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## 'We will defeat Modi and BJP in Gujarat': Rahul Gandhi at public gathering in Ahmedabad

**NEW DELHI:** Congress MP Rahul Gandhi while addressing party workers in Ahmedabad on Saturday said that together they will defeat "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders in Gujarat like they did in Ayodhya." "Together we are going to defeat them in Gujarat. We will defeat Narendra Modi and BJP in Gujarat just like we defeated them in Ayodhya..." Rahul Gandhi said. Arrested Congress workers Rahul Gandhi was scheduled to meet in Gujarat, sent to jail from lock-up Railways says Rahul Gandhi met drivers from outside, 'We have similar issues,' He also said that the people of Ayodhya lost their land when the airport was built,



### Rahul Gandhi to visit Manipur on July 8

**NEW DELHI:** Lok Sabha leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi will visit Manipur on Monday (July 8) and meet the violence-affected people in different districts of the northeastern state. This will be Rahul Gandhi's third visit to the strife-torn state and first as the leader of the opposition. State Congress president K they were unhappy when no one invited

Meghachandra said Gandhi would travel from Delhi to Sikhar on a flight, and from there would head to Jiribam district where fresh violence happened on June 6. "Gandhi will visit some relief camps in the district. He will then return to the Sikhar airport, and from there, take a flight to Imphal," Meghachandra told news agency PTI. them for the Pran Pratistha ceremony.

"The farmers of Ayodhya lost their land when the Airport was built. The people of Ayodhya were upset that no one from Ayodhya was invited to the inauguration of the Ram Temple... The movement which was started by Advani Ji, whose centre was Ayodhya, INDIA Alliance has defeated that movement in Ayodhya..." Gandhi said as quoted by ANI News agency. He also claimed that PM Modi wanted to contest from Ayodhya, but his surveyors advised him against doing so saying he will be defeated and his political career will end. Flagging the reasons behind BJP's loss in Faizabad constituency (which includes Ayodhya) in the general election.

**NEW DELHI:** The first Budget of Narendra Modi's third term will be presented on July 23 amid indications that finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman will use the revenue growth and record dividend from Reserve Bank of India to spend not just on capital expenditure for creating infrastructure but also use the resources at its disposal to focus on specific target groups such as the middle class, women and farm sector. While the economy has so far been performing well, govt also wants to use the Budget to announce some reform measures that do not need legislative approval. "Hon'ble President of India, on the recommendation of Govt of India, has approved the proposal for summoning of both the Houses of Parliament

## July 23 Budget to focus on infrastructure, targeted spending



### Man thrashed to death, 2nd case in 3 weeks in western UP

**SHAMLI:** A 31-year-old man died in the Jalalabad area of UP's Shamli after he was allegedly thrashed by people on Friday. Police registered a case of "culpable homicide" against three brothers based on the dead man's family's complaint. However, the post-mortem examination for the budget session, 2024 from 22nd July, 2024 to 12 August, 2024 (subject to exigencies of parliamentary business). Union Budget 2024-25 will be presented in Lok Sabha on 23 July, 2024," parliamentary

report showed "no injury marks on the body". People allegedly beat Mohammad Firoz after he "entered a house in an intoxicated state". The men of the house then thrashed him before handing him over to police, who then called his family to take him home. affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said in a post on X. Jul 23 Budget to focus on infra, targeted spending The Economic Survey for the last financial year, which is also due, is likely to be tabled in Parliament.

### One PIO and one PoK-origin MP in Starmer's new cabinet

**LONDON:** Only one Indian-origin MP, Lisa Nandy, has made it onto the new British prime minister's cabinet despite there being 19 PIO MPs in the Labour party now. This is a stark contrast to the cabinet Boris Johnson had formed in July 2019 which was the most diverse in British history. Meanwhile British Pakistani MP Shabana Mahmood, who has been strongly critical of the Indian govt over Kashmir, has been appointed justice secretary. Manchester-born half-Indian Lisa Nandy (44), a former leadership rival to Starmer, is now secretary of state for culture, media and sport. She has previously held several shadow cabinet roles, including shadow foreign secretary.

## 16 killed, 50 injured in Israeli strike on Gaza school: Reports

Vatika Times



**NEW DELHI:** At least 16 people were killed and 50 injured on Saturday after an Israeli attack on a school providing shelter to displaced Palestinians in Al-Nuseirat, located in central Gaza, according to the official Palestinian news agency's report. The Israeli military has stated that they are currently investigating the report. According to Mahmoud Basal, the spokesperson for the Gaza civil emergency service, the death toll may increase due to the critical condition of many of the injured individuals. He stated in a press release that the attack on the school demonstrated that no location in the enclave was secure for families seeking refuge by leaving their homes. According to a statement released by the health ministry in Hamas-controlled Gaza on Saturday, a minimum of 38,098 people have been killed during the nine-month conflict between Israel and Palestinian militants. ministry also reported that the beginning of the war on October 7, when Hamas militants launched an attack on Israel, 87,705 individuals have sustained injuries in the Gaza.

## 4 terrorists, 2 soldiers killed in J&K twin operations

**NEW DELHI:** SRINAGAR: Two soldiers died of bullet wounds and four terrorists were killed in twin gunfights in south Kashmir's Kulgam district Saturday. Lance Naik Pradeep Naik of Army's Para Commando unit was killed in Modergam village, while havildar Raj Kumar of 1 Rashtriya Rifles died in Frisal Chinnigam area, officials said.



The two operations are ongoing, with some more terrorists believed to be trapped at both sites. The terrorist death count touched nine from extensive security counteroffen-

CRPF constable. In response, five suspected Pakistani terrorists were killed in Kathua and Doda districts of Jammu. An official said a joint team of J&K police, 9 Rashtriya Rifles, and CRPF personnel launched a cordon and search operation in Modergam Saturday morning, following intelligence about the presence of terrorists.

## Six-storey building collapses in Surat, one dead, many feared trapped

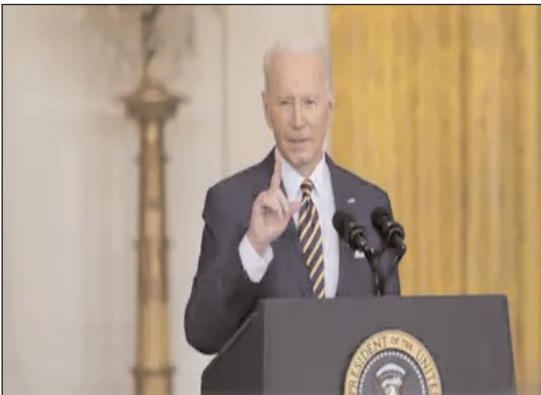


**NEW DELHI:** A six-storeyed building collapsed on Saturday in Surat, Gujarat, leaving one dead and several people feared trapped in the debris. Rescue operations are underway. City's collector Sourabh Pardi took stock of the situation. Talking to the reporters, he said, "We received information that a six-storey building has collapsed. As per pri-

mary information, almost 4-5 flats were occupied. One lady has been rescued but about 3-4 people are (still) trapped inside the rubble. Both NDRF and SDRF teams are working (to rescue them)." "A building collapsed in Pali village which was constructed in 2016-17. One lady was rescued, she was sent to the hospital and according to her 2-3 people are stuck inside.

## Rambling, gambling Biden insists he is fit to run in painful interview

**Vatika Times WASHINGTON:** He wasn't a disaster. But he didn't dazzle either. The jury is still out on whether US President Joe Biden is fit to run for a second term after an iffy show in an ABC News interview in which he dismissed concerns about his mental acuity and declared he'd drop out of the Presidential election only if the 'Lord Almighty' told him to. Subjected to unsparing questioning about his health and fitness by anchor George Stephanopoulos, Biden insisted he was still in good shape and attributed his disastrous performance in the first debate last week with



Republican rival Donald Trump to exhaustion and distraction. Asked if he was being honest with himself about his mental and physical ability to lead for four more years, Biden replied, "Yes, I am, because, George, the last thing I want to do is not be able to meet that." Are you the same man today that you were when you took office

three-and-a-half years ago? Biden: In terms of successes, yes. I also was the guy who put together a peace plan for the Middle East that may be comin' to fruition. I was also the guy that expanded Nato. I was also the guy that grew the economy. All the individual things that were done were ideas I had or I fulfilled. Do you dispute that there have been more lapses, especially in the last several months? Biden: Can I run the 100 in 10 flat? No. But I'm still in good shape. If you can be convinced that you cannot defeat Donald Trump, will you stand down? Biden: It depends on -- on if the Lord Almighty comes down and tells me that, I might do that. The US President declined to agree to have an independent medical evaluation that included cognitive tests and share the results with the public, saying he was being tested everyday by having to make important decisions which were deemed successful. "I have a cognitive test every single day.

### TN BSP neta's killing linked to gold loan scam

**CHENNAI:** A day after the murder of TN BSP president K Armstrong, Chennai police on Saturday zeroed in on the possibility of its links to Aarudhra gold loan scheme scam. Police suspect the murder has a connection with the rivalry between Arcot Suresh. and Armstrong over scam. While Suresh purportedly represented promoters, Armstrong was aligned with major investors. Suresh was murdered at Foreshore Estate on Aug 18, 2023. Suresh's brother, Ponnai Balu - one of the eight suspects arrested in Armstrong's murder case - believed Armstrong got Suresh killed.

### We should have done better, learnt the lessons: Paytm CEO

**MUMBAI:** Paytm founder & CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma who has been steering the firm through one of its biggest crises following the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s restrictions on the fintech's banking unit said the company should have done and understood better. "We had responsibilities which we should have fulfilled much much much better. We have learnt the lessons. The important thing is the kind of lessons as a technology company we had to learn, we just did not show up to those lessons. But now, we are far better," Sharma said at an event in New Delhi on Saturday. Earlier this year, the RBI imposed severe restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) due to persistent non-compliance. On Jan 31, the RBI directed PPBL

to stop accepting money in any customer account, including wallets and other prepaid instruments due to persistent non-compliance. The restrictions were put in place after March 15. Paytm which has slashed several jobs since the RBI move revealed wider losses of Rs 550.5 crore in Q4FY24 and said that it expects the full impact of RBI's action on the business to play out in Q1FY25. Sharma said that the govt's supportive policies have helped Startups go mainstream and there was no better time for new founders to start up. He said Paytm's ambition is to contribute towards India's vision of becoming a \$5 trillion economy and the fintech would increasingly focus on mobile credit going ahead.

