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Atishi sworn in as Delhi's youngest chief minister, takes charge ahead of 2024 polls

NEW DELHI: Atishi was sworn-in as the chief minister of Delhi on Saturday, making history as the youngest leader to hold the top position. She has become the third woman CM of Delhi, following in the footsteps of Sushma Swaraj and Sheila Dikshit. Five cabinet ministers including Saurabh Bhardwaj, Gopal Rai, Kailash Gehlot, Imran Hussain and Mukesh Ahlawat also took the oath of office during the ceremony which was held at Raj Niwas. This marks the fourth consecutive AAP government in the capital. Atishi's parents, Tripta Wahni and Vijay Singh, were present during the ceremony at Raj Niwas. At 42, Atishi has become the 17th female chief minister in India. However, her tenure will be brief, as Delhi's assembly elections are slated for February next year. Despite the short time frame, her government faces the challenge of fast-tracking several key policies and welfare schemes, including the Mukhyamantri Mahila



Two more Kolkata Durga Puja committees reject state grant in protest over doctor's alleged rape-

NEW DELHI: Two additional Durga Puja committees in Kolkata have declined the Rs 85,000 grant offered by the West Bengal government, as a mark of protest against the alleged rape and murder of a doctor at RG Kar hospital last month. The Netaji Nagar Sarbojanin Durga Puja Committee, which is celebrating its 75th year, announced its decision to forgo the state grant, citing the

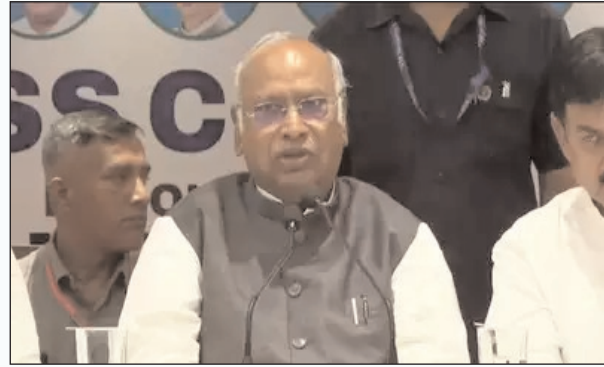
Samman Yojana, the updated Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0, and the doorstep delivery of serv-

Jharkhand-Bengal border reopened after 24-hour closure

KOLKATA/RANCHI: After remaining closed for around 24 hours, the West Bengal-Jharkhand border has been reopened for the movement of trucks for inter-state trade, officials said on Saturday. The West Bengal government had closed the border on Thursday evening after the release of water by Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) from its dams located along the inter-state boundary with Jharkhand, causing flooding in districts of south Bengal. "The inter-state border has opened and thousands of goods-laden trucks stranded on NH 2 and NH 6.

ices initiative. Atishi expressed mixed feelings about the leadership change, saying, "I am happy about the trust placed in me by outgoing CM Arvind Kejriwal but am also sad that he has resigned from his post."

NEW DELHI: Hitting out at remarks by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah accusing the Congress-National Conference alliance in Jammu and Kashmir of having an agenda that "aligned with Pakistan's interests," Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge strongly refuted the allegations as "false" and retorted: "The BJP may love us [India], but it is married to Pakistan". He asserted that the Congress party's agenda in J&K is focused on the welfare and development of the people, and has nothing to do with Pakistan. During a press briefing in Jammu on Saturday, the Congress chief took a dig at PM Modi, saying that his party was not the one who had gone to Pakistan to eat biryani and give a hug. He was referring to PM Modi's surprise stopover in Pakistan in December 2015 to meet his then-counterpart Nawaz Sharif. Read also: 'Why terror



Andhra Deputy CM to undertake 11-day penance to propitiate Lord

Vatika Times AMARAVATI: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Saturday said he will undertake an 11-day penance to propitiate Lord Venkateswara for the alleged adulteration of animal fats in Tirupati laddus. The actor-politician said he will begin the ritualistic penance from Sunday at Sri

Dasavatara Venkateswara Swamy temple at Namburu in Guntur district. "After undertaking the 11-day penance, I will visit Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Swamy," said Kalyan in a post on 'X', and appealed to the deity to grant him the power to do the ritualistic sanitisation to undo the alleged sins. incidents are taking place? Kharge questions PM Modi's remarks on 'peace' in J&K. What PM Modi and Shah said about Pakistan and the Congress party's agenda of aligning with Pakistan or listening to them is all false and this is done to divert attention. I ask you, they (BJP) have been in power at the center for 10 years, and their appointed governor is here. The promises they made to work, why haven't they fulfilled them?" said Kharge.

Congress appoints Subhankar Sarkar as president of West Bengal unit

NEW DELHI: Congress appoints Subhankar Sarkar as the President of West Bengal unit replacing Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. In a statement issued late on Saturday night by Congress, the party said that with Sarkar's appointment as WBPC president, he has been relieved of his current position in the All India Congress Committee. Sarkar, was a national secretary in AICC in-charge of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram. The Congress acknowledges the role of Chowdhury saying, "that the party appreciates the contributions of the outgoing chief". Chowdhury had resigned as the president of the West Bengal Congress Committee after the Lok Sabha polls and the process.

Bengaluru horror: Woman's body found inside fridge, chopped into over 30 pieces; probe underway



NEW DELHI: In a gruesome discovery, the dismembered body of a 29-year-old woman was found stuffed inside a refrigerator in Bengaluru. The body was chopped up into over 30 pieces, according to the police. Authorities have identified the victim as Mahalakshmi, though details surrounding the incident remain unclear. The shocking incident is believed to have taken place approximately a week ago. Additional Commissioner of Police (West Zone) N Sathesh Kumar said, "A woman's body was found chopped into pieces and stored in a fridge at a house within the Vyalikaval police station limits. It appeared to have been done 4-5 days ago." Senior police officers have cordoned off the area surrounding the building where the body was discovered. The victim, who was originally from another state but had settled in Karnataka, was living alone in the house at the time of the incident. The dog squad and forensic experts have been called in to assist with the investigation. It has been reported that the woman was living separately from her husband, who worked in a hermitage away from the city. Upon learning about the incident, he arrived at the scene. The brutal nature of the crime has drawn comparisons to the murder of Shraddha Walker by her live-in partner Aftab Poonawalla in Delhi last year in which the suspect killed her and cut the body in 35 pieces and stored

Kohli Spotted Chatting With Richard After Umpire's Reaction To His Dismissal Goes Viral

NEW DELHI: Virat Kohli's decision not to review the LBW decision against him in the second innings of the first Test against Bangladesh became a big talking point. However, it was the reactions of captain Rohit Sharma and umpire Richard Kettleborough that captured even more attention on social media. Kohli was trapped by Bangladesh spinner



Mehidy Hasan Miraz revealed a spike there for 17 on Friday. After umpire Kettleborough raised his finger in favour of the bowler, Kohli opted against reviewing the decision. However, Kohli's decision not to take the DRS

review. And Kettleborough couldn't help but smile upon realizing that the star Indian batter had made a blunder. During the final innings of the first Test on Saturday, Kohli approached Kettleborough for a brief conversation. However, the umpire's comment, accompanied by a pat on Kohli's back, left the Indian skipper laughing uncontrollably.

Bangladesh reverses ban on export of Hilsa fish to India ahead of Durga Puja



NEW DELHI: Bangladesh's interim government on Saturday withdrew its ban on the export of Hilsa fish to India and announced that it will export 3,000 tonnes of Hilsa during the upcoming Durga Puja festival, which will take place from October 9 to 13. The Muhammad Yunus-led interim government earlier this month imposed a ban on hilsa exports to India to ensure sufficient domestic supply.

"Against the backdrop of appeals by the exporters, approval has been given to export 3,000 tonnes of hilsa fish (to India), fulfilling the specific conditions on the occasion of the upcoming Durga Puja," the Bangladeshi commerce ministry said in a statement.

In 2023, Bangladesh granted permission to 79 companies to export a total of 4,000 tonnes of hilsa fish to India, aligning with the Durga Puja festival, according to official sources. Earlier this month, India's Fish Importers Association reached out to Bangladesh foreign affairs adviser Touhid Hossain, urging him to permit the export of hilsa to India during Durga Puja.

'Hiding among civilians': Israel reveals how IDF eliminated top Hezbollah commander

NEW DELHI: The Israel Defense Forces confirmed the elimination of Ibrahim Aqil, head of Hezbollah's Operations Unit, in an intelligence-based strike in Beirut. Several other senior Hezbollah commanders were also killed. The IDF stated that Aqil was planning significant attacks against Israel. This action is part of ongoing efforts to neutralize threats from Hezbollah and ensure security in northern Israel. 'Hiding among civilians': Israel reveals how IDF eliminated top Hezbollah commander The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed the killing of Ibrahim Aqil, the alleged head of Hezbollah's Operations Unit, in



an intelligence-based strike in Beirut. Sharing the details of the conduct of the strike, the IDF claimed that Aqil and other commanders were planning a significant attack against Israel, called the "Conquer the Galilee" plan. How Israel took out Hezbollah commander Ibrahim Aqil According to the IDF, this plan involved infiltrating Israeli communities and targeting civilians. "I can now confirm that Ibrahim Aqil was eliminated together with other senior terrorists in Hezbollah's Radwan forces. Ibrahim Aqil had the blood of many innocent people on his hands. Israelis, Americans, French, Lebanese and more," said IDF spokesperson, RAdm. Daniel Hagari, a few hours after the strike. The IDF said their mission to eliminate the threat posed by Hezbollah. "Hezbollah is an internationally recognized terrorist organization. It is a threat to the people of Israel, the people of Lebanon, the Middle East and the entire world.

Since October 8, Hezbollah has fired over 8000 rockets, missiles and explosive UAV's at Israeli civilians forcing over 60,000 Israelis to evacuate from their homes. Just today, Hezbollah fired over 200 rockets at Israel. The Israel Defense Forces has a duty to defend the people of Israel and ensure their safe and secure return to their homes in northern Israel," said Hagari. Accusing the Radwan forces of planning "to do in northern Israel what Hamas did in southern Israel on October 7, invade Israeli homes and kill innocent people," the IDF spokesperson further talked about the criminal past of the slain commander.

In a first, underwater drones to give more teeth to Maha Kumbh security

PRAYAGRAJ: The Mela police for the first time would adopt innovative safety measures, including vigil by underwater drones and sonar technology, during the Maha Kumbh-2025 to make the 45-day mega event more secure for visitors. "Underwater drones would be deployed to monitor the submerged areas. In the event of an accident, sonar technology would be used to detect underwater conditions and retrieve valuables," additional DG (Prayagraj zone) Bhanu Bhaskar. He said the responsibility for both surface and underwater security has been entrusted to the PAC and Water Police. "Visitors safety remains the top

'Can you write that': The game changing conversation between Ganguly and Sehwag



NEW DELHI: Former Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag, known for his aggressive batting style, saw opportunities where others saw risks. Sehwag aimed to score runs quickly throughout his career. Sehwag's record includes three triple centuries in Test cricket and becoming the second Indian, after Sachin Tendulkar, to score 200 runs in a One Day International (ODI). He set a record with 219 runs in an ODI, which stood for nearly three years until

Rohit Sharma surpassed it with 264 runs. In the 2011 ODI World Cup, Sehwag set the tone for India's campaign with an impressive 175 runs in the first match. However, he did not start as an opening batsman. Sehwag began his Test career under Sourav Ganguly's captaincy in 2001, debuting against South Africa in Bloemfontein, where he batted at the fourth position and scored a century. The decision to promote Sehwag to the opening.

Youth of UP wandering unemployed: Rajesh Tiwari

Prayagraj: In view of the Phulpur Assembly by-election, leaders of all parties are currently visiting Phulpur area of Prayagraj. In this sequence, National Secretary of Congress Party and in-charge of Prayag Zone, Rajesh Tiwari came to Prayagraj on Saturday. He visited about half a dozen areas falling in Phulpur assembly seat and also addressed workers at many places. The National Secretary said, "When the Congress government was in power, the price of the cylinder was Rs 400, today under the BJP government the same cylinder is available for Rs



1100 to 1200. Today the farmers are struggling and the youth are wandering unemployed and can't find a job. Former MLA Anugrah Narayan Singh said that the public has now understood the intentions of BJP very well. In the last Lok Sabha elections, the public also gave a befitting reply to this. He called upon the workers to start preparations for the by-election to be held in Phulpur and go among the people and tell them about the policies of Congress. Many meetings were held under the chairmanship of National Secretary and in-charge of Prayagraj Zone Shri Rajesh Tiwari. Meetings were held at places like Sunauti, Katka, Chhatnag, Kohna etc.. Mainly present in these meetings were Anugrah Narayan Singh, Metropolitan President Pradeep Mishra, Anshuman, Manish Mishra, Maqsood Khan, Imran Khan, Vinay Pandey, Istiaq Ahmed, Lallan Patel, Saurabh Srivastava, Ram Lakhan Yadav, Pushpendra Bhartiya, Photo Devi, Nagina Verma, Aleem Hashmi, Ahmed Ullah.

