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Congress-AAP explore 'win-win alliance' to consolidate Lok Sabha gains

NEW DELHI: The Congress, which is exploring a "win-win alliance" with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Haryana, on Wednesday set deadline for Arvind Kejriwal's party to finalise the seat-sharing deal. The Congress is also in talks with other parties, including Akhilesh Yadav's Samajwadi Party, as it explores the possibility of contesting the elections under the banner of opposition's INDIA bloc. "We are in talks for an alliance with AAP and are exploring a "win-win situation" for both the parties. The alliance should benefit both of us and we hope to finalise seat-sharing deal in a day or two. If the talks do not succeed in a day or two we will leave it," AICC in-charge of Haryana Deepak Babaria said. The Congress leader refused to share the details of ongoing negotiations but confirmed that AAP would be given seats in single-digit. According to reports, AAP has sought 10 assembly seats, but the Congress



CBI books former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh

The CBI has accused former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh of attempting to frame BJP leaders in false cases. Deshmukh dismissed these allegations as baseless, attributing them to Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's alleged panic. Already under investigation for corruption, Deshmukh urged people to reflect on what he described as Fadnavis's.

alliance at the behest of Rahul Gandhi, who wanted to ensure that opposition votes were not divided in Haryana. The alliance move comes as a surprise as both the parties have in the past made it clear that their association under INDIA banner was limited only to Lok Sabha elections. In fact, the state units of both

Khattar's big 'political' charge on wrestlers' protest after Rahul Gandhi's meet with Phogat, Punia

Union minister CM Manohar Lal Khattar remarked on wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia's association with Congress leaders, implying last year's protest was politically driven. Speculation mounts that Congress might field Phogat for Haryana elections. The athletes had accused BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of misconduct.

the parties have spoken against any alliance at the state level. Punjab chief minister and senior AAP leader Bhagwant Singh Mann has gone to the extent of alleging that Congress is in collusion with BJP in Haryana. So, why are both the parties now trying for an alliance? The Congress is upbeat

Tata Sons repays Rs 20,000-crore debt to 'avoid' going public: Reduces stake in TCS and more

NEW DELHI: Tata Sons has voluntarily surrendered its RBI registration after repaying more than Rs 20,000 crore in debt to avoid mandatory listing. The company sold shares in TCS and received significant dividends from various listed companies such as TCS, Tata Motors, and Tata Steel. This strategic move allows it to stay unlisted. Tata Sons repays Rs 20,000-crore debt to 'avoid' going public: Reduces stake in TCS and more Tata Sons, the holding entity of the \$410-billion Tata Group, recently sought to voluntarily surrender its certificate of registration to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after repaying more than Rs 20,000 crore in debt in a strategic move that allows it to remain an unlisted, closely held company. The company in its annual report said that it has invested in its new and existing businesses based on their requirement for capital, for growth and for deleveraging their balance sheets. The market value of



Centre moves SC, accuses Mamata govt of hindering CISF security

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

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

Tata Sons' listed investments increased by 35.7% in FY24 to ₹15.21 lakh crore compared to ₹11.21 lakh crore in the

previous year. If these loans were continued, Tata Sons would have been required to list.

Shivaji statue collapse: Sculptor Jaydeep Apte arrested after over a week

NEW DELHI: Jaydeep Apte, the sculptor responsible for the Shivaji statue that recently collapsed at Rajkot Fort, has been arrested in Thane district on late Wednesday, according to police reports. Police had been searching for 24-year-old Jaydeep Apte since the Shivaji statue's collapse on August 26, but he had been elusive until his recent arrest. The Sindhudurg police also had issued a Look Out Circular (LOC) to prevent Apte from leaving the country through sea ports, airports, and other exit points. Jaydeep Apte, arrested sculptor, runs an art company in Kalyan, had no prior experience with constructing large statues but created the Shivaji Maharaj statue that recently collapsed. The statue, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during Indian Navy Day celebrations in December last year.

Less visible & shorter shifts: MHA-appointed panel to review airport security suggests major changes

NEW DELHI: Security at Indian airports is all set to move to the next level by becoming less obtrusive and more high-tech. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel could be relieved from checking ticket details & matching them with photo I cards at terminal entry to allow passenger access — something that can be done by private agency guards — so that the former can focus completely on keeping airports secure. And the exhaustive upto eight-hour shifts that most personnel perform at airports could be reduced to ensure a fully alert watch. Govt sources say the Union home ministry had some time back set up a committee under recently retired IPS officer M A Ganapathy, an expert in aviation security, to study the existing security setup at airports and recommend changes. They add the committee has submitted its recommendations to the Govt which, if accepted and implemented, will lead to less visible but more effective security at airports. At present uniformed personnel in large numbers are deployed at terminals. The panel is learnt to have sought a mix of uniformed and plain clothes security personnel as that would reduce the unease among general public and at the same time enhance security. Airport security, the report is learnt to have stressed, must be inconspicuously foolproof. Govt sources say the committee is not in favour with continuing the long duration (upto eight-hour) shifts of security personnel as that leads to fatigue and less alertness, apart from negatively impacting their health. It has recommended shorter periods of duty to ensure more alert personnel who are the first responders in any crisis and have to hold fort till backup reaches the location. The committee has also recommended sufficient deployment of personnel.

'Doomed from beginning,' says Meghan's half-sister, claims William warned Harry

Samantha Markle, Meghan Markle's half-sister, asserts that Meghan and Prince Harry's marriage was bound to fail from the beginning. She alleges that Prince William advised Harry to get to know Meghan better before committing. Samantha also questions the possibility of reconciliation with the Royal Family due to trust issues and criticizes Harry for his



comments about Meghan Markle's half-sister, Samantha Markle, has claimed that the marriage between Meghan and Prince Harry was "doomed to fail from the beginning." Speaking to former GB News

host Dan Wootton, Samantha suggested that Prince William had warned Harry about rushing into the relationship, allegedly advising him to "get to know her better" before making any hasty decisions. "Haste makes waste," William reportedly told Harry, according to Samantha, adding that it was advice Harry might now regret ignoring.

US to accuse Russia of effort to meddle in 2024 presidential elections: Reports

NEW DELHI: The United States plans to accuse Russia of a campaign to influence the 2024 elections using online platforms to target American voters with disinformation, reported news agency AP citing sources. Russian state media network RT will be a focus of the announcement, CNN reported. The news comes just hours before Attorney General Merrick Garland is due to make



public remarks at a meeting of the Justice Department's Election Threats Task Force. report, Russian lawmaker Butina said, "US claims are pure rubbish - a witch hunt". "Russia thinks it does not matter who wins

the US elections — the only winner is the U.S. private military-industrial complex. That is what matters — and nothing else," Butina said. A few months ago, the White House officials had expressed anxiousness about the possibility that Russia and North Korea might escalate geopolitical tensions just before the upcoming US presidential election. This expected manoeuvre was seen by the White House as an effort.

Meta oversight board asks firm to reconsider automatic removal of pro-Palestinian phrase

NEW DELHI: Meta Platforms' Oversight Board determined that Facebook should not automatically remove "From the river to the sea," a phrase with multiple interpretations. The board stressed context's importance in political speech. Meta appreciated the review, and reactions were divided between support for free speech and concerns about safety. 'Context is crucial': Meta oversight board asks firm to reconsider automatic removal of pro-Palestinian phrase Meta Platforms' Oversight Board announced on Wednesday that the Facebook parent should not automatically remove the phrase "From the



river to the sea," which is perceived by some as showing solidarity with Palestinians and by others as endorsing violence against Jews. The board, which operates independently but is funded by Meta Platforms, emphasised that the phrase has multiple interpretations and its use cannot inherently be deemed harmful, violent, or discriminatory. The phrase refers

to the River Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea, between which lie Israel and Palestinian territories. It is frequently chanted at pro-Palestinian demonstrations. While critics argue that it is antisemitic and calls for Israel's eradication, other groups challenge this interpretation. "Context is crucial," said Oversight Board co-chair Pamela San Martin. "Simply

removing political speech is not a solution. There needs to be room for debate, especially during times of crisis and conflict." The decision was reached after the board reviewed three cases involving content posted on Facebook by different users containing the phrase. "We welcome the board's review of our guidance on this matter," Meta said in a statement.

Neeraj Chopra shines again with silver in Paris: A triumph fueled by resilience and dedication

Neeraj Chopra shines again with silver in Paris: A triumph fueled by resilience and dedication. The whole country is once again celebrating as Neeraj Chopra extends his remarkable streak of stellar performances, basking in the glory of his latest achievements, bringing honour to the country by adding a Silver Medal in the recently concluded Olympic Games in Paris to his prior achievements of Gold in the Japan 2020 Olympics, Gold at the 2023 World Athletics Championships, and the top spot of the 2024 Paavo Nurmi Games. In this interview, India's javelin sensation opens up about his journey of continued excellence despite the challenges of his recurring injury. His rigorous training regime coupled with the right diet, nutrition and sports supplements remain a source of inspiration.

Trudeau govt in turmoil as Jagmeet Singh's NDP withdraws support



NEW DELHI: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's minority Liberal government has lost the support of the New Democratic Party (NDP), led by Jagmeet Singh. While this withdrawal does not force early elections, Trudeau must now seek backing from other opposition legislators to pass budgets and survive confidence votes in the House of Commons. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government weakened on Wednesday as a small political party helping keep his minority Liberal government in power with-

draw its support. Jagmeet Singh, leader of the left-leaning New Democratic Party (NDP), made the announcement. Singh said in a video that he was "ripping up" a deal the two men struck in 2022 and accused Trudeau of not being able to take on the opposition Conservatives, who polls indicate are set to easily win an election that must be held by end-October 2025. "The Liberals are too weak, too selfish and too devoted to corporate interests to fight for people. They cannot be the change - they cannot restore the hope," said Singh. "Big corporations and CEOs have had their governments.

BJP members welcomed CM

Prayagraj: On his arrival in Phulpur, Honorable Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was welcomed by the BJP members at the ground helipad site of Phulpur and in the meeting of district workers across the Ganga held in the auditorium. District media in-charge Rajesh



Kesarwani said that during the visit to Phulpur, the Honorable The Chief Minister held a meeting with the party workers in the IFFCO Auditorium and discussed about the preparations for the upcoming Phulpur assembly elections and the workers who were fully prepared to win the elections with an overwhelming majority were prominent among those who welcomed the cabinet. Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Cabinet Minister Daya Shankar, Cabinet Minister Rakesh Sachan, MP Praveen Patel MP Vinod Bina Former MP Kesari Patel MLA Siddharth Nath Singh, KP Srivastava, District Panchayat President VK Singh Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, Regional President Dilip Singh Patel, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Uttar Pradesh Cooperative Bank Director Upendra Singh, MLA Guru Prasad Maurya, Piyush Ranjan Nishad, Rajmani Kol, Ganga Par District President Kavita Patel, Yamuna Par District President Vinod Prajapati, District Media Incharge Rajesh Kesarwani and Brjesh Tripathi, etc.

