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Speaker moves resolution condemning Emergency, Congress finds itself isolated

NEW DELHI:

Proceedings of the new Lok Sabha got off on an interesting note with the resurgent Congress finding itself isolated over a motion moved by the newly-elected Speaker to condemn the Emergency clamped by the Indira Gandhi govt to silence protests. The resolution, marking the "post-facto ratification" by the Indira Gandhi Cabinet of the presidential proclamation issued late night to suspend democracy and civil rights, was supported by Congress's allies like SP, DMK and TMC, besides, of course, BJP and its allies. "Dictatorship was imposed on India by Indira Gandhi, India's democratic values were crushed and freedom of expression was strangled. During that dark period of Emergency, several people lost their lives at the hands of the dictatorial Congress gov-



ernment. Let's observe two minutes of silence in the memory of those dutiful and patriotic citizens of India," the resolution read by Speaker Om Birla in Lok Sabha, a few minutes after his re-election, said. "This House strongly condemns the decision to impose Emergency in the country in 1975. Along with this, we appreciate the determination of all those people who strongly opposed the Emergency, fought an unprecedented struggle and took the responsibility of protecting the democracy of India," he further said.

MPs protested from the aisle while the rest of the opposition, including SP and TMC, remained seated. Congress's allies also joined in the two-minute silence urged by the speaker to express solidarity with the victims of Emergency and to "remind the younger generation" of what happened in the 21 months of the Emergency. Besides the embarrassment to Congress, the swift move was significant also in that it again indicated BJP's resolve to pay Congress back in the "Constitution-in-danger" coin that Rahul Gandhi effectively used during the election campaign, as well as its willingness to pick and widen gaps in the INDIA bloc. "This is the 50th anniversary of the Emergency. It is our collective duty to create awareness about all historic events.

India must aim to lower cost of access to space: Isro chief

NEW DELHI:

Isro chairman S Somanath on Wednesday said that India must aim to lower the cost of access to space as it could boost small satellite launches and attract new participants in the space sector. At the third Annual India Space Congress (ISC) 2024 here, which saw the participation of delegates from over 300 global space organisations and 30 countries, the Isro chief said, "Bringing down the cost of access to space is a global trend, and India must also look at it. Space can never be solely for business and economy; it must inspire generations to innovate for humanity," he said. "Isro has created significant space capability and talent in the country. It's time for new actors to scale India's space operations," he added. The Isro chief also said that there is not enough internal demand for the satel-



Students sent Ambani threats via pvt email services: Chargesheet

MUMBAI: The two college students, Rajveer Jagatsingh Khant (20) from Gujarat and Telangana's Ganesh R Vanparthi (19), arrested last year for sending separate threat emails to Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani and demanding Rs 400 crore used secure and private email service tools to evade security agencies,

police have said in their 300-page chargesheet filed in court. Police said they used Mailfence and ProtonMail, which provide secure and private email services - they have no ads, spams, trackers, solicitation or backdoor breaches, and are free of govt surveillance-and whose servers were based abroad.

lite-launch market in India but it can be created through more work on the application of satellite technology. He said big companies are willing to enter the space sector but they are concerned about the timeline. "When I talk

to many of those industries who are willing to come and set up facilities, they are all very ready to do it. But they are asking when they are going to break even and where the orders are so that they can safely invest in this.

Burglar shoots couple's video, blackmails them

RAIPUR: A wannabe civil servant, who took to burglary after his PSC dreams went nowhere, sneaked into a couple's home in Chhattisgarh's Durg a few nights ago, but instead of stealing anything, took a video of their intimate moment and tried to extort Rs 10 lakh from them. The couple, though shaken by the blackmail, decided to approach police and Vinay Kumar Sahu's short-lived career as a criminal ended just like his PSC dreams. Sahu (28) had used a stolen phone to take the video and WhatsApp it to the couple, without thinking that it would be under surveillance. "He made it easy for us to eventually track him down," said a police officer.

Rohit responds sharply to ball-tampering allegations



NEW DELHI: Responding sharply to former Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq's accusations of ball tampering by Team India during the Super 8 match against Australia, skipper Rohit Sharma emphasised that if it won't reverse swing here, then where it will, as the Men in Blue are not playing in conditions like those in Australia or England. Rohit's remarks followed Inzamam's assertion that it's unlikely for the ball to reverse swing as early as in the 15th over of the game, hinting at suspicions that "serious work had been done" on the ball. I don't see any reason why Rohit Sharma can't win the World Cup: Former India World Cup winner "Arshdeep Singh, when he was bowling the 15th over, the ball was reversing. Is it too early (for reverse swing) with the new ball? This means the ball was ready for reverse swing by the 12th or the 13th over. Umpires should keep their eyes open (to spot) these things...If it was Pakistani bowlers (reverse swinging the ball) this would have been a big issue. We know reverse swing very well and if Arshdeep can come in the 15th over and start reversing the ball, it means some serious work had been done before," Inzamam had said on Pakistani news channel. Addressing the media, ahead of India's semifinal clash against England, to be played on Thursday, Rohit said: "What can I say. Don't you see the rough surfaces and the heat here? This isn't Australia or England. Here the conditions will result in the ball reverse swinging in 12-15 overs.

Probe: NEET leak Bihar kingpin included with paper-solving gang of UP

PATNA: Sanjiv Mukhiya, the Nalanda horticulture college employee identified as one of the absconding perpetrators of the NEET-UG paper leak in Bihar, is a repeat offender with a network of collaborators that includes the arrested kingpin of a UP "solver gang", investigators revealed. Mukhiya, it transpired, unofficially



took time off from his job as a technical assistant at the state-run Noorsarai Horticulture College in Nalanda from May 6 to 14 and got himself admitted to a hospital. He went missing after word got out about his alleged role in the paper leak ahead of the May 5 test. Sources in the Economic Offences Unit said Mukhiya

had links with Ravi Atri, who was jailed in Meerut after being arrested in April for the police constable recruitment exam paper leak. Suspected Mukhiya didn't report for duty on day of NEET-UG test. Officials at Noorsarai Horticulture College said Mukhiya didn't report for duty on the day of the NEET-UG test and has been marked as absent without authorised.

Shame that local train users carried worse than cattle: HC



MUMBAI: Observing that passengers in local trains are carried worse than cattle, Bombay high court on Wednesday asked Railways whether it has been able to stop train-fall and track-trespassing deaths. "It is your responsibility and duty. You must not depend on the court's direction to save the lives of people," said Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya

the passengers in local trains are made to commute," said the CJ. The petition said Mumbai suburban railway, which is the second busiest globally after Tokyo, sees over 2,000 deaths annually, with a high 33.8 fatality rate. It also stated that while there is phenomenal growth in the number of passengers, infrastructure at railway stations is old and crumbling. The manner in which

LS Speaker election: Did Congress avoid seeking division of votes due to TMC reluctance?

NEW DELHI: The Congress-led opposition did not press for division of votes during the Speaker's election, a move that the party claimed was done in the interest of bipartisanship, but which left an impression that the change of tack was linked to Trinamool Congress's reluctance on the issue. Major constituents of the INDIA bloc - SP, DMK, Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP-SP - moved motions proposing K Suresh's name for the top post, but TMC stayed away. When the motion proposed by the govt in favour of Om Birla was put to vote, the opposition benches allowed the election by a voice



vote, foregoing voting. The Mamata Banerjee-led outfit had complained it was not consulted over the election and Suresh's name. When the opposition tried to persuade it, TMC said it will convey its decision on Wednesday morning, ahead of the Speaker's election. The decision to allow a voice vote, sources said, suggested that TMC did not give a favourable response to vote division. However, there was much confusion over the issue later. Congress came out clearly that it did not seek physical voting. AICC spokesman Jairam Ramesh said, "INDIA alliance exercised the democratic right to propose K Suresh for the post of Speaker and a voice vote was taken. After that, INDIA could have pressed for vote division, but did not, because INDIA wanted a consensus to strengthen the

spirit of cooperation which is so lacking in the actions of PM and NDA." But TMC's Abhishek Banerjee and Kalyan Banerjee told reporters that several members had sought voting, but the pro-tem Speaker did not allow the division because the govt did not have the numbers to win the election. Abhishek called it "immoral". Congress is seriously considering forcing a contest for the post of Deputy Speaker, peeved as it is with the govt's attitude on the issue. However, sources said the process for the post will take some time and a decision will be taken then.

Military coup? President of Bolivia expresses concerns

President Luis Arce of Bolivia took to X on Wednesday to express his concern over the "irregular mobilization" of certain army units within the country. This announcement came amidst accusations from the nation's former leader, who alleged that a high-ranking general was orchestrating a coup attempt. Meanwhile, news agency AFP reported that President Luis Arce urged Bolivians to mobilize against a "coup d'etat" after soldiers tried to force their way into government headquarters in La Paz. "We cannot allow coup attempts to take Bolivian lives once again," Arce said from inside the presidential palace.

5G spectrum auction: Govt raises Rs 11,340 crore, Airtel-Jio lead

NEW DELHI: The 5G spectrum auction ended after two days, raising only Rs 11,340 crore (\$1.36 billion) for the government. This amount is much lower than expected, reaching only about 12% of the Rs 96,238 crore (\$11.6 billion) the government had hoped to raise. The Department of (DoT) said the auction, which started on June 25, concluded after seven rounds of bidding. Only about 140-150 MHz of the 10,523 MHz of spectrum offered was actually sold. Bharti Airtel emerged as the biggest spender, focusing on renewing its expiring spectrum licences. and adding some new airwaves. The company spent around Rs 6,857 crore as it seeks to boost its mid-band spectrum pool. Reliance Jio, India's largest telecom opera-

tor, spent less than expected - about Rs 1,900 crore (\$228 million). The company mainly bought spectrum in the 1800 MHz band to improve its 4G and 5G coverage. Vodafone Idea announced that it has bought new radio airwaves in the recent spectrum auction. The company purchased a total of 50 MHz of spectrum across three different frequency bands - 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, and 2500 MHz. These airwaves will be used in 11 different telecom circles across India. Vi spent a total of Rs. 3,510 crore to acquire this spectrum. The quick end to the auction contrasts sharply with the 2022 5G spectrum sale, which lasted seven days and raised a record Rs 1.5 lakh crore (\$18 billion).

Bullies blocked the way by constructing boundary wall

Prayagraj: In Chanderpur urf Basmahua village of Sahason area bullies and gangsters have blocked the road by drawing a boundary wall on the common road. Due to which there is difficulty in transportation. Manoj Kumar Pandey, a resident of the said village has sent an



application to the Chief Minister saying that he lives by building a house in his Dhumdhri. On the way to and from his house, some powerful people of the village have forcibly blocked the way by drawing a boundary wall from Sorepusti. Due to which he is not able to come to his house. In this regard, the Tehsil Administration was informed by an application letter recently. But despite the order, the concerned Accountant and other officials did not reach the spot. Due to which the bullies built the entire boundary wall. If you stop them, they become intent on fighting and threaten to see you off. The victim's family has given an application to the Chief Minister requesting him to get the road cleared by conducting an investigation and taking action against the powerful and guilty people.

