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## 5% of India's 'disengagement problems' in eastern Ladakh resolved: Jaishankar

**NEW DELHI:**

Describing India's ties with China as complex, foreign minister S Jaishankar said roughly 75% of India's "disengagement problems" in eastern Ladakh were resolved and India could look at "other possibilities" if the disengagement process was fully completed and peace and tranquility restored on the border.

Jaishankar, however, said the two countries were faced with a bigger issue of militarisation of border that has affected the entirety of their ties because "you can't have violence at the border and then say the rest of the relationship is insulated from it". Foreign minister Jaishankar has said in the past that the stand-off in eastern Ladakh, which started in May 2020, was about forward deployment, and not land grab. "We made some progress in the ongoing negotiations. I would say roughly you can say about 75% of the disengagement problems are sorted out," he said, speaking at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland. "We hope that if there is a solution to the disengagement and there is a return to peace and tranquility, then we can



India, China to work urgently for disengagement in Ladakh

**NEW DELHI:** India and China agreed to redouble their efforts and work urgently to achieve complete disengagement in the remaining areas of eastern Ladakh, which India sees as essential for normalising Sino-Indian ties, in a meeting between NSA Ajit Doval and Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi on the margins of BRICS NSAs meeting in St Petersburg, Russia. A Chinese readout, which didn't mention disengagement, said they discussed progress in border talks and agreed stability in ties is in long-term interests.

and Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi on the margins of BRICS NSAs meeting in St Petersburg, Russia. A Chinese readout, which didn't mention disengagement, said they discussed progress in border talks and agreed stability in ties is in long-term interests. look at other possibilities," he added. Ties between the two countries are yet to normalise in the absence of disengagement at a couple of remaining friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

### IIT-Guwahati academic affairs dean quits amid stir over student suicide

**GUWAHATI:** IIT-Guwahati students temporarily halted on Wednesday their agitation over a 21-year-old 3rd-year BTEch student's death after the dean of academic affairs resigned. The institute's director, Devendra Jaliha, assured students that their demands for the resignation of several more faculty members, including the hostel affairs board vice-chairperson and the associate deans of student and academic affairs, would soon be addressed. However, IIT-Guwahati authorities said they were yet to decide whether to accept the resignation letter of dean of academic affairs KV Krishna. The authorities have restricted media access to the institute. Protests had erupted on Monday following the alleged suicide of the Paswan community student, Bimlesh Kumar from Ballia, UP. "There is clear negligence on the part of IIT-Guwahati. How could they be so ruthless towards a student who submitted a medical reason for poor attendance and fail him in his third year, not for poor academics but for having low attendance.

## SC: Bulldozer justice like bulldozing laws of land

**NEW DELHI:** Observing that govt authorities indulging in 'bulldozer justice' amounts to "running a bulldozer over the laws of the land", Supreme Court on Thursday held that such actions are against the law and said involvement in crime is no ground for demolition of a property. This is the second time this month that the court has come down heavily on demolition of property of those accused in various crimes.

On Sept 2, an SC bench had said law does not permit the destruction of the family shelters of even convicts, and agreed to frame guidelines to be followed across all states to prevent arbitrary demolitions. 'Bulldozer justice' against law: SC

The practice, which was initiated by Uttar Pradesh govt as a punitive measure against accused persons, is being replicated by others, including Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. On Thursday, hearing the plea of a family from Gujarat whose home the municipal authorities had



BJP slams Rahul Gandhi after Pannun backs his remarks on Sikhs

**NEW DELHI:** Secessionist

Singh Pannun lauded Rahul Gandhi's allegation about Sikhs in India not being allowed to wear turban and kada and visiting gurdwaras as a vindication of the demand for a separate state of Khalistan, drawing a scathing attack on Rahul from BJP which also flayed him for meeting US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, who has been supporting Pakistan's agenda on Jammu and

threatened to bulldoze, a bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy, Sudhanshu Dhulia and S V N Bhatti strongly disapproved of the practice. It said the entire family could not be punished by demolishing the house for the.

### Ajit Doval calls for joint Brics action against terror, meets Wang Yi

**NEW DELHI:**

Participating in the Brics NSAs' meeting in St Petersburg, NSA Ajit Doval spoke about modern security challenges, including in the digital domain, and terrorism, calling for joint efforts within the Brics framework to address these issues.

Doval, who had a brief interaction with Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi on the margins, also called for reform of multilateralism saying existing structures are no longer capable of handling modern threats and sensitive issues of common concerns. Govt sources confirmed Doval will have a formal bilateral meeting with Wang on Thursday. He is expected to address the LAC situation in eastern Ladakh and seek early completion of the disengagement process, and restoration of peace and tranquillity along the border areas, the relationship can become normal. The Brics NSAs also reviewed pressing security challenges facing the globe.

### Pakistan stand-off over cops seeking army exit from restive province drags on

**ISLAMABAD:** The stand-off in northwestern Pakistan involving police units that have gone on strike to demand the withdrawal of military and intelligence agencies from the restive region entered the fourth day Thursday with no sign of the crisis easing.

On Sept 9, hundreds of policemen had blocked Indus Highway, which links Peshawar in the northwest with the southern port city of Karachi, in Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to protest alleged military interference in their regular duties. Police officers from the surrounding districts, including Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan and Tank, joined their protesting colleagues, while political parties, tribal leaders and civil society groups expressed solidarity with them. The protesters, who accuse the ISI and Military Intelligence of exacerbating the situation in the region, have seen many of their colleagues kidnapped or ambushed by Taliban fighters and supporters in Lakki Marwat, Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan over the last few years. In some cases, their houses and families have been targeted.

This is the first instance in Pakistan of uniformed personnel on a sit-in and blocking an inter-provincial highway for four consecutive days. The protesters have so far turned down requests by their bosses to hold talks and end the agitation. Officer Rashid Khan said the army should leave the district and let the police department work freely. "We promise to restore peace in the area within three months if military officers stop their interference," he said in Lakki Marwat. "Their game of playing good and bad Taliban is not over. We (police force) arrest militants and they (the military) call us to release them," another official at the sit-in told. The army has a large presence in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering.

## Biden to host fourth quad summit with PM Modi, Albanese, and Kishida in on September 21

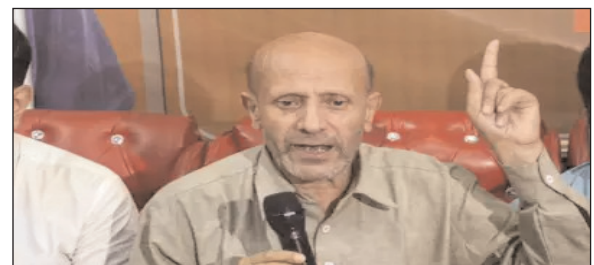
**New Delhi**

Prime Minister of Australia Anthony Albanese, US President Joe Biden, Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida and Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi (Photo: Reuters) Biden to Host fourth quad summit with PM Modi, Albanese, and Kishida in Delaware on September 21. Joining him will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia, and Prime



Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan. This will be the first time Biden welcomes foreign leaders to his hometown as president. White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre announced the event, saying, "President Biden looks forward to welcoming the Prime Ministers of Australia, India, and Japan. The Biden-Harris administration has made elevating and institutionalizing the Quad a top priority." "This will be President Biden's first time hosting foreign leaders in Wilmington as President, a reflection of his deep personal relationships with each.

## 'Want peace & dignity, not graveyard for Kashmiris': Engineer Rashid



**SRINAGAR:** A day after he was released from Delhi's Tihar jail on interim bail to campaign for the J&K assembly elections, Baramulla MP Abdul Rashid Sheikh, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, landed in Srinagar and vowed to fight for the people of Kashmir, who, he claimed, were short-changed during past govts in the state and continued to suffer under the Modi govt at the Centre for

more than five years now. As he exited the terminal, an emotional Rashid kissed the Kashmir soil and broke down. Speaking to reporters at the airport, he asserted that he wanted respect and "peace with dignity for

Kashmiris, and not the peace of the graveyard". "I will fight for my people who punctured PM Narendra Modi's claims about his idea of 'naya Kashmir', through their votes," he said.

## Donald Trump says there will be no third debate, Kamala wants one because...

**MUMBAI:**

He stated he will not engage in another debate with Kamala Harris, referencing a poll indicating his victory. He criticized ABC moderators for perceived bias. While Harris's campaign seeks another debate in October, Trump's team maintains they have already agreed to three debates, questioning the need for more. Donald Trump debated with President Joe Biden on CNN which was the first debate of this presidential election. Donald Trump says there will be no third debate, Kamala wants one because... Donald Trump said



he will not debate Kamala Harris for a second time. Former president Donald Trump Thursday said he will not debate Kamala Harris again claiming that Kamala Harris was wanting another one because Trump claimed poll showed him as the winner. "When a prizefighter loses a fight, the first words

out of his mouth are, "I WANT A REMATCH." Polls clearly show that I won the Debate against Comrade Kamala Harris, the Democrats' Radical Left Candidate, on Tuesday night, and she immediately called for a Second Debate," Trump posted on Truth Social two days after his first debate with

Kamala Harris for the ABC news and second debate this election campaign. The first debate on CNN was between Trump and President Joe Biden. Biden's dismal performance made him to opt out of the race though he said he believed that he had the best chance to defeat Trump.

### Patient, 11, raped in Agra medical college, doctor held

A junior doctor was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly raping an 11-year-old patient admitted to the paediatric department of Sarojini Naidu Medical College (SNMC) in Agra on Tuesday night.

The principal of the college suspended Dilshad Hussain, 28, the first-year resident doctor, and set up three committees - disciplinary, departmental and internal - to probe the matter. The girl, suffering from fever, was admitted to the emergency ward on Sept 6 before being shifted to the paediatric department the next day. Hussain, who was on duty at around 11.55pm on Tuesday.

### Court acquits former Delhi minister in 2016 rape case



**NEW DELHI:** Former Delhi minister Sandeep Kumar, who was accused of raping a woman in 2016, was acquitted by a Delhi court on Wednesday. Kumar, who was an MLA from Sultanpuri and a minister in Delhi govt, was suspended from Aam Aadmi Party after his objectionable video with the woman surfaced. Later, he had to resign from his minister post too. Last month, he had joined Haryana BJP but was expelled from the party within hours. The court of Special Judge

Kaveri Baweja, in its 68-page order dated Sept 11, said the prosecution has not been able to establish the guilt of the accused beyond the realm of reasonable doubt and the complainant failed to support the case of the prosecution. The court noted that the complainant, while being examined by the prosecution, said no such incident had taken place and she never visited Kumar's house. She also said that she never got any case registered with police.



## New Prayagraj store highlights expertise of master coffee blenders

Prayagraj: TATA Starbucks is thrilled to announce the opening of its first store in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant expansion into the culturally rich and historically vibrant city, located at the confluence of the rivers Ganges, Yamuna and Saraswati. The Prayagraj store will introduce Starbucks renowned coffee experience to the neighborhood for the very first



time. Located in the newly opened WP Arena Mall, the store effortlessly blends modern design with historical charm, paying homage to the city's rich history spanning several dynasties and empires. The building's unique architecture features Corinthian columns and a classical facade, creating a distinctive and inviting atmosphere. The thoughtfully designed windows and railings provide a homely, welcoming feel, while the stepped ceiling and grand artworks add to the store's unique character.

