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Negotiations are only way forward': Jaishankar on Russia-Ukraine conflict

NEW DELHI: External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday reiterated India's position on the Russia-Ukraine war, saying that it "rests on some postulates." He stressed that "differences can only be resolved through dialogue and negotiation, not war," and affirmed that "negotiations are the only way forward." Jaishankar made these remarks while addressing a joint press conference with German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock. EAM said, "Minister Baerbock and I regularly talk about Ukraine. We are talking about this time in person. But from time to time, we speak on the phone or otherwise." Jaishankar added, "In the last two-and-a-half years, in different ways, India has had some involvement with various specific initiatives, the green corridor, matters relating to the security of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear station and some other



Rahul remark shows his prejudice against quotas, claims BJP

NEW DELHI: Taking strong exception to Rahul Gandhi's remarks on Sikhs in India, several BJP functionaries belonging to the community said Rahul was trying to poison Sikhs and defame India as they recalled the massacre of Sikhs in Delhi following Indira

Gandhi's assassination. "Rahul ji, the only time when Sikhs felt scared and insecure, in fact, an existential threat, was in 1984, when at the instigation of Congress functionaries, rioters put tyres around the necks of Sikhs wearing turbans and burnt them alive". Russia in July. He met President Zelensky in Italy in June and then he went to Kyiv in August. And in both, Moscow and Kyiv, he had fairly detailed long discussions with the two Presidents."

Curfew back in 3 Manipur districts, internet ban in 5

NEW DELHI: Ethnic melting pot Manipur, thought to be on the mend until a fresh outbreak of violence since Sept 1 resulted in 11 deaths, returned to shutdown mode on Tuesday after the administration clamped an indefinite total curfew in three districts, blocked broadband and mobile internet in five districts, and bolstered its 26,000-strong contingent of central armed police forces with two additional CRPF battalions. Imphal East, Imphal West and Thoubal are the valley districts under curfew. Internet and mobile data had been initially suspended in the entire state before the authorities amended the order, restricting the blackout to Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching for five days. The trigger for the BJP-led state gov't's move was spiralling civilian unrest in the valley, with slogan-shouting student protesters in Imphal clashing with police and burning effigies. Banners declaring "Stop Indian proxy war" and "Go back central security forces" reflected the protesters' defiance, which authorities blamed on social media channels allegedly spreading misinformation.

Don't allow BJP's plans to succeed: Omar on bail to Engineer Rashid

NEW DELHI: A special NIA court in New Delhi on Tuesday granted interim bail to Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, better known as Engineer Rashid (pic), till Oct 2, allowing him to campaign for the J&K polls. Additional sessions judge Chander Jit Singh had reserved his order after an in-camera hearing. "It is a huge relief (for Rashid) after having spent over five years in jail," said his counsel Vikhyat Oberoi. Lodged in Tihar jail since 2019 after being held in a terror funding case, Rashid moved a plea for 3 months' interim bail to participate in campaign. Rashid, who heads Awami Ittehad Party (AIP), contested as an independent candidate from the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency and defeated National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah, earlier this year. The upcoming assembly elections - three-phase polls from Sept 18 to Oct 1 for 90 assembly seats - the first after the abrogation of Article



Muizzu's India trip likely soon, says his office; Modi critics quit

NEW DELHI: Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu is likely to visit India "very soon", his office announced Tuesday. The two sides are looking to finalise a "feasible" date for what will be Muizzu's first official visit to India since he took over as President in Nov, 2023. The announcement came on a day two junior ministers who had made derogatory remarks about PM Modi resigned from govt. The ministers had

370, are being seen as a milestone, as Rashid's massive win over the former CM as well as Sajjad Lone of People's

been suspended earlier. The visit will come on the back of the recent thaw in bilateral ties that saw Muizzu attending PM Narendra Modi's swearing-in for his third term in June this year and external affairs minister S Jaishankar visiting Male last month. Considered pro-China, Muizzu's decision last year as President to seek immediate withdrawal of Indian military personnel.

Conference in the Lok Sabha elections had created ripples in the Valley, and changed the

BJP demands legal action against Cong's Digvijaya for 'indecent' jab

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Sunday demanded legal action against senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh for allegedly making an objectionable remark about Madhya Pradesh BJP chief VD Sharma. A delegation, led by Bhopal BJP president Sumit Pachauri, approached local crime branch officials, seeking an FIR against Singh for allegedly using the term "napunsakta" (impotence) in reference to the BJP MP chief. "Singh had deliberately used the indecent word against Sharma, who is also Lok Sabha MP from Khajuraho, to tarnish his image and to provoke their cadre to launch an agitation to disturb law and order during the ongoing Ganeshotsav. We have sought case against Singh under sections 356, 356 (1) and 352 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita," Pachauri said. Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Singh had said "a triple-engine government, at Centre, state and local body level.

IAF officer files rape complaint with cops against Wing Commander

NEW DELHI: An IAF officer has filed a police complaint against a senior, accusing him of rape, outraging her modesty and continuous mental harassment at the Srinagar Air Force station in J&K, while also claiming that the "internal committee" of the force dismissed her allegations without proper consideration. The woman, a Flying Officer, has alleged that the accused, a Wing Commander, called her to his room after a new year party at the officers' mess on Dec 31 last year on the pretext of her not having received the gift being distributed at the function. On entering the room, when she asked where the Wing Commander's wife and children were, he replied they were elsewhere. She alleged he then forced her into oral sex and molested her. "I repeatedly asked him to stop and tried to resist it. Finally, I pushed him and ran away," she said, in the FIR lodged at the Budgam police station on Sept 8. IAF, on being contacted by , said: "We are aware the woman officer has lodged an FIR. Budgam Police have approached the air force station (Srinagar) authorities. IAF is fully cooperating in the investigation." **IAF officer files rape complaint with cops** "I was afraid and didn't know what to do as there were instances before also wherein, I was discouraged to report. He (the accused) visited my office after this incident... He behaved as if nothing happened," she said. "I can't describe the mental agony of being an unmarried girl who had joined the forces and was treated in such a heinous manner," she said, adding she initially lacked the courage to report the incident. When she told two women officers about the incident, following which an inquiry was ordered.

Was afraid to visit J&K': UPA minister remark draws BJP jibe

NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leaders seized upon veteran Congress functionary Sushil Kumar Shinde's remark that he was trembling with fear while visiting Lal Chowk in Srinagar as home minister under UPA-2.



Union minister Piyush Goyal and former I&B minister Anurag Thakur cited Shinde's remark at the launch of his memoirs on Monday as symbolising the fear and insecurity in J&K under Kashmir," Goyal wrote on X. "But now, under the leadership of PM Modi, the security is so strong that even opposition leaders play with snow in Kashmir, without any fear," he

added in a reference to Congress's Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi tossing snowballs at each other. Thakur was equally scathing: "The confession from Shinde saheb is an admission of the reign of terror that jihadis had unleashed in J&K. Look at the contrast after PM Modi formed govt in Delhi. You can visit the same Lal Chowk without any fear."

NEW DELHI: Congress functionary Rahul Gandhi told the Indian diaspora in the US that the fight at home wasn't about politics but whether Sikhs, and adherents of other faiths, will be able to practise their religion with freedom. At a convention of Indians in Washington, the Congress functionary said the "idea of Modi" - 56 inches and direct connection with God - has disap-

Rahul Gandhi says freedom of faith shrinking; BJP recalls 1984



peared in a jiffy, and people are no longer scared of PM Modi after the 2024 Lok Sabha results. Stressing on his now established refrain of threat to religious minorities under the Modi govt, Rahul

Congress attacks Sebi chief's ties to advisory firm, claims conflict of interest, criminal conspiracy

NEW DELHI: Congress on Tuesday levelled fresh allegations of "conflict of interest" against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and said that an advisory firm in which she held 99% stake had provided consultancy services to the Mahindra and Mahindra Group, Dr Reddy's, ICICI, Pidilite Industries, Sembcorp and Visu Leasing and Finance, while she held senior positions at the regulatory agency. At a press conference, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said the Sebi chief's



husband, Dhaval Buch, had received nearly Rs 4.8 crore from M&M Group, while the advisory firm Agora Advisory had received close to Rs 2.6 crore from the company, accounting for 88% of its revenue of just under Rs 3 crore. He said that the payments were made while Puri

Buch was adjudicating cases against the M&M Group. The regulatory agency's spokesperson did not comment on the allegations. Pointing to the joint statement issued by the couple on Aug 11 after a short-seller Hindenburg Research first

revealed their holdings in two consulting firms - one in India and the second in Singapore - Khera alleged that contrary to the claims made by Dhaval and Puri Buch of the entities being dormant, the Indian entity has been "actively providing advisory. /consulting servic-

Cong slams govt for 'dissolving' Standing Committee on Statistics

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Sunday hit out at the government over the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation reportedly dissolving the Standing Committee on Statistics, alleging it was done as its members repeatedly asked why the decennial Census due in 2021 has still not been conducted. The Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has "quietly dissolved the 14-member Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS) headed by eminent economist and former chief statistician of the country Pronab Sen, allegedly after its members questioned. tary in-Jairam Ramesh said, "And for what? Simply for repeatedly asking the Government why the decennial Census last due in 2021 has still not been conducted.

Absence of junior doctors in hospitals continued to affect healthcare



KOLKATA: The absence of junior doctors in hospitals continued to affect healthcare services across Bengal on Tuesday even as reports poured in about an accident victim dying at a private hospital 11 days after he was turned away by multiple govt hospitals, including Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata, due to the ongoing protest by medicos. Hooghly resident Sadananda Pal, 63, who met with an accident, died on Aug 29, days after undergo-

ing a neurosurgery at a private hospital in Barasat. His death was revealed on Tuesday on X in a post by Trinamool, which read: "One tragedy after another - the human cost of doctors abstaining from their duty is mounting. This time, a man from Haripal lost his life after being denied the treatment he desperately needed..." "We could not admit him to the hospital in Chinsurah. We took him to Kalyani.

Strategies for OBC and disabled people discussed in Chintan Shivir

Prayagraj/Agra: The second day of the two-day thinking camp organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India at Hotel JP Palace, Agra, concluded on Tuesday. On this occasion, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Class Welfare and Disability Empowerment of Uttar



Pradesh, Narendra Kashyap was also present. Uttar Pradesh Minister Narendra Kashyap said that during the camp he met Union Cabinet Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar and Union Minister of State BL Verma. In this meeting, the rights of students with disabilities and OBC community were discussed and their problems were raised on the main platform. Various states presented their action plans in this camp. Narendra Kashyap said that the main objective of this thinking camp was to review the progress and implementation of social justice related schemes in the state and union territories. Its objective was to ensure coordination between the Central and State Governments and discuss solutions to the challenges being faced. In the programme, various schemes for the empowerment of OBC community and disabled people were reviewed state-wise. Apart from this, an action plan for the National Drug Free India Campaign was also prepared.

