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Vinesh Phogat becomes first Indian woman wrestler to reach Olympic final



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NEW DELHI: Vinesh Phogat on Tuesday created history, becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the final of the Olympic Games. She secured her place in the final with a convincing 5-0 victory over Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez in 50kg category in Paris, guaranteeing herself at least a silver medal. Both competitors began cautiously, but a passivity clock on Lopez provided Vinesh with one technical point after the Cuban wrestler failed to take any risks. Vinesh led 1-0 at the end of the first period. In the second period, Vinesh Phogat extended her lead to seal the match in her favor, adding four more points. Vinesh's journey to the semifinals was marked by two remarkable victories. She triumphed over reigning Olympic champion Yui Susaki of Japan and overcame Ukraine's eighth seed Oksana

She made quick work of Livach, employing her technical acumen to secure a decisive win just when it was needed most. Facing Cuban opponent Lopez in the semi-final, Phogat exhibited strategic brilliance. She waited for the right moment to exploit her opponent's mistake, using a single-leg hold to gain the upper hand. The semi-final was a testament to her tactical prowess and her ability to stay calm under pressure, earning her a spot in the final. "Tomorrow is an important day, will talk

ing a crucial win to advance to the finals. It was more than just the matches that made this journey remarkable. Off the mat, Phogat had been fighting a far tougher battle. Her credibility was constantly questioned, and she underwent knee surgery less than a year before the Olympics, causing many to doubt her chances of success. But for 18 minutes on Tuesday, Vinesh didn't have the option of failing. "I just have to say it. You know it. You feel it. These guys are creepy and, yes, just weird as hell. That's what you see," Walz told the energized crowd, drawing loud applause. Walz warned that a second Trump presidency would be even more damaging than the first, predicting a rollback of key social programs and a nationwide abortion ban. "If Trump gets a chance to return, he's

vanishing from the sight to prepare for her summit battle against American Sarah Ann Hildebrandt. Previously, Vinesh experienced early exits in the quarter-finals during the Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. In her pre-quarters bout, Vinesh achieved a historic victory by defeating the world No.1 and reigning Olympic champion Yui Susaki, marking the Japanese first loss in 83 matches. The triumph set the tone for Phogat's day, showcasing her resilience against opponents, and serving as a vindication for the struggles and battles she faced both on and off the mat. Phogat's victory over Susaki sent shockwaves through the wrestling community, but her following bout against 2018 European champion Livach of Ukraine further demonstrated her skill.

Walz attacks Trump and Vance in first appearance as Harris's running mate

New Delhi Tim Walz made a strong debut as Vice President Kamala Harris's running mate, launching sharp attacks against former President Donald Trump and Republican vice-presidential nominee Sen. JD Vance (Ohio) at a rally in Philadelphia. In a spirited speech, Walz took aim at Trump and Vance, echoing a viral new characterization of the Trump campaign. "I just have to say it. You know it. You feel it. These guys are creepy and, yes, just weird as hell. That's what you see," Walz told the energized crowd, drawing loud applause. Walz warned that a second Trump presidency would be even more damaging than the first, predicting a rollback of key social programs and a nationwide abortion ban. "If Trump gets a chance to return, he's



Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus to head Bangladesh's interim govt

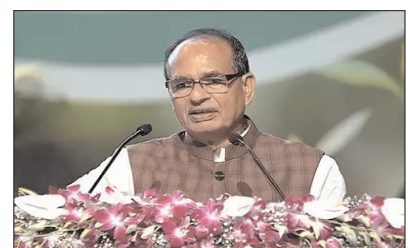
DHAKA: Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus will head the country's interim govt after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down and fled the country amid a mass uprising against her regime, led mostly by students. The announcement early on Wednesday came from Joyal Abedin, the press secretary of President Mohamed Shahabuddin. Abedin spoke to AP over phone. Abedin also said other members of the Yunus-

led govt would be decided soon after discussion with political parties and other stakeholders. The toll in the violence that has wracked the country since the protests began rose to 440, even as there were signs of normalcy returning in capital Dhaka. President Shahabuddin dissolved Parliament earlier on Tuesday, clearing the way for fresh elections. His office also announced that leader of the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia. highlighting the stakes of the upcoming election. The Minnesota governor contrasted his working-class background.

SC bristles, mulls action as Punjab & Haryana HC judge slams apex court

NEW DELHI: Taking serious note of "judicial indiscipline" of Punjab and Haryana high court judge Rajbir Sherawat by showing defiance towards a Supreme Court order, CJI D Y Chandrachud and four most senior judges decided to form a bench on Wednesday to decide the future course of action in regard to the HC judge's July 17 order. Justice Sherawat had remarked in his order: "A tendency to presume the Supreme Court to be more 'Supreme' than it actually is and to presume a high court to be less 'High' than it constitutionally is." The bench of CJI Chandrachud, and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai, Surya Kant and Hrishikesh Roy will tackle Justice Sherawat's order, who had reluctantly adjourned a contempt proceeding.

Agri insurance claims worth 1.6 lakh crore cleared so far, says Shivraj



Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan stated that under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, farmers have received Rs 1.6 lakh crore in insurance claims against Rs 32,440 crore in premiums since 2016-17. He emphasized the scheme's farmer-friendly and affordable nature, noting the introduction of a 12% penalty for delayed claim disbursement from the Kharif 2024 season. Agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday said insurance claims of Rs 1.6 lakh crore have been paid to farmers against Rs 32,440 crore premium paid by them under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) since inception of the scheme in 2016-17. Replying to a question on the scheme during Question Hour in Lok Sabha, he said Modi govt has made it "farmer friendly and affordable" and made provisions for "timely & transparent" processing of all claims. "As per provisions of the scheme, 12% penalty is required to be paid by insurance companies to farmers for late disbursement of claims, for which a penalty module has also been developed to calculate the penalty automatically w.e.f. Kharif 2024 season," said Chouhan.

Sufi shrines body hails bid to amend Waqf Act



At odds with the position of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC) — an apex body representing sufi shrines from across country led by Syed Naseruddin Chishty from Ajmer dargah — welcomed govt's proposal to amend Waqf Act. Chishty alleged that waqf boards work in a "dictatorial" manner and cited dargahs as one the biggest

"victims" of mismanagement & corruption eating into the waqf system. Citing that sufi traditions are not recognised under the current law, Chishty who is AISSC chairman has raised demand for a separate dargah board under the law. Representatives of prominent dargahs including Delhi's Nizamuddin Auliya and Agra's Fatehpur Sikri and representatives of sufi shrines from Rajasthan,

Hyderabad and Karnataka were present at a press conference in Delhi. They highlighted that smaller dargahs are often slapped with notices resulting in endless legal battles. Chishty shared that there are about 2,000 dargahs including small ones across country and around 800 prominent ones are associated with the council.

Mundakkai's postman returns, but without any letter to deliver



MEPPADI: Other than Velayudhan PT (62), no other person would have visited all the houses of the now-lost village of Mundakkai in Kerala's Wayanad. The sexagenarian — who has three years of service left — visited the village on Tuesday for the first time after the tragedy to find no trace of the post office he had been working at for more than three decades. Hailing from Pattambi in Kerala's Palakkad dis-

trict, Velayudhan came to Mundakkai at the age of 29 after being instated as the postman in the village, that now bears no trace of the houses he would deliver letters to or the narrow streets and walkways he would tra-

verse. "The post office is gone; there are no houses left for me to deliver letters, except a few that lie abandoned. Chances of the post office being re-established are slim. Moreover, we cannot say now where the new promised township to rehabilitate the victims will be set up," said Velayudhan. Velayudhan said his life had become intertwined with those of the villagers.

2 Assam Rifles battalions moved out of Manipur ignoring tribals' protests



Vatika Times GUWAHATI: Amid protests by Manipur's Kukis against the withdrawal of two "non-partisan" Assam Rifles (AR) battalions from two sensitive security buffer zones in the strife-torn state, Army has recommended placing the incoming CRPF battalions under the command and control of AR's sector headquarters. Kuki MLAs have been part of the protests to retain the AR troops. The community fears the move to withdraw a "non-partisan force like Assam Rifles" could lead to a resurgence of violence.

Army has directed relocation of the two AR battalions from Manipur to Nagaland, where they will relieve two other battalions. These relieved battalions will be redeployed in J&K. Assam Rifles, despite being a paramilitary force, has a dual control structure, with the Army overseeing operational control and home ministry handling adminis-

trative supervision. Currently, the two Assam Rifles battalions are deployed in Manipur's Kangvai along the Churachandpur-Bishnupur border, and Kangchup on the Kangpokpi-Imphal (East) inter-district borders. The incoming CRPF battalions, comprising over 2,000 personnel, are being transferred from J&K and Telangana and are expected to assume their new positions this month, a security source said. The AR battalions are expected to hand over their areas of responsibility within one week of the CRPF battalions' arrival, the source added. "It has been recommended that the command and control of the two CRPF battalions, relieving the AR battalions, is vested with the respective AR sector headquarters of IG (E) and IG (S), to ensure cohesion in operations in these sensitive areas," the source said. Besides, the two CRPF battalions will undergo three months.

Beer, not vaccines, in UP hospital fridge; probe ordered

MEERUT: Authorities have launched an investigation after beer cans, soda bottles, and water bottles were found chilled in a fridge meant for preserving vaccines at a community health centre (CHC) in Dharpa, Bulandshahr. Chief Medical Officer Vinay Kumar Singh said. "A video showing beer cans, soda, and water bottles lounging in a deep freezer meant to preserve vaccines for infants and children at the hospital has come to our notice. A probe led by the additional CMO has been initiated. Whoever is responsible will face the music."

India hosts its 1st-ever multi-nation air drill

NEW DELHI: The first-ever multi-nation Tarang Shakti air combat exercise to be hosted by India took off at Sullur in Tamil Nadu on Tuesday, with Rafale and Eurofighter Typhoon jets as well as military aircraft from France, Germany, UK and Spain taking to the skies along with frontline IAF fighters. Phase-II of the mega exercise will be conducted with other countries at Jodhpur from Aug 29 to Sept 12 after Phase-I concludes on Aug 14. In all, 67 fighters and military aircraft from 10 countries and observers from another 18, will take part in Tarang Shakti to strengthen India's military interoperability and strategic partnerships across the globe. India will deploy 75 to 80 fighters, aircraft and helicopters for the exercise. "The exercise's aim is to build mutual trust, explore further avenues for interoperability and inculcate each other's best practices, strengthening our strategic relations with friendly foreign countries," IAF vice chief Air Marshal A P Singh had said earlier. On Tuesday, Air Marshal Singh flew a Tejas fighter from Sullur for an "aerial rendezvous" with German Air Force commander Lt-Gen Ingo Gerhartz in a Typhoon jet during the exercise. India is also showcasing its defence production capabilities and capacity through expositions on the sidelines of the exercise as well as arrange visits of foreign officials to defence R&D and technical hubs at Bengaluru and Hyderabad. German ambassador Philipp Ackermann said, "Tarang Shakti is Germany's first joint exercise with India."

Teachers to embark on bike rally from DIOS office on Aug 9

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Secondary Teachers Association, in the second phase of the ongoing movement to give strength to its various demands like old pension, free medical facility, withdrawal of Citizen Charter section 21, 12, 18, easy transfer system etc., on 9th August there will be a bike rally from the District School Inspector Office Prayagraj to the District Magistrate Office Prayagraj at 4.00 pm. All are requested to reach the District School Inspector office with the bike before 4:00 pm on 9th August Revolution Day. Their main demand includes old pension, free medical facilities, equal salary to the teachers without finance, withdrawal of sections 12, 18 and 21 of the Selection Board Act, easy arrangement for transfer etc.

