perform without having their scripts approved by police before the capital event.

700 parakeets rescued from Old Delhi Market

Delhi: At least 736 birds of six species protected under different Wildlife Act schedules were rescued from at least two shops at Coat market, also known as Kabootar market, in Jama Masjid in central Delhi after a raid by the department of forest and wildlife on birds lived in metal and plastic cages of various sizes. The shopkeepers packed the cages inhumanely in confined areas. The shopkeepers fled after witnessing the raiders. The officials stated Jama Masjid police officers helped the forest and

wildlife department's raiding squad find and rescue the birds. Anamika, deputy conservator of forests (central division), said the 736 rescued birds included six kinds of Parakeets and Munias. There were 325 Scaly Breasted Munias, 190 Rose Ringed, 123 Black Headed, 39 Red, 37 Alexandrine, and 22 Plum Headed. "The abducted birds are fed and watered in a central forest section. Anamika (one name) stated, "After some observation, they will be released in Asola Bhatti Sanctuary."

After a tip regarding Jama Masjid stores illegally holding endangered species, the central forest division launched the raid, officials said.

A team of wildlife inspectors, foresters, wildlife and forest guards, and animal handlers went to the Coat Market with local police. "Since our team had to conduct the raid and rescue operation in a sensitive locality, we roped in the local Jama Masjid police staff to handle any security and safety issues," stated the DCF."

PUC centers reopen as government promises to evaluate testing fee



Delhi: Petroleum dealers association officials said most pollution-under-control (PUC) checking centre operators at Delhi petrol pumps resumed operations on Thursday after calling off their indefinite strike to demand higher fees. After a meeting between the Delhi Petrol Dealers Association (DPDA) and Delhi transport department officials, who promised to investigate the striking dealers' requests, services resumed. DPDA general secretary Bibek Banerjee said: "The principal secretary, transport, agreed to relook into rate revision based on actual costs involved in the process. The officer will get DPDA's complete reasoning for PUC tariff increases soon. For the greater

good, DPDA has called off PUC centers' petrol pump strikes. The transport agency said PUC centre dealers put off the strike after talking with them. "They will justify raising PUC rates in detail. The transport official, who requested anonymity, said the department will review the findings and take action. The Delhi government reported 945 PUC centers, 600 of which operate from petrol pumps. Around 400 dealers went on an extended strike from July 15 to demand double testing. Following a 13-year gap, the government recommended raising PUC rates by ₹20 to ₹40 last week. Petroleum traders say the raise is insufficient to cover costs while waiting for notification.

Scrap 'illegal' car, get refund for next purchase

Delhi: Scrapping your old car will get you a discount on your future one. Delhi government sent LG VK Saxena a proposal for approval. Kailash Gahlot, transport minister, said the policy encouraged the destruction of old, polluting vehicles and the adoption of newer, cleaner ones. "By offering tax concessions, we hope to make it easier for vehicle owners to transit to more environment-friendly options," said Gahlot. The government would reduce the motor vehicles (MV) tax for new transport and non-transport cars provided a certificate is submitted confirming an old vehicle was scrapped at a registered vehicle scrapping plant. To qualify for savings, one must acquire a new car in the same category as the scrapped one. New diesel cars will receive a 15% MV tax concession.

Delhi to expand PUC checkpoints

Delhi: The Arvind Kerjriwal-led administration stated that it is investigating new locations to open pollution under control (PUC) inspection facilities in Delhi for people's convenience. After the Transport department found several petrol pump PUC checking centres "non-operational", the decision was made. The Transport department has asked DMRC and IGL to open new PUC checking centres at their sites. Advertisement Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, "Ensuring vehicles comply with pollution norms is crucial for improving Delhi's air quality. By adding PUC checking centers, we hope to make car testing and certification easier for citizens. We thank DMRC and IGL for their help." Over 900 PUC inspection centers are in Delhi, including 700 at petrol pumps. In 2017, the Supreme Court ordered all state transport departments to set up PUC checking stations at fuel stations. The Transport Department found some PUC checking centres violating this directive recently. Enforcers have been ordered to shut down non-compliant PUC checking centers in the city.