Bail rejected for accused of embezzling Rs 50 crore from investors by creating fake company

Prayagraj: Ravindra Kumar Verma, accused of embezzling about Rs 50 crore from investors by fraudulently using different names and registering the company in different names on the basis of fake documents, has not got relief from the Sessions Court. District Judge Santosh Rai, after listening to the defense counsel and DGC Gulab Chandra Agrahari, said that by registering the company in different names on the basis of fake documents, they were luring the investors by making fake schemes and brochures and by counterfeiting fake bonds, the investors were cheated. The active role/participation of accused Ravindra Kumar Verma is being shown in the crime of illegally embezzling crores of rupees through deceit and fraud. The above case falls under the category of economic offence. The 28 criminal history of the accused shows that all the cases are related to fraud and forgery. From which the conclusion seems to be drawn that if the accused is released on bail, he may get involved in a similar crime again. There is no sufficient basis for bail. According to the prosecution, the plaintiff Rajendra Kumar had lodged an FIR through Section 156 (3) application in Naini police station on March 7, 2019, alleging that he had met Nafees in 2018. He told that he is direct in Awesome Infra Projects Limited Company. The company invests people's money through FD/RD etc. After that he made people invest about Rs 3 crore in the company. After some time, when the company stopped paying the monthly interest and returns to the investors, when Nafees and other directors Ravindra Kumar Verma, Amarnath and Dharmendra Kumar Singh were contacted, they told that the payment had been stopped from the level of CMD Krishna Kumar Verma. It has happened. When they talked to Krishna Kumar Verma, he said that investors have lost their money due to demonetization and GST. Now that money will not be returned. When the plaintiff inquired, he came to know that there was an organized gang of Krishna Kumar Verma, Nafees, Dharmendra Kumar Singh, Amarnath and Ravindra Kumar Verma, who were fraudulently using each other's names by interchangeably and on the basis of fake documents. Crores of rupees have been embezzled from investors by committing fraud under different names.

Srimad Bhagwat Katha gives experience of ultimate truth and freedom: Batuk Ji Maharaj

Prayagraj: Shri Prachin Dadhikando Mela Committee Krishna in the courtyard of Knowledge Library, Kidganj While making the devotees enjoy the story on the second day of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha organized by Nagar Triveni Marg, Kidganj, Puja Batuk Ji Maharaj, while describing the greatness of Bhagwat Katha, said that Shrimad Bhagwat is the spoken form of God and it gives the experience of God's form and It is the essence of all the Vedas which makes the human world realize the ultimate truth and frees them from the fear of time. Before the story, the patron of the committee, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani and his wife former councilor Savita Kesarwani performed Dev Pujan, Bhoomi Pujan, Kalash Pujan, And started the story by worshipping the Bhagwat Granth as per the complete rituals. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani told that in the story, Bhishma Prayan, Parikshit's birth and Hiranyaksha's rise were described. The main hosts of the story were Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, Manish Kesarwani, Krishna Sahu Rajesh. Hundreds of devotees like Kesarwani, Amresh Jaiswal, Lallan Jaiswal, Ajay Jaiswal, Vivek Aggarwal, Raju Pathak, Girjesh Mishra, Councilor Mukesh Kasera, Bablu Kushwaha, Ishu Kesarwani, Sanskar Sinha, Adarsh etc. were performing the aarti.

Curtains draw over Hindi week: Prize distribution prog held

Prayagraj: The closing ceremony of Hindi Week was organized in a grand manner at the community center of IFFCO Ghiyanagar Phulpur, in which Shiv Kumar Rai, Joint Commissioner, Income Tax Department, Prayagraj was present as the chief guest. In this program, winners of various competitions to promote Hindi language and literature were honored.

The ceremony started with the lighting of the lamp. On this occasion, Shiv Kumar Rai highlighted the importance of Hindi language and urged the youth to increase their love for Hindi. He said that to move ahead in life, we have to move forward taking our basic things with us.

Knowledge of another language is not bad, one should know it to use it as a tool. Hindi is our origin and our natural language.

Senior Executive Director (Unit Head) Sanjay Kudesia said that we should be proud of speaking Hindi. He told all the parents to teach Hindi to their children. This event demonstrates dedication and respect for the Hindi language, and we hope that such events will continue to happen in the years to come.

Famous poet Makdoom Phulpuri attracted everyone's attention with his poems. His lines will continue to light the lamp of harmony. Will continue to celebrate Hindi wholeheartedly. It was decided in

my mind that I would continue teaching Hindi to the children along with English. Prayagraj Mishra, Ajay Kumar Mishra, Lokendra Pratap Singh, Ashok Tiwari and Santosh Kumar Shukla recite their poems.

The competitions included poetry recitation, essay writing and elocution competition, in which the students excelled. The winners were given prizes and certificates. Rai encouraged the students and said, "Your hard work and dedication lays the foundation of the future."

The program was conducted by Hemlata Sijoria and Arvind Chauhan. The vote of thanks was given by Anil Kumar Gupta, convenor of the Hindi Working Committee. During this,

GMs respectively Sanjay Vaish, M.D. Mishra, A.P. Rajendran, Sanjay Bhandari, PK Singh, JGM Arvendra Kumar, HOD Human Resources Shambhu Shekhar, IFFCO Officers Association President Anurag Tiwari and General Secretary Swayam Prakash, IFFCO Employees Sangh President Pankaj Pandey and General Secretary Vijay Kumar Yadav, Rajneesh Kumar Mishra, Abhay Kumar Yadav, CB Singh and a large number of people were present in the program.

During Hindi Week, slogan, essay, calligraphy, antakshari and poetry recitation competitions were held for various groups, the winners of which were awarded. The names of the

award winners are as follows:

Om Bal Vidya Mandir (Poetry Recitation) - 1. Yatharth Singh, 2. Aarushi Mishra, 3. Vriddhi Singh, 4. Jenny Manoj Kumar. Essay competition - Employees category (Topic: Environment and Our Future), 1. Santosh Kumar Shukla, 2. Neetu Singh, 3. Shyam Lal, 4. J.S. Dwivedi

Calligraphy Competition (Women Category) - 1. Vandana Pandey, 2. Madhu Srivastava,

3. Seema Asatiya Verma, 4. Vandana Sharma. Poem recitation - Children Category - 1. Khyati Singh, 2. Sanskriti Tiwari, 3. Aakriti Tiwari, 4. Yashita Sharma, Women category - 1. Prayagraj Mishra, 2. Asha Tripathi, 3. Abha Dubey, 4.

Shraddha Pandey. Men's Category (Employee) 1. Ajay Kumar Mishra, 2. Lokendra Pratap Singh, 3. Ashok Tiwari, 4. Santosh Kumar Shukla. Slogan competition Women category - 1. Madhu Srivastava, 2. Malti Tiwari, 3. Pratibha Yadav, 4. Shalini. Dependent Children Category - 1. Ananya Srivastava, 2. Priya Raj, 3. Anushree Yadav, 4. Vanshika Shukla. Antakshari (Women Category) 1. Asha Tripathi, Savita Dwivedi, Shalini Johri, Vandana Pandey, 2. Poonam Sharma, Manju Singh, Shalini Srivastava, Supriya Sharma, 3. Madhu Srivastava, Vandana Verma, Rinku Bharti, Shweta Awasthi, 3. Renu Singh, Seema Singh, Richasood, Vibha Shahi.

Farmers getting direct benefits from schemes of Modi-Yogi govt: Surya Pratap Shahi

Prayagraj: Today 80 percent of the youth of the country are the sons of farmers. With the power of their hard work and bravery, the farmers work to feed not only every human being but also the animals and birds of the country with the help of Mother Earth. On one hand, the farmer feeds the country, while on the other hand, the son and daughter of the same farmer stay awake at the border and work to bring peace and happiness to the country. Whether a farmer is a small cultivator or a big cultivator, he works hard day and night, whether it is cold or hot or rainy, he takes care of the safety of his crops regularly and produces food to feed every person in the country. In earlier governments, farmers worked at night. He used to stand awake and stand in queues for water from the fields, fertilizer for the fields and seeds for the fields. Today, under the government led by Yogi Modi, farmers do not have to stand in queues under any circumstances. Rather, with ease and convenience, water, fertilizer, seeds Prayagraj: and medicines are

being made available to the fields as per requirement. The well-being of farmers is an indicator of the prosperity of the country. Agriculture Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, Surya

use of pesticides, plowing of fields, sowing, weeding, weeding, harvesting etc., farmers are getting huge amount of subsidy easily. And the farmers are making their families happy by tak-



Pratap Shahi Ji, who was present as the chief guest, said the above things in the farmers' conference organized under the aegis of Bharatiya Janata Party Gangapur Prayagraj. As the Assembly Minister in-charge of Phulpur by-election, Shri Rakesh Sachan Ji said that the farmers' Prime Minister's Samman Nidhi, Crop Insurance Scheme, subsidy on seeds and fertilizers are reaching 100 percent of farmers' accounts today. Due to the ease of inspection of farmers' fields,

ing the benefit of the government scheme. Phulpur MP Praveen Patel said that there are various types of schemes run by the Central and State Government for the farmers, the benefits of which are directly available to the farmers. The government is also giving subsidy to farmers on fruit production, vegetable production and flower production. Subsidy is being given on equipment like tube well for irrigation of crops, tractor for ploughing, etc. District spokesperson Rajesh

Kesarwani and Ganga Par Media in-charge Brijesh Tripathi said that in the conference, an exhibition of schemes related to farmer brothers was organized by the Agriculture Department. District President Smt. Kavita Patel, Assembly Phulpur by-election coordinator Amarnath Yadav, in-charge Ramesh Dwivedi, District District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani Ganga Par Media in-charge Brijesh Tripathi Suresh Maurya, Amarnath Tiwari, Virendra Bahadur Singh, Manoj Nishad, Jeetal Tiwari, Ashish Bharatiya, Arunendra Yadav, Vipendra Singh Patel, Rakesh Bahadur Singh, Anirudh Singh Patel, Shambhu Nath Patel, Kiran Trivedi, Bhupendra Mishra, Dilip Nishad, Prabhakar Dube, Pankaj Ojha, Jaiprakash Dube, Suresh Tiwari and a large number of farmers and district divisional officers of Kisan Morcha. Were present. The program was conducted by Regional General Secretary Sunil Patel, stage scene and the guest was welcomed by Laxmikant Upadhyay, Prabhakar Parehwa with a big garland, Ang Vastram and memento.

Baghambari Area Shri Ramlila Committee's meet held

Prayagraj: On Saturday, Baghambari Area Shri Ramlila Committee Bhardwajpuram (Allapur) Prayagraj organized its first working meeting for the sake of Ramlila and Allapur Ramdal at Ramlila Maidan, in which Roshni All the officials and members of the committee and outpost committee participated. In this meeting, the members of the Standing Board of the Committee discussed various aspects of the upcoming Ramlila event and took important decisions. The meeting was presided over by Ramlila Committee Chairman Om Narayan Tripathi, who expressed his grati-



tude to the committee members and Called for cooperation for the upcoming event. The meeting was conducted by General Secretary Ashutosh Drivedi. On this occasion, the patron of the committee, Yadunath Drivedi also shared his views and wished the committee. Mainly present in the meeting were Kunj Bihari Mishra ji, Shailendra Sharma ji, Harendra Singh ji, Ramshray Dubey ji, Narendra Shukla ji, Sudhir Drivedi ji, Ramji Pandey ji, Satyendra Singh ji, Kesh Kumar Tiwari ji, Vinod Pandey ji, Surendra Pathak ji, Rajendra Sharma ji, Indramani Pandey ji, Dilip Pandey, Ji and all the other officers and workers of the committee were present! Ramlila Committee decided in this meeting that Ramlila staging will be organized from 2nd October to 12th October and various committees have been formed for this. Ramlila Committee informed the general public. Has appealed for cooperation and support so that this event is successful and memorable.