5 booked over dowry death

Prayagraj: In Saripur village of Phulpur police station area in-laws have accused a married woman of strangulation to death for dowry. The girl's father Umashankar Patel is a resident of Raniganj police station area of Khakhapur village. He alleges that he arranged for his daughter's marriage to a big boy. Did it with pomp and show according to one's status Dan had also given dowry but the dowry greedy demon demanded more dowry and strangled his daughter to death. In which the married woman's husband Ramesh Kumar Patel, son Lal Bahadur, father-in-law Lal Bahadur, father-in-law and brother-in-law Arvind Kumar, sister-in-law Kiran Devi are included, a case has been registered against them under section 498A/323/504/304B, accusing them of dowry death. The investigation of the said case has been handed over to ACP Phulpur Uday Pratap Singh. There is deep anger among the parents of the said incident. The family members of the deceased allege that for the sake of dowry, the in-laws strangled the married woman to death and then hanged her.

BJP members congratulated Om Birla on being elected LS Speaker

Prayagraj: BJP members congratulated him on becoming the Speaker of the Lok Sabha for the second consecutive time. While congratulating, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra and District Spokesperson



Rajesh Kesarwani said that MP Om Birla ji is rich in natural and efficient polite behavior. Under his leadership, the tenure of the 18th Lok Sabha is democracy. Will strengthen the infrastructure and his 5 years of experience will definitely prove helpful in building Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India. Those who congratulated him included Kunj Bihari Mishra Devesh Singh, Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani Ramesh Pasi, Vivek Aggarwal, Vijay Vaishya, Pramod Modi, Raju Pathak, Girjesh Mishra, Raghavendra Singh, Prashant Shukla, Rakesh Bharti, Anand Vaishya, Sudarshan Pawan Mishra, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal, etc. were officials and workers of the metropolis.

Spread of muck on road leading to Nishadraj Park exacerbated concerns, people in distress

Shringverpurdham: Wide roads have been built by the PWD department at a cost of lakhs in Shringverpurdham. But these days, mining work is going on at a rapid pace in the Nishadraj Park, Ramvan Gaman Marg and surrounding areas. Every day, from morning till night, dozens of dumper vehicles pass through the main road at high speed. Recently, a young man lost his life due to an accident involving a dumper vehicle on this road. But there has been no reduction in the speed of dumper vehicles. Due to this, villagers living in houses around the main road remain in fear of accidents. The main road connecting Shringverpurdham's Shriram Ghat, Nishadraj Park, Block Office and the under-construction Nishadraj Guhya Cultural Center has been covered with mud and water for about a kilometer these days. At many places, villagers have made RCC pillars as breakers by laying them on the road due to their safety and the lack of speed of dumper vehicles. By placing soil on it, it has been raised one foot higher. The road is covered with soil carried by dumper vehicles every day. The road has become bad due to the recent rains. On which even walking has become a problem. Shringverpur Teerth Kshetra Trust President Arun Dwivedi says that the government should ban the speed of dumper vehicles. Along with this, the pile of soil lying on the road should be cleaned. Due to water logging on the road, villagers are facing problems in commuting.

Inauguration of two-day Hindi workshop by Official Language Section, AU

Etiquette of being man comes from language: Prof. Santosh Bhadauria
Hindi will progress only with correct use of words. Amarendra Kumar Choudhary

Prayagraj: Official Language Section, Allahabad University In the series of organizing department-wise Hindi workshops in order to promote the official language Hindi, the 'Ancient History' of the University A 'two-day Hindi workshop' was organized for the personnel of the department. As a special guest, Amarendra Chaudhary of Civil Aircraft Training College, Bamrauli, Prayagraj, while discussing the constitutional provisions of the official language Hindi, said that Articles 353 to 351 are articles related to language. Hindi was accepted as the official language on 14 September 1949. Since then Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on 14 September. He further said that we should pay attention to the selection of words and sentence structure. As per rules, now only the international form of Indian numbers should be used.

Chief Guest, Chairman of the Department of An-

cient History, Prof. Harsh Kumar said that it is a very commendable work of the Official Language Section to go to the departments and train the personnel to work in Hindi language. These workshops will encourage the employees to perform their official work in Hindi. Such workshops should continue to be organised. Coordinator of the Official Language Implementation Committee and Professor of Hindi Department, Santosh Bhadauria talked about the practical aspect of the official language Hindi. He said that the Hindi which is in front of you is made up of 1000 years of tradition. From Amir Khusro till today Hindi has seen many forms. The tradition from Kabir to Dhumi is the tradition of Hindi. We should use Hindi in carrying out official work Hindi language will be propagated more through practice rather than theory. The relationship between Hindi and other Indian lan-

guages should be deepened which will lead to the development of Indianness. Language helps us to be-

come human. The culture of being a man comes from the language itself. It is good to learn English but the best thing is to express yourself in the mother tongue. Only 3 percent of the population in India knows English. It is heartening that Allahabad University has teachers and staff speaking different dialects from ev-

ery corner of India. Due to which the institute looks like a beautiful bouquet. Our university is currently

guage keeps changing. We come from different linguistic areas. Even if everyone is speaking Hindi, that working in Hindi is our legal responsibility as well as moral responsibility. We have to perform official work under the provisions of the official language. Hindi translator Hariom Kumar, while explaining the use of Hindi in the execution of official work, said that along with the name of the department, name of the chairperson, name of the faculty, seals, subject matter on letter head files, etc., we get a total of 14 types of The documents must be compulsorily in bilingual form. All personnel should write their names in the attendance register in Hindi and should also put their signatures in Hindi. Records of letters received should be kept. Under Official Language Rule 5, replies to letters received in Hindi should be given in Hindi only. The workshop was conducted by Hindi translator Hariom Kumar and the vote of thanks was given by Hindi officer Praveen Srivastava.



we can still find out their region from their tone. Today technology has expanded the use of Hindi but we should have the manners to use technology. In the second session, Hindi Officer, Praveen Srivastava addressed the personnel talking about the Official Language Act and Official Language Rules. He said

Words have their own journey, like this journey, language also has a journey. Kabir rightly said that a bouquet of personnel with different dialects. The Official Language Section is active in creating this bouquet by providing a platform to teachers/personnel of different dialects.

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Inspection of New Bodaki, New Khurja, and New Dadri stations of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor by GM NC Rly

Prayagraj: General Manager, North Central Railway, Ravindra Goyal inspected the Eastern Inspected New Bodaki, New Khurja of Dedicated Freight Corridor and New Dadri station of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. During this inspection,

Shobhit Bhatnagar, Director Operations and Business Development DFCCIL, Himanshu Badoni Divisional Railway Manager Prayagraj, Rajesh Kumar Chief Transport Planning Manager Prayagraj, Mannu Prakash Dubey, Additional General Manager Operations and Business Development, Prayagraj, Krishna Shukla, Senior Divisional Operations Manager (Coordination) Prayagraj and other officials were present. The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor was inspected by the inspection vehicle which departed from New Delhi Railway Station at 08:00 and arrived at New Bodaki Station at 08:59, New Dadri Station at 09:16, and arrived at New Khurja station at 10:20. Shri Sanjay Swaroop, Chief Managing Director and Priya Ranjan Parhi, Director (International Marketing & Operations) of Container Corpo-

ration of India at New Dadri Station welcomed General Manager North Central Railway. Multi Modal Hub and Multi Modal Hub at New Bodaki Station by Indian Railways Logistics Park has been conceptualized and planned. The scheme will



help in decongesting road traffic and will be a nodal point for transporters to deliver their goods to different countries. This connection will connect New Dadri station to the Multi Modal Logistics Hub of DMICDC.

After the welcome felicitation, a meeting was held with all the officials of Indian Railways, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited and Container Corporation of India Limited. After suc-

cessfully connecting ICDD siding to New Dadri, all future plans were discussed and plans to increase the load of terminals keeping in mind the import-export of goods for faster transportation were discussed. Successful linking of ICDD

eral Manager was very happy and excited with the results of huge reduction in transit time and congratulated the team for their efforts in shaping the logistics. This has reduced costs and tariffs and benefited the customers. Fast transportation of goods on WDFC is also becoming a contributing factor in the growth of India's GDP. Tree plantation activity was also carried out by Ravindra Goyal, General Manager, North Central Railway. General Manager, North Central Railway has assured hearty good wishes and full support to ICDD Siding and DFCCIL for achieving new achievements.

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Condolences on demise of cricket coach Vivek's father

Prayagraj: Ganga Prasad Singh (85 years), father of Ishwar Sharan Cricket Academy coach Vivek Singh, passed away on Tuesday. His last rites were performed at Rasulabad Ghat late in the evening. Ganga Prasad Singh, retired from Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Corporation Limited, has left behind two sons and three daughters. On his demise, a condolence meeting was held at Ishwar Sharan Inter College ground in which two minutes silence was observed and prayers were prayed to God for the peace of his soul. Devesh Mishra, Vijay Tripathi, Sanjay Pal, Akhilesh Shukla, Sudhir Sonkar, Khurshid Ahmed, Ajay Kumar, Rahul Singh, Mukesh Bharatiya etc. have expressed grief over his demise.

Hero MotoCorp's campus drive conducted at Government ITI, Aliganj

Lucknow: Campus drive was organized by Hero MotoCorp Ltd., Haridwar, Uttarakhand at Government ITI, Aliganj, Lucknow. Trainees of various professions of ITI participated enthusiastically in this program. These included trainees of fitter, welder, turner, automobile, electrician, electronic mechanic, machinist, diesel mechanic, and mechanic motor vehicle. Principal Raj Kumar Yadav said that a total of 150 male and female candidates have been selected in this event. Along with a salary of Rs 22500 per month, other facilities will also be provided. Training Counseling and Placement Officer M.A. Khan said that another opportunity is available for the candidates who were deprived of selection. They can participate in the Campus Drive organized by PepsiCo India Ltd., Mathura at Government Industrial Training Institute, Aliganj, Lucknow on 29 June 2024.

Xiaomi India announces breast cancer screening initiative

Varanasi: Marking a decade of innovation and contribution to community welfare in India, Xiaomi India, a global technology leader, has announced a landmark partnership with the Yuvraj Singh Foundation (YouWeCan), a non-profit organization established by cricketer and cancer survivor Yuvraj Singh. The 'SwasthMahilaSwasth Bharat' project aims to screen 1,50,000 women for breast cancer over 12 months across 15 states, focusing on under-represented and under-resourced communities. This initiative represents Xiaomi's most extensive effort in India so far, in terms of impact and reach.

Muralikrishnan B, President of Xiaomi India, said, "In our decade-long journey in India, we have evolved beyond being a technology brand by leveraging our extensive network for meaningful social change. The stark reality that a woman in India dies of breast cancer every 6 minutes, with 70% of cases diagnosed in advanced stages due to lack of screening, underscores the urgency of our mission. We're proud to join forces with the Yuvraj Singh Foundation (YouWeCan), harnessing our technological expertise to drive large-scale impact. Together, we aim to break stigmas, spread awareness, and enable early detection - potentially saving countless lives. This initiative embodies our commitment to India, extending far beyond innovation to address critical health challenges and create lasting positive change."

Yuvraj Singh, Former Cricketer and Founder, Yuvraj Singh Foundation (YouWeCan), said, "The 'SwasthMahilaSwasth Bharat' campaign is a crucial step in our fight against breast cancer in India. Despite limited awareness and access to screening, especially in rural areas, we're determined to make a difference. Xiaomi India's support is instrumental in scaling our efforts to reach 1.5 lakh women across 15 states. Their commitment is truly commendable. Together, we're not just screening for breast cancer; we're empowering women with knowledge and early detection tools. We are grateful to Xiaomi for their partnership in this initiative."