Wasim Ahmed passes away

Prayagraj: Former General Secretary Wasim Ahmed, founding member of Allahabad Battery Welfare Association, passed away, suffering from viral fever. Association President Pankaj Kishore Gupta, Secretary Arjun Gupta, Treasurer Arjun Jaiswal, Mahendra Nishad, Arvind Jaiswal, Sumit Verma, Anmol Bhatnagar, Nitin Gupta, Vinod Kumar, Zubair, Dilip Singh, Gautam Raj, Neeraj Jaiswal, Manish Sharma, Rehman Ashraf, Prahlad, Rahul, Sandeep Jaiswal, Ashish Banerjee, Praveen Aggarwal, Jasveer Singh etc. paid tribute to late Wasim Ahmed and also participated in the cremation of his body in the only common cemetery.



Curtains draw over Cine Dreams Int'l Film Festival

Prayagraj/Mumbai: Cine Dreams International Film Festival concluded successfully at Inox PVR, Juhu, Mumbai. Apart from India, the best films of thirteen other countries also participated in this festival. The jury members selected all types of films for the award based on their intelligence, hard work and honesty. Cine Dreams



International Film Festival was screened at INAX PVR, Juhu on 27th and 28th August and the award distribution was concluded on 29th August. The coordinator and founder of this festival, Ayub Khan, is a resident of village Isipur Malwa Khurd located in Phulpur tehsil of Prayagraj, who has been living in Mumbai since 1980 and is a famous film producer, director and distributor. Along with Ayub Khan, Saeed Ahmed of Prayagraj, who is a famous businessman of Mumbai, has also joined Ayub Khan Sahab as an organizer in the Cine International Film Festival and now both of them are going to launch a new show together. This show will be completely musical by the name of Joe Cine Dreams International Independence Music Show.

Employees of Swaroop Rani Nehru Hospital shouted for old age pension

Prayagraj: Today, for the third day, on the call of Ateva National President Vijay Kumar Bandhu, the employees of the entire country and state wore black bands for 96 hours to protest against the Unified Pension and NPS. In the phased movement, along with 72 departments, the employees of the health department also roared. Under the leadership of nurses Prabha, Jagriti, Kiran of Swaroop Rani Nehru Hospital Prayagraj, hundreds of employees wore black bands demanding old pension OPS, NPS/UPS. Demanded withdrawal from the Government of India. Officers and employees of 72 departments and teachers and employees of council schools, secondary and degree colleges of the entire district took part in the protest. ATEWA President Jitendra Kumar and State Organization Minister

Ashok Kanojia informed all the people of Prayagraj. While congratulating the teachers and employees, charge employee leader Ravi Shankar Mishra. State IT cell in-charge Syed Danish Imran, UPS's opposition

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they appealed to remain neutral on their issue and said that they should come out of the boundaries of organization, department, group and posts and fight on their issue. The above information was given by Atewa district media in-

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Essay competition organized in Arya Kanya Degree College

Prayagraj: Under the aegis of social organization Sneh, Beti Bank and Prayas Sanstha continued to receive meaningful ideas in the essay competition on the usefulness of Kumbh Mela in the context of Prayagraj. In this sequence, on Wednesday, the students of Arya Kanya Degree College Prayagraj completed their essay by raising the slogan of Clean Prayagraj Green Prayagraj in view of Kumbh. In their essay written by a total of 32 students, most of the students appealed to the Kumbh Mela administration to save Prayagraj from turn-



ing into a concrete jungle by developing its infrastructure and to give concrete shape to the action plan to make it green and clean.

College Chairman Mr. Pankaj Jaiswal, Principal Prof. Archana Pathak, Vice-Principal Dr. Mamta Gupta, and Secretary of Sneh

Sanstha Mrs. Aparna Srivastava also expressed their views. The program was conducted by Mr. Deepak Srivastava while the vote of thanks was given by Alka Saxena of Prayas Sanstha. Principal Dr. Archana Pathak, Vice Principal Mamta Gupta, Prof. Ibha Sirohi, Dr. Nisha Khanna, Dr. Shashi Kumari, Dr. Hemlata Srivastava, Juhi Srivastava, Mudita Tiwari, Pooja, Smita, Archana Singh, Sudha Kumari and Alka Saxena of Prayas Sanstha and Aparna Srivastava of Sneh contributed in completing this essay competition.

Life character of Krishna exemplary at every stage: Lalu Mittal

Prayagraj: Bharat Vikas Parishad's Triveni branch organized Krishna form decoration competition in the school and organized a talent competition for children in KP Inter College, a prestigious big school of the city. To improve the situation, a competition was organized in which the Krishna form was decorated among the small children. The chief guest was social worker Lalu Mittal, associated with many business and social organizations.

In his address, Lalu Mittal said that the life character of Lord Shri Krishna is exemplary at every stage. From child's play to adult play, we get lessons, whether it is the killing of

demon Putana by 5-day-old Krishna or supporting the Pandavas to protect the religion, becoming the chari-



oteer of Arjuna, protecting the honor of Draupadi or killing many demons. To kill Kansa. The students who were successful in the

competition were honored with gifts and certificates and parents were also felicitated. Received blessings

work of the organization. Pramod Kumar Bansal, patron Kanhaiya ji Aggarwal, secretary Sunil Jaiswal, treasurer school principal Sudha Srivastava, Kaushalya Singh Pawan ji Srivastava, Kavita Srivastava were prominently present in the program. In the form of Krishna, Shiv Pandey, Dakshagrahi, Advik Jaiswal, Viraj, Agrahari, Devansh Jaiswal, in the form of Radha, Unmul Khair, Fatima, Riddhi Jaiswal, Safi Doorriyan, Anika Gupta, Unnati Srivastava made their place. The jury was Dr. Rashmi Shukla, Shweta Mittal and teachers of the school. The program was conducted by Dr. Rashmi Shukla and Kanhaiya ji Aggarwal.

MG Windsor Comfort with 'AeroGlide' Design

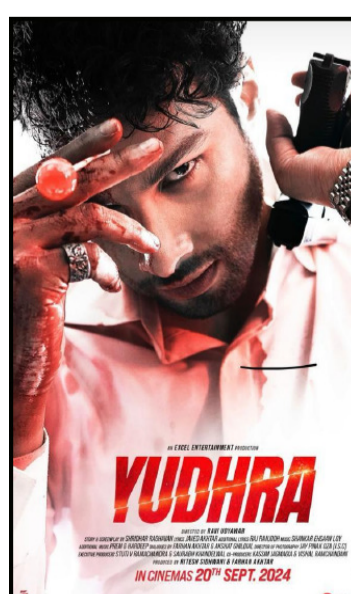
Varanasi: JSW MG Motor India has unveiled the 'AeroGlide' design in its anticipated and brand-new MG Windsor - India's first Intelligent Crossover Utility Vehicle [CUV], today, through a video release. This ultra-modern design seamlessly integrates advanced aerodynamics with superior craftsmanship, raising the driving experience to next level of comfort and refinement, embodying business class travel. The AeroGlide design embodies the art of aerodynamic excellence, meticulously crafted to ensure that every journey in the MG Windsor is as smooth as it is luxurious. It draws inspiration from the seamless elegance of business class travel, and the Aero aspect of the design ensures that the vehicle glides effortlessly through the hustle and bustle. This focus on aerodynamics not only contributes to enhancing the Intelligent CUV's performance but also provides a refined commute for all occupants. Built on a dedicated EV platform, the MG Windsor will underpin a long wheelbase, which is not only segment leading, but also comparable to vehicles one segment above, ensuring ample cabin space for a relaxed drive experience.

Our membership campaign should be all-inclusive and inclusive: Amit Shah

New Delhi: The world's largest democratic party started the national membership campaign from September 2. The first membership in which was taken by the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The goal of this membership campaign is to make the Bharatiya Janata Party the world's largest democratic party just like in 2014. At the same time, the goal of this campaign is all-inclusive and inclusive. In which all-inclusive means that any booth of the country, whether it is present in any mountain, island or dense forest, ravine, should not remain untouched. While inclusive means that any citizen of the country, irrespective of his caste, religion or sect, should be connected to the ideology of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Because BJP is the only party which does not consider its members and workers as just a number. Every worker of the BJP party is a living unit. Every worker is the nurturer of ideology. Here the worker is the nurturer of work culture. Which also acts as a link between the government and the organization. Which always keeps the government connected with the public.

Siddhant Chaturvedi's Action-Packed Avatar in 'Yudhra'

Mumbai: We delve into the history of Hindi cinema, it becomes evident that action films have always been a significant part of the industry, consistently garnering love from audiences. The soon-to-be-released film 'Yudhra' is another unique action-packed film where actor Siddhant Chaturvedi will be seen in a fierce and powerful avatar. Recently, the film's trailer was launched in Mumbai in a grand event with the cast and crew in attendance. Notably, the action-packed trailer of the film has been well-received by the audience. The highlight of the film is Siddhant Chaturvedi, who plays the title role of Yudhra. His power-packed execution of action scenes has left people in awe, with praises pouring in for his performance. The response to the trailer clearly shows the excitement among people to watch the film. 'Yudhra' is an action-packed and thrilling film where Siddhant Chaturvedi's character, Yudhra, is shown to have a short temper. His explosive nature leads him to teach people a lesson in such astonishing ways that it leaves them dumbfounded. To portray this action-packed and intense role, Siddhant Chaturvedi underwent a significant transformation, putting in immense effort into his physical appearance, speech, and body language. His hard work will undoubtedly be visible on the big screen.



Rotary Prayagraj Platinum honoured teachers

Prayagraj: On the occasion of Teacher's Day, Rotary Prayagraj Platinum honored teachers at Prayag Mahila Vidyapeeth, Civil Lines and Maharishi Patanjali Vidya Mandir, Teliarganj, Prayagraj. This special day was celebrated by cutting the cake. The purpose of this program was to show respect to the teachers and appreciate their



invaluable contribution. Rotary Prayagraj Platinum President Shashank Jain informed that special programs are being organized by the organization on the occasion of Teacher's Day in various schools of the city. In today's event, the cake was cut with the principal and teachers in both the schools. Rotarian Gaurav Aggarwal, Chairman of the Literacy Program, honored the teachers and served them sweets. He told that in the coming days, various similar programs of Teacher's Day will be organized in other schools also. The vote of thanks was given by Joint Secretary Rotarian Pramay Mittal. On this occasion, First Lady of Rotary Prayagraj Platinum Preeti Jain, Rotarian Jaya Mittal and many others were present. Members were also present.

National Lok Adalat to be held under District Legal Services Authority

Prayagraj: As per the instructions of Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Lucknow, District Legal Services Authority, Under the aegis of Prayagraj, National Lok Adalat will be organized in the District Court, Prayagraj and all the tshils on 14.09.2024 from 10:00 am. In which family cases, motor accident cases, revenue related cases, bank loan related cases, electricity Civil related cases, military cases, mutual settlement agreements will be settled



on the basis of understanding. For the success of the National Lok Adalat held on 14.9.2024, a meeting of all the lawyers related to arbitration cases will be held today on 4.9.2024 at 1.30 pm. It was organized under the chairmanship of Nodal Officer Ravikant II in his rest room in which instructions were given to all the advocates for maximum disposal of arbitration cases. Special emphasis was given on the notice of arbitration cases in Tamil by the Secretary District Legal Services Authority Dinesh Kumar Gautam. This information was provided by Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj Dinesh Kumar Gautam.