LIC MF Manufacturing Fund launched, NFO open for subscription

Varanasi: LIC Mutual Fund, one of the oldest fund houses in India, has launched LIC MF Manufacturing Fund, an open-ended equity scheme following manufacturing theme. The NFO of the Scheme has opened for subscription from today i.e. 20th September 2024 and shall remain open till 4th October 2024. The units under the Scheme would be allotted on 11th October 2024. The Scheme will be managed by Mr. Yogesh Patil and Mr. Mahesh Bendre. The Scheme will be benchmarked to Nifty India Manufacturing Index (Total Return Index). Commenting on the New Fund Offer, Mr. RK Jha, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, LIC Mutual Fund, said: "India's robust GDP growth, rapid urbanization, the growing middle-class population, the government's export incentives and policy initiatives like Production Linked Incentive scheme and 'Make-in-India' are driving demand for manufactured goods. Consequently, the country is largely being developed as a manufacturing hub for the world. Further, manufacturing has a major role to play in making India a \$5-trillion economy by 2027. As a result, the investors in the manufacturing theme may benefit from the current positive outlook for the constituent sectors."

Mr. Yogesh Patil, Chief Investment Officer - Equity, LIC Mutual Fund, said "Over the past two decades, India's Gross Value Added from the manufacturing sector has grown at a slower pace, with economic growth largely driven by consumption and services. However, this is expected to change, as government reforms aim to position India's manufacturing as a key engine of economic growth. Initiatives such as 'Make in India', 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and the Production Linked Incentive schemes, combined with global supply chain shifts is leading towards India through 'China +1' and 'Europe +1' opportunities. These efforts are anticipated to unlock potential across allied sectors, driving comprehensive economic growth and position India as a global manufacturing hub." The investment objective of the Scheme is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by predominantly investing in equity and equity-related instruments of companies following manufacturing theme. There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Scheme will be achieved. During the NFO the minimum amount for application /switch in shall be Rs.5,000/- and in multiples of Re.1 thereafter.

Kaushal Mahotsav comes to Bijnor on Sep 24

Varanasi: 20,000 jobs across industries on offer The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with its strategic implementation and knowledge partner, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) will host Kaushal Mahotsav in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh on September 24. Around 50 companies across automotive, IT, hospitality, financial services and ITes will participate in the mega recruitment drive. The Kaushal Mahotsav is aimed at equipping the local youth with job ready skills and empowering them with employment opportunities in collaboration with trainers, knowledge partners and a vast spectrum of employers across sectors.

Candidates can also walk in on September 24 and seek job interviews with the 50 employers who would be present on that day.

The Mahotsav is in line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of transforming India into a global skills hub and will be graced by Shri Jayant Chaudhury, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneur-

ship (MSDE) and Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Government of India. A unique initiative to empower the youth of Bijnor and nearby areas such as Miranpur, Chandpur, Morna, Purquazi, and Nagina, the Mahotsav seeks to combine the promise of the skilled and talented local young workforce with the abun-



dant opportunities thrown up by a rapidly expanding industrial landscape in the region. As a corollary to skill development, this stellar initiative is aimed at bridging the gap between a young workforce and employers spanning sectors as diverse as electronics, automotive, IT, hospitality, banking and food processing. These employers are based in adjacent regions in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand including areas such as Ghaziabad, Noida, Bulandshahr,

Faridabad, Gurgaon, Haridwar, and Pant Nagar and the improved connectivity to Delhi NCR has sparked greater interest in the event.

The Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH app) developed by NSDC has been instrumental in efficiently linking up job seekers with available opportunities. Candidates registered on <https://tinyurl.com/24sk17c8> have already been imparted a 5-day, 40-hour intensive employability training and job readiness program in the run up to Kaushal Mahotsav. The 5-day job readiness program was launched on August 20 and has been conducted in batches for candidates who have registered on the link above at 5 training centres across the region. This training has covered essential soft skills such as communication and interview preparation, as well as domain-specific skills for roles like Assembly Line Operator, Customer Care Executive, Business Development Executive, and Relationship Officer. So far, over 13,000 candidates have reg-

istered for over 20,000 job vacancies generated from more than 50 reputed employers.

In addition to the above, seven sector skill councils of the NSDC (Electronics, Automotive, Food Processing, Logistics, IT & ITes, BFSI and Tourism & Hospitality) will also deliver domain-specific training aligned with key job roles in services and manufacturing sectors.

The selected candidates will receive offer letters on the main day of the event, i.e. September 24, marking a significant step towards their career advancement. Already 3000 jobs have been offered in the run up to Kaushal Mahotsav to the selected candidates. A flagship initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the Kaushal Mahotsav thus represents a significant step towards enhancing employment prospects on a large scale in line with the Prime Minister's vision of skilling India's youth - a stepping stone to reaping the demographic dividend of one of the youngest workforces in the world.

SHS-2024: GM CORE, Ashok Kumar leads cleanliness rally

Prayagraj: In the Central Railway Electrification Organization, on Saturday, under the chairmanship of General Manager/CORE, Ashok Kumar, a cleanliness rally was taken out by the CORE on Saturday under the Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign (SHS-2024). This rally started from the CORE office. The procession was taken out till Hotel Chauraha. In this event, Ashok Kumar-General Manager along with Yatendra Kumar-Chief Administrative Officer, S. S. Negi-Chief Electrical Engineer (PD), R. N. Singh-Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Akhilesh Kumar-Secretary (MP), Vimal Kumar-Public Relations Officer and other officers and employees were present. Apart from this, during "Swachhta Hi Seva Abhiyaan (SHS-2024)" by Kofi CORE on 21.09.2024 at Triveni Vihar, Rail Electrification Colony, Rambagh, under the auspices of Muni Lal Deputy Chief Engineer/Corps, families of officers and employees of the colony. Tree plantation program was completed by women and children.

120 year old Jadau Chowki, living example of its unique art & skilled workmanship

Prayagraj: The grandeur of the 120 year old Shringaar Jadau Chowki of Shri Pattharchatti Ramlila Committee remains the same even today. This Jadau post is a living example of its unique art and skilled artisans. This post was constructed hundreds of years ago by Baldev Prasad Jadyia, Mahavir Prasad Jadyia, Natthu Lal Jadyia and other Jadyia brothers with their own skilled hands. The Jadyia brothers have been taking care of this outpost for hundreds of years from generation to generation. Even today, this post is being looked after by the third generation Jadyia brothers like Suresh Singh, Rajesh Singh, Dhuvr Singh, Umesh Singh, Vijay Singh, Sumit Singh, Deepu Singh, Pawan Singh etc. The work of preparing the post starts a month before Dussehra. This year also the work of decorating this post has started. Dinesh Singh, Deputy Minister of Pattharchatti Ramlila Committee, said that this hundreds of years old post is a living example of the skilled workmanship of the Jadyia community. Along with the post, the crown, necklace and jewelery of Lord Shri Ram, Lakshman are all made by jewelers. When Lord Shri Ram sits on this jeweled platform, the memories of Treta Yuga become fresh as if King Shri Ramchandra of Ayodhya has incarnated in Kalyug. People become mesmerized after seeing his divinity. This year also, this post will be taken out in the square on the morning of Ashtami of Navratri on 10th October.



Prayagraj: A business seminar was organized in Mundera on Saturday under the aegis of City West Business Federation. In the seminar, former minister MLA Siddharth Nath Singh listened to the problems and

Dr. Shyamdev appointed National Vice President of Anti Crime

Prayagraj: National Social Organization Anti Crime Anti Corruption organized a monthly review meeting and public awareness program today in the premises of Kamala Nehru Electro Homeopathic Medical Institute Rambagh, Prayagraj. The program was presided over by Dr. Pramod Kumar Shukla. The chief guest was Traffic Police Inspector Pawan Kumar Pandey and he provided information about traffic related public awareness. National President Awadhesh Kumar Nishad promoted State President Dr. Shyamdev for his organizational contribution and gave him the responsibility of National Vice President, Manoj Srivastava was honored by being nominated for the post of National



General Secretary, Prayagraj division in-charge Mohd. Tehseen Ahmed was given a new responsibility and was appointed in-charge of Mirzapur division. Newly appointed National Vice President Dr. Shyam Dev said that all of us should get various posts in our respective fields. People will have to be made aware through public awareness. The main participants in the program will be Dr. Pramod Shukla, Awadhesh Kumar Nishad, Dr. Shyam Dev, Jui Srivastava, Didish, Jitendra Kushwaha, Sameer Jain, Mohammad Tahseen, Ratnesh Jaiswal, Anjani Bind, Rakesh. Kumar, Shiva Maurya, Usman, Safikur Rehman, Pawan Kumar Sonkar, Ismail and Sunita Pal, Manju Gautam, Meena Kesarwani, Kavita Chaurasia, Rashmi Jaiswal, Jonisha Gupta, Pratibha Chaurasia, Hemlata, Majda etc. and all the members of Prayagraj Mandal were present.

Agriculture Min inaugurates tissue culture lab at SHUATS, reviews govt projects

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh's Cabinet Minister of Agriculture, Agricultural Education and Research Mr. Surya Pratap Shahi inaugurated the tissue culture lab at Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Science (SHUATS), Prayagraj on Saturday. While reviewed the government projects being implemented by the SHUATS, the Minister visited the Seed Testing Laboratory, Farm Machinery Lab, Molecular Cellular Engineering and other laboratories of the university under the leadership of Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Jonathan A. Lal.

Cabinet Minister Surya Pratap Shahi first inaugurated the tissue culture lab established in SHUATS

under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and then planted saplings under NSS. In the program organized in the university auditorium, Prof. Jonathan A. Lal honored the Cabinet Minister by giving him a memento.

Cabinet Minister Surya Pratap Shahi said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Uttar Pradesh government has made unprecedented efforts for the welfare of farmers, due to which the income of farmers has increased. One KVK is being established in each district and two KVKs in big districts, oilseed production is being increased, pulses production has increased from 24 lakh metric tons to 32.5 lakh metric tons. While citing



competition with China in farming, he set a target to increase wheat productivity from 39 quintals per hectare to 45 quintals per hectare. Universities and KVKs have a major role in increasing the income of farmers, increasing productivity. He talked about giving participation to

SHUATS through mixed cropping in making the country self-reliant in oilseed production. He said that 08 projects have been approved by the Uttar Pradesh government for SHUATS for which Rs. 10 crores have also been released. He said that emphasis should be laid on pre-

paring farmers through simple technology and transfer of technologies, farming should be done at cluster level, saplings should be prepared at low cost in tissue culture lab and delivered to farmers, so that farmers can be benefited. He advised agricultural scientists and officers to work on the basis of Prime Minister's mission 'Lab-to-Land', and emphasized on preparing high temperature resistant nuclear seed for farmers.

Pro Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Bishwarup Mehra gave a brief sketch of the achievements of the university. One behalf of the University, the Additional Registrar Prof. Dr. C. John Wesley assured the Cabinet Minister that the SHUATS will

definitely provide technical support for the welfare of farmers as per the expectations of the Uttar Pradesh government. The program was conducted by Director Research Dr. S.D. McCarty, Special Secretary Mr. T.K. Sheebu, Joint Agriculture Director Mr. R.K. Maurya, Registrar Prof. Dr. Ranu Prasad, Director (Public Relation) Dr. Ramakant Dubey, GPB Head Dr. Vaidurya Pratap Shahi, Director Administration Sanjay Philip Das, Director Extension Dr. Praveen Charan, Director Development Dr. Ritu Prakash Dubey along with a large number of farmers, faculty members and employees of the University were present. The program concluded with the national anthem.

Play your role in nation building by joining BJP: Siddharth Nath

City West Traders Federation's political participation should be ensured: Akhilesh Singh

Nagar, the zone office of the Municipal Corporation should be shifted to the Municipal Corporation office located at Meerapatti or Mundera. A government hospital should be built between Chaukkata and



suggestions of the traders and assured them of all possible help. In the seminar, the traders demanded that the political participation of the key officials of the City West Traders Federation should be ensured, the cases registered against the traders should be removed, a fire station should be built in Transport

Bamrauli, fruit and vegetable vendors should be shifted to the PDA parks on the GT Road service lane, and the GT Road from Chaukkata to Puramufti should be beautified with the Mahakumbh budget.

Former minister MLA Siddharth Nath Singh listened to the suggestions of the traders and assured that the suggestions will be implemented soon. The policies of the BJP government have always been in the interest of the traders, urged the businessmen present to join the Bharatiya Janata Party and play their role in nation building. In the seminar, Metropolitan President of BJP Backward Morcha Anand Jaiswal, Federation President Akhilesh Singh, General Secretary Dhananjay Singh, Rajesh Gupta, Atul Kesarwani, Suresh Gupta, Suman Kapoor, Dharmendra Dwivedi, Ramlochan, Sonu Sahu, Triloki Kushwaha, Gyan Kesarwani, Manjeet Kushwaha, Dharmendra Kesarwani, Diljit Singh, Faryaz Ahmed, Pappu Kalash, Ratan Agarwal, Sonu Gupta, Kishlay A large number of businessmen including Kesarwani, Vijay Jaiswal, Yogendra Kushwaha, Rajeev Kapoor, Councillor Shiv Kumar, Deepak Kushwaha, Amarjeet Singh, Himanshu, Nikki Gupta, Raju Singraur, Umakant Pal, Brijesh Kesarwani, Ramlal Patel, Dr. VK Verma, Aman, Pradeep were present.