## Driving sans helmet: Brace up for special vehicle checking campaign

Prayagraj: Campaign is going on in full swing. Keeping in mind the road accidents in Prayagraj, a special vehicle checking campaign is being run by the traffic police. In particular, children under 18 years of age and people traveling without helmets are being stopped and



warned about the road accidents and people being fined are being instructed to wear helmets. In this initiative, Traffic Inspector Pawan Kumar Pandey and his team are also being appreciated by the people. Traffic Inspector Pawan Kumar Pandey is paying special attention to children below 18 years of age. They were stopped and fined and after talking to their family members, they were informed that small children were being instructed not to go out on the road with vehicles and information was being given about future accidents. So that in future your family members also remain safe and others also remain safe. And the children are being released after making a promise not to make such a mistake again.

## Trees planted in Kareli cemetery: To save nature, plant a tree, says Niazi

Prayagraj. As part of the campaign to save nature, a tree plantation program was organized at Kareli cemetery Kala Danda where dozens of trees were planted. Meanwhile, Asrar Niazi, Chairman of the



Graveyard Committee and Chairman of the Allahabad Muharram Committee, said that to save the nature, one must plant a tree. Life will exist only when nature exists. Let us tell you that this year the scorching heat broke the records of many years and the temperature went above 48 degrees. Due to which hundreds of people died.

Both humans and animals have been affected. The reason for which is cutting of trees. While trees reduce the increasing temperature. If everyone plants one tree then balance will be maintained. In this context, taking forward the Prime Minister's appeal, dozens of trees were planted under the leadership of Shri Niazi in Kareli Kala Danda cemetery. On the said occasion, Mohammad Akbar of Care for Life, Yasin of Al Makhluq Trust, former bank manager Mohd. Muti Siddiqui, Rizwan Siddiqui Advocate, former manager Nippo Javed Siddiqui, former administrative officer Ghazanfar Ullah Anne, Nayyar Iqbal Siddiqui Advocate, Mohammad Arif Siddiqui (MR), Shahab Hanafi, Nurain, Parvez, Rashid Siddiqui, Tariq Aftab etc. planted trees.

# Rahul Gandhi is the master of Gandhi and Nehru's chariot of public service

As soon as the name of Mahatma Gandhi comes to mind, a wave of millions of thoughts starts flowing. The main basis of Mahatma Gandhi's life philosophy has been only public service. From South Africa to India, he has given importance only to public service. As soon as Mahatma Gandhi got information that an area was suffering from riots, disease or any other reason, he would leave all his work and immerse himself in the service of the area. Rahul Gandhi has taken the responsibility of taking forward the nursery of life philosophy of Gokhale Panthi Gandhi

and Lokdev Nehru with ease. If the country is facing any calamity then Rahul Gandhi stands there like a rock. I want to tell you an incident, from helping the two communities in the riots in Manipur to helping them in the Hathras incident, Rahul Gandhi has come forward to help them. There is no time to compare with the Nehru-Gandhi family. This family is known for helping people. From before independence till today, continuous efforts are being made to ensure that there is happiness, peace and harmony in the country. When I see the children, youth and elderly victims of



the Manipur and Hathras incidents, they hug Rahul Gandhi with a ray of hope, as if they have found a

member of their own family. Even today, Manipur and Hathras are as scared as the young birds escaping from the cavity of a tree. Rahul Gandhi's love for the people is pure, truthful and non-violent. It is also important to say that Rahul Gandhi is a great charioteer of Gandhi and Nehru's public service chariot because he has inherited the passion for service and the ashes of Indu Dadi and his father's martyrdom. Gandhi's thoughts reflect the spirit of our ancestors and the voice of Indian modernity emanating from Indian traditions.

The great man Gandhi

was an incarnation of love and was the embodiment of the simple and unconquerable soul of the community. Jawahar of India was the bearer of the politics of action. He had so much courage and strength that the harsh tortures of 3262 days in prison could not weaken his courage. The politics of Rahul Gandhi, the bearer of the immortal flame of two divine great men, is also the politics of action, not of words. Keeping the country in a fearless posture is a symbol of the politics of action.

**KARANSINGH PARIHAR**  
(Associated with Congress)

## Thousands of devotees will pull the chariot of Lord Jagannath today

Prayagraj: Under the aegis of Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust Prayagraj, on Sunday at 10:00 am, Lord Jagannath will be performed with great pomp under the leadership of Trust President Durga Prasad Gupta and Rath Yatra Coordinator Basant Lal Azad from Arya Bhawan Zero Road. Before this Rath Yatra will be taken out, according to the tradition of Sanatan Dharma, worship and aarti of Lord Jagannath ji will be done. Rath Yatra co-coordinator Rajesh Kesarwani said that Lord Jagannath ji has completely recovered from the pain of fever. There is joy among the devotees on his recovery. And after recovery, Lord Jagannath ji along with the

royal court will go on a city tour riding on the Garudadhvaj Nandi Ghosh

this, Lord Jagannath ji's royal power will also be there. Darbar, Ganesh ji,



chariot and will give darshan to the devotees. Goddess Subhadra, brother Balabhadra will be accompanying Lord Jagannath ji in the Rath Yatra. Apart from

Garun Dev, Shri Sheshavtar Hari Narayan, Krishna Balram, Krishna Sudama, Hanuman ji, Maa Kali, Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Ram Darbar, Lord Narasimha,

Five Pandavas, Maharas tableau of Radha Krishna will be included in the Rath Yatra of Moradabad. There will be Band Baja, DJ Band, Pipe Band, Mridang Dal of Lord Jagannath Ji, Damru Dal of Kashi and live bhajan evening presentation by eminent artists will take place in the Rath Yatra and the Rath Yatra will start from its fixed route Arya Bhawan Zero Road, Agrasen Square, Chameli Bai Dharamshala, Johnsen Ganj, Ghantaghar Loknath, Bahadurganj Sulaki Square, Ram Bhawan, Muthiganj, Hatiya Police Booth, Bans Mandi, Balua Ghat, Katghar and will rest at Prayageshwar Nath Lord Jagannath's Dham located in Kashi Raj Nagar.

## On first arrival, MP garlanded statues of great men

Prayagraj: MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, after taking oath as MP, on his first arrival in Allahabad, Mahatma Gandhi, the first Prime Minister of the country, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, , garlanded the statues of Dr.

Baba Saheb Ambedkar ji and Ram Manohar Lohia ji and will fulfill their dreams by following the footsteps of these great men. On this occasion, Ujjwal Raman Singh thanked the people of Allahabad and said that the fight for the public interest



will continue. Jan Nayak will fight from the streets to the Parliament under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and will make every possible effort for the development of Allahabad. On this occasion, City President Pradeep Kumar Mishra Anshuman, District Ganga President Arun Tiwari, City President of Minority Congress Arshad Ali, farmers Morcha's Sushil Tiwari, Mahfooz Ahmed, Istiaq Ahmed, Talib Ahmed, Mukhtar Ahmed, Zahid Neta, Laiq Ahmed, Ghulam Waris etc. were present.

## Lekhpal's protest ended after DM's assurance

Prayagraj: In connection with the attack on Revenue Lekhpal Harish Verma and his family, the Lekhpal Association had announced a work boycott on July 3. The President of the Lekhpal Association said that today on Saturday, a meeting was called under the leadership of the District Magistrate and the Chief Revenue Officer in which Uttar Pradesh Talks were held with the administration in the presence of Accountant Association District President Rajkumar Sagar, District Minister Avnish Pandey, Tehsil Sadar President Prateek Pandey, victim Accountant Harish Kumar Verma, Accountant Sadar Anup Kumar, Kundan Sonkar and District Advocates Association President and Minister. During the talks, the accused It was agreed upon to arrest him soon. After which Lekhpal announced work boycott at 4 pm.

## To protect environment, we have to plant trees: Dr. Gaur



Prayagraj: By planting a tree in the name of mother in Company Bagh by BJP Bhardwaj Mandal. The tree plantation campaign was concluded. On this occasion, former Cabinet Minister Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur stressed upon everyone to plant a tree in the name of their mother and said that even though the campaign has ended, efforts are still being made to conserve the environment and create a pure environment. For this, we will have to include tree plantation in our lives and protect it. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that the program of planting of green trees of vine, guava, papaya, teak, mango, tamarind, neem, peepal etc. was conducted by the board president Anil Bhatt. Mandal President Vijay Srivastava, Shashi Varshney, Anjani Singh, Lokesh Mukherjee, Ganesh Verma, Akhileshwar Mishra, Aman Sharma, Shantanao Ghosh, Vikas Srivastava, Ram Gopal Anshu, Yashveer, Meena Rai Ansula Goswami Vijay Srivastava etc. were prominently present in the program.

# Excellence rewarded: SJC hosts Annual Prize Day

Prayagraj: "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." - Theodore Roosevelt. Do you know what tastes better than success? It is the recognition of excellence as manifested in their getting awarded for their meritorious performance. Keeping this in mind, St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj organised the Annual Prize Day 2024 on 6th July, 2024.

The highly anticipated programme commenced with the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Isidore D'Souza being escorted inside the state-of-art auditorium, the pride of St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj, by the newly appointed Principal, Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva, the Additional Administrator, Mr. A. Mc Gowan and the Staff Coordinator, Mr. Jyoti Dube, to a thunderous round of applause.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. M. D'Souza welcomed the dignitaries of the event following which Mrs. Lyall led the audience with the Bible Reading and a special prayer for the overall well-being of the prize-winning students as well as

all those who mentored them, namely their parents and their teachers. Under the expert guidance of Mr. S. Naik, the College Choir then sang a special Prayer Song, after which everyone stood for the College Anthem.

In her introduction of the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Isidore D'Souza, Mrs. M. D'Souza dwelt on the impressive line-up of responsibilities that has distinguished the chief guest's illustrious career. Rev. Fr. Isidore D'Souza has served as the Vice Principal at St. Thomas School, Kidwainagar, Kanpur and has also been the Vice-Principal of St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj. He is currently serving as the Administrator of Nazareth Hospital, Prayagraj. His is a life exemplifying the motto "Called to give life" and he truly lives up to it.