BJP to contact door to door regarding tricolor campaign

Prayagraj: Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Metropolitan has started its preparations for the upcoming program, District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said. Told that a meeting of the District Working Committee of Prayagraj Metropolitan will be organized at KP Community Hall on August 8 at 4:00 pm. Apart from this, under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, the BJP Yuva Morcha will hoist the tricolor in every assembly on 11, 12 and 13 August. A yatra will be taken out and the Bharatiya Janata Party workers will join the local citizens and run a program of cleanliness campaign around the statues and memorials of great men and will pay tribute to them and on the memorial day of partition of India on 14th August, a seminar and silent procession will be organized at the district level. Will organize the exhibition and on August 15, flag hoisting will be organized at the party office, Civil Lines and will participate in the flag hoisting ceremony to be held at public places. Apart from this, under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, every official and worker of the party will contact door to door and will inform about their homes and will inspire people to put up the tricolor flag at their establishments and hoist the tricolor flag at their own establishments and homes.

MAHAKUMBH 2025 Railways to tap expertise from officials posted during 2013, 2019 fairs

Prayagraj: To ensure the safe conduct of the forthcoming mega religious fair of Mahakumbh-2025, the railways will be seeking suggestions from officials who have served in Prayagraj during 2013 and 2019 editions of the fair. The officials will be asked to provide tips to their colleagues serving in Prayagraj. Moreover, the railways will also be soliciting suggestions from officials of other departments who have served here during earlier Kumbh fairs. The railways will study the circumstances which resulted in the mishap at Prayagraj Junction and will invite suggestions from officials who were posted there at that time. While identifying the mistakes during earlier fairs, the railways will form new strategies and chalk out a concrete plan which will be implemented this Mahakumbh-2025 for its successful and grand conclusion.

The railways will also take suggestions on the routes of Mela Special trains. The series of meetings with officials having experience of Kumbh will be held from August to September under the chairmanship of DRM. A list of suggestions and advices will be prepared which will be presented during the meeting for Mahakumbh later as proposals and suggestions.

Besides railway officials, the staff and officials of other departments along with other people and media persons who have experience of Kumbh will be invited to give their suggestions. Railway officials said that some officials in the department who have served here earlier and now posted elsewhere may also be deployed here for some months between December to March during the Mahakumbh. A list of such officials who have served here during Kumbh 2013 and 2019 is being prepared. Such officials will be intimidated and will be asked if they were willing to work at Mahakumbh. A proposal for their deployment is being prepared and following the approval of the board, the officials may be called to Prayagraj for serving at Mahakumbh.

Shastri Bridge: A Critical Situation

Mirzapur: The Shastri Bridge, which connects Mirzapur and its surrounding areas, is currently deteriorating. Despite its precarious condition, the administration seems indifferent to the potential hazards it poses. During a meeting of senior officials, permission was granted for heavy vehicles to use the bridge, disregarding public concerns.

Recently, a truck narrowly avoided falling into the river after damaging the footpath while attempting to cross the bridge. Daily commuters now face anxiety and traffic congestion, fearing accidents and the bridge's instability. Instead of restricting heavy vehicles, the administration allowed 6, 10, 12, and 14-wheeler trucks to use the Shastri Bridge freely.

Despite the historical significance and its vital role for people from Mirzapur and neighbouring districts, the administration has turned a blind eye to these issues. The Shastri Bridge has been a lifeline for countless individuals, especially students, labourers, and small traders. However, as the bridge's condition worsens, and citizens raise concerns, the administration's decision to permit heavy vehicles exacerbates safety risks.

With rising monsoon water levels and swift currents, the bridge experiences severe traffic jams and large potholes. Rather than issuing permits for heavy vehicles to continue using the deteriorating Shastri Bridge, the administration should prioritise public safety by redirecting them to alternative routes.



Kripalu Mahila Mahavidyalaya distributed free uniforms

Kunda: BA in the current session 2024-25 of Kripalu Mahila Mahavidyalaya on Tuesday at Kripalu Dham. Principal of the college, Dr. Ashok Kumar Nagar, provided free uniforms to 200 girl students of first semester B.Sc. Respected management along with Dr. Rekha Singh, Dr. Rekha Shukla and Dr. Nibha Rani were present on the said occasion.

IFFCO Employees Union polls: Pankaj Pandey Prez-elect, Vijay Kumar Yadav Gen Sec

Prayagraj: In the elections of IFFCO Employees Union, in the post of President Pankaj Pandey defeated Santosh Kumar by 23 votes. Pankaj Pandey got 107 votes, Santosh Kumar got 84 votes and Manoj Kumar Tiwari got 22 votes. In the post of General Secretary Vijay Kumar Yadav defeated Vinay Kumar Yadav by 2 votes. Vijay Kumar Yadav got 92 votes, Vinay Kumar Yadav got 90 votes and Manoj Kumar Srivastava got 28 votes. Dharam Singh Patel won the

post of Vice President by 1 vote. Dharam Singh Patel got 87, Prabhat Kumar got 86 and Suresh Kumar Singh Yadav got 87. In the post of Joint Secretary (Organization) Salik Ram Patel won by lottery due to tie of votes. Salik Ram Patel got 61 votes, Santaj Ali got 61 votes, Vinod Kumar Yadav got 60 votes and Veeram Yadav got 30 votes. In Joint Secretary (Publicity) post Abhayraj Yadav won by 3 votes. Abhayraj Yadav got 91 votes, Rajneesh Rao got 88



votes and Rahul Kumar got 34 votes. Gaurav Srivastava won the post of Treasurer by 3 votes. Gaurav Srivastava got 80 votes, Atul Tiwari 77 and Dinesh Kumar

Maurya got 55 votes, Abhishek Patel and Ram Chandra Gautam were elected to the post of Assistant Secretary. Abhishek Patel got 77 votes, Ram Chandra Gautam got 85 votes, Vineet Kumar Rai got 71 votes, Ram Babu Jaiswal got 64 votes, Annie G Nair got 38 votes and Gyan Singh Patel got 25 votes. Manoj Patel and Vinod Kanojia were elected to the post of executive members. Manoj Patel got 77 votes, Vinod Kanojia got 77 votes,

Sunil Kumar Pal got 60 votes, Sunil Vaishya got 53 votes, Md. Arif Ansari got 57 votes and Pankaj Singh got 40 votes. Senior Executive Director (Unit Head) Sanjay Kudesia, HOD Human Resources Shambhu Shekhar, IFFCO Officers Association President Anurag Tiwari and General Secretary Swayam Prakash congratulated and well wishes all the winning candidates. Election Officer PK Patel praised the employees for the peaceful completion of the elections.

Kajri workshop organized at Arya Kanya Degree College

Prayagraj: A 7-day free workshop on presentation of Kajri, Music Department Arya Kanya P.G. to be organized from Tuesday to 12th August under the joint aus-

spicing in the workshop. In this workshop, Dr. Chitra Chaurasia, Assistant Professor, Department of Music, Arya Kanya P.G. was the instructor to the participants. College, Dr. Ranjana Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Music, Arya Kanya P.G. College and Prof. Ibha Sirothia, Head of Department, Music Department, Arya Kanya P.G. College, Kajri is training for singing. Vartika Tiwari of Banaras Hindu University is giving training in Kajri folk dance. A total of 50 participants are participating in singing and 22 participants are participating in dancing in the Kajri workshop. Dr. Mamta Gupta, Rupali Sharma, Ritika Srivastava, Smriti Tiwari, Saumya Dubey along with Shaili Tiwari and all the professors and staff of the college were present in the inaugural session.



spices of the College and Folk Culture Development Institute. Started in the college auditorium. College Chairman Pankaj Jaiswal as the chief guest inaugurated the workshop by lighting the lamp. On this occasion, he said that the seasonal

ing. Sharad Kumar Mishra, President of Lok Sanskriti Vikas Sansthan, said that Kajri is a folk song which was adopted not by any one person but by the entire folk society. Women participants interested in music and dance are partici-

Dengue strikes Prayagraj

Prayagraj: Dengue has knocked on the doors of Prayagraj and so far, 12 patients have been found infected in the district including eight in the city limits and four in the rural areas. Two of these patients are being treated in the hospital, informed district medical and health officials. As per the officials, dengue patients have been found in Teliarganj, Sulem Sarai, Civil Lines Rajapur, Daraganj, near Allahabad High Court Pani ki Tanki and Mohitsinganj areas of the city, besides two patients have been reported in the High Court Panki ki Tanki area and one patient each in the other localities. In the villages, four people have been found infected in Ullaspur of Handia and Hathighan of Kaudihar in trans-Ganga area besides Payasi Ka Pura of Meja and Deori Kala of Shankargarh in trans-Yamuna areas of the district.

Confirming the reports, district malaria officer, Anand Singh said that anti-larva and other insecticides are being sprayed in the areas where infected patients have been found. Other patients suffering from fever and coming for treatment to hospitals are also being examined to detect dengue,



he added. Municipal health officer of Prayagraj Nagar Nigam, Dr Abhishek Singh said that based on the reports received from the health department, fogging and spraying of insecticides have been done in the infected urban areas.

Meanwhile, preparations have been made by the health department to effectively treat dengue pa-

tients and beds have been reserved in hospitals by forming a joint team of 10 departments.

According to Anand Singh, 25 beds each have been reserved in Swaroop Rani Nehru Hospital and Tej Bahadur Sapru (Beli) Hospital besides 5 beds each in Moti Lal Nehru Divisional (Colvin) Hospital and all in Community Health Centres (CHCs) have been reserved for dengue patients. Surveillance teams have been asked to ensure cleanliness, awareness and fogging in dengue-affected sensitive areas. Instructions have also been given to make children also aware of the ways to protect themselves from mosquitoes in schools, he added. Last year, 31 dengue patients were found in Naini, 24 in Jhansi, 22 in Mundera, 19 in Bamrauli, 14 each in Sulem Sarai and Civil Lines, 12 in Dhumanganj, 8 each in Jhalwa and Kalindipuram areas of Prayagraj.

JSW MG Motor India Launches Multiple Industry-First EV Ecosystem Initiatives

Varanasi: JSW MG Motor India launched a series of pioneering electric vehicle (EV) innovations at DriEV.Bharat. This event was organized by the company at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in partnership with leading industry players from diverse automotive and EV ecosystem domains. This first-of-its-kind event reflects the unwavering commitment of the manufacturer to advancing EV technology and the faster adoption of electric vehicles along with building a robust EV infrastructure for a hassle-free ownership experience. The

event featured the launch of--eHUB by MG, the Industry's first and largest charging platform by an OEM; of Project REVIVE, focused on repurposing EV batteries beyond cars; of EVPEDIA, India's first dedicated educational and knowledge platform for electric car users; the MG-Jio Innovative Connectivity Platform (MG-Jio ICP), which will be standard in all upcoming MG vehicles.

Gaurav Gupta, Chief Growth Officer at JSW MG Motor India, highlighted the company's vision to re-define the future of electric mobility in India, stating,

"DriEV.Bharat reflects our unwavering commitment to advancing EV technology and enhancing the user experience to accelerate EV

adoption, and the MG-Jio ICP, we are empowering the industry as well as our customers with smarter, more sustainable choices."