Vi Movies & TV App strengthens entertainment offering

Varanasi: In line with its continuous endeavour to cater to the growing consumer demands of bringing more entertainment at an affordable price, a leading telecom operator Vi, had launched their content aggregator App i.e Vi Movies & TV in its new avatar earlier this year. In addition to existing top players like Disney+ Hotstar, Vi today announced a new partnership with one of the leading OTT player - ZEE5. With this new addition, Vi Movies & TV App now offers access to 17 OTT

Apps in one single subscription, at 248 per month. Vi users can binge on their favourite content on top OTT Apps such as ZEE5+ Hotstar, Sony LIV, ZEE5, and others all with a single subscription to Vi Movies & TV, on their Mobile & TV. Vi users will

be able to enjoy a wide range of movies, shows, and popular titles such as the Vidya Balan starrer - Do Aur Do Pyaar, the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, regional blockbusters such as Manjummel Boys,

'Sif Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai', 'Kadak Singh' 'Veer Sawarkar', 'Sam Bahadur', 'Hanuman', and more from ZEE5.

Avneesh Khosla, Chief Marketing Officer, Vodafone Idea, said "At Vi,

App, offers access to 17 OTT platforms with a single plan. This not only reduces the cost of entertainment consumption but also eliminates the hassle of subscribing to multiple OTT apps separately."

He further added, "We are confident that Vi Movies & TV App will strike a chord with our consumers for its cost-effectiveness and convenience, opting for a seamless entertainment experience over multiple independent subscriptions. Our aim is to make high-quality entertainment accessible to our users and enhance their overall viewing experience through strategic partnerships with various OTT platforms. We will continue to expand our offerings by bringing the best entertainment experience for our users."

Aranmanai 4 and many more on the Disney+ Hotstar app; UEFA Euro Cup, 'Gullak Season 4, India Tour of Sri Lanka Scam 2003, RocketBoys etc. from Sony LIV and shows like 'Sunflower', 'Broken News', TAJ and movies such as

we understand that convenience and great value are two critical factors influencing buying decisions in India and we are committed to offering solutions that meet the needs of our customers. Our content aggregator platform, Vi Movies & TV

Job opportunities increasing manifold after cement grinding unit kicks off operation: Nandi

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Sangam city is setting a milestone in the Prayagraj industrial area. Whereas during the previous governments, industries were closing down, now many big industries are being established. One of which, JK Cement Company, has established a grinding unit of 2.0 MTPA capacity at a cost of Rs 500 crore in Shankargarh area of Prayagraj in a record ten months. The foundation of which was laid on 23 August

2023. The work of the grinding unit has started with the inauguration. Under the leadership of Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, JK Cements has inaugurated its new grinding unit in Prayagraj, which on one hand will increase the capacity of cement production. More than 500 people will get employment opportunities.

On the inauguration of JK Cement's new grinding unit in Shankargarh, Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi said that this new grinding unit is an important step for

the industrial development of Prayagraj. This will not only increase regional employment opportunities but



will also strengthen the economy of Prayagraj. The inauguration of this grinding unit has increased the

total production capacity of JK Cements by 2 million tonnes per annum. Establishment of this unit will increase the use of local raw materials and will also benefit regional industries. Minister Nandi said that with such projects, rapid progress is being made in the direction of developing Uttar Pradesh as an industrial hub.

This new unit set up by JK Cements follows the highest technical standards and environmental protocols, ensuring that the production process is eco-friendly and sustainable.

Local officials, industrialists and community members also marked their presence at the inauguration and appreciated this important initiative. Minister Nandi said that the aim of the Uttar Pradesh government is to take the state to the pinnacle of industrial development. Projects like this play an important role in bringing us closer to that goal. With this new unit, another strong step has been taken towards industrial development in Uttar Pradesh, which will contribute significantly to the overall progress and development of the state.

Modi never speaks on issues like inflation, unemployment: Digvijay Singh

Prayagraj: Former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and Congress Rajya Sabha MP Digvijay Singh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi never speaks on inflation, unemployment and poverty.

Speaking as the chief guest at the National Security Employees Federation meeting here today, he said that Modi had done nothing in the last ten years except telling lies and spreading hatred. To hide their failures, they kept raking over the past and didn't do anything except cursing Congress. Talking about the imminent fall of the NDA central government, he said that the Prime Minister, who is playing with the future of the students, is silent on the issue of NEET, alleging that the examination papers were leaked 41 times in the last ten years. Now the roof of Ram temple of Ayodhya is also leaking.

Former Union Minister of State for De-

fense MM Pallam Raju said that China has shown red eyes on the border and has captured thousands of square kilometers of the country's land, but the government is worried about the chair. National President



Ashok Singh presided. Former MLA Vijay Prakash, State Congress Committee General Secretary Mukund Tiwari, Kishore Varshney, Sudhakar Tiwari, Fuzail Hashmi, Harikesh Tripathi, Sanjay Tiwari, Anil Pandey, Haseeb Ahmed etc. welcomed.

Prayer and condolence meet held at Cong office

Prayagraj: Officials of Metropolitan Cong Committee (Prayagraj) organized a prayer and condolence meeting to God for the peace of the departed soul. On Wednesday at the Chowk office of the Metropolitan Congress Committee, Gorakhpur Metropolitan Congress Committee President Ashutosh Tiwari died on 24th June. On the tragic death in a road accident, all the officials of the Metropolitan Congress Committee, under the chairmanship of Metropolitan President Pradeep Mishra (Anshuman) observed 2 minutes silence

Manas Shukla, Ishrat Ali Chand, Shyam Ji Shukla, Ashok Singh, Sushil Mishra, Ram Manorath Saroj, Shakeel Ahmed, Vishal Sonkar, Poonam Yadav, Irshad Ullah, Sunny Sonkar (Pramod), Nafees Qureshi,



and organized a condolence meeting and prayed to God for the peace of the departed soul. In this condolence meeting, prominent Roop Diwakar Bhartiya, Lallan Patel, Vinay Pandey, Ajendra Gaur, Ishtiaq Ahmed,

Ramesh Yadav, Rajendra Aggarwal, Ramesh Jaiswal, Santoshanand Maharaj, Rachna Pandey, Darksha Qureshi, Nishat Fatima, Sushil Dwivedi, Manoj Srivastava, Vimal Malhotra, Mohammad Faiz, Ashraf, Rahul Yadav etc. were present.

Pankh prog perfect for livelihood of disabled people: CMO

Prayagraj: Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ashu Pandey inaugurated the Pankh program at TRRAIN Skill Development Center of Trust for Trailers and Retail Associates of India, Prayagraj. Chief guest of the program and Chief Medical Officer Prayagraj Dr. Anshu Pandey, and special guests included Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Nodal Medical Board Prayagraj Dr. Naveen Kumar Giri, Nodal NUHM Ravendra Singh and Ashfaq Ahmed District Community Process Manager and Brijesh Srivastava from Shoppers Stop. are. The Chief Guest,

Chief Medical Officer and special guests were welcomed by North India Manager Md. Aman by garlanding them and the trainees welcomed them by giving them saplings. Pankh Program has been working since 2010 for the livelihood of disabled people. Till now, it has provided livelihood to more than 32000 disabled people across India by providing free training. In the coming 3 years, Prayagraj TRRAIN Center of Excellence will provide training to disabled people



from nearby districts whose qualifying age is 18 to 30 years, minimum education is 10th. Pass, minimum 40 pc in disability is being made by Ttrain Trust to provide

livelihood to such candidates by providing them training.

Program Chief Priyaranjan Vidhar explained the program to the Chief Medical Officer in detail, on which the CMO expressed his question and expressed his appreciation that it is a very good thing that you are running a free program for our disabled people. The cooperation will be at my level and it will be done. Also tell that regular medical checkup of the trainee students will also be done by

organizing camps. At the end of the program, Train Livelihood Head Priyaranjan expressed his gratitude to all the guests who had come. During this, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, TRRAIN Livelihood Program Head Priya Ranjan Vidhar, North India Manager Mohammad Aman, Center Manager Shivani Singh, Trainer Rumana, Community Mobilizer Mohammad Furkan and all the trainees of the first batch and their parents were present. Information about the said program was given by Vipin Kumar Kushwaha.

Municipal Commr inspected various works, gave necessary instructions

Prayagraj: Municipal Commissioner inspected various works, gave necessary instructions, drains were found filled and garbage was found scattered somewhere, flaws were also found in drain construction. Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Prayagraj, Chandra Mohan Garg today inspected the cleanliness system, road lighting and ghats being done by CNDS and The construction works of the Public Works Department were inspected. During the inspection, Chief Engineer, Civil and Water/Water, Executive Engineer CSDS, Executive Engineer Electrical/Civil, concerned, Assistant Engineer and Junior Engineer and contractors of the concerned firm and members of the third party team were also present on the spot: -First Zone- Piles of filth and garbage were found at various places at Kali Ghat, 4 Yamuna Bank Road. During inspection of the construction work of Maujgiri Ghat and Kalighat,

the work was found to be progressing at a very slow pace. Even after lapse of about 15 days from the beginning of the work, only 03 percent of the work was

to remove the debris, and also the Chief Engineer was directed to inspect the ghat and make recommendations by coordinating with the Executive Engineer

Along with this, during the inspection of Baghambari Road and drain construction work, the wall of the drain was found to be thick, thin and crooked

struction work of MRF Center and Transfer Station being done in Ashok Nagar, Zone-3, During this, the environmental engineer was directed to construct a tunnel road for the vehicles coming to the plant so that there is no difficulty in the movement of vehicles. In relation to the above, the environmental engineer was directed to prepare a plan and send it within a week. During the inspection of Thornhill Road Sai Mandir drain, after cleaning the drain, silt was found on the spot. The junior engineer was directed to immediately get the silt removed by the concerned firm and get it cleaned. During the inspection of the work of light points being installed from Mazar intersection to Shivkuti, the Municipal Commissioner met the Chief Engineer (V/O) and the concerned firm. The representative was directed to start the work on other sites within two days and the work should be done in quality, on time and as per the standards.



found to be completed on the spot and debris etc. was found spread on the parking lot of the ghat. Along with the instructions for cleanliness, the Municipal Commissioner directed the Executive Engineer CNDS

CNDS for the repair work of Maujgiri and Kalighat. Please send the report including whether the previously constructed toilet, changing room etc. is repairable or should be demolished and rebuilt.

at many places. The concerned contractor was directed to get the wall repaired and the Chief Engineer was directed to get the said work checked by a third party and send the report. After inspection of the con-

Congmen hails Rahul Gandhi as LoP

Prayagraj: The Prominent Congressmen of District and City hailed the unanimous selection of Rahul Gandhi as Leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha. In this regard a meeting of partymen held in Civil lines Wednesday afternoon with ex. Spokesman, UPCC Kishore Varshney on chair. Varshney welcomed the decision of Rahul to accept the mantle of LOP. He said former Congress president was unquestionably the star of recent concluded Loksabha election performance. He campaigned extensively throughout the country and so deserved the post. He said Rahul indeed was the man of the match of the Loksabha polls and added that in a number of places the Congress hit the ball out of the park under him. UPCC members duo Fuzail Hashimi and Harikesh Tripathi, Dr. Satya Pandey, Ajay Srivastav, Parvej Siddiqui, Ajay Mishra, Sartaj Mohammed, Keshav Pasi, Kameshwar Sonkar, Arun Chaurasia and others were present.