Restore students' union: AU student write in blood

Prayagraj: A student of Allahabad University wrote a blood letter regarding the restoration of the student union. Today, a blood letter was written at the Student Union Building of Allahabad University to His Excellency the President, to the Honorable Prime Minister, to the Honorable Education Minister and to the Honorable Vice Chancellor Madam for the restoration of the student union. This blood peace it was given by Mishra in which it was said that every bit of our body is present to save the identity of this university, today we have given only blood, if tomorrow our life is needed, we will give that too. The students said that the Students' Union of the University is a matter of pride for us, from where the country has got four Prime Ministers, Presidents, many Chief Ministers, all these are the plants of the Students' Union of the University, hence the students have demanded that the Students' Union of the University should soon be restored as soon as possible. On this occasion, students like Bhav Bharat Single, Anurag Gaurav Prabhat etc. were present.



Vi users can view Live Darshan of Lalbagcha Raja and Ashtavinayak shrines

Varanasi: Vi users can experience Lalbagcha Raja Darshan live throughout the 10-day festive period on their mobile phones, through the Vi App and Vi Movies & TV App, powered by Shemaroo Live Darshan of Mayureshwar of Morgaon, Siddhivinayaka of Siddhatek, Mahaganapati of Ranjangaon, Chintamani of Theur and many more shrines

It is once again that time of the year when all of Maharashtra gets bedecked to celebrate Ganeshotsav and welcome Lord Ganesha for his annual ten day visit to homes and pandals across the state. To celebrate the spirit of Ganeshotsav for Lord Ganesha's devotees across the country, leading telecom operator Vi has arranged for live streaming of Mumbai's iconic Ganesh idol, Lalbagcha Raja, directly on Vi App and Vi Movies & TV App. This initiative allows devotees to partake in the spiritual fervor of Ganesh Chaturthi from the comfort of their homes, ensuring that the blessings of Bappa reach everyone, everywhere. During the ten-day Ganeshotsav between September 7th to 17th 2024, Vi users can witness the grandeur of Lalbagcha Raja and virtually attend the rituals and festivities in real-time. Vi will be streaming Live Darshan of Lalbagcha Raja, four Ashtavinayak shrines- as well as iconic temples like Shri Babulnath Temple, Shri Mumbai Devi Mandir & more.. This initiative underscores

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Experience the divine darshan of Lalbagcha Raja from the comfort of your home.
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Vodafone Idea's commitment to leveraging its mobile network to bring people closer to their traditions and cultural heritage.

ABVP led DUSU organized Swayamsiddha 2024, felicitated over 1k students

Prayagraj: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad led Delhi University Students' Union in collaboration with Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad and Mission Sahasi organized Swayamsiddha 2024 on Tuesday at Hindu College to felicitate and honour women students studying at Delhi University for their excellence in various fields. Former Union Minister Smriti Irani graced the event as the Chief Guest along with Entrepreneur Ritika Jatin Ahuja, ABVP National Girls' Coordinator Manu Sharma Kataria, National Secretary Shivangi Kharwal, DUSU President Tushar Dedha and DUSU

Secretary Aprajita.

ABVP has been organizing Swayamsiddha since 2014 every year to honour and felicitate women studying in the fields of academics, other curricular activities, NCC, NSS and sports. Swayamsiddha 2024 was organized with the empowering theme of 'Nari Tu Narayani' witnessed participation of 1500 students. Additionally a series of competitions were organized including poster making, rangoli making, essay writing, etc.

Former Union Minister Smriti Irani stated, "I appreciate ABVP and DUSU who have been organizing Swayamsiddha every year.



ABVP as an organization has been empowering women for a long time. Women like Captain Shiva Chauhan, Prema Diosthali, and Captain Sheliza Dhani are testaments to self-re-

ment of the nation. On this stage, today, I extend my support to the representatives with a campaign which will help boost and promote women startups."

ABVP National Girls' Coordinator, Manu Sharma Kataria, stated, "ABVP has been organizing this event since 2014 with the noble objective of conveying a message to society that women are independent and that no force in the world can restrain them from maximizing their potential. No field in India has been left where women are not excelling, be it defense or academics." ABVP National Secretary, Shivangi Kharwal, stated, "We should be proud to be born

in a country where women are worshipped everyday. Women today have the power to change the country for a better good. Swayamsiddha is a very memorable event as it was during this event in 2016 when I joined ABVP. Today ABVP has become an organization which empowers women with a total membership of 8 Lakh girls in Delhi."

Delhi University Students' Union Secretary, Aprajita, stated, "ABVP led DUSU is determined to empower women at every step. Today through Swayamsiddha we have honoured more than 1000 women studying at Delhi University in various fields."

Aim to provide justice to economically weak: Prayageshwar Upadhyay

Prayagraj: Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel has today awarded the Bronze Medal to Prayageshwar Upadhyay of Gorakhpur in the five-year law graduate course from Shambhunath Law Institute, Jhalwa, Prayagraj, affiliated to the university, in the convocation ceremony of Prof. Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya) University, Naini, Prayagraj. In the convocation ceremony, State Higher Education Minister Yogendra Kumar Upadhyay, State Education Minister Smt. Rajni Tiwari, Prof. Rajendra Singh, Vice Chancellor of Rajju Bhaiya University, Akhilesh Kumar Singh and other prominent people were present on the stage. During this time a large number of people were present in the auditorium. Prayageshwar Kumar Upadhyay is originally a native of village Bhaishahi Ramdutt post Chauri Chaura district Gorakhpur

North. His father Dilip Kumar Upadhyay is a sub-inspector in the Local Information Unit (LIU) of Uttar Pradesh Police Department, Prayagraj and mother Mrs. Archana Upadhyay is a



housewife. Who lives with his family in house number Type-2/29 of Reserve Police Line of Prayagraj. Prayageshwar Kumar Upadhyay has been educated in Kendriya Vidyalaya New Cantt from the beginning from first class to Inter Intermediate. Had obtained high marks in high school and intermediate.

Prayageshwar says that in order to provide justice to the people, by pursuing further education, I will especially help those people who are financially weak. He said that due to eco-

nomomic weakness, people are unable to go to the court for justice, when the time comes, I will do special work for them by taking out extra time. Prayageshwar Upadhyay told that both these works are related to the method, which I have to do with full dedication in the future. He told that at present he is pursuing Mas-

ter of Law from Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow. Prayageshwar Upadhyay said that he gives credit to his father Late Ram Vilas Upadhyay and grandmother Smt. Prabhavati Devi as well as his mother Smt. Archana Upadhyay as sources of inspiration for success in education. He said that at any time my mother always says only one thing that become a good person by pursuing higher education, when you become a good person then you will understand the sorrows and pain of others and if possible, you will solve them. On Prayageshwar Upadhyay getting the bronze medal, his family members including elder father Abhimanyu Upadhyay, Deendayal Upadhyay and elder brothers Satish, Ankit, Hariom, Shashank Upadhyay expressed happiness and congratulated him and prayed to God for a bright future.

Subhash Chand Yadav elected Prez, Ranvijay Yadav minister in Civil Court Bar poll

Jaunpur: In the election of Civil Court Advocates Association Jaunpur, Subhash Chand Yadav defeated his nearest rival Awadhesh Singh and won by four hundred votes. While Ran Bahadur Yadav won the post of Minister. It is reported that from morning till the last time of voting, a total of 2442 votes were cast out of 3074 votes. In this, Subhash Yadav got 1024 votes for the post of President while Awadhesh Singh, who was in second place, got 787 votes, Ramesh Chandra Upadhyay remained in third place. In this way, taking a lead of 237 votes, Subhash Chand Yadav has been elected as the next President of Civil Bar. There were 11 candidates in the fray for the post of Minister but the fight was directly between

Manish Singh and Ran Bahadur Yadav. Ran Bahadur defeated Manish and has been elected for the post of Minister. Voting started at 9 am

and ended at 4 pm for Civil Court Advocates Association Jaunpur. There was fierce competition between the candidates for the post of president Ramesh Chandra Upadhyay,



people had filed nomination for the post of minister. Ran Bahadur Singh won the post of joint minister. The election was conducted under the supervi-

Awadhesh Singh, Subhash Chandra Yadav, Vivek Kumar Shukla. Among these four candidates, Subhash Chandra Yadav finally got the chair of the president. 11

sion of election officer RP Singh amid tight security. Speaking to journalists after winning the election, President Subhash Yadav took the police to task and said that the discrimination and insult with the advocates on a daily basis will have to be stopped with immediate effect. If their harassment does not stop from today, we will destroy them. During the conversation with the journalist, advocates Sumit Yadav, Pramod Yadav, Satyendra Kumar Chauhan, Deepak Yadav, Rahul Pandey, Sandeep Yadav, Kripa Shankar Yadav, Senior Advocate Suresh Chand Pandey, Diwakar Dwivedi, Shailendra Upadhyay, Manish Yadav, Krishna Yadav, Rahul Verma, Pankaj, Vipin, Prem Chandra, Ravi Paul, Ajay etc were present.

Why should SP trust legal system when their govt used to go to court to drop terrorism cases? Nandi

Prayagraj: Countering Akhilesh Yadav's questioning post, Minister Nandi asked the question, will they be able to return the lives of hundreds of innocent Ram devotees who were sacrificed to please their vote bank? Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav raised questions on the Sultanpur encounter and wrote on social media that some people are saying that if there is any doubt on the encounter, they should go to the court and file a complaint. All we have to ask such people is, can anyone's life be recovered through the courts? Countering this questioning post of Akhilesh Yadav, Minis-

ter Nandi has questioned Akhilesh Yadav. While posting on social media, Minister Nandi has written that Akhilesh ji why would you have faith in the judicial system. Your government used to go to court only when the cases against terrorists had to be withdrawn. There is a saying - Soup is soup, Chalti bhi bole, in which there are seventy-two holes. Well, if it is just a matter of getting life back then was there no value to the lives of hundreds of innocent Ram devotees? Your own clan had brutally and inhumanly killed Karsevaks just to please their vote bank. Will they be able to return the lives to their families?

All of our coworkers are family members. Abhilasha

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi and his colleagues, who worked day and night with full dedication and honesty, and her colleagues were

members, hence it is our duty to take complete care of the family members and give them respect. Fulfilling her duty, former mayor Abhilasha Gupta Nandi honored her and minister Nandi's colleagues by giv-



honored today at Bahadurganj residence by former Mayor Abhilasha Gupta Nandi. The former mayor said that nothing is impossible, we can do everything we can think, and think what we never thought, everything is possible, but it is possible only when you have a good team, loyal colleagues. The former mayor said that for us our colleagues are not just colleagues but family

ing them ten double door refrigerators and 33 microwave ovens. Abhilasha Gupta Nandi said that our colleagues always stand shoulder to shoulder. The biggest need in social relations is coordination. For patience, there is capacity, for capacity, there is capability, and for capability, there is sacrifice and struggle. The former mayor expressed gratitude towards all the colleagues.