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industry's first charging platform, eHUB by MG was introduced at the event. This is intended to simplify the EV charging experience for customers nationwide by providing them with a single platform. The company also introduced Project REVIVE, an initiative in partnership with TERI, Lohum and BatX, aimed at repurposing EV batteries beyond cars to provide a second life as renewable energy storage systems for sustainable community applications. This initiative promotes a circular economy, a system aimed at eliminating waste and the

continual use of resources through principles of reuse, repair, and recycling, and supports India's clean energy goals. Reinforcing its commitment to enhancing consumer awareness and addressing their queries, JSW MG Motor India launched EVPEDIA--an industry-first dedicated EV education platform. This initiative provides reliable, accurate, and engaging information on EV technology, benefits, costs, and maintenance. By debunking myths and fostering informed decisions, EVPEDIA builds EV advocacy and promotes broader EV adoption.

Inspected beautifying works to make it simpler for worshipers visiting **Maha Kumbh-2025**

Prayagraj: In order to enhance the grandeur of Maha Kumbh and to make the experience of visiting Akshayavat, Patalpuri, Saraswati well and the lying Hanuman temple easier for the visiting devotees, the beautification works being done at all these places were inspected today by the fair administration and the police administration, done jointly by the authorities, with a view to enhance the grandeur of Mahakumbh 2025 and to make the experience of visiting Akshayavat, Patalpuri, Saraswati Well and Recumbent Hanuman Temple more accessible for the coming devotees, it should be organized at all these places. Today, the ongoing beautification works were inspected jointly by the officials of the fair administration and the police administration. First of all, while inspecting the Akshayvat, Patalpuri and Saraswati Well corridor under the supervision of the army officers and financed by the Smart City, all the officers



there Observed the landscaping and beautification works being done. After that, we also saw the work being done to develop the place near Jodhabai gate in front of Akshaya Vat as Jodha Vatika. Landscaping and greenery development work is being done by installing a grand statue of Lord Krishna at the said place. In the same sequence, the work of beautification of the upper and inner parts of Patalpuri temple and Saraswati well was also inspected. After

completion of all the work, there is a plan to open them for the devotees before Kumbh. All the officers also saw the layout of the proposed works for the construction of Hanuman Temple Corridor and went to the temple courtyard and understood in detail the proposed works for increasing and beautifying the circulating area there. Brainstorming was also done on what kind of facilities should be provided at the entry and exit routes for better management of the incoming crowd. During the inspection, ADG Zone Bhanu Bhaskar, Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant, Police Commissioner Tarun Gaba, Fair Officer, Vijay Kiran Anand were also present. Other senior officers were present.

and the progress of its implementation. He said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, work is being done to connect higher education with technology. He said that at present 26 state universities of the state have Samarth ERP being implemented. Out of these, the leave module has been implemented in 22 universities, and the configuration of payroll module has been completed in 24 universities, and the salary for July 2024 has been prepared by 14 universities through ERP. Generated through. Additionally, 19 universities have uploaded details

of more than 7000 affiliated colleges on their Samarth portal, and 8 universities have uploaded Samarth ERP for the admission process. Minister of State for Higher Education Rajni Tiwari said that the future of children is being given priority by further improving the Higher Education Department. Through this workshop, university officials can equip their university with efficient ERP. Do the work of connecting. Samarth team has developed Career Advancement

UPCST sanctions research project to SHUATS

Prayagraj: A new research project titled "Enhancing Ecosystem Services Through Integrated Natural Resource Management Approaches" has been sanctioned to Dr. C. John Wesley, Associate Professor, Centre for Geospatial Technologies, SHUATS by the Council of Science and Technology (UPCST), Lucknow to address the environmental challenges in the Gomti River Basin, Uttar Pradesh. The research project is funded by the Council of Science and Technology Uttar Pradesh (CSTUP), this initiative aims to improve water quality and manage the ecosystem better.

Basin, using advanced models to understand changes in ecosystem services over time and space, and analyzing different management strategies to find the most effective ones. The Gomti River Basin, an important tributary of the Ganga River, provides vital services like freshwater supply, food production, and flood control. However, activities such as deforestation, urban expansion, and intensive agriculture are harming water quality and habitats. This research aims to understand these impacts and develop strategies to mitigate them.

The project highlights the need for a multidisciplinary approach to watershed management, combining scientific knowledge with community involvement. The results will benefit the Gomti River Basin's health and support sectors like agriculture, industry, and tourism, promoting overall well-being in the region. The Co-Principal Investigators of the Research Project are Dr. Mukesh Kumar and Dr. Vikram Singh from SHUATS and Dr. Shakti Suryavanchi, Scientist, National Institute of Technology, Roorkee, Uttarakhand.



Dr. C. John Wesley, Principal Investigator of the research project informed that this project will focus on identifying the most degraded areas of the Gomti

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Four, including two children, die of diarrhoea in Handia; two dozen fall ill

Prayagraj: Prayagraj: Four people, including two children, died within a week due to diarrhoea in Bhadra village of Handia. Around two dozen individuals suffering from diarrhoea are admitted to hospitals for treatment. It is alleged that deceased fell ill after consuming polluted water. Health department teams are now distributing medicines in the affected areas and urging people not to consume water from local water bodies. As per reports, three-year-old girl Sanjana, 10-year-old boy Diwakar, Neeta, 55, and Motri Devi, 70, fell ill around a week ago after consuming water from a well at Prajapati Basti in Bhadra village. The women died at their homes while the children died at the hospital.

Community Health Centre (Handia) in-charge, Dr Sudhir Kumar, said that two children have died of diarrhoea, but the reason behind the diarrhoea that led to their deaths is unclear. A primary inquiry indicates that the villagers were consuming water from a well, leading to suspicions that they fell ill after drinking polluted water. However, concrete conclusions can only be made after a proper inquiry, he added.

Locals claimed that despite complaints, no action was taken by the concerned officials. They also stated that there was only one well in the area used for drinking water. Those who consumed water from the well and are undergoing treatment at different hospitals include the locals named Satyam, Sundaram, Dilkush, Diwakar, Deepanshu, Sangeeta, Sintu, Shabbu, Anand, Ritesh, Ranjit, Kusum, Laxmi, Sanjana, Prakash, Garima, Sanjeet, Lalit, Urmila, Jeetlal, Shiv, Akash, Pawan, and others. On Monday evening, a team from the health department reached the village and distributed medicines among the locals. A week-long camp will also be organised in the village.

Farmers need knowledge of latest agricultural techniques: Dr. Praveen

Naini, Prayagraj: Inauguration of a five-day farmer training program for the farmers of Mirzapur district under the Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (ATMA) scheme at the Directorate of Extension, Sam Higginbottom Agricultural Technology and Science University, Prayagraj. Director Extension Dr. Praveen Charan said that to increase agricultural production, it is very important for farmers to have knowledge of the latest agricultural techniques so that they can achieve ease in agricultural work by adopting new techniques on their fields and increase production. He told that in this training program, they will also get an opportunity to visit the research fields and laboratories of the university and see and know about many types of research work. In the training program, Chief Guest Director Development Dr. Ritu Prakash Dubey told the farmers that with the help of Uttar Pradesh Government, the training program of farmers in agriculture and related fields is being conducted continuously through the Directorate of Extension, which is improving the productivity and income of farmers in the area has started appearing in the form of growth. He provided technical information on preparing processed products of coarse grains at domestic and commercial level. Deputy Director Seed and Field Prof. (Dr.) Vikram Singh, Joint Director Extension Dr. A. Of. Chaurasia, Training Coordinator Dr. Madan Sen Singh, Scientist Dr. Yogesh Chandra Srivastava also gave detailed information to the farmers, Dr. Manish Kumar Kesarwani, Sarvendra Kumar, Dr. T.D. Mishra and Mrs. Meena Nathan etc. were present.

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Higher Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh will launch Samarth ERP for officers and employees of state universities from 05 August 2024 to 08 August 2024 at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow. For the implementation of the portal, a four-day training workshop has been organized on Finance and Accounts Module (FSCM and Bill Tracking, Payroll Module, Inventory and Asset Management System). On the second day of the workshop on Tuesday, Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay addressed Samarth ERP. Highlighted the importance of

Successful implementation of **Samarth ERP** in 26 state universities

and the progress of its implementation. He said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, work is being done to connect higher education with technology. He said that at present 26 state universities of the state have Samarth ERP being implemented. Out of these, the leave module has been implemented in 22 universities, and the configuration of payroll module has been completed in 24 universities, and the salary for July 2024 has been prepared by 14 universities through ERP. Generated through. Additionally, 19 universities have uploaded details

of more than 7000 affiliated colleges on their Samarth portal, and 8 universities have uploaded Samarth ERP for the admission process. Minister of State for Higher Education Rajni Tiwari said that the future of children is being given priority by further improving the Higher Education Department. Through this workshop, university officials can equip their university with efficient ERP. Do the work of connecting. Samarth team has developed Career Advancement

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System (CAS) as per the requirement of the state for the government colleges of the state and made it available to the Directorate of Higher Education, Prayagraj. The objective of this training/workshop is to provide comprehensive training and hands-on experience to the administrative and finance/accounts cadre officers and staff of the State Universities, so that they become capable ERP developers. Can effectively use the Finance and Accounts module of . On this occasion, Principal Secretary M.P. Aggarwal, Special Secretary Girijesh Tyagi, Shipu Giri and officials of the university were present.

An Awareness talk by **Dr. Arpit Bansal** in MPVM

Prayagraj: August 6th 2024 was an enlightening day for the students of Maharshi Patanjali Vidya Mandir. The day marked a wonderful session by Dr Arpit Bansal, Director of jeevan jyoti group of hospitals, who is a renowned & advanced laparoscopic and Onco surgeon, on the two very significant topics: 'Cervical Cancer and The Blue Mind theory' that were so informative for the students. The session commenced with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony by the speaker Dr. Arpit Bansal, along with the other guests, the president, Rotary allahabad Midtown, Ms. Radha Saxena, Mr. Neeraj Chugh, the secretary Rotary allahabad Midtown and the Principal MPVM Mrs Alpona Dey.

Dr. Bansal introduced the cervical Cancer with a video followed by the information about the HPV virus. He aware the students with the various ways to catch the disease as well as cellular dehydration and chronic dehydration.

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Cong celebrated birthday of MP Imran Pratapgarhi

Prayagraj: Rajya Sabha MP Voice of the poor and oppressed On the birth anniversary of National President of Minority Congress Mr. Imran Pratapgarhi, the officials of Minority Congress celebrated the birthday of Rajya Sabha MP Imran Pratapgarhi among the children of madrasas under the leadership of City President Arshad Ali. On this



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Abdul Samad felicitated on being appointed executive member, Municipal Corporation

Prayagraj: On making Abdul Samad from Samajwadi Party the executive member, Municipal Corporation councilors and executive member Abdul Samad got a warm welcome at Heera Inn Hotel in Kareli. Group CMD Afzal Ahmed Nazim Saheb welcomed him by wearing a garland. On this occasion, all the councilors of the area, Sarfaraz Ahmed Mohammad Azam Kashaan Siddiqui, Rameez Hasan, Taslimuddin Parvez Akhtar Ansari, Zia Ubaid etc. councilors were present in the entire program. MIM councilor of Kareli area Azad Ahmed and Salamtullah were not seen. It was quite interesting that being a regional councilor is a big question mark. The chief guest of the program, Seetawat Saheb, thanked everyone wholeheartedly.