The new Prayagraj store highlights the expertise of our master coffee blenders, bringing together coffees from different farms, regions and roasts, unfurling a deeper spectrum of flavors, senses and experiences for consumers to choose from. The store also creates an immersive space enriched with unique artwork such as the Chiapas Coffee Creature, Kenya Landscape, Costa Rica Botanical Landscape, and Dangling Branches.

## Survey says Amazon Trustworthy & Preferred Online Shopping Destination

Varanasi: As India gears up for the annual season of festivities, customers are enthusiastic for festive shopping upswing this year, reveals a study conducted by Ipsos Research Private Limited, commissioned by Amazon India. Among the respondents surveyed, a high 89% expressed their excitement for the upcoming festivities, with 71% indicating their intent to shop online this festive season. Reflecting a surge in consumer confidence and willingness to shop, nearly 50% of respondents who intend to shop online, stated they would spend more on online festive shopping compared to last year. This trend cuts across metros (55%) and tier-2 cities (43% in cities with 10-40 lakh population).

## Jayant Chaudhary visits France to cheer for Team India at WorldSkills 2024

Varanasi: The 47th WorldSkills Competition was officially inaugurated today by French President Emmanuel Macron at a grand opening ceremony held at the LDLC Arena in Lyon, France. Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship also graced the ceremony, meeting the young participants comprising of Team India, to boost their confidence.



With over 13,000 attendees from across the globe, Team India made a remarkable impression at the WorldSkills 2024 competition, standing out with their distinct ceremonial attire that showcased the nation's rich cultural heritage, exquisite craftsmanship, and sartorial elegance. The competitors will be competing in skills like- 3D Digital Game Art, Additive Manufacturing, Autobody Repair, Chemical Lab Technology, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Digital Construction, Fashion Technology, Graphic Design, Industry 4.0, Health and social care, Mechanical Engineering CAD, Robot System, Water Technology, Welding, Bricklaying, Plastering, Patisserie, Bakery, Hospitality Services, and many more. WorldSkills is a platform not just for competition but for sharing knowledge, learning from one another, and fostering unity. The year 2024 is a momentous one for France, as it plays host to the Olympics, Paralympics, and now, the prestigious WorldSkills competition. None of which would have been possible without skills.

## Northern Arc Capital Limited IPO on Sept 16

Varanasi : Northern Arc Capital Limited ("Northern Arc" or "The Company"), shall open its Bid/Offer in relation to its initial public offer of Equity Shares on Monday, September 16, 2024. The initial public offering comprises a fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to 75000 million (the "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 10,532,320 Equity Shares by the Selling Shareholders (the "Offer for Sale" and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer"). The price band for the Offer is at ₹249 to ₹263 per Equity Share. ("The Price Band"). A discount of 24 per Equity Share is being offered to Eligible Employees bidding in the Employee Reservation Portion. Bids can be made for a minimum of 57 Equity Shares and in multiples of 57 Equity Shares thereafter. ("Bid Lot"). The Company intends to utilize the Net Proceeds to meet its future capital requirements towards onward lending in its focused sectors, namely, MSME financing, MFI, consumer finance, vehicle finance, affordable housing finance and agricultural finance, and to ensure compliance with the RBI regulations on capital adequacy, for Financial Year 2025.



# Curtains draw over Shia mourning period spanning 68 days

## Flowers of faith buried with weeping eyes in sombre burial procession

Prayagraj: Those who slept in Karbala, goodbye forever and who knows whether we will live or die next year. But we will perform the rituals in the grave also. The last procession of two months and eight days of Azadari was taken out from Ranimandi Imbaraa under the patronage of Mirza Naqi Beg under the patronage of Bashir Hussain and the Amari procession was taken out from the Haveli in Daryabad under the leadership of Turab Haider, presenting the tribute of the pain and tears of the people. The silent Tazia procession started from Rani Mandi with the cries of Anjuman Haidaria and the mourners and concluded by reaching Chakia Karbala via Bachaji Dharamshala, Dr. Chadha Road, Kotwali, Nakhaskohna, Khuldabad, Himmatganj. Maulana Raza

Abbas Zaidi committed martyrdom as Imam. Mentioned the martyrdom of Hasan Askari in a touching manner. Naukhwans like Abban, Hasan Rizvi, Zaman, Bablu, Musi, Anwar, Ali, Zaheer Abbas, Shamshad etc. presented a scene of tears while reciting Qadimi Nauha. Flowers of Alam Tabut and Chup Tazia Was laid to rest in Karbala. Maulana Zargham Haider, Maulana Aamirur Rizvi, Maulana Syed Afzal Abbas, Zakir-e-Ahlebaith Raza Abbas Zaidi, Kabban Bhai, Bashir Hussain, Asad Hussain, Waqar Hussain, Sheru Bhai, Syed Mohammad Askari, Shahid Abbas Rizvi. Ul Hasan, Samar, Nazir Abbas, Mirza Mustafa Zain etc. were included. Women also held door-to-door majlis in Daryaabad, Karaili, Ranimandi, Shahganj. Crying, this sick man

said, pick up the sheet, the sheet has come! The process of Azadari, which started with the moon of Mahe Muharram for sixty-seven days in the memory of the martyrs of Karbala,

Mandi, Anjuman Mazlumia Rani Mandi, Anjuman Guncha e Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar, Anjuman Abbasia Rani Mandi, Anjuman Hussainiya Qadeem Dariyabad, Anjuman

the Azadari which had been going on for two months has now ended with the martyrdom of Imam Hasan-e-Askari Ibne Naqi on the eighth of Mahe Rabiul Awal.

will be celebrated with the moon of Harram for two more months. Those who have been wearing black clothes for eight days will give up their black clothes and wear colorful clothes in the joy of Eid-e-Zahra. The bangles broken by women on the moon of Muharram will also be adorned on their wrists. People of Shia community will also prepare sweet dishes like vermicelli, dumpling, dumplings etc. at home. Various mourning Anjumans will also organize gatherings on Taj Poshi-e-Imaam-e-Zamaana and Eid-e-Zahra at places like Ranimandi, Dariyabad, Karaili etc. Poetry gathering by Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar at late Khurshid Hussain at 7 pm. Along with Maulana Razi Haider, Maulana Jawadul Haider Rizvi, Manind Shayar will also participate.



ended today with the procession on the martyrdom of Imam Hasan Askari. A big procession of historical Amari was taken out from Haveli situated in Daryabad under the patronage of Toorab Haider. Manzar Al Hindi gave sermon while Bholanath Amirur Rizvi spoke on martyrdom. Anjuman Shabbiriya Rani

Hashimaya Dariyabad participated in the procession with their respective flags. All the mourners followed each other and reached Imbaraa Arab Ali Khan late in the night, where with tearful eyes or Hussain always raised their vows of Alveda. According to Anjuman spokesperson Syed Mohammad Askari,

Water sherbet and food camps set up by Anjumans and Tanzims on the procession routes. Cold water, sherbet, black lentil and cumin rice, nand kebab, biryani, tea were provided to the mourners by various Anjumans and Tanzims on the way of the procession. Biscuits, snacks etc. were distributed from the camp remembering the martyrdom of Hussain-e-Mazloom due to hunger and thirst. Aun Zaidi, Jaun Zaidi etc. continued to cooperate in running the camp. Today Eid-e-Zahram

## Lecture delivered on cyber crime

Prayagraj/Kanpur: 17 UP Girls Battalion NCC under NCC Group Headquarters Kanpur has successfully completed 10 days combined Annual Training Camp wef 04 to 13 Sep 2024 at Wheelers Barrack, Cantt Kanpur. Duration of the camp was 10 days attended by 400 Senior Division, Senior Wing, Junior Division & Junior Wing Cadets of Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Orai, Unnao & Jhansi alongwith ANOS. The CATC served as a platform for developing camaraderie and skill enhancement for boys and girls during camp. Basic aim of training is to groom cadets to become a responsible citizen of India. The prime endeavour was to give cadets maximum exposure to foot drill, range drill, firing, Map reading & specialize training emphasizing community living, discipline, first aid, character and con-

fidence building. In addition, Cadets were shortlisted to participate in Inter Group Competition RDC. The successful completion of camp makes the Cadets eligible for ap-

during camp. ACP Cyber Crime Division, Commissionerate Kapur, Mohd Mohsin Khan delivered a lecture and gave live demonstration to NCC Cadets on Cyber Crime



pearance in NCC A, B and C Certificate Exams. In addition to military training, Guest Lectures by Domain Specialist were conducted for Cadets to enhance the overall awareness and personality of Cadets. Guest lectures on Fire fighting, SSB Procedures were given

awareness. He has five years of expertise in Cyber Crime and deep understanding of Surveillance. For personality development and developing competitive spirit, various competitions were conducted such as Line area, firing, public speaking, running,

cultural, Mock Youth parliament session etc. A Historical visit of Bithoor was also organized during camp to motivate Cadets for exploring new places. Best Performing Cadets and staff were felicitated with medals and trophies, cultural programs were also organized during camp.

Col Neeraj Naithani, CO 17 UP Girls BN NCC, during his address said that the basic purpose to provide NCC Camp is to achieve basic aims of NCC to develop camaraderie and leadership qualities amongst cadets. He motivated Cadets to join armed forces and enlightened them with what actually NCC is offering to them by conducting such camps. He also guided cadets to become digitally aware and safe. At the end, he complemented the entire team of Officers, ANOS/CTS, JCOS, PI Staff and Cadets for successful culmination of camp.

## Industrial Development Minister Nandi to represent UP in Trade Board meeting

Prayagraj: A meeting of the Board of Trade has been organized in Mumbai on 13 September to promote exports in the country, ease of doing business, discuss export related matters and create coordination between the Central and State Governments. In which Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Minister of Industrial Development, Export Promotion, Investment Promotion and NRE Department of Uttar Pradesh Government will participate representing Uttar Pradesh and will inform about the progress of industrial development and exports of the state. He will also inform about the efforts being made under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to fulfill the goal of making Uttar Pradesh a state with one trillion dollar economy. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will preside over the Board of Trade meeting held at Hotel Westin Goregaon Mumbai. The objective of the Board of Trade meeting is to promote stronger cooperation between the Center and the states and to promote exports from India. Representatives of Central Government Departments, State Governments, Union Territories, Export Promotion Councils and Industry Associations will attend the meeting. The meeting will focus on removing industry bottlenecks and formulating strategies to further promote Indian exporters.

## Players who won medals in All India Karate Competition felicitated

Prayagraj: The felicitation ceremony of the players who won medals in the All India Karate Competition was held in the World Modern Sotokan All India Karate Competition for two days from 24 to 25 August, held at Chowk Stadium, Lucknow. In this competition, Jhanvi Sharma from Kaushambi won the bronze medal, Shashwat Sharma won the gold medal, Aarohi Mishra Silver Medal Stuti Gautam Bronze Medal Harshit Sonkar Bronze Medal Devank Soni



Gold Anuj Kumar Bronze Raunak Sonkar Gold Naitik Sonkar Silver Manav Sonkar Bronze Sambhav Singh Gold Aditya Kesharwani Bronze Abhishek Bronze received by Vijay Sansthan of Players by wearing a garland in Prayagraj today by giving memento. On this occasion, President of Karate Association of Kaushambi, Reena Sharma, Vice President Narendra Kesarwani and Secretary of Karate Association of Kaushambi, Atul Sonkar were honored by feeding them sweets. Vijay Singh honored him by wearing a garland and said that you people should take the players to such heights so that our country always figure on the top.