Revati Raman warns of embarking on protest at CMO office Over malicious sealing action on caste specific clinics

Prayagraj: Former MP Kunwar Revati Raman Singh warned the Chief Medical Officer Prayagraj that if the maliciously sealed caste (Yadav) clinics are not opened within two days, then I will sit in a dharna at the CMO office on Saturday. SP State Secretary Vinay Kushwaha said that to settle the election rivalry, the clinic of Yadavs of Karchana Tarhar has been locked. Even though they were properly registered, three such clinics were locked and more than ten days passed without any complaint. He told reporters that the people whose clinics were arbitrary closed by authorities, came to the former MP with a complaint that even though they were registered, they were still closed sans any proper reason. Whereas in Diha mar-

ket, a quack doctor without registration and degree is running his clinic indiscriminately by calling himself a relative of the MLA, no action is being taken against him. State Secretary said



that former MP Revati Raman Singh immediately contacted the CMO. He talked to him that if the seal is not opened in two days, then I will sit on strike on Saturday, because equal rights have been given to everyone in the Constitu-

Owaisi is like stain on country's name: Rajendra Mishra

Prayagraj: BJP members strongly condemned the slogan of Jai Palestine by Asaduddin Owaisi in the swearing-in ceremony of the Member of Parliament in the Parliament House. BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra and District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that people like Owaisi make holes in the plate from which they eat. Owaisi has made his loyalty clear by cheering Palestine in the country's Parliament. Owaisi cannot even say a single word of praise for the country he is serving, the country in whose Parliament he is standing.

These are the same people who make holes in the plate from which they eat. People like Owaisi are a disgrace to the name of their society and country. Those who condemned were Kunj Bihari Mishra, Devesh Singh Varun Kesarwani Rajesh Kesarwani Ramesh Pasi Vivek Aggarwal Vijay Vaishya, Sushil Jain, Pramod Modi, Raju Pathak, Girjesh Mishra, Raghavendra Singh, Prashant Shukla, Rakesh Bharti, Anand Vaishya Sudarshan, Pawan Mishra, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Neeraj Kesharwani, Kamlesh Kesharwani, etc. were BJP workers.

Candidates will get free choice to choose option for admission in ITI

Prayagraj/Lucknow: To make the youth of the state technically competent, the Yogi government has given free choice to the candidates to choose their option for admission in government and private ITIs. In fact, the admission process in government and private industrial training institutes (ITI) of the state has been fixed with amendments for the financial year 2024-25 and other upcoming sessions. According to this, now the candidates will be able to voluntarily give the option of any district, institute and course of the state in the order of preference of Group A and B government

and private ITIs. In the earlier system, for admission in government ITI, one could give the option of maximum 3 districts, 6 institutes and 10 professions, whereas for private ITI, this limit was up to a maximum of 25 institutes in 3 districts. State Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development, Vocational Education and Entrepreneurship, Kapil Dev Aggarwal said that according to the arrangements made for the academic session 2024-25 under the revised admission process, the candidates can voluntarily appear for Group A and B Government ITI. And there will be facil-

ity to add option of any district, institute, business and course of the state in the order of preference of private ITI. Similarly, in private ITIs, the system of freeze/float will be available to give advanced choice of district, institute, profession and course against vacant seats in the first and second phase.

In the second phase of the admission process, those candidates who took admission in the first phase in Government/Private ITI, who did not get the district/institution/profession and course of their higher choice, but due to some candidates not taking ad-

mission in the first phase, they are given their There may be an opportunity to enter higher options.

However, if such candidates want to change their option, then if the seat becomes vacant, the candidates admitted in government institute will get the opportunity of upgradation in government institute and the candidates admitted in private institute will get the opportunity of upgradation in private institute. After the completion of the upgradation process, first of all those candidates who were allotted any institute in the first phase will be

separated. After this, the process of allotment for the remaining seats will be conducted again as per the first phase and the upgradation list and second selection list will be displayed again on the Council's website.

After the second phase, the process of upgradation of candidates in government/private ITI will be done as per the second phase, details of vacant seats will be prepared and made available on the website and the process of registration will be done after getting the options of the candidates again. If any candidate does not want to

give a new option, then on the option given in his admission form, he will be allotted district/institution/business and course as per his merit in the first phase. After registration, the selection process will be completed in 4 days and candidates will be given a maximum of 5 days to take admission. In the allotment of seats in the third phase, only such candidates will be considered who have not been allotted any seat in the first and second phase. After the allotment in this phase, the process of seat allotment will be adopted again like the first phase by unreserving the remaining seats.

Editorial

Delegitimisation of the Yogi model of development

That is to say, to understand India, would be to swallow multiple worlds. It is another matter that the Opposition in India does not understand this simple point. No matter how badly the Opposition and critics may slam, sledge, and try to ostracise Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over the election debacle of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh, it would be an intellectual feebleness, even suicidal, to singularly view the result of the 18th Lok Sabha, 2024 election, as a barometer of his credibility or the delegitimisation of the Yogi model of development. A point can be made that the election results may be an indication that excessive polarisation, convincingly demonstrated by almost all parties in India, can only lead to virtue-signalling gestures rather than converting into votes for all of them, but that is precisely the reason why the Yogi model is still needed. What this election result signifies is that people have evaded the scrutiny of religion, opting mostly for development, modernisation, employment, and inclusiveness. While compartmentalisation of communities cannot be entirely rejected, it is also understood that people in Uttar Pradesh are looking for cross-fertilisation of ideas/ideologies that can fortify their living standard in quotidian life, thus making the implicit hint that communities may be tacit to be (mis)used as election cannon fodder by political parties. The implication of this shift is already obvious with CM Yogi strictly asking his cabinet ministers, in the wake of the election outcome, to deter from practising "VIP culture" and instead promote the practice of "samvaad (dialogue), samanvay (coordination), samvedansheelta (sensitivity)." The mantra is simple if only they are willing to listen. The Yogi model has been the model of communication, interaction, dignity, and development. It has always been like that since its inception in 2017. In fact, CM Yogi's efforts to stabilise people's lives can be gauged from the fact that "in the last six and a half years, more than 55 lakh underprivileged people in the state received free housing facilities under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana." Those who cast doubt over the inevitability of Yogi in Uttar Pradesh discount the fact that in his tenure as CM, Yogi has bulldozed the aspirations of criminals, which for so long existed in the state both as a reality and anecdotal evidence. The fact that not many would like to present is that Yogi triggered "68K 'encroachments' [with] Rs 844-crore property seized." These seized lands have been converted into living houses that the Yogi government has provided to the marginalised section of society in the state. That hue and cry over his bulldozer image is, therefore, a diversion tactic by his opponents. It is a strange paradox that those who cry about democratic backsliding and its failure in Uttar Pradesh, whenever Yogi takes strict actions against criminals, do so only due to their inherited character of loot and corruption, something with which the state has become a synonym for so long. The hypocrisy of these experts on democracy is not only acute but also detrimental to the progress of Uttar Pradesh. It is not rocket science to understand that any state can make economic progress only when it ensures a firm grip on the law-and-order situation. By the same equation, it is not difficult to understand who is afraid of strict laws and actions. In Yogi lies the answer to Uttar Pradesh's future. No wonder, he has managed to attract so many investors to the state, which his predecessors failed to do. Under his leadership, Uttar Pradesh's development is no longer a fairy tale but it has become a comprehensible reality, which is reflected in the fact that "Uttar Pradesh is contributing 9.2 per cent to the national income. Today, Uttar Pradesh is becoming the growth engine of the country's development as the second largest economy of the country."

Livelihood of farmers and agriculture

Being a slave means becoming subservient, that is, the person under whose rule you are a slave can drive you like an animal as he wishes. By the way, slavery has been prevalent for centuries in almost all the countries of the world, let alone India. In Germany, Russia and many other European countries, slaves used to be sold regularly. Now the governments of all the countries, in collusion with the capitalists, are hatching such a conspiracy for the benefit of those capitalists that instead of giving proper benefits to the farmers and laborers (farmer-coomera class), that is, these two hard working classes, which is quite a lot, they are following the policy of keeping the farmers and laborers as slaves. The current central government of India has also decided to do the same with the farmers and laborers associated with the country's largest agricultural sector. In fact, the farmer workers who provide food to the people of the entire country, as well as run small and cottage industries that make agricultural equipment and medicines to keep the crops disease-free and nutritious, and run small and cottage industries that convert agricultural produce into



refined food products, and give impetus to other government institutions with their skilled labour, have given power to the BJP twice by giving it full support in the hope of improving their economic and social condition; but today the Modi government of the same center has spoiled the country's semi-system by giving these resources and institutions to private hands with the intention of snatching the livelihood of farmers and agriculture-related businesses from the hands of laborers and small traders. Because in the last 10 years, the Modi government of the center has not only snatched the means of livelihood from the farmer workers, i.e. farmers and laborers, by handing over most of the government institutions to private hands, but has also made the reservation given to their children ineffective without

amending the Constitution. Because as long as an institution remains government, there is a provision of reservation in it; but there is no provision of reservation in the private sector. In this way, the Modi government of the Centre has snatched away the biggest wish of the children of farmers and labourers, the hope of getting a government job. Actually, this anti-farmer and anti-labour policy of the Central government has forced the youth of these classes to live in a miserable condition due to unemployment. This government did not have any pity on the increased misery of the farmer-labour classes due to privatization of government institutions. The biggest proof of the continuous cruelty of the Central government on the farmer-labour classes is that it has cut down the rights given to

the workers and with the intention of not paying the salary fixed on the basis of government standards, it has legalized the contract system in government institutions as well as private sector institutions and pushed them towards slavery by adopting that policy. In this way, the Modi government of the Centre, without changing the chronology, very cleverly made it ineffective and forced all the workers from skilled and unskilled to technical and non-technical workers to work on low wages in all government institutions, even ministries.

Apart from this, the same thing is being done in other middle class positions from government clerks, due to which such people are also losing their jobs or those who are retiring. Instead of making new recruitments in their place, under this contracting system, instead of hiring new people, many people are being replaced by one or two people on low salary by the contractor companies and more work is being done by them and they are not even being paid the salary that a person used to get on a government post. That is, by saving the salary of 5-7 government people, one person is being paid half

the salary of a government person and the work of 5-7 people is being done from him. And in this way, the Modi government at the center has given the exploiters i.e. capitalists the legal right to exploit the workers and educated youth economically, mentally, physically. This government has not only done injustice to the workers, but in order to suppress the voice of the workers who come together and raise their voice against the exploitation of the exploiters i.e. industrialists and capitalists engaged in business etc., it has increased the number of workers required to form a constitutional organization from 60 to 300 from an institution, so that they cannot form an organization. That is, the registration of the organization will be possible only when at least 300 workers from an institution come together and agree to the organization and sign to get the organization registered.

It is obvious that today there are no 300 workers in any institution and even if there are any, it is difficult for them to gather. Because the capitalists make many of their own laws beforehand and get them to sign. Similarly, this government has given legal freedom.