Emphasis being given on educating: Kaushalyanand Giri

Prayagraj: After 75 years of independence, eunuchs/transgenders have now become aware. Now he has become serious about making his place in the society with the help of education. Not only this, he has now started participating actively in the social awareness programs. A social awareness program was held today in the auditorium of Jagat Taran Golden Jubilee Inter College on behalf of the Kinnar/Transgender community. In the program organized by the dedicated trust and

Satragi Salaam organization under the convenorship of Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalyanand Giri (Tina Ma), senior member of UP Kinnar Welfare Board and state president of UP Kinnar Akhara, the guests were ADM Mahakumbh Dr. Vivek Kumar Chaturvedi, Additional Municipal Commissioner Ms. Deepshikha. Pandey, Governing Body President of Aryakanya PG College Pankaj Jaiswal, Principal of Jagat Taran Golden Jubilee Inter College Mrs. Sushmita Kanungo, social workers Nazim Ansari, Bhartendu Vimal Dubey inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. Principal Mrs. Sushmita Kanungo welcomed the guests and Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalyanand Giri welcomed everyone by giving them Angavastram, Memento and bouquet. While conducting the program, Dr. Prabhakar Tripathi threw light on the outline of the program in detail. The speakers emphasized on the need for eunuchs/transgenders to get education with

social awareness so that they can come into the main stream of the society. When they get educated and come into the society, people and institutions will embrace them, this will also increase the respect for them and their society. Speakers said that the government and many institutions are working in the interest of eunuchs/transgenders. The speakers laid special emphasis on cleanliness during Mahakumbh. During Kumbh, emphasis was laid on the use of dona, pattal and kulhad instead of plastic

so that the fair area remains pollution free. ADM Mahakumbh Dr. Vivek Chaturvedi, Additional Municipal Commissioner Deepshikha Pandey and President of Aryakanya PG College Governing Body Pankaj Jaiswal also stressed on cleanliness and use of dona, pattal and kulhar in Mahakumbh. Kinnars/transgenders presented social awareness drama performances and awareness programs. Shri Mahant Sanjanand Giri, Vishakha, Shanaya, Bharatendu Vimal Dubey and others expressed their views. A documentary on eunuchs/transgenders was shown to the people through a projector. Ganesh Vandana, staged for social awareness, was appreciated by all with loud noises.



Rs. 3.84 crore embezzlement case: CJM court quashes FR, orders re-investigation

Prayagraj: Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) setting aside the Final Report (FR), which was filed by Civil Lines police in Rs. 3.84 crore embezzlement case. After investigating the FIR, which was registered on the complaint of BHS Principal DA Luke, in which complainant alleged that in the year 2002, the Income Tax Department conducted a raid in which, some important document including FDR and Rs. 3.84 crore cash was seized by officials of IT Dept. Later, school administration ap-

proached the High Court for justice. The court after hearing the petition filed by complainant, the Income Tax Department released the seizure, which they obtained from BHS. Taking action on the High Court order, Income Tax Department shot off a letter to the then, Bishop Morris Edgar Dan, who hatched a conspiracy along with his aide HR Mall and opened a

new account in the name of Allahabad High School Society in Axis Bank Civil Lines branch by claiming himself to be the chairman and HR Mall as secretary. The later got transferred Rs. 3.84 crore in Axis Bank account.

Rs. 3.84 crore was to be used in the new educational work of the school, but knowing all these things, Morris Edgar Dan, H.R. Mall and Daniel Suman after withdrawing the entire amount from the account, the said account was closed by these people. These people defrauded Axis Bank, Allahabad and embezzled Rs 3 crore 84 lakh from the school, which was revealed by examining the detailed income tax refund statement number 91101005 of Axis Bank Civil Lines branch. It

is clearly mentioned in the First Information Report that the said amount of Rs 3 crore 84 lakh was recovered from Boys High School College Girls High School College and the said money was the fee money of the students of the school, hence the owner of all the said money is Boys High School is College and Girls High School College.

Skilled construction workers of UP will get employment in Israel

Prayagraj: Construction workers of UP once again have an opportunity to get employment in Israel. Under the agreement between India and Israel, the registration facility on the Rojgar Sangam portal has started for the fame work/shuttering carpenters and ceramic tile workers of Uttar Pradesh. It is noteworthy that the selected construction workers will be sent to Israel for

two years at a pay scale of Rs 1,37,500. Workers working in Israel will have the opportunity to serve for at least 2 years. Apart from this, workers will also be provided insurance cover and experience certificates, which will improve their future employment prospects. Applicants have to follow the conditions to avail these employment opportunities. The age of the applicant should be

between 25 to 45 years. He must have a passport of at least 03 years validity. Also, at least 03 years of work experience in the relevant trade is also mandatory. Apart from this, not having worked in Israel before is also included in the qualification. Other related conditions and qualifications are given on the employment department's portal rojgaarsangam.up.gov.in. Israel's Population,

Immigration and Border Authority (PIBA) will lead the process of selecting workers. In the first phase, the English language knowledge of the workers will be assessed. This evaluation will be done by the Principal of the nodal ITI of the district and the District Employment Assistance Officer. This pre-screening process will be the first step in sending workers to Israel. Workers who are

successful in pre-screening will be given training under RPL. After this, the vocational skills test will be conducted by the Israeli organization PIBA. The workers who are successful in this test will undergo police verification and medical examination. In the context of this initiative, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Vocational Education, Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship, Kapil Dev Aggarwal said that this agreement will provide a golden opportunity to our skilled construction workers to prove their worth on the international platform. Working in Israel will give them better employment opportunities, which will also improve their standard of living. He also said that this scheme will further deepen ties between the two countries and give our con-

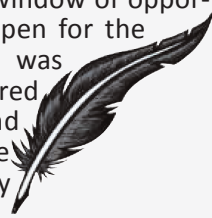
struction workers an opportunity to make their mark on the global stage. Following the signing of the G2G (Government-to-Government) agreement in November 2023, NSDC All states were contacted for the recruitment process. In the first phase of recruitment, workers from Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Telangana were selected. 9327 skilled workers were sent to Israel from Uttar Pradesh. A Frame-

work Agreement for Temporary Employment of Indians was also signed between India and Israel in May 2023. Under this, all workers sent through G2G are given mandatory orientation training before departure. In this training, information is given about Israeli culture, the way of life there and the new home, so that the workers can quickly adjust to the environment there.

Editorial

Putin did a surprise reshuffle

The President has chosen deputy prime minister and long-time economic advisor Andrei Belousov to replace Shoigu, who in turn has replaced Patrushev. The latter's new appointment remains unknown. The move is being seen as an effort to reduce the unsustainable and soaring costs of the war in Ukraine. It also challenges the narrative that the Russian economy is unaffected by the sanctions in the long-standing war. For 2024 alone, Putin has allocated \$117 billion for the special military operation against Ukraine. His war economy runs feverishly in an overheated mode. Most international estimates state that 7.5 per cent of Russia's GDP is directed to the military-industrial complex although Kremlin's official estimates claim it is 6.7 per cent. It is a rare submission of a rising-cost problem from Putin, who had preferred to continue with his hunting-holidaying excursions pal Shoigu despite repeated allegations of systemic corruption and inefficiency against him for years. These allegations became the order of the day when mercenary group Wagner, led by Yevgeny Prigozhin, was brought to deliver victory in the infamous battle for Bakhmut in 2023. Putin's slighting of Prigozhin's outright allegations against Shoigu and Chief of General Staff Valery Gerasimov led to the incredible Wagner mutiny against the two generals, which ended up with Prigozhin's death in uncanny circumstances. It, however, unleashed an investigation into rampant corruption inside Russia's military leadership, of which Prigozhin had become the most notorious victim. Russia-watchers had an inkling of Shoigu's exit after Prigozhin and his aides were made to bid adieu into the flannel skies, and many corrupt links started to get exposed in the Ministry of Defence. The inkling became stronger as Shoigu's deputies, including Timur Ivanov, got arrested on corruption charges last month. Soon, two other deputy defence ministers allegedly backdated their resignations before 9 May, or the Soviet Victory Day. The Russian army was supposed to make an impressive win in Chasiv Yar on the eastern front but had to make do with American tanks captured at a small village called Berdychi when Ukrainians retreated, running out of ammunition to fire. All has certainly not been going as planned. The latest reshuffling in key defence and security offices has been Putin's biggest shake-up in the past 15 years. There are two reasons for this. One is ensuring economic efficiency at a time when the stakes are very high for Russia and Putin. And two, Shoigu's leadership has not been able to yield the anticipated results in the Ukraine war. His current appointment is a step-down with little direct authority. Getting an economist like Belousov in the key position of a defence minister also shows that Putin is preparing for the longer haul. It is a solemn reiteration that the Ukraine war has indeed been reduced to a grinding war of attrition, with both sides lacking the capabilities to end it anytime soon. Europe's combined strategies to support Kyiv militarily won't come to fruition until mid-2025. American aid and the conditionalities attached are likely to help Ukraine stay afloat, but not gain a decisive edge. That said, Russia, too, has been astonishingly lacklustre in exploiting the window of opportunity that had remained open for the last six months as Ukraine was outgunned and outnumbered with a lack of troops and ammunition. Despite the high intensity, war-economy mode with the reported 7.5 per cent of GDP directed to war effort.



Channelise the strength of the alliance

Though some point out that Kharge and not Nitish was foisted as the chair of the alliance, given his track record, the Bihar chief minister's opposition to the BJP was always suspect. The second move by the Congress has been to channelise the strength of the alliance partners to keep itself afloat. To this end, the Congress is contesting only 328 seats this time, significantly fewer than the 421 it contested in the 2019 polls. This number would have been 330, but one candidate's nomination papers were rejected in Surat, and another withdrew in Indore. This means that the Congress

in INDIA has created an alliance base that is much wider than that of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA). This also means that the party has shrunk from the position of a dominant partner to a senior partner with some other members of the bloc like the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab not even entertaining an alliance. Those in charge of forging alliances for the Congress claim that this time the grouping is much more pragmatic than in 2019. Uttar Pradesh is a case in point. In 2019, the Congress went into the polls alone, with no major allies. Facing both

the BJP and the SP-BSP alliance, it contested 67 of the state's 80 seats but could win only one: Sonia Gandhi in Raebareli. This time, in alliance with the Samajwadi Party, it is contesting just 17 seats, down by 50. People close to poll planning point out that it has been done to conserve the party resources for more realistic contests. Similarly, in West Bengal, from contesting 40 seats in 2019, the Congress is taking on just 14 seats this time, giving the remaining Ones to its alliance partner, the Left. The Congress has extended its alliances with Left parties in Andhra Pradesh, giving the Araku seat to the

CPI(M) and Guntur to the CPI. It has also partnered with local parties in other states, such as ceding the Dibrugarh seat in Assam to the Assam Jatiya Parishad and allocating three seats to regional parties in Rajasthan. To avoid repeating past mistakes, the Congress allocated one seat to the Samajwadi Party in Madhya Pradesh. Ironically, the SP candidate's nomination papers were rejected, leading the Congress and SP to back a candidate running on the All India Forward Bloc symbol. Similar arrangements have been made in Tripura, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. How would this affect.

33-yr-old Rajasthan bureaucrat dies after botched surgery: What went wrong?

A Rajasthan bureaucrat passed away on Wednesday night following surgery at a Jodhpur hospital. She died at a hospital in Ahmedabad two weeks after she underwent surgery at a private hospital in Jodhpur on September 5. Her family has accused the doctors of negligence, claiming she was administered an "excessive dose of anaesthesia." Her demise has sparked anger in the community, and an inquiry has been ordered after the allegations.

Botched surgery

Priyanka Bishnoi, 33, was a 2016 batch officer posted as a sub-divisional magistrate in Jodhpur.

She underwent surgery for a myoma on September 5 at Jodhpur's private Vasundhara Hospital. When her condition worsened after the surgery and was unable to recover, her family alleged that the surgery was botched and shifted her to Ahmedabad. She allegedly went into a coma after she was given an excess dosage of anaesthesia during her surgery, according to them. "We lost her due to the carelessness of doctors at Vasundhara Hospital," Sahiram Bishnoi, her father-in-law, told ETV Bharat, while demanding strict action against the responsible doctors.