Kross Limited IPO on Sept 9

Varanasi: Kross Limited ("The Company"), shall open its Bid/Offer in relation to its initial public offering of Equity Shares on Monday, September 9, 2024. The total offer size ("Offer") includes a Fresh Issue aggregating up to Rs. 250 crore ("Fresh Issue") and an Offer for Sale aggregating up to ? 250 crore. ("Offer for Sale") The Anchor Investor Bidding date shall be on Friday, September 6, 2024 and the Bid Offer will be closed on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The Price band of the offer is Rs. 228 to Rs. 240 per Equity Share. ("Price Band"). Bids can be made for a minimum of 62 Equity Shares and in multiples of 62 Equity Shares thereafter. ("Bid Lot").

The Company proposes to utilize net proceeds from the Fresh Issue towards (i) Funding of capital expenditure requirements towards purchase of machinery and equipment estimated to be Rs. 70 crore, (ii) Repayment or prepayment, in full or in part, of all or a portion of certain outstanding borrowings availed from banks and financial



institutions estimated to be Rs. 90 crore; (iii) Funding working capital requirements estimated to be Rs. 30 crore; and balance amount towards General corporate purposes. ("Objects of Offer") The Offer for Sale ("Offer for Sale") comprises of Equity shares aggregating up to Rs.168 crore by Sudhir Rai and Equity shares aggregating up to Rs. 82 crore by Anita Rai. ("Promoter Selling Shareholders")

The Equity Shares are being offered through the Red Herring Prospectus of the Company dated September 2, 2024 ("Red Herring Prospectus" / "RHP") filed with the Registrar of Companies, Jharkhand at Ranchi ("ROC"), SEBI and the Stock Exchanges.

The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the stock exchanges being BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with the BSE, the "Stock Exchanges"). For the purposes of the Offer, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be NSE.

CM distributed appointment letters and symbolic loan cheques to youth in mega employment fair

Prayagraj: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that through such a big employment fair and inauguration/foundation laying program of development projects, I salute the land of Prayagraj. I salute and congratulate the land of Prayagraj for providing me this opportunity. He said that the youth who have received appointment letters in the employment fair today, have got loans to start new startups and to become technically competent, they have been provided tablets/smartphones by the state government under the Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme. The phone is being provided and due to the participation of the honorable representatives of Prayagraj, development projects are being inaugurated/foundation is being laid, for this I heartily congratulate and convey my best wishes to all the beneficiaries as well as the people of Prayagraj. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath distributed appointment letters to more than 5 thousand youth, distribution of smart phones/tablets to 15448 youth, loan distribution of Rs 510 crore to 7138 beneficiaries, Rs 42 crore to 5130 self-help groups under the mega employment fair organized in IFFCO Phulpur district Prayagraj on Wednesday. He was expressing his views in the transfer of assistance amount, inauguration and foundation stone laying program of 407 projects worth Rs. 650 crores of the district.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister inaugurated the mega employment fair by cutting the ribbon and

interacted with the beneficiaries by reaching the loan distribution stalls set up by various banks and observing the interview rooms being conducted by reputed companies for the selection of candidates in the mega employment fair. He also interacted with candidates and employers. Thereafter, the Chief Minister inaugurated/laid the foundation stone of a total of 407 projects worth about Rs 650 crore by pressing the button at the public meeting venue, distributed tablets/smart phones, transferred assistance funds to self-help groups and handed over the keys of the Prime Minister's residence to the beneficiaries. On this occasion, the government A video clip related to Mission Rozgar was also displayed. The Chief Minister said that this year is very important for us, because after 12 years in January 2025, Mahakumbh, which is the world's largest spiritual and cultural fair, will be organized here. Is going to happen. Once again, Prayagraj will leave an indelible mark of its orderliness, security and cleanliness on the global stage and the people of Prayagraj will get an opportunity to welcome Sanatan Dharma followers coming from all over the world. The Chief Minister said that when Prayagraj Kumbh Mela was organized in 2019 under the guidance and leadership of the Prime Minister, it became a model of cleanliness, safety and order and the respect of Prayagraj increased in the world. To maintain the same respect, we all have to together re-organize Mahakumbh 2025 in a grand and divine manner.

The Chief Minister said that today 407 development projects worth about Rs 650 crore have been inaugurated and the foundation stone has been laid here. The Chief Minister said that about 5 km road from Prayagraj-Varanasi National Highway to Saidabad, which was damaged, was also approved today. Giving approval to all the schemes of Phulpur which were presented by the public representatives, the foundation stone of all those schemes has been laid today and the works of these schemes will be completed within the stipulated time. The Chief Minister said that Prayagraj is a spiritual city. People from all over the country and the world come here with devotion, take a bath in the holy Triveni Sangam of Ganga and Yamuna and try to connect the many births with their virtues. Such a holy land where we get the darshan and blessings of Lord Prayagraj and Dwadash Madhav, the area on which the immense blessings of Mother Ganga remain, the area which has been the center point of faith and devotion of the followers of Sanatan Dharma since the Vedic period. In Prayagraj, the area where the world's oldest Gurukul was established by Maharishi Bhardwaj, our government was faced with an identity crisis. Today again efforts are being made to divide people in the name of caste and religion, we have to be cautious of such people. The Chief Minister said that mafias once had dominance in Prayagraj. After our government came to power in the state, strict action is being



taken against mafias and criminals with a policy of zero tolerance and the government is committed to the safety, respect and development of all. He said that if the mafias do the work of raising their heads, the government will also do the work of reducing them to dust. He said that it is our responsibility to provide security to daughters and businessmen. The government will go to any extent to fulfill it. Under the able leadership and guidance of the Prime Minister, today the state is setting a model of development, good governance and law and order and work is being done to provide security and respect to everyone.

The Chief Minister said that the people who are playing with the future of the youth are in jail today. Along with sending him to jail, action is being taken to confiscate his property. Today, along with building houses for the poor on the land freed from mafia occupation in Prayagraj, we will also provide women protec-

tion home and housing facilities for people from different sections of the society. The Chief Minister said that any work requires good intentions and clear government policy and passion for the work. The Chief Minister said that mafia is the leprosy of the society, unless you drive it out from the society, these people will continue to spoil your present and future. He said that just as the government is fighting these mafias, we all should have the same spirit. The Chief Minister said that such employment fairs are being organized continuously in the state. PM and CM internship schemes are being run by the central and state governments, under which the youth who are in the final year of graduation and want to do a job along with studies, then half of the honorarium will be given by the institute and industry and the other half will be given by the government. There will also be guarantee of placement. 10 lakh new enterprises are to be set up

through the Chief Minister Yuva Udyami Yojana, for this an interest-free loan of Rs 5 lakh will be provided to the youth in the first phase and Rs 10 lakh in the second phase.

The Chief Minister said that at present a transparent process of police recruitment is going on for more than 60,200 youth, the results of which will come soon. As soon as this recruitment is completed, police recruitment of 40 thousand will start again. He said that we are moving forward in giving appointment letters to about 40 thousand youth through the Subordinate Services Selection Commission and then requisition is being given for the same number of recruitment. There will be no shortage of jobs in the state. He said that Prayagraj Education Selection Commission has been formed and soon advertisement for recruitment is going to be issued from there. People are going to get more than 60 thousand jobs related to the education department.

He said that investment proposals for projects worth Rs 40 lakh crore have been received here in the state, which will provide employment to 1.5 crore youth. The Chief Minister said that Uttar Pradesh, which used to be known as a sick state, has today become the engine of growth and a dream destination for investment as well as the number 2 economy state of the country. On the strength of its youth power, Uttar Pradesh has to become the state with the number-1 economy in the entire country in the coming 3-4 years.

The Chief Minister said that the country's number-1 economy means that every hand should have work, every face should be happy, every daughter should be safe, every businessman should be respected, annadata farmer should get fair price for his produce and The state should be seen moving forward rapidly achieving a new stage of economic progress and prosperity and today we have moved forward in the same sequence. He said that development plans can be useful for us only when there is security, when we move towards new levels of prosperity. The Chief Minister congratulated and congratulated the youth who received appointment letters, smart phones, tablets, youth and entrepreneurs who received loans and the people of Prayagraj for the schemes. On this occasion, Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi said that the Chief Minister is dedicated to the welfare of the people of the state, their happiness, their progress, the light of development

should reach the last village of the state, the benefits of government schemes should reach the last person of the state. Working since. Under the leadership of the Chief Minister, under the transparent recruitment process, government jobs/employment are being provided to the youth on the basis of their ability in a fair manner without any money or caste discrimination. Under the leadership of the Chief Minister, work has been done to provide government jobs/employment to lakhs of people in the last 7 years. He said that today strict action is being taken against goons/mafias in the state. All-round development of the state is taking place under the leadership of the Chief Minister. Today there is a good environment for investment here, entrepreneurs are eager to invest here. Recently, a cement plant has been set up in Bara tehsil by JK Cement, which will provide employment opportunities to the youth here.

On this occasion, MP Phulpur Praveen Patel welcomed all the dignitaries present on the stage including the Chief Minister and said that unprecedented development work is being done in Prayagraj under the leadership of the Chief Minister. The country's largest expressway and the largest modern bridge are being constructed by you here. Along with this, road construction work worth Rs 4 thousand crore is going on in Phulpur assembly constituency. Roads, power houses and other development works are being carried out, due to which a new story of development is being written.

Rotary Allahabad Midtown organized workshop on communication skills

Prayagraj: Rotary Allahabad Midtown organized a workshop on communication skills at Saraswati Shishu Mandir on Wednesday, 4 August. Students displayed their various talents in the field of communication through dance,



poems, songs and short plays. Club President Radha Saxena said that effective communication skills are inexhaustible in life. They help us express ourselves clearly, understand others, build relationships and build prosperous societies. Rotarian Pallavi Aggarwal said by developing these skills we can become effective communicators and achieve success in our personal and professional lives.

Bidding for jobs done in previous govts: Nandi

Prayagraj: Appointment letters were given to 5k youth in Phulpur assembly constituency. Loan distribution of more than Rs 510 crore to 7138 beneficiaries, distribution of tablets-smartphones to more than 15448 youth, Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister and Prayagraj City Southern MLA Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi at the ceremony welcomed and congratulated Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Minister Nandi said that in the governments that used to be there before 2017, when jobs were available, people used to sell or mortgage their houses and farms and give money for the jobs of their sons and daughters, only then

they would get government jobs somewhere. There used to be job bidding, who is giving ten lakhs, who is



giving fifteen lakhs, who is giving twenty lakhs. Minister Nandi said that in the SP government, only the youth of Etawah, Mainpuri and Saifai were selectively given jobs. During the BSP rule, there was a slight discount of Rs 5 lakh if Dalit,

Rs 10 lakh if backward and Rs 15 lakh if forward. But today the person proudly says that in the Yogi gov-

ernment, not a single rupee had to be paid, not a single penny had to be paid and the jobs of sons and daughters have been given as per merit. He has been appointed as per his capability. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given jobs

and employment to lakhs of youth in seven years. Earlier, the bigger the goon-mafia or Mawali was, the bigger the leader was. But after 2017, there has been complete destruction of goons, mafia and mavalis from the entire state. Prayagraj is a living example of this. A program for all-round development of Uttar Pradesh is underway. Not only the country but also the world's biggest industrialists are eager to invest in Uttar Pradesh. JK Cement, which was migrating from Prayagraj during the previous governments, has recently started setting up a plant in Bara. Currently, investment worth crores of rupees is going to be made in Prayagraj.