Health trade license required for city amusements

According to the latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2019-20, the registered food processing sector employed a total of 20.32 lakh individuals, with an estimated 2.27 lakh women constituting 11.18 per cent of the workforce. The Mega Food Parks Scheme was a groundbreaking initiative designed to develop a modern infrastructure for food processing units. The primary objective of the scheme was to establish an integrated value chain, with food processing at its core, supported by necessary forward and backward linkages. While mega food parks have the potential to attract significant investments in the food processing sector, it is equally important to establish

small-scale food processing units and parks at the district level. Currently, there is no such scheme implemented by the Ministry. Small food parks can contribute to rural employment, while large food parks can enhance the value of exports. The Ministry has implemented a cold chain infrastructure scheme that aims to promote uninterrupted cold chain facilities throughout the entire process, from the farm gate to the consumer. This scheme aims to reduce losses by improving the efficiency of collecting farmers' produce, storage, transportation, and minimal processing. The presence of a cold chain infrastructure is crucial for enhancing the shelf value of agricultural

produce. By implementing precision agro-processing techniques, we can further increase the value of agricultural produce. Introducing technology to this sector is crucial to prevent wastage of agricultural produce, which not only holds political implications but also poses a significant threat to our economic development. The horticulture sector has the potential to enhance farmer incomes, and exporting horticultural produce can substantially boost our economy. With India's diverse horticultural wealth, the country has the capacity to become a leading producer of high-quality horticultural products, thereby benefiting farmers. Floriculture is another area.

Over a year since ethnic violence erupted in Manipur, people are slowly losing hope. Thousands who fled their homes fear they may never return, as one of India's longest-running conflicts drags on with no resolution in sight. Unlike other states, like Gujarat in 2002, where violence between communities was swiftly contained, the situation in Manipur continues to be volatile. With elections over, will the new Narendra Modi-led government finally address Manipur's plight with the urgency it deserves? In May 2023, simmering tensions between Manipur's Kuki-Zo-Hmar and Meitei communities boiled over into violent clashes. Fearing for their safety, people of the Kuki-Zo-Hmar community fled back to the hills, while Meiteis in the hill districts evacuated to the valley. But even as they ran, leaving everything behind, they clung to the hope that their displacement would be temporary. Yet, as time passes, the division between the hills and the valley only becomes more pronounced and lawlessness prevails. Just last Saturday, alleged militants set fire to two police outposts and dozens of houses in Jiribam district, with the flare-up of tensions causing some 600 people to seek refuge in Assam's Cachar. The crumbling of trust in the system is now palpable.

There's a profound sense of betrayal that the state (read Centre) has failed to safeguard its citizens within their own homes. After all, safety and protection are fundamental rights that any state is obligated to guarantee. This has shattered people's faith in the government and the feeling of alienation is intensifying with each passing day. In the wake of the grand election season that swept across India, the central question has become whether the crisis in this small but strategically important border state will finally be tackled seriously. More than 60,000 people in Manipur are internally displaced in their own country. Many are stuck in relief camps with not even a minimum subsistence allowance, while others continue to survive on the love and compassion of others—who, in turn, are running out of resources and reserves. On top of this, residents in hill districts like Churachandpur and Kangpokpi now face restricted access to Imphal airport, resulting in difficulties in obtaining essential goods, medicines, and healthcare, among other things. Life isn't easy for everyone in Imphal either. Not everyone has the luxury of travelling by air, and many residents are effectively trapped in a landlocked state, unable to pursue business or educational opportunities outside

their immediate vicinity. In reality, both sides have axed their feet and need rescue, but there's little help coming even from within the Northeast region. When the Jiribam violence led to hundreds crossing the Jiri River to neighbouring Assam, they weren't exactly welcomed with open arms—the state government responded to their arrival by immediately tightening its border. While concerns about security and infrastructure burdens may be behind this, it is also essential to consider the plight of those fleeing Manipur in distress. State policies should reflect humanitarian principles of compassion and solidarity so that no one is left abandoned during crises.

What is not in doubt is that the prolonged crisis in Manipur is bound to have a spillover effect on neighbouring states. Northeast leaders should have acted early to help resolve the situation, but concrete actions have been scarce, except for a few like Mizoram, where about 9,000 displaced people from Manipur are living. United efforts from Northeast leaders could have significantly alleviated the situation. However, their lack of unity has resulted in a missed opportunity to leverage their collective strength. It's crucial for them to recognise that one state's problems resonate.

Myanmar's continued to bomb rebel

Faced with an increasingly successful insurgent campaign, the country's all-powerful Tatmadaw, or army, has been desperately seeking help from New Delhi. Last week, the Tatmadaw rolled out the red carpet for an Indian Army delegation led by the Military Intelligence Directorate's Major-General Charanjeet Singh Dewgun. And even as Myanmar's air force continued to bomb rebel-held villages along the border with India last month, Air Vice Marshal Ichettira Iyappa Kuttappa, was in Naypyidaw for talks. To influential sections of New Delhi's foreign policy establishment,

the Myanmar military seems like a natural partner. For one, the Tatmadaw's long-standing superpower sponsor, China, has now deepened its ties with the insurgents. Like Hindu nationalists, moreover, the Generals see themselves as being besieged by jihadism and ethnic minorities, often linked to the church. Ever since it seized power in 2021, the Tatmadaw marketed itself as a defender of the Buddhist state against assault by Islam and the West. Far-Right monks like Ashin Nyanissara and Ashin Chekinda, who supported the coup, gained patronage from the Generals. The leaders of

pro-military religious orders, commentator Aung Zaw writes, began to be seen on the streets of Yangon in Mercedes and Bentleys—drawing derision from an increasingly impoverished population. The junta even cultivated Ashin Wirathu, sometimes described as the Buddhist Bin Laden. The monk, alleged to have provoked genocidal violence against the Rohingya, was released from prison, acquitted of all charges, and eventually given state honours. Thiri Pyanchi, the title granted to Wirathu, honours those who have performed services to advance the greatness of

Myanmar. Fearful of alienating its core Bamar supporters, the government of former Prime Minister Aung San Suu Kyi had been reluctant to act against Wirathu. Even though Wirathu was banned from preaching in 2017 for a year by the state-run council that regulates religious activities, he toured the country after the anti-Rohingya violence broke out. In one speech, he called Muslims "crazy dogs" that are "breeding so fast," "stealing our women, raping them" and "would like to occupy our country." The monk was charged with sedition in the summer of 2019.

1 killed, couple injured in separate terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir

NEW DELHI: A former sarpanch was killed while a tourist couple from Rajasthan sustained injuries in two separate terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday night. According to the officials, the first attack took place on an open tourist camp near Pahalgam while the second on the former sarpanch at Hirpora in south Kashmir. "Terrorists fired upon and injured a woman, Farha, a resident of Jaipur (in Rajasthan) and her spouse Tabrez at Yannar in Anantnag. The injured were evacuated to a hospital for treatment. The area has been cordoned off. Further details shall follow," the Kashmir Zone Police posted on X. In another attack, within half-an-hour, terrorists shot dead former sarpanch Aijaz Sheikh in Shopian's Hirpora around 10.30 pm, the officials said. Sheikh, who was associated with the BJP, was rushed to a hospital where he succumbed



to injuries, the officials added. The areas in Anantnag and Shopian have been cordoned off and search operations have been launched to nab the attackers, the officials said. The attacks came as the state is preparing to go for the polls for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Polling in Baramulla will be held on May 20 in the fifth round of the seven-phase general elections. Political parties in Jammu and Kashmir, including the National Conference, PDP and the BJP, condemned the attacks. Former chief minister

and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, said on X, "While we condemn the attack in Pahalgam today that resulted in injuries to two tourists followed by another attack on a (former) sarpanch in Hirpora, Shopian - the timing of these attacks given that the south election was delayed without any reason is a cause of concern. Especially keeping in mind normalcy claims touted by GOI (Government of India)." National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and vice president Omar Abdullah also condemned the terror attacks.

Poll promises unfulfilled, iron factory linked to Dalai Lama waits for revival

KODERMA: On the outskirts of Jharkhand's Koderma town, a defunct iron factory stands abandoned and corroded, greeting visitors at the entrance of Hirodih, a dusty and sleepy settlement of four villages next to a forgotten legacy. Thousands of residents of Hirodih swing between hope and despair every election, as their demand to revive the plant, once owned by Tibetan spiritual leader and Nobel Prize winner, the Dalai Lama, getting them promises and assurances from candidates seeking

votes every time, only to be forgotten after the polls. After the Buddhist monk crossed into India from Tibet in the 1950s, he set up this plant, spread over 350 acres of land bought from the villagers for Rs 4 crore in 1960, and named it Gayday Iron & Steel Company. The only venture owned by the Tibetan spiritual leader, the factory was a major avenue for employment in the region. But, more than four decades since its closure, hopes of its revival have only diminished due to half-baked attempts, failed promis-

es and administrative apathy, turning Koderma into a migration-prone region. Jung Bahadur Singh, who is now in his late 70s, was among the first employees of this factory. He continued to be on the rolls even when the factory's ownership kept changing hands, but the jobs continued to shrink owing to a lack of proper patronage to run the factory. The septuagenarian lives in Gamarwad village, one of the four villages where people voluntarily gave up their lands for the factory, hoping it would usher in prosperity.

In jail since 2019, J&K candidates' assets up, liabilities dip

BARAMULLA: Independent candidate from Baramulla Lok Sabha seat Abdul Rashid Sheikh, who is lodged in Tihar for alleged terror-funding activities, has significantly reduced his liabilities and increased assets in the last five years, his poll affidavit

shows. Better known as 'Engineer Rashid', the former MLA's assets are now valued at Rs 1.5 crore compared to Rs 80 lakh in 2019. It includes a 41,072 sq ft non-agriculture land in his home town Lingate and a house in Srinagar

worth Rs 90 lakh. Rashid has declared Rs 11.3 lakh home loan and Rs 3.1 lakh Kissan Credit Card loan as liabilities. The former MLA has only Rs 1,424 in his sole bank account, his financial disclosures show. In the affidavit, he cited pension as his source.

Acharyakul Chandigarh honoured Nalin Acharya

Chandigarh: Acharyakul Chandigarh honored its Senior Vice President and senior journalist Nalin Acharya on being elected President of Press Club Chandigarh. The program was organized at Chandigarh Press Club. Acharyakul President KK Sharda, Senior Vice President Prem Vij and other members honoured him by giving him a shawl, citation and flower bunch. Senior journalist and litterateur Prem Vij, while introducing Nalin Acharya on this occasion, said that many of



his generation are contributing in journalism. Acharyakul President KK Sharda shared his experiences with his

father Santosh Acharya. Secretary Tajinder Thakur was also present. Dr. Rajiv Kapila, MM Juneja, Dr.

Vinod Sharma, Dr. Varinder Singh Yogi, Kanshi Ram, Varinder Kumar, Yogesh Sharma Gurdarshan Mavi expressed their views. Nalin Acharya gave information about his journey in journalism. Dr. Pragya Sharda, Dr. Anish Garg, Vimla Guglani, Annuarani Sharma, Sangeeta Sharma appreciated the works of Nalin Acharya through poems. The program was conducted by Annuarani Sharma. Famous bhajan singer Somesh Gupta presented bhajan.

More than 40 Telangana IAS officers were transferred and given new assignments

Delhi: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Telangana State Government transferred and posted nearly 40 IAS officers in the first major upheaval. June 24, 2024 IAS officer reshuffle. The government has been discussing transferring IAS personnel for some time, but after the Lok Sabha election 2024 announcement, it did not act. The Chief Minister met with senior officials led by Chief Secretary A. Santhi

Kumari to finalize the transfer list. The Chief Secretary ordered Energy Department principal secretary Syed Ali Murtaza Rizvi to be transferred to the Commercial Taxes and Excise department and replaced by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) commissioner D. Ronald Rose, who was also appointed chairman and managing director of TG Transco and Genco. Kata, HMDA metropolitan commis-

sioner, is now GHMC commissioner. Transport Commissioner Jyoti is now Registration, Stamps, and Housing secretary. He took over as Commissioner and Inspector General Registration and Stamps, Commission of Survey Settlements and Land Records, and Project Director of Bhubharathi, replacing veteran official Navin Mittal. Mr. Jyoti Buddha Prakash will remain

Transport Commissioner until Ilambarathi arrives. Sabyasachi Ghosh, currently Youth Services principal secretary, has been shifted to Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, while 1995 batch officer Sanjay Kumar, who was waiting, has been posted to Labour. After Shailaja Ramaiyer was promoted to Endowments department main secretary, A. Vani Prasad, principal secretary of Environment.