Global Cooperative Conference: Amit Shah to attend event

Varanasi: First Time in the 130 years long history of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), the premier body for the Global Cooperative movement, with the initiative of IFFCO, the ICA General Assembly and Global Cooperative Conference will be hosted by India. During ICA Board meeting in Brussels on June 28, 2023, IFFCO proposed hosting the ICA General Assembly and Global Conference in India which was agreed to by the Board members. Further, in meeting held at the headquarters of United Nations Organization (UNO) it was decided that the Global Cooperative Conference in India will also mark the official launch of UN International Year of Cooperatives - 2025. (UN IYC2025) Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation, Government of India will grace the event by his august presence on 25th November 2024 at 3 PM. He will chair the inaugural session of the Global Cooperative Conference as the Chief Guest. A commemorative stamp on International Year of Cooperatives - 2025 will also be launched in the event. Hon'ble Prime Minister is also being requested to inaugurate the event.

Arkade Developers Limited's IPO on Sept 16

Varanasi: The Company, a leading player and amongst top 10 developers in terms of supply in select micro-markets of, and an established developer in, MMR, Maharashtra (Source: Anarock Report), proposes to open its initial public offering of Equity Shares ("Issue") on Monday, September 16, 2024. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Issue Opening Date, that is, Friday, September 13, 2024. The Bid/Issue Closing Date will be on Thursday, September 19, 2024. The Price Band of the Issue has been fixed from Rs. 121 per Equity Share to Rs. 128 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 110 Equity Shares and multiples of 110 Equity Shares thereafter. The Issue consists of a fresh issue of up to such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to Rs. 4,100.00 million (the "Fresh Issue"). The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds from the Issue towards funding development expenses and funding acquisition of yet-to-be identified land for real estate projects and general corporate purposes.



Guv inaugurated 7th convocation prog of Prof. Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya) Univ

GM awarded 8 rly staff of NCR for extraordinary commitment towards safety
Jaiprakash, Station Superintendent conferred with "Employee of the Month Award"



Prayagraj: General Manager, North Central Railway, Shri Upendra Chandra Joshi conferred awards to staff for their alertness and contribution towards safety in train operations in the presence of PHODs of North Central Railway. 08 Railway staffs were conferred with Safety awards by the General Manager on the occasion.

The awarded employees include 1. Shri Randhir Singh, Loco Pilot/Kanpur, Prayagraj Division 2. Shri Alok Kashyap, Assistant Loco Pilot/Kanpur, Prayagraj Division 3. Shri Abhishek Srivastava, Track Maintainer-IV Karonda, Jhansi Division 4. Shri Harish, Track Man, Shri Ghansi Nagar/Agra Division 5. Shri Bhola Singh, Track Maintainer-III Mathura/Agra Division 6. Shri Pawan Kumar, Train Manager/New DDU, Prayagraj Division 7.

Shri Pramod Verma, Pointsman/Agasod, Jhansi Division & 8. Shri Jaiprakash, Station Superintendent/Aung, Prayagraj Division.

Shri Jaiprakash, Station Superintendent/Aung/Prayagraj Division conferred with the Employee of the Month Award for the month August, 2024. While performing his duty in 00 to 08 shift on 07.08.24, Shri Jaiprakash, Station Superintendent/Aung/Prayagraj Division, while exchanging all right signal with train no. 22438 heard the sound of some collision and saw sparks coming out. He immediately switched off the OHE. The train stopped at Bindki Road. The train was got checked by the pointsman, who found that the fishplate at km no. 898/10 was open. Thus, due to his alertness and vigilance, a possible accident was prevented.

Prayagraj: Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel participated in the seventh convocation program organized at Prof. Rajendra Singh "Rajju Bhaiya" University on Tuesday. The Governor inaugurated the convocation ceremony. On this occasion, school bags and other gift items were distributed by the Governor to the primary school children and sports equipment and Anganwadi kits were provided to the workers of Anganwadi centres. The Governor honored the children who performed excellently in the competitions organized in various schools by giving them citations. Along with this, principals who did good work in various schools were also honored. The Governor also honored the players who won medals in the National Games. The Governor said that Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 is to be organized in Prayagraj after

a few months, for this I wish all the people of Prayagraj that you become a witness to this grand and divine event and earn virtue. It is also the responsibility of the university to coordinate with the district administration and fair administration and cooperate with its students in various public welfare works in the fair and become a part of this great intangible heritage of India. Governor inaugurated the seventh convocation program organized at Prof. Rajendra Singh "Rajju Bhaiya" University on Tuesday. The Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel participated in the seventh convocation program organized at Prof. Rajendra Singh "Rajju Bhaiya" University on Tuesday. The Governor also honored the players who won medals in the National Games. The Governor said that Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 is to be organized in Prayagraj after

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move forward like Karmayogi and take the prestige of your family, society and country to new heights. Along with this, I wish for the progressive progress of the university. On this occasion, Chief

Guest AS Kiran Kumar said that we should become patient, responsible, sensitive and respectful people like Rajju Bhaiya. Following the path shown by him, this nation will have to be considered supreme. On this occasion, Minister of Higher Education Department Yogendra Upadhyay said that a total of 780 colleges of Kaushambi, Pratapgarh and Fatehpur are affiliated with this university. On this occasion, Minister of State, Higher Education Department Rajni Tiwari, while thanking the Governor and all the other respected dignitaries, said in her address

that I feel happy to participate in the 7th convocation of Prof. Rajendra Singh "Rajju Bhaiya" University. He congratulated and congratulated the students who received degrees and medals today and wished them well for their bright future. Along with this, he also congratulated their parents and teachers. On this occasion, at the beginning of the program, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh welcomed all the guests including the Governor and informed about the programs going on in the University and the progress of the University. Gave detailed information. On this occasion, MLA Koraon Rajmani Kol, Legislative Council member Surendra Choudhary, Dr. KP Srivastava, along with senior administrative officials, professors of the university and students who have obtained degrees were present.



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In the end, while congratulating all the students who received the degree, the Governor said that I hope that all of you will

Commemorating milestone with Special Cover & My Stamp Release

Prayagraj: 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.

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 oper-

aligns with the company's mission to extend formal credit access to diverse populations across India, empowering them to achieve financial independence.

cial independence. As we celebrate this achievement, we are proud to release a Special Cover with My Stamp in association with Department of Post, symbolising the significance of the growth achieved by the company so far and the contributions to India's financial services sector. Our journey has been one of continuous evolution, adapting to the changing needs of our customers while staying true to our mission of enabling access to financial services to all and achieving fulfilled growth.

This milestone not only highlights the success of the company's growth strategy but also reaffirms its role as a vital contributor to India's financial services sector. With the inauguration of the 1000th branch, SMFG India Credit sets the stage for further achievements in its pursuit of becoming the financial partner of choice for every Indian.



ates in over 670 towns and 70,000+ villages, supported by a workforce exceeding 23,000 employees.

Over the past two years, SMFG India Credit has added approximately 300 new branches, with a significant 95% of these branches established in Tier-2+ cities and semi-rural areas. This expansion

Reflecting on this momentous occasion, Mr. Shantanu Mitra, CEO & MD of SMFG India Credit, stated, "The inauguration of our 1000th branch is a significant milestone that demonstrates our deep commitment to providing formal credit access to people across India and helping them achieve finan-

Special team to be formed for cancer awareness and tobacco control at Mahakumbh

Prayagraj: In a significant move to enhance health awareness at the upcoming Mahakumbh 2025, Dr. Vivek Kumar Pandey, Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiotherapy at Motilal Nehru Medical College, Prayagraj, has been entrusted with a crucial responsibility. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has appointed him as the coordinator of a special campaign focused on cancer awareness and tobacco control. Dr. Vivek Pandey, who is actively associated with the Medivision initiative in the Kashi region, has been at the forefront of cancer awareness and tobacco cessation efforts for several years. He has conducted numerous camps in urban and rural areas, educating the public on cancer prevention and the harmful effects of tobacco. During the Mahakumbh, Dr. Vivek will lead a special team dedicated to spreading awareness about cancer, tobacco cessation, the importance of a healthy diet, and physical activity. The campaign has received approval from the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) Cell. With over 200 million pilgrims expected to attend the Mahakumbh, this initiative aims to make a significant impact in the field of health awareness.



According to Dr. Vivek, the campaign will focus on conveying messages about cancer prevention and healthy lifestyles to the masses, aiming to reduce the risks of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). This initiative will not only align with the religious and cultural significance of the Mahakumbh but also elevate health awareness to a new level. This proactive step underscores the importance of integrating health initiatives with cultural events, making Mahakumbh 2025 not just a spiritual gathering but also a platform for public health advocacy.

Mahaparv Membership Campaign

Abhilasha Nandi accelerating efforts for member enrolment

Prayagraj: Outgoing Mayor of Prayagraj, Abhilasha Gupta Nandi ji, under the Mahaparv Mem-

bership Campaign 2024 of the organization of Bharatiya Janata Party, BJP Prayagraj Metropolitan organized a camp at Maheva Gate in Naini Mandal and got around 135 members. Organized camp and got membership of the people of Naini Maheva area by downloading Narendra Modi app and filling offline form. After that, she contacted door to door at the



call on the toll free number 8800002024. During this, Board President Dilip Kesarwani, Councillor Munna Pradhan, Omprakash Mishra, Yuvraj Singh, Rajat Dubey, Dilip Jaiswal, Pankaj Kesari, Monu Nishad Tarjan, Babita Jaiswal, Urmila Yadav, Mahesh Bharatiya, Preeti Sonkar, Tausif Ahmed, Krishna Mohan, Prem Narayan. Others were present.

said place, put stickers on the house and made members of the Bharatiya Janata Party by making a missed

Hindi Pakhwada begins at Central Library of SHUATS

Prayagraj: The Central Library of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj is observing Hindi Pakhwada from September 10 to September 17, 2024. Librarian Mr. Christofhar Sudhir George told that as part of this celebration, the library is organizing a Hindi Book display. This hindi book display will showcase a wide array of Hindi books, including poetry, prose, novels, and other subjects. Library patrons are encouraged to explore and engage with the rich collection of Hindi literature available during this period.

Further to this, Librarian Mr. Christofhar Sudhir George informed that Central Library of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences has also planned a hindi motivational talk on September 12, 2024, at 4:00 PM at Central Library. The topic of this session is "Student Life in the 21st Century". The talk will be delivered by Dr. Sugreev Singh, Librarian cum Counselor at the Model Career Centre, University of Allahabad Prayagraj.