The hospital administration has denied allegations of negligence. They say there



After an electrolyte imbalance was discovered by blood testing, she was sent to the intensive care unit (ICU) for additional care. She was still irritable despite this. Dr Makwana described a battery of tests that were performed, including an echocardiography and an abdominal scan.

was no medical complication in the treatment and a "problem" was detected during her tests. They added that Bishnoi was "under stress" before the surgery.

At Vasundhara Hospital, Dr. Sanjay Makwana, chief medical director, reported that Bishnoi had recovered from the surgery and had been moved to a ward. Makwana claimed that following the exam, she became irritable

and restless the next morning. After an electrolyte imbalance was discovered by blood testing, she was sent to the intensive care unit (ICU) for additional care. She was still irritable despite this. Dr Makwana described a battery of tests that were performed, including an echocardiography and an abdominal scan. He stated that after the family chose to transfer her to Ahmedabad

on September 7, a medical team accompanied her there. She was intubated because her symptoms continued. When she got there, Makwana said, a CT scan showed several brain haemorrhages, which were linked to an arteriovenous malformation (AVM). AVM is uncommon and typically congenital, he told Indian Express. Bishnoi passed away on Wednesday

at CIMS Hospital in Ahmedabad, and her body was then taken to AIIMS Jodhpur for a postmortem. The final rites were performed at Surpura, which is close to Jodhpur, by the family.

Inquiry and calls for CBI probe

Gaurav Agarwal, the district collector of Jodhpur, launched a probe into the claims made by Bishnoi's family two days before her demise. The investigation will be carried out by a team of five people, under the direction of Bharti Saraswat, principal of Sampurnanand Medical College (SNMC) in Jodhpur. Leader of the Bishnoi community, Devendra Budia, has called for a CBI investigation and said there was a conspiracy behind the bureaucrat's death. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma condoled Bishnoi's demise and said on X, "The demise of Rajasthan Administrative Service Officer Priyanka Bishnoi ji is extremely sad. I pray to Lord Shri Ram to give a place to the departed soul at his feet and give strength to the family members to bear this grief." Former CMs Ashok Gehlot and Vasundhara Raje also expressed sadness over her death. Raje said that "Priyanka Bishnoi was synonymous with women's empowerment."

Milestone. With its presence in Chabahar, India aims to circumvent reliance

After extensive negotiations, India and Iran have finally sealed a historic 10-year bilateral agreement for the operation of the strategically located Chabahar Port on the Gulf country's eastern coast. While India initially engaged in short-term agreements with Iran starting in 2016, the newly inked deal marks a significant milestone. With its presence in Chabahar, India aims to circumvent reliance on Pakistan's ports in Karachi and Gwadar, facilitating smoother access to landlocked Afghanistan and other Central Asian nations via Iran.

This deal has a lot of economic significance for India. Despite the nation's preoccupation with the ongoing Lok Sabha election, the

Narendra Modi government's decisive action, including the special permission reportedly obtained from the Election Commission of India (ECI) to dispatch a central minister to Iran, underscores the paramount importance of this deal for the nation's strategic interests and economic future. In geopolitical dynamics, this deal is a major achievement for India and a testament to Modi's personal diplomacy. It marks our first step into managing overseas ports and serves as a strategic move against the emerging

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Its timing, amid the chaos in West Asia disrupting important trade routes, makes it even more significant.

Furthermore, beyond these tangible benefits, India's diplomatic success shines through the forging of successful ties with conflicted powers. Its diplomatic success is evident in its ability to foster friendly relations with Israel while extending support to Palestine. Simultaneously, New Delhi adeptly navigates deepening ties with the United States and successfully negotiates with Iran, showcasing its diplomatic prowess. Meanwhile, our long-standing partnerships with countries such as Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Japan continue to flourish. India's leadership roles in the G20 forum and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) highlight that its diplomacy is actually working.

A sign of serious concern

These figures have been in the public domain for the last five years, still, it is amazing that in this country, we have some eminent journalists and political commentators misinterpreting the 2019 election as mostly decided on the basis of Pulwama and Balakot. Coming to the 2024 elections, Lokniti-CSDS released a pre-poll survey in April where the data pointed out that the satisfaction level towards the Modi government has seen a dip of around 8.1 per cent — a sign of serious concern for the BJP. Increasing unemployment (12.2 per cent), price rise (7.6 per cent) and falling income (4.1 per cent) are some of the crucial issues in the survey that matter to voters. The pre-poll survey also points out that there is an increase of around 5 per cent in support for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi — 26.5 per cent — as the next prime minister compared to the 2019 pre-poll survey. Interestingly, there is also a 2 per cent increase in support for Narendra Modi — 47.5 per cent — as the next prime minister. This is despite 10 years of anti-incumbency. Many journalists and political commentators are seen discussing that Ram Mandir in Ayodhya isn't a poll issue. First of all, this isn't an issue for a particular election — Ram Mandir is a sentiment for the Hindus. That said, it's still an issue in this election. According

to the pre-poll survey, for 7.5 per cent of voters, Ram Mandir is an important issue when they vote, with an additional 2.3 per cent of voters separately pointing to Hindutva as an important issue when they vote. Clearly, the BJP's Hindutva agenda remains a significant factor for 9.8 per cent of voters in this election, though a small fraction of them may be anti-Hindutva voters. Unemployment remains the most important issue for voters — 27.3 per cent — when they vote. However, it is wrong to conclude that all voters citing unemployment as an important issue are necessarily anti-BJP voters. If they vote for the Modi-led BJP, liberals and Leftists label them as being "blind" towards basic issues like unemployment and price rise. Interestingly, according to the pre-poll survey, 9.1 per cent of voters cited employment as the most liked work of the Modi government — the second most liked factor after Ram Mandir. This means that there is a section that believes that although unemployment is a burning issue, the Modi government has been working to address it. After unemployment, price rise has been cited by 23.4 per cent of voters as an important factor. However, it's worth noting that despite price rise being an important issue during the 2009 elections, the

Congress-led UPA came to power with an increased number of seats. This is not to deny the disillusionment of voters towards the Modi government on price rise. However, welfare schemes, cited by 18.1 per cent of voters as the biggest change since Modi became prime minister, and infrastructure-related works are likely to aid the government, lessening the impact of this disillusionment and preventing it from converting into votes against the BJP-led NDA. Liberals and Leftists aren't happy with Narendra Modi's election speeches targeting Congress-led Opposition for Muslim appeasement. They argue that this is not a significant issue. While the Congress manifesto does not discuss wealth redistribution, the CSDS-Lokniti pre-poll survey suggests that concerns about policies targeting Muslim communities resonate with some voters. The survey found that 47.3 per cent of voters agreed that Muslims are unnecessarily pampered, compared to 32.2 per cent who disagreed, while 20.4 per cent chose not to respond. Modi's speeches on Muslim appeasement, targeting the Opposition, particularly Congress, aim to address the concerns of these voters, close to 50 per cent of those surveyed, while also appealing to undecided voters.

Network for the People of Construction (NPC) organised its first meet - CONEXN



Chandigarh
CLUB NPC TRICITY (Network for the people of construction) organised its first CONEXN meet at Mohali. More than eighty new members inducted in this new organisation from different segments of construction industry, Newly formed organisation of tri city has now more than hundred members. NPC TRICITY will be inducting its new members from ten categories Architects, Interior Designers, Engineers, Builders, Contractors, consultants, visualisers, Artists, supplier & manufacturers. CLUB NPC TRICITY CAPTAIN IN CHIEF, Er. RAVIJEET SINGH & Dr PRABHJOT KAUR (Vice Captain) told that this platform will be used as knowledge sharing as well as networking platform & will help this sector to convert from unorganised to organ-

ised structure. Also this club will help in gathering all fragmented parts of construction sector under one roof. Club NPC TRICITY will be organising group discussions, debates, workshops with various universities and will help in guiding the younger minds in future. Club NPC TRICITY will train its members with latest technologies, skill full techniques and in future it will be very easy for new clients to select its team from this CLUB NPC TRI CITY. CLUB NPC TRICITY also adopted one village for tree plantation and took a pledge to save wild life on World Environment Day. Mr Sudeep Toki (Captain) Mr Pankaj Ahuja (Captain) Mrs. Aashima Vashisht (Captain) Mr. Kartik Kapoor (Captain) was the main organisers of the event.

Trademark dispute over tiffin box reaches Delhi HC: Cello CEO summoned

New Delhi: Shree Vallabh Metals in October 2023 had secured an injunction from Delhi HC against use of MAX FRESH trademark by Cello Plastic Industrial Works. A dispute over a trademark related to tiffin boxes has reached the Delhi High Court. Two leading manufacturers of tiffin boxes and other utensils, Shree Vallabh Metals and Cello Plastic Industrial Works, have locked horns over the 'MAX FRESH' trademark. Hearing the plea of Shree Vallabh Metals, recently, the Delhi HC has summoned the COO of Cello Household Private Limited to be present before the court on the next date of hearing. "It is directed that Mukesh Kothari, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cello Household Private Limited, shall be present before the court on the next date of hearing," Justice Sanjeev Narula ordered. Justice Narula directed Cello Plastic Industrial Works to file an affidavit, giving full disclosure of the goods manufactured from 21 October, 2023 till the

date of hearing, along with GST returns thereof. The HC order came while hearing the petition filed by Shree Vallabh Metals over selling of products under "CELLO MAXFRESH" brand by Cello Plastic Industrial Works infringing the registered trademark. Cello Plastic Industrial Works was asked to submit the details of the current stock of "CELLO MAXFRESH" products available with the company in an affidavit. Shree Vallabh Metals, a leading manufacturer of home utensils adopted a trademark 'MAX FRESH' in 2010 and obtained registration for the same from the office of the Registrar of Trademarks. Vallabh Metals, a leading Mumbai-based manufacturer and exporter, has been selling its tiffin boxes and other home utensils under the trademark MAX FRESH. The company also exports its household utensils, including tiffin boxes, to countries like the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. The company's exports under MAX FRESH trademark stands

at more than Rs 50 crore. The grievance of the Vallabh Metal was that the Cello Group, who claims a right over the word CELLO for utensils and other products, also adopted the trademark MAX FRESH for its range of products in 2015. Cello Group also filed an application for the trademark MAX FRESH but did not acquire registration. Vallabh Metals moved the Delhi High Court against the trademark infringement. In October 2023, the HC granted an injunction against CELLO on further manufacturing of products under trademark MAX FRESH with immediate effect. The HC had granted time till 31.03.2024 to the Cello Group to exhaust the existing stock. In the month of April-May, 2024, Vallabh Metals purchased tiffin boxes from e-commerce platform and found that the products were manufactured in November 2023 and March 2024. Vallabh Metals had filed a contempt application before the Delhi HC for violation of the October 2023 order.

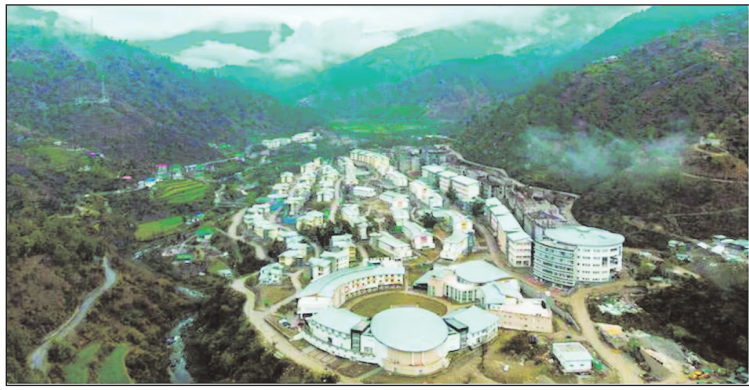
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Legal Procedure to Report Online Cheating and Fraud: Amit Manchanda

Delhi: With the rise of technology and internet use, cybercrime has become one of the most common crimes. WFH culture has caused a tremendous increase in these situations in our country. Therefore, this article discusses the laws and procedures for reporting this offense. The Ministry of Home Affairs/National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal defined cyber crime as "Any unlawful act where a computer or a communication device or a computer network is utilised to commit or facilitate the commission of crime". Different cyber crimes exist today. When investigating internet cheating and fraud, many offenders use viruses, trojans, and worms. Online auctions and job offers let crooks commit financial and money laundering crimes. Phishing involves stealing credit card and password information from victims via fake websites. The 2000 Information Technology (IT) Act, revised in 2008, governs most cyber crimes. The Indian Penal Code, 1860, also addresses the crime, which can be confusing. Hacking and data theft are covered by Sections 43 and 66 of the Information Technology Act and Sections 378 (Theft), 424 (Dishonest and fraudulent concealment), and 425 (Mischief) of the Indian Penal Code. Identity theft protection and online cheating are covered by Sections 66C and 66D of the Information Technology Act, 2008. The court also upheld interception under Section 69A and Section 79, which govern intermediary liability. This ruling reiterated that any law, virtual or real, must comply with the Indian Constitution. The 2002 Anti Money Laundering Act also addresses cybercrime in several Indian sectors. This Act aimed to seize money-laundering-related property. Since the Information Technology Act, banks must keep electronic records properly. Bank e-Records Maintenance Policies are a model.