Delhi government officers reshuffled

Delhi: The Delhi government's services department dismissed senior IAS officer A Anbarasu from the principal commissioner (trade and taxes) position. Anbarasu, a 1996-batch IAS officer, will remain principal secretary of Public Works Department and Delhi Jal Board CEO. Lieutenant governor VK Saxena ordered it, officials said. Sources further said the AAP government had noted that the official was overworked with three critical ministries, hampering work. The services department also selected 2002-batch IAS officer Nikhil Kumar as land and building secretary. Kumar was relocated to Delhi from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and was awaiting appointment. He had numerous key roles in Delhi before. The order also named 2008-batch IAS officer Chanchal Yadav secretary (home). In other news, 2009-batch officer KM Uppu was dismissed from the excise commissioner duties. He will now be New Delhi Municipal Council secretary entirely. In anticipation of postings, the services department dispatched 2001-batch IAS officers Arti Lal Sharma and Jitender Yadav to DDA and MCD. Ravi Jha, another IAS officer awaiting posting, is now New Delhi district magistrate, while Marathe Onkar Gopal is in MCD. LG transferred and posted only in his direct control offices, an official said. Tamil Nadu named P Amudha special officer for Mudhalvarin Mugavari and Makkaludan Mudhalvar. She was transferred from the home department after opposition criticism of law enforcement. CS Shiv Das Meena confirmed the appointment. Kerala appointed IAS officer K Vasuki to manage 'foreign collaboration'.

HC authorizes MCD to remove illegal construction

Delhi: The High Court ordered the MCD to dismantle an unauthorized structure built by a Mayur Vihar Phase 1 Extension housing society resident. On July 9, the HC bench of acting Chief Justice (ACJ) Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela ruled that MCD, under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, is "fully empowered" to remove unauthorised

construction "even if it happens to be within the four corners of a house or a flat". The housing society's writ case to ensure MCD's statutory responsibility was maintainable, the bench said. After MCD ignored multiple reminders from 2019 to monitor various residents' encroachments, the society's controlling committee went to court.

The petitioner's attorney argued that a resident had built illegally and encroached on society land, then removed it herself. The attorney said just the elevated base remains.

At the hearing, MCD counsel told HC that it had booked unlawful development in 13 society flats and partially demolished them. The counsel

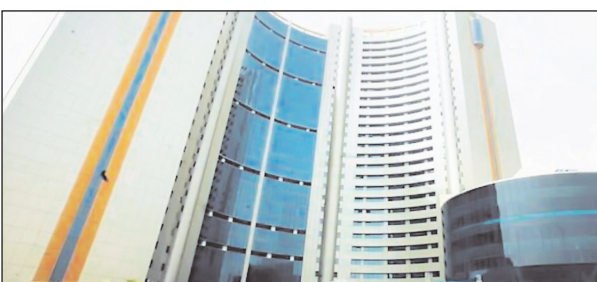
Telemedicine to access specialized doctors

Delhi: State-run hospitals will provide Delhi residents telemedicine from doctors and specialists. Sources stated Delhi health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj has authorized doctors from several government hospitals to consult with patients via eSanjeevani. The Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC), which built the Sanjeevani software, agreed to Bharadwaj's request to alter it for the Delhi government. National patients can consult doctors in central government and municipal hospitals in the capital. A six-member committee led by ILBS

chancellor Dr. SK Sarin, created by Delhi High Court to improve health services in state-run and MCD hospitals and dispensaries, also advocated telemedicine. Sources said C-DAC will build a Delhi-only platform with state-run hospital doctors. "Since the government was in the process of hiring more doctors through UPSC and on contract, officials said the facility will be reviewed in due course of time and will be opened to patients from other states also," a rep said. Delhi's health department will hire general practitioners and specialists in surgery.

MCD will contract out all Karol Bagh municipal park maintenance

Delhi: Senior civic officials stated that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will pilot outsourcing municipal park management to commercial concessionaires to improve their upkeep. The 762-park Karol Bagh zone will host the pilot. A senior MCD official said the horticulture department has produced a project study for outsourcing Karol Bagh maintenance, including upkeep, pruning, rubbish collection, and vegetation. "The sanitation department manages waste in all zones through private concessionaires. We're out-



sourcing Karol Bagh park maintenance to a specialist. It is estimated to cost roughly ₹5 crore annually. The official, who requested anonymity, said the idea may be expanded to other zones if successful. MCD's horticulture department administers 15,226 parks on 5,172.07 acres. Most parks—90%—are "housing area parks"

(HAP) with areas under 5,000 square meters. Besides providing a green lung for Delhi, these parks allow citizens to exercise and play. According to an MCD official, outsourcing park management to experts should save money.