## Angered by actions of govt, Anganwadis preparing to ghearao Legislative Assembly

Prayagraj: Anganwadis who are angry with the actions of the central or state government, have started preparing to surround the Legislative Assembly. Under the banner of their union Anganwadis across the state are making preparations in full swing to blow the bugle against the government by holding meetings at the block level. On Thursday, under the chairmanship of District Patron of Anganwadi Employees and Helpers Association, Mauji Lal Rawat Anganwadi and helpers of Pratappur development block gathered at the block headquarters and made a strategy to surround the assembly. Addressing the

meeting District Patron Mauji Lal Rawat said that the state government is giving step-motherly treatment to Anganwadis. For

crease their honorarium. Apart from this, it is misleading the Anganwadi by releasing the vacancy of teachers on a separate con-



the last 49 years, Anganwadi and Sahayikas are jointly implementing many government schemes in the villages on the ground, but the rate of demand is increasing. The government did not in-

tract and is talking about giving them an honorarium of Rs.10,313 per month, due to which the Anganwadi and assistants of the entire state, angry with the actions of the government are preparing to sit on an indefi-

nite strike at the Legislative Assembly. She is doing it loudly. Mandal Patron Santosh Mishra said that like in other states, the government should give respectable honorarium to the Anganwadis in Uttar Pradesh along with pension and gratuity on their retirement, otherwise the Anganwadis and assistants across the state will protest against the actions of the government by ghearaoing the assembly. It is going on in full swing. A large number of Anganwadi and assistants including Radha, Shyam Kali, Pratibha, Kanchan, Sushila, Urmila, Vandana, Anjana Sarita, Prema were present on the occasion.

## GM's Office, North Central Railway honoured with third award for best work

Prayagraj: As a result of the patronage and guidance of General Manager Upendra Chandra Joshi and the efforts of Chief Official Language Officer and Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer Satendra Kumar, North Central Railways has spread the use of official language. The Office of the General Manager, North Central Railway has been awarded the third prize by the City Official Language Implementation Committee, Allahabad for the excellent work in Hindi in the Central Government offices located in Prayagraj city. On behalf of North Central Railway, Satendra Kumar, Chief Official Language Officer and Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer received this award from Mona Mohanty, Chairperson of the City Official Language Implementation Commit-



tee and Chief Income Tax Commissioner. It is noteworthy that for the last several years, the General Manager's Office, North Central Railway has been receiving the first prize of the City Official Language Implementation Committee. The General Manager's Office has also been honored with the Railway Minister's Official Language Trophy this year. In a program organized at North Central Railway Headquarters, Chief Official Language Officer and Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer Satendra Kumar handed over the said trophy and certificate to the General Manager. General Manager Upendra Chandra Joshi has congratulated all the officers and employees for this achievement and has given instructions to continue using the official language Hindi as much as possible in future also.



## Jitendra Tiwari aunt's ashes immersed in Sangam

Prayagraj: Jitendra Tiwari, President of All India IFFCO Officers Association, immersed his aunt's ashes in the sacred Sangam. Shringari Devi, wife of Shashibhushan Tiwari, passed away on Monday at 5.30 pm at his ancestral village Malikpur Nonra in Sultanpur district. The cremation was performed as per tradition at the ghat of river



Gomti in Kadipur, Sultanpur. Jitendra Tiwari said his aunt is like his mother. Jitendra Tiwari said that his aunt always called him "Bhaiya". There is an atmosphere of emptiness after his departure and his absence will always be felt. During this, close relatives of Jitendra Tiwari, IFFCO Officers Association President Anurag Tiwari and General Secretary Swayam Prakash, IFFCO Employees Union President Pankaj Pandey, Jai Shankar Yadav, Sanjay Awasthi, PC Shukla, Surendra Pandey and a large number of other people gathered at to pay homage.

## BJP's membership campaign aim towards nation building: Mayor

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, special membership campaign of Bharatiya Janata Party was conducted on a large scale by organizing camps in Bharti Bhawan Chowk and Chaukhandi Keetganj. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani called upon the people to join the membership campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that the membership



campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party is not just for joining the Bharatiya Janata Party but for building the nation. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani said that on this occasion 512 People took membership of BJP on this occasion Councilor Sunita Chopra, Giri Shankar Prabhakar, Councilor Rudra Sen Jaiswal, Ram Ji Kesarwani, Pramod Modi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Manoj Mishra, Padum Jaiswal, Gopal Ji Malviya, Shivmohan Gupta, Dinesh Vishwakarma, Manoj Mishra. Hundreds of BJP workers like Ajay Srivastava, Bharat Kesarwani, Mayank Aggarwal, Lala Bhai, Ajay Agrahari, Vishnu Tripathi, Shyamji Aggarwal, etc. were present.

## Khunti-puja of Katra Durga Puja concludes

Prayagraj: Khunti Puja was completed with rituals by the officials of Shri Katra Durga Puja Committee on Thursday evening. In the 105th year, due to change of venue, the entry puja will be held in the Masonic Temple premises located near Myohal Sports Complex. The puja was conducted by priest Pandit Ashok Chakraborty. Principal



Secretary Abhinav Varshney said that after the puja, the construction of the pandal was started by the special artisans who came from Kolkata. The five-day puja starts from 8th October next month and will continue till 13th October. It may be noted that in the past, Katra Durga Puja has been organized at RD Palace located on Stanley Road. During this, Principal Secretary Abhinav Varshney, Srimateo Banerjee, Abhik Shaha, Chandrakesh Mishra, Aryan Shaha, Alok Das and many other officials were present.

## Atul Sonkar appointed joint secretary of District Olympic Association Kaushambi

Prayagraj: District Olympic Association Kaushambi nominated Atul Sonkar to the post of joint secretary. Let it be known that Atul ji is also the secretary and coach of Karate Association Kaushambi, under his leadership from the district, the National Karate Championship was organized in the month of August at Chowk Stadium, Lucknow in which thirteen children from the district participated and all the children together He had brought honor to the district and the state by winning four gold, two silver and seven bronze medals, a total of thirteen medals. As soon as the news of his appointment to this post was received, there was a wave of joy among the children and parents and there was a flood of congratulations, among those who congratulated were Krishna Kumar, Reena Sharma, Narendra Kesarwani, Ayush Sahu, Vipin Singh, Neeraj Kesari etc. He sweetened their faces and wished for a bright future for the children under his leadership.

# Live telecast of CM's inauguration prog conducted at Atal Residential School, Belhat

Prayagraj: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the academic session 2024-25 in Atal Residential Schools on Thursday through virtual medium. The Chief Minister's inauguration program in the district was telecast live at Atal Residential School, Belhat, Koraon. On this occasion, MLA Koraon Rajmani Kol, Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant, District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal and others were present. The academic session 2024-25 also started in Atal Residential School, Belhat, Koraon Prayagraj. In the program organized, the Chief Guest and special guests were welcomed by the Deputy Labor Commissioner, Prayagraj by giving them a Tulsi plant, after which the program was organized through lamp lighting, garlanding, welcome song and dance etc. and an educational session was conducted by the Chief Guest and special guests. In 2023-24 Meritorious stu-

dents who scored more than 90 percent marks in class 6 were given certificates and newly admitted class 6 and class 9 children of the academic session 2024-25 were given educational kits. Trees were planted in the premises by the guests. Hand impressions were put by the students as a form of admission in the said academic session.

Instructions were given to start the academic session 2025-26 from the month of June to July for the visionary policies of the Chief Minister and all-round development of the children of registered workers and the Chief Minister asked for wide publicity of Atal Residential School and in all the districts of the state. of schools in the districts. Announced to be constructed. Children of construction workers registered under the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, after the entrance examina-

tion in the academic session 2024-2025, will be given admission to the passed/eligible children in Class-6 in Atal Residential School, Belhat, Koraon, Prayagraj. In the last academic year 2023-24, the total number of admitted students was 80 and in the academic session 2024-

all the formalities under the guidance of Suresh Chandra Atal Residential School, Prayagraj. In the last academic year 2023-24, the total number of admitted students was 80 and in the academic session 2024-



25 the total number of students has increased from 280 to 360. High level arrangements of clothes, books, stationery, shoes etc. have been made in the school for the students of the school and reading and other activities have been started in view of the overall development of the students. All daily activities for

the first week like PT, breakfast, morning assembly, regular class, lunch, rest, tea etc. will be organized for the orientation of the students for the running of the school. Snacks, evening games, singing programme, dance programme, cultural program etc. were organized and students were given prizes and welcome kits. For the commencement of the academic session 2024-25 of the school, the duties of the office officers/employees were already decided and necessary instructions were also given to them. Strict arrangements were made for safety and health. Strong arrangements were made to seat the children at appropriate places in the school, to make proper arrangements for their food, to decorate the school, to arrange for an ambulance along with a medical team at the venue of the programme, and for necessary security arrangements at the venue of the programme. On this occa-

tion, District Development Officer Bholanath Kannaujia, Deputy District Magistrate Koraon Akanksha Singh, Block Development Officer Koraon Manoj Kumar Singh, Deputy Labor Commissioner Rajesh Mishra, Assistant Labor Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Kumar Lal All, the labor enforcement officers, Dr. Suresh Chandra Principal of Atal Residential School, Belhat, Koraon, Prayagraj and teachers and entire staff of the school were present. The Chief Guest blessed the students selected in the academic session 2024-25 at Atal Residential School Belhat, Koraon Prayagraj for providing invaluable support in the development of the country by taking better education system and wishing for the bright future of all the students. In the end, the Deputy Labor Commissioner, Prayagraj announced the conclusion of the program by thanking everyone.

## Will not use items made of plastic: Jagadguru Shandilya Maharaj

Prayagraj: While the preparations for the Mahakumbh to be held for 45 days from January 13, 2025, on the sands of the Sangam of Tirtharaj Prayagraj, have started on a large scale, on the other hand, saints and mahatmas are also sitting in their ashrams and participating in the stories, discourses, etc. held throughout the month in the camp during the Mahakumbh. Havan, Annakshetra and other preparations have been started with great enthusiasm. During this time, Jagadguru Swami Narayanacharya Shandilya Ji Maharaj has welcomed the initiative of Mahakumbh Fair Officer Vijay Kiran Anand. He said that during the Mahakumbh, plastic glasses, dona and pattal will not be used in the camp throughout the month, but

the disciples, devotees and bathers will be given prasada, food and water in dona, pattal and kulhar. For this, booking of five lakh dona, pattal and kulhad has



already been done. This booking has been done from Musahars and Kumhars of Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Jaunpur, Pratapgarh and Sultanpur districts. Jagadguru Swami Narayanacharya Shandilya

Ji Maharaj told that it has been decided in the meeting that after the start of Mahakumbh, the fair will be organized in other camps of the area, Kalpvasis and

devotees. People will also be made aware that during the Mahakumbh, they should not use any item made of plastic - Dona, Pattal, glass and polythene in the fair area, and this will lead to pollution and dirt.