Moving onto the main event, the students of classes 6 to 8 were awarded for securing the top ranks in their respective sections. Awards for 100% attendance were handed out as well. The students have truly worked hard for their achievements.

Adding onto the allure of the event, the College Band performed a foot tapping song, giving way to the next section of the programme-a bevy of teachers being awarded the late Leon Ducasse award for 100% attendance. It is no mean feat to brave inclement weather besides an occasional bout of illness yet be present throughout an academic session. Capt. A. B. Singh, Mrs. M. Masih, Mr. S. Chandra, Mr. V. David, Mr. A. Mahendra, Mr. D. Pascal, Dr. R. Dwivedi, Mr. N. Gune and Mr. M. Ahmed. What is truly praiseworthy is that several students also proved their commitment and were awarded likewise for 100% attendance.

Subsequently, students of classes 9 and 11 were felicitated for their outstanding performance in home exams, both for merit and 100% attendance. Kavya Rai of class 11-F was even awarded a special token of appreciation for helping write the ISC exams for a fellow Josephite.

A lively, instrumental compendium of some of the most well-known nursery rhymes brought smiles aplenty to the assembled gathering as they marvelled at the remarkable synchronization by the junior most students thanks to the tutelage of Mr. B. Solomon.

The class 10 toppers were then awarded for their remarkable scores in the



ICSE exams. Kavya Kushwaha bagged the first position with 98.7%. Anay Verma at the second position with 98.2% and Chinmay Tiwari at the third position with 98%. All the ICSE toppers will also receive a 100% fee concession in order to motivate them to keep excelling in life.

Further on, the ISC toppers of various streams were awarded the merit

awards for their outstanding performance in the ISC exams. In the Science stream, Aditya Upadhyay along with Manan Madnani bagged the first position with 97%, Krishanu Som, the second position with 96.5% and Aditya Pandey along with Uddyan Chatterjee at the third position with 96.25%. In the Commerce stream, Divyam Agarwal and Udit Shukla bagged the first position with 95.25%, Kartikeya Shukla secured the second place with 95% and Madhur Purswani won the third place with 93.5%. The Humanities stream saw Aditya Divya Prakash claiming the first position with 95.5%, Sameer Shankar the second position with 93% and finally Mayank Singh, the third position with 90.5%. Aditya Upadhyay and Manan Madnani will also receive a laptop by the school on the Sport's Day.

The Batch of 1996 has launched a Josephite Financial Trust to aid the finan-

cial needs of the students to help in their education. The scholarship was awarded to Saksham Jaiswal and Shashwat Pandey, both from the Computer section and Xiao Ping Chai from the Physical Section. It was certainly a proud moment for the students to receive their scholarships from the representatives of the 1996 batch, that is, Dr. Piyush Saxena, Mr. Siddharth Nandan and Mr. Arjun Agarwal.

Deeply cognisant of the relentless hard work of our teachers, the United Group of Institutions honoured two of our teachers, Mrs. Rekha Shukla and Mr. S. B. Rai. Keeping in mind the highly creditable performance of our students in the CMS Model United Nations, awards for their merits were given to the following students: Aditya Mishra, Mohd. Sultan and Kavya Rai received the 'Special Mention', Nishkarsh Gupta and Sarthak Singh received 'High Commendation', Mohd. Inzamam Haque, Daksh Lyall, Raghav Mishra and Shourya Goswami received 'Participation' and Arush Singh

and Samagra Gune received 'Verbal Mention'. Mrs. Sumona Banerjee received a vote of thanks for selecting, nurturing and training the students, putting in tremendous work which in turn helped them to do their best. Special thanks were also extended to Mrs. S. Rajaurjiya, Mrs. S. Lyall, Mrs. M. D'Cruz and Mr. D. Sebastian, for their whole-hearted efforts in being there for the prize-winning team.

The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Isidore D'Souza was then invited to the stage and address the gathering. Father began by encouraging the students to never underestimate yourself and "to always utilise the opportunities which come on an equal basis to all" referring to the great Former President, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Father then referred Arunima Sinha, the first amputee climber to reach Mt. Everest, his main point being, to not feel defeated even if challenges come your way. Further on, he explained the importance of diligence in one's life and that the only mantra for success is hard work quoting the former Missile Man of India,

"If you want to shine like a sun, first burn like a sun."

As a mark of appreciation and gratitude, a memento was presented to the Chief Guest by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva. The Principal, moving onto the final stage of the event, attended the gathering, appreciating the hard work displayed by the awardees. He greatly appreciated the students who outdid themselves and displayed their instrumental talents on the stage. He gave a special mention to all the parents and the teachers who have worked alongside the students and have helped them improve. He talked about the triad of "teachers-parents-students" who pave a clear path to success. Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva emphasised on the need to not rest on your laurels as the sky is the limit for those who are consistent. Success touches the feet of those who are never afraid of hard work. Concluding his speech, Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva advised all students to not get distracted by temptations and to always aim high in life. The National Anthem marked the end of the event.

# Curtains draw over "Parisar Chalo Yatra" at AU | AK Dwivedi appointment as PWD Chief Engineer hailed

Prayagraj: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has been conducting a nationwide campaign, "Parisar Chalo Abhiyan," aimed at revitalizing campus culture and making educational institutions vibrant again. The "Parisar Chalo Rath" initiative, part of ABVP's Kashi Province activities, concluded today at the Rajarshi Mandapam Auditorium on Bank Road, Prayagraj. The event featured ABVP National Secretary Ankit Shukla, Chief Speaker Shri Girish Chandra Tripathi, State Vice President Dr. Vikas Kumar, and State Secretary Abhay Pratap Singh as chief guests.

Alok Tripathi, President of ABVP's Allahabad University Unit, shared that the "Parisar Chalo Yatra" involved chariots traveling from Duddhi in Sonbhadra

and Amethi, reaching BHU via various districts, including Sonbhadra, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Varanasi, Ghazipur, Chandauli, and Varanasi Mahanagar. Meanwhile, the yatra from Amethi passed through Kushhawanpur, Machhlisahr, Jaunpur, Pratapgarh, Kaushambi, Prayag district, and Prayag Mahanagar before concluding at Allahabad University.

State Secretary Abhay Pratap Singh emphasized that the campaign aims to create a positive environment among students. "The impact of this initiative will be evident in the coming days, with an anticipated increase in student participation in Kashi Prant campuses," he said.

Ankit Shukla, ABVP's National Secretary, outlined the Campus Chalo Abhiyan



as a mass movement to be conducted in two phases throughout the year. The first phase will focus on engaging students through dialogues, student parliaments, motivational speeches, competitions,

and activities in arts, sports, service, and environment. The second phase aims to rejuvenate campuses, making them centers of employment generation by collaborating with educational stakeholders and enhanc-

ing facilities like canteens, sports grounds, and student welfare centers.

Chief Speaker Prof. Girish Chandra Tripathi addressed the post-COVID decline in student attendance, stressing the importance of a positive campus environment for holistic student development. "Teachers need to foster an environment that attracts students back to campuses. Once students realize the added value of in-person learning, they will naturally return," he stated. Dr. Vikas Kumar, State Vice President of ABVP Kashi Prant, noted the positive experiences garnered from the "Parisar Chalo Yatra." "This journey, covering 16 organizational districts of Kashi Province, concluded successfully at Kashi Hindu University and Allahabad University," he added.

Prayagraj: There is great joy among the circle and field staff employees on Shri AK Dwivedi becoming the Chief Engineer of Prayagraj, there was a crowd in the office of congratulatory people on Shri AK Dwivedi becoming the Chief Engineer of Public Works Department Prayagraj. Circle Under the leadership of Association Presi-

dent Mr. Dinesh Kumar Singh and Regional Minister of Regular Work Charge Employees Union, Ravi Shankar Mishra, the Chief Engineer was welcomed with bouquets. The Employees Union expressed the hope that with the arrival of the Chief Engineer, the problems of the employees will be resolved quickly. There will be progress in the work of the fair. Chief Engineer Mr. AK Dwivedi said that something good has to be done, you all give your full performance. Mother Ganga has called, so you have to hoist the flag of your Public Works Department in the world class Kumbh Mela. District President Circle

Dinesh Officials of the Singh Administrative Officers Organization expressed their gratitude to the Honorable Chief Minister, Principal Secretary and Chief Engineer and said that the Chief Engineer has the experience of successfully completing the Kumbh Mela and all sections of the people will benefit from his experience. Regional Minister

Ravi Shankar Mishra said that the Chief Engineer has the experience of organizing Kumbh and Mahakumbh of 13th and 19th and the employee organization will provide full support in organizing Mahakumbh of 25th. In the welcome honour, the elders of the Chief Office

Mr. Vinay Singh, Mr. Premchandra Verma, Mr. Yogesh Shukla of the district Employees of Mantri Circle Association, Mr. Pankaj Srivastava, Mr. Ved Prakash, Mr. Ashish Kumar, Mr. Yogendra, Mr. Sumit Shukla, Mr. Ghanshyam Shukla, Mr. Vikas Kesharwani, Mr. Jitendra Kushwaha, Mr. Girjashankar Shukla etc. congratulated and congratulated them.



## All MP accorded grand welcome on arrival

Prayagraj: Ujjwal Raman Singh, for the first time after taking oath as MP in the Lok Sabha, on his arrival in Prayagraj by road from Lucknow, was welcomed by a convoy of hundreds of

eral Secretary Ravindra Yadav, Congress City President Anshuman Mishra, District President Arun Tiwari were leading the procession. He told that in Teliarganj, State Secretary

where after garlanding the statues of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia ji and Hemvatinandan Bahuguna ji, the procession was carried towards the statue of Bhimrao Ambedkar ji at the High Court intersection, finally the procession ended by garlanding the statue of Indira Gandhi ji at Ashok Nagar, where Rehan Ahmed presented a copy of the Constitution, some welcomed him with a tree and some with a crown.

At the end, while expressing his gratitude to all the office bearers and workers of India Alliance, MP Ujjwal Raman Singh said that with the hard work and dedication with which you people have made me win in this difficult situation, I will try my best to live up to your expectation. He said that I am ready to fight for your concerns from the streets to the Parliament on the issue of public interest.