Responsibility of teachers to achieve target: Dr. Ambalika Mishra

Fourth phase of FLN training completed

Prayagraj: DIET spokesperson/mentor Dr. Ambalika Mishra, who came to observe the ongoing teacher training in development block Kaurihar, said the above things in her address. During this, he said that if all the teachers



work with full dedication, then Kaurihar development block can become a proficient block before the scheduled time.

On the last day of the fourth cycle training, Block Education Officer Kshama Shankar Pandey also encouraged the teachers to create a competitive environment in the schools. The master trainers and academic resource persons in this training are Jai Singh, Prabhshankar Sharma, Vishnu Kumar Mishra, Ajmal Amin Ansari and Avinash Kumar. In the fourth cycle of training, 51 and 50 teachers successfully received training in the seventh and eighth batches respectively.

Info given to farmers about importance of Srijanna

With its use it is possible to diagnose many diseases at home: Dr. Praveen Charan

Prayagraj: Inaugurated a five-day farmer training program for 40 farmers of Madhepura district, Bihar state under the Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (ATMA) scheme to be conducted from 04-08 September 2024 at the Directorate of Extension, SAG Higginbottom University of Agricultural Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj. Director of Propagation Dr. Praveen Charan said that the mythological importance of Shri Anna has been described in our old texts and religious books. Many diseases can be cured at home by using ShriAnn. This is a healthy diet for patients suffering from diabetes. Apart from this, heart related diseases and many other serious diseases can be cured by the use of Shri Anna. Chief Guest Director of Development Dr. Ritu, Prakash Dubey told the farmers that in today's diet there is abundance of wheat

and rice products and these are good for digestion. The quantity of fibers is very less and these digestive fibers are mainly present in the peels of wheat and rice and they are also removed during polishing. Therefore, they suffer from serious diseases related to digestion. Digestive fibers are found in abundance in Shri Anna, with the use of which many types of diseases can be cured. Training Coordinator Dr. Manish Kumar Kesarwani told about the usefulness of coarse



grains. Joint Director Extension Dr. A.K Chaurasia told the farmers that pure seeds play an important role in achieving good production. Female catalyst Mrs. Meena Nathan discussed about women empowerment of farmers and economic upliftment of farmer women through FPO/Self-Help Groups.

Minister Nandi will represent UP in Industry Samagam in Delhi

Prayagraj: The Industry Samagam will be organized by the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Government of India on September 5 in the country's capital Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal at Palash Hall of Yashobhoomi Dwarka. In which industry ministers and representatives of all the states of the country will be included. Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government will be present representing the Uttar Pradesh Government. Industrial growth and common challenges will be discussed in the industry conference. In the Nandi Udyog Samagam, the Minister will apprise the Union Minister about the possibilities of development while apprising him about the industrial development and progress of Uttar Pradesh, a state of limitless possibilities.

Poor food offered in SRN Hospital; patients refuse to take it

Prayagraj: SRN Hospital staff opines that they wouldn't eat food served to patients because it's unhealthy and of poor quality, according to a survey conducted by a media house. Yes, you have heard it right! Questions are being raised on the quality of the food being served at Swaroop Rani Nehru (SRN) Hospital along with the whimsical arrangements and poor sanitation at hospital canteen.

Poor food is often being served in government hospitals, but here the nuisance has aggravated beyond proportion and due to severe poor quality, leading the patients to refuse taking it. Patients and their relatives are angry due to poor quality food, which are often prepared with rotten

and worm infested vegetables.

The relatives of the patients admitted in the hos-



pital told that they have refused to take food. They said that the quality of food is very poor. Therefore, patients order food and snacks from their homes. Patients say that the lentils are very thin and the green vegetables are tasteless and often rotten. The material available is also being given

in small quantity, due to which even a person's stomach is not filled.

Dirt and lack of cleanli-

kitchen were also found spoiled. Angry at this huge mess, majority of patients are refusing to take food but those who have no other option in absence of money are somehow managing with poor quality food being served in hospital canteen. Where maximum cleanliness and hygiene is expected to be maintained, an atmosphere of filth and disorder was seen.

It is worth noting that a patient comes to the hospital so that he can get relief from his disease and return home after getting healthy. Contrary to this objective, the disorganization and carelessness with which food is being cooked in the canteen run in the hospital can make even a healthy person fall ill, which needs to be carefully monitored.

Editorial

Aparajita Bill seeks death for rapists. But can states make their own criminal laws?

The West Bengal Assembly has passed the Aparajita Woman and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2024, in the State Legislative Assembly, aiming to create a "safer environment for women and children". Speaking in the Assembly, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said: "Rape is a now a national shame. Let us come together for social reform which is needed to prevent rapes." The anti-rape bill comes in the wake of the rape-murder of a woman medic at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital last month in the state capital, Kolkata. Following the horrific incident, massive protests emerged across the state, with many junior doctors striking work, demanding safer work conditions.

What is the Aparajita Bill?

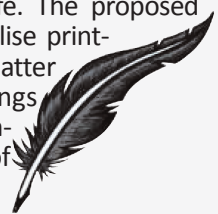
Following the heinous rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee declared that she would introduce stringent laws against rape in the state. In her announcement, she had also said that the Governor would have to sign the Bill or the state would see a bigger uprising. The result of this is the 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill, (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill 2024', which was approved by the Bengal Cabinet. The draft bill proposes to amend the newly passed Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 laws and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 "in their application to the state of West Bengal to enhance punishment and to constitute the framework for expeditious investigation and trial of the heinous act of violence against women and children". In its statement of purpose, the legislation proposes "to create a safer environment for women and children" in the state. "It is a testament to the State's unwavering commitment to uphold the fundamental rights of its citizens, particularly women and children, and to ensure that heinous acts of rape and sexual offences against children are met with the full force of the law," the draft Bill states.

West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee along with party leaders and supporters takes part in a protest rally demanding justice for a woman doctor who was allegedly raped and murdered at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, in Kolkata. File image/PTI

What are the provisions of the Bill?

The legislation proposes capital punishment for persons convicted of rape if their actions result in the victim's death or cause her to become vegetative. Moreover, the draft states that persons convicted of rape and gang rape would receive a life sentence lasting for the rest of their natural lives. "The state government of West Bengal perceives the egregious act of rape of women and sexual offences against children, regardless of their age, as the utmost violation of their dignity, irrespective of the status of the perpetrator vis-a-vis the victim of the condition of the victim caused by such rape of the woman and sexual offence against the child," the draft states. The legislation also stipulates that a victim's medical expenses will be determined by the special rape court that will try the case, and borne by the convict or their family. If they fail to pay up, the amount will be recovered through legal means.

The Aparajita Bill also includes a provision about time-bound investigation in rape cases. It stipulates that probes into rape cases must be completed within 21 days of the initial report, a reduction from the previous two-month deadline. Furthermore, as per the Aparajita Bill, repeat offenders would be "imprisoned for life", meaning they would be kept behind bars for the remainder of their natural life. The proposed legislation also seeks to penalise printing or publishing of any matter relating to court proceedings without permission with a punishment of "imprisonment of three to five years and fine".



The shocking case of a French man who recruited strangers to rape his wife

In an alarming case that sent shockwaves across France, a 72-year-old man is under trial for orchestrating a decade-long campaign of sexual abuse against his wife. The accused invited over 70 strange men from an online chatroom to rape the woman. The victim, who was heavily sedated then, only came to know of her abuse years later. The four-month-long trial that began on Monday will be 'a horrible ordeal' for the victim, her lawyer said, as it will be the first time she sees video evi-

dence of the abuse. Image for Representation. Pixabay In a deeply disturbing case that has shocked France, a 72-year-old man named Dominique Pelicot stands accused of orchestrating a decade-long campaign of sexual abuse against his wife. The scale of the crime has horrified the nation, prompting more than a dozen feminist activists dressed in black to stage a protest outside the courthouse in Avignon as the trial opened on Monday. The decade-long horror

The heinous campaign of sexual

abuse masterminded by Dominique is said to have begun in 2011 when the couple was living near Paris, only to be continued unabated after they moved to Mazan two years later. The police said the 71-year-old crushed sleeping tablets and anti-anxiety medication and mixed it into his wife Gisèle Pelicot's evening meal or in her wine at their home. Health records reported by allegedly show he obtained 450 sleeping pills in one year alone. The father of three then recruited strange men to rape and sex-

ually abuse his wife from an online chatroom, where members fantasised about performing sexual acts on non-consenting partners. The attackers would park a few minutes from the their home and undress in the kitchen. No money is alleged to have changed hands, the reported. The accused rapists, all aged between 26 and 74 came from all walks of life, and included a local councillor, nurses, a journalist, a former police officer, a prison guard, soldier, firefighter and civil servant.

From Abu Dhabi to Zanzibar: How IIT is India's new big export

On Monday (September 2), the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed, attended the inauguration of the first international campus of India's prestigious Indian Institute of Technology in the UAE capital. This inauguration comes just days before the prince is scheduled to visit India — he will be in New Delhi on September 8 — and meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the country's top leadership. But the IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi isn't the only foreign campus. IIT-Madras inaugurated its campus in Zanzibar in November last year. Let's take a closer look at how IITs — also known as MIT and Harvard of India — are spreading their wings beyond Indian soil.

New IIT in Abu Dhabi

On Monday, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi inaugurated the Abu Dhabi campus of Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi). The inaugural batch of 52 students will pursue BTech degrees in Computer Science and Engineering, and Energy Engineering, an official press release by the Embassy of India relayed. As per an ANI news report, the inaugural UG cohort has a mix of Indian, Emirati and international students. The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed, attends the inauguration of IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi. Image Courtesy: @engciviluae/X

Setting up of the IIT in the UAE is part of the Vision Document launched by Prime



Minister Narendra Modi and the prince in February 2022, which seeks to further bolster ties between the nations. At the inauguration, the Crown Prince hailed the opening of the landmark seat of learning as a significant step in Abu Dhabi's efforts to cement itself as a global hub for research and development, the National reported. Moreover, at the inauguration, it was also announced that IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi will have a partnership with other leading higher education institutions in Abu Dhabi, including Khalifa University, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, and Zayed University.

IIT in Zanzibar

However, IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi isn't the first IIT overseas campus. In July 2023, India announced that it would establish an IIT campus outside the country in Tanzania. It was reported that the IIT campus in Zanzibar would begin offering programs from October and would be

responsible for planning pedagogical strategies. The move came after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar signed an agreement on the same during his visit to the African nation. A senior official of the education ministry further stated that the admission criteria for the Tanzanian institute would be decided by IIT-Madras. "Moreover, IIT-Madras would be responsible for planning pedagogical strategies for the offshore campus," the official was quoted as saying.

The IIT Madras (IITM) Zanzibar was inaugurated last year. Image Courtesy: iitmz.ac.in

The External Affairs Ministry said the offshore campus is "reflective of the longstanding friendship between India and Tanzania and a reminder of the focus India places on building people-to-people ties across Africa and the Global South".