Principal receiving threatening calls, but cops have taken no action

If justice is not served, I shall commit suicide: Solomon

Prayagraj: The management dispute of Bishop Johnson Girls School and College located on Mission Road is not getting resolved. New complications are being seen in this case every day. On July 2, Parul Solomon, Principal of Bishop Johnson Girls School and College, was working in her school. Thereafter, Bishop Morris Edgar Dan alias Tiger of the Diocese of Lucknow Church of North India, along with his son Alan Dan, alias Sunny and a group of associates including alleged rapist public relations officer Archie Timothy, Rockwell Amar Moses

Mohit, forcibly entered the school and broke the lock of the principal's room. After entering the room, she was abused and physically assaulted and forcibly removed from her chair. Woman Principal of Bishop Johnson, Parul Solomon, accused Bishop Dan of issuing life threat to her including family members. However, she is willing to die but will not withdraw the case. It is alleged that they molested the Principal and snatched her mobile phone so that she could not shoot the video of the incident. She was expelled from school on erroneous charges. After which Katra

police was hesitant in filing the FIR report. But Parul Solomon filed an FIR against Bishop Morris Dan and his son Alan Dan and 22 people who accompanied them. But after that, even after 161,164, the police administration is unable to arrest the identified criminals. The Ayodhya incident is a vivid example of the atmosphere of fear and panic created by the criminals of the state. Apart from the Director General, STF in-charge Lucknow, at the local level, she has prayed for justice to the Divisional Commissioner, Police Commissioner, Deputy Director General of Police and Dis-

trict Magistrate Prayagraj. A month has passed since the incident that happened with Parul Solomon, Principal of Bishop Johnson Girls School and College, Mission Road, Katra in Prayagraj. And the allegation is that the police administration has become dwarf before the influence of Bishop Dan. As a result, police have not yet made arrests against Dan and others. Due to this the accused are in high spirits. Every day, threatening calls are being made to the college principal to withdraw the case and her recce is being done by the bishop's son and his hired henchman.

Editorial

Protect personality rights

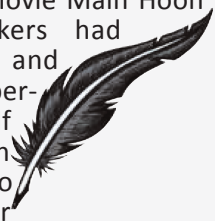
I personally feel the time has come for us to protect personality rights. Like the one provided by the Copyright Act." However, the challenge lies in taking tangible action to identify infringers, notify them, and ensure compliance. Jackie Shroff's case marks the first instance of a court restraining an unlicensed Chatbot. "There is a need for updated legislation or legal interpretations to address these emerging issues and provide stronger protections for celebrities' persona in the digital age. Additionally, enforcement mechanisms may need to be strengthened to effectively combat the misuse of AI-generated content," observes Masodi. In the online world, cybercriminals exploit AI for nefarious purposes to make money while jeopardising people's reputations. Celebrities are taking the lead, and the courts are establishing principles and precedents. Being vigilant to preempt damage is crucial.

The Delhi High Court recently issued an order safeguarding the personality and publicity rights of film actor Jackie Shroff, restraining several social media accounts, AI Chatbots, and e-commerce websites from exploiting the actor's name, voice, or image for commercial purposes without his consent. Shroff petitioned the court against the unauthorised use of his name and persona, seeking protection against various individuals and entities utilising and misusing his identity without permission. The proliferation of AI-generated deep-fake videos has exacerbated concerns for celebrities. Jackie Shroff's isn't the first instance of a film star resorting to legal action to protect their personality rights. Over the past two years, the Delhi High Court has issued interim orders to prevent the unauthorised use of Amitabh Bachchan and Anil Kapoor's name, image, and voice. The question arises: why are some celebrities turning to courts for the protection of their personality rights, while others refrain? "Where there is demonstrable misuse, people are approaching. Personality right is a facet of publicity right," says advocate Ameet Naik, who has represented Bachchan, Kapoor and now Shroff.

In their respective personality rights suits. In India, laws regarding personality rights are still evolving, with courts deriving principles from Article 19(1)(a) (freedom of speech and expression), Article 21 (protection of life and personal liberty), and intellectual property rights laws. "A few celebrities may choose not to pursue legal action due to various reasons such as the perceived insignificance of unauthorised use, the costs involved in litigation, or a desire to avoid negative publicity," says Shoeb Masodi, Partner, M&P IP PROTECTORS. Personality rights, as the name implies,

pertain to the rights associated with the personality of a well-known individual, primarily applicable to celebrities whose names,

images or voices are prone to misuse for profit. The concept dictates that only the owner or creator of these attributes has the right to derive monetary benefits from them. Personality rights have gained importance alongside the right to privacy given the kind of fame celebrities enjoy today. In 1995, the Supreme Court recognised a person's right to control the commercial use of one's identity in the R Rajagopal vs. State of Tamil Nadu case, commonly known as the Auto Shankar case. In 2015, the Madras High Court intervened to protect actor Rajinikanth's personality rights, halting the release of the movie Main Hoon Rajinikanth. The filmmakers had utilised the actor's name and style without his express permission, with the title itself serving as a clear indication of its connection to Rajinikanth. In yet another case involving actor Amitabh Bachchan.

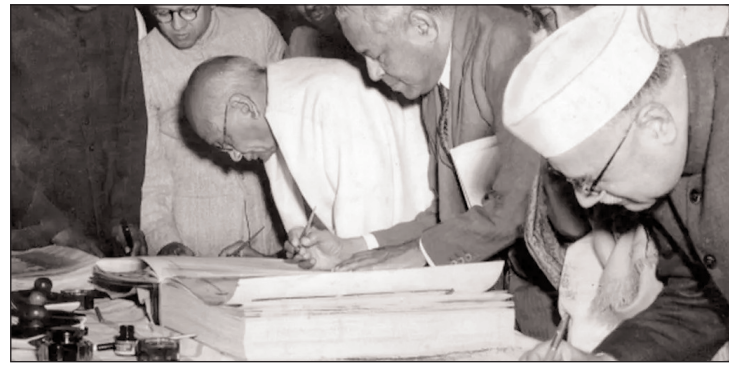


Maj Gen Himmatsinghji, deputy minister of defense (chairman), it included Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, K Zakaria, head of the Ministry of External Affairs' historical division, SN Haksar, joint secretary also from MEA, Group Captain MS Chaturvedi from the Indian Air Force, and Waryam Singh, deputy director of the Intelligence Bureau. After discussing at great length the advisability of pushing forward a post to Tawang, it was decided to go ahead. It was also decided to send troops to Nelang (then written Nilang) and Jadung (then Jadhung), two tiny villages south of the Tsangchokla, the pass marking the watershed in the area, in the Chamoli district.

One man was central in the setting up of Maj Khathing's expedition to Tawang; it was Jairamdas Daulatram, the governor of Assam. It is sad that his role has been more or less forgotten today. On December 10, 1950, he managed to get the concurrence of the Ministry of External Affairs headed by Nehru; a Joint Secretary concurred with the Committee, "We cannot agree to a unilateral occupation of Tawang by the communists." The ball then started rolling, and preparations for the expedition began. Maj Khathing received detailed instructions from Nari Rustomji, the advisor to the governor, on behalf of Daulatram himself.

Precise tasks were given to the young and bold officer.

The first task was to occupy Tawang. Khathing was asked



to explain to the local population and Tibetan officials that he was "doing no more than is being done by the administration in other parts of Indian territory;" in 1914, Tibet had agreed to the McMahon Line, north of Tawang being the boundary. The major was ordered to "treat any Tibetan or other officials you may meet with courtesy, but nevertheless let them understand that jurisdiction in the area vests in you and not in them." He was directed to submit detailed reports about the Tibetan 'influence' in the area and the nature of taxes collected. He was further told to abolish all existing taxes and substitute them with lighter taxes to be paid to the Political Officer, representing the Indian government: "There will be no forced labour and everything needed will be duly paid for."

An important task was to communicate to the local people that "none of their religious practices The sixth point was that in case Khathing met with armed opposition, he was to cable Shillong (the governor's office) immediately, "indicating the strength and position of opposing forces."

Fortunately, due to Khathing's intelligence and diplomatic skills, this would not be necessary, and

74 years later, he was still considered by the Monpas as their liberator. Khathing was also asked to keep daily wireless telegraphic contact with Daulatram after crossing the Se-La pass. It is what Khathing did, and his dispatches and cables still make fascinating reading. Finally, Daulatram asked Khathing to "conduct [the] operation with tact, firmness, and discretion".

The logistics of the expedition were not easy; for example, the question of porters and loads was difficult to coordinate. One can imagine having as many as 200 troops and 600 porters to feed.

Another issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities.

On February 9, 1951, the Tsona Dzongpons met Khathing again, and the latter reported to the governor: "As regards the lay officials, like Tsona Dzongpons and Drekhangs, the salt monopolists and grain collectors, I have not allowed them to exercise any of their powers and influence." Undoubtedly, the merit of having taken

over Tawang's administration goes to Daulatram as well as to the most reliable major.

Nehru's Reaction

On March 18, 1951, the prime minister noted: "I hear constantly about the activities of the North and North-East Border Defense Committee. These activities have resulted in action being taken on the Tibetan border and in Nepal. At no stage have these matters been brought up before me for consultation, although apparently consultations have taken place with the Governor of Assam and other people far away. ... I am greatly concerned about this matter because ... the manner of our going to Tawang and taking possession of it and thus creating some international complications, has not been a happy one. I am yet not quite clear how all this was done without any reference to me."

Though historically intimately linked, two separate events took place recently, nearly 1,000 miles away from each other. A central sector of the Indo-Tibet boundary in Uttarakhand, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan directed Army formations to work for the rehabilitation.

of the border villages of Nelang and Jadung, near the Line of Actual Control in Chamoli district.

During the 1962 Indo-China war, both villages were abandoned, and their residents were relocated to safer nearby areas.

Far away in the east, at the Tawang War Memorial in

Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Army, along with the Tawang administration and the local Monpa population, commemorated the 74th anniversary of the arrival of Maj Bob Khathing in the area in 1951, the Manipuri Naga officer took over the administration of the border town of Tawang, south of the McMahon Line; a communiqué of the Defense PRO in Guwahati thus explained, "After the valiant Major undertook a treacherous march from the plains of Assam to Tawang, negotiating Sela and Bomdila passes during peak winters, leading a contingent of 200 Assam Rifles troops and 600 porters for a difficult maiden mission. , thus materialised the formal establishment of Indian civil administration at Tawang." The above two events are linked as the takeover of both places' administration is the result of a decision of the Himmatsinghji Border Defence Committee created by the Army Headquarters on November 12, 1950.

Let us remember the facts

One can imagine what would have happened if the prime minister had been in the loop. On October 7, 1950, the communist troops advanced in eastern Tibet, and after smashing the ill-trained and ill-equipped Tibetan army, Chamdo, the capital of Kham Province, fell to the invaders. On November 7, Sardar Patel, the deputy prime minister, despite his poor health, sent a long letter to the prime minister about the implications of the Chinese invasion.

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OBC Pie for Muslims, Starving Vote-Bank Politics

An uncanalised power of picking and choosing at its convenience as to when it would or would not consult the Commission for the purpose of identification of the backward classes for the purpose of reservation," said the judgment. The Court said that by abrogating to itself the power to ignore the NCBC "at its own sweet will whim and fancy", the state is guilty of "fraudulent legislative power and consequently a fraud on Constitutional power under Article 16 (4) of the Constitution." The biggest confirmation of the court's concerns came from Mamata Banerjee herself right after the judgment. She publicly declared that she would not abide by the order.