Jagadguru Narayanacharya Swami Shandilya Ji Maharaj told that with the use of Dona, Pattal and Kulhar, a large section of the society will get employment and their economic condition will be strengthened, they will be able to join the main stream of the society and their families. He said that all of us saints, mahatmas and pilgrim priests welcome and support the commendable initiative of Mahakumbh Meladhikari Vijay Kiran Anand. Jagadguru Swami Narayanacharya Shandilya Ji Maharaj told that before Mahakumbh, awareness will be created for maximum use of Dona, Pattal and Kulhar during the fair in urban and rural areas. Senior social workers Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Durgesh Dubey and others were present in the meeting.

## Office bearers of All India Shri Valmiki Young Man Association elected

Prayagraj: Under the banner of The All India Shri Valmiki Young Man Association (Registered), in the National Executive meeting held on 8 September 2024 in Ulhasnagar, Mumbai, nominated President Mohan Ram Singh Kandare and National General Secretary Jagdish Prasad unanimously nominated the name of the officer in the National Tax Committee. The following were announced! 1. National President - Mohan Ram Singh Kandare 2. National Vice President - Punnu Lal Valmiki 3. National Vice President - Hari Krishna 4. National General Secretary - Jagdish Prasad 5. National Coordinator - Suresh Chand Itwari Rath 6. National Co-Convenor - Rakesh Tak 7. National Joint Minister - Pradeep Kumar Vinod 8. National Joint Minister - Sanjay Rathi 9. National Treasurer - Sandeep Chauhan 10. National Inspector of Accounts - Kishan Lal 11. National Executive Member - Kailash Chandra 12. National Executive Member - Shri Prakash 13. National Executive Member - Shankar Lal 14. National Executive Member - Satish Chandra 15. National Executive Member - Sushil Kumar 16. National Executive Member - Anil Kumar 17. National Executive Member - Arjun Lal 18. National Executive Member - Purnan Kumar 19. National Executive Member - Pradeep Kumar Chauhan 20. National Executive Member - Veerpal Singh 21. National Executive Member - Suresh Chandel 22. National Executive Member - Shyam Sundar Jedia 23. National Executive Member - Rajendra Banarasi Shoden 24. National Executive Member - Rajveer Chandrapal Khazania 25. National Executive Member - Amarjeet Singh.

## MoU signed between Israel Research Centre and SHUATS

Prayagraj: Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ibdah Lab, New'e Yaa'r Research Center under Agricultural Research organization, Israel located in Ramat Yishai. The MoU was signed between Dr. Mwafaq Ibdah, P I. at New's Yaa'r Research

benefit farmers and other stakeholders in entire agricultural value chain in Uttar Pradesh.



Center, Israel and Prof. (Dr.) S. D. Mecarty, Director Research, and Dr. K. P. Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj.

This MoU will benefit faculty and students alike for promoting research and development in sustainable, regenerative agriculture, environmental preservation through interdisciplinary research and collaboration at SHUATS and

The New'e Yaa'r Research Center, in Northern Israel focuses on climate change, and sustainable and regenerative agriculture and strives to ensure accessible, affordable, and healthy agricultural produce to improve public health along with increased agricultural production while prioritizing environmental preservation involving interdisciplinary research, collaboration, and economic development, to empower farmers to enhance their yield, improve crop nutrition, and promote sustainable practices which is in line with the research priorities of SHUATS.

Prof. (Dr.) R. B. Lal, Vice Chancellor, SHUATS praised Prof. (Dr.) S. D. Mecarty, Director Research, SHUATS and Dr. K. P. Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences for their noteworthy efforts in putting into place this MoU and blessed them in their future endeavors.

## Empowering leaders of tomorrow at Ethel Higginbottom School & College

Prayagraj: The morning of Thursday had the vivacity of pride, honor and ardour as the day witnessed the formal induction of the

with the Bible reading by Class-X students Michelle Robert. Followed by a beautiful prayer song by Michelle Robert, Joyce Lal

Following the badge ceremony, the school flag and the house flag were raised for the flag raising ceremony. The Principal

sion the chief guest encouraged the students to strive for righteousness, hard work and selfless service, reminding them that this



student leader into the prestigious student council of Ethel Higginbottom School & College for the Academic Session-2024-25 in a magnificent investiture ceremony. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. (Mrs.) Samala Suneetha Masih, Manager of Ethel Higginbottom School & College.

The ceremony was held with great pomp and fervor. The program commenced

and Andria Prasad. After the formal welcoming of the chief guest by the Mr. Samson James Robinson (Principal) and Mrs. Kamini Prasad (Vice-principal) of EHSC, 80 office bearers were facilitated with badges and sashes by the chief guest and the faculty member of EHSC. For the Academic Session-2024-25 Vineet Srivastava was appointed as the Head Boy and Sakshi as the Head Girl.

EHSC administered the oath to the newly elected Council, emphasizing the importance of responsibility. Faculty members, staff and students gathered in the auditorium to witness the investiture of the student council members who were elected through a democratic process to represent the students body and uphold the values of the institution.

Speaking on the occa-

tion, the chief guest encouraged the students to strive for righteousness, hard work and selfless service, reminding them that this honor is an opportunity to shape their character through discipline and merit. She urged them to respect the dignity of the school in all endeavors and to lead in a way that inspire future leaders. The Acceptance Speech was delivered by the newly appointed Head Boy followed by the Vote of thanks. Overall, it was an exemplary program marked with immaculate solemnity, dignity and uniformity.

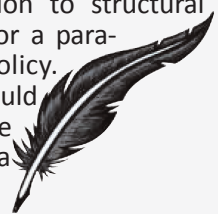


## Editorial

### Stark reminder of the balance between human development and environmental sustainability

The recent landslides in Wayanad, Kerala, which have left at least 282 people dead, more than 200 injured, and 240 still missing, serve as a stark reminder of the fragile balance between human development and environmental sustainability. As rescue operations enter their third day, with over 1,000 people saved, the immediate focus is on providing relief and finding the missing persons. However, the broader implications of this disaster call for a critical evaluation of our approach to development and environmental management. Kerala, with its unique geographical and climatic conditions, is no stranger to landslides. Districts like Idukki, Kottayam, Malappuram, and Wayanad have long been recognised as landslide-prone areas. According to a study conducted by the Geological Survey of India, around 14.5 per cent of Kerala's total area is prone to landslides. The heavy rains during the southwest monsoon are a yearly phenomenon, yet the scale and frequency of deadly landslides in recent years are alarming. This tragic event underscores the urgency of addressing the root causes of such disasters, which include both natural and anthropogenic factors. The Madhav Gadgil report, submitted by the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel in 2011, provides a comprehensive framework for understanding and mitigating these risks. The report emphasises the importance of preserving the ecological integrity of the Western Ghats, advocating for the restoration of denuded flora and the rehabilitation of people in vulnerable areas. The Western Ghats, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are a biodiversity hotspot and play a critical role in regulating the climate and hydrology of the region. However, the report highlights that climate change is exacerbating weather patterns, leading to unprecedented and unpredictable natural disasters. The panel warned that unchecked development and deforestation in the Western Ghats would lead to increased landslides and other ecological disasters. One of the key recommendations of the Gadgil report is to halt engineering projects in ecologically sensitive areas. This includes limiting quarrying, construction activities, and monocropping, all of which compromise the ecosystem's ability to cope with natural changes. Unfortunately, these recommendations have often been overlooked in favour of short-term economic gains. The Chaliyar River's devastating impact this year, intensified by increased rainfall and upstream deforestation, is a direct consequence of such oversight. The river, originating from an altitude of around 2 km, has brought fast-moving waters laden with debris, devastating villages in its path. The recurring nature of these disasters reveals a significant gap in warning systems and emergency preparedness. Despite landslide risk maps clearly identifying vulnerable areas, the state has been repeatedly caught off-guard. According to the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, there were over 400 landslides in the state between 2018 and 2020 alone.

The lack of proactive measures to mitigate risks and enhance resilience has resulted in avoidable loss of life and property. This calls for the establishment of well-equipped, staffed, and empowered expert committees to assess the feasibility of development projects in sensitive areas, ensuring that environmental concerns are not sidelined. In addition to structural measures, there is a need for a paradigm shift in public policy. Sustainable development should not be viewed as an obstacle to economic growth but as a foundational element.



## Everyone wants to know whether Iran will respond to Israel

In 1997, he was injected with poison by Israeli agents in the Jordanian capital of Amman. But the mission was botched, the agents were captured and the then-king Hussein was so furious that he threatened to hang the agents, and scrap Jordan's peace deal with Israel unless it shared the antidote. Under Netanyahu, who was in his first term at the time, Israel agreed to hand over the antidote and Meshal was saved. If he returns to the paramount position in Hamas, he will surely need to watch his back or perish like his predecessor. Coming back to Haniyeh's death which has caused serious embarrassment for Iran. Everyone wants to know whether Iran will respond. After all, all its proxies and its own sovereign territory are under attack. Israel's message is pretty clear. No one is safe. So, will Iran sit back down, take the loss and lose face as a result—or will it strike back? If you go by the reactions of Iran's leaders, then revenge is right around the corner. President Pezeshkian said, "I raised his victorious hand and today I have to bury him on my shoulders. Iran will make the terrorist invaders regret their cowardly action." Meanwhile, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The criminal, terrorist Zionist regime martyred our dear guest in our territory and has caused grief, but it has also prepared the ground for a severe punishment... It is our duty to take revenge." Khamenei has even ordered a direct attack on Israel, according to reports. But it's not as simple as it looks. Iran's words are failing to match its actions.



In April this year, Israel attacked the Iranian embassy in Syria and killed several IRGC officers. Iran retaliate but it seemed like it did not want a war. It rained down missiles over Israel, almost all of which were intercepted by the Iron Dome air defence systems. The damage was little and by no means a major escalation. Moreover, reports said that Iran had notified countries in the region, indirectly tipping Israel off about the attack and letting it prepare its defences in advance. Could it be that Iran does not want to be dragged into an all-out war with Israel, even though Israel is baiting it for confrontation every now and then? 39,000 Palestinians have been reported dead in Gaza, while over 100 Israeli hostages remain in captivity with no end in sight to the Israel-Hamas war. Israel has made a solid show of force in the last ten months, training its guns at Iran and Iran's proxies, all at the same time.

But Iran is avoiding an all-out war. Iran's economy, already devastated by sanctions, is threatened not just by Israel but the United States. The US

has been sending billions of dollars in military aid to Israel at a time when it is already funding a bigger war against Russia in Ukraine. It has the resources and the political will to back Israel in a war. Israel has deep pockets and can play the game overtly but Iran does not, and it must use its funds tactically, which is what it has been doing by moving in the shadows with its proxy groups so far.