Curtains to be drawn over Moharram mourning period tomorrow

Prayagraj: Now only two days are left in Mahe Gham Mahe Aza. Continuing the process of Azadari for two months and six days, the period of Azadari will end on Thursday with the last silent tazia procession of Ayyame Aza. In the same sequence, the mosque located in Bakshi Bazaar A majlis was held in Qazi Saheb on behalf of Guddu Bhai. While inaugurating the

Safipuri, Najeab Allahabadi, Shafiqat Abbas Pasha, Mirza Azadar Hussain, Syed Mohammad Askari, Nazmul Hussain, Zaigham Abbas, Hasan Tiger, Haider Ali, Councillor Fashat Hussain, Irshad Hussain, Arshad, Najmi Asghar Ali, Mohammad Raza, Arzoo Haider, Mahe Alam, Shajih Abbas, Zamin Hasan etc. were included. On behalf of Arshad Naqvi on Chak Zero Road a

Majlis was held which was presided over by Maulana Aamir Rizvi and Hussain Murtaza Hussain (Sikander) of Anjuman Shabbiriya Rani Mandi read the Nauha. A large number of mourners and Azadars participated. After the Majlis, people made eye contact with Khichda and tasted it as Tabarruq. The annual Majlis on behalf of Mirza Azadar Hussain will be held on Wednesday in the courtyard of late Khurshid Hussain Saheb located in Azbakshi Bazaar, in which Kazim Abbas and his companions will read Soz and Salaam, Maulana Ali Abbas Sahab Qibla Majlis title. Will do. Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar will always raise the voice of sorrow and mourning.



Have to knock on every house and make members: Mahesh Chandra Srivastava

Prayagraj: In the meeting called by BJP Prayagraj Metropolitan regarding the membership campaign, Metropolitan in-charge Mahesh Chandra Srivastava appealed to the workers and officials not to be lax in the campaign. Work according to whatever outline of the campaign has been made. Metropolitan in-charge said that a great public relations campaign will run from 11 to 17 September. Regarding this, a plan should be made in all the 15 mandals of the metropolis from booth to power center level and people should be made members of the organization by going door to door.

Every effort has to be made to ensure that every booth has 200 members. We have to knock on every house and tell people about the policies of PM Narendra Modi, the achievements of the Cen-

tral and State Government and connect them with the ideology of the party. Micro management will make the campaign easier. Workers are working hard and hard work is required. Daily

pected that it will perform well in the membership campaign. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Devesh Singh, Murari Lal Aggarwal, Ranjit



membership campaign should be reviewed from Mandal to Shakti Kendra and booth level. Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that guidelines are being received from the state level and the campaign should be run accordingly. Till now Prayagraj Metropolitan has performed well in all the campaigns and it is ex-

Singh, Devendra Nath Mishra, Shashi Vashney, Ravi Kesarwani, Rajesh Kumar, Mrityunjay Tiwari, Prashant Shukla, Rakesh Bharti, District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani, Hanuman Pandey, Kuldeep Mishra, Deep Dwivedi, Pramod Jaiswal, Manoj Kushwaha, Shiva Tripathi, media in-charge Vivek Mishra etc. were present.

Editorial

Mobs are still calling the shots in Bangladesh. Yunus government appears weak

A month into Sheikh Hasina's ignominious fall from the throne, political groups of different hues and colours are trying to fill the vacuum that her dictatorial rule has left behind in Bangladesh. During her 15-year in power, Hasina systematically destroyed the country's political institutions. When Muhammad Yunus, the country's lone Nobel laureate, replaced her following a mass upsurge, Bangladesh didn't have a functioning police force to speak of—a large number of its officers, handpicked by Hasina and her cronies, have either fled the country or are still in hiding. With no effective monitoring of the law and order situation, there are signs that extremism and Islamic militancy is trying to raise its head in a country once plagued with large scale terrorist attacks and targeted killings of atheists, militant-atheists and an LGBTQ activist. In this context, it's significant that last month the Yunus government released on bail Jashimuddin Rahmani, a cleric who was trained in Darul Uloom Deoband, an Islamic seminary in India's Uttar Pradesh. He was charged with the murder of a blogger in 2013 and was accused of being the spiritual head of Al-Qaeda associated Ansarullah Bangla Team, also known as Ansar Al Islam, which has been proscribed by Bangladesh, India, US and the UK. But the case against him was so weak that back in 2015 he was given only five years' imprisonment for abetting the murder. To make matters worse, Hasina's prosecution team has never been able to effectively prove Rahmani's connection with Ansarullah Bangla team, a transnational terror outfit thought to have operatives and sympathisers in India's West Bengal and Assam. In addition to the case for which he has already served his term, Rahmani faced four more charges. Before his release, all but one case filed in 2008 has been withdrawn by the Yunus government. Rahmani is a glaring example of how criminally inefficient Hasina's law enforcement agencies were. The cases against him were filed under the country's infamous Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act, which Hasina mostly used against her political opponents. Absurd it may sound, Shahidul Alam, Bangladesh's most celebrated photographer, has faced the same charges under the same law. Alam's crime was that he gave an interview to Al Jazeera criticising Hasina. Before his prison sentence, Rahmani was a little-known cleric with some popularity among fringe elements of the society. But the media attention given to him following his release has now made him look like a victim of Hasina's autocratic rule, and he's cashing in on the new-found limelight. Given that anti-India sentiment is running high in Bangladesh, thanks to India's shoddy and myopic foreign policy, who else would Rahmani target to grow fan-following? In one of his first speeches given after his release, Rahmani warned India that if the country interferes with the internal affairs of Bangladesh or plays foul with him, "We will ask China to close down the Chicken's Neck and tell Northeast India to fight for its independence. We will tell Kashmir to get ready for Independence. I urge Pakistan and Afghanistan to help Kashmir become independent." He goes on to say that he will urge West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to liberate her state from India. Rahmani's case is just a small part of a bigger problem that Bangladesh's mainstream politicians have always been infected with—the culture of denial. Islamic militancy in Bangladesh dates back to Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader Khaleda Zia's final term in office between 2001-2006. In 2004, Siddique ul-Islam alias Bangla Bhai (Bengal's Brother) started a Salafi vigilante group in some remote parts of the country and led a reign of terror by lynching members of different Maoist insurgent groups. When the newspapers were flooded with reports of these barbaric acts, Jamaat-e-Islami was a junior partner in Zia's government.



Can an Atheist Be Hindu? Can a Hindu Be Non-Theistic?

Atheism gained world popularity by opposing the 'Guy in the Sky' deity and Abraham's monotheism. Hindu deism is much more complex. It cannot be opposed so easily, as if one claims not to believe in Hindu deities, one must also claim not to believe in nature. Hindus have the Trimurti, represented by Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, who were initially depicted as Indra, Surya, and Agni, corresponding to the elements of water, sky, and fire. The Tridev represents the

deification of the universal principles of creation, preservation, and destruction. Yajna fire ceremonies involve offerings of earth and water elements to the fire, resulting in air and space. This reflects the psychological doshas and/or principles of ojas, tejas, and prana. We are defined by our true nature. A Hindu is as a Hindu does, not necessarily what occurs in his or her mind. Inner knowledge, based on experience, trumps all outer systems of belief. Dogma attracts and

supports a hive-mind mentality and fanaticism. They are simpletons who rally behind ineptitude. Hindu dharma is not so mono-cultural. Dharma allows for freedom of individual expression, thought, and experience. It is basically not one religion but a conglomeration of many paths, and then there are paths within those paths. Dharma is vast, diverse, and plural—encompassing and inclusive. Not every Hindu is a dharmika, and not every dharmika is a Hindu.

Sanatana Dharma is far greater than any kind of 'ism'—infinitely so, in fact. When the eternal natural way is projected through matter, mind, senses, and identity, it becomes diffused and mistaken for mere religion. Religion, as we have come to know it, has definite boundaries. Sanatana Dharma does not. Hindu Dharma consists of many schools of thought, science, culture, technique, metaphysics, and profound philosophies.

Bamboo farming is proving to be beneficial for farmers

Bamboo farming can prove to be a boon for the sugarcane farmers of the country. Actually, 60 to 70 species of bamboo are found in India. A fence made of thorny bamboo can be many times better than a wire fence. A lot of money is spent by the farmer in getting a wire fence made. The farmer's income starts with getting a thorny bamboo fence made, which gives a good income every year and also protects the crop from wild animals. Bamboo helps in increasing the income of the farmer as compared to sugarcane and other crops. After growing it, farmers can also earn a good income by making thermos, cups, glasses, spoons, bowls, leaves, furniture etc. from bamboo. In the field where farmers grow bamboo crops, earthworms are produced in large numbers after some time. We can earn a good income by making vermicompost manure by adding cow dung and leaves. The land in which we will do this work will become stronger due to earthworms. There is no need to apply any kind of poisonous medicine on bamboo, because bamboo crops do not get any disease. In this way, by farming without poison, we can save the land and cli-



mate from getting polluted and we can save the coming generations from giving poisonous food and water with our own hands. The profit in bamboo farming is visible because the cost in it is zero i.e., there is no cost at all. There is no expense in this and the number of its plants keeps increasing every year. When you cut 10 sticks, at least 20 to 30 sticks i.e. shoots come out more. Bamboo is also very much needed for the industry. In the future, benches, paper, cardboard, cloth, ethanol, ply, board, tiles, houses, fancy equipment, and kitchen items can be made from bamboo. In this way, about 15 hundred items can be made from bamboo. Bamboo houses are especially beneficial in

areas where cases of earthquakes keep coming up. Bamboo is also a wonderful plant from the environmental point of view. Bamboo absorbs 35% more carbon dioxide and gives about 35% more oxygen than all other plants, which is very useful for living in the future. The way trees are being cut every year and the heat on earth is increasing, it seems that humans will not be able to survive on earth for long. This is a serious problem. We are taking water, air, food grains, fruits etc. from nature, but what are we giving to nature, only smoke and pollution. If we want to give something good to our future generations, then there is nothing better than bamboo. The

biggest thing is that the bamboo crop becomes ready for harvesting in about three years, but its stem can be used in one and a half to two years. Once the bamboo crop is planted, three generations can get profit from its crop. Its crop lasts for about 40 years.

However, hard work is required to get a good crop of bamboo. Bamboo farming brings bumper income for many years, but if we talk about one acre, then 20 lakh to 40 lakh rupees can be earned in 4 years. However, farmers should contact traders in advance for the sale of bamboo and find a good market.

But the good thing is that if the farmer does not find a trader to buy bamboo, he can open his own small

scale industry of bamboo products, which will also increase the income. Another specialty of bamboo is that it can be grown anywhere, it cannot be cultivated only in sand. Surjeet Singh, owner and authorized distributor of Tomar Agriculture located in Bijnor district of West Uttar Pradesh, says that farmers should definitely plant some bamboo plants according to their capacity, because in the area where bamboo plants are planted in large numbers, people do not suffer from respiratory diseases. If there is a disease, then those diseases will go away by living in an area with bamboo. And in the area where bamboo plants are planted, there is more rainfall and the water level of that place also keeps increasing. If we plant bamboo forests in some large area, you will see amazing results. Where the water level is 80 or 100 feet, it will come down to 25-30 feet. Looking at the water level and the problems of sugarcane farmers in West Uttar Pradesh, bamboo farming can be a good alternative to sugarcane, so farmers need to focus on its cultivation as well. What else is needed in bamboo. If there is bamboo, then it is special.