IIT-Mandi will provide a 5-year integrated MBA in AI

Delhi: IIT-Mandi is the first IIT to offer a five-year Integrated MBA (IMBA) program starting in 2024-25. This curriculum grants a BBA after three years, a BBA honours after four years, and an MBA after five years. The IMBA program will focus on BBA Analytics (honours) and MBA Data Science and AI. Through a carefully crafted curriculum, the School of Management at IIT-Mandi aims to teach students management, analytics, data science, mathematics, and statistics. The IMBA program covers humanities, communication, and Indian knowledge system subjects. Future company leaders should appreciate tech-



nology and be cross-functional managers. Management, analytics, mathematics, statistics, communication, and personality development courses in the first years promote students' critical thinking and creativity. Later years include specialized courses to teach technology application in

2022 MBA in Data Science and AI met this industry need.

This five-year IMBA program advances to IIT-Mandi this year. The IMBA program allows students to earn a master's degree in management after 10+2 at a prestigious university.

Students earn two degrees: BBA Analytics (Honours) and MBA in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence after five years.

According to the New Education Policy, the program offers two departure options: a BBA Analytics degree after three years and a BBA Analytics (Honours) degree after four years.

management. IIT-Mandi director Professor Laxmidhar Behera said: "Data science and AI techniques are being used by businesses to acquire a competitive edge.

The demand for business executives who understand and apply new technologies in the company has increased." The

Applications Open For CBSE Supplementary Exams 2024

Delhi: The CBSE is accepting online applications for class 10 and 12 supplementary and improvement exams. LOC filing for additional exams for both courses for 2023-24 commenced

Exam LOCs can be submitted until Rs 300. From June 6-17, 2024, the LOC can be submitted late for Rs 2,000. LOCs must be submitted via CBSE's Pariksha Sangam <https://cbse.gov.in>. Only students who

submit their names to the official online can take Supplementary Exams, 2024. Schools must use their affiliation number and password to connect into the system to submit LOC. Students who took the 2023-24 Board test and received a Compartment can register on the official website. Passed candidates who want to improve in two class 10 and one class 12 courses can contact their schools. According

to the official announcement, schools must submit LOC for all students. Schools must submit LOC on time. Only students who passed Supplementary examinations 2024 and were included in board's test 2024 will receive a consolidated score sheet. The class 10 supplemental exam 2024 begins July 15, 2024. Class 12 supplemental exams are on July 15, 2024. The CBSE website has all the details.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance today announced a lifetime discount of 15% exclusively

KARNAL/HISAR: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance today announced a lifetime discount of 15% exclusively for women on all the premiums to be paid, for its best-selling term insurance product, iProtect Smart. Additionally, salaried women will be eligible for an extra 15% discount on the first year's premium, empowering them to provide financial security to themselves and their loved ones. iProtect Smart combined with the critical illness benefit, provides cover against 34 critical illnesses including ailments such as breast, ovarian, uterine and cervical cancers. This combination offers benefits of both health and life insur-

ance. Importantly, the critical illness cover amount is paid out on diagnosis, providing the requisite financial resources for seeking immediate medical treatment, without disrupting the family's savings. As per The Lancet estimates, the incidence of cancer diagnosed in the under 50 years adult age group had a higher ratio of women. A single hospitalisation can cost upwards of Rs. 1 lakh in an urban private hospital, hence, it is essential for women to plan availability of financial resources to treat such critical ailments. Commenting on this announcement, Mr. Amit Palta, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life

Insurance said, "We recognise the sacrifices women make as caregivers and guardians to ensure the well-being of their families. To celebrate the indomitable spirit of women we are proud to offer a lifetime discount of 15% on all premiums to be paid for our most popular term insurance product, iProtect Smart. Working women are equal contributors to household finances, they play crucial roles of being 'protectors' and 'providers.' As part of our commitment to empower them to be financially secure we are offering an additional discount of 15% to salaried women on the first year's premium."

Pul Prahladpur railway underpass eliminated from water logging areas

Delhi: PWD officials claimed the railway underpass at Pul Prahladpur in south-east Delhi, which was famed for flooding every monsoon until a year ago, had been removed from the waterlogging hotspot list. Over time, the wet underpass became notorious for drownings. Every monsoon, it would be closed to traffic, causing delays. A senior PWD official said waterlogging has afflicted the site for 20-25 years, but it worsened in the last 10-15 years. He blamed the worsening condition on a Delhi Jal Board sewage pumping plant in Khanpur. Drain sewage overflowed onto highways during monsoons, causing waterlogging. "The old pump house was a few meters from the main road, and by the time the water reached it through the pipes, it would have



spiraled out of control," he said. The official said a 7.5-lakh-litre sump and a pipeline were built to empty storm water into a neighboring Municipal Corporation of Delhi drain. To drain the water and clean the underpass, a permanent pump building with six 100-horsepower motors was built. Future growth is possible, and two additional pumps can be added, the spokesman said. He said the agency has

two pumps attached to a two-foot, 600-mm-diameter conduit to flush water into an open drain. Other problems included plastic and other solid trash clogging pipes in the sewage. The official added these positive displacement pumps have automated screens that filter water waste. "Sumps also fill with silt, but the pumps circulate a water through a jetting system so that silt does not accumulate.

The deadline for HEIs to submit applications to be recognized as providers of ODL/OL programs is extended by UGC

Delhi: For the academic year 2024-25, with the academic session starting in September 2024 (revised from July-August 2024) and beyond, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has extended the deadline for submission of applications from eligible higher education institutions (HEIs) seeking recognition to offer programs under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online mode. HEs have made many requests to UGC to extend the deadline for HEs to submit applications for recognition of programs offered through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online mode for the 2024-2025 academic year. The UGC has chosen to extend from May 31 to June 15, 2024, the deadline for eligible HEIs to submit their applications for the academic session starting in September 2024. Applications can be submitted using the online portal through June 15, 2024. Applications must be submitted through <https://deb.ugc.ac.in>. By June 30, 2024, the original affidavit and annexure, as well as a duly certified hard copy of the application, should be addressed to the Deputy Secretary, Distance Education Bureau at UGC, 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001. In addition, HEIs are asked to check the UGC-DEB website for announcements and updates at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in>.

Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Expands Product Range with New Rice-Based Solutions for Health-Conscious

CHANDIGARH: Sarveshwar Foods Limited (BSE: 543688, NSE: SARVESHWAR), an emerging player in the agri-food sector based in Jammu, is pleased to announce that it will Expand Product Range with New Rice-Based Solutions for Health-Conscious Consumers in response to the increasing demand for healthier, convenient, and diverse food options, Sarveshwar Food is introducing a series of new products as a part of Sarveshwar Food's robust new product development (NPD) strategy, designed to enhance and expand its product portfolio while delivering nutritional benefits and authentic culinary experiences. "Our approach to new product development is both strategic, futuristic, and consumer-centric," said Mr. Rohit Gupta, Chairman of Sarveshwar Food Ltd. "With these new products, we are reinforcing our commitment to



delivering value-driven, health-conscious, and convenient meal solutions that resonate with current global trends, and reflects our dedication to enhancing the culinary experience with natural ingredients, exceptional flavors."

Sarveshwar Food's new product range is designed to reinforce its leadership in innovative food solutions. Each product, developed through thorough market research and a commitment to sustainability and quality, blends high-quality ingredients with traditional and functional elements like spices and herbs. This

approach addresses diverse dietary needs while upholding the company's core values of quality and authenticity. The company anticipates that the new product range will generate Rs. 700-800 million in annual revenue with improved profit margins.

These products, will soon be launched under the 'NIMBARK' brand, and made available across India at high-end domestic retailers and select international markets through the wholly owned subsidiary 'Himalayan Bio Organic Foods Limited' this festive season. Additionally, Sarveshwar Food

will showcase these offerings in its stores and at upcoming food expos, providing consumers and industry professionals with an opportunity to sample the new flavors.

New Rice Based Product Range Includes:

- 1. Turmeric Rice:** Infused with the warm, earthy flavor of turmeric, this rice offers anti-inflammatory benefits while adding a distinctive taste and vibrant color.
- 2. Spice Mix Rice:** A savory blend of aromatic spices combined with high-quality rice, delivering a robust flavor profile that's ideal for those who enjoy easy-to-prepare, convenient, tasty and flavorful meals.
- 3. Kichadi Rice:** A comforting blend of rice and lentils spiced with traditional seasonings, perfect for a nutritious and quick meal. This product combines convenience with a balanced mix of proteins and carbohydrates.

Vishal Fabrics Ltd. Allots Convertible Warrants to FPI North Star Opportunities Fund, amongst Others

CHANDIGARH: Vishal Fabrics Ltd. (BSE: 538598), a premier supplier of top quality stretch denim fabric, has announced that its board has allotted compulsorily convertible warrants at a floor price of Rs. 30.60 per warrant to persons belonging to non-promoter category, aggregating to Rs. 153 Cr. FPIs North Star Opportunities Fund VCC Bull Value Incorporated VCC Sub-Fund, Eminence Global Fund PCC- EUBILIA Capital Partners Fund, and other public category persons Elysian Wealth Fund (Formerly Silver Stallion Ltd) & Vikasa India EIF I Fund. Recently, the board approved Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) for aggregate amount of up to Rs. 100 Crores, in one or more tranches. The fund-raise will be subject to approval of the Company's shareholders and receipt of applicable



regulatory approvals. Vishal Further, the company announced stellar earnings for Q1FY25 (Quarter ended 30 June 2024). The Revenue from operations were reported at Rs. 33991.60 Lakhs. EBITDA grew 28% YoY, from Rs. 2080.93 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 2668.71 Lakhs (Q1FY25). PAT jumped 106% YoY, from Rs. 231.86 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 477.83 Lakhs (Q1FY25). Earlier, Vishal Fabrics Ltd acquired a 37.72 per cent stake (1,170,500 shares at Rs 135 per share) in Chiripal Textile Mills Pvt Ltd on March 30, 2024, for a total of Rs 158.02 crore. This acquisition makes Chiripal Textile Mills an associate

company of Vishal Fabrics. Chiripal Textile Mills is a manufacturer and trader of various yarns and fabrics, with a turnover of Rs 539.03 crore for the financial year ending March 31, 2023. Vishal Fabrics Ltd, a textile company established in 1985 and part of the Ahmedabad-based Chiripal Group, manufactures and distributes a wide range of fabrics including dyed yarn, denim, and custom textile work. Certified for quality and sustainability, they specialize in dyeing, printing, and processing denim and other fabrics for both their collections and client-specific jobs.

DUROPLY LAUNCHES A CONTEMPORARY RANGE OF DYED VENEERS 'ROMA COLLECTION'

New Delhi : Duroply, India's premium and most experienced among the leading plywood companies, has launched a contemporary range of Dyed Veneers - 'Roma Collection'. This premium range of dyed veneers is a celebration of the intricate and timeless beauty of Italian architecture, embodying the sophisticated charm that Italy is renowned for. Launched under the flagship Duro Nature's Signature Brand, these veneers are for the discerning audiences who value elegance and beauty



in their day-to-day life. Announcing the launch of 'Roma Collection', Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, MD and CEO of Duroply, said, "Our research suggested that urban India was looking for a premium range of exquisite dyed veneers that will enhance beauty and add elegance to their

dream homes. We launched Roma Collection after extensive study into the vogue colors of the year, ensuring that it meets contemporary aesthetic standards while offering timeless appeal.

These veneers enhance beauty and add class to the home of the discerning audience who aspire to live their life in style with grace and sophistication. Specially designed in Italy, these stunning veneers are available in eight colors, all inspired from Roman Architecture.

Govt will sanction highway projects worth more than Rs 3 lakh crore

New Delhi: Govt will sanction highway projects worth more than Rs 3 lakh crore this financial year as it continues its focus on investing in creating the country's transport infrastructure, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari has said.



Recently, govt approved eight high-speed corridor projects totaling 936km worth Rs 50,655

crore and four other large projects costing another Rs 60,000 crore are likely to be placed before the cabinet in the next couple of weeks. These include the Surat-Solapur corridor in Gujarat and Maharashtra costing over Rs 20,000 crore, and the Shillong-Silchar.