"This court's mind is not free from doubt that the said community has been treated as a commodity for political ends. This is clear from the chain of events that led to the classification of the 77 Classes as OBCs and their inclusion to be treated as a vote bank. Identification of the classes in the said community as OBCs for electoral gains would leave them at the mercy of the concerned political establishment and may defeat and deny other rights," it noted. The court observed that the decision of the State was an affront to the Muslim community as it was being treated purely as a vote bank. The National Commission for Backward Castes had discovered that 118 of

179 groups in the Bengal OBC list were Muslims! In the Most Backward Class category, of 81 communities 73 are Muslim and only eight are Hindu. Of the 98 communities in Category B, 45 are Muslim and the rest Hindu. The state's Muslim population in 2011 was 27 per cent. How can one-fourth of the population snatch three-fourths of OBC benefits? Besides, NCBC chairperson Hansraj Gangaram Ahir found that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar's Rohingya had made their way into the beneficiaries list. He said state officials initially claimed that these were Hindus who had later converted to Islam. Asked for proof, they slinked away.

Voters and continued his humanitarian work in the region

This region is also known for its religious tourism, with famous temples like Guruvayur, Vadakkunnathan, and Paramekkavu attracting visitors. Additionally, Thrissur holds the title of being the cultural capital of Kerala and hosts the magnificent Thrissur Pooram, one of the largest religious events in the state. The Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency comprises seven assembly segments: Guruvayoor, Manalur, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. All seven segments have elected representatives from the Communist Party to the legislative assembly of Kerala. In the 2019 elections, the Indian National Congress received 40 per cent of the votes in this constituency, followed by the Marxist Party at 31 per cent and the BJP at 28.3 per cent. Suresh Gopi was the NDA candidate for Thrissur in 2019 and despite losing the Lok Sabha election, he continued to focus on the region and contested in the state Assembly polls of 2021. In the 2021 assembly elections, P Balachandran of the Communist Party emerged as the winner with a vote share of 34.25 per cent, followed by Padmaja Venugopal of the INC with a 33.52 per cent vote share. Suresh Gopi finished third with a vote share of 31.30 per cent. Despite facing

setbacks in two successive elections and being pushed to third position, Suresh Gopi remained steadfast. He maintained a visible presence among Thrissur's voters and continued his humanitarian work in the region. In 2023, Thrissur was confronted with a severe crisis. The cooperative banks had reached their peak, resulting in many individuals losing their hard-earned deposits to the Karuvannur bank scam. Suresh Gopi emerged as a champion for the people, mirroring his on-screen action-hero persona. His proactive involvement in this crisis established him as a real-life champion for the people. During the Nari Shakti Sammelan held in Thrissur in January 2024, party leadership indirectly endorsed Suresh Gopi's candidacy. Around the same time, Padmaja Venugopal, daughter of former Kerala Chief Minister K. Karunakaran and Suresh Gopi's former opponent in the Assembly elections, joined the BJP. Further bolstering his support, the Left-leaning independent mayor of Thrissur,

endorsed Suresh Gopi as the ideal representative for Thrissur. Meanwhile, Suresh Gopi continued to serve the people tirelessly. It was his unwavering dedication, determination, and

strong belief in a higher power that fueled his spirit. This serves as a valuable lesson that if one focuses on his or her work in a constituency without worrying about the outcome, the people will embrace that person as their leader when the time comes. His appeal transcended traditional barriers, garnering him support from diverse communities across caste and religion, including notable backing from Muslim women in the region. As Left strongholds crumble one by one in India, Kerala is on its way to joining the race. Despite falling short of securing a majority, the BJP's breakthrough in the state, symbolised by Suresh Gopi's win, marks a significant turning point in Kerala's political landscape.

Thiruvananthapuram. Since then, the BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation in the Lok Sabha, steadily increasing its vote share in Kerala with each election cycle. The NDA secured approximately 20 per cent of the vote share this time in Kerala, with the BJP leading in 11 assembly segments: Kazhakkootam, Vattiyookavu, Nemom, Attingal, Kattakkada, Manalur, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies.

Education, aspiration, and 3 de-hyphenations

UPSC, NEET, JEE—all the things young people want—are sought after by all. These hearings feature several successful student photographs. Kashmiri post-stone-throwing generation. They represent the Valley's future. I messaged my old buddy and fellow traveler Uday Shankar, previously of Star-Disney and now a great entrepreneur, to say I see so many Allen hearings that the location should be renamed the Valley of Allen or Allenistan. He proudly told me how many young Kashmiris are passing these tests to become physicians, engineers, etc. Those nostalgic for militancy and seces-

sion might find it a distraction. If so, no distraction is more good. Even tripling defense funding or enacting a legislation three times as harsh as UAPA cannot change the fact that so many tens of thousands of boys and girls desire to compete with the best and choose employment elsewhere. We see what hasn't changed and the tensions within most clearly on the walls. Gupkar Road is home to Kashmir's powerful. The principal Valley parties created the Gupkar Alliance for that reason. Reinforced concrete walls up to 18 feet and more make each 'home' a fortress. On walls, you may discover stronger steel

sheets with rolled concertina fencing. Even Sergei Bubka, a famous pole vaulter, would struggle to pass this hurdle. This won't change soon. Farooq Abdullah teaches me for about two hours under a tree. He says violence is gone, things are better. Youth are still outraged, though. They consider Delhi 'vindictive'. Too many are imprisoned in distant states. My best translation and summary of this peaceful teaching over fresh, sliced strawberries would be: Peace is fine, but what's the benefit? Things are improved, people appreciate peace, and Pakistani delusions are ended. Take nothing for granted. He

often discusses history, the numerous turns he has taken since making his public debut as a subaltern to his father. He is one of India's oldest and most vibrant and passionate politicians, approaching 87. When we revisit Article 370, that passion shines. "They say Kashmiris are now Indians after abrogation. We weren't Indians before? Like every chronic geopolitical and emotional crisis, the past shapes the future, so I try to get him to finish the memoir he keeps talking about. Honestly, we need to learn more from him. He rejects the 1987 Rajiv Gandhi election manipulation in his favor.

BSNL subscribers rising, 4G network ready, says Jyotiraditya Scindia

Delhi: BSNL's customer base is growing, and an indigenous 4G network is being converted to 5G, according to Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. Speaking to the media, the Union minister for communications announced that the 4G network with indigenous technology under Atma Nirbhar Bharat will be available nationwide through BSNL in a few months. People asked why BSNL didn't launch 4G when Jio, Airtel, and Vodafone did. The prime minister decided not to utilize Chinese or other foreign equipment to build a government-run company's network, "Scindia remarked. He stated that an indigenous technology was chosen. Under Atmanirbhar Bharat, PM Modi has decided to construct India's own 4G stack, core system, or radiation access network towers. India will enhance its technology and provide 4G to its citizens in 1.5 years. The minister said Bharat is the fifth nation with indigenous technology. Construction of the skyscrapers is ongoing, he said. He added BSNL



Government set to bring bill to curb waqf board powers on assets

In a major step, the government wants to curb the "unfettered" powers of Waqf Boards to declare any property a 'waqf asset' and take control of it. Sources said the Cabinet discussed 40-odd amendments in the Waqf Act (known as Waqf Act before 2013), including ones to check the jurisdiction, considered arbitrary in many quarters, of Waqf Boards which now control assets running into lakhs of crores of rupees across the country. Under the proposed amendments, Waqf Boards' claims, which were previously unrestricted, will be subject to mandatory verification.

is implementing it while Tejas Network, C-DOT, and TCS work in other domains. "We will install 80,000 towers by the end of October and the remaining 21,000 by March next year, which means one lakh towers of 4G network will be installed by March 2025," stated. He

claimed it would speed up downloads and TV viewing.

"This 4G core supports 5G. Work is underway to modify towers for 5G services. He stated 4G to 5G will be completed soon. Scindia said several telecom customers are transferring to BSNL from private operators.

Government looking at 100% FDI in online gaming

Delhi: The government is examining a possible 100 percent foreign direct investment (FDI) in the online gaming sector, reported on July 31. If it goes ahead, the move will provide a much-needed relief to the industry grappling with high tax burdens and regulatory uncertainties. Discussions are underway at various levels of the government regarding a proposal from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the report cited sources as saying. The proposed policy would enable full FDI in online real-money gaming, provided the investments do not involve betting or



The centre will sell FCI rice starting August

Delhi: Govt would sell rice to state governments from FCI stock. Over 13 months after the Centre ceased selling rice to "maintain buffer stocks and control prices", Congress said in June 2023 that the action was meant to prevent it from fulfilling its promise to give 5 kg of free rice to the underprivileged under the "Anna Bhagya" initiative in Karnataka, reported Dipak Dash

gambling activities. for official approval Moneycontrol couldn't verify the report independently. The change could eliminate the need for startups to attract foreign capital.

Carlsberg, Diageo, and Pernod Ricard will face stricter ad restrictions in India

Delhi: India, which forbids liquor advertising, will soon outlaw surrogate ads and event sponsorship, forcing Carlsberg, Pernod Ricard, and Diageo to rethink their marketing strategies. Such "surrogate ads" often circumvent the ban by showcasing less desirable things like water, music CDs, or glassware with logos and colors related to their main product, often pushed by Bollywood stars. "You can't take a circuitous

way to promote products. "If we find ads to be surrogate and misleading, then even those who are endorsing (products), including celebrities, will be held responsible." In India, Carlsberg advertises their Tuborg drinking water with film stars at a rooftop dance party and the phrase "Tilt Your World", echoing its beer commercials elsewhere, which say "Drink Responsibly". India is the world's eighth-largest alcohol market by volume, with Euromonitor estimating \$45 billion in annual revenues. The reforms imperil liquor companies. India accounts for a tenth of Pernod's global revenues, while Diageo and Pernod hold a fifth of the whisky market. The proposal states that "prohibition against engaging in surrogate advertisement" applies to sponsorships and commercials for "brand extensions" that resemble alcohol brands.

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Record 7.3 crore I-T returns filed till July 31: Tax department

Income tax returns (ITRs) touched a new record of nearly 7.3 crore, 7.5% higher compared to 6.8 crore in previous fiscal, by the July 31 deadline, the income tax department said on Friday. Out of the total ITRs of 7.3 crore filed for AY2024-25, 5.3 crore have been filed in the new tax regime compared to over 2 crore ITRs filed in the old tax regime," it said. Thus, about 72% of taxpayers have opted for the new tax regime, while 28% continue to be in the old tax regime.

Qualcomm Launches Chipset to Lower 5G Phone Prices in India

Delhi: It stated Xiaomi and other large OEMs will initially use the chipset, with the first commercial device due before the end of the year. Qualcomm will shortly reveal talks with other OEMs, both old and new. India's digital development and global competitiveness depend on 5G access. As India's 5G deployment succeeds, we want to make sure everyone can use affordable devices "Qualcomm India president Savi Soin stated. He added the company wants to deliver affordable 5G connections to remote places. 5G can bridge the digital gap, providing Indians with essential education, government, healthcare, and payment tools and services more reliably and securely, and driving India's 'Made in India' goal. He stated Snapdragon 4S Gen 2 strengthens India's 5G environment and democratizes connectivity. The chipset was designed and developed in India for India, Soin added. Qualcomm wants to make technology accessible to all, keeping 'India-first' in mind, Soin said.



The iPhone Pro will soon be assembled in India by Apple

Delhi: An endorsement of India's Make in India program, Apple is now planning to manufacture the Pro series of iPhones in the nation. Apple does not currently have "no immediate plans" to manufacture MacBook laptops and iPad tablets in India, according to insiders. While trial production would start a bit sooner, the insiders also mentioned that when the newest iPhone 16 models hit stores worldwide around September this year, the first iPhone Pro handsets will be produced in India.