Iran's 'Axis of Resistance' is in a crisis. If Iran is the mother-ship, the Houthis, Hamas and Hezbollah are its proxies, extending far and wide into the West Asian region. These extensions of Iran have allowed it to project power across the Middle East, tackling its enemy Israel and keeping Arab powers in check. But Israel attacked all three of these heavily armed militant offshoots within days, and it has not even spared Iranian territory in the process. News of the assassination of Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh in the Iranian capital of Tehran has sent shockwaves across the world and has embarrassed Iran. After all, he was a guest of Iran to attend

the inauguration of its new President Masoud Pezeshkian, when he was killed in a blast. Before this, Israel struck a building in another capital city, Beirut in Lebanon, eliminating Fuad Shukur, Hezbollah's most senior military commander and a right-hand man to the Shia militant group's leader Hassan Nasrallah. This was apparently in response to a rocket attack by Hezbollah which killed 12 children in the Golan Heights, a Syrian territory controlled by Israel since the 1967 war. Israel also declared that Mohammad Deif, the military leader of Hamas in Gaza, was also killed in an air raid last month. And this is not it. The Houthis also got a taste of Israeli retaliation when a crucial Yemeni lifeline, the Hodeida port, came under attack. The massive air strike on this Red Sea Port was an answer to a drone attack by the Houthis. Israel is prepared for any further escalation, it says, and is on high alert anticipating a response from Iran. Meanwhile, Iran is trapped in its own web. Israel has killed one of Iran's dearest guests in its capital city. Haniyeh was a guest of the Iranians. He attended the inauguration of the new Iranian President, met Supreme Leader Khamenei with a warm hug and posed with the victory sign with other Iranian leaders. That was the last the world saw of him as he was killed before dawn in his special residence in Tehran. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) reported it as a "Zionist raid" that took his life. It was initially theorised that it was an Israeli missile attack,

and it raised serious questions about Iran's air defence capabilities. But it is now being reported that it was actually a bomb placed inside the guest-house where Haniyeh was staying. And it was placed almost two months before the attack. For two months, the security apparatus in Iran failed to track this bomb. When Haniyeh was finally inside, the bomb was detonated remotely. This raises serious questions about Iran's security and intelligence capabilities. This was a lapse at many levels, if it was a lapse at all. After all, how could it be so easy to take Haniyeh out? This Hamas leader had been evading the Israelis for decades, enjoying safe haven in Qatar. Israel had been trying to take him out for years. Haniyeh was no small target—he was the political chief of Hamas since 2017, representing the group in diplomatic conversations with Arab and Western leaders. He shuttled from Turkey to Qatar and Iran to secure funding for Hamas. This is why some media reports will tell you that he was seen as a so-called "moderate" face of Hamas. This is not because he did not subscribe to the radical extremist ideology of Hamas but because leaders engaged with him behind closed doors to keep tabs on the Palestinian movement in Gaza. The truth is that Haniyeh was responsible for the intense militarisation of Hamas during his time in Gaza and was even accused of diverting humanitarian aid to the Hamas armed wing. He is also believed to have amassed a wealth of \$4 billion while being a leading face.

### BJP wants to partition Bengal again

The next day, Nishikant Dubey, BJP MP from Jharkhand's Godda, fanned the flames with an uninterrupted three-minute diatribe on West Bengal in the Lok Sabha. He claimed that Jharkhand's tribal population had fallen to 26 per cent from 36 per cent in 2000, when the state was formed; at the same time, he claimed that the Muslim population went up by some astronomical percentage in some areas of the state. If that wasn't enough, he added that 'ghuspetiya' or infiltrators from Bangladesh were marrying tribal women and settling into tribal villages, and that Muslims from Malda and Murshidabad in West Bengal were overrunning Hindu villages in Jharkhand and changing the state's demography. At no point did Dubey reveal where he got his data from, especially about Jharkhand's tribal population. The Census survey hasn't been conducted since 2011. In 2001 and 2011, the Census stated that Jharkhand had 26 per cent tribal population. But no one has yet questioned Dubey's claims or the fine points of his data because the

demand he raised next in Parliament was stunning: he reeled off a list of districts at the Bengal-Jharkhand-Bihar border that are apparently getting dominated by Muslims that he demanded be merged into a Union Territory—ostensibly, a place where the Centre could conduct NRC exercise without political opposition. Following this, a BJP MLA from Murshidabad, Gauri Shankar Ghosh, cited an 'infiltration problem' and said Malda and Murshidabad should be turned into a Union Territory. Fellow BJP MLA Subrata Maitra from Baharampur went a step further: he wanted parts of Nadia and South Dinajpur districts added to the imagined Union Territory comprising Murshidabad and Malda. BJP Rajya Sabha MP Nagendra Roy aka Anant Maharaj joined the chorus and demanded the district of Cooch Behar be expanded to Greater Cooch Behar and granted Union Territory status. Is there some method to this madness? Or is this chorus for Union Territories and the carving up of West Bengal a sign of the BJP's impoverished politics.

### If you want an efficient all-India service, allow them to open their mouth freely—Sardar Patel

The Heads of the Departments of the Police in every province are covered under this guarantee. Are you going to change that? Are you going to put your Congress volunteers as captains? What is it that you propose to do? I am grieved to find that in a Parliament of this kind, Members, senior Members, speak in this strain. I would refer you to the Indian Independence Act which gave birth to this Parliament, and you find that the guarantees have been included there. When the Indian Independence Act was to be passed in Parliament, the draft was sent here. The leaders of the nation were called for; the Cabinet was there, the Congress President was there, your President was there, and your Leader today was there. Mahatma Gandhi was also present. Every section was scrutinised and the draft was approved. After that, it was passed in Parliament. Now, these guarantees were circulated before that to the provinces. All provinces agreed. It was also agreed to incorporate these into the Constituent Assembly's New Constitution. That is one part of the guarantee. Have you read that history? Or, you do not care for the recent history after you began to make history? If you do that, then I tell you we have a dark future. Learn to stand upon your pledged word, and, also, as a man of experience I tell you, do not quarrel with the instruments with which you want to work. It is a bad workman who quarrels with his instruments. Take work from them. Every man wants some sort of encouragement. Nobody wants to put in work when every day he is criticised and ridiculed in public. Nobody will give you work like that. So, once and for all, decide whether you want this service or not.

If you have done with it and decide not to have this service at all, even in spite of my pledged word, I will take the Services with me and go. The

nation has changed its mind. The Services will earn their living. They are capable people. They were trained in a different setting. I know a senior Member of the Service with about twenty-five years' service who went to England for higher education and training in the Civil Service, and spent about fifty thousand rupees. He took a loan; he did not have the money. But there is a glamour for the Civil Service on the part of the Indian youth. He went there, he passed with distinction and came here. He served very ably, very loyally the then Government and later the present Government. His business is to serve the Government—that he is serving. He had a sense of patriotism. Often he came into difficulties with the then Government when he had to carry out orders against the Congress people, putting them in jail and otherwise. But he could not go beyond a certain limit. Now all his balance today at the end of twenty-five years' service is ten thousand rupees, and his wife and children, when he dies, will get some provident fund. These were the circumstances in which many of the service people took their training, came here, and served. Now we can say, "Very well, they did it with open eyes, let them suffer." Then you make up your mind to prepare for a substitute. We already have a substitute. We have started a training school here in India; we have fixed the cadre, proposals for which have been approved by Provinces—you know all that. If you want an efficient all-India service, I advise you to allow the services to open their mouths freely. If you are a Premier, it would be your duty to allow your Secretary, or Chief Secretary, or other services working under you, to express their opinion without fear or favour. But I see a tendency today that in several provinces the services are set upon and told, "No, you are servicemen."

### Is Third-Gender Olympics the Answer?

No one has to then gatecrash women's events and bathrooms. Rabbi David J Meyer writes: An entire tractate of Talmud, in fact, is devoted to the laws and rituals of bringing the First Fruits, detailing the ornamentation of the offerings, and how the gifts would be offered by the men and women. During the course of this discussion, the text poses a question that many today might find quite stunning. While reviewing the differing obligations of men and women when it comes to offering the first fruits of Shavuot, the rabbis pondered the circumstances for those who fall outside the norma-

tive identities of male or female. Here's how the discussion begins: Jewish legal tradition identifies no fewer than six distinct "genders", certainly assuming as normative the male and female, but including designations which we now refer to as "intersex" identities. To use the Hebrew terms: the androgynous, one who has both male and female characteristics, the tumtum, one whose biology is unclear, the ayilonit, who identified as female at birth, but at puberty, develops male characteristics, and the saris, who appears as male at birth, but later takes on more typically female biology. Even in

Christian scripture, there are many affirming passages for trans and gender non-conforming people. There are women warriors, Jesus's kind words for eunuchs, and a passage in Isaiah about eunuchs being given a name and a family. To fit Eliot into the free-for-all boxing ring of gender identity that the Paris Olympics has descended into, one might rephrase him: 'Between XX and XY, falls the shadow.' From Elon Musk to Rowling, from Emmanuel Macron to Georgia Meloni, everybody is throwing punches at the torrid global debate on whether those with male hormones, genetic makeup,

or genitalia should compete with women. The parody of the Last Supper and trans performances at the Games opening kicked off the controversy. But the real gender fistfight began after Algeria's Image Khelif, who was ruled out of some previous competitions for having XY chromosomes and male hormones, clobbered Italy's Angela Carini in women's boxing, a sport which involves heavy physical contact. The International Olympic Committee and organisers in France vocally defended Khelif, saying no rule was violated. But Italian PM Meloni stood by Carini, and the Western Right.



## Pradhan says no contentious texts in DU syllabus



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Delhi: Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan assured that Delhi University (DU)'s undergraduate law curriculum will not incorporate contentious religious texts like the Manusmriti. The promise came a day after DU vice-chancellor

Yogesh Singh rejected the plan. "...the vice chancellor rejected the proposal and an academic council meeting will be held today [Friday]," he said. Pradhan asked Singh about the plan, who told him it was rejected. He stressed that the government will follow the Constitution and does not consider incorporating problematic parts. We all prioritize the future. Pradhan said the government will uphold the Constitution's spirit and letter. Some teachers opposed teaching legal students Manusmriti (Manu's Laws). The academic council would discuss the proposition. Manusmriti sets four varna/social class responsibilities. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the constitution's drafting committee chairman, labeled Manusmriti anti-social equality.

Singh announced in a video that Manusmriti will not be taught. DU's law faculty sought consent to

## NEET-UG may be online



Delhi: According to sources, the Centre is considering moving NEET-UG, the national eligibility-cum-entrance test for undergraduate medical studies, to a computer-based format like JEE-Mains (for engineering studies), in the coming years. This move appears to have been prompted by reports of irregularities in this year's test, whose validity is now being challenged in the Supreme Court.

"The committee responsible for making relevant changes has been discussing the idea, but

no formal direction has been given. The recent controversies surrounding competitive exams (NEET-UG and others) has fueled the idea that they should be online, said a central government official asking anonymity. However, a second official said "major scaling up will be required" as 2.3 million pupils took the test in 2024. There are 4,000 test centers nationwide, so equipping them with computers and infrastructure will be difficult. No doubt, online tests like JEE mains will be a fantastic concept. The

offline NEET-UG exam requires candidates to answer multiple-choice questions on an OMR sheet. If it becomes a computer-based test, applicants will need to use a computer and mark answers on a soft response sheet. JEE-Mains was administered at 570 centers in 2024 to 1.4 million students.

Taking this test online is the only way forward to plug the loopholes; there is no point in continuing with the offline mode when the whole world is moving towards computer-based exams..