India needs to build dual-use ports on war footing. It's critical for trade and security interests

A Great game is afoot, with two emerging superpowers—India and China—vying for influence in their neighbourhood and beyond. There is little doubt among geopolitical hawks that manoeuvres New Delhi and Beijing make in the Indo-Pacific will chart the course of the next century. Like any other great game, this too has multiple dimensions and a cast of characters. For the sake of this argument, let us consider one key dimension central to lasting influence in the Indo-Pacific: maritime infrastructure. Encompassing about one-fifth of the world's sea area, the Indian Ocean supports roughly 80 per cent of the global maritime oil trade. It is no secret that China has over the past decade mounted an all-out effort to encircle India in the Indian Ocean region by securing access to foreign ports for dual use—logistical and military. Besides catering to the routine needs of ocean-going ships, port ter-

minals earmarked for dual use allow one to fortify one's position at key strategic locations, act as a window for intelligence collection, and also offer an opportunity to establish one's credentials as a reliable bilateral partner in an increasingly unstable world. For now, it seems, Beijing wields a first-mover advantage given that the Chinese coastline has 34 major ports, including some of the largest in the world. To add to that, the Chinese own or operate nearly 100 ports in as many as 50 countries. China is also one among the top three builders of merchant ships and controls the second-largest merchant fleet globally. In a July 2023 report, AidData identified eight ports outside mainland China where Beijing could set up naval bases within the next five years. These include Bata in Equatorial Guinea, Gwadar in Pakistan, Hambantota in Sri Lanka, Kribi in Cameroon, Nacala in Mozambique, Nouakchott.

With 'Outsider' Remark, Rahul Gandhi Puts Kashmiri Non-Muslims at Great Risk

Reaping his first, slender electoral gains by means of divisiveness in the 2024 general elections, Congress scion Rahul Gandhi is pushing the envelope in a place where history is written with blood. Addressing a public rally at Sangaldan, in Banihal Assembly constituency of Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, Rahul accused the Modi government of giving the benefits meant for the people of J&K to "outsiders". This is politics at its most immoral, most cynical. That 'outsider' word has taken the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, in the state. The entire Islamist narrative in J&K is that anybody other than Kashmiri Muslims is an "outsider" and fit to be converted, driven out, or killed. One does not have to delve into history for examples. On April 17 this year, terrorists shot a trader from Bihar, Raja Shah, in Bijbehara, Anantnag district. On April 8, terrorists shot at and injured Delhi-based taxi driver Dilranjit Singh in Padawan, Shopian district. On February 7, terrorists shot dead Amritpal Singh, a labourer from Amritsar in Punjab in Habba Kadal, Srinagar. Another non-local worker, Rohit Mashi, from Amritsar, was injured and died a day later. Data compiled by South Asia Counter Terrorism Portal (SATP) shows there have been eight attacks on civilians resulting in eight civilian deaths till May 26 this year. The toll in the corresponding period in 2023 was the same, with 'outsiders' or non-

locals bearing the brunt of the violence. The attacks on 'outsiders' are also prompted by nervousness among Islamists regarding the nearly 70 lakh domicile certificates issued to those living and working in J&K who have come from across the country. The separatists feel their stranglehold on the state's demographic is slipping away, with the Centre also settling families of security forces and displaced Kashmiri Pandit families. Article 370, which the Narendra Modi government scrapped on August 5, 2019, barred outsiders from settling permanently or buying property in Kashmir. The Modi government also brought delimitation in the state which has increased the total number of seats in the state by seven. Six seats were added in Jammu, and one in Kashmir to take the total number of assembly constituencies to 90. Islamist lobbies and parties like the National Conference and the PDP have been upset by the added weightage given to Jammu over Muslim-majority Kashmir. They have stoked Islamists' feelings over both delimitation and domicile, making the environment ripe for violence against 'outsiders'. Now, Rahul Gandhi has directly fed into the insecurities of jihadis and put a target on the back of every man or woman who is not a Kashmiri Muslim. As the leader of India's main Opposition party, it is both irresponsible and sinister.

PM Modi's J&K Assembly campaign will include Shah, Rajnath, Yogi Adityanath, and others

Delhi : The Bharatiya Janata Party announced its Jammu and Kashmir assembly poll star campaigners. The BJP's top names included Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, and Yogi Adityanath. The prime minister and saffron party president and Union Minister of Health JP Nadda would help push for historic elections. The Election Commission received 38 other names of renowned figures who will campaign in Jammu and Kashmir: 92345 92345 Know More Smriti Irani, Gen (Retd.) V K Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Manohar Lal Khattar, G Kishan Reddy, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Jitendra



Security forces also busted an underground terrorist hideout

NEW DELHI: An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district on

Singh, and former union minister Anurag Thakur. In addition to former BJP general secretary and recently des-

Wednesday. The operation is under way in Kupwara's Tangdhar area. The exchange of firing began at the Khushal Post in the Tangdhar

ignated election in-charge Ram Madhav, party national general secretary Tarun Chugh, Jammu and Kashmir

area, near the Line of Control, security forces told news agency PTI. There are no reports of any casualties so far, the officials said.

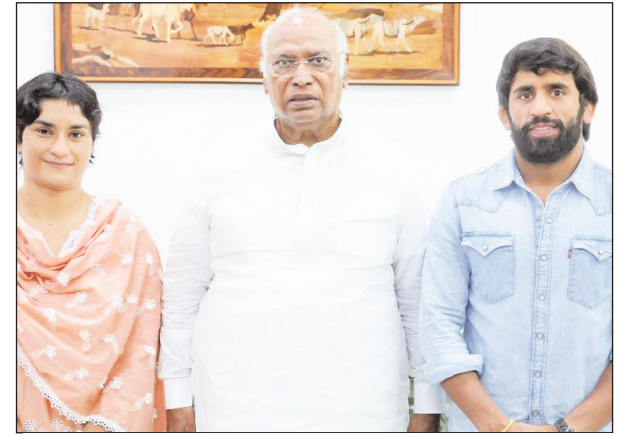
was also on the list. BJP leader Ravinder Raina, MP Jugal Kishore Kashmir vice president Sofi Yousuf.

Only Centre Can Restore J&K Statehood

Delhi: Home Minister Amit Shah criticized the opposition's attempt to resuscitate the autonomy theme during the Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls and urged the NC-Congress coalition to quit misleading people by pledging statehood. Only the Centre can restore it. Shah promised to restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood after the assembly election, the first under the national flag and Constitution since Narendra Modi's Article 370 abrogation.

Vinesh Phogat ticket, Bajrang Punia party post

Delhi : The Congress filed Olympian Vinesh Phogat from Jind's Julana Assembly constituency for the October 5 Haryana Assembly elections and named Olympian Bajrang Punia its functioning chairman hours after they joined. Phogat said she was glad to represent a party that "understood our pain" during the wrestlers' demonstrations last year during her induction into Congress. Phogat and Punia led the protests against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and former BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who was accused of sexual harassment. I appreciate Congress. They think hard times reveal your true self. Apart from the BJP, all national



BJP fields 67 Haryana candidates

Delhi : The ruling BJP fielded Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini from Ladwa, shifting him from Karnal, and awarded several

parties supported us when we were dragged on the streets. They knew our pain. Being part of a pro-women party makes me proud. It will fight from the streets to Parliament." Phogat told a press confer-

newcomers poll tickets as it released the first list of 67 candidates for the 90-member assembly elections. The list revealed a

ence at the AICC headquarters. Congress national secretary (organization) K C Venugopal, Haryana Congress chairman Udai Bhan, and AICC Haryana in-charge Deepak Babaria welcomed the two wrestlers.

Former BJD MP Sujeet Kumar joins BJP

Delhi: Former Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Rajya Sabha MP Sujeet Kumar joined the BJP in front of senior party leaders. BJD ousted Kumar, who resigned from Rajya Sabha, for anti-party activity. I have worked for the party with conviction and commitment for years. I'll always be grateful for your Rajya



Sabha nomination. In his resignation letter to BJD chief Naveen Patnaik, he thanked him for giving him the chance to serve the people of undivided

Kalahandi district and raise issues of the KBK region and Odisha at large at the national level.

I believe that the party has been belittling me lately and does not need my services. Please accept my resignation since I have made this difficult decision in the public interest, Kumar stated.

Pargat and Bajwa request govt. approval to prosecute Gurmeet Ram Rahim

Delhi : Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Partap Singh Bajwa, claimed that the government has been delaying approval for prosecution in a case against Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh regarding the sacrilege of the Guru Granth Sahib for nearly two

years. Pargat Singh, a Congress MLA, also requested prosecution authorization in addition to Bajwa. Story continues beneath the pop-up. He stated that the chief minister (CM), Bhagwant Mann, who also oversees the state's home department, had the chargesheet. that the state police

ED slaps fine of Rs 908 crore on DMK MP

Delhi: DMK MP S Jagathratchakan on Wednesday was slapped with a penalty of Rs 908 crore in a case related to the violation of foreign exchange rules. The Enforcement Directorate statement said that properties worth Rs 89.19 crore

seized in September 2020, have been confiscated following an adjudication order under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (Fema) issued on August 26.

The federal agency acted on a complaint initiated by a business

Tamil Nadu. The investigation led to a seizure order dated September 11, 2020, under Section 37A of Fema, for various movable and immovable properties belonging to DMK MP S and his family members. These properties are valued at Rs 89.19 crore.

Assam CM Himanta suggests sharper identification of 'illegal foreigners'

Sarma raised concerns over Aadhaar card issuance, stating that more cards have been issued than the population



Delhi: Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced additional measures to detect and prevent illegal immigration through the state's international borders. Sarma raised

concerns over Aadhaar card issuance, stating that more cards have been issued than the population in Dhubri district, suggesting that

questionable individuals received them. Sarma expressed reservations over Aadhaar card issuance, saying, "More people have them than

Dhubri's population. Sarma expressed reservations over Aadhaar card issuance, saying, "More people have them than Dhubri's population. Sarma added, "The detection process of foreigners was almost halted after the NRC update." He added "We've arrested or deported 20-30 Bangladeshis in recent months. We ordered Assam to boost illegal immigrant detection. We issued extensive guidelines to improve this procedure."