Just like with the non-Pro series, Apple will export the iPhone Pro models to different worldwide markets after production stabilises in India. A year has passed since the plan's inception, during which time the supply chain for new gadgets has been under constant scrutiny. The company will continue to assemble the Pro models, as it has been successful thus far, according to one source. The results have been positive.

2-month extension granted to EV scheme

Delhi: The Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS 2024) will be extended by two months, till September, with an additional expenditure of Rs 278 crore, according to an announcement by the heavy industries ministry. The government announced that the scheme's new aims include supporting more than 5 lakh electric two-wheelers and around 51,000 e-three wheelers. Oh no! Jointly developed by MediaTek and JioThings, the 'Made in India' Smart Digital Cluster and Smart Module are now available for motorcycles. This innovation sought to improve the electric vehicle industry by integrating the Internet of Things (IoT), voice recognition, and real-time data analytics. Working together, they aimed to revolutionize the rider experience and provide cutting-edge smart clusters to meet the demands of the expanding electric vehicle market. During her presentation of the Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled plans to create 2 lakh crore jobs. Direct wage benefits, incentives for manufacturing, and employer support are important parts of the plans. In line with the government's goals for India's future, a new skilling project would modernize 1,000 ITIs and teach 20 lakh youth over the course of five years. With an emphasis on facilitating access to loans and enhancing technological capabilities.

Twelve new industrial cities for India

Delhi: A top government official claimed 12 new industrial cities in the lines of Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, and Dholera, Gujarat, will encourage domestic manufacturing. Two in Andhra Pradesh and one in Bihar are coming. Eight such towns are in various stages of execution, according to DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. Dholera (Gujarat), Auric (Maharashtra), Vikram Udyogpuri (Madhya Pradesh), and Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) have trunk infrastructure and industry land parcels are being allotted. In the other four, the government's special purpose vehicle is building road, water, and electricity infrastructure. The Budget announced 12 additional cities, bringing the total to 20, Singh told PTI. Industrial smart cities. Twelve new cities bring the total to 20.

After building the trunk infrastructure, we gave plots. We obtain environmental clearance for the entire city, so the corporation may 'plug and play' "The department will request new ones from the Union cabinet. Plans are ready and state governments own the land. "We just have to approve the equity to the SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle)," he said. The move will boost manufacturing's GDP contribution and create jobs. Ashoo Gupta, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., stated this innovative reform, in conjunction with governments and the business sector, can improve industrial growth and city planning. "These initiatives will become vibrant economic hubs that spur innovation and development, leaving a legacy. The government usually builds vital infrastructure and gives industries land, enticing investors with high-quality, reliable, eco-friendly, and durable infrastructure," Gupta added.

Gold sector wants 'One Nation, One Rate' from East India

Delhi: An official stated the gold jewelry business supports a 'One Nation, One Rate' approach, commencing with Eastern India in August. Samar Kr De, Swarna Shilpa Bachao Committee President, said all stakeholders want a national gold rate. De said bullion sellers will help us implement a single rate for Bengal and eastern India in August. The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) Chairman, Saiyam Mehra, said, "The idea is to create a level playing field for all stakeholders and prevent undercutting." De added they are in talks with significant national jewellery retail chains to extend the 'One Gold Rate' policy nationwide within six months. He added that the business was surprised by the 9% duty drop. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman cut gold and silver import taxes from 15% to 6%.

in her budget. Industry players said the dramatic duty drop will reduce unlawful imports. Diamond importer Sunny Dholakia predicted 100 tons of gold smuggling out of 950 tonnes. Industry sources are concerned about whether the government has another GST proposal for gold. Jewelry rates are currently three percent, but the GJC wants the GST Council to lower them.

Tatas withdraw Vivo India purchase plan

Delhi

Sources told that Apple's objections may have halted Tata group's proposal to buy a majority stake in Vivo's India operation. Sources stated Vivo (FY23 revenue: Rs 30,000 crore) was considering selling 51% of its Indian business to Tata as part of its efforts to 'Indianise' operations under government pressure. Apple wasn't happy with the deal because Tata makes its smartphones in Bangalore. "This has been one of the key rea-



sons that scuttled the plan," stated a source. Apple thought any merger with Vivo by the Tata group, its manufacturing partner, would be a competitor. This may have ended Tatas-Vivo discussions "The insider added a

"re-think looks exceedingly improbable 'as of now'." A survey conducted by Apple and Vivo went unanswered. Tata's representative remarked, "We are denying this development." Chinese companies are considering

controlling stakes to local partners to gain easier access to funding, which has become harder after the government's increased scrutiny on investments from bordering countries. Having a respectable local partner in their firm helps them become trusted partners in the government's Make in India project, which many believe protects them from regulatory measures and simplifies visa applications.

Infosys indicted for over 32,000 crore by taxman

Delhi: Tax authorities identified ₹32,403 crore in indirect tax fraud by Bengaluru-based Infosys Ltd. for services provided by its international offices, marking the highest instance since the GST regime was introduced over seven years ago. India's second-largest technology services firm, Infosys, says the tax does not apply to the services. A Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) note claimed it is examining the technology bluechip for IGST evasion until FY22. It stated the IT major set up branch offices abroad for business and included their expenses in its Indian export invoice. DGGI said Infosys is being investigated for 'non-payment of IGST on import of services as recipient of



services' because its overseas branches and the company are treated as 'distinct persons' under the IGST Act. According to DGGI's incident report, the overseas branches' services ensured efficient running of the company's businesses in foreign countries, better delivery of the company's services, better customer coordination, helped sell the company's services to international clients, provided consultancy and legal services, and managed company

employees outside India. The corporation feels GST is not applicable to these expenses per legislation. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs issued circular number 210/4/2024 on June 26, 2024, on the GST Council's advice, exempting overseas branches' services from GST. Former Infosys board member Mohandas Pai called the tax demand "outrageous" and "a case of tax terrorism" on social networking platform.

Top 3 automakers' dispatches to dealers decline

Delhi: The top three automakers—Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, and Tata Motors—reduced wholesale deliveries to dealerships in July (year over year), about two months before the start of the holiday season, suggesting that the auto sector may be slowing down. Dealer sales for Hyundai were down 3%, while Maruti's delivery numbers decreased by 10%. With 6% less sales in July, Tata Motors was likewise having trouble. While Toyota and Mahindra & Mahindra reported favorable results. Even while Mahindra & Mahindra and Toyota posted gains in July—growing by 15% and 44%, respectively—the majority of their exports are to fulfill unfinished backlog deliveries.

Coaching tenders are issued by DDA sports complexes

"While DDA charges a fee for using the facilities at the complexes from members or non-members"



Delhi: Development Authority (DDA) has invited professional sports coaches or coaching firms to instruct interested Delhiites at its sports complexes in various disciplines. Coaching will be revenue-sharing with some restrictions. DDA runs 17

sports centers with over 53,386 members (excluding dependents) and 213,235 monthly users. Chilla Sports Complex, CWG Village Sports Complex, Saket Sports Complex, Siri Fort Complex, Dwarka Sports Complex at Sector 17, and Roshanara Club operate 158 coaching schemes with about

6,175 trainees. Coaching. The complex trains members and non-members in sports. "While DDA charges a fee for using the facilities at the complexes from members or non-members, provision for coaches is also provided after paying additional fees," a rep stated. "The DDA management will determine

coaching days and times based on facility availability. No coach or coaching agency can receive more than two sports complexes "official said. During busy hours like 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm, sports complexes rarely offer instruction. Regular members can use facilities during this period. If the complex secretary finds spare capacity, coaching can be allowed during these hours, with certain requirements "authority].

DDA will supply infrastructure and facilities; coaches or organizations will run sessions. "The coach and DDA would split outdoor coaching fees 60:40. Facilities where

DDA supplies most training aids and interior facilities share 50:50. At least 10% of economically disadvantaged trainees must receive free coaching, according to regulations. "The authority invited tenders on June 23. Officials stressed that coaches or agencies who have not offered free instruction to the necessary number of trainees will not be eligible for contract extensions. "If there is a requirement to impart coaching to EWS sections by more than 10% of trainees, then DDA will pay the coaches their share of the fees over and above the mandatory 10%," a rep said.

City benefits from longer amusement license



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

tion before submission. "Permission could take two weeks to a month. It could also be refused. This nearly ended live music and performance in restaurants, which mostly used DJs or recorded music "said. An LG secretariat official said the webpage was designed to streamline, simplify, and standardize the capital's licensing process for amusement parks, auditoriums, and video game parlours. According to the source, the licensing unit of Delhi Police, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and National Informatics Centre created the transformational portal to improve

licensing operations across Delhi. The paperwork and documentation requirements are much reduced, streamlining the application procedure. The site streamlines application processing and cooperation by combining municipal organizations, Delhi Fire Service, and Delhi Police onto a single platform. "The application can be filled out online from anywhere and sent to all agencies simultaneously for quick processing. This allowed public performers, poets, and comedians to perform without having their scripts approved by police before the capital event.

700 parakeets rescued from Old Delhi Market

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

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

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

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

PUC centers reopen as government promises to evaluate testing fee



Delhi:

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

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

HC authorizes MCD to remove illegal construction

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



construction "even if it happens to be within the four corners of a house or a flat". The housing society's writ case to ensure MCD's statutory responsibility was maintainable, the bench said. After MCD

ignored multiple reminders from 2019 to monitor various residents' encroachments, the society's controlling committee went to court. The petitioner's attorney argued that a resident had built illegally and encroached on society land, then removed it herself. The attorney said just the elevated base remains.

Telemedicine to access specialized doctors

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

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

MCD will contract out all Karol Bagh municipal park maintenance

Delhi: Senior civic officials stated that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will pilot outsourcing municipal park management to commercial concessionaires to improve their upkeep. The 762-park Karol Bagh zone will host the pilot. A senior MCD official said the horticulture department has produced a project study for outsourcing Karol Bagh maintenance, including upkeep, pruning, rubbish collection, and vegetation. "The sanitation department manages 15,226 parks on 5,172.07 acres. Most parks—90%—are "housing area parks"



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

(HAP) with areas under 5,000 square meters. Besides providing a green lung for Delhi, these parks allow citizens to exercise and play. According to an MCD official, outsourcing park management to experts should save money. "We expect better park maintenance. It will expedite park maintenance concerns from

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

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

Scrap 'illegal' car, get refund for next purchase

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

Delhi to expand PUC checkpoints

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

Delhi government officers reshuffled

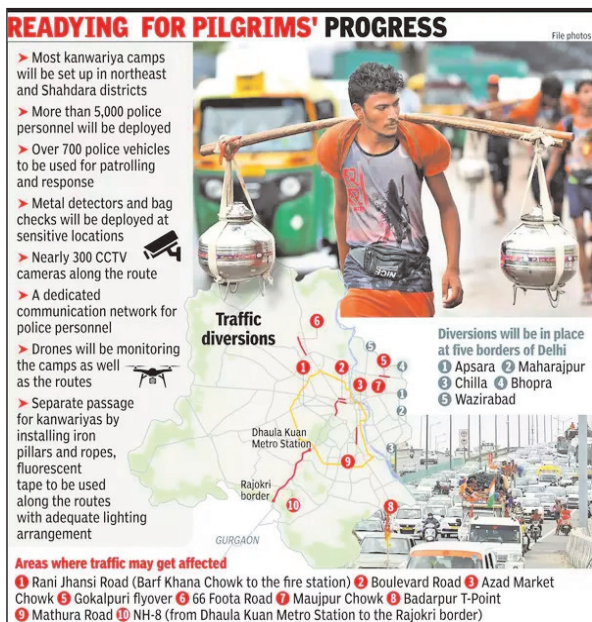
Delhi: The Delhi government's services department dismissed senior IAS officer A Anbarasu from the principal commissioner (trade and taxes) position. Anbarasu, a 1996-batch IAS officer, will remain principal secretary of Public Works Department and Delhi Jal Board CEO. Lieutenant governor VK Saxena ordered