The IIT Madras' Zanzibar institute offers two full-time academic programmes — a four-year Bachelor of Science in Data

Science and Artificial Intelligence and a two-year Master of Technology in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. Earlier in May, IIT-Madras Zanzibar also launched a new MTech programme in Ocean Structures for the academic year 2024-25.

Offshore IITs in the pipeline

Apart from IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi and IIT-Madras Zanzibar, the IITs could soon have campuses in Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, and Malaysia. The Print had in an earlier report stated that IIT Delhi had submitted to the Ministry of Education its interest in opening a campus in Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, in February, reports stated that IIT Madras would open its second offshore campus in Sri Lanka. News agency PTI had reported that the proposal for an offshore IIT campus in Sri Lanka was announced last November in the 2024 Budget unveiled by Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras is also mulling to open its second offshore campus in Sri Lanka. File image/PTI

"A high-level delegation had recently visited the Chennai campus to discuss the future roadmap. The talks are on and the campus is likely to come up in Kandy," a source had been quoted as saying. Interestingly, the UK is also keen on welcoming an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to set up an offshore campus in the country and some UK

universities are already in talks with IITs to explore the possibility. These foreign off-shore campuses are part of the central government's plan to 'internationalise' education as discussed in the new National Education Policy (NEP) of India 2020. Earlier in 2022, the Ministry of Education set up a 16-member committee to explore possibilities for Indian universities to set up foreign campuses.

IITs — a jewel in India's educational crown

Today, IITs have become one of the most prestigious institutes of engineering in India. It is every engineering student's dream in India to study at one of these institutes. In fact, in the recently released National Institutional Ranking Framework rankings, nine of the top 10 engineering institutes are IITs — with IIT-Madras topping the list, followed by IIT-Delhi and IIT-Bombay. Some of the most successful CEOs have also passed out of IITs, increasing their prestige across the world. Think Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai, Flipkart founder Sachin Bansal, Infosys founder Narayana Murthy and FedEx CEO Raj Subramaniam.

Until recently, graduates of IITs were also promised high-paying jobs. In 2023, a study by TeamLease Services revealed that the median pay was Rs 15 lakh to Rs 16 lakh per annum. Notably, these institutes — 23 in total in India — have an acceptance rate even lower than those of some US Ivy League colleges.

How Canada's 24-hour work cap for international students will affect Indians?

Already grappling with Canada's housing crisis, life is likely to get tougher for international students in the North American country. The Justin Trudeau-led government's decision to cap the work hours for students came into effect this month. Indians, who account for the largest group of foreign students in Canada, will have to bear the brunt of the changes, possibly facing financial distress. The new rule comes in the wake of the Trudeau government's decision to restrict the intake of foreign students for two years to address pressures on housing and healthcare.

What's the new rule?

Canada's new federal rule allows international students to work off-campus for up to 24 hours a week. This is a four-hour uptick from the previous limit of 20 hours per week.

During the pandemic, the government had waived the 20-hour work cap for international students. In a

release in April, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada said, "In developing this change, we looked at the needs of students, policies in other countries, as well as research that has shown that academic outcomes suffer the more a student works while studying. It also strikes the appropriate balance so students have the option to work without compromising academic outcomes." "Looking at best practices and policies in other like-minded countries, most of them limit the number of working hours for international students. Canada's rules need to be aligned, or we will find our programmes attracting more and more applicants whose primary intent is to work and not study," Immigration Minister Marc Miller announced at the time. He said the government needs to "support" foreign students and ensure they are "set up for success and that they're here properly studying."

Netflix's IC 814: Decoding the real identity of the hijackers



The storm over Netflix's IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack refuses to die down. The web series faced the ire of a section of netizens who slammed the makers for depicting the hijackers calling each other by Hindu names — Bhola and Shankar. The row escalated and the Information & Broadcasting Ministry summoned Monika Shergill, the content head of the OTT platform. Directed by Anubhav Sinha, the show recounts the hijacking of the Indian Airlines flight IC 814 in December 1999. Five hijackers took over the Delhi-bound plane about 40 minutes after it departed from the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. With a focus on the identity of the hijackers, let's take a look at who were they.

Who were the 5 hijackers?

On December 24, 1999, the IC-814 flight was hijacked by five men, who forced Captain Devi Sharan to take the plane to multiple locations. It was diverted to Amritsar, Lahore, Dubai, and eventually to Kandahar in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. The plane was in Kandahar for six days before the negotiation between the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government and the hijackers was successful. For the safety of over 170 hostages including the crew, the government had to release three dreaded terrorists — Masood Azhar, Omar Saeed Sheikh, and Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar. In January 2000, the Indian government revealed the names of the hijackers, who used code names

to refer to each other on the flight. The then Union home minister LK Advani said in a statement that the real names of those men were: Ibrahim Athar, Shahid Akhtar Sayeed, Sunny Ahmed Qazi, Mistri Zahoor Ibrahim and Shaker. He said they were all from Pakistan, as per ThePrint report. The home ministry's statement said, "To the passengers of the hijacked plane these hijackers came to be known respectively as (1) Chief, (2) Doctor, (3) Burger, (4) Bhola and (5) Shankar, the names by which the hijackers invariably addressed one another." Qazi was "Chief", Shaker used the alias "Doctor", Mistri was "Burger", Sayed was "Bhola" and Ibrahim Athar was identified as "Shankar", as per the government. The five hijackers reportedly belonged to the Pakistan-based terror group Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HuM). Mistri was responsible for the lone death on the hijacked plane. He killed 25-year-old Rupin Katyal, who was returning with his wife from their honeymoon in Kathmandu. According to the home ministry, the identity of the hijackers was known after the arrest of four ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) operatives in Mumbai, "who comprised the support cell for the five hijackers of the Indian Airlines Plane". These four operatives were Mohammed Rehan and Mohammed Iqbal from Pakistan, Yasuf Nepali from Nepal and Abdul Latif, an Indian. Many journalistic pieces at the time confirmed the hijackers used aliases.

AkzoNobel India launches its first uber-luxury interior emulsion 'Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna'



KARNAL: Four decades since introducing luxury in Indian decorative paints industry with its flagship Dulux Velvet Touch range of interior emulsions, Akzo Nobel India Ltd. is now redefining the epitome of luxury with Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna – its first uber-luxury interior emulsion in India. Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna takes Dulux Velvet Touch's unparalleled legacy of innovation and superior quality to the next level. Introduced for the first time in Indian interior emulsions, the advanced PU reinforced acrylic makes paint significantly more durable and dust-resistant, ensuring that walls stay impeccably pristine and timeless elegant. This innovation also delivers on consumers superior colour performance expectation from luxury paint. As the first Dulux paint offering in India to come powered by the TruColour+ technology with antioxidants, Dulux

Velvet Touch Eterna envelopes living spaces with rich and intense colours that stay fresher for longer. Unpleasant odour during paint application too is a thing of the past as the added tea tree oil results in a refreshing aroma. Rohit Totla, Executive Director – Decorative Paints, AkzoNobel India said, "As one of the Most Trusted Brands of India, Dulux is yet again pushing the boundaries of innovation and superior quality of its flagship brand Dulux Velvet Touch.

Leveraging our global expertise, we have combined the best of timeless aesthetics with technology-driven performance to ensure that each brushstroke mir-

rors the eternal elegance and refinement that the most discerning Dulux paint consumers aspire to achieve." Knowing that timeless spaces deserve an equally timeless touch, Dulux's colour experts have curated the exclusive 'Eternals' collection for Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna with 10 themes such as Eternal Love, Eternal Fire and Eternal Cosmos. Whether used on their own or paired with complimenting palettes, (deep tones for impact, mid tones for a softer look, pale tones for a gentle lift to the walls or selected whites that bring tranquillity), the Eterna collection helps consumers to effortlessly transform their home.

REWA's General House Meeting held

Chandigarh: Rural Education Welfare Association (REWA), dedicated to education in rural areas, held its General House Meeting at the Community Center in Sector 50. This meeting was chaired by REWA's President V.B. Kapil. Future strategies were discussed in detail. He presented various issues to the school representatives. He praised the schools and said that the quality education being provided at low fees is commendable. He instructed all the schools to follow the rules of Right to Education. They should not show any negligence in the develop-



ment of children. Kapil said that the schools associated with REWA have been doing selfless work for the last several years.

It is because of their hard work that many students are studying and occupying high positions today. He said that along with educa-

tion, the schools are fulfilling their duties towards the society very well. He called upon them to continue doing such work and service. He said that all these schools have been running since the time there was a Panchayat in the village.

DU, Stephen's At Odds Over Allocation Of Quota Seats

Delhi: Amid the ongoing process of undergraduate admissions, the recently introduced 'single girl child' quota has become a new point of contention between St Stephen's College and Delhi University (DU). According to a university official, the college has refused to accept some

of the allocations made by DU in the first round. However, a source at St Stephen's College claimed that the university had made claims that the university had made additional allocations that exceeded the college's capacity. New launch me invest kiva, amazing ROI mila 99acres

Kiya Sahi Decision Liya Of the 19 allocations made under the 'single girl child' quota this time, the college approved only seven, the university official said. He added that another 10 students did not get a seat at the college under the unreserved category.

Jawaharlal Nehru University's female enrollment is declining

Delhi: In 2017–18, women made up over 51% of all students enrolled at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU); by 2021–2022, that number had dropped to 44%, according to a report released by the JNU Teachers' Association. Nonetheless, the report states that between 2013–14 and 2017–18, the proportion of female students at the university rose from 47% to 51%. JNTU also noted a number of other problems in the study, such as unresolved faculty promotions, irregular academic schedules, hold-ups in the admissions process, and improper meetings of the statutory authorities. The decline in research students is another issue mentioned in the paper. They have now been outnumbered by, with their absolute number falling from 5,432 in 2016–17 to less than 4,600 in 2021–22.

Rubina Francis won bronze in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 at the Paralympics in 2024.

Delhi: Rubina Francis, a 25-year-old para shooter, won the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event, giving India its sixth medal in the 2024 Paralympics. Her final round score was 211.1. Rubina's qualifying round finish in Tokyo three years prior was the same: sixth. Rubina did, however, go on to secure a podium finish at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, in contrast to Tokyo, where she also finished in seventh place in the final round.

DAM CAPITAL ADVISORS FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

GURUGRAM: DAM Capital Advisors Limited has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). DAM Capital is the fastest growing investment bank in India by revenue CAGR from Fiscals 2022 to 2024 with the highest profit margin in Fiscal 2024, among its peers. It also was one of the leading investment banks in India with a market share of 12.1% based on the number of IPOs and QIPs in Fiscal 2024. DAM Capital



provides a wide range of financial solutions in areas of (i) investment banking comprising equity capital markets ("ECM"), mergers and acquisitions ("M&A"), private equity ("PE"), and structured finance advisory; and (ii) institutional equities comprising broking and

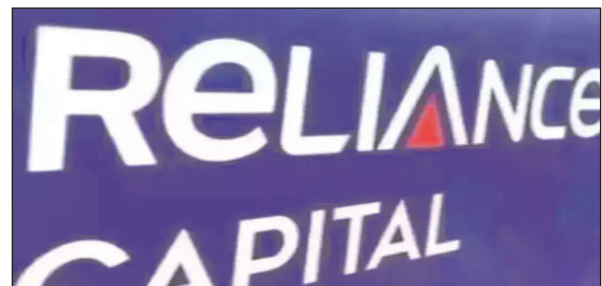
research. The company's initial public offering comprises an offer for sale of up to 32.06 million shares by the investor selling shareholders – Multiples Alternate Asset Management, RBL Bank, Easyaccess Financial Services and Narotam Sekhsaria.