Rename namesake disease hitting Ranikhet's fame: HC

DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand high court has directed the state to propose a new name for a disease that has Ranikhet, a picturesque tourist spot, in its name. After a PIL highlighted that the hill station's reputation suffers due to its association with an avian disease known as 'Ranikhet disease', the administration has now been told to file an affidavit suggesting an alternative name by June 27. During the hearing, Chief Justice Ritu Bahri and Justice Rakesh Thapliyal discussed the negative impact of the disease's name on Ranikhet's tourism. Ranikhet renowned for healthy air, Himalayan views

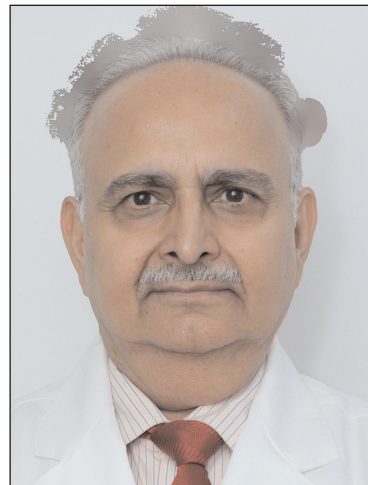


The petitioner, Satish Joshi, of Ranikhet, said "the picturesque town's allure is overshadowed by this association". Ranikhet, about 50km from Almora, is renowned for its healthy climate, pleasant breeze, stunning Himalayan views, and pollution-free greenery with deodar and oak trees. The area's attractions, including Kumaon Regimental Centre, museum, & golf course, offer memorable experiences for visitors. Ranikhet disease,

also known as Newcastle disease, affects the birds and poultry, leading to severe respiratory issues, nervous system problems, and high mortality rates. This affliction has significant economic implications for poultry farmers and can affect the large local bird populations. The petitioner contended other celebrated hill stations like Mussoorie and Nainital are exalted. Ranikhet, therefore, should not be overshadowed.

Sudden Anger Outbursts Can Spike BP: Experts at Paras Health Panchkula Raises Awareness on World Hypertension Day

Panchkula: In recognition of World Hypertension Day, experts at Paras Health Panchkula raises awareness about the dangers of sudden anger outbursts and their potential to significantly increase blood pressure. "Uncontrolled anger can have a very real and negative impact on your cardiovascular system," asserted Dr. H. K. Bali, Chairman, Cardiac Sciences, Paras Health Panchkula. "During anger, the body undergoes a physiological stress response. This hormonal cascade causes blood vessels to constrict, heart rate to escalate, and blood pressure to surge rapidly. These spikes in blood pressure put a tremendous strain on the heart. Over time, repeated episodes of uncontrolled anger can



damage the delicate lining of blood vessels, leading to chronic hypertension, a major risk factor for a multitude of life-threatening conditions." "Many people don't realize how intensely anger can affect their physical health," said Dr. Vinay Verma, Director, Internal Medicine, Paras Health Panchkula. "When we get



angry, our bodies go into fight-or-flight mode, releasing a flood of stress hormones like adrenaline and cortisol. These hormones act like a double whammy on our blood pressure. While occasional spikes are normal, frequent anger outbursts can lead to chronically high blood pressure, a silent killer that significantly

increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, and even kidney failure. It's crucial to manage your anger for the sake of your overall health by identifying the triggers, embracing relaxing techniques like deep breathing, meditation, and yoga which are proven to lower stress hormones. "By managing anger and adopting healthy lifestyle practices, you can significantly reduce your risk of developing hypertension and its associated complications. If you find it challenging to manage anger on your own, consider seeking anger management therapy. A therapist can equip you with coping mechanisms and communication skills to address anger in a healthy way.

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Ensure Sirsa-like victory for Congress in entire Haryana : Kumari Selja

Chandigarh/Karnal: All India Congress Committee General Secretary, former Union Minister and newly elected MP from Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, Kumari Selja said that the people of Sirsa parliamentary constituency have given her a big victory, and Congress has to get the same big victory in entire Haryana. Your 4 months of hard work can make the life of 03 crore Haryanvis easier. Start working on the assembly elections without getting tired from now itself. After winning and forming the government in Chandigarh, celebrate double the celebrations at the same time. In a statement issued to the media, Kumari Selja has said that she wanted to contest the assembly elections, but on the demand of the people of Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, the high command ordered her to contest the elections. Being a true soldier of the Congress, she followed the order and fought the elections wholeheartedly and all the workers and people considered themselves as Selja and fought the entire election and also got her victory with a huge margin. She said that all of you should start preparing for the assembly elections from now because one battle has been won and the other is yet to come. The people have defeated the always lying jumlabaz government in the Lok Sabha elections, the arrogance of the BJP has been shattered. Kumari Selja said that all of you want us to travel together to Chandigarh. This is possible only when all of you bring the BJP to its state before 2014. It is your job to get a big majority for the Congress, after that it is my and the Congress high command's job to form a government. of your choice in Chandigarh. If your government is formed in Chandigarh, you will be heard.

Looking forward to OpenAI accessing my phone



Delhi : Tech entrepreneur Elon Musk has stated that the AI firm led by Sam Altman, ChatGPT, may eventually have access to his phone, after his criticism of the Apple-OpenAI collaboration on ChatGPT's integration with iPhones. The CEO of SpaceX and Tesla responded with worry to rumors that OpenAI has appointed Paul Nakasone, the former head of the National Security Agency (NSA) and commander of US Cyber Command, to its board of directors. Musk said, "Can't wait for

OpenAI to have access to my phone," on the social media site X. Nakasone stated he would assist in shielding OpenAI from "increasingly sophisticated bad actors" after joining the organization. The new safety and security committee at OpenAI will also include the former senior US intelligence official on board.

Due to ChatGPT integration, Musk threatens to outlaw iPhones at his enterprises. Due to ChatGPT's connection with iPhones,

Musk last week threatened to outlaw iPhones from any of his businesses. He declared that Apple products will not be allowed in his companies if Apple incorporates OpenAI at the operating system (OS) level, calling it an intolerable security breach. The tech tycoon added that guests to his companies will need to provide their Apple products for inspection at the door, since they will be kept in a Faraday cage. It appears that Musk and Samsung are collaborating on an X phone.

RAI provides major financial institutions with a new 160-series mobile phone to reduce spam

Delhi: To stop residents from falling for scammers, the government has set aside 160 mobile phone series for transactional and service voice calls for all firms regulated by RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, and PFRDA in the first phase. Representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), and other financial institutions as well as all telecom service providers (TSPs) were met by the

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The 160 mobile series will make it easier to identify the calling entity once it is put into use.

According to the Ministry of Communications, the meeting gave authorities, organizations, and telecom service providers a forum to share views about how best to use this series. According to the Ministry, the 140 series operation, which is now being utilized for promotional reasons, is moving to a distributed ledger technology (DLT) platform, and the

operationalization of digital consent scrubbing is also underway. The Ministry stated, "A significant reduction in spam calls from 10-digit numbers is anticipated with the execution of the aforementioned two measures." During the conference, representatives from banks, other financial institutions, and regulators emphasized the importance of cooperating to combat the problem of spam, especially with voice calls. They also pledged their support for TRAI's timely implementation of various projects.

Exporters choose plane route for Red Sea crisis

Delhi: Red Sea tension has led fast fashion and electronics exporters to fly to the US and Europe via Gulf nations. Companies like Zara have been using freighters, but now exporters are exploiting passenger aircraft belly space. With DIAL open to allow additional freighters to deliver

cargo faster, Bangladeshi garment exporters choose Delhi airport. Cargo headed to Europe and North America is more expensive because ships now take a longer route around the Cape of Good Hope, and shipping time has increased, prompting exporters to look at newer options,

especially when buyers want faster delivery. A large exporter stated shipping took 30 days longer. "Many exporters are using sea and air transport to save time and cost, particularly of footwear, apparel, electronics and high-value low-volume engineering goods," said Fleo.

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With 11,730 crore in inflow, foreign investors are making a strong comeback to India's equity markets

Delhi: With an influx of 11,730 crore rupees, foreign investors have made a spectacular return to the Indian equities markets. For the past several months, foreign investors have been dumping their equity in Indian markets. When Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) made investments in the Indian equity market the week before, the pattern shifted. May had the highest amount of equity sold by FIIs in any month of 2024—more than 40,000 crore rupees. As of June 14, the Net FIIs outflow for the month was 3,064 crore rupees, based on statistics from depositories. Between June 3 and June 7, foreign investors sold 14,794 crore rupees in shares. Rather than equities, they choose the debt market. FIIs has invested 5,700 crore rupees in the debt market as of June 14 this month. It has been beneficial that there is now more interest in Indian markets.

Insurance firms can't deny claims without documents.

Delhi: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) said that general insurance companies cannot deny claims for "want of documents". When issuing coverage, insurers must gather all essential papers. Importantly, the regulator has required companies to provide a product with a policy duration of less than a year, with or without extension or periodic review based on specified criteria, including reported or settled claims.

Paytm in negotiations to sell movie and ticketing to Zomato

Delhi: Sources tell Bloomberg that Paytm is in talks with Zomato Ltd. to sell its movie and events ticketing division as part of a strategic overhaul due to dwindling revenues. One97 Communications Ltd., Paytm's parent firm, and Zomato are allegedly in advanced talks. According to insiders, other potential purchasers are interested in the business, but requested anonymity owing to the confidential conversations. They said no final decision has been made, Bloomberg reported. Paytm, helmed by billionaire founder-CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma, revealed plans to reduce non-core businesses and mention job cutbacks after its first revenue fall last month. This decision is in



response to regulatory activities hurting Paytm Payments Bank Ltd., a key part of Paytm's operations. The article said regulatory

restrictions forced Paytm to cooperate with other lenders. Paytm, which relied on the bank for digital wallets and payment

operations, has struggled since the central bank intervened early this year. Bloomberg said that Paytm and Zomato did not respond to requests for comments outside of business hours. Paytm does not disclose sales figures for its movie and events ticketing business, but its marketing services segment, which includes this business, credit card marketing, and gift vouchers, sold 17.4 billion rupees (\$208 million) in the fiscal year ending March 2024. A successful sale will allow Paytm to focus on travel, offers, and cashback, which are critical for merchant growth and sales. Zomato may expand into a new, fast-growing digital area by acquiring Paytm's movie and events ticketing business.