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

Kanwar Removed Yatra With Cameras And Drones For Tech Boost This Year

Police expect traffic delays, especially near Delhi, due to yatra diversions. Most Kanwariya camps are in Shahdara and North East



Delhi: The city will have around 5,000 police and 700 police cars to secure the Kanwar Yatra. Police expect traffic delays, especially near Delhi, due to yatra diversions. Most Kanwariya camps are in Shahdara and North

East. To prevent accidents, critical areas will have metal detectors and bag checks. When Kanwariyas pass along the route, at least 2,000 troops and 100 vehicles

will be needed in the two districts. "Installing iron pillars, ropes, and neon tapes will form Kanwariya corridors. Good illumination will be provided. "A Delhi Police officer said this will let yatis go around and avoid chaos. Over 300 CCTV cameras and drones will monitor camps and routes. Police will have a dedicated communication network to coordinate and respond quickly to situations. Identified sensitive places will receive additional personnel. Kanwariyas will remain in Shahdara district, where the route has three zones for greater supervision. A police source said the route would have 68 security checkpoints. "In all, 181 CCTV cameras will be installed along the route, apart from the ones in the camps where the Kanwariyas will stay," he said. DCP

(Shahdara) Surendra Chaudhary and DCP (Northeast) Joy Tirkey briefed stakeholders on the measures. At five border points—Apsara, Maharajpur, Chilla, Bhopra, and Wazirabad—the yatra will diverge. Heavy commercial vehicle routes will be changed to reduce congestion. Boulevard Road, Azad Market Chowk, and Rani Jhansi Road from Baraf Khana Chowk to the fire station are expected to face traffic interruptions. 66 Foota Road, Maujpur Chowk, Badarpur T-Point, Mathura Road, and NH-8, especially from Dhaula Kuan metro station to Rajokri border, were also disrupted.

No FASTag on windshield, twice cost.



Double Toll for Missing FASTags
NHAI will now charge Double Toll Fees for vehicles without a FASTag, with CCTV footage recording

Delhi: If you keep your vehicle's FASTag in your wallet or hand, NH toll gates charge double. NHMCL, the agency under National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), published the new regulation amid reports of people still using smart tags to cheat the system in closed tolling segments including expressways and greenfield highways. NHMCL stated in a policy circular that toll operators or collection agencies will charge the "user fee equivalent to two times" of the applicable charge if a vehicle

evidence. NHAI officials said this was done to improve toll plaza efficiency and stop revenue leaks. They said people have sought to escape tolls on Allahabad Bypass, Amritsar-Jamnagar Expressway, and other greenfield highways by using FATags not fastened to the windshield. Since such highways have near tolling, the user fee is deducted only when a vehicle exits. A spokesperson said customers have avoided exit tolls by exhibiting FASTags in their wallets or vehicles.

The CBI searches three city police stations and arrests five officers for bribery



Delhi: The CBI raided three police stations in the city and arrested five personnel on bribery allegations as part of its drive on Delhi Police corruption. In a trap operation last week, the agency apprehended an inspector-rank officer. Agency stormed Patparganj police station in east Delhi, where Apoorva Gupta is DCP. According to

accounts, two cops were detained here. Four officers from another east Delhi police station were detained two weeks ago for threatening to book a businessman on money laundering charges and extorting Rs 24 lakh. Additionally, a station inspector was arrested. District-level senior officials will be investigated in the current raid. An SI was arrested at Hauz Khas police station in another raid, an official said. CBI registered investigations after receiving information that cops demanded bribes from complainants in several cases. CBI then set a

PWD cancels Delhi's Najafgarh-Phirni flyover

Delhi: Officials say the Public Works Department (PWD) abandoned a 4.8km flyover on the Najafgarh-Phirni route to decongest the stretch after it was judged impracticable. The road will be modified, an official stated. "This road's decongestion will be addressed at the grade level. He stated that the zone maintenance wing will do this. PWD proposed the project in January 2023 and delivered it to UTTIPEC in June. One of 77 road intervention plans around traffic hotspots selected by authorities to decongest the city. Najafgarh-Phirni, a major Delhi-Haryana road, typically has significant traffic jams during peak hours. The project included an elevated corridor to make Outer Delhi-Haryana transportation easier. Officials say the changes will reduce traffic on Najafgarh-Phirni, Kapashera, Dhansa, and Bahadurgarh highways. Last year, the government said the elevated corridor will assist over 200 nearby colonies. Footpaths, cycling lanes, and green spaces will be built as part of the street connectivity plan. Streetlights and high-tension electrical wires may be moved.

Kanwar Yatra guidelines issued, but Delhi citizens skeptical

Delhi: In light of motorists and residents' harrowing experiences due to the flouting of norms and widespread disturbance caused by Kanwar Yatra pilgrimage participants, especially late-night loud music, Delhi Police issued a series of advisories to Kanwar camp organizers to reduce confusion. The camps must refrain from playing music after 10pm, limit its volume, and not infringe on traffic lanes. This is done every year, but the Kanwariyas—devotees on the yatra—usually ignore it. Residents and members of the city's



resident welfare associations (RWAs), especially those living along the Kanwar Yatra paths, remain suspicious about the warning causing any on-the-ground change and insist that police preparations will remain on paper. They blame the city police and other authorities for turning a blind eye every year as unruly

groups of people cause widespread commotion across the city during Kanwar Yatra. Loud music and giant boom boxes on trucks playing songs at deafening volumes throughout the night have become a routine annual affair, and the inability of authorities to contain the menace has emboldened lawbreakers. Eight main routes

Must use tech to speed justice

Delhi: Delhi High Court acting chief justice Justice Manmohan stressed the need to use technology to improve the legal system and eliminate justice delays. He spoke at the launch of a pilot 'hybrid court' featuring speech-to-text. "We must employ technology to better the legal system to bring criminals to justice and reduce delays. To ensure the system functions correctly, good technology must be introduced. "Justice Manmohan called the speech-to-text evidence recording facility a "very powerful weapon" that may be a "game changer". Speech-to-text combines automatic speech recognition and big language models to efficiently convert spoken words to text. The Digital Court app, which allows access

to all e-filed cases and ensures that all physical documents presented in court have digital copies in the case information system, was praised by Justice Manmohan for its use of artificial intelligence (AI). AG: "We are trying to promote paperless courts," "Everyone is making an effort and the IT committee headed by Justice Rajiv Shakder is doing a great job." But he also considered how technology was utilized to conduct crimes. "Today, when I sit in court and decide matters, one of the things that strikes me is that technology is being used to circumvent the laws, to break the laws, to promote infringements," stated. with the law is again to use technology in the right way."

Technology could assist relieve court

staff shortages, the justice said. "All the justices wanting many stenographers is my biggest concern as chief justice. The supply is low. He believed speech-to-text would solve the problem, especially for joint registrars and district judiciaries recording evidence, by freeing up a large pool of stenographers for other uses. Justice Manmohan also addressed judicial finances. "We need more money. Of course, the state has priorities. The ACJ noted there was a money dispute that must be resolved. He stated that hybrid court facilities were being developed in all 691 Delhi district courtrooms with a budget of Rs 387 crore.

We know we'll have them soon. He said the 14 experimental projects will be implemented immediately.

Used truck prices rise as logistics companies slash costs

DOUBLE TROUBLE: OVER AND UNDER THE GROUND

Location	TDS (mg/l)	Chlorine (mg/l)	Hardness as CaCO ₃ (mg/l)
Ghaziipur landfill			
Desirable limit for drinking water	500	250	300
Ghaziipur dairy farm, lane no. 4	1,370	1,540	490
Ghaziipur landfill site, near entry gate	890	1,625	420
Bhalswa landfill			
Desirable limit for drinking water	500	250	300
Bhalswa landfill site	5,280	2,390	1,060
Bhalswa dairy	3,330	1,495	900
Okhla landfill			
Desirable limit for drinking water	500	250	300
Okhla landfill site	1,990	965	1,090
Okhla bus depot	2,080	990	1,150

Delhi: According to senior civic officials, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is expanding two waste-to-energy (WtE) plants in Okhla and Tehkhand, southeast Delhi, to process waste from Shahdara's north and south zones and reduce the burden on the Ghaziipur landfill. The daily capacity of each facility will increase by 1,000 tonne. On July 7, the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission approved the Okhla plant's 40 MW increase from 23MW, a senior MCD official said. The Tehkhand plant proposal is also seeking environmental permission, the official said. The Okhla plant processes 1,950 tonnes

of garbage daily, and with another boiler unit, we can feed 2,950 tonnes of new waste daily. The source said the Okhla facility received environmental permission last year and will raise its power output from 25MW to 40MW by increasing its capacity from 2,000 tonne to 3,000 tonne. Shahdara North generates 1,250 tonne of waste daily and South 1,200. Most of this goes to the Ghaziipur landfill, but its WtE can only process 1,300 tons per day. According to a February 2023 report submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), Delhi generates 11,332 tonne of waste daily, 8,066 of which are processed by segregation, recycling,

Airport liquor store operating 24/7 in Delhi

Delhi: A 24x7 liquor store in Terminal 3's domestic arrival wing at Indira Gandhi International airport reopened nearly two years after it was closed due to a change in excise policy following a CBI inquiry into alleged excise policy irregularities. Delhi Consumers Cooperative Wholesale Store Ltd., one of four government agencies handling all liquor stores in the state, received an L10 liquor license from the excise department. Around 140 retail liquor outlets are operated by DCCWS around the city. Store hours are 24x7, but only T3 passengers can enter. Duty-free shops are separate for international arrivals. "The 750-square-foot liquor store is self-service and walk-in. An informed official claimed all and international whisky, beer, gin, and vodka brands, as well.

Campaign Launch: #GetMonsoonReady with Forever Living Products (India)

New Delhi: As the monsoon season brings relief from the summer heat, it also introduces challenges like flooding, infections, and gut health issues. During this time, it's essential to take extra care of our health by adopting preventive measures. To support your health and well-being, Forever Living Products (India) has launched the #GetMonsoonReady campaign, featuring a range of natural health and nutritional products. Join the Campaign:

#GetMonsoonReady Forever Living Products invites you to participate in the #GetMonsoonReady campaign. Share a photo along with a quote about how you protect your hair and skin during the monsoon. Tag us on Instagram @FLPIndia. The month-long campaign will also include engaging activities like quizzes, crosswords, polls, relevant contests and new product launches. One can also share nostalgic memories with your loved ones from past monsoon seasons. Winners of the campaign will be celebrated in the first week of September at our corporate office in Gurugram and will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Harish Singla, Country Sales Manager of Forever Living Products (India). Featured Products for Monsoon Health 1. Complete Immune Support: Boost your immune system during the rainy season with Forever ImmuBlend™. This supplement supports and strengthens your immune system, promoting immune cell production to keep infections at bay. 2. Better Nutrient Absorption: Aloe Vera's natural cleansing abilities help your digestive tract absorb nutrients from food, promoting healthy digestion and immune health. Forever Aloe Vera Gel® contains 99.7% pure inner leaf aloe vera gel with no added preservatives, supporting nutrient absorption and a healthy digestive system. 3. Digestive System Support: Enjoy your favorite monsoon snacks without worrying about gut health. Forever Active Pro-B™ is a probiotic that promotes healthy digestion, containing six synergistic strains with over 8 billion CFU, and supports immunity. 4. Healthy Skin and Fresh Feel: Combat the varying humidity of the monsoon season with Forever Living Products Aloe Vera Gelly. It soothes, moisturizes, and conditions sensitive tissue. Stay fresh all day with Forever's Dream and Desire no-gas deodorants, which contain 2X perfume for long-lasting freshness. A Message from Mr. Harish Singla, CSM, Forever Living Products (India) "Every Forever supplement has a story to tell. Every time you think about Forever, think about the high quality 'from plant to product to you.' We combine the best of science and nature with advanced technology to ensure you receive the highest quality products.