Rajasthan Cabinet approves 33% police women quota

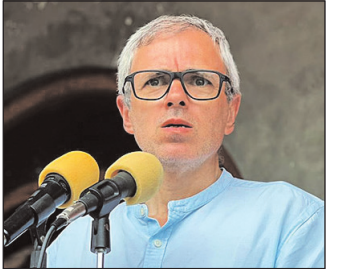
Delhi : The Rajasthan Cabinet approved 33% police reservation for women and 5% pensioner allowance. The Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma chaired meeting also authorized land allocation for a 3,150 MW solar power project. Wealthline 92345 92345 Know More Indian Economy Grow Cancel Global Trends I don't tip, Motif OSWAL The Rajasthan Cabinet approved 33% police reservation for women and 5% pensioner allowance. The Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma



chaired meeting also authorized land allocation for a 3,150 MW solar power project. Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa said the cabinet meeting approved an amendment to the Rajasthan Police Subordinate Services Rules, 1989, allowing women to make up one-third of the police. He said the Personnel department will notify them soon.

BJP criticizes Omar Abdullah's comment on Parliament assault convict Afzal Guru's execution

Delhi: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) criticized National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah for his comments on Afzal Guru's execution. The J-K government had nothing to do with Afzal Guru's execution, which was tragic. You would have needed state government authorization, which I can guarantee would not have been granted. It wouldn't have happened. While chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah, "I don't believe that any purpose was served by executing him." Abdullah's comments sparked a stir before the Jammu & Kashmir assembly elections. Union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai said, "Omar Abdullah's speech is anti-India and cannot be criticized enough. He supports such terrorists... The Congress supports anti-India statements. No difference between Abdullah and Congress... Indians won't forgive this." Kavinder Gupta.



Cash-strapped Punjab raises fuel prices, partially cuts power subsidies

Delhi : The Punjab cabinet raised petrol and diesel prices by 61 and 92 paise per liter and ended the subsidy for household consumers with up to 7KW loads. A council of ministers meeting chaired by chief minister Bhagwant Mann in Chandigarh made the choices as part of the government's approach to handle state finances. State employee pay and pensions for August were delayed four days. During the March budget, finance minister Harpal Cheema predicted Punjab's debt to reach ₹3.74

lakh crore by 2024-25, accounting for about 46% of the state's GDP of over ₹8 lakh crore. Punjab requested a rescue package of ₹1.32 lakh crore from the 16th Finance Commission in July to address its financial crisis and promote growth. Freebies are blamed for draining the AAP's coffers. The government is raising petrol and diesel VAT. The cabinet also repealed the Charanjit Singh Channi-led Congress power subsidy scheme from 2021 and raised fuel prices.

Delhi: The BJP replaced ex-deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta with former MLC Vikram Randhawa from Bahu seat in Jammu district in their 10 candidate list for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. Mr. Gupta won the 2014 election from Gandhi Nagar, now Bahu.

With the release of the sixth list for the third round of elections, the BJP has named 62 candidates, including 20 for the Kashmir Valley, where it has yet to run in assembly elections. Kavinder Gupta was

BJP Drops Ex-Deputy Chief Minister From 6th J&K Poll List



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The BJP replaced ex-deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta with

former MLC Vikram Randhawa from Bahu seat in Jammu district in their 10 candidate list for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. Mr. Gupta

won the 2014 election from Gandhi Nagar, now Bahu. With the release of the sixth list for the third round of elections, the BJP has named 62 candidates, including 20 for the Kashmir Valley, where it has yet to run in assembly elections. The BJP's new list featured former MLA RS Pathania from Udhampur East, former bureaucrat Bharat Bhushan from Kathua, doctor-turned-politician Rajeev Bhagat from Bishnah, and Surinder Bhagat from Marh, the three Scheduled Caste seats.

Rahul Gandhi vows to restore J&K's statehood after BJP stole it

Delhi : Rahul Gandhi slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for stealing Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and pledged to return it, expressing confidence that the Congress and NC will form the next government. Gandhi, who held twin rallies in Jammu and Kashmir divisions, also spoke about his "blood" tie with J&K, the region's people's self-respect, and the significance of voicing their grievances and sorrow in Parliament. He also asked Kashmiri Pandits to help them progress. For the first time in independent India, a state was demoted to a UT, stealing people's rights. It never occurred before, he said. In 2019, the Union government revoked Article 370 and separated Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs. In three parts in September and October, the region will have its first assembly elections since 2014. First, statehood must be restored since the BJP stole your rights, money, and everything, he declared at his first rally in Ramban before the assembly polls.

Can 'Kolhan Tiger' Champai Soren provide winning edge to BJP against Hemant Soren?

NEW DELHI: Former Jharkhand chief minister and senior tribal leader Champai Soren has a tough challenge at hand as he becomes BJP's new beacon of hope in Jharkhand. The 'Tiger of Kolhan' who dumped his "bow and arrow" to hold "lotus" in his hands faces the onerous task of swaying tribal votes in favour of the BJP, which made a disastrous showing in the tribal seats in the last assembly and Lok Sabha elections in the state. This despite the fact that it already has two senior tribal leaders - Babulal Marandi and Arjun Munda - who are also former chief ministers, in its ranks. As one of the most trusted aides of JMM patriarch Shibu Soren, Champai Soren had fought the BJP all these years.

But now he will go all out to push the saffron party's agenda among the tribals in a bid to wean them away from Shibu Soren's party.

Champai Soren joins BJP Champai has already given a glimpse of this by asserting that he wanted to save tribal identity and existence which is "at stake in Santhal Pargana due to "rampant" infiltration from Bangladesh". This is a narrative which has been set by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is the coincharge of Jharkhand BJP, and has often been accused by the opposition parties of playing the politics of extreme polarisation.

But can Champai deliver for the BJP in Jharkhand?

The Kolhan region, which is the area of influence of Champai Soren, has 14 assembly seats. The BJP drew a blank in this region in the 2019 assembly elections. However, back then in 2019 the saffron party had also suffered due to parting of ways with its long-time ally - the All Jharkhand Students Union of Sudesh Mahto - which resulted

in splitting of votes on several seats. This time around, Sudesh Mahto is back in the NDA fold and with Champai Soren also on its side, the BJP would hope to make some gains in the region.

The big question is: can Champai Soren sway tribal votes in BJP's favour? Political commentators in the state are not very sure about the gains that the BJP may make from Champai's induction in the party. A senior journalist, who preferred anonymity, said it would have been better if the BJP had allowed Champai to contest the assembly elections on his own so that he could have gained tribal sympathy and would have cut into the votes of the JMM.

"With Champai joining the BJP, it will be Hemant Soren-led JMM that will play the victim card by accusing the saffron party of breaking its leaders using money and power," he said.

Swati assault case: Supreme Court grants bail to Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's close aide Bibhav Kumar in the Swati Maliwal assault case. The apex court noted that Kumar had been in custody for 100 days and that a chargesheet was already filed in the case. The court also directed that Bibhav Kumar should not be reinstated as the personal assistant or given any official assignment in the CM office. Bibhav Kumar shall not enter the Delhi CM's house till all witnesses

are examined, the top court said. "Supreme Court has said that there is a long incarceration which Bibhav Kumar has already suffered. In view of the fact that the trial is about to take place, the chargesheet has already been filed and the investigation is over...Supreme Court has put some conditions saying that if there are some official or vulnerable witnesses, they must be examined within three months and until then he shouldn't enter CM's residence," advocate Vivek Jain, Bibhav

Kumar's counsel, told news agency ANI. Earlier, Delhi's Tis Hazari Court had extended Bibhav Kumar's judicial custody until September 13. On July 16, The Delhi Police filed a 500-page chargesheet against Bibhav Kumar in connection with the assault case. The charge sheet was submitted to Metropolitan Magistrate Gaurav Goyal. Swati Maliwal has claimed that Bibhav assaulted her when she visited the Delhi CM's residence on May 13 to meet with him.

Maharashtra specifies role of govt nominees in autonomous colleges' board

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

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

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

Electoral roll case: Delhi HC refuses to quash defamation plea against CM Kejriwal

NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Monday refused to quash the proceedings against chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP leaders in a defamation case linked to their remarks about the alleged deletion of the names of 30 lakh electors belonging to some communities from electoral rolls in the national capital. Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta dismissed the AAP leaders' plea challenging the defamation proceedings before the trial court.

The high court, which had on February 28, 2020 stayed the proceedings before the trial court, vacated the interim order and asked the



parties to appear before the trial court on October 3. The proceeding was initiated after Delhi BJP leader Rajeev Babbar filed a defamation case, accusing Kejriwal and other AAP functionaries of defaming the BJP by alleging that the

party was responsible for removing 30 lakh names of electors from Delhi electoral rolls, with the people mainly belonging to "Baniya", Muslim and other communities. "All the accused made accusations against BJP in a calculated manner with the

sole intention to portray a negative image of BJP in relation to the voters belonging to certain sections of society viz. Bania, Poorvanchalis, Muslims etc. The reputation of the complainant has been damaged beyond repair," Babbar had said. The high court, while pronouncing its order, said the summoning the trial court's order does not call for any interference. The AAP leaders had sought the quashing of the magisterial court's March 15, 2019 and sessions court's January 28, 2020 orders. Kejriwal and others had claimed that the trial court failed to appreciate that no offence.

FIR against BJP MLA Rane over 'will barge into mosques and kill you' remark

NEW DELHI: Police in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district on Monday filed a case against BJP MLA Nitesh Rane for delivering provocative speeches that included threats to Muslims. Rane made the speeches during public meetings in the Shrirampur and Topkhana areas, in support of Hindu seer Mahant Ramgiri Maharaj, who recently made derogatory remarks about Islam



and Prophet Muhammad. Rane warned of repercussions if the Maharaj was harmed. In his address, Rane had said, "If anything happens to Maharaj, there will be

repercussions. I'm going to give this threat in the language which you understand. If you have done anything against our Ramgiri Maharaj, we will kill you after barging into your mosques. You must remember this threat," Rane had said. The police took action following the speeches, investigating the comments for their provocative nature and the potential for inciting communal tensions.

West Bengal's anti-rape bill proposes capital punishment for heinous crimes

NEW DELHI: The proposed anti-rape Bill, set to be introduced by the Mamata Banerjee government in the West Bengal Assembly on Tuesday, suggests the capital punishment for individuals found guilty of rape if their actions lead to the victim's death or cause her to become vegetative. The draft also mentioned that those convicted of rape and gang rape would be sentenced to life imprisonment for the remainder of their natural lives.