Hindu refugees in India, stateless for over 50 years

GADCHIROLI: Bijoy Das was 20 when he found himself left in the middle of the treacherous Dandakaranya forests of central India. More than 50 years later, he still shudders to think of the circumstances that forced him and countless other Hindus to leave their ancestral home in the then East Pakistan and seek refuge in India. Circumstances that are echoed again in the reports of violence against minorities in Bangladesh following the recent ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina. As more Bangladeshi Hindus mass at the border to seek shelter in a new country, the settlers from the previous

decades find themselves reliving their story of loss, displacement and the long wait for legal recognition from Indian govt. 'No Choice But To Flee' Now 72, Das's voice still quavers when he recalls the funeral of his sister back in his village.

"They dragged her away. She kept screaming for help. As a young boy, I could only stand petrified. She was raped and killed. Her name was Dulaan. We later found her body in the river," he says staring out of the window of his hut in Pakhanjore village on the southern tip of the Maoist heartland of Bastar. The area is more than 1,400km away from the home.

Mahindra launches All-New Veero, Redefining the LCV<3.5 t segment; Prices start at 7.99 Lakh

GURUGRAM / FARID-ABAD : Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., India's leading manufacturer of utility vehicles and leaders in the LCV <3.5 t segment, today announced the launch of the Mahindra Veero, starting at ₹ 7.99 Lakh. Designed to redefine the LCV <3.5 t segment, the Veero offers unparalleled savings with best-in-class mileage, exceptional performance powered by robust multiple engine options, industry-leading safety features, enhanced occupant protection, and a premium cabin experience. Mahindra's innovative Urban Prosper Platform (UPP) is India's first ground-up multi-energy



modular CV platform. Designed to offer best-in-class total cost of ownership and segment-first safety beyond regulations, the platform sets a new benchmark in the industry.

It is engineered to support payloads from 1 t to 2+ t in multiple deck lengths and accommodates multiple power-train options, including

diesel, CNG, and electric. Mahindra Veero sets a new industry standard with first-in-segment tech and features such as a driver-side airbag, reverse parking camera, a 26.03 cm touchscreen infotainment system, steering-mounted controls, and power windows. The Mahindra Veero also boasts best-in-class features, including a payload capacity of 1,600 kg, 3035 mm cargo length, 18.4 km/* mileage for diesel, and a 5.1 m turning radius, making it highly versatile and ideal for urban operations. Veejay Nakra, President - Automotive Division, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., said, "The Mahindra Veero will further strengthen our leadership in the LCV <3.5 t segment. Built to help customers maximise earnings, it offers best-in-class payload, exemplary mileage, and superior maneuverability. With multiple segment-first technology and features, the vehicle ensures a premium cabin experience.

NCP's Amol Mitkari Attacks Mahayuti

Delhi: The BJP and Shiv Sena are fighting for Mahayuti alliance domination, while the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) is being marginalized. Ajit Pawar adviser proposed he form an alliance with Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) president Prakash Ambedkar for the assembly elections, fueling the flames. This proposal has raised concerns about the NCP leaving Mahayuti. NCP spokesperson Amol Mitkari openly criticized Mahayuti and hinted at internal discord. "Some want Ajit Pawar to leave Mahayuti. He is being singled out for the alliance's Lok Sabha performance. According to a viral video, Mitkari said this will revolutionize Maharashtra politics. His comments have raised suspicion about Ajit Pawar leaving the Mahayuti to run in the assembly elections alone.

JK Cement Celebrates 140 Years of Global Innovation and Market Leadership of JK Organisation



KARNAL / ROHTAK : JK Cement Ltd. a leading building material company, one of India's leading manufacturers of Grey Cement in India and one of the largest White Cement manufacturers in the world, celebrated 140 years of JK Organisation's remarkable legacy at a grand event in the capital.

The event honoured the group's rich history, its significant contributions to multiple sectors of the Indian economy, and the unwavering dedication of its employees and partners.

The celebration gathered dignitaries, industry leaders, employees, and key stakeholders to reflect on JK Organisation's journey from its inception to its present status as a global leader. Lieutenant Governor of New Delhi, Mr. VK Saxena, who himself started his career at JK Cement, along with Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Member of Rajya Sabha, graced the occasion. Key leaders of the JK Organisation, including Dr. Nidhipati Singhania, Vice President, JK Organisation, Dr. Raghavpat Singhania, Managing Director, JK Cement, and Mr. Madhavkrishna Singhania, Joint MD and CEO, JK Cement, were present to mark this significant milestone. economic advancement. Shri. VK Saxena, Lieutenant Governor, New Delhi, who was invited as the Chief Guest said "It's an honour for me to be part of this landmark celebration for a company where I started my career as an Assistant Officer in Gotan, Rajasthan and worked for 11 years in different capacities with its White Cement plant. This exposure gave me insights of a corporate working, faster decision making and team work, which has helped me throughout my various stints thereafter. I wish all the best to JK Cement for all their Future endeavors in Nation Building"

How first battle between Modi govt 3.0, INDIA bloc hits a flashpoint over NEET

New Delhi: With the Lok Sabha election results signalling a resurgent Opposition INDIA bloc, the raging row over alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG examination and the now-cancelled UGC-NET examination have become the first major issue of conflict between the new BJP-led NDA government and the Opposition alliance. This is set to make stormy the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha beginning June 24. The Congress-led Opposition has made its intent clear soon after the poll results — that it will not let the government rest, vowing that it would be a “fierce challenger” on issues of national importance. At a press conference in Delhi two days ago, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi repeatedly attacked the government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over their



alleged failures to stop paper leaks. Rahul made it clear that the Modi government 3.0 will face “intense scrutiny” of the Opposition on various public issues. “They (government) can indulge in eye-wash. But they will face such pressure from the Opposition that they are going to think twice about whatever they are doing. We will make sure that we put so much pressure on them that this issue (leaks of exam papers) is resolved,” Rahul said. He added that the Opposition would raise this issue in the upcoming session of Parliament. **Was paper leaks a**

poll issue? During the recent Lok Sabha polls, which saw the INDIA bloc win 234 seats, the issue of paper leaks featured frequently in the election speeches of prominent Opposition faces — including Rahul, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, among other INDIA leaders — as a way to reach out to the youth. The Congress, in its manifesto, had promised fast-track courts to adjudicate cases related to question paper leaks.

Guntur: A row broke out over the demolition of an office of YSRCP in Guntur district on Saturday with party chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy accusing Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of functioning “like a dictator”. “Chandrababu took vendetta politics to the next level. Like a dictator, he got YSRCP’s central office demolished with excavators and bulldozers, which was almost complete,” he said in a post on X. Former CM Jagan also accused the state government of carrying out the demolition against the high court orders.

What had the high court said about demolition activity? According to a statement by YSRCP, the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday had ordered the demolition to be halted. The order was also conveyed to the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) commissioner by a party lawyer, but the authority is said to



have still gone ahead and demolished the structure at 5.30 am on Saturday. “The demolition proceeded even though the YSRCP had approached the High Court the previous day (Friday), challenging the preliminary actions of the CRDA (Capital Region Development Authority),” the statement read. According to YSRCP, CRDA’s action amounts to contempt of court. “Law and justice completely vanished”: Jagan on NDA govt in Andhra

The former chief minister lashed out at the newly-formed NDA government in the state and added that the demolition indicates how Naidu’s reign in the next five

years would be. “Law and justice have completely disappeared in the state,” he said in his post. The NDA government in the state comprises of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in alliance with Pawan Kalyan’s Jana Sena Party and the BJP. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the TDP won 16 seats while its allies won three (BJP) and two (JSP) respectively. In the state Assembly polls which were held simultaneously, the TDP won 136 Assembly seats, while the JSP and BJP emerged victorious in 21 and eight seats respectively. The Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSRCP was restricted to 11 seats, down from the 151 it won in 2019.

Like a dictator’: Jagan Mohan Reddy hits out at Andhra CM

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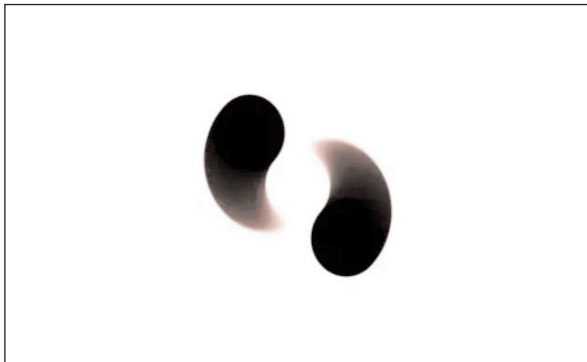
Aundh-Baner residents grapple with inadequate garbage disposal problem and its consequences

Ill-equipped waste disposal systems, leading to garbage getting piled at various points, is a cause of worry for residents of Aundh, an area which is otherwise considered as one of Pune’s most developed and progressive zones. Residents are concerned about the problems that could be caused by frequent dumping of trash at various spots in the Aundh-Baner areas, such as those between Jupiter Hospital and Nagras Road. “I know there are these agencies that dump garbage anywhere in Aundh; there are specific spots. There is no control at all,” noted Subhabrata Sanyal, 51, a resident of Kumar Padmalay. He said the waste menace could also draw in more stray dogs, posing a threat to people going for morning and evening walks.

“When you walk onto the streets, you can see food littered all over, that attracts stray dogs. In case we go near the garbage by mistake, these animals could even attack us,” observed Deepa Adiga, 47, a resident of Sylvan Heights. Residents blamed lack of a proper collection system by the municipality for the mounting garbage piles. “Sometimes the municipal truck may be arriving at a particular time and the waste is generated later, particularly by restaurants where the waste is generated very late at night, post 11 pm or midnight, after the restaurant is closed,” said Anil Gokarn, founder of ProEarth Co., a company that deals with effective waste management.

Meet Dot, a new AI chatbot that could become your ‘friend, companion and confidant’

AI chatbots like Gemini, ChatGPT, and Copilot may be helping you with work and everyday tasks, but Dot AI is designed as a digital companion that mimics human speech and empathy. Developed by New Computer, a startup founded by ex-Apple designer Jason Yuan and engineer Sam Whitmore, the app is currently available for free on the Apple App Store. While it may appear to be just another AI chatbot at first glance, what makes Dot unique is



its ability to remember your conversations to offer a more personalized experience. As of now, there are no specific details on the underlying technology, but some reports suggest that Dot AI uses natural language pro-

cessing in combination with machine learning to understand user inputs and generate responses. Unlike ChatGPT, Gemini, and Copilot, which focus on providing factually correct information, Dot AI focuses on

emotional support and intelligence. Dot AI App Store For unlimited conversations, you have to buy a monthly subscription. According to the Apple App Store listing, Dot AI is described as a “friend, companion, and confidant.” On opening the app, users are taken through an onboarding process with questions like “What do you do for work?”, “Favorite TV show?”, and “How do you spend a typical Sunday?” Based on these answers, the chatbot asks more

about the user.

Subscribe for new launches, reviews and all that’s making headlines in the tech world. The App Store description also indicates that Dot AI has an infinite long-term memory and can assist with career advice and date spot recommendations. While a free plan offers limited conversations, users can bypass this limit by purchasing the paid plan for \$11.99 per month, which includes access to Chronicles, a feature that curates a history of the user.

Tamil Nadu govt to rehabilitate reformed bootleggers

Tamil Nadu:

Prohibition and Excise Minister S Muthusamy told the legislative assembly on Friday that bootleggers who are remorseful and wish to turn over a new leaf will be rehabilitated after they serve a prison term. Such persons who repent for their wrongdoings should be rehabilitated to prevent them from returning to bootlegging, he said. The minister’s statement comes amid the hooch tragedy that has claimed the lives of 48



persons and has affected the health of more than 100 people, who are currently undergoing treatment at various hospitals. “Persons punished for the offence of distilling and selling illicit arrack will be rehabilitated if they show a change of heart, after serving a term,” Muthusamy said. They will be provided a sub-

sidy of Rs 50,000 each and encouraged to start a trade on their own. The government has earmarked Rs 5 crore for the rehabilitation fund, he said replying to the demand for grants for his department. Further, an integrated scheme will be formulated to equip them with the required skills through various departments, he added. A campaign to create awareness among the people, particularly the youth, on the dangers of consuming illicit arrack.