SP Ravinder Yadav and Mahavir Yadav welcomed him, followed by the students on University Road. Thereafter, after garlanding the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru at Balson intersection, the procession moved towards Civil Lines,



vehicles. People stopped at various places from Lalgopalganj and garlanded him. SP State Secretary Vinay Kushwaha informed that supporters of India alliance were present in the procession. Samajwadi Party City President Iftikhar Ahmed, Gen-

## ABVP demands NTA to declare CUET-UG results immediately

Prayagraj: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) demands National Testing Agency (NTA) to declare the results of the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate (CUET-UG) immediately. The delay in the declaration of CUET-UG results is affecting the academic calendar of universities and colleges.

The CUET-UG exam was conducted from May 15 to May 29, and the results were supposed to be declared by June 30. However, even after July 6, the NTA has not released the provisional answer key. ABVP National General Secretary Shri Yagyvalkyia Shukla said, "All universities and educational institutions in the country should start their academic sessions on time. The academic sessions have been disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the past, and the NTA's mismanagement and irregularities are causing continuous problems for the students. This must be stopped immediately."

## School principal forced to vacate office on charges of paper leak

### Fired on suspicions of her involvement in a paper leak

Prayagraj: The principal of a school in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj was forcibly removed from her position after being fired on suspicions of her involvement in a paper leak case. A video of the commotion was extensively circulated on social media. The event was reported at the Bishop Johnson Girls' School and College in the city. According to the information, the paper was leaked on school grounds on February 11 of this year.

According to reports, the paper was leaked when it arrived at the school from the treasury on the specified day at about 6.30 a.m. One Kamlesh Kumar Pal, alias KK, a member of the 'paper leak' gang, reportedly photographed the photo and released it prior to the examination.

Nearly ten persons were detained in connection with the crime, and as investigations advanced, the name of the school principal, Parul Solomon, was revealed. She was then let go from her job. However, turmoil reigned in the principal's office when Solomon refused to leave her position, even after a new principal, Shirley Massey, was appointed in her stead. A witness in the case stated that Solomon locked the principal's room from the inside and refused to leave. She was hauled out

of the office on her chair when some teachers and other staff members smashed through the door. Moments later, Massey, the new principal, was brought to sit in the chair, and the staff applauded her.

Following the event, Solomon filed criminal accusations against the employees, accusing them of harass-



ment and groping her. A case was filed against many staff members and unknown individuals in response to Solomon's accusation. As the other party was questioned, Solomon was accused of embezzling Rs 2.4 crore from the school while she was principal. The investigation into the case is underway.

## BJP paid tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee on his birth anniversary

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the 123rd birth anniversary of the founder of Bharatiya Jan Sangh, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, the Bharatiya Janata Party City South Vidhan Sabha organized a seminar based on the life character of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee in the premises of Shishu Sangam Vidyalaya, Kidganj. On this occasion, the chief guest of the program was former Deputy Mayor Murari Lal Aggarwal said that Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was the first revolutionary of independent India and to save Kashmir which was getting separated from India for the unity

and integrity of the nation, he took action against the visa permits issued in Kash-

Mukherjee himself got erased but did not allow the nation to be erased. On this



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occasion, BJP leaders Dnyaneshwar Shukla, Ram Ji Kesarwani, Giribaba, Devendra Mishra, Pramod Jaiswal, District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani re-

flected on the biography of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. Apart from this, the voter felicitation ceremony of the city southern assembly to be held at Thakur Harnarayan Singh Group and College Karela Bagh Mirpur on 8th July at 5:00 pm was discussed. Shankar Prabhakar graced the occasion. Vivek Aggarwal, Anand Jaiswal, Manoj Mishra, Raghavendra Mishra, Dilip Kesarwani, Ranvijay Singh, Sumit Vaish, Shiv Mohan Gupta, Narendra Jaiswal, Meenu Pandey, Lal Saheb, Satya Jaiswal, Kishori Lal, and all the workers of the city southern assembly attended the event.

## Medical awareness seminar to be organized today

Prayagraj: Anupama Das Founder Bong Beauty informed that a medical awareness seminar for women will be organized by the group Bong Beauty on July 7. The program will run from 5:30 pm to 8 pm at Hindustani Academy, Prayagraj Civil Lines. Dr. Navneeta Banerjee, Dr. Urmi Niyogi and Dr. Shashwati Sen will be present as main speakers in the event.

"Bong Beauty" is organizing an awareness seminar on Women Health at Hindustani Academy, Civil Lines, Prayagraj from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. This seminar is conducted under the guidance of Dr. Navneeta Banerjee, Dr. Urmi Niyogi and Dr. Shashwati Sen. Speaker will notify about the Menopause PCOD PCOS & Cervical cancer.

## Rotary All Midtown honours CA & Doctors

Prayagraj: Rotary Allahabad Midtown honored Chartered Accountants and Doctors at a ceremony held at Hotel Kasba on Friday. The contribution of doctors to humanity and society and their service to the country and humanity is invaluable. Chartered Accountants (CAs) are an integral part of India's economy, helping businesses stay financially healthy and compliant.

During the ceremony, doctors including Dr. Anoop Chauhan, Dr. Arpit Bansal, Dr. Ashutosh Chaudhary, Dr. B.B. Agarwal, Dr. Dilip Chaurasia, Dr. Neeraj, Dr. Probal Niyogi, Dr. Ritesh, Dr. Sanjeev, Dr. Shobhit, Dr. Vandana Bansal, Dr. Indrajeet Parihar, and others were felicitated for their efforts. Similarly, Chartered Accountants including

Amit Agarwal, Madhu Agarwal, Piyush Keswani, Pradeep Mukherjee, Praveen Godbole, Saurabh Agarwal, Shiv Kumar Jaiswal, Vinay Goel, and Vinay



Tandon were also honoured for their contributions. The program was attended by Club President Radha Saxena, Secretary Neeraj Chug, Rajeev Maheshwari, Nitin Agarwal, Saurabh Puri, Amrita Agarwal, and others.

## Youth dies due to negligence of PDA

Prayagraj: The son of a shopkeeper who made gas stove etc. in front of the bridge of Triveni Road Kotha Parcha Dot, got dizzy while trying to pull out the person who had fallen in the pit and fell unconscious. He was taken to the hospital. When he was taken, the doctor declared him dead. Kiran Jaiswal, councillor of New Basti Keetganj, said that more than 40 pits were dug and left in Triveni Road by the Prayagraj Development Authority for months, complaints about which were repeatedly lodged with the secretary of the PDA. And the executive engineer was consulted but no action was taken. A big pit was dug in front of the gas stove repair shop in front of the bridge of Kotha Parcha Dot and the chamber was also broken due to Prayagraj development case in which the customers going to the shopkeeper's place fell into the pit. Rupesh Kesharwani, aged 30 years, son of shopkeeper Lallan Babu Kesharwani, tried to take him out from the pit, due to which he got dizzy and fell

down. The doctor said that he died due to heart attack. The councillor said that the deceased was dead. The family members and nearby people are very angry and they say that while pulling out the young man who had fallen in the pit, there was too much pressure on his heart due to which the young man became unconscious and he was taken to Surabhi and then to Nazareth Hospital where the doctors declared the young man brought dead in this case. Councillor Kiran Jaiswal complained to Urban Development Minister AK Sharma at Circuit House regarding this, on which Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani also said that it has come to his notice and requested the Urban Development Minister to take strict action and stop the work of PDA. The minister held the creature completely responsible and assured strict action. The councillor conducted a high-level investigation into the incident and demanded action be taken against the culprits and compensation to the family members of the deceased.

## Prayagraj city unit got success on strength of workers: Mahesh Chandra Srivastava

Prayagraj: In Lok Sabha elections, Prayagraj metropolis Regarding the victory in all three assemblies, former regional president and district in-charge in the Civil Line office, Mahesh Chandra Srivastava, honored Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra and all the officials and divisional presidents of the metropolis by giving them organ vestrams and mementos and said that the opposition has done anti-India activities. The way the officials and workers of Prayagraj metropolis foiled the conspiracy along with the forces and made the lotus

bloom in all the three assemblies, in fact Prayagraj metropolis has

and said that the Uttar Pradesh The people of the state have now come to

SP and will answer them in the upcoming 2027 assembly elections. On

this hotel, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that all the workers of the metropolis have worked hard and hoisted the flag of victory for Prayagraj metropolis. And we have full confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party workers have already geared up for the upcoming assembly elections and will answer the opponents by defeating them with a huge majority. On this occasion, Kunj Bihari Mishra Devesh Singh, Varun Kesarwani, Ramesh Pasi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Raju Pathak, Pramod Modi, Anand Srivastava, Raju Rai, Ramlochan Sahu, Rajesh Singh, Patel, Sachin Jaiswal, Vivek Mishra, Brijesh Mishra, Shobhita Srivastava, Anil, Sanjay, Vijay Srivastava, Raghavendra Mishra, Anupam Malviya, etc. All the officials and divisional presidents of the metropolis were honoured.



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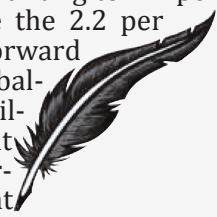
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## Editorial

### Fundamental hypocrisy in global climate politics

In 2019, during the UN Climate Action Summit in New York, leaders from industrialised nations delivered impassioned speeches about the urgency of addressing climate change. Yet, behind closed doors, they continued to approve new fossil fuel projects and delay meaningful climate finance commitments. This dichotomy highlights a fundamental hypocrisy in global climate politics: The West often preaches sustainability but falls short in practice, prioritising economic interests over environmental imperatives. As the countdown to the COP29 climate summit in Azerbaijan this November continues, the Bonn Climate Change Conference in Germany concluded in a stalemate last week. Nations disagreed on the size and scope of loss and damage financing, representing a significant setback in global climate negotiations. The Bonn talks did not achieve meaningful progress on climate financing, underscoring a persistent issue: industrialised nations, which bear the greatest responsibility for the current climate crisis, resisted calls from Global South countries to compensate those who suffer the most but have contributed the least to greenhouse gas emissions. Over a decade ago, developed nations pledged to mobilise \$100 billion annually by 2020 to support climate action in developing countries. This commitment, formalised under the Copenhagen Accord in 2009 and reiterated in the Paris Agreement, has not been met. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reported that climate finance reached only \$79.6 billion in 2019. It was only in 2022 that developed countries provided and mobilised \$115.9 billion in climate finance for developing countries. By the end of COP29, all parties must agree on a "new collective quantified goal" (NCQG) to guide the provision of climate finance, intended to replace the \$100 billion target after 2025. Progress on negotiating the NCQG has been slow. Disagreements persist on almost every aspect of the new target, including the amount of money to be provided, the sources of these funds, the recipients, and the specific forms of financial assistance. Current climate finance is grossly inadequate for the scale of action required. The \$100 billion target for climate finance is laughably insufficient. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2021 estimates that the costs of adapting to climate change in developing countries could reach \$140-300 billion per year by 2030, escalating to \$280-500 billion per year by 2050. Furthermore, the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2021 report highlights that global climate finance flows reached a record \$632 billion in 2019/2020. Despite this record, the funding falls significantly short of the \$4.13 trillion annual investment required by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement targets, as estimated by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in its Net Zero by 2050 report. Now even these estimates are seen as low. As highlighted by the Independent High-Level

Expert Group on Climate Finance in their November 2022 report, emerging markets and developing countries (excluding China) are staring at a financial chasm. These nations must mobilise approximately \$1 trillion annually by 2025, amounting to 4.1 per cent of their GDP—double the 2.2 per cent spent in 2019. Fast forward to 2030, and the figure balloons to a staggering \$2.4 trillion per year, or 6.5 per cent of GDP. This glaring disparity underscores the urgent need to recalibrate climate finance targets.