YES BANK Celebrates Manu Bhaker's Double Bronze Victory at the Paris Olympics 2024



HISAR/ HAJJAR : YES BANK extends its heartfelt congratulations to Manu Bhaker, the young shooting sensation from Haryana, for her outstanding achievement in winning two bronze medals in the 10m air pistol category at the Paris Olympics 2024. Manu's exceptional talent and dedication have not only made India proud but also inspired the entire Indian contingent in Paris and millions of aspiring athletes across the nation. As the official banking partner and principal sponsor for Team India, YES BANK launched yesteaminindia.com, a platform where fans can send their best wishes directly to Olympians. This initiative aims to support and motivate athletes to achieve their best by connecting them with their supporters. Furthering its commitment to the sports, YES BANK's "Milkar Jitayenge" campaign, in collaboration with the Indian Olympic Association, highlights the vital role of communities in nurturing Olympic talent. Manu Bhaker's success is a testament to the strong support from her family, coaches, and mentors, demonstrating the power of collective effort. In addition to supporting athletes, YES BANK has introduced the YES Glory savings account, which provides exclusive benefits like a Taj voucher, orthopedic consultations, zero cross-currency mark-up, medical insurance, a YES Glory Gold Debit Card, and international lounge access. This initiative ensures athletes have financial support and benefits tailored to their unique needs. Moreover, YES BANK empowers communities in Haryana through tailored banking products designed to meet the financial aspirations of the affluent population. Products like YES Grandeur, YES Elite Credit Cards, and YES First offer exclusive services that cater to their specific needs.

ABB India sets up a smart center for electrician training in Faridabad



FARIDABAD : ABB India today announced the establishment of a smart center for electrician training in Faridabad, Haryana. This initiative was launched in partnership with the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) in the presence of Sujeet Gusain, Location Industrial Relation Manager, Faridabad, ABB India, Saroj Apato, Vice-President, ESSCI, Rajeev Singh, AGM and Dr. Abhilasha Gaur, CEO, ESSCI, along with other representatives from ESSCI, and ABB India. The program aims to equip the youth with the necessary skills to thrive in the competitive job market and create

ample employment opportunities in line with the National Education Policy, 2020. The electrician training initiative will involve an end-to-end program management solution to screen and select the right candidates, train them and provide job opportunities locally. The chosen candidates will receive 540+ hours of training, equivalent to 90 days at the center. ESSCI will collaborate with industry partners to facilitate job placements for trained individuals, bridging the gap between skill acquisition and employment. Commenting on the development, Sanjeev Arora, President,

Motion Business, ABB India said, "This initiative is a significant step towards addressing the skill gap in the electronics sector. By focusing on both upskilling the existing workforce and training the youth, we aim to create a sustainable pipeline of skilled professionals ready to meet the demands of the industry." "We are thrilled to partner with ABB India on this initiative. By leveraging our expertise in skilling, we aim to empower the youth and provide them with the necessary skills to succeed in the competitive job market," said Dr. Abhilasha Gaur, the CEO of ESSCI.

Integra Essentia Ltd.'s Agro and Infra Divisions Secure INR 280 Million Order

Chandigarh: Integra Essentia Limited (BSE: 535958, NSE: ESSENTIA), a leader engaged in the business of Life Essentials, has announced that it has secured a significant order valued at 280 million INR for its Agro and Infrastructure businesses. This order underscores the consistent trust and quality that the company's customers have in its products and services. The repeat business from its valued clients is a testament to the reliability and excellence that Integra Essentia Limited delivers. These steps not only propels the company towards its financial goals but also ensures substantial benefits for all its stakeholders. Integra Essentia Limited remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of quality and service as it continues to grow and expand its business operations.

As hundreds of Chinese items lose tax exclusions, the US-China trade battle escalates

Delhi's government created a central geospatial database 12 years ago by mapping the city and its services. This database was made web-accessible for departments and stakeholders. The two- and three-dimensional geographic databases encompassed subsurface and aboveground assets. Drains, sewers, water pipes, and power lines are underground. Include buildings, boundaries, electricity cables, bus and metro networks.

Heavy rain in Delhi causes traffic jams on important highways

After heavy rain, parts of Delhi were submerged, creating traffic jams and accidents. Pumps were used after knee-deep flooding on ITO main roadways. South Delhi's Vasant Kunj, Greater Kailash, New Friends Colony, Saket, and Malviya Nagar suffered residential and arterial road flooding. Water entered residences at Ekta Apartment on Press Enclave Road in Saket, and people drained it with buckets and cups. Drains are clogged and water gathering pits fail. Thus, all main road water has reached our homes. Water has ruined my furniture, carpets, and wooden floors, making them squeak. The water inside storage beds would have spoiled the contents. We pay one of the highest property taxes, and Saket is meant to be wealthy, but officials are doing this, a minor section of a road caved in in Rohini's Sector 13, causing a car to fall into a ditch. Another Timarpur automobile slid into a pit on an under-construction road. Sarai Kale Khan, Jangpura, Wazirpur, Ashok Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, Dakshinpuri, and Paschim Vihar had knee-deep water in many colonies and urban villages. I've received complaints from various spots where water has entered people's homes and submerged the road outside their homes in colonies and societies. The rain surprised the authorities this year, who had nothing. We are worried of the month ahead since monsoon hasn't started yet, Waterlogging at the Ghazipur border

around Murga mandi forced vehicles from Akshardham to Ghaziabad and the opposite carriageways to reroute. Submerging the underpass flooded the main road near Dhaura Kuan. Similar issues arose around Dwarka. Most arterial segments were flooded in the morning. But nearly 200 huge and smaller pumps have been used to drain water. Some roads have been cleared, but most underpasses and other low-lying areas are still waterlogged.

Allahabad HC upholds suits, mosque panel petitions SC

Delhi: The Allahabad High Court rejected the mosque committee's plea challenging the maintainability of 18 suits brought on behalf of the deity and Hindu devotees, clearing the way for hearing the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Masjid Idgah dispute in Mathura. After hearing both sides' arguments, Justice Mayank Kumar Jain's single-judge bench reserved the ruling. I conclude that the plaintiffs' suits disclose a cause of action and are not barred by any provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995;



the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991; the Specific Relief Act, 1963; the Limitation Act. It stated that suit applications to reject plaintiffs may be denied. The mosque committee said it would appeal the High Court judgment to the Supreme Court. Advocate Mehmood Pracha, who represented the mosque

committee, told that the Supreme Court will review the Allahabad High Court judgment. This order is absurd and violates legal norms. Pracha said they would appeal to the Supreme Court in the coming days; the committee questioned its maintainability citing the Places of Worship Act, Limitation Act, Specific Relief Act, and Waqf Act. Ahmed said they would review the full order and appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court. He said the committee's plea questioning the High Court's hearing.

Traditional knowledge and wisdom and a reservoir of biodiversity

Delhi : "As a source of traditional knowledge and wisdom and a reservoir of biodiversity, India has championed these historic achievements. India is a huge victory for India and the nations of the global south," a government official declared. The fact that it took 150 nations and two decades of negotiations to reach an agreement is indicative of the resistance from nations like the US and transnational corporations. A new treaty finalized by members of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) requires patent applicants to reveal the nation of origin or the source of genetic resources if the claimed invention is derived from those materials or related traditional knowledge. One of the main demands of the developing world, led by India, is the treaty that will offer extra protection for Indian genetic resources and traditional knowledge, including yoga, siddhi, and ayurveda. The agreement was finalized by the Geneva-based agency that is in charge of developing regulations pertaining to patents and trademarks. This will force some nations to revise their domestic laws. Rather than trying to register patents to take advantage of the immense traditional knowledge and genetic resources, India has asked that the world's largest corporations give credit to these resources. Even while there is protection against misappropriation in India and other nations without disclosure requirements, the disclosure standards will offer protection internationally. Currently, there are disclosure requirements in 35 countries, the majority of which are voluntary and lack the necessary legal framework to be implemented successfully.

Pfizer Collaborates with Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon to Launch Centre of Excellence for Adult Vaccination

Gurugram : Pfizer India and Artemis Hospital have teamed up to launch a dedicated Centre of Excellence (CoE) for adult vaccination at Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon. The CoE is focused on improving patient care by providing comprehensive adult vaccination services against various vaccine-preventable diseases, including Pneumococcal disease, Influenza, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), and Hepatitis A and B, among others. In India, nearly 95% of deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases occur in adults. [1] While adult vaccination is a proven, science-backed solution to enhance quality of life, its adoption remains inadequate across the country. Dr. Santosh Taur, Director



Medical Affairs, Pfizer Vaccines, said, "Pfizer is firmly committed to promoting public health and speeding up the vaccination process as a vital and effective strategy to protect the community from infections. Our collaboration with Artemis Hospital reinforces our dedication to preventive health by expanding access to adult vaccinations, ensuring robust protection against prevalent vaccine-preventable diseases, particularly respiratory infections. The establishment of this Centre of Excellence represents a significant milestone in our efforts to support the nation's healthcare infrastructure. It aims to provide healthcare practitioners and patients with critical information necessary for informed healthcare

decisions, particularly regarding immunization." The CoE will play a crucial role in equipping healthcare professionals with essential information about the scientifically proven benefits and the importance of timely adult vaccination, particularly for at-risk individuals such as those with chronic conditions like Chronic Lung Disease (COPD & Asthma), Diabetes, Chronic Heart Disease, Chronic Kidney Disease, and other immunocompromising conditions. People with additional risk factors such as smoking, exposure to pollution, or those aged 50 years or older, will also benefit from discussing adult vaccination with healthcare practitioners as a preventive healthcare measure.

Record bank earnings benefit poor, MSME loans

Delhi: Modi said record bank profits in FY24 would enhance credit to the poor, farmers, and MSMEs, celebrating the revival of financial institutions that were plagued by bad loans. Modi posted on X that the banking sector had a remarkable comeback in the last 10 years' with net profit topping Rs 3 lakh crore in FY24. Due to UPA's phone-banking policies, our banks had large NPAs and losses when we took power. The underprivileged were denied bank accounts "Modi remarked. "This improvement in the health of banks will help improve credit availability to our poor, farmers and MSMEs," he said Modi's X comments on the banking sector's FY24 milestone earnings. Public sector banks made a record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in net profit in FY24, up 34% from Rs 1.05 lakh crore. Private banks grew 42% faster, raising their net profit to Rs 1.7 lakh crore from Rs 1.2 lakh crore a