Promoter Dharmesh Anil Mehta, is also selling a small part of his stake. Nuvama

Wealth Management Limited is the Book Running Lead Manager to the IPO.

RCAP lenders accuse IHL of employing delay strategies

Delhi: Lenders to indebted people in New Delhi IHL are allegedly using delaying tactics, according to Reliance Capital Ltd (RCAP), which is slowing down the implementation of the resolution plan. However, the Hinduja Group company has denied the claims, claiming it was acting in accordance with the law. IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IHL), based in Mauritius, emerged as the victorious bidder for Reliance Capital. "All allegations are completely false,



baseless and are an attempt to malign and obstruct the resolution process," sources with the IHL stated.

"Every accusation is false and inaccurate. Given that IHL has already paid Rs 2,750 crore with the CoC, there is simply no justification for the company to postpone the

plan's implementation," the corporate sources stated. Despite claims to the contrary, IHL stated that it is in its best interests to end the implementation as soon as possible and acquire the business in order to quickly halt the daily value erosion and concentrate on expansion.

CITROËN LAUNCHES THE BASALT: INDIA'S FIRST MAINSTREAM SUV COUPÉ -SUV ATTITUDE AND COUPÉ ELEGANCE

New Delhi: Citroën India proudly announces the launch of the Basalt, India's first mainstream SUV Coupé that masterfully merges the rugged allure of an SUV with the sleek elegance and spacious refinement of a coupé. The Citroën Basalt delivers an unparalleled driving experience, distinguished by its bold, commanding stance, class-leading spaciousness and aerodynamic silhouette. Upholding Citroën's commitment to innovation and comfort—a hallmark of its 100-year legacy—the Basalt ushers in a new era of automotive excellence, emphasizing advanced features and driving pleasure. The deliveries of the Basalt will start from first week of September, 2024 through the 85 La Maison Citroën phygi-



tal showrooms in the country. n Announcing the launch of the new Citroën Basalt, Shailesh Hazela, CEO and Managing Director, Stellantis India said, "The official launch of the Citroën Basalt is a proud moment for us, as it represents our commitment to delivering vehicles that combine innovation with accessibility. The Basalt's distinctive SUV Coupé design, coupled with advanced technology and unparalleled comfort, is a direct response to the evolving preferences of Indian consumers. The

strong initial bookings indicate the market's readiness for such a product, and we expect this momentum to grow as more customers experience the Basalt. With the Basalt, we aim to redefine SUV ownership experience." Shishir Mishra, Brand Director Citroën India, said, "The Citroën Basalt is more than just a vehicle; it's a bold leap into the future of automotive design. This SUV Coupé is meticulously crafted to blend spaciousness with practicality, embodying Citroën's.

Jawa unleashes the Striking 42 FJ A Bold Neo Classic powered by New 350 Alpha2 engine

GURUGRAM: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles, the pioneers of the 'Neo-Classic' segment in India, proudly launch the all-new 350 Jawa 42 FJ, the latest member of the Jawa 42 Life series. Building on the success of the 42 and 42 Bobber, the 350 Jawa 42 FJ marks an exciting new chapter for the "42 Life" theme, celebrating a commitment to superior design and an unparalleled riding experience. The name of this motorcycle is inspired by František Janecek, the visionary founder of Jawa, which aims to deliver a bold, modern riding experience for today's motorcycling enthusiasts. With this addition to the line-up, Jawa makes big strides, blending design, power, pres-



ence, and cutting-edge technology, to set the new benchmark for the segment in 2024. "The 2024 Jawa 42 embodies our design-led approach to motorcycle engineering," says Anupam Thareja, Co-founder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles. "We've taken our time with this bike, pushing the boundaries of the 'price-performance' matrix and achieved a great blend of edgy performance, gor-

geous form, and precision engineering. As pioneers of Neo-Classics in India, the 42 FJ is a testament to our challenger spirit and disruptive approach. With the expansion of the '42 Life' series, Jawa has extended the ideal balance of design, price, and performance across motorcycle formats, to appeal to a wide swathe of discerning riders. This is more than just a motorcycle.

Jay Shah becomes ICC chairman unopposed



Delhi: Unopposed, BCCI secretary Jay Shah will succeed Greg Barclay as independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Shah, the sole nominee after Barclay declined a third term, will become ICC chairman on December 1, 2024. Shah promised to promote cricket worldwide after his election. He added the inclusion of T20 cricket in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics is crucial for the sport. "I will collaborate with the ICC and our member

nations to globalize cricket. At a key point, we must balance numerous formats, promote breakthrough technology, and present our premier events to new worldwide markets. He stated that cricket should be more inclusive and popular than before. Shah follows Jagmohan Dalmiya, Sharad Pawar, N Srinivasan, and Shashank Manohar as ICC leaders. Shah, who will finish his second term as BCCI secretary in October 2025, must take a three-year break.

Infrastructure and green bonds will raise Rs 10,000 crore for NABARD

Delhi: Chairman KV Shaji says NABARD will fund Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure and green bonds. This corresponds with NABARD's 2030 green taxonomy and climate policy, which prioritizes rural India investments. "We are planning green bonds with infrastructure. It will combine infrastructure and green efforts. KV Shaji stated that the new bonds may have a lifespan of over 10 years and worth up to Rs 10,000 crore. The bonds will finance infrastructure and ecological programs for over 10 years. Last year, NABARD issued social impact bonds that raised Rs 1,040.50 crore. NABARD issued India's 'AAA'-rated rupee-denominated social bonds last year, raising Rs



1,040.50 crore at 7.63 percent. The NABARD chairman remarked on the occasion of the AgriSURE Fund launch that the all-India financial institution will support 80 to 100 agri entrepreneurs in the next five years. Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the AgriSURE Fund and Krishi Nivesh Portal. Shaji remarked. "Our goal is to support 80-100 startups with 8-10 crore tickets." The

NABARD chairman said climate resilience, organic farming, and agricultural rural companies will be considered when picking startups. Shaji said the focus will be on adding value to agriculture, eliminating post-harvest losses, and price stability. Shaji said, "If these pilots are successful, we will scale them up to include agri-value chain financing, further strengthening our commitment to sustainable agricultural practices." The

2.75 lakhs mobile phones removed, 50 entities blacklisted: TRAI cracks spam callers

Delhi: The telecom access providers have blacklisted 50 firms and removed 2.75 lakh telecom resources to stop spam calls from unregistered telemarketers. Access Providers have banned over 50 spammers and disconnected over 2.75 lakh SIP DID / Mobile Numbers / Telecom resources. In the first six months of this year, the communications regulator received 7.9 lakh complaints about unregistered telemarketers' spam calls.

In the first half of 2024 (January to June), the Telecom Regulatory



Authority of India (TRAI) received over 7.9 lakh complaints against Unregistered Telemarketers (UTMs), indicating a considerable increase in spam calls. Access providers were ordered by TRAI to discontinue promotional calls from unregistered advertisers immediately. "TRAI issued strict directives to all Access

Providers on 13 August 2024, taking this issue seriously. Access Providers must promptly halt promotional voice calls from unregistered senders or telemarketers using SIP, PRI, or other telecom resources. The telecommunications regulator may blacklist unregistered telemarketers for noncompliance.

Cards and gold cause a 14% increase in personal loans

Delhi: Of the industries that make up more than 1% of all bank loans as of the end of July, credit card debt has shown itself to be the one that is expanding the fastest. The total amount of outstanding credit card debt increased by 22% annually to around Rs 2.8 lakh crore. However, loans

secured by gold jewelry expanded at the quickest rate among all personal loan categories, accounting for 0.8% of total bank credit and expanding by 39%. By the end of July, services accounted for 27.4% of non-food credit, while agriculture and related activities made up 12.8%. With a share of

32.9%, personal loans accounted for the greatest portion, followed by industry at 22.2%.

Sectoral statistics on bank credit from RBI indicates that personal loans continued to be a major contributor to credit growth, rising by 14.4% to around Rs 55.3.

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Rs 26,000 Cr HAL's Su30 MKI fighter engine deal approved

Delhi: HAL will receive a 26,000 crore deal to build Su30MKI fighter aircraft engines at its Koraput plant after the Cabinet Committee on Security authorized their purchase. AL-31FP engines will be delivered over eight years with 54% indigenous material. The Narendra Modi-led CCS has ordered 240 of them to replace older engines that are ending their service life. HAL will receive a 26,000 crore deal to build Su30MKI fighter aircraft engines at its Koraput plant after the Cabinet Committee on Security authorized their purchase. One of the most powerful and important IAF fleets is Su30MKI. HAL's aero-engines will meet the IAF's fleet sustenance needs and boost the country's defense preparedness "Defence ministry sources stated.

Star Health launches Braille insurance policy document

CHENNAI: Private sector retail health insurer Star Health and Allied Insurance has released an insurance policy document in Braille. The Braille version of the 'Special Care Gold' policy document had been produced in collaboration with the National Association of the Blind, the company said in a statement on Wednesday. The policy offers tailored coverage for individuals with 40% or more disability, including those with physical, sensory or cognitive impairments. It covers essential medical treatments and support services, the statement added. Anand Roy, MD & CEO of Star Health Insurance, said, "We aim at building a more inclusive insurance.

Reliance wins bid for battery storage gigafactory in India

'To support the transition, Modi's govt. in 2021 approved a 181 billion rupee (\$2.2 billion) 'production-linked' incentive plan to boost the country's battery storage capacity to 50 gigawatt-hour'



Delhi: Reliance Industries Ltd. has won a bid to build a 10 gigawatt-hour battery unit, a move that will help billionaire Mukesh Ambani's conglomerate deepen its footprint in the new energy space. The Mumbai-based company outcompeted six firms to become the sole developer, taking advantage of an incentive program rewarding

industrial output, according to a statement by the Ministry of Heavy Industries. As its grid expands and its transport system electrifies, India may see battery demand rise to as much as 260 gigawatt-hour by 2030, according to government projections. That will be needed to balance the intermittency of renewable sources such as wind and

solar, which are set to help the country reach 500 gigawatt of non-fossil fuel capacity by the end of the decade.

To support the transition, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in 2021 approved a 181 billion rupee (\$2.2 billion) 'production-linked' incentive plan to boost the country's battery storage capacity to 50 gigawatt-hour. Three firms were allocated a total capacity of 30 gigawatt-hour in March 2022. Ambani announced a \$7.2 billion investment to enter the green energy segment in 2021, with plans to build four gigafactories making solar modules, hydrogen, fuel cells and a battery cluster.