Space is emerging as the forerunner in the era of technology-driven warfare. A country like India, with significant geopolitical heft and the potential to emerge as a power of relevance, would sooner or later face a threat from space—a threat that cannot be defended by conventional means. It is therefore important to analyse if India needs to build a space force that is capable of fighting, not so distant, space wars. The Gulf War I is technically considered to be the first space war where the US relied on space satellite intelligence for aerial and ground operations inside Kuwait and Iraq. The satellite navigation systems played a significant role in the navigation of the US Air Force fighter jets. Currently, space prowess is clearly ruling the Russian-Ukraine and Hamas battlescapes. Taiwan is incrementally coming under the space lens of competing powers. The space satellites started playing their crucial role even before the start of the war. India raised the Defence Space Agency in 2019 as a scaled-down version of the space command. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) also raised DSP to pro-



vide technical and Research and Development (R&D) support. In the last five years, outer space has emerged as a source of concern, primarily the threat from long-range ballistic and hypersonic missiles. Many Direct Ascent Anti-Satellites (ASAT) experimental missile strikes have been tested, including by India (mission Shakti). Counter-missions are being developed for both offensive and defensive forms of space warfare. Even though the Outer Space Treaty debar nations from weaponising space, the writing on the wall makes it clear that a threat from space is lurking. All the major powers, such as the US, Russia, China, India, France, the European Union, and Japan, are building space military organisations. The US Space Force organises, trains, and

equips personnel in order to protect US and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint forces. The US Space Force, headquartered at the Pentagon, employs 8,600 military personnel and 77 spacecraft. The Russian space forces are mandated to inform the higher political leaders and military commanders of missile attacks as soon as possible, ballistic missile defence, and the creation, deployment, maintenance, and control of in-orbit space vehicles, like the Persona reconnaissance satellite. These forces operate the GLONASS global positioning system. The Russian Space Forces include the third Missile-Space Defence Army and a Division for Warning of Missile Attacks. The Chinese People's Liberation Army Strategic Support Force (PLA-SSF)

existed from 2015 to 2024 with the army's ability to fight "informatised conflicts". In April of this year, the Strategic Support Force was dissolved and split into three independent arms: the PLA Aerospace Force, the PLA Cyberspace Force, and the PLA Information Support Force. Like China, Russia views space as a warfighting domain, and they base their warfighting doctrine around the idea that achieving space supremacy is a precondition for winning a conflict. Russia has fielded a suite of non-kinetic options to create reversible effects on satellite systems in space, including ground-based systems to counter GPS navigation signals, tactical communications, satellite communications, and radars. On the non-kinetic side of this threat continuum, China has operational ground-based jamming systems that are capable of disrupting satellite communications, GPS navigation signals, synthetic aperture radars, missile warning systems, and other satellite systems. Jamming can prevent users from using satellite communication networks, degrade or prevent transmissions of

vital missile warning data from space-based sensors to war fighters, and disrupt uplinks and downlinks needed to command and control spacecraft. While analysing the space wars, it is important to study the space-based wars of the past, when the intensity was nominal but gains were asymmetrical. During the two Gulf Wars, the Coalition bombers and fighters dropped more than 5,000 GPS-guided Joint Direct Attack Munitions during the day and night, in all weather, with shattering effectiveness. Satellites also made it possible to direct Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) attacks such as Predator and Global Hawk. US imaging satellites gave commanders an unprecedented view of targets and battlespace. At least seven different types of military satellite systems were used during the Gulf War I. GPS receivers were affixed to tanks, trucks, and aircraft across the theatre. Tank commanders wanted to know the moisture content of the soil in some areas. Tomahawk precision attacks have multiple space based use cases, such as intelligence preparation, target location, command.

# New zone of warfare emerges

## Women in Indian Politics: A story that has changed little over the years

India's progress vis-à-vis women's representation in leadership positions has remained rather slow and rarely linear, often pushing them to the margins of politics. Image: UN Women/Ruhani Kaur. India recently concluded its 2024 general elections, which took place in seven phases—from April 19 to June 1—to elect all 543 members of the Lok Sabha (lower house). While the results have taken many by surprise, what has been even more astonishing is the fact that for a country that has rigorously been trying to establish a more progressive front on women's rights and gender equality over the past few years, the new Indian parlia-

ment has failed to showcase a notable uptick in the representation of women after the latest elections. Making just 13.63 per cent of the elected strength, the 18th Lok Sabha will comprise only 74 women compared to 469 men. This share is not only abysmally skewed but also lower than the 14.4 per cent share of female representation during the 2019 election, where 78 women were elected as MPs. The irony here is that just last year, India—during its G20 presidency—brought about a paradigm shift in gender-based policymaking by challenging the status quo and with the innovative idea of women-led development in order to ensure women's inclu-

sion and representation at all levels of decision-making. Even at the domestic level, India—after many deliberations—finally passed the historic Women's Reservation Bill in 2023, which seeks to reserve one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women. While it is true that the bill has not yet come into effect, the journey from 13.63 per cent to 33 per cent (for the next elections) still seems rather long, especially given that, despite being the central agents of the 2024 elections and forming an important core of party manifestos as well as campaign speeches, only a handful of them were able to achieve the final victory.

## India took centre stage during the summit

India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Image: Narendra Modi/X. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th G7 summit on June 14, 2024, in the city of Fasano in Apulia, Italy. The region of Apulia, throughout its history, has been inhabited by Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Normans, and Spanish. The region has also served as a bridge between the West and the East, thanks to its geography. Apulia's rich history as a cultural crossroads underscores the significance of this year's G7 summit, which brings together diverse global leaders. In this summit, along with the G7 countries, the other invitees were India, the African Union, Brazil, the UAE, Argentina, and others, making the location and the purpose of the summit significant. India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Two years ago, India was invited to the 48th G7 summit in 2022, after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The primary narrative at that time was to punish India for keeping the ties intact with Moscow. The Western

'experts', who are habituated to see things in binary, refused to believe that India can have ties with the G7 without harming relations with Russia. As per the Financial Times, the reason behind the invitation to India at the summit was "to woo New Delhi away from its longstanding alliance with Russia". Two years down the line, India's relations are not majorly harmed, neither with Russia nor with the G7 countries! Freshly re-elected, PM Modi's attendance at the G7 summit signals a robust continuation of his administration's foreign policy initiatives, particularly his advocacy for the Global South. In 2023, New Delhi organised the two Voice of Global South Summits, first in January and next in November, to understand the concerns of the developing countries. The words of Modi in Apulia should be taken as a continuation of this. Modi exploited the opportunities provided to put forward these concerns. "India has considered it its responsibility to place the priorities and concerns of the countries of the Global South on the world stage," he said. At the same time, while putting forward his vision of a developed

India in 2047, he emphasised that "no section of society should be left behind in the country's development journey," followed by applying this "in the context of international relations. The countries of the Global South are bearing the brunt of global uncertainties and tensions". Then, Modi put forward the concern of ending monopolies in technology, one of the points of action at the end of the second Voice of the Global South Summit. On the sidelines of the G7 meeting, PM Modi also met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. However, Modi skipped the Ukraine Peace Summit, organised just after the G7 meeting, by sending a secretary-level delegation. The Indian delegation visited the summit but didn't sign the Joint Communiqué. This reflects a nuanced stance on the conflict, aligning with the broader Global South's cautious approach. India's significant presence at the G7 summit, coupled with PM Modi's diplomacy, marks a pivotal moment in its global engagement. By advocating for the Global South in the G7, India continued efforts to emerge as a leader of developing nations in a China-fearing world.

## Promise made for assistance in the space sector

Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to North Korea (18-19 June 2024) has attracted global attention. Today, both of these states are keen to cooperate to overcome the sanctions put on them by the US. This is Putin's only second-ever visit to Pyongyang, with the first taking place way back in 2000. Obviously, a lot has changed during the last two decades or so. North Korea's other good friend, China, has welcomed this visit. Russia has always been important to North Korea. However, during the last few years, not much has happened towards any noteworthy engagement.

During the 2018-19 period, the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was found engaging China proactively, and between the period of March 2018 and January 2019, he visited China four times. Also, around the same period, he met US President Donald Trump. Actually, Trump became the first sitting US president to visit North Korea in 2019. Unfortunately, no efforts to engage North Korea have proved successful so far, and the only major countries that have cordial relations with North Korea remain its neighbours, namely Russia and China. The recent

increased bonhomie between Russia and North Korea could be said to have started with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visiting Russia in September 2023. Today, both of these states need each other much more than in the past. Moscow has some dependence on Pyongyang for supplies of arms and ammunition for fighting the war in Ukraine. While North Korea has a dependence on food and energy assistance, interestingly, it is also depending on Russia for assistance in its space surveillance programme. When Kim Jong Un visited

Russia in September 2023, he was assured by Putin of his assistance in the space domain. During the year 2023, North Korea made three attempts to launch a spy satellite in space. The attempts during May and August 2023 had failed, while the attempt during November 2023 was a success, with North Korea putting its first spy satellite, the Malligyong-1, on the back of its own Chollima-1 launch vehicle in space. Since during Kim Jong Un's September 2023 visit to Russia, there was a promise made for assistance in the space sector, there is a possibility that

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

**NEW DELHI:** A former sarpanch was killed while a tourist couple from Rajasthan sustained injuries in two separate terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday night.