## CAPSULES

### Education ministry will revise NCERT's bagless school guidelines

Delhi: The education ministry reviewed NCERT bagless day guidelines and announced intentions to enhance them. The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, part of NCERT, created guidelines to make school learning more fun, engaging, and stress-free. During the meeting, students were advised to learn about the local environment, test water purity, recognize local flora and wildlife, and their local monuments. PSSCIVE will refine its recommendations after this review "said a senior education ministry official. All Classes 6-8 pupils should participate in a 10-day bagless period per NEP 2020. Students will intern with area skill specialists and participate in non-school activities. This program helps kids understand their school's ecosystem. Bagless days will include arts, quizzes, athletics, and skill-based learning throughout the year. The official said students will visit historical, cultural, and tourist sites, interact with local artists and craftsmen, and visit educational institutions in their village, tehsil, district, or state based on local skills.

### DU lowers degree correction fees after instructors protest

Delhi: The Delhi University lowered marksheets and degree certificate rectification fees after Academic Council concerns, an official release stated. Last month, Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh raised the fee from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 for marksheets and degree correction within six years of graduation and from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 for longer periods.

## Development of any country is impossible without cybersecurity: Amit Shah

### Chandigarh

As digitisation rapidly increases in India, cybercrimes are also growing at a fast pace. To prevent them, the government has launched several new systems. The first anniversary celebration of I4C was organised at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, in the presence of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, where key initiatives to combat cybercrimes were launched. During the event, Amit Shah emphasised that without cybersecurity, the development of any country is impossible. Cybersecurity is not limited to the digital world alone but is also a critical aspect of national security.



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## Univ officials say money crisis, grant cut

### Delhi:

DTU authorities announced that their funds for the current academic year have been cut. The Delhi government funds the university. Last year, DTU received Rs 56 crore as grant-in-aid, authorities added. The university management reported a 27% reduction in the grant to Rs 41 crore this year. At a news conference, DTU vice chancellor Prateek Sharma remarked, "We are following government guidelines on price hike.

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ket share in demat accounts in June. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) lost 420 bp/620 bp market share in total/incremental demat accounts year-over-year. National Stock Exchange (NSE) clients rose 3.1% to 44.2 million in June. The top five

discount brokers had 64.4% of NSE active clients, up from 58.2% in June 2022. Zerodha's client base rose 2.1% to 7.7 million (on-month), while its market share fell 20 bps to 17.3%. Groww's client count rose 5.4% to 10.9 million and its market share rose 55 bps to 24.7%.

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As the country is becoming digital at a fast pace, the need to combat cybercriminals is even more urgent. The four new systems being introduced by I4C will certainly prove to be effective. Along with this, it is also essential for people to stay alert to these dangers and educate themselves. Awareness campaigns will be crucial in enhancing society's understanding of cybersecurity, so the country can become safer and stronger against cybercrimes.

## JNU to establish Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain centers



Delhi: The Jawaharlal Nehru University will build a Hindu Studies Centre, along with Buddhist and Jain Studies Centres. Three new centers will be established under the "School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies," according to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 notice. The JNU Executive Council authorized these centers on May 29. "On 29.05.2024, the Executive Council approved the committee's recommendation to explore and recommend NEP-2020 and Indian Knowledge System and its further implementation in the University, as well as the establishment of three centres in the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies: 1. Centre for Hindu Studies; 2. Centre for Buddhist Studies; and 3. Centre for Jain Studies. Delhi University (DU) opened a Centre for Hindu Studies last year, offering a master's degree and aims to offer undergraduate courses. DU's Buddhist Studies department gained national government approval in March to build a 35-crore Centre for Advanced Studies in Buddhism. The Ministry of Education's National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP) envisions "an education system rooted in Indian ethos that contributes directly to transforming India, that is Bharat, sustainably into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society by providing high-quality education to all, thereby making India a global knowledge superpower."



## Instead of fulfilling the expectations of the people, BJP showered lathis: Jadoula

**Kaithal:** Senior Congress leader and former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Sultan Singh Jadoula, under the pledge of Congress' Hath Se Hath Jodo Abhiyan, exposed the anti-people policies of the current BJP government by publicizing the Congress's announcements in several villages of the constituency. While interacting with the villagers, Jadoula said that every Haryanvi will be connected with brotherhood, every farmer will be connected with the guarantee of MSP, employees will be connected with OPS, the elderly will be connected with a pension of Rs 6000 per month, every housewife will be connected with a cheap cylinder of Rs 500, all families will be connected with 300 units of free electricity and poor families will be connected with free plots of 100 yards each and all the announcements will be implemented with the first stroke of the pen as

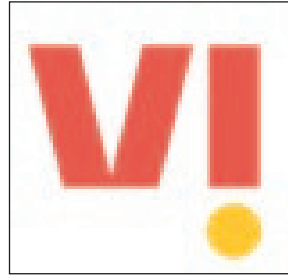


soon as the Hooda government is formed. Former MLA Sultan Jadoula alleged that playing with the future of educated youth, paper leak in the name of recruitment, recruitment cancellation, recruitment being delayed in court, making youth run around courts, this is the report card of 10 years of BJP. BJP government first cheated the youth in the name of CET, cancelled every recruitment in the name of CET and then made such rules which could not even stand in court. It is clear from the decision of the Supreme Court that the BJP government deliberately left such loop holes in the recruitment rules

and process so that it could get an excuse for not making recruitment. Haryana is the only BJP government in the country which is not able to properly defend even the rules made by itself in the court. Congress leader Jadoula said that instead of fulfilling the expectations of the people, the BJP government harassed them and showered lathis on them. Papers are being leaked every day. Due to this, the future of the youth of the country is being played with. The youth of the state are migrating to foreign countries due to rising unemployment. He said that the BJP government lathicharged the farmers who were protesting for their demands in the Kisan Andolan and in the arrogance of power, the government tortured the Sarpanchs, Anganwadi workers, Asha workers and employees, the consequences of which will have to be paid in the assembly elections to be held this year.

## Vi Engages with Samsung for 4G-5G Radio Network

**GURUGRAM / HISAR :** Leading telecom operator Vi has been in an active discussion with Samsung on the new technologies, such as virtualized Radio Access Network (vRAN) solution for its 4G and 5G deployments. With an objective to expand Vi's 4G footprint and introduce 5G, Vi and Samsung have been engaged for the last 12-18 months on network trials in Chennai, India. Further to the encouraging trial response and at par performance with incumbent suppliers, Vi has extended Samsung deployments in Karnataka and Bihar circles. These setups have enabled Vi to fulfil its 5G Minimum Rollout Obligation (MRO)



in these three circles (Chennai, Karnataka and Bihar) with NSA vRAN architecture. Vi is committed to expand its collaboration with Samsung for the vRAN solution and to harness the cloud benefits in the RAN domain. This unique blend of traditional RAN deployments and new technologies and architecture with better performance and customer experience. Commenting on the

deployment, Jagbir Singh, Chief Technical Officer, Vodafone Idea Limited said, "We are proud to demonstrate our leadership in next-generation radio solutions (vRAN) that can deliver enhanced experience to our customers with better TCO. This vRAN deployment, delivered through Samsung's innovation and joint technological strategic initiatives, is in sync with our technology transformation roadmap and enriched vendor ecosystem. We see a major role ahead for hybrid architecture in delivering the network enhanced capabilities that will push new dimensions in radio architecture."

## Bournvita and Other Drinks Will No Longer Be Listed as "Health Drinks"

**Delhi ; The Central Government** ordered all e-commerce sites to remove all so-called drinks and beverages, including the well-known milk supplement Bournvita, from the 'healthy drinks' category, dealing a severe blow to fitness drink businesses. The National Commission

for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) undertook an investigation and came to the conclusion that the FSS Act of 2006 did not specify a health drink, thus the Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued the order. "National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), a

statutory body constituted under Section (3) of the Commission of Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 after its inquiry under Section 14 of CRPC Act 2005 concluded that there is no 'health drink' defined under FSS Act 2006, rules and regulations submitted by FSSAI.

## CAPSULES

### A warning against bogus syllabuses and sample question papers is released by CBSE

**Delhi:** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a warning alert informing parents and students to be wary of false information pertaining to the curriculum, study guides, and practice exams for the 2024-25 school year. The Board has issued a warning to pupils about the dangers of falling for online scams that spread false information. We've noticed that some websites and online portals are disseminating stale information and unreliable updates about curriculum, sample question papers, CBSE resources, and activities. The alert said, "These links and news erroneously assert to offer up-to-date information for the session 2024-25. "In the interest of the public, we wish to emphasize that information from unauthorized sources can be misleading and may cause unnecessary confusion among schools, students, parents, and other stakeholders," it continued. Due to significant discrepancies between theory and practical scores in a few courses, CBSE has recently instructed schools to assess practical exams appropriately. In a notification, the CBSE said that, based on data from prior years' results, it had used sophisticated AI techniques to identify significant disparities between theory and practical grades in specific courses among 50% or more students in about 500 CBSE-affiliated schools. In the meantime, the July 15th date of the CBSE supplementary examinations for Classes 10 and 12 has been set. The Class 12 supplementary test will take place on a single day, July 15, while the Class 10 CBSE supplemental exam 2024.

## 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 interior 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.

## One-year DDA flat maintenance with RWAs

**Delhi:** Delhi Development Authority would give residents' welfare societies maintenance work within a year of creation to ensure flat maintenance. This will also apply to Special Housing Scheme units. This conclusion followed Real Estate Regulatory Authority criteria. A maintenance fee is normally collected by DDA during allotment. It has maintained flats for 10-20 years, depending on the scheme. A DDA official stated that applicants must join the registered



agency or RWA to maintain common services. Per pocket, one RWA will be registered. All new DDA plans require upfront monthly costs for one year, depending on flat type. "DDA shall do daily maintenance from maintenance charges for one year or until

RWA is formed, whichever comes first. An RWA will get the balance maintenance fund if it is founded before one year. If a RWA is not created within a year, it will be done on actuals "said the official. "For subsequent years, the necessary arrangement will be communicated

to the residents," he said. Residents expect standard changes to speed up DDA flat maintenance, which had been delayed for a long period. The authority defined maintenance as green space maintenance, campus, colony, and housing pocket cleaning, light fitting replacement in common areas, lift maintenance and operation, and common area electrical bill payment. "After transfer, the urban authority will be responsible for common areas in many housing pockets.

## HDFC Bank Empowers MSMEs with Special Knowledge

**AMBALA/HISAR,** June 26, 2024: Ahead of World MSME Day today, HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, started an exclusive campaign for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), to provide an impetus to businesses in deeper geographies. The campaign aims to spread awareness on various banking products and services, government policies for MSMEs and encourage them to adopt digitisation in their business dealings. As part of the campaign, the Bank will be providing a host of offers on working capital loans, business loans, business cards, trade services and Dukandar Overdraft. The Bank will also run virtual and on-the-ground knowledge sessions in partnership with HDFC SKY, HDFC ERGO, Niva Bupa General Insurance, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, and Aditya Birla General Insurance, among others. The sessions, which are themed around digital



transformation of businesses, will happen in the following 15 cities: Indore, Surat, Roorkee, Nashik, Ludhiana, Raipur, Dehradun, Coimbatore, Varanasi, Vizag, Patna, Nagpur, Kanpur, Hubballi, and Guwahati where over 1,000 small and medium businesses will be invited. On the occasion, the Bank has released a special film thanking MSMEs for trusting HDFC Bank as their banking partner. Mr. Rahul Shyam Shukla, Group Head - Commercial and Rural Banking (CRB), HDFC Bank said, "MSME entrepreneurs, through their perseverance and enterprise, play a strong role in shaping India's economic growth trajectory. HDFC Bank recognises their contribution to GDP, exports and most importantly, employment creation.