UPI payments up 41% in Aug at record 15bn

Delhi: The total number of transactions through UPI in Aug increased by 41% year-on-year to record 15 billion. The transaction value touched Rs 20.6 lakh crore 31% growth, NPCI data showed. The average daily transactions stood at 483 million in Aug, as average daily transaction amount reached Rs 66,475 crore. The value of UPI transactions processed has remained above Rs 20 lakh new users every month, fuelled by the RuPay credit card on UPI. RBI governor



Shaktikanta Das said recently that the central bank is focusing on making "UPI and RuPay truly global". agencies India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed nearly Rs 81 lakh crore transactions from April to July, marking a 37%

year-on-year increase. UPI handled 3,729.1 transactions per second, surpassing Alipay and Paypal. India's RBI aims to expand UPI globally, including international merchant acceptance and cross-border remittance functionalities.

International education loans do not preclude Tata Fund tax relief"

"The student must repay the entire loan amount in five equal installments between the third and seventh years of the seven-year loan-scholarship arrangement"



scholarships for Indian students pursuing higher education abroad will not prevent it from being exempt from income taxes (I-T). Founded in 1892 by J N Tata, the founder of the Tata Group, the trust provides merit-based loan scholarships to Indian students pursuing higher education abroad.

Each year, between 90 and 100 students are chosen from a variety of fields, including management, law, business, the arts, and the

applied, pure, and social sciences.

Selected students sign a legal contract with the foundation, per the JNTE website. The student must repay the entire loan amount in five equal installments between the third and seventh years of the seven-year loan-scholarship arrangement. JNTE has a Rs 200 crore corpus. Because of its tax-exempt status, JNTE filed an I-T return for FY11 stating that its income was zero.

Adani Enterprises' debut retail bond sale sees strong demand

Delhi: Adani Enterprises Ltd.'s debut bond issuance for individuals received strong interest on the first day, raising nearly 7.2 billion rupees out of a planned 8 billion rupees. The retail segment was fully subscribed, showing regained investor confidence after last year's short seller attack. Bonds offer yields ranging from 9.25% to 9.90%.

Adani Enterprises' debut retail bond sale sees strong demand Adani Enterprises Ltd.'s maiden bond issuance targeted at individuals received a strong response on first day of opening, another sign that the Indian conglomerate has regained investor confidence following a short seller attack last year. The issuance by billionaire Gautam Adani's group received subscriptions worth nearly 7.2 billion rupees, compared to a



plan to raise 8 billion rupees, according to lead manager Nuvama Wealth Management's website. The retail segment of the issuance was fully sold on day one as offers worth 2.5 billion rupees were received as compared to 2.4 billion rupees reserved for this category of investors. The bond sale comes as the conglomerate tries to raise funds from a mix of routes. A strong response for the public issuance is a sign of the group's recovery after Hindenburg Research's report in January 2023 that led to a rout in its shares and bonds. Since then, the group is back on a growth

spree, considering fresh fundraising via a share sale for its flagship unit after selling shares in its power utility. The group has enough cash to cover more than 30 months of debt payments, it said last month as the port-to-power conglomerate tries to alleviate concerns about its liquidity risk. Demand was high even among high-net-worth individuals and non-institutional investors such as corporates on day one of the public issuance as subscriptions amounting to 4.6 billion rupees were received, compared to 4.8 billion rupees reserved.

First set of Telecom Act regulations announced under Digital Bharat Nidhi



Delhi: The Telecommunication Act, 2023, saw the Department of Telecommunications announce and implement the first set of regulations governing the operation of the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), which is the replacement for the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The Telecommunications Act, 2023, which was approved by Parliament and signed into law by the President in December, created the DBN. Through the implementation of a universal access levy (UAL), the USOF was

founded with the goal of offering telecom services in remote and rural areas at reasonable and affordable pricing.

UAL is equivalent to 5% of AGR (adjusted gross revenue) for the telecom company. With the exception of a few minor linguistic changes, the notified rules are nearly identical to the draft rules that were made available for a 30-day public consultation on July 4. On June 26, the Act's Sections 24 to 26 went into force, renaming the USOF as DBN and outlining the terms of its funding.

Government approves e-auctions for 234 cities' 730 FM radio stations

Delhi : Under the Private FM Radio Phase III Policy, the central government approved the proposal for the third batch of rising e-auctions for 730 FM radio channels in 234 new locations. The projected reserve price for these channels is approximately Rs 785 crore.

A large number of the permitted towns are located in left-wing impacted areas and aspirational districts. Union I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the Cabinet decision and added that the government has also approved a plan to collect an FM channel's annual licensing fee (ALF) equal to 4% of



gross income, excluding GST. This will be relevant for 234 newly created towns and cities. According to an official release, the rollout of private FM radio in new cities and towns would deliver new and local content in mother tongue while also satisfying the unmet need for FM radio in these areas that is yet unsat-

isfied by private FM radio broadcasting. Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X, "The Cabinet decision on the roll out of Private FM Radio to 234 cities and towns will enhance access to diverse and local content, thus encouraging creativity and encouraging local languages as well as cultures."

'Touched hearts': Starbucks manager applauds Zomato delivery agent for working hard with daughter in hand

NEW DELHI: Devendra Mehra, manager of the Starbucks store at New Delhi's Khan Market, shared an inspiring story that has touched many in a heartwarming LinkedIn post. Mehra recounted the encounter with Sonu, a Zomato delivery agent who recently visited the store to pick up an order with his daughter in hand.

Despite the personal challenges Sonu faces, including being a single parent to his 2-year-old daughter, his dedication to his work

and love for his child stood out. "Today, a Zomato delivery boy came to our store Starbucks Khan Market, New Delhi to pick up an order. He touched our hearts. Despite facing challenges at home, he continues to work hard while caring for his little 2-year-old daughter with him during the work. He is a single parent raising his daughter. Seeing his dedication and love for his child was truly inspiring," Mehra wrote in his post.

Delhi HC requests that the BNS's Section 377 loopholes be filled

Delhi : The Delhi High Court recommended that the Union government enact an ordinance making forced unnatural sex and sodomy crimes. At the same time, the court gave the Centre six months to consider taking a "holistic view" about whether or not to include these offenses in the newly implemented Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) penal code. A bench consisting of Justice Tushar Rao Gedela and Acting Chief Justice Manmohan emphasized that while the Center was considering

Vacuum caused by Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) as it excludes any provision equivalent to section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which penalises forced unnatural sex and sodomy.

Petitioner seeks to either restore the criminalisation of non-consensual sexual acts under a provision like Section 377 or adopt a gender-neutral interpretation of the laws dealing with rape

What Delhi HC has asked?
The court has directed the Centre to consider the plea as a representation and expeditiously decide on the matter within six months. It also suggested the Centre to promulgate ordinance penalising the offence of forced unnatural sex and sodomy

the BNS modifications, there must not be a legal void.

The solution was proposed by the bench after Anurag Ahluwalia, the counsel for the Center, stated that the government could be able to take a more comprehensive approach if the court were to ask it to consider treating the petition

that challenges the BNS's exclusion of penalties for "unnatural sex" and "sodomy" as a representation. Ahluwalia argued that as the matter concerned both the state and the general public, a number of stakeholders, including legislators, would be consulted during the decision-making process.

India may double Ayushman Bharat coverage to Rs 10 lakh

Delhi : Imagine being protected against unforeseen medical bills. Over the next three years, India will extend its flagship Ayushman Bharat health insurance system. They want to cover all 70-year-olds and boost insurance to Rs 10 lakh.

If enacted, it will be a huge relief since medical expenses drive families into

debt. According to PTI, the July 23 Union Budget may include some of these recommendations. In the 2024 interim Budget, the government raised Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana funding. Health cover of Rs 5 lakh per household per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization for 12 crore families was increased

to Rs 7,200 crore. Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission received Rs 646 crore. Over three years ago, NITI Aayog's 'Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle' report recommended expanding the system. The October 2021 report found that 30% of the population lacks health insurance, exposing coverage gaps.

Security tightened at Delhi Civic Centre ahead of ward committee polls

Delhi Security has been tightened in and around the Civic Centre in central Delhi as officials anticipate a potential clash between workers of the opposition BJP and the ruling AAP during the MCD's ward committee polls on Wednesday. A company of paramilitary personnel along with Delhi Police has been deployed to ensure safety and prevent any untoward incidents during the election process. A senior police officer confirmed the deployment stating, "The personnel have been instructed

to prevent any untoward incident during the election process." The move comes after Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena on Tuesday night ordered the MCD commissioner to notify the appointment of deputy commissioners as presiding officers for the polls. This directive followed Mayor Shelly Oberoi's refusal to do so due to what she termed as an "undemocratic election process." Earlier on Tuesday evening, Oberoi resisted appointing presiding officers and expressed her concerns.

3-4 people open fire on individual in Delhi's Malviya Nagar

Delhi A shooting incident occurred in Delhi's Malviya Nagar on Tuesday night when a group of three to four individuals fired at a person named Vikas. The police responded promptly to the scene, and the injured victim was taken to a hospital for treatment. The police reported that the incident took place around 9:30 pm. Vikas, 26, was shot when the assailants, who arrived in a car, opened fire. The police received a PCR call regarding the shooting at approximately 9:30 pm and quickly reached the location. "A PCR call

In Ghazipur, a bio-CNG facility will be built to provide fuel for buses



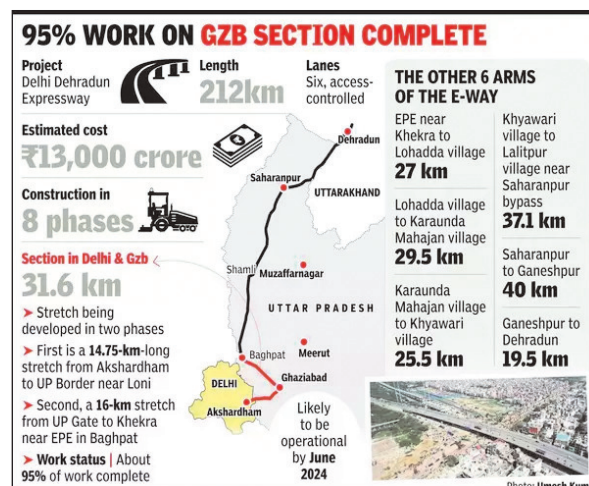
Delhi : A bio-CNG factory is scheduled to open in Ghazipur, converting wet waste from nearby residential colonies and wholesale markets into clean fuel for vehicles, according to top civic officials with knowledge of the project. This plant will be the second of its kind; the first is situated next to an earlier establishment in Okhla. Officials announced that the signing of an agreement between Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) had been approved. "The plant will produce fuel gas from organic or moist waste. In contrast to other ongoing projects and plans, the establishment of a bio-CNG facility in Ghazipur will not necessitate approval from the standing committee

because IGL will cover all project expenses, according to a senior official who asked to remain anonymous. According to the MCD, the project will assist in rerouting rubbish from the overcrowded Ghazipur landfill. After the Memorandum of Understanding is signed, the local council anticipates that the plant will be operating in 18 months. The original project plan was for MCD to supply the land, and IGL to assume control of the location and build the plant independently. "We plan to offer around 350 tonnes of fresh garbage every day. The MCD official stated, "This wet waste will be fed into digesters and converted into compressed natural gas for use as fuel

Part of Delhi-Dehradun e-way from Akshardham may be ready by Nov

Bringing huge relief to people from daily traffic nightmare

Delhi : The first leg of Delhi-Dehradun Expressway from Akshardham to Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE) section will be operational latest by Nov this year, bringing huge relief to people from daily traffic nightmare. This stretch passes through Geeta Colony, Shastri Park, Sonia Vihar in Delhi and Vijay Vihar, Kasim Vihar and Mandola in Uttar Pradesh. Nearly 19 km out of the 32 km access-controlled The Traffic going straight will use the elevated and access-controlled part and leave the six-lane service road for local traffic. "The traffic



flow on service roads will also be better since the entire stretch is being improved by the NHAI as a part of the project.