According to the officials, the first attack took place on an open tourist camp near Pahalgam while the second on the former sarpanch at Hirpora in south Kashmir.

"Terrorists fired upon and injured a woman, Farha, a resident of Jaipur (in Rajasthan) and her spouse Tabrez at Yannar in Anantnag. The injured were evacuated to a hospital for treatment. The area has been cordoned off. Further details shall follow," the Kashmir Zone Police posted on X. In another attack, within half-an-hour, terrorists shot dead former sarpanch Aijaz Sheikh in Shopian's Hirpora around 10.30 pm, the officials said. Sheikh, who was associated with the BJP, was rushed to a hospital where he succumbed



to injuries, the officials added.

The areas in Anantnag and Shopian have been cordoned off and search operations have been launched to nab the attackers, the officials said.

The attacks came as the state is preparing to go for the polls for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Polling in Baramulla will be held on May 20 in the fifth round of the seven-phase general elections.

Political parties in Jammu and Kashmir, including the National Conference, PDP and the BJP, condemned the attacks. Former chief minister

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

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

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

votes every time, only to be forgotten after the polls.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Acharyakul Chandigarh honoured Nalin Acharya

**Chandigarh:** Acharyakul Chandigarh honored its Senior Vice President and senior journalist Nalin Acharya on being elected President of Press Club Chandigarh. The program was organized at Chandigarh Press Club.

Acharyakul President KK Sharda, Senior Vice President Prem Vij and other members honoured him by giving him a shawl, citation and flower bunch. Senior journalist and litterateur Prem Vij, while introducing Nalin Acharya on this occasion, said that many of



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

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

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

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

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

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

sioner, is now GHMC commissioner. Transport Commissioner Jyoti is now Registration, Stamps, and Housing secretary.

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

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

## Rename namesake disease hitting Ranikhet's fame: HC

**DEHRADUN:**

Uttarakhand high court has directed the state to propose a new name for a disease that has Ranikhet, a picturesque tourist spot, in its name. After a PIL highlighted that the hill station's reputation suffers due to its association with an avian disease known as 'Ranikhet disease', the administration has now been told to file an affidavit suggesting an alternative name by June 27.

During the hearing, Chief Justice Ritu Bahri and Justice Rakesh Thapliyal discussed the negative impact of the disease's name on Ranikhet's tourism. Ranikhet renowned for healthy air, Himalayan views The petitioner, Satish



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

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

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

**Panchkula:** In recognition of World Hypertension Day, experts at Paras Health Panchkula raises awareness about the dangers of sudden anger outbursts and their potential to significantly increase blood pressure.

"Uncontrolled anger can have a very real and negative impact on your cardiovascular system," asserted Dr. H. K. Bali, Chairman, Cardiac Sciences, Paras Health Panchkula. "During anger, the body undergoes a physiological stress response. This hormonal cascade causes blood vessels to constrict, heart rate to escalate, and blood pressure to surge rapidly. These spikes in blood pressure put a tremendous strain on the heart. Over time, repeated episodes of uncontrolled anger can



damage the delicate lining of blood vessels, leading to chronic hypertension, a major risk factor for a multitude of life-threatening conditions."

"Many people don't realize how intensely anger can affect their physical health," said Dr. Vinay Verma, Director, Internal Medicine, Paras Health Panchkula. "When we get



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

increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, and even kidney failure. It's crucial to manage your anger for the sake of your overall health by identifying the triggers, embracing relaxing techniques like deep breathing, meditation, and yoga which are proven to lower stress hormones."

By managing anger and adopting healthy lifestyle practices, you can significantly reduce your risk of developing hypertension and its associated complications. If you find it challenging to manage anger on your own, consider seeking anger management therapy.

A therapist can equip you with coping mechanisms and communication skills to address anger in a healthy way.

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

**Chandigarh/Karnal:** All India Congress Committee General Secretary, former Union Minister and newly elected MP from Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, Kumari Selja said that the people of Sirsa parliamentary constituency have given her a big victory, and Congress has to get the same big victory in entire Haryana. Your 4 months of hard work can make the life of 03 crore Haryanvis easier. Start working on the assembly elections without getting tired from now itself. After winning and forming the government in Chandigarh, celebrate double the celebrations at the same time.

In a statement issued to the media, Kumari Selja has said that she wanted to contest the assembly elections, but on the demand of the people of Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, the high command ordered her to contest the elections. Being a true soldier of the Congress, she followed the order and fought the elections wholeheartedly and all the workers and people considered themselves as Selja and fought the entire election and also got her victory with a huge margin. She said that all of you should start preparing for the assembly elections from now because one battle has been won and the other is yet to come. The people have defeated the always lying jumlabaaaz government in the Lok Sabha elections, the arrogance of the BJP has been shattered. Kumari Selja said that all of you want us to travel together to Chandigarh. This is possible only when all of you bring the BJP to its state before 2014. It is your job to get a big majority for the Congress, after that it is my and the Congress high command's job to form a government. of your choice in Chandigarh. If your government is formed in Chandigarh, you will be heard.

## Indian medical students benefit from Philippines standards changes

Delhi: Philippine law-makers have allowed international medical graduates to obtain licenses and practice locally, benefiting Indian students. Since the National Medical Council requires returning students to take the Indian screening test with a valid practicing license, the move advantages Indian doctors-to-be. The move follows several other nations' efforts to attract Indian medical students overseas. Russia, Belarus, and Georgia have adopted similar policies after NMC's 2021 amendment, which required medical graduates from other countries to have a valid practicing license before taking the Indian screening test. NMC de-recognized the Philippine Bachelor of Science in 2023. It only accepted candidates from their four-year MD program, similar to India's MBBS. It fell short of NMC's 54-month minimum, therefore candidates had to complete a year of internship before taking the screening test to become doctors. In India Foreign



education agent Kadwin Pillai stated all worries are gone. The Philippine UG medical course duration now meets NMC standards. Welcoming foreign medical students to practice medicine locally or abroad will help our students and boost the Philippines' status as a major Asian-Pacific medical education destination "said. About 2,000 Indian UG medical students study in the Philippines each year. A record 24 lakh students took the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test this year. Foreign education agents expect 5 lakh Indians to study medicine abroad when local admissions close. Students spend Rs 40 lakh on schooling on average.

## The 15-year-old Indian weightlifter shattering the world mark for gold

Delhi: At the IWF World juvenile Championships, 15-year-old Indian weightlifter Preetismita Bhoi won a gold medal after shattering the world record for juvenile clean and jerk in the women's 40 kg division. She lifted an amazing 76kg, breaking the previous record of 75kg. On the first day of the competition, Bhoi's overall effort weighed 133 kg, barely 2 kg less than the young world mark thanks to her 57 kg snatch lift. Jyosna Sabar of India won the silver medal with a total lift of 125 kg (56 kg + 69 kg), and Fatma Kolcak of Turkey took home the bronze medal with a total lift of 120 kg (55 kg + 65 kg). The result was a 1-2 finish. Two more weightlifters from India made it to the podium, making it an excellent day for them. Payal finished second in the women's 45kg category, losing to Colombian Lauren Estrada, who won her second world title with a total lift of 151kg (67kg+84kg). Payal took home a silver medal in the 45kg



## How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

Delhi: NCERT textbooks dominate Indian education. These texts have underpinned Indian education for decades. The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across. In this post, we will discuss the benefits of NCERT textbooks, their broad use, and how NCERT Solutions for Class 6 and other courses improve learning.

One reason NCERT textbooks are so popular is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. These textbooks are accessible and inclusive for various pupils. Experts curate the information to ensure accuracy and relevancy, meeting current educational requirements. NCERT textbooks guarantee national curricular uniformity.

event. With a total lift of 193 kg (86 kg + 107 kg), Babular Hembrom won the bronze in the men's

49 kg event, making him the fourth lifter from India to place on the podium.

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### No personal coaches, media embargo under NRAI's Olympic shooting guidelines.

Delhi: To prepare its players for the quadrennial spectacle, the National Rifle Association of India has imposed severe conditions on Paris Olympic shooters, including a "media blackout" and no personal coaches at the national camp. In its "national team protocol", the federation informs shooters that parents cannot "stay" or "visit" their wards at camps and that Pierre Beauchamp, the High Performance Director (HPD), must make an exception. According to the NRAI's "NRAI Olympic Team Undertaking and SOP for Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Pistol/Rifle Teams" letter to Olympic-bound shooters, the goal is to "ensure the clarity of the training and readiness plan for Olympic Games Paris 2024 by the shooters and the National Team Coaches and Sport Science support." "It is essential to have effective organization, discipline, planned and dedicated training programmes for the best performance of shooters participating as National Team India at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," the note states. The letter states that only NRAI-approved personal coaches and sport science consultants with signed SOPs can assist the "National Training team for the concerned shooter(s) in assisting and/or discussing with the National Training Team under the leadership of the HPD and the chief coach (rifle and pistol)." Personal coaches without NRAI approval are prohibited. "The NRAI National Team program of the Olympic Games does not allow personal trainers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, or psychologists." Under "Media Blackout", the NRAI says shooters must avoid the media.

## Sindhu beat Ongbamrunghan to reach the Malaysia

Delhi: Indian shuttler PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunghan in the Malaysia Masters women's singles semi-final at Axiata Arena to advance to the final. Sindhu defeated the higher-ranked Thai shuttler 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in the 88-minute match. Her first tournament final since March last year. Sindhu has reached four BWF World Tour Super 500 finals. In his first semi-final of the year, the two-time Olympic medalist lost the first game before showing her real courage. After a fierce battle, she took the lead from world no. 10 in the second game and led by two points at half-time. Keep calm and extend your lead to win 21-16. In



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the final game, she went all out and left her opponent no chance to recover. Sindhu led 11-5 before exchanging sides and closing with eight match points. She easily won

21-12 to win the match. Sindhu will face Wang Zhi Yi of China in the final. The incumbent Asian champion defeated Zhang Yiman in straight games to reach the

### The US is the top study abroad location for Indian students

Delhi: The US is the top destination for Indian students seeking higher education abroad. Most Indian students prefer US education due to its universities, cultural diversity, and academic opportunities. Indian student enrollment in U.S. universities rose 35% in 2022-23. USA is known for academic brilliance and offers international students learning and job possibilities with close to 200 universities in the top 1500 QS world university rankings. Indian students are the largest international cohort studying in the U.S. because M.S. final.