A large number of micro enterprises do not apply for credit despite being eligible for loans due to lack of access to information. We continue to address MSMEs' financial needs by providing services in over 700 districts, extending education on a variety of government schemes, and by going beyond the usual assessment criteria like firm size, value added, access to trade credit, among others, to specifically address their needs." As of 31st March, 2024, the Bank's distribution network stands at 8,738 branches and 20,938 ATMs across 4,065 cities/towns. A total of 52% of the branches are in semi-urban and rural areas, along with 15,182 business correspondents, which are primarily manned by Common Service Centres.

## One-liner satires are becoming popular in India too : Acharya Rajesh

**Chandigarh:** An online seminar on the one-liner satire genre was organized today by Samvad Sahitya Manch. Speaking as the chief guest, senior satirist Acharya Rajesh Kumar said that in view of the demand of the time, one-liner satire is becoming popular in India too. Recently, he has edited a book titled 'Dekhan Mein Chhote Lage'. The publisher of the book, Sushil Swatantrata, said that his publication will continue to contribute to the satire genre. The program was conducted by the Forum's General Secretary Dr. Neeru Mittal 'Neer'. While introducing the guests and expressing his views on the book, he said that



these satires are small in appearance but sharp and serious in thoughts. Senior litterateur and Forum President Prem Vij, while welcoming, said that it is necessary to have satire in every discipline related to satire.

Famous writer Prabhat Goswami said that satire should be on ideas, not on people. Famous litterateur Harish Kumar Singh said that every form of satire delights the reader. Famous poet Ranavijay Rao said that now one-

liner satire is also being discussed. Dr. Vinod Sharma said that this art of satire will soon become popular. Dr. Sarita Mehta, Tarinder Kaur, Bimla Guglani, Dr. Pragya Sharda also expressed their views.

## Currency circulation increases despite 2k note ban

**Delhi:** Despite the elimination of Rs 2,000 banknotes, the currency in circulation increased by Rs 1.3 lakh crore in FY24 from Rs 33.5 lakh crore at the end of March 2023 to Rs 34.8 lakh crore. Growth has slowed the most since 2018. In FY24, currency in circulation as a proportion of GDP fell since 4% is slower than GDP growth. CIC grew 7% last year and over 10% the year before due to a pandemic cash rush. Currency in circulation grew 0.5% to Rs 35.3 lakh crore in the week ended April 5. RBI data shows that the increased issue of Rs 500 notes has more than offset the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes. ON May 19, 2023, RBI announced their withdrawal. In March 2024, Rs 2,000 notes were worth Rs 8,202 crore, down from Rs 3.6 lakh crore a year earlier. The value of Rs 500 notes rose to Rs 30.1 lakh crore from 25.8 lakh crore a year before.



## Yogi gov't plans to set up solar-powered drinking water kiosks across various cities in UP

### Lucknow

In a new push for solar energy, the Yogi government is set to introduce a ground-breaking initiative. Building on its ongoing efforts to promote solar energy across the state's solar cities, the government is now focusing on a novel solar-powered solution. In line with Chief Minister Yogi's vision, plans are underway to establish state-of-the-art solar-based drinking water kiosks throughout various regions of the state. As part of this initiative, the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Agency (UPNEDA) has commenced the setting up of 20 solar-powered drinking water kiosks, with a total investment of Rs 3.99 crore. Solar based drinking water kiosk is a smart water purification and distribution system designed to increase access and ease of use

for water purification in remote areas. It is powered by solar energy and can run the device for hours once fully charged. In line with the Chief Minister's vision, the solar-powered water kiosks being established are notable for their advanced features. These kiosks will utilize reverse osmosis technology for water treatment, ensuring high-quality purification. Each kiosk is designed to dispense pure water at temperatures ranging from 10 to 30 degrees Celsius, tailored to seasonal needs. The filtration will meet BIS 16240 standards, with a storage capacity of 5,000 liters and a treated water capacity of 1,000 liters. The kiosks are capable of delivering 250 liters of pure water per hour, with a dispensing rate of 10 to 12 liters per minute. They are engineered to supply

at least 2,000 liters of clean water daily. The project, set to last for 5 years, is currently in the agency determination and work allocation phase, managed by UPNEDA. Each kiosk will feature a remote monitoring system that tracks various water

quality parameters, including pH level, basicity, alkalinity, and mineral content. Additionally, the kiosks will be connected to a central database to monitor daily operations. Users will be able to fill containers with 1 to 25 liters of water, using an LED display and accepting 1, 2, 5, and 10 rupee coins. Each kiosk is designed to operate for 48 hours on a single solar charge but will be active for 16 hours daily. Equipped with GPRS connectivity, the kiosks will maintain communication with the command center via SMS in case

## Yogi gov't targets new record with over 4.75 crore tricolours across UP under Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan this year

### Lucknow

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Uttar Pradesh government aims to set a new milestone this Independence Day by unfurling over 4.75 crore tricolours across the state. This represents a 5 to 10 percent increase compared to last year when 4.5 crore tricolours were hoisted. It is worth mentioning here that the Yogi government is set to organize the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' from August 13 to 15 to inspire patriotism in citizens. Each district has

been assigned a target to contribute to achieving the goal of over 4.75 tricolours. In 2022 and 2023, Uttar Pradesh led the nation in the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, hoisting over 4.5 crore flags yearly. Citizens also enthusiastically participated in the selfie upload campaign, contributing the highest number of selfies. This year, Independence Day will be celebrated with the same enthusiasm. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has issued directives for the initiative. Approximately 4.30 crore flags will be hoisted, including four

crore at homes and 30 lakh at establishments across the state. The public will be encouraged through various media to display the tricolour at homes, offices, commercial and industrial establishments, Anganwadi centres, hospitals, and other public places. They will also be urged to take selfies with the tricolour and upload them on the Har Ghar Tiranga website. Flag distribution will be facilitated by various institutions and organizations, with self-help groups manufacturing the flags.

## TCS employed 5,452 in Q1, reversing headcount decline

Delhi: Tata Consultancy Services (NS:TCS) employed 5,452 people in the first quarter of FY25, reversing three-quarters of the workforce reduction. The company's headcount fell for the first time in 19 years in FY24. The company has 6,06,998 workers. In Q1 FY25,

attrition dropped to 12.1%, the business claimed. After reporting a 9% year-on-year growth in net profit to Rs 12,040 crore in Q1 FY25, Chief Human Resources Officer Milind Lakkad said he was "delighted to announce the successful completion of our annual increment

process." "Our sustained focus on staff engagement and development led to industry-leading retention and good business performance, with the net headcount addition being very satisfying," Lakkad said. In Q1, TCS earned Rs 62,613 crore, up 5.4% from the previous year.

## Start Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan to connect youth with self-employment and make them self-reliant: CM Yogi

### Lucknow

To connect educated and trained youth in Uttar Pradesh with self-employment opportunities, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has called for the launch of the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan. During a high-level meeting on Thursday, the Chief Minister stated, "In the original budget for the financial year 2024-25, the government had allocated funds for the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan.' The time has now come to implement this initiative." Observing the presentation of the MSME

Department regarding the campaign, the Chief Minister stated that this scheme will play a significant role in efforts to create self-employment. He emphasized that more youth should be made aware of the scheme to encourage them to earn their livelihood and become self-reliant. The Principal Secretary of MSME informed the Chief Minister that the campaign will provide financial grants to 100,000 youth annually by facilitating loans from banks, enabling the establishment of 100,000 micro enterprises each year. "Thus, over the next 10 years,

1 million youth will have the opportunity to engage in self-employment," he noted. The Chief Minister instructed that under the campaign, provisions should be made to offer grants not only to the general category but also to OBCs, women, Divyangjans, and SC/ST individuals men as well as women for setting up enterprises.

Additionally, subsidies should be provided on margin money. The Chief Minister said that to ensure that interest-free loans are available to young entrepreneurs as far as possible, the facility of interest subsidy and CGTMSE cov-

erage should also be provided for the fixed period of a loan.

To guarantee effective implementation and ongoing monitoring of the scheme, the Chief Minister directed that qualified youth be assigned to each district, similar to the CM Fellows deployed in aspirational development blocks. He also stated that before offering financing for setting up an enterprise, it is essential to provide proper training to the youth. New entrepreneurs should receive assistance in packaging, branding, and marketing their products.

## Tata Motors, M&M discount as demand drops

Delhi: Is the auto market slump pushing pricing cuts? Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra have dropped the price of several of its important SUVs to boost demand, while Maruti, Hyundai, and Honda all offer discounts. Two premium flagship SUVs from Tata Motors have been discounted by Rs 1.4 lakh. The Harrier costs Rs 14.9 lakh and the Safari Rs 15.5 lakh. Even the Nexon EV is discounted Rs 1.3 lakh. Tata Passenger Electric Mobility chief business officer Vivek Srivatsa called them "never



seen before benefits" to improve vehicle accessibility. He noted that the Punch electric deal includes a Rs 3 0 , 0 0 0 benefit. Mahindra & Mahindra released a discounted XUV700 special edition. The XUV700's fully-loaded AX7 range starts at Rs 19.5 lakh, down over Rs 2 lakh. "The price cut will enable more peo-

ple to experience the range," the business claimed. Save almost Rs 2 lakhs on this feature-packed SUV with petrol and diesel engines.

Four-month limited offer! Find exclusive offers and discounts on Tata Motors' Harrier, Safari, Nexon.ev, and Punch.ev models until July 31, 2024.

## Post list of top 10 criminals at police stations, take strict action against land mafia: CM Yogi

### Lucknow

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stated on Wednesday that the list of the top 10 criminals in the district should be displayed in police stations, and effective action taken against copying, cattle, mining, and land mafia. During his one-day visit to Ambedkar Nagar following a two-day tour of Ayodhya, the Chief Minister held a review meeting on development works and law and order in the district. Emphasizing the need to maintain a fear-free environment, the CM highlighted that the safety of women should be a top priority. He instructed the reaction of the Anti Romeo Squad team

and directed district-level officers to ensure public hearings and communication. Additionally, he stressed the importance of the timely and quality resolution of complaints received on the IGRS and Chief Minister Helpline Portal, with complainant satisfaction being a top priority. Additionally, the Chief Minister mentioned that the Trinetra Abhiyan should be successfully implemented and extended to everybody and gram panchayat. In the meeting held in the Collectorate auditorium, CM Yogi Adityanath instructed officials to improve the functioning of the medical college and conduct regular reviews.

He also directed them to submit proposals for tehsils lacking fire stations. CM Yogi emphasized the importance of advance flood preparations, ensuring no compromise in the quantity and quality of relief materials provided to flood-affected individuals and families.

Regarding the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, he stated that the Indian flag should be hoisted on every house, and voluntary organizations should be involved. Additionally, he mentioned that the Kakori Train Action Centenary Festival should be celebrated on August 9, 2024. During this time, he instructed.