With an IPO planned, Hyundai Motor India hopes to raise up

Delhi: The South Korean automaker's Indian subsidiary, Hyundai Motor India Limited, plans to submit its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in anticipation of an initial public offering (IPO) that may garner between \$2.5 and \$3 billion. Following the \$2.7 billion listing of the state-owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in 2022, this will be the largest initial public offering

(IPO) in the nation if the regulator gives the listing the go-ahead. It is expected that the business would offer the entire issue as an offer for sale (OFS), anticipating the sale of 140 million to 150 million shares. In terms of passenger sales volumes, Hyundai Motor India was the nation's second-largest automaker in FY24, behind Maruti Suzuki. The business opened its first manufacturing facility in India in 1998, followed by a second in 2008. The executive chair of Hyundai

Motor Group, Euisun Chung, announced plans to expand the company's activities in India in order to use the nation as a major export center for the South Korean carmaker in April of this year. Hyundai Motor Group has made fresh investment plans totaling around 5 trillion won (\$3.75 billion) in India over the past year. This indicates the group's intention to better target one of the key automotive markets in the world that is expanding at the fastest rate.

Standard Capital Markets Ltd. Incorporates Subsidiary for Insurance Broking

Vatika Times Chandigarh: Standard Capital Markets Ltd., a leading player in the financial services sector, has announced that it has incorporated a subsidiary under the name of "Standard Insurance Broking Ltd." to act as a Direct broker under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Insurance Brokers) Regulations, 2018. NOC of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India already taken and now company will also apply for taking Insurance Broking License of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). Earlier, the company announced that its has partnered with a leading fintech company to provide educational loans to individuals seeking higher education. This

collaboration aims to make education more accessible and affordable for students, empowering them to pursue their academic goals. Through this strategic partnership, Standard Capital Markets Limited will leverage the fintech company's innovative platform and expertise in student financing to offer competitive loan options tailored to the needs of students. The loans will cover tuition fees, living expenses, and other educational costs, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder students from receiving a quality education. Standard Capital Markets Limited is a leading player in the financial services sector. Embracing the uniqueness of each client, the company consistently strives to deliver personalized, professional services. It upholds an unwavering commitment

to every client while adhering rigorously to the best professional norms and practices, exuding dynamism in every interaction. The company offers a diverse range of Personal Loans, ensuring not only competitiveness but also flexible repayment terms. With their support, clients can confidently pursue their goals without confusion or worry. For businesses seeking financial support, the company extends Business Loans with flexible overdraft options.

The company empowers clients to stay ahead of the competition by providing prompt financial assistance, fostering business growth with ease. The Flexi Overdraft feature simplifies cash flow management, allowing easy access to funds as needed, and eliminating

Bill Gates on nuclear energy, 'investing billions', huge costs

Delhi: Bill Gates, billionaire and Microsoft founder, spoke to CNN about his TerraPower nuclear energy plant in Wyoming, its challenges, and the future of nuclear power. He sought to allay concerns about radioactive waste and expenses. He vowed to invest "billions more" in new-generation nuclear power and that global collaboration and scale will lower costs. Gates claimed they've "gone back to the basics" to cut costs: "We're willing to cool the plant with metal instead of water, as folks have long said. That solves the high pressure and extra heat when shutting down. The complexity has made nuclear power more expensive and complicated. We completely



transform that from first to third generation." Gates said they delayed the plant since the original plan changed and fuel may come from Russia. "We had to alter the 2028 strategy since it relied on Russian fuel manufacture. Naturally, that's unacceptable now. All of these facilities' fuel will come from the US or friendly nations," he said. Post-Fukushima and as Germany decommissioned similar plants, Gates sought to reassure on nuclear

power politics and optics. "This has fantastic safety features. Despite its issues, nuclear power has a respectable record." "This regime doesn't force operators to do the right things. It naturally absorbs heat without releasing it. France, the UK, Japan, and South Korea are quite accepting of nuclear; they know they need it, but Japan doesn't have as much acreage for solar or wind as the US. That requires a greater nuclear proportion.

Adani's Rs 45,000 cr Mundra Port development receives green light

Delhi: Gautam Adani's Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) gained environmental and coastal regulation approval from the Centre to double the capacity of its Mundra port to 514 million tonnes with a ₹45,000 crore investment. This could help APSEZ get a rollover from the Gujarat government when the port's 30-year concession expires in 2031. The Kutch port in Gujarat can handle 225 mt of cargo a year, including 9.5 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). It has environmental and coastal regulation zone certification. Mundra, India's largest commercial port and top container port by quantities, handled 179.6 mt of cargo, including 7.4 million TEUs, in fiscal 2024, accounting for almost a fourth of all cargo volumes and over a third of

container freight. In its April volume projection, APSEZ expects to handle 200 mt of cargo in FY25. This will make it the nation's first port to do so. Ports/terminals should operate at 70% capacity to avoid congestion and productivity difficulties worldwide. "The terminal operates efficiently at 70% capacity. Port industry insiders say efficiency diminishes above that, causing delays. APSEZ applied to the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) attached to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change to raise the capacity by 289 mt to 514 mt as part of the expansion. Development Plan spread over 3,335 hectares at Mundra port. The port has grown in double digits over the past few years, putting it on track to reach full capacity.

Govt. limits tur, chana stock until Sept to curb hoarding

The import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries starting in August 2024



Delhi: The Union Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs said wholesalers, retailers, huge chain shops, millers, and importers will be subject to stock limits. The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits, and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order went into effect. Stock limits for each pulse are 200 tonnes for wholesalers, 5 tonnes for retailers, 5 tonnes at each retail outlet, and 200 tonnes at the depot for big chain retailers; last 3 months of production or 25%

of annual installed capacity, whichever is higher, for millers. The measures discourage stockpiling and boost market availability. Importers cannot keep imported merchandise after 45 days after customs clearance. Tur, urad, and chana prices have been constant the yet high all year. India imports 15% of its pulses annually to meet demand. Legal companies are required to report stock positions on the Department of Consumer Affairs portal. "In case the stocks held by them are higher than the

prescribed limits then, they shall bring the same to the prescribed stock limits by 12th July 2024," the note added. As Kharif pulses like tur and urad are likely to rise, the government expects tur and chana dal prices to fall. The statement anticipates the import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries starting in August 2024. A new crop of chana in Australia and its import from October 2024 will help keep chana affordable for consumers.

Google cancels Play Store online gaming trial due to lack of rules

Delhi: Google paused its pilot program to list fantasy sports and rummy games on the Google Play Store, but gave India a "grace period". This means Google will not increase Play Store open access for more real-money games as planned in January. Existing Play Store apps will stay there. Google suspended the pilot, which began in July 2018 and was extended in January in India, Brazil, and Mexico, due to a lack of a "central licensing framework" that governs game legality. "Expanding our support of real-money gaming apps in markets without a central licensing

framework has proven more difficult than expected, and we need additional time to get it right for our developer partners and the safety of our users," a spokesman for Google said. The move hurts India's online gaming industry, which is divided over whether games are 'games of skill' or 'games of chance'. Supreme Court cases challenging Tamil Nadu and Karnataka's internet gaming prohibition remain pending. Google said it is developing a framework for permitted applications in this field. "In the meantime, in India, we are extending the grace period of

the pilot program so existing apps offering fantasy sports and rummy games in India can remain on Play Store," the spokesman said. A senior Google executive said on condition of anonymity that the company intends to create a framework, but conversations are ongoing and there is no "specific timeline" for when these apps can be used again.

India's major online gaming companies by revenue — Sports Technologies (Dream11), Gameskraft, and Games24x7—listed their fantasy and rummy apps on Play Store after Google's program.

RBI changes priority sector lending rules

Delhi: RBI has amended its priority sector guidelines to encourage banks to provide modest loans in economically challenged districts with low loan amounts. New rules discourage lending in districts with large average loans. Fresh priority sector loans in districts with low credit availabil-

ity (less than Rs 9,000 per person) would receive 125% additional weight starting in FY25. In districts with substantial credit availability (above Rs 42,000 per person), loans weigh 90%. Except for outlier districts with poor credit availability and excessive loan sizes, all other dis-

tricts will remain 100% important. "RBI has decided to rank districts based on per capita credit flow to the priority sector, and to establish an incentive framework for districts with lower credit flow and a disincentive framework for districts with higher priority.

Parliament group advises the government to suspend EU carbon tax for MSMEs for 3 years

It also encouraged India to work with the EU on deforestation laws

Delhi: A parliamentary panel advises India to request a three-year delay on the EU's carbon tax on engineering MSMEs since domestic manufacturers may not be able to afford it. The report advised prioritizing the development of a comprehensive framework to support and equip MSMEs to combat CBAM (carbon border adjustment mechanism). The EU will impose



CBAM on seven carbon-intensive sectors, including steel, cement, and fertilizer, from January 1, 2026. Engineering goods are subject to this import duty. The department-related parliamentary standing committee on commerce's

report, Comprehensive Strategy to Map Major Products and Countries to Maximize Exports and Minimize Imports, advised the government to work at the highest level with the U.S. and EU to protect the domestic industry from additional tariffs and CBAM. "The Committee exhorts the government to seek the deferment on application of CBAM on MSME sector by at least three years," noted.

It also encouraged India to work with the EU on deforestation laws because domestic coffee companies worry it will hurt exports. About 55% of Indian coffee exports go to the EU.

GST Council to change alcohol tax legislation, settle disputes

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

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

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

Avoid promoting 'Ulips' as investments: Irdai

Delhi: The insurance regulator prohibits promoting Ulips and index-linked plans as investment products. The Irdai mandated tight standards for fund performance ads in a circular. They should show compounded yearly returns for the past five years with a caveat that past success does not guarantee future results. If applicable, benchmark index performance must be stated with fund performance. The circular advised advertisers not to overestimate benefits, selectively offer benefits without constraints, or make derogatory comparisons to competitors or the industry. The laws compel insurers to form an advertisement committee and appoint distribution channel compliance officers to ensure compli-



ance. These businesses strictly oversee advertisement material and enforce restrictions. The regulator also requires companies to let policyholders pay premiums online or hire a new agent or direct sales staff if the policyholder's agent leaves. A any new policy from the allocated insurance agency or direct sales staff for the same policyholder if the assigned policy is not resurrected or abandoned.

Oyo plans to raise \$125 million at a \$2.5 billion valuation

Delhi: Oyo, a key player in the hospitality industry, is reportedly receiving \$100-125 million in new capital, with a \$2.5 billion market valuation. The international chain of low-cost hotels is finalizing a "fresh fundraising of about \$100 million to \$125 million that slashes its valuation.

Land and luxury commercial buildings may be sold by LIC

Delhi: LIC plans to sell some of its premium commercial buildings and land nationwide to raise \$6-7 billion (50,043-58,384 crore). LIC, India's third-largest landlord, has instructed an internal team to develop a selling plan for its real estate assets nationwide, according to two sources. The process may begin in Mumbai. The article listed LIC's premium assets as the Jeevan Bharti building in Delhi's Connaught Place, the LIC building in Kolkata's Chittaranjan Avenue, and Mumbai's Asiatic Society and Akbarally's buildings. Two sources informed that LIC's real estate assets were valued at a cautious 50,000-



60,000 crore during their latest valuation. "LIC-owned buildings may be revalued for the formal asset sale procedure. LIC buildings may have a market value of at least five times the conservative estimate of 2.5-3 lakh crore, as many have never been sold.

The first insider informed that LIC may incorporate a separate business to keep and monetize real estate assets due to the difficulty of valuing them. He added LIC

owns the State Bank of India building on Mall Road in M u s s o r i e , Uttarakhand, and two media house offices in New Delhi and Lucknow.

"The insurance company owns numerous marquee buildings. The valuation must be done properly. Only piece-by-piece auctions can determine prices. However, the LIC Act must be amended and laws changed "said the second.