## The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team wins 2-2 (4-2 SO) versus Belgium

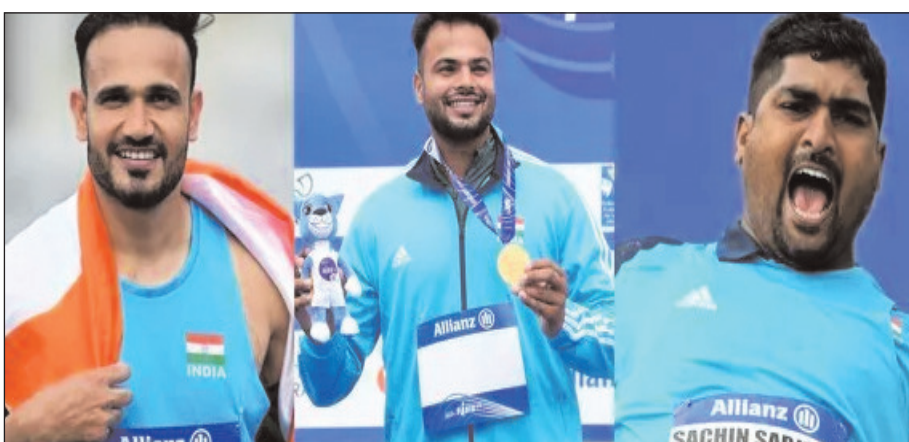
Delhi: As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeated Belgium with a resounding 4-2 shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impression. Kanika Siwach

rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goal-less second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner, but the Indian defense

was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead.

Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2. India prevailed in the subsequent shootout to win the match 2-2 (4-2 SO). The next game for the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is scheduled for May 26 in Breda, against Germany.

## Para-Athletics Worlds: India wins most medals ever



Delhi: India continued their medal run at the 2024 Para-Athletics World Championship in Kobe, Japan, with Simran Sharma winning gold in the Women's 200 meters T12. Preethi Pal won her second Championship medal, a bronze in the Women's 100m T35. Preethi previously won 200-meter bronze in the same category. India's Navdeep earned a bronze medal in the Men's Javelin Throw F41 with a sea-

son-best 42.82 meters. India won 17 medals, including six gold, five silver, and six bronze, surpassing the 2023 total. Indian para-athletes' performance in Kobe is a credit to their hard work, resilience, and strong support system from coaches, support staff, and the Athletics Federation of India. Their achievement inspires prospective athletes and boosts India's para-athletics profile. Deepthi Jeevanji established a world record of 55.06

seconds in the Women's 400m T20, winning the gold medal with amazing hard effort and motivation. Breaking the world record and earning gold at the World Championships is a dream. I appreciate my coaches, family, and Indian contingent. After breaking the world record, Deepthi Jeevanji commented, "This is just the beginning, and I am excited for the future, especially with the Paris Paralympics."

## Indian women's compound team wins third straight Archery World

Delhi: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Swami won their third straight Archery World Cup gold medal at stage two. The three defeated Turkey's Hazal Burun, Ayse Bera Suzer, and Begum Yuva 232-226 to prove their dominance. The world-number one Indian team showed skill and consistency from the start. They kept a six-point lead throughout the final, preventing Turkey from closing in. This win continues their winning trend, having won gold at World Cup Stage 1 in Shanghai and Stage 4 in Paris last year. India won silver in compound mixed team in addition to women's team. Olivia Dean and Sawyer Sullivan of the US faced Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Priyansh Jain in the



final. After an early lead, the Indian duo succumbed by two points, 155-153. Jyothi and Priyansh opened the match with a near-perfect 39 out of 40, giving India a two-point advantage.

They lost consistency in later rounds. By halfway, the USA pair tied the score and beat the Indians with a perfect third end to win the gold medal. Prathamesh Fuge just missed a bronze medal in the individ-

ual events after losing to world number one Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands in a shoot-off. Fuge defeated Austrian world number six Nico Wiener in the quarterfinals

. He lost in the shoot-off after overcoming a two-point deficit to force a tiebreaker, losing his first World Cup medal. In the compound men's individual semifinal, Fuge lost to world number seven James Lutz of the US 143-148.

## HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. While the matter is pending with a division bench, the student in the previous petition was allowed to continue studying at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, as an interim measure. The high court overturned the petitioner's exclusion from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur. "The petitioner is entitled to Class 6 admission to the JNV (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur) in 2024-25 and continues education there.



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

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

**Delhi:** The Union Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs said wholesalers, retailers, huge chain shops, millers, and importers will be subject to stock limits. The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits, and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order went into effect. Stock limits for

each pulse are 200 tonnes for wholesalers, 5 tonnes for retailers, 5 tonnes at each retail outlet, and 200 tonnes at the depot for big chain retailers; last 3 months of production or 25% of annual installed capacity, whichever is higher, for millers. The measures discourage stockpiling and boost market availability. Importers cannot keep imported merchandise after 45 days after customs clearance. Tur, urad, and chana prices have been constant yet high all year. India imports 15% of its pulses annually to meet demand. Legal companies are required to report stock positions on the Department of Consumer Affairs portal. "In case the stocks held by them are higher than the prescribed limits then, they shall bring the same to the prescribed stock limits by 12th July 2024," the note added. As Kharif pulses like tur and urad are likely to rise, the government expects tur and chana dal prices to fall. The statement anticipates the import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries starting in August 2024. A new crop of chana in Australia and its import from October 2024.

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

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

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

the pilot program so existing apps offering fantasy sports and rummy games in India can remain on Play Store," the spokesman said.

A senior Google executive said on condition of anonymity that the company intends to create a framework, but conversations are ongoing and there is no "specific timeline" for when these apps can be used again.

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

## RBI changes priority sector lending rules

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

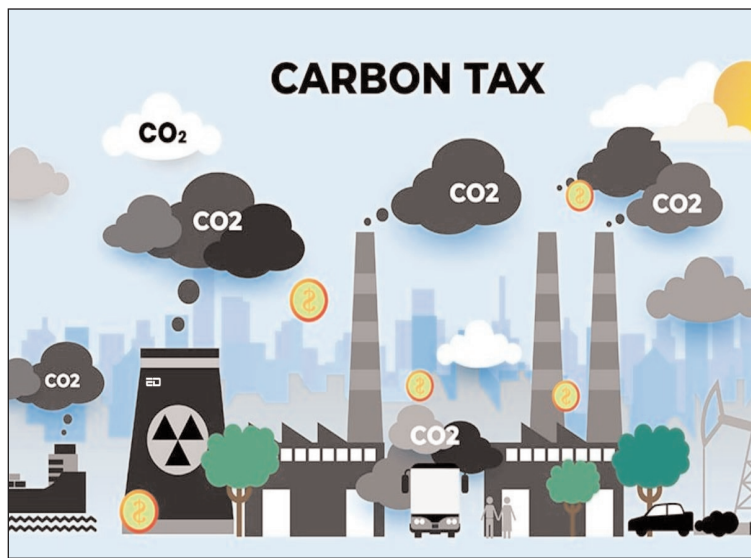
ity (less than Rs 9,000 per person) would receive 125% additional weight starting in FY25. In districts with substantial credit availability (above Rs 42,000 per person), loans weigh 90%. Except for outlier districts with poor credit availability and excessive loan sizes, all other dis-

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## GST Council to change alcohol tax legislation, settle disputes

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

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

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

## Avoid promoting 'Ulips' as investments: Irdai



**Delhi:** The insurance regulator prohibits promoting Ulips and index-linked plans as investment products. The Irdai mandated tight standards for fund performance ads in a circular. They should show compounded yearly returns for the past five years with a caveat that past success does not guarantee future results. If applicable, benchmark index performance

must be stated with fund performance. The circular advised advertisers not to overestimate benefits, selectively offer benefits without constraints, or make derogatory comparisons to competitors or the industry. The laws compel insurers to form an advertisement committee and appoint distribution channel compliance officers to ensure compliance. These businesses strictly over-

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

## Land and luxury commercial buildings may be sold by LIC

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

Mumbai's Asiatic Society and Akbarally's buildings. Two sources informed that LIC's real estate assets were valued at a cautious 50,000-60,000 crore during their latest valuation. "LIC-owned buildings may be revalued for the formal asset sale procedure. LIC buildings may have a market value of at least five times the conservative estimate of 2.5-3 lakh crore, as many have never been sold.

The first insider informed that LIC may incorporate a separate business to

keep and monetize real estate assets due to the difficulty of valuing them. He added LIC owns the State Bank of India building on Mall Road in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand, and two media house offices in New Delhi and Lucknow.

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

## Flipkart will challenge Zepto, Blinkit with fast commerce

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

commerce has a future in India in recent years. Zepto received a unicorn round, but Blinkit (previously Grofers) and Swiggy Instamart have scaled up with improved profits for their owners. "Flipkart's latest launches indicate its move into fast commerce. It started same-day delivery in 20 cities a couple of weeks ago and delivered flowers and cakes around Valentine's Day (February 2024)," an e-commerce analyst told Entrackr, asking for anonymity. Flipkart will have a larger library than Zepto, Instamart, and Blinkit, according to sources. "The company will have a sharp focus on FMCG, grocery and daily essentials but it would also push categories such as electronics, fashion," said the aforesaid insider.

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

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

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

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

## myITreturn Launches India's First-of-Its-Kind Mobile App

**Gurgaon :** Skorydov, the innovative force behind myITreturn is excited to announce the launch of their groundbreaking new mobile app designed to simplify and revolutionize how Indians file their Income-tax returns. This innovative app is the first of its kind in India, allowing users to file their taxes directly from their smartphones without needing to upload any physical documents, streamlining the entire process, and making it quicker and more efficient than before.

Saakar Yadav, Founder of Skorydov, shared his excitement about the new app, saying, "We are thrilled to introduce this game-changing app to India. At myITreturn, our mission has always been to make tax filing easy, secure, and efficient. This app is a testament to that mission, providing a unique solution that simplifies the entire process while ensuring the safety of user's data and providing them with maximum possible refund. We believe this app will fundamentally change how Indians approach their tax filing in the coming days."