The segregation of traffic will bring relief to local commuters as well," said an official. Learnt that there will be seven entry points for the 6-lane expressway for traffic going from Delhi to UP at Akshardham, Geeta Colony, Shastri Park, Sonia Vihar, Kasim Vihar, Usmanpur, Shamshan Ghat (Kailash Nagar), Geeta Colony and Ghat (Kailash Nagar), Akshardham.

Sonia Vihar, Vijay Vihar and Mandola. There will be three exits at Khajuri Chowk, Sonia Vihar, Vijay Vihar and Mandola.

Similarly, traffic coming from UP to Delhi will have entry points at Mandola, Vijay Vihar and 5th Pusta while commuters can exit at Mandola, Loni, Vijay Vihar, Usmanpur, Shamshan Ghat (Kailash Nagar), Geeta Colony and Ghat (Kailash Nagar), Akshardham.

Air India's Delhi-Vizag flight receives hoax bomb threat

Delhi- An Air India flight going from New Delhi to Visakhapatnam received a bomb threat Tuesday late night, but it was found to be a hoax after a thorough scrutiny on landing in the port city. Visakhapatnam Airport Director S Raja Reddy said the Delhi Police received the bomb threat call and alerted the airline and the Visakhapatnam airport. "It (flight) landed safely and on thoroughly checking the flight, it was found to be a false call," Reddy told news agency PTI, adding that there were 107 passengers on the Vizag-bound flight. After disembarking passengers from the aircraft and checking it, that nothing suspicious was found, the director noted. Meanwhile, boarding on the return flight to Delhi has begun and it is scheduled to leave around 12.30 am, Reddy added.

At the border of Shambhu, wrestler Vinesh Phogat joins demonstrators in support of farmers



Delhi : Wrestler Vinesh Phogat joined demonstrators at the Shambhu border, which separates Punjab and Haryana, to support the farmers' plight and urge the national government to take up their demands. A legal guarantee for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) is one of the many demands the farmers have made as they commemorate 200 days of the 'Delhi Chalo' agitation. The farmers congratulated Phogat, who was recently disqualified from the 50-kg final battle at the Olympic Games in Paris. She said she agreed with their cause. A 'kisan mahapanchayat' was held by farmers to mark 200 days of their protest, under the banners of Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political). Since February 13, they have been staging protests at the border crossings at Shambhu and Khanauri, when security authorities imposed a blockade. During her speech, Phogat said, "I want to tell you that your daughter is with you," She also emphasized the validity of the claims made by the farmers.

Delhi University allocates Undergraduate seats to 764 single girl child applicants, 132 orphaned students

New Delhi The University of Delhi has confirmed the allocation of 74,108 seats for its 71,600 undergraduate spots, including 764 under the new supernumerary quota for single girl child applicants. On Tuesday, the university released the third round of admissions, which began on August 31. Additionally, 132 seats have been allocated to orphan students under a supernumerary quota introduced last year to support children affected by COVID-19. The single-girl child quota reserves one seat in each programme across DU colleges, while the orphan quota reserves one seat each for a male and a female in every programme. So far, 28,810 students have applied for an upgrade, seeking a better college and course combination for the 2024-25 academic session. Further, 45,298 applicants chose to freeze their admission, accepting the allocations made by the university. Admissions in this phase will be offered through performance-based programmes and supernumerary quotas, including those for children of widows of armed forces personnel (CW), and special achievements in extra-curricular activities (ECA) and sports. As per the data released by the varsity, ECA allocations stood at 1,061, sports allocation at 1,648, and performance-based allocations at 332.

Sarma's campaign reduced enrollment at Meghalaya University, which climbed from 6 to 6,000

Delhi: After Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma attacked USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque, the admission process was hampered. Hoque said that Sarma suggested last week that USTM students may be excluded from Assam government employment. Hoque said the institution worries about meeting this year's enrollment goal. In recent weeks, Sarma has criticized the private institution and its chancellor, which is run by a foundation founded by Assamese Bengali-Muslim Hoque. He accused the institution of "flood jihad" for removing trees and hills for building on the USTM campus, contributing to the Guwahati floods. Sarma also called the university's three-domed main gate a "Mecca-like structure" and a symbol of "jihad". However, he clarified that he wanted a Mecca-like struc-



ture, a church, and a namghar. "Our admissions have plummeted since his statement. We expect at least 1,000 fewer students this year than expected, but admissions are still underway. Assam, the largest northeastern state, produces most of our pupils. Rural Assam students would worry what to do with their degrees if they can't get government jobs. Over 2,200 students enrolled in USTM's 50 programs last year. It aimed to enroll over 3,000 students this year after its NIRF result. We were optimistic of meeting the target given the initial admissions pace. However, enrollment has fallen since last

week. chief minister declared Assam would fill 35,000 jobs by April 2025. Hoque noted Thursday that many USTM students take competitive tests for government positions. We return money to students who pass competitive exams and get government employment. This attracts more students each year to take these exams." The institution does not track government job winners, but it has awarded 400 competitive tests like UGC-NET and GATE. Hoque said Sarma has been harassing him because of his "cap and beard," but that Baridua village inhabitants in Ri-Bhoi district consider USTM a "mini India".

CBSE says schools should build composite skill laboratories to improve skill education

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has ordered all associated schools to create a "Composite Skill Lab" with all essential equipment and machinery to implement NEP and NCF-SE guidelines. CBSE stated in an official notification that establishing a "Composite Skill Lab" would help students develop practical skills aligned with industry needs, improve employment prospects in various trades and vocations, allow exploration of diverse career pathways beyond traditional options, and foster entrepreneurial skills.



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Many schools lack the facilities and equipment for hands-on training. The Board's 139th Governing Body meeting

mandated that all affiliated schools establish a "Composite Skill Lab" with all necessary equipment.

DU, Stephen's At Odds Over Allocation Of Quota Seats

Delhi: Amid the ongoing process of undergraduate admissions, the recently introduced 'single girl child' quota has become a new point of contention between St Stephen's College and Delhi University (DU). According to a university official, the college has refused to accept some

of the allocations made by DU in the first round. However, a source at St Stephen's College claimed that the university had made claims that the university had made additional allocations that exceeded the college's capacity. New launch me invest kiva, amazing ROI mila

99acres Kiya Sahi Decision Liya Of the 19 allocations made under the 'single girl child' quota this time, the college approved only seven, the university official said. He added that another 10 students did not get a seat at the college under the unreserved category.

ISRO's YUVIKA Program 2024: Class 9 kids can now register

"Goals of the YUVIKA Initiative This program's aim is to familiarize students with the principles of space science, technology"

Delhi: With the goal of educating schoolchildren, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is preparing to host the "Young Scientist Programme" (YUVI-



KA).

Goals of the YUVIKA Initiative This program's aim is to familiarize students with the principles of space science, technology, and applications while emphasizing the latest developments in the area. ISRO's project is a component of its plan to

introduce young people to space science at an early age, seeing them as the future backbone of the country.

With a basic understanding of space-related concepts, the YUVIKA program aims to encourage more students to pursue careers in science,

technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The initiative aims to educate school-going students on the newest scientific and technological breakthroughs, with a focus on students in rural areas.

The YUVIKA program has been a great success since its launch, and students from all states and union territories have participated. The program will be run in 2019, 2022, and 2023. It consists of lectures in the classroom, hands-on experiments, robotics challenges, and interactions with ISRO scientists.

RCAP lenders accuse IHL of employing delay strategies

Delhi: Lenders to indebted people in New Delhi IHL are allegedly using delaying tactics, according to Reliance Capital Ltd (RCAP), which is slowing down the implementation of the resolution plan. However, the Hinduja Group company has denied the claims, claiming it was acting in accordance with the law. IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IHL), based in Mauritius, emerged as the victorious bidder for Reliance Capital. "All allegations are completely false,



baseless and are an attempt to malign and obstruct the resolution process," sources with the IHL stated.

"Every accusation is false and inaccurate. Given that IHL has already paid Rs 2,750 crore with the CoC, there is simply no justification for the company to postpone the

plan's implementation," the corporate sources stated. Despite claims to the contrary, IHL stated that it is in its best interests to end the implementation as soon as possible and acquire the business in order to quickly halt the daily value erosion and concentrate on expansion.

Bihar launches a school monitoring scheme to boost education

Delhi: The Bihar government has initiated a rigorous monitoring process to ensure all government schools meet criteria. Over 8,000 officials and staff will inspect 10 to 15 schools, concentrating on infrastructure, aca-



"District officials are required to review, report, and correct issues. The administration has also threatened departmental punishment against officials who violate the monitoring

democratic and extracurricular activities, and mid-day meal programs. The monitoring team will also guarantee schools meet student requirements and provide quality education. The strategy sup-

Southampton University, UK, would be India's first foreign university under UGC

Delhi: The Centre approved Southampton University's Gurugram campus Thursday to internationalize India's education system. Southampton, one of the top 100 universities in the QS World University Rankings, received a letter of intent from India's University Grants Commission (UGC) in New Delhi. The UGC expects the first academic session to start in July 2025, and the institution will hire Indian and foreign faculty. Southampton will be the first international institution to open a campus in India under the UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023, notified in November. According to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, "top universities in the world will be facilitated to



operate in India". The regulations allow top 500 foreign universities to open campuses in India. The UGC guidelines allow international universities to set their admission and pricing policies, but the Commission will monitor their activities. The UGC has opened an online site for international universities to apply to open campuses in India. After IFSCA clearance, Deakin University and the University of Wollongong launched branch campuses in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) last year. Universities are not UGC-regulated. The public research

University of Southampton said its Delhi-NCR campus will provide education, research, knowledge exchange, and enterprise in the country. We will produce world-class, work-ready graduates with specialty and transferable skills to boost India's fast-growing knowledge sector. Vice-President International and Engagement, University of Southampton, Professor Andrew Atherton, said, "We will conduct research and knowledge exchange with local universities, industries, and government and apply the results to deliver real-world social and economic impact."

Jay Shah becomes ICC chairman unopposed



Delhi: Unopposed, BCCI secretary Jay Shah will succeed Greg Barclay as independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Shah, the sole nominee after Barclay declined a third term, will become ICC chairman on December 1, 2024. Shah promised to promote cricket worldwide after his election. He added the inclusion of T20 cricket in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics is crucial for the sport. "I will collaborate with the ICC and our member

nations to globalize cricket. At a key point, we must balance numerous formats, promote breakthrough technology, and present our premier events to new worldwide markets. He stated that cricket should be more inclusive and popular than before. Shah follows Jagmohan Dalmiya, Sharad Pawar, N Srinivasan, and Shashank Manohar as ICC leaders. Shah, who will finish his second term as BCCI secretary in October 2025, must take a three-year break.