No request yet from Nikhil Gupta for consular access: MEA

New Delhi: Indian authorities haven’t received any request for consular access from Nikhil Gupta, the Indian national extradited to the US from the Czech Republic following allegations of his involvement in a foiled plot to assassinate Khalistani extremist Pannun. Gupta, who was arrested in the Czech Republic in June last year, was extradited to the US on June 14. “He was extradited to the US on June 14. We have so far not received any request for consular access from Gupta but his family has got in touch with us,” External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “We are in touch with the family mem-



bers and are looking at the matter as to what can be done on their request,” he said during his weekly media briefing while replying to a question. Gupta, 53, pleaded not guilty when he was produced in a court in New York on June 17. While Gupta was in custody of Czech authorities, Indian officials were given consular access to him on a few occasions. Last November, US federal prosecutors charged Gupta with working with an Indian government

employee in the foiled plot to kill Pannun in New York. Pannun, wanted in India on terror charges, holds dual of the US and Canada. The issue of consular access to Gupta would be decided in line with provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular of 1963, people familiar with the matter said. Article 36 of the Convention states that a detained person will have to make a request for consular access to authorities of his or her country. “Nevertheless, consular officers shall refrain from taking action on behalf of a national who is in prison, custody or detention if he expressly opposes such action,” the article states.

National Conference urges PM to keep his word on holding J-K polls

Jammu: The National Conference urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to back his word on holding assembly elections, restoring statehood and bridging development gaps in Jammu and Kashmir with concrete action. In a statement, NC leaders and members-elect of Parliament, Mian Altaf Ahmad and Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, said the people of Jammu and Kashmir “are tired of empty promises and meaningless rhetoric”. “It is time for some real progress. Let’s see some action instead of just words. The people of J-K deserve more than just lip service.

It is time for the prime minister to deliver on his promises and bring about real change in the region. The future of J-K hangs in balance, and it is up to PM



Modi to make a difference.

The time for action is now,” they said. The newly elected MPs said the people of J-K “have been dealt a raw deal for the past 10 years”. “They (people) are demanding action, not just empty words. Our people lament the lack of progress despite all the talk of humanity, democracy, and bridging ‘Dil Ki Doori’. It seems like all we have gotten are vague promises and no real answers about where the funds are going,” the joint statement

said. The MPs-elect said people were expecting big announcements about infrastructure projects like Gurez, Simthan, Mughal Road and Karna tunnels, as well as a substantial employment package for the youth. during the two-day trip of the prime minister to the valley. n’But, alas, all they got was big disappointment. With over 14 lakh educated individuals twiddling their thumbs due to unemployment, what good does it do to issue a measly.

Seasoned diplomat and India’s envoy to Turkiye Virander Paul dies

New Delhi: A 1991-batch IFS officer, Paul was struggling with health issues for over one-and-a-half years and he breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi this evening, one of his colleagues said. “Deeply grieved at the passing away of Virander Paul, our Ambassador in Türkiye,” Jaishankar said on X. “A great loss to the Indian Foreign Service. Have worked closely with him in his many postings. Always admired his commitment and service and value his many contributions,” he said. Paul held a medical degree from AIIMS. The external affairs minister also conveyed his “deepest condolences” to Paul’s family. Paul is survived by his wife Racheline and two daughters. “We are deeply sad-

dened at the untimely demise of Ambassador Virander Paul, India’s envoy to Turkiye. A dedicated officer, he will always be remembered for his exceptional human qualities and impactful professional contribution,” external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “Our heartfelt condolences to his family. Team @MEAIndia stands with them in this difficult hour,” he said on X. Before arriving in Ankara as ambassador of India to Türkiye in the second half of 2022, he was India’s High Commissioner to Kenya and Ambassador to Somalia. Prior to that, he served as additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing with multilateral engagement in India’s neighbourhood.

33 individuals recognized with nation's top scientific honor

Delhi: The Indian government unveiled the recipients of 33 scientists' highest science prizes, including a pioneering biochemist and the team responsible for India's first lunar landing. The winners of the inaugural Vigyan Puruskar have been announced by the ministry of science and technology. Winners of the team prize were the Chandrayaan-3 mission crew. Govindarajan Padmanabhan, a biochemist and a recipient of the Padma Bhushan and the Vigyan Ratna Puraskar, was honored for his lifetime of work. He was formerly the director of the Indian Institute of Science-Bengaluru. There were thirteen Vigyan Shri laureates and eighteen Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar laureates in the scientific community. The government has just announced

Adani aims to retire at 70 years of age, eight years from now

Delhi: Gautam Adani, 62, will reportedly step down as chairman of the Adani Group in the early 2030s, passing the reins to his two sons and two nephews. Adani created the infrastructure company in 1988 when he was 70 years old. According to the analysis, the conglomerate's long-term survival might be affected by politi-

cal scrutiny, legal issues, reputational threats, and the difficulties of a four-way leadership structure. The ports and airports companies are run by Gautam's sons Karan (37 years old) and Jeet (26 years old), while the FMCG and green energy portfolios are overseen by his nephews Pranav (45 years old) and Sagar (30 years old).

the inaugural national Vigyan awards. Up until 2023, India's highest scientific accolade was the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize. The illustrious chemist Bhatnagar, who served as the inaugural chair of both the University Grants Commission and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, is the chosen recipient of the

Will GIFT City Emerge As The Preferred Fintech and Investment Hub, Beating Out Singapore And Mauritius

Delhi: GIFT City, Gujarat is home to India's first international financial services center (IFSC), which has recently created a lot of buzz as a new hub for fintechs, alternative investment funds (AIFs), and a range of other international financial services. For instance, buying money from foreign banks and IFSC banking units will now be accessible, paving the way for significant M&A deals involving Indian startups and other corporate organizations. Furthermore, EXIM plans to establish a bank subsidiary specifically for trade



finance. During her budget talk, Sitharaman also disclosed plans to open data embassies in GIFT IFSC for countries "looking for digital continuity solutions". This would enable GIFT IFSC to have a robust digital, legal, and regulatory framework. With each new national and international enterprise that joins, GIFT IFSC rapidly grows into a globally competitive financial platform that operates under a special offshore status and attracts foreign capital.

India's defense exports surpass 21,000 crore

Delhi: India's defense exports increased 32.5% this year, surpassing 21,000 crore for the first time, with the focus on enhancing domestic production and military exports, according to the defense ministry. Defence exports reached a record

21,083 crore (US\$ 2.63 billion) in FY 2023-24, a 32.5% increase over the previous fiscal year's 15,920 crore.

The ministry stated that defense exports had surged 31 times in the previous decade compared to FY 2013-14. It claimed the private sector contributed

60% and DPSUs 40%, and export authorisations grew from 1,414 in FY 2022-23 to 1,507 in FY 2023-24.

India's defense exports hit Rs. 21,083 Crore in 2023-24, a 32.5% increase over the previous fiscal, defence minister Rajnath Singh wrote on X.

LIC will spend Rs 1.30 lakh crore in stocks in 2024-25

"The insurance giant invested Rs 38,000 crore in shares in April-June FY25, up from Rs 23,300 crore a year earlier"

Delhi: LIC MD and CEO Siddhartha Mohanty said the company plans to spend Rs 1.30 lakh crore in stocks this fis-



cal year. The insurance giant invested Rs 38,000 crore in shares in April-June FY25, up from Rs 23,300 crore a year earlier. LIC made Rs 15,500 crore from stock investments in

the first quarter. Investment profit rose 13.5% quarter-over-quarter. "We are surely looking at the markets and price movements...we are looking to invest a good

amount at least whatever we had invested in last financial year...LIC invested around Rs 1.32 lakh crore in FY'24," said. He said LIC's stake in various firms' equities was worth roughly Rs 15 lakh crore at the end of June. LIC invested in 282 firms' shares as of June 30, 2024. AUM rose 16.22% to Rs 53,58,781 crore at June-end from Rs 46,11,067 crore in the same quarter last year. Investment rose Rs 7,30,662 crore from Rs 42,44,852 crore in March 2023 to Rs 49,75,514 crore on

March 31, 2024. Equity investments are Rs 12,39,740 crore, up from Rs 8,39,662 crore in 2022-23, while other investments total Rs 37,35,774 crore, up from Rs 34,05,190 crore. LIC recorded a 10% increase in net profit to Rs 10,461 crore in June 2024 from Rs 9,544 crore. In the June quarter, total income rose to Rs 2,10,910 crore from Rs 1,88,749 crore. The quarter's premium income rose 16% to Rs 1,13,770 crore from Rs 98,363 crore a year earlier.

Introduced bill to enable 4 bank account nominees

Delhi: The government introduced a bill to amend banking laws, including changes to nomination facilities to make them more consumer-friendly. However, it left the floor on its holding unchanged to ensure that the Centre retains majority stake in public sector banks, indicating that stake sales in state-run banks will not be. The government planned to privatize two PSBs and IDBI Bank, but only a share sale in the financial institution-turned-retail lender is likely. The law allows up to

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Govt seeks to make nomination facility more consumer-friendly Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 has a provision for simultaneous and successive nominations This means nomination of first nominee will be effective after death of the deposit or account holder 	<p>Govt plans to increase deposit nominees to 4</p> <p>Bill To Introduce 'Successive & Simultaneous' Nominations To Reduce Customer Burden</p> <p>KEY PROPOSALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successive nomination: Successive nominees can be appointed to a deposit or account. Simultaneous nomination: Multiple nominees can be appointed to a deposit or account. <p>Aug 3 2024</p> <p>Nearly ₹78,000 crore is lying unclaimed with private and state-run players as banks are known to make it difficult to transfer funds to heirs</p>

four nominees per bank account and includes bank lockers. Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, introduced by Lok Sabha minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary allows simultaneous

and consecutive nominations. Nomination of the first nominee will take effect upon deposit or account holder death. It proposed that the second nominee become effective only after the first dies.

Bangladesh unrest affects India Inc. manufacturing, sourcing

Delhi: Indian enterprises in Bangladesh have been affected by the violent political upheaval that has disrupted regular living. Despite claiming that most of its retail sales staff and distributors have resumed operations, FMCG manufacturer Marico's Bangladesh manufacturing activities remain closed. Marico oper-

FROM FMCG TO LUGGAGE COS	
<p>Marico Mfg ops shut. Bangladesh accounts for 44% of Marico's int'l biz & 12% of consolidated revenue</p>	<p>VIP Industries 20-25% of revenues are dependent on sourcing from Bangladesh. Will rethink sourcing based on how situation pans out</p>
<p>Pidilite Has mfg facility and sells locally in the country too</p>	<p>Dabur Low exposure relative to peers though it has a mfg plant and sells products in the country</p>
<p>Asian Paints, Jubilant Foodworks are some other Indian cos that have exposure to Bangladesh</p>	<p>Among global cos, Unilever Bangladesh has temporarily shut ops</p>

Land and luxury commercial buildings may be sold by LIC to raise \$7 billion

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

ates three plants in Gazipur and operations and 12% of its consolidated sales come from. "The operating conditions in the market are gradually.

Amara Raja starts battery pack facility, prepares cell factory

These battery packs will serve EV makers and stationary energy storage

Delhi: Amara Raja Energy & Mobility inaugurated a new battery pack plant and laid the foundation stone for a Customer Qualification Plant (CQP) at the Gigacorridor in Divitipalli, Mahbubnagar district, advancing India's battery manufacturing sector. The 260-acre Gigacorridor will manufacture battery packs and cells with 5GWh and 16GWh capacities by 2031. The 1.5 GWh Phase 1 battery pack facility produces



Indian-specific lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery packs. These battery packs will serve EV makers and stationary energy storage. The CQP, planned to open in Q1 next year, will produce multiple cell types for client testing and validation. This follows Amara Raja's partnership with Gotion Inobat (GIB) to improve technology, manufacturing, and specialized solutions. Senior officials from

Piaggio Vehicles India, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Ather Energy joined Jayadev Galla, Chairman and Managing Director of Amara Raja Energy & Mobility, to lay the foundation stone. Amara Raja will develop and provide Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) cells, chargers, and battery packs for Piaggio's EV 3-Wheelers and forthcoming 2-Wheelers under this agreement.

NARCL aims to acquire 2 trillion stressed assets by FY26

Delhi: The government-backed bad bank, National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL), aims to take over 2 trillion worth of banks' stressed or non-performing assets (NPAs) by FY26 after having achieved the 1-trillion mark in FY24, a senior finance ministry official told Mint.

As of July 2024, NARCL had acquired 18 accounts with outstanding loans of 62,000 crore, while resolution plans have been approved for two accounts worth almost 33,000 crore, said Vivek Joshi, secretary of the finance ministry's department of financial services. Bad banks are asset recon-

struction companies that buy bad loans from commercial banks, manage them, sell them in the market and recover the money to liquidate the transferred assets. "The Swiss challenge process is completed for an account worth 591 crore, and the process (the Swiss challenge) has been initiated for six accounts worth about 30,000 crore," Joshi said.

Due diligence is underway for 13 accounts worth about 36,000 crore," he added. The Swiss Challenge method allows private players and state-backed companies to accept contracts from the government through the process of bidding image.