The legislation, named 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill, (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill 2024,' seeks to strengthen the protection of women and children by modifying and introducing new provisions related to rape and sexual offences. It proposes

amendments to the recently enacted Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 laws, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 "in their application to the state of West Bengal to enhance punishment and to constitute the framework for...expeditious investigation and trial of the heinous act of violence against women and children." The draft Bill aims to create a safer environment for women and children in the state, saying, "It is a testament to the State's unwavering commitment to uphold the fundamental rights of its citizens, particularly women and children, and to ensure that heinous acts of rape and sexual offences against children are met with the

full force of the law". The proposed legislation also introduces changes to the investigation and prosecution process, requiring rape case investigations to be completed within 21 days of the initial report, with a possible extension of up to 15 days. It also suggests the establishment of a 'Special Task Force' at the district level, called 'Aparajita Task Force', led by a deputy superintendent of police, to investigate offences under the new provisions. "To expedite investigations and ensure justice for victims, this Bill establishes a dedicated special court and investigation team. These specialised units will be equipped with the necessary resources and expertise to handle cases of rape of women.

BJP to urge NHRC to probe recruitment drive deaths in Jharkhand: Himanta



RANCHI: Claiming that 15 candidates lost lives during physical tests for excise constable post in Jharkhand due to "excessive heat", Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said the BJP would urge the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to probe into the deaths. Sarma also said the state government should immediately suspend the physical tests till September 15. According to the Jharkhand Police, deaths of 12 aspi-

rants have been reported so far, while the state's Health Minister Banna Gupta has put the figure at four. "The BJP will urge the NHRC to probe into the deaths of the candidates. The Hemant Soren government should provide Rs 50 lakh and a job to each of the kin of the aspirants who lost their lives. If they fail to do so, the BJP will provide jobs to their family members after coming to power (in the state)," Sarma said. Assembly elections in Jharkhand are due

this year. He also announced that the saffron party will provide Rs 1 lakh each to the family members of the victims. The physical tests for Jharkhand excise constable recruitment began on August 22 at seven centres in six districts, and will continue till September 9. As of August 30, a total of 127,772 aspirants had appeared for the physical tests, with 78,023 emerging successful, police said.

Govt invites stakeholder inputs to make LGBTQI+ policies inclusive; issues enabling advisories on ration cards and banking

NEW DELHI: The government has invited inputs of stakeholders and the public at large to ensure that policies and initiatives regarding LGBTQI+ community are inclusive. Announcing the outreach on Sunday, the ministry of social justice and empowerment shared some measures, including advisories issued by the department of food and public distribution and the department of financial services, to ensure that queer people in a relationship are able to get a ration card and open a joint bank account without any discrimination. As per the advisory to all states and UTs, partners in a queer relationship are to be treated as part of the same household for the purposes of ration card. According to officials, anyone who does not identify as male, female or transgender will have the option of marking themselves as 'other' and their relationship as 'other' in the form seeking a ration card. Similarly, to ensure banks do no discriminate, department of financial services has issued an advisory that there are no restrictions on people from the queer community on opening a joint bank account and also nominating a person in a queer relationship as a nominee. These measures have followed the constitution of a committee led by the cabinet secretary in April in keeping with the directions of the Supreme Court on Oct 17 last year for defining and elucidating the scope of entitlements of the queer community. The committee first met on May 21 and has since held reviews with the latest meeting held on Aug 22.

HDFC Bank and JLR India Sign MoU for Auto Financing



AMBALA/HISAR: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, and JLR India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for auto financing. The Bank will now be JLR's preferred vehicle financier. This will bring a host of benefits for consumers such as special financing schemes, exclusive offers/events, and priority services / engagements. By leveraging the combined strengths of both brands, the aim is to provide customers with seamless financing options and a modern luxury car buying experience. The MoU which encompasses offerings for the entire range of JLR models, was signed by Mr. Rajan Amba – Managing Director JLR India and Mr. Arvind Vohra – Group Head, Retail Assets HDFC Bank. Present on the occasion were other senior executives from HDFC Bank including Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Roy – Business Head, Auto Loans & Inventory Finance HDFC Bank. The services will be available across all JLR exclusive showrooms and dealerships. Speaking on the development, Mr. Arvind Vohra, Group Head – Retail Assets, HDFC Bank said, "We are excited about this partnership with an iconic and aspirational automotive brand like JLR. The Bank will leverage its robust execution capabilities to offer a seamless customer experience." Mr. Rajan Amba, Managing Director, JLR India said, "Our dealer partners are integral to our business, and we are pleased to be able to develop solutions to help them in ease of doing business." "Together, we aim to further grow the market and offer our portfolio to an increasing set of clients. To that effect, we are excited to partner with HDFC Bank for this financing program, which will further strengthen the partnership with an iconic and aspirational automotive capital.

Aakash Ambala with Tree Plantation Drive – 413 Saplings Planted



Ambala: In a unique and inspiring initiative, Ambala branch of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) organized a tree plantation drive to celebrate the outstanding achievements of its students in NEET 2024, JEE Main, JEE Advanced and various Olympiads. As a part of this drive, 413 saplings were planted by the branch at Police Line Ambala City, which symbolizes the same number of students who have passed these prestigious examinations. The tree plantation drive was actively participated by the students, faculty and staff of Aakash Ambala along with the honourable Chief Guest DSP Shri Vinay Kumar (Ambala). The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of Aakash Institute and said, "This initiative is a great example of how educational institutes can play a vital role in shaping not only the future of students but also the future of our environment. By planting these saplings, Aakash Institute has shown that the growth of both knowledge and trees is essential for the well-being of the society." Mr. Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director, Aakash Educational Services Limited also expressed his pride in the achievements of the students and the tree plantation drive. He said, "The success of our students is a testament to their hard work and the commitment of our teachers. By planting these 413 saplings, we are not only celebrating their academic success but also manifesting our shared commitment towards a greener future. We are confident that just as these saplings will grow into strong trees, our students will also become strong pillars of the society and contribute to the progress of the nation."

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Cashless health facility for Haryana government employees and their families in Yamunanagar

Yamuna Nagar: The Haryana government has given a gift to its employees, their families and former employees before the elections. Through its order dated August 12, 2024, the government has approved the inclusion of 35 more hospitals in the panel.

In this order, two hospitals of Yamunanagar district have been listed, namely Capital Super Specialty Hospital and Vishal Eye Centre. When contacted, MCH (Surgical Oncology) Dr Kuljinder Sodhi said that this is the first oncological or cancer hospital listed by the Haryana government in Yamunanagar district. Dr Sodhi said the empanelling by the government will benefit people who had to travel to Chandigarh or Delhi for cancer-related problems. He said the highest number of cancer deaths in 2017 were reported from Faridabad district (771), followed by Yamuna Nagar with 501 deaths. Dr Sodhi said the rising number of cancer cases was due to consumption of alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes and tobacco products and falling air quality index, which is at par with Delhi, as well as toxic levels of water in Yamuna Nagar. He said India was the cancer capital of the world.



Launch of the highly anticipated realme 13 Series 5G, the latest addition to

Hissar: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today announced the launch of the highly anticipated realme 13 Series 5G, the latest addition to its Number Series along with realme Buds T01. The realme 13 Series 5G with its unmatched speed is set to redefine the standards for performance in the industry. realme is redefining the realme Number Series under the new tagline: "Next-gen Power". This product aims to redefine power within the mid-range price segment, setting a new standard for performance. The realme 13 Series 5G will mark a new milestone, being the most powerful offering yet in the history of the



Number series. Commenting on the launch, a realme spokesperson said, "We are incredibly excited to unveil the realme 13 Series 5G, marking a significant milestone in our journey. With this launch, we are redefining the realme Number Series under the new tagline: 'Next-gen Power'. This product is not just another addition to our

portfolio; it's a game-changer that aims to redefine power within the mid-range price segment and set a new standard for performance.

The realme 13 Series 5G will be the most powerful offering yet in the history of the Number series. We believe that with its advanced features and superior performance, it will

revolutionize the way users perceive mid-range smartphones. We're proud to bring flagship experiences into everyday life, demonstrating our commitment to delivering exceptional value and exceeding user expectations." Commenting on the launch, Anuj Sidharth, Director of Marketing & Communications at MediaTek, said, "The MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Energy is a flagship-grade chipset that utilizes the best-in-class 4nm process node, striking a balance between power and efficiency while incorporating next-generation capabilities." He further highlighted,

Kerala LoP accuses Kerala CM of shielding predators as Congress protests over Hema Committee

NEW DELHI: United Democratic Front chief and Leader of Opposition in Kerala, VD Satheesan, led a protest in front of the Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday, accusing Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan of protecting those implicated in the Justice Hema Committee report and the Vadakara Kafir screenshot case. Addressing the protest, Satheesan alleged that the chief minister has provided cover to individuals

involved in serious offenses highlighted in the Hema Committee report. "Hema Committee Report is essentially a series of sexual offenses. Many sections of the report were removed because they contained the names of influential people. The chief minister has provided protection to the predators, leaving even the dignitaries in the film industry under a shadow of suspicion due to the actions," Satheesan

said. The protest follows recent remarks by union minister and BJP national president JP Nadda, who on Sunday criticised the Kerala government for delaying justice to victims of sexual harassment in the Malayalam film industry. Nadda also alleged that leaders of the Communist Party are involved in the matter. Last month, a redacted version of the Justice Hema Committee report, which document

Indian envoy meets Bangladesh's home adviser; discusses security co-op, safety of Indians

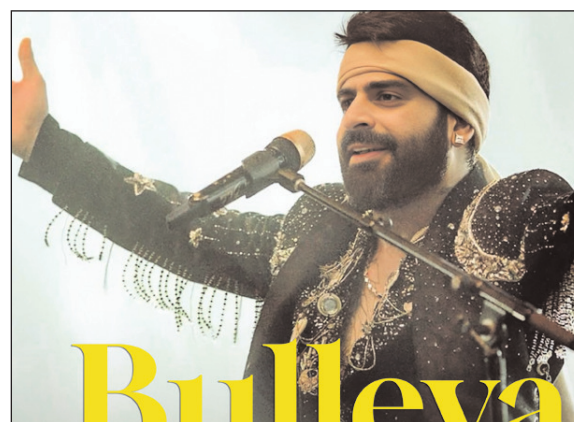
DHAKA: Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma Monday met interim government's Home and Agriculture Adviser Lt Gen (Retd.) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and discussed areas of engagement to advance security cooperation, exchanged views on border management, capacity building, and safety of Indian nationals in Bangladesh. During his courtesy meeting with Chowdhury, Verma also announced that Indian visa centres

are now issuing a limited number of visas for Bangladeshi nationals, primarily for emergency medical needs and students pursuing studies abroad. 1x1 polls "HC Pranay Verma called on Bangladesh Home & Agriculture Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury today. Discussed areas of engagement to advance India-Bangladesh security cooperation, exchanged views on border management, capacity

building, and safety & security of India nationals & students in Bangladesh," the High Commission of India. in Bangladesh said in a post on X. They also discussed areas of mutual interest in the agriculture sector, including possible collaboration between agricultural research institutions and exchanges in mechanized farming, post-harvest management. etc, the mission said in another post. According to the Daily Star newspaper, the meeting

Sony Music in association with My FM presents Sagar Bhatia's SagarwaliQawwali : 12 Songs, 12 Weeks, Endless Music!