## Upcoming by-election will be held between BJP's development agenda and opposition's destructive propaganda: CM Yogi

### Ambedkar Nagar/Lucknow,

During a day-long visit to Ambedkar Nagar, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a strategic meeting with officials and public representatives of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In this gathering, CM Yogi shared his strategies for the upcoming assembly by-election, stating that this upcoming election is a contest between "the BJP's development agenda and the opposition's destructive propaganda." Addressing the attendees, CM Yogi highlighted the opposition's tactics of dividing society along caste lines and spreading false rumors, similar to what he witnessed in the

recent Lok Sabha elections. He said, "Opposition might use social media and other platforms to mislead the public during the by-election." "To counter this, CM Yogi urged BJP officials and representatives to actively engage with the community and dispel the opposition's misinformation from every platform. He said that the party officials and public representatives should go among the people and communicate with them. During a meeting at the Circuit House, the Chief Minister concentrated on the upcoming Katehari assembly by-election. Emphasizing the importance of booth management, he said, "If we win

the booth, we win the election." He stressed the need to activate all booth committees and verify each booth to ensure efficient booth-level operations. CM Yogi highlighted the crucial role of Panna Pramukhs in the election strategy, urging their prompt deployment as they are instrumental in bringing voters to the booths. He instructed officials to arrange comprehensive training for Panna Pramukhs and encouraged public representatives and party officials to engage directly with workers, motivating them to stay connected with beneficiaries of government schemes.

## Apple alerts 98 countries, including India, about spyware

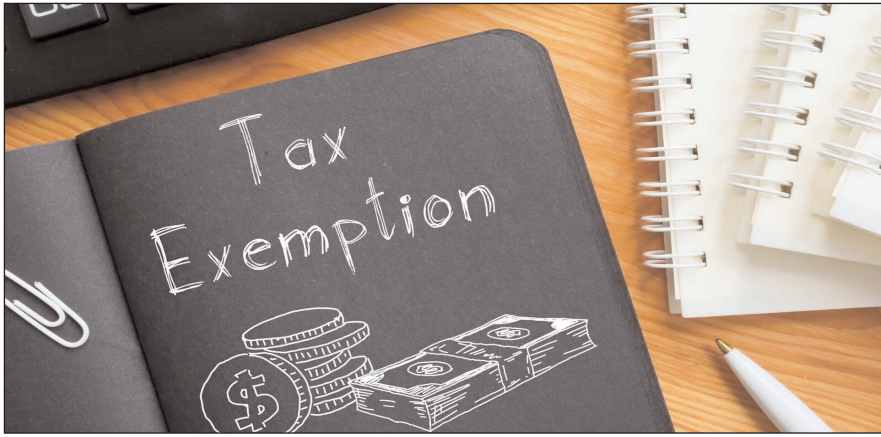


Delhi: The IT giant Apple has alerted consumers to a potential new mercenary malware attack similar to "Pegasus" in at least 98 countries, including India. "You are being targeted by a mercenary spyware attack that is trying to remotely compromise the iPhone associated with your Apple ID," according to the Apple alert. The iPhone manufacturer went on to say in the warning that this attack is "likely targeting you specifically because of who you are or what you do".

"Apple has great confidence in this warning, even though it's never feasible to identify such attacks with 100% certainty. Kindly consider it carefully," the business said. Similar alerts were sent to Indian users by the US-based technology corporation in October of last year. The internet giant may have used "mercenary spyware" like Pegasus from the NSO Group to target specific consumers in 92 countries, including those in India, by sending threat notifications in April of this year.



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



**Delhi:** Recently, the US has banned, restricted, or imposed high taxes on hundreds of Chinese imports to stimulate domestic production and reduce dependence on Chinese commodities. The USTR has already added tariffs to half of 429 items. The USTR excluded further duties from the "Section 301" probe of China's technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation measures in previous announcements. The current 429 product-specific exclusions (352 reinstated and 77 COVID-related) expire

on May 31, 2024. The US trade agency declared a 14-day transition period for all current exclusions until June 14, 2024, and to "extend certain exclusions through May 31, 2025" in a new notice. "To allow for a transition period, the US Trade Representative is extending all currently expiring exclusions through June 14, 2024," it stated. Chinese motors and medical equipment are excluded until May 2025. The USTR ruled that "extending these exclusions will support efforts to shift sour-

ing out of China, or provide additional time where, despite efforts to source products from alternative sources, availability of the product outside of China remains limited". Last March, the USTR reinstated some "Section 301" tariff exceptions for Chinese goods. Former President Donald Trump began a trade war with China and imposed tariffs on nearly \$300 billion in Chinese goods, invoking Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Trump granted product tariff exclusions for select businesses

## UPI connection boosts RuPay credit cards

**Delhi:** UPI (Unified Payments Interface) integration has boosted RuPay credit cards, with 75% of 'Credit Cards (CC) on UPI' transactions happening at small businesses, according to a Thursday report. Kiwi found that 'Credit Cards on UPI' was most popular among young folks under 40. CC on UPI is the main payment method, with consumers spending over Rs 22,000 monthly. UPI CCs average 21 transactions each month, four times more than real credit cards. "RuPay Credit Cards' market share rose from 3% in FY23 to 10% in FY24. "UPI's success is



largely responsible," stated Kiwi Co-founder Mohit Bedi. Virtual credit cards are growing rapidly. He stated that about 20% of credit cards issued in the country are virtual. The survey found that UPI CC transactions average

Rs 1,125, compared to Rs 4,000 for standard credit cards. The survey also found that supermarket and Kirana stores used CC on UPI the most (33%), followed by clothes and electronics (15%) and food and dining (7%).

## The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine on Hero FinCorp for violating regulatory standards

**Delhi:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Hero FinCorp Limited Rs 3,10,000 for violating the fair practices policy for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). An RBI assessment has uncovered that Hero FinCorp failed



to communicate the terms and conditions of loans in written form to

borrowers in a language that they understand. RBI conducted a statutory inspection of the company, specifically focusing on its financial situation as of March 31, 2023.

## CAPSULES

### Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan-2024: Rural Development Dept leads with 13.54 crore saplings planted

**Lucknow**

As Uttar Pradesh set a record by planting over 36.51 crore saplings in a single day as part of its Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan-2024, the Rural Development Department made the largest contribution to this effort, planting 13.54 crore saplings. Sonbhadra topped among the districts with 1 crore 53 lakh saplings planted. The Sheesham tree was the most planted species, with more than 4 crore 33 lakh 38 thousand saplings planted across Uttar Pradesh. Out of more than 36.51 crore saplings planted, the highest number were Sheesham trees, with 4 crore 33 lakh 38 thousand 723 saplings. Additionally, 4 crore 33 lakh 7 thousand 858 teak saplings, 2 crore 19 lakh 10 thousand 650 Jamun saplings, 1 crore 67 lakh 73 thousand 913 Arjun saplings, and 95 lakh 32 thousand 275 Amla saplings were planted. The Sonbhadra district saw the highest number of saplings planted, with 1 crore 53 lakh saplings. Other districts also contributed significantly: 97 lakh saplings were planted in Jhansi, 95 lakh in Lakhimpur Kheri, 94 lakh in Jalaun, and more than 93 lakh saplings in Mirzapur, all within a single day. The Rural Development Department led the way, planting 13 crore 54 lakh saplings, the highest among all departments. The Forest, Wildlife Department made a significant contribution by planting 12.64 crore saplings, enhancing the greenery of Uttar Pradesh.

## Mahakumbh will be grand, divine, green, clean and safe: CM Yogi

**Prayagraj** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a meeting with senior officials and public representatives on Saturday to discuss the preparations for Mahakumbh-25 in Prayagraj. During the meeting, CM Yogi provided essential guidelines to ensure the event is divine, grand, green, clean, and safe. In addition to this, the CM also reviewed ongoing development works with public representatives. He emphasized the importance of accelerating these proj-

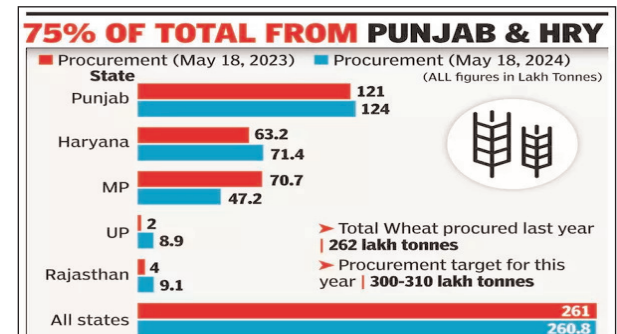
ects and maintaining regular inspections. Following the meetings, CM Yogi paid tribute to martyr Chandrashekhar Azad by garlanding his statue on the Circuit House premises. He then planted a Bael sapling as part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign initiated by PM Modi under the 'Ped Lagao Ped Bachao Abhiyan 2024'. CM Yogi later visited the Lete Hanuman Temple at the Sangam, where he offered prayers and sought blessings. Concluding his visit, he went to the residence of

Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, where he blessed the newly married son and daughter-in-law of the Minister and presented them with a gift from the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme. Complete all tasks on time with quality by October. During the meeting, Kumbh Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand made a presentation to CM Yogi. After that, various departments presented their progress reports on the preparations. The CM gave instructions to ensure that

Mahakumbh is grand, divine, clean, safe, and green. He directed that all personnel on duty at Mahakumbh should be provided with nameplates and unique codes and that their training should be completed on time. Emphasizing cleanliness, he stated that single-use plastic should be completely banned in the Kumbh area to maintain a green Mahakumbh. He also instructed that all work should be completed on time and with quality, warning that negligence will not be tolerated.

## Fully procured wheat by centre exceeds last year's mark

**Delhi:** This Rabi selling season, the Food Ministry announced that the Central government had purchased 262.48 lakh metric tonnes of wheat in various states, beating previous year's 262.02 lakh. The Rabi marketing season 2024-25 MSP outflow was Rs. 59,715 crores, benefiting 22.31 lakh farmers. Five states dominated procurement. Punjab procured 124.26 lakh metric tons (LMT), followed by Haryana with 71.49 LMT and Madhya Pradesh with 47.78 LMT. Rajasthan and



Uttar Pradesh followed with 9.66 and 9.07 LMT. According to the Ministry, 728.42 LMT paddy equivalent to 489.15 LMT of rice has been acquired directly from 98.26 lakh farmers during the Kharif marketing scheme 2023-24, with a total

MSP outflow of Rs. 1,60,472 crores. The Food Ministry said the Central Pool's wheat and rice stock had topped 600 LMT, allowing the country to meet its food grain needs under PMGKAY, other welfare initiatives, and market interventions.

## Asian Paints launches its first 'Beautiful Homes' store in Rajouri

**VATIKA TIMES**  
**NEW DELHI:** India's largest paint and décor company, Asian Paints launches its first premium 'Beautiful Homes', a multi-category décor showroom in Rajouri Garden, Delhi. Located in Block B, the new Asian Paints Beautiful Homes store is set to offer a unique



and immersive shopping experience with technological trends that will enhance customer service and experiences at the store. The state-of-the-art store was inaugurated by Amit Syngle, Managing Director & CEO, Asian Paints today.

The store displays products across multiple categories for residential as well as commercial spaces. Spread across 5000 sq. ft. across two floors, the Beautiful Homes store in