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The myITreturn app is transforming the way one handles tax return filing. The myITreturn app



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With just a few taps on a smartphone, one can complete the tax return from the comfort of one's home or office. This ease of use is what makes the myITreturn app a real game-changer in the field. Affordable Tax Filing at Just Rs.99! Skorydov, the makers of the app, said that they are committed to making quality tax services affordable for everyone.

That's why they are offering tax filing through our app at just Rs.99. This initiative aims to lift any unnecessary financial burden on taxpayers while ensuring they receive top-notch service.

## Congress government will be formed in Haryana under the leadership of Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda: Shyam Sundar

**Kaithal:** Senior Congress leader and former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar Kaul, a close supporter of former Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda, said that more than 2 lakh posts are lying vacant in government departments in the BJP rule, but the government is busy filling the posts through Kaushal Nigam instead of making permanent recruitments on them. He said that in the assembly elections to be held this year, Congress will wave the flag of victory and form the government under the leadership of former Haryana Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda and when the Congress government is formed, permanent recruitments will be made on 2 lakh vacant posts in the state and unemployment will be curbed. Talking to journalists near the bus stand in the town, Congress leader Shyam



Sundar said that the coming time in Haryana belongs to the Congress. The coming government in Haryana will be of the Congress and for the third time Hooda will be crowned as the Chief Minister. Hooda is fighting for the interests of the people day and night from the streets to the Vidhan Sabha and the interests of the people are completely safe in Hooda's hands. It is clear from the huge crowds gathering in Hooda's rallies and public meetings that the people have decided to hand over the command of the state to Hooda. Former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar said that after the for-

mation of the Congress government in the state, unemployment and crime will be eradicated on a priority basis. Because the BJP government has completely failed in providing employment to the youth and security to the citizens. Congress leader Shyam Sundar Kaul said that due to the anti-youth policies of the government, Haryana has reached the first position in terms of unemployment and crime. This is the reason why today the youth are agitating against the recruitment scams and for demanding jobs and the traders are agitating for demanding security. There is no such thing as a government in Haryana, they have increased unemployment by not making recruitments. When the Congress government comes, all the recruitments will be providing employment to the youth will be done.

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### Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks

**Delhi:** To reduce dust pollution and increase green cover, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks, schools, open spaces, and roadsides this year. In 2023-24, the city planted two lakh trees and 3.25 lakh plants. The horticulture department requested zonal office requirements to complete the assignment. "We will plant when the details are acquired. An officer stated schools, hospitals, parks, and below flyovers are used for this. He stated that the government will continue roadside tree planting in some colonies at homeowners' request.

MCD plans to carpet or repair 50 km of inter- or roadways by Oct. to reduce dust. Between April 2023 and February 2024, 139 km of roads were resurfaced or repaired. A civic council wants to resurface 180km of roads by Oct. Road maintenance and resurfacing are ongoing. After winter, we started dense carpet work on damaged areas.

Work is being done with MLA or Mukhyamantri Sadak Punarnirman Yojna non-plan head funding "said the official. Our 52 mechanical road sweepers are for PWD roads. He added that 195 water sprinklers, jet machines, and 30 mobile anti-smog guns are reducing dust pollution on roadways. PWD gave MCD 60 anti-smog weapons to reduce dust near construction sites. In highrises, 15 smog cannons are deployed. The official claimed these work as needed. In response to summer fires, MCD has limited unauthorised entry and the carrying of cigarettes, bidis, lighters, and matchboxes.

## SAR Televenture Limited announces Composite Equity Issue of 450 crore

**GURUGRAM :** SAR Televenture Limited (NSE Symbol: SARTELE) announces Composite Equity Issue of 450 crore. The Composite Issue comprises Rights Issue aggregating up to 300 crore and FPO aggregating up to 150 crore (The "Total Offer Size"). The proposal for fund raising of an amount up to 450 crore through issuance of equity shares through Composite Issue was approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on 20th January 2024. The Rights Issue will comprise 1,50,00,000 fully paid up Equity Shares of Rs. 2 each at



an issue price of 200 per Rights share (including premium of 198 per Rights Share). The Rights Issue will open on Monday, July 15th 2024 and close on Monday, July 22nd, 2024. (The "Rights Issue and Offer Period") Existing shareholders will get 1 (one) Rights share for 1 (one) equity share held as on record date

Tuesday, July 09th 2024 for the purpose of date determining the equity shareholder's entitlement to receive the Rights Entitlement in the Rights Issue ("Eligible Equity Shareholders for Rights Issue") The price band of FPO will be 200 to 210 per Equity Share. (The "FPO Price Band") The Company proposes to uti-

lize the Net proceeds towards (i) funding setting up of Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) network solutions for 3, 00,000 Home Passes estimated to be 273 crore; (ii) Setting up of an additional 1000 number of 4G/5G telecom towers estimated to be 42.50 crore; (iii) Incremental working capital requirement of our Company estimated to be 30 crore and balance amount towards General Corporate purposes to be utilized in FY 2025. (The "Objects of the Offer") The Company's share price and Market Capitalization as on July 03, 2024 was 265.70 and 398.55 crore respectively.

## Dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing

**Delhi:** A month after opening its first engineered landfill in Tehkhand, Municipal Corporation of Delhi assigned its operation and maintenance to an experienced agency. The civic authority noted that managing the leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space, and most significantly, leveling ash from two waste-to-energy plants—Okhla and Tehkhand—requires competence. The site can hold 10 lakh tonnes of ash, and 12,000 tonnes have been dumped. "While the horticul-

ture department has planted a 30-meter strip around the designed landfill, the weighing bridge, roads, and drains need a dedicated system for maintenance.

Leachate treatment plant operation will also be monitored by the agency "official. Three approach roads allow trucks to easily transport rubbish to the landfill site. The peripheral boundary wall is 3.5 meters high. MCD will submit a maintenance plan for approval after the model code of con-

duct is lifted. MCD constructed a 7.5m-deep

trench over 15.5 acres and covered it with 500 mm of soil and five layers of geosynthetic material before dumping ash to prevent leachate percolation and groundwater contamination at the designated

landfill. "We're dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing vehicles from entering the pit. To prevent stacking damage, automobiles are driven carefully. Once a corner is filled, we gently scatter and layer ash "Source.

## Existing academic timetable prevented twice-yearly board exams

**Delhi:** In February, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the plan would be optional from 2025-26. The board's presentation to stated that class 10 and 12 board exams took "more than 150 steps" under the current method. It said the procedure takes at least 310 days, including candidate

list filling, center notifications, roll number release, practicals, theoretical examinations, result declaration, verification, and revaluation. The board ruled the two tests must take 55 days. An official in the conference said the board has schools worldwide and "conducting board examinations in two shifts in the current system and policies is not possible". In contrast to regular exams, which are held between February and April and results announced in May, supplementary exams are held between July and August

and results are announced in August. Class 10 exams cover 88 subjects and class 12 exams cover 121, the board added. According to individuals acquainted with the development, the Central Board of

Secondary Education advised the education ministry that the existing academic timetable prevented twice-yearly board exams for classes 10 and 12.

Board and ministry officials declined to be named, claiming the board presented the current situation to the government during a National Curriculum Framework 2023 program on June 25 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Hundreds of CBSE-affiliated principals attended. The August framework for the National Education Policy 2020 advised that students take

exams at least twice a year and save only the best grades. The ministry instructed the board to create a plan for twice-yearly board exams, reported.

## Coal will be prepared from waste in Faridabad and Gurugram: Manohar Lal

**Karnal:** Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Development, Government of India and Karnal Lok Sabha MP Manohar Lal said that the government will set up a project to make coal from waste in Faridabad and Gurugram. This project will be set up by NTPC. For this, an MoU will soon be signed with the state government. Union Minister Manohar Lal was speaking in the first Jan Samvad program after getting the new responsibility at the rest house of Karnal Public Works Department on Saturday. In this Jan Samvad program, Union Energy Minister Manohar Lal heard the problems of more than 20 departments of about 200 people and many complaints were resolved at the local level and some problems will be resolved through the state government. The Union Minister spent about two hours among the people and listened to each problem of every-



one seriously and also gave necessary instructions to Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh and Superintendent of Police Mohit Handa to solve them. All the officers were also ordered that after listening to the problems of the people on the basis of seriousness and priority, they should be resolved on the spot. Negligence should not be taken in this matter. If any deficiency is found at any level, then the concerned officer will not be spared under any circumstances. While talking to journalists, he said that the responsibility of important departments entrusted to him by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he will fulfill this

responsibility with hard work and honesty. After this new responsibility, for the first time he has come to the Jan Samvad program to solve the problems of the people. Now, by organizing Jan Samvad programs in all the 9 Vidhan Sabhas of Karnal Lok Sabha constituency, the problems of the people will be solved on the spot. He said that special focus will be kept on cleanliness across the country and schemes will be implemented for waste management in urban areas. A project to make coal from waste will be set up by NTPC on behalf of the Central Government in Gurugram and Faridabad. MoU will be signed soon regarding this project.

## Shafali's record and Mandana's century gave India the win over SA

**Delhi:** Young opener Shafali Verma played out of her skin to smash a record-breaking double century, helping India reach the greatest single-day total opening day of the one-off women's Test against South Africa. Shafali's double century (205 off 194 balls) and her 292-run partnership with Smriti Mandhana (149) helped India reach 525 for 4 on a day when the host bats put the visitors on a leather hunt. Annabel Sutherland of Australia set the double-century record in a February Test against South Africa off 248 deliveries.

Shafali broke it. The 20-year-old Indian became the second Indian woman cricketer after Mithali Raj to get a double century in Tests. Former India captain Mithali scored 214 from 407 balls in the drawn second Test against England at Taunton in August 2002. By 94 runs, India shattered the 89-year-old record for most runs in a day. In 1935 at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, England women scored 431/2 versus New Zealand. After completing her double-ton, Shafali was run out at 205 (197 balls). The young opener's past Test best was 96. The explosive batter, playing her sixth Test, struck 23 boundaries and eight maximums in her landmark innings.

Shafali scored easily, delighting the Chepauk fans and confusing the Proteas bowlers about their line and length.