"We expect better park maintenance. It will expedite park maintenance concerns from

citizens. The zonal officer would oversee all agency activity, the statement stated. The top MCD official stated that of 762 parks in Karol Bagh, 42 are more than 4,047sqm, 119 are 2,023.5sqm to 4,047sqm, and the rest are smaller.

Reported last year that the corporation had a gardener shortage, citing an MCD study that indicated 56% of gardener positions were vacant as of September 2023. Only 3,446 of 7,872 sanctioned gardener posts were hired, causing trouble in north and east Delhi.

1.8L hopefuls log in as DU Phase-II admission preferences finish



After multiple student requests, the university extended the program and college combination choice due from Aug 7-9.

Delhi: Phase II of Delhi University's Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) filing program and college preferences ended. The institution received

1,59,56,834 choices from 1,80,109 applicants by evening. The first round of CSAS attracted 2,45,273 applicants for 71,000 undergraduate seats at DU. After multiple student requests, the university extended the program and college combination choice due from Aug 7-9. Students' stored selections decide the programs and universities they can attend. Next, all 1,59,56,834 preferences of 1,80,109 applicants will be auto-locked for course and college distribution. The institution advises

applicants to select the most preferences they are ready to accept. DU dean of admissions Haneet Gandhi informed that BCom and BCom (H) are the most popular courses this year. According to the admission timetable, applicants' simulated ranks will be announced. On August 16, the first CSAS allocation list will be announced, and applicants must accept their seats by August 18. Each college will evaluate and accept online applications by 20.

The planned modifications to the CBSE credit system for students in grades 9 through 12

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is considering major changes to the curriculum for Classes 9, 10, 11, and 12 as part of its effort to adopt creditization in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. According to a news outlet, all principals of CBSE-affiliated schools were asked to evaluate and provide input on the plan by the end of last year. The deadline for comments was set for December 5, 2023. In accordance with the recommendations of the NEP 2020, the goal of creditization is to establish academic equality between general and vocational education, allowing for seamless transfers between the two systems. The University Grants Commission (UGC) established the National Credit Framework (NCF) in 2022 to put his plan into action.

The number of credits granted to each topic would be proportional to the time spent studying that subject.



Karnataka legislature joins Tamil Nadu, West Bengal in rejecting NEET

Delhi: The Karnataka legislature voted a resolution against NEET, joining a growing list of anti-BJP states that have requested exemption. The Mamata Bannerjee-led Trinamool Congress administration in West Bengal approved a similar resolution. The assembly also rejected the "One Nation, One Election" approach and demanded that the Union government utilize population statistics from the 1971 census to delimit Lok Sabha seats beyond 2026. Medical education minister Sharan Prakash Patil warned the house that NEET was badly harming rural poor medical education chances. The Congress minister who introduced the motion said the federal system was making school education inefficient and denying the state the authority to accept children to government medical institutes. Patil stated the government's stance as Opposition members tore up NEET resolutions. The state requested an exception to admit medical students based on CET results. NEET, a single eligibility cum admission test for MBBS and BDS courses in India, is under investigation for anomalies and paper leaks.

Forty credits, or 1,200 notional study hours, make up a whole school year.

Finalizing the development of the sixth grade textbooks, which will soon be available

The discussion took place against the backdrop of Class 6 textbooks that have been in the works since April but have not yet been finalized

Delhi: Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan of the Union met here to discuss the progress of textbooks developed in line with the New Curriculum Framework (NCF). The discussion took place against the backdrop of Class 6



textbooks that have been in the works since April but have not yet been finalized. New third and sixth grade textbooks will be available for use beginning with the 2024-25 school year, according to an earlier announcement by the National Council for

Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Classes 3 and 6 will have new, exciting texts in the 2024-25 school year.

We are currently in the last stages of textbook creation, and nine textbooks for grades 3 and 6 are accessible. A sen-

ior official from the Ministry of Education (MoE) announced that the remaining eight will be made accessible very shortly. It was originally planned that only Classes 3 and 6 would receive the new textbooks based on the NCF 2023 this year. Class 6 textbooks are behind schedule, but Class 3's are already on sale. In the midst of the current school year, the NCERT has just published new English and Hindi textbooks for Class 6. Schools have been requested to instruct Class 6 pupils from a bridge program until the textbooks for the remaining disciplines, including social science, science, and mathematics, are prepared.

Golden lad Neeraj Chopra: Silver touch

Delhi: World track and field diamond, India's Tokyo Games gold medalist, won silver at the 2024 Paris Olympics. In Tokyo, defending Olympic javelin throw champion Neeraj Chopra won a remarkable second individual medal for India. A borderlander who authored history received the Paris gold. Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem set a new Olympic record and the sixth greatest throw in history with a second throw of 92.97m. The Indian, despite an impassioned comeback after throwing 89.45m,



couldn't catch up. Anderson Peters of Grenada won bronze in 88.54m. The highlight of the Olympics was India vs. Pakistan. The announcer mentioned cricket. On the sports field, Chopra would have to reach the 90m mark to defeat his opponent and close buddy. India has yet to

win a gold in these Games, but Chopra has cemented his position among India's athletic legends.

This Games' gold-silver cabinet is unparalleled, and only Sushil Kumar, PV Sindhu, and Manu Bhaker can claim two medals of any color. png

Skills university lowers 6 UG fees from 50k to 35k

No graduation fee reductions have been declared by the university. University students may also demand lower



diploma course expenses

Delhi: Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University lowered six undergraduate programs' tuition from Rs 50,000 to Rs 35,000. After a steep fee rise for most courses at the UGC-recognized university in the NCT of Delhi, student groups slammed the administration. Bachelors in banking financial services and insurance, computer applications, digital marketing

and data analytics, digital media design, optometry, and medical laboratory sciences have lower tuition. After soliciting written contributions from protesting students, the university's finance committee recommended these modifications. "It was also decided by the finance committee to provide a 60% tuition fees waiver to SC/ST & PWD students," the institution said. The institution would repay higher-fee students, according to a senior official. No graduation fee reductions have been

Increasing creativity can be achieved by urging students to pursue PhD degrees

Delhi: A major step in the right direction, the UGC guidelines for direct admission of UGs to PhD programs were announced in 2022, and they will help us attract a competent and motivated pool of candidates to our PhD programs. Thanks to NEP 2020's wiggle room, these rules may now promote risky initiatives that can speed up India's STEM development. Regardless of their undergraduate degree, UGC now encourages undergraduates to pursue a PhD in any field of their choice. It would be a courageous step for colleges to take heed to this recommendation and inspire more students to change their majors to pursue research as their true calling. The pursuit of



novel concepts, findings, phenomena, or procedures—or a mix of these—through well-established research methodologies is what drives universities to engage and assist staff and students in expanding the boundaries of knowledge. Excellent educational institutions provide an atmosphere that encourages research motivated by curiosity as well as practical needs. This effort relies

heavily on a PhD student. Doctoral candidates should have strong background knowledge in their chosen profession, strong intrinsic desire, a genuine interest about the world around them, a can-do attitude, the ability to bounce back from setbacks, and an eagerness to take on new challenges. Most of the time, these traits are determined by one's level of basic preparation and one's life experiences.

DU's order on guest faculty appointment leaves teachers

Delhi: The heads of various colleges and departments of Delhi University can appoint guest faculty members only in case of a leave vacancy, an official order stated. This has attracted the ire of several teachers who have written to the vice-chancellor, Yogesh



Singh, demanding immediate withdrawal of the order. The university, in the official order issued by deputy registrar (colleges), instructed its to make such appointments only if a permanent faculty member is on leave, including maternity leave, child care leave, study leave, sabbatical leave, medical leave or extraordinary leave. "In so far as appointment of guest faculty in the colleges is concerned, I have been directed to categorically inform that appointment of guest faculties in colleges can only be made against the leave vacancy i.e. maternity leave, child care leave, study leave, sabbatical leave, medical leave and extraordinary leave," stated the DU notification.

The notification stated that all heads of its colleges should ensure that under no circumstances, appointment of guest faculty members shall be made except against the leave vacancy.