Flipkart will challenge Zepto, Blinkit with fast commerce

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

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

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

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

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

Delhi government to investigate petrol dealers' PUC fee rise request



Delhi: The transport department may raise pollution under control certificate (PUC) fees in the national capital. Transport minister Kailash Gahlot listened to Petrol Dealers' Association delegates' requests and ideas, officials said. Gahlot: "The Petrol Dealers Association wants Delhi PUC certificate prices raised. Delhi last raised fees in 2011. Delhi government would thoroughly consider their demands, I guarantee them." Sources said transport officials have proposed a three-to-four-fold fee increase to Gahlot. We would strike a balance to avoid overburdening them. Though dealer maintenance expenses have increased, rates have not been raised in years "explained an official. A senior Delhi government official

claimed pollution test rates were last raised in 2011 and fines for vehicles without PUC certificates have skyrocketed. For pollution testing of petrol and CNG two-wheelers and three-wheelers, Rs 60 is paid, Rs 80 for diesel four-wheelers. A separate 18% GST applies. The city issued 50 lakh pollution test certificates last year. Without a valid PUC, vehicle owners can be imprisoned for six months or fined Rs 10,000 under the Motor Vehicle Act. Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 require all

motor vehicles, including BS-I/II/III/IV and CNG/LPG vehicles, to have a valid PUC certificate after one year from registration. For four-wheeler BS-IV-compliant vehicles, the validity is one year and for others, three months.

"We have also got requests from people running the pollution test centres, who said it had become difficult to meet expenses as they had to pay a heavy rent," he said. Delhi PUC certification is real-time and connected with the vehicle registration database.

Reversing decision, Mayawati reinstates nephew Akash Anand as political heir

Delhi: Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati named Akash Anand as her successor, reversing her decision. BSP reader Sarvar Malik said Akash Anand will be national coordinator. BSP supremo Mayawati withdrew nephew Akash Anand as her political heir and from party office until he was "mature". Akash Anand became BSP National Coordinator. The party announced 13 star candidates for the Uttarakhanda Assembly by-elections.

As MP, BJP's Bidhuri resigned as LoP in Delhi House

Delhi: After his election as the Lok Sabha member for South Delhi, Bharatiya Janata Party leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri resigned as opposition leader and Delhi assembly member. The development leaves the LoP job open, prompting a contest among BJP MLAs in the Delhi assembly, Delhi assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel

accepted Bidhuri's resignation and notified him. "I resigned as opposition leader and Delhi assembly member to speaker Ram Niwas Goel... Bidhuri thanked the assembly speaker and my fellow legislators for their support during my term. He won the 2020 Badarpur assembly constituency MLA election. The Delhi assembly

would have seven BJP MLAs and 61 AAP MLAs after Bidhuri's resignation. AAP MLA Raaj Kumar Anand was dismissed under anti-defection legislation weeks after joining Bahujan Samaj Party, decreasing the party's numbers from 62 to 61. Since the next Delhi assembly elections are in less than seven months.

The Delhi government prohibits parking oversize automobiles in public spaces

Delhi: The transport department has issued a public notice prohibiting overage car parking in all public places, including those outside dwellings. To avoid car owner confusion, the agency defined public space. It noted, "Keep such a vehicle in a private parking space owned by the individual, not in a shared parking space, even if it is part of a residential complex." The statement added that a residential complex's owner-assigned parking space is private property. A senior department official said the notification was sent to prevent overage vehicles from leaving in shared or public locations, which can cause congestion and irritation to other people. He added the department encourages owners of such vehicles to discard or find private parking to comply with requirements. The Delhi government deregistered 5.5 million overage and petrol automobiles over 10 and 15 years old.



diesel vehicle more It added owners of such vehicles can get a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to take the vehicle out of Delhi within a year of its expiration date, but no NOC will be provided beyond that. The department stated owners can also use the Voluntary car Scrapping Application at any local registered car scrapping plant. The notice stated that the enforcement wing of the transport department, New Delhi Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and Traffic Police

may impound vehicles parked in public spaces even if a NOC has been issued but the vehicle has not been moved out of Delhi within one month. Guidelines for Handling End-of-Life Vehicles 2024 allow prosecution of offenders. Delhi's Supreme Court prohibited diesel and petrol vehicles over 10 and 15 years old in 2018. It said that violating automobiles would be impounded. A 2014 National Green Tribunal order bans public parking of vehicles over 15 years old.

UAPA tribunal notifies LTTE of show cause

Delhi: An Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) panel has issued a show cause notice to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) to adjudicate its five-year ban. According to the Union ministry of home affairs' June 14 show cause notice, justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora's Delhi high court tribunal has given LTTE 30 days to respond to "why the organisation should not be declared as unlawful".

LTTE has 30 days to object or respond to the show cause notice. The MHA extended the ban on LTTE and stated that the organization is "clandestinely" accumulating funds and spreading propaganda and that its residual leaders are seeking to revive it. The central government believes the LTTE is still threatening national security.

111 of 383 capital villages have PNG pipes: LG Saxena

Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena's office said that 111 of the Capital's 383 localities have PNG connections. Officials claimed Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has installed 77,513 PNG meters, constructed 672 km of pipelines in these 111 villages, and received 129,000 gas connection applications. They said the PNG network will reach 311 Delhi villages by the end of the year and 72 by March 2025. Delhi LG proposed PNG connection

in Delhi's villages in June 2023 to improve the neglected areas.

He met multiple times with IGL and other authorities, and PNG pipelines were laid in six months.

LG opened Qutabgarh's first PNG connection in December 2023. LG's official said this was IGL's first venture in rural Delhi, which was previously limited to urban residential complexes. Officials claimed Saxena ordered MCD, PWD, DDA,

and NDMC to prioritize PNG pipeline clearances and other formalities within 30 days at a review meeting.

"The LG emphasised that this initiative will also prevent the villagers from the hassle of getting LPG cylinders refilled/replaced and this will result in huge savings in terms of money and energy for the local villagers," stated. The LG had stated that Delhi will be the first metropolis with piped gas in every home.

LG authorizes new Bijwasan rly station police station

Delhi: After realigning the Delhi Cantt police station borders, LG VK Saxena sanctioned the formation of a new police station near Bijwasan railway station. Officials say the Delhi Cantt railway station police station oversees 13 railway stations. "After the creation of the new police station at Bijwasan railway station, Palam, S h a h b a d Mohammadpur and

Bijwasan, having a total length of about 9 kilometres, will come under its jurisdiction," stated a source. The new police station will cater to nearly 1.5 lakh population living in the area," he said. Thane railway station officials allegedly beat a passenger over Rs 10 urinal usage charges. Railways Minister sees Bandel Junction reconstruction plan including pit.

IMD forecasts monsoon precipitation in some north Indian states

Delhi: The southwest monsoon is accelerating across the nation. The Meteorological Department predicts southwest monsoon advance over the North Arabian Sea, Gujarat state, remaining parts of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gangetic plains of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, and some parts of East Uttar Pradesh in 3-4 days. By July 3, the monsoon will hit northwest India, encompassing Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana. The IMD predicted above-normal rainfall in much of the country except the Western Himalayas and West Rajasthan. Over the next five days, the Weather Department predicts light to moderate rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning, and strong winds over Gangetic coastal parts of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha,



Light to moderate rainfall is expected in coastal Andhra Pradesh

Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Andaman and Nicobar Islands are anticipated to receive heavy rains from June 24 to 26. From June 24 to 26, Uttarakhand and eastern Uttar Pradesh will have scattered heavy rain. Kerala, coastal areas, southern interior Karnataka,

Konkan-Goa, and Madhya Maharashtra will have heavy rainfall in four to five days, according to the Meteorological Department. Light to moderate rainfall is expected in coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Karaikal over the next five days. Up to 5 days of heavy rain is expected in West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, and Meghalaya. West Bengal, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh may get heavy rain on June 25 and 26.

EPFO updating claims program to speed up settlement

Delhi: The Ministry of Labour announced that EPFO is revamping its application software with the UAN-based single accounting system for each member and automation of process flow with minimum human intervention to speed up claim settlement. CDAC is advising on the new software. She advocated for social security expansion and innovative living and business activities. The group also reviewed Litigation Management and Audit operational improvements. Sumita Dawra praised EPFO's recent claim settlement automation and claim rejection reductions. These include auto settlement of advances up to one lakh for illness, education, marriage, and housing, which speeds up claim processing. Auto-resolved 25 lakh advance claims Over 50% of illness claims have been paid automatically. The Labour Ministry reports that many claims are now handled within three days. The chequebook/passbook of bank account upload for KYC Aadhaar-linked accounts of members has been eliminated, eliminating scrutiny in roughly 13 lakh claims in one month. EPFO has also simplified the comments for returning incomplete cases and rejecting ineligible cases for members' understanding. According to EPFO data, auto transfers tripled from two lakh in April 24 to six lakh in May 2024.



The government will purchase 156 light combat helicopters from HAL

Delhi: The defence ministry has let Bengaluru-based Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) bid for 156 Prachand light combat helicopters (LCH) to strengthen the Indian Army and Air Force, officials said. According to anonymous authorities, the estimated cost of the new helicopters, 90 for the army and 66 for the IAF, is 50,000 crore. This will increase India's self-reliance. Two months earlier, the min-

istry let HAL bid for 97 light combat aircraft (LCA Mk-1A) to help the IAF overcome a fighter squadrons shortage. The new fighter planes will cost 67,000 crore approximately. HAL has produced 15 limited series Prachand helicopters for the IAF (10) and army (5), and soon series production will commence. Officials stated HAL will fulfill the 156 helicopter order in five to six years after signing the contract.

The series production LCH will have more than 55% indigenous content, up from 45%. The LCH can demolish enemy air defenses, target slow-moving and remotely piloted aircraft, destroy high-altitude bunkers, conduct counter-insurgency operations in jungle and urban areas, and support ground forces. The government's affirmative indigenisation lists limit the import of weapons.

Delhi has practically exhausted groundwater

Delhi: While Delhi is facing a water crisis and civic authorities endeavor to boost groundwater availability, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) reported that yearly recharge and groundwater for extraction had declined. The analysis anticipated Delhi's net annual groundwater recharge in 2023 at 0.38 billion cubic meters (bcm), 0.34 of which was accessible for extraction. Alarming, most groundwater has been removed. It means 99.1% of groundwater is

extracted. The 2022 groundwater recharge was 0.41 bcm, with 0.37 bcm available for extraction and 0.36 bcm pulled out. The analysis showed Delhi's groundwater extraction rising from 98.16% in 2022 to 99.13% in 2023 despite a drop in recharging. While some places have made headway in maintaining safe groundwater levels, Delhi still struggles to properly manage its groundwater resources. With 15% of Delhi's assessment units categorized as "safe" for

groundwater levels in 2023, up from 12% in 2022, the CGWB report was pleased. In stark contrast, important groundwater regions increased from 21% of the city in 2022 to 35% in 2023. CGWB assesses groundwater in 34 Delhi tehsils, each an assessment unit. Out of 34 evaluation units, 13 (38%) were 'over-exploited', 12 (35%) were 'critical', four (12%) were semi-critical, and five (15%) were safe'. Improvements since 2022 include an increase in safe zone tehsils from

four to five, a decrease in semi-critical from eight to four, and a reduction in over-exploited areas from 15 to 13. Critical regions expanded from seven tehsils in 2022 to 12 in 2023. To address the groundwater alarm, CGWB recommends mandating rainwater harvesting in water-depleted areas, increasing the use of treated water, and raising awareness through mass awareness campaigns for the public and farmers, water sector training, and school student.