Karnal : Get ready to groove into the weekend with a musical treat! Sagar Bhatia, the maestro behind Sagar Wali Qawwali, returns to the spotlight with a soul-stirring series of renditions in association with Sony Music and My FM. Starting 30th August, Sagar embarks on a spell-binding journey, unveiling 12 mesmerising renditions of classic cult songs, one every Friday, with the first drop being his soulful take on Bulleya. Embark on a soulful musical journey with Sagar, as he weaves a tapestry of emotions through his captivating compositions. From the heartfelt depths of 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil' to the ethereal melodies of 'Shukran Allah', 'Muskurane Ki Wajah', and 'Teri Deewani' amongst many more, Sagar's music is a personal ode to love, hope, and self-discovery. Sagar's innovative interpretations breathe new life into beloved classics, blending timeless essence



with modern flair. By thoughtfully reworking select lyrics, he intends to create a unique vibe, appealing to both nostalgic and new audiences. Sagar Bhatia, who will be presenting his rendition of the soulful songs, shared, "Music has always been my solace, my confidence, and my best friend. It's seen me at my highest highs and my lowest lows. And now, I'm ready to share that intimate journey with all of you. These 12 songs are pieces of my heart, fragments of my soul, and whispers of my deepest emotions. I hope

my music speaks to your hearts, soothes your wounds, and lifts your spirits since I've put my blood, sweat, and tears into it. So, come along with me on this musical odyssey, and let's create a symphony of love, hope, and resilience together." Adding to the excitement, MY FM expressed their enthusiasm for the collaboration "At MY FM, we believe in the power of music to connect people, evoke emotions, and inspire change.

Krishi Mela been organised on the basics of Crop Residue Management

Yamunanagar: Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is organizing Krishi Mela 2024 on 16-17 September 2024 at Mela Ground, Balsmand Road, CCSHAU, Hisar. This Kisan Mela will be based on the theme of crop residue management. Dr. Sandeep Rawal, Chief Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Damla, Yamunanagar is also encouraging the farmers of the area to participate enthusiastically in this grand Kisan Mela. Many beneficial activities will be organized for farmers in this Kisan Mela, which include visit to research farms and demonstration of ongoing experiments on Kharif crops, scientific information about cultivation of Rabi crops through demonstrations, sale of improved varieties of seeds on payment basis, testing of soil and water samples at nominal charges, appropriate solutions and suggestions for diagnosis of diseases in plants and crops, various activities and events useful for farmers, farmer-scientist dialogue in buzz sessions and immediate solution of problems, participation of government and private companies in agriculture sector is bringing new opportunities and facilities for farmers. Dr. Sandeep Rawal Chief Coordinator Krishi Vigyan Kendra Damla told that all the farmers Chaudhary. By participating in this important Kisan Mela (Rabi)-2024 organized by Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar, you can learn about the innovative and emerging agricultural technologies of CCSHAU and improve your agricultural productivity and income. In this event, you will get an opportunity to meet various agricultural experts and scientists and get solutions to your problems. All farmers should make their agriculture more advanced and profitable by participating in this important event.

Third-generation Raja Randhir Singh leads the Asian body

Delhi: Raja Randhir Singh was elected OCA president today. The 44th General Assembly at Bharat Mandapam here elected the experienced sports administrator, who was also a longtime IOC member and IOA secretary general, unopposed. All 45 OCA member nations attended the meeting, where yoga was approved as a demonstration sport for the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi and Nagoya, Japan. I congratulate my team. Heartfelt thanks to you all. Asians are family. Many thanks for your support. We'll strive to last, Singh said. Singh is the third Indian and third Patiala royal to lead the Asian body. The Asian Games Federation was governed by his uncle Maharaja of Patiala Yadavindra Singh and father Raja Bhalinder Singh. Raja Bhalinder Singh contributed to India holding the 1981 New Delhi Asian



Games. After Raja Bhalinder Singh took over, the Asian Games Federation became the OCA. Singh, who began his long career in sports administration with the Delhi athletics association in 1983, was blessed to come from an internationally known family. Since my family played sports, I benefited. My family was famous. Uncle Yadavindra Singh founded the Asian Games. His father was the Asian Games president, and now I'm the third in the family to hold the position. I was fortunate to represent the Olympics in shooting.

Medals made everyone feel like I wasn't just a princess but achieving something on my own. I then visited the untidy IOA. If you survive the Olympics committee, you did well. People eventually notice your work. It was difficult but possible, the 77-year-old said. The new leadership will serve until 2028, with five vice-presidents for the five zones and five executive board members. All positions were uncontested. The election rules required a 50% vote majority to win. Singh received 44 votes with one abstention.

India wins eight medals in one day: two golds, three silvers, three bronze

Delhi: India won two golds, three silvers, and three bronze medals at the Paralympics, repairing its wounds from the Olympics. After eight medals in one day, India has 15 with three golds. A big day would see Sumit Antil breaking his Tokyo Paralympic record twice with two simultaneous throws in Paris. Legendary world and Paralympic records exist today. Also, shuttlers earned five medals. Kumar Nitesh won his first Paralympic gold in men's singles SL3, Suhas Yathiraj and Thulasiathi Murugesan won silver



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in SL4 and SU5 as India won four badminton medals at the Paris Games. The women's singles SU5 bronze medal by young Manisha Ramadass was a milestone for Indian para badminton.

All government schools offer mental health counseling

Delhi: The Delhi government will provide mental health counseling in all schools. Education minister Atishi has ordered the DoE to create a plan. Over 20,000 children received counseling in last year's pilot. Educational and vocational guidance coun-

sultors and school psychologists helped. Group sessions also helped them handle stress and be emotionally healthy. We want to improve school student health services under this effort. Children must be physically and intellectually

healthy to develop holistically. "I'm glad this project is meeting these needs and creating a happy society," stated Atishi. School psychologists told the education minister that prompt counseling could help pupils return to school.

Government cracks down on madrasas, students' destiny threatened

Delhi: One of four students at the Barkatullah Madrasa in Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, is a 12-year-old girl, but the school is facing closure for allegedly enrolling non-Muslim students and inflating enrollment figures to receive government benefits. The sixth grader's grandma, a domestic helper, claimed she would struggle to switch schools. "I don't know how she will continue her studies since a government school had already refused her admission," the mother said, asking for anonymity. Many madrasa pupils in the Hindi heartland state face a similar circumstance as the 12-year-old girl. Out of 2,689 madrasas in



Madhya Pradesh in 2021, 1,012 have closed in the last three years, including Barkatullah Madrasa. Officials claimed the registration of another 577 madrasas is on hold due to multiple difficulties, including non-Muslim student enrollment, substandard infrastructure, and false enroll-

ment for government benefits. The registration is being held on a case-by-case basis. "As of now, only 1,100 madrasas are running in Madhya Pradesh for providing religious knowledge with modern education," an MP Madrasa Board administrative officer stated. State school education minister Rao Uday

Pratap Singh said all 1,677 madrasas are being inspected again. "Non-Muslim students cannot attend madrasas for religious education. We will break this link and close such entities, the minister stated. Following a probe report of madrasa irregularities, the government cracked down. After a complaint from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR), a school education department official said, "We found that non-Muslim students were enrolled fraudulently for receiving funds for mid-day meals, (and) not for conversion."

Record Rs 700cr R&D funding for IIT-B, up from 2022-23's Rs 576cr

Delhi: IIT Bombay received the largest annual R&D grant ever: Rs 700 crore. This is a big increase from Rs 576 crore in 2022-23 and Rs 502 crore in 2021-22. R&D funds come from government, private, and foreign sources. Government agencies provide most of the grant, although 35% comes from private sources. This year's award is close to the IITB's annual Central government funding of Rs 800 crore. R&D grant is presently the insti-



tute's second-largest source of funding after tuition fee, which is Rs 105 crore. The institute's spokeswoman said "IIT Bombay has made concerted efforts to align its R&D focus with the national goal of technological self-reliance." The institute features numerous

significant multidisciplinary research centers to solve complicated problems holistically with experts from diverse academic areas. Institute students and professors research science, engineering, design, management, and humanities.

The ABVP has announced the DUSU polling election committee

Delhi: According to an official release, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has announced its election committee for the upcoming Delhi University Students' Union votes. It stated that the committee



"Similar to past years, students have responded well to this year's 'DUSU in Campus' campaign. He continued, saying that the ABVP has continuously stood out for students' rights and concerns over the years"

will make decisions on the election, including choosing the candidates. The statement further stated that discussions over the names of possible candidates have begun since the DUSU election com-

mittee was formed, with Tapan Bihari, the president of ABVP Delhi, being named as its head. The election committee has begun debating possible candidates' names for the DUSU elections, according to Bihari.

NCERT revises Class 6 Science book, emphasizes knowledge systems

Delhi: The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has rewritten its Class 6 science textbook, "Curiosity", to emphasize Indian culture and knowledge systems. In order to coincide with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the new textbook contains characters from several Indian states, incorporates old Indian poetry, and removes some Western references. In the preface, NCERT director Dinesh Prasad Saklani said, "The content stimulates curiosity, exploration, questioning, and critical thinking. Physics, chemistry, biology, earth science, and cross-cutting issues like environmental education, value education, inclusive education, and Indian Knowledge Systems are smoothly integrated. Saklani said, "A non-evaluative interesting element that has

been incorporated in some of the chapters is the introduction of certain verses from various Indian texts to promote rootedness in the learners as envisaged in NEP 2020." The new edition begins chapters with pictures of Indian characters from different areas. Chapter 2, "Diversity in the Living World," opens with Haryana pupils, while Chapter 11, "Nature's Treasures," introduces Bhoomi, Surya, and Ajji. Ladakh is represented by Yangdol and Dorjay in Chapter 12, "Beyond Earth." Many chapters now begin with Indian poems. The Sanskrit line "Trees stand in the Sun and give shade" begins Chapter 2. Their fruits benefit others. Good people endure all hardships and help others." Formerly "Components of Food", the chapter on dietary content is now "Mindful Eating: A Path to a Healthy Body". It

emphasizes vegetarian fats like laddoo and avoids meat, eggs, and fish. Liver and lobster are no longer shown as protein and iodine sources, but fish and eggs are. Egg white is no longer used in school chemistry labs for starch, protein, and iodine assays. Indian visuals and references have replaced Western ones in various chapters. In the chapter "Method of Separation of Everyday Substances," characters go on a "Bharat ki yatra" (Journey through India) to study Indian substance separation methods instead of Gustav Courbet's "The Winners". The new chapter "Beyond Earth" discusses Indian astronomy and nomenclature. It explains that "nakshatra" in Indian astronomy refers to a star or a constellation and includes ancient Indian names for visible planets.

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

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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 avail-

able 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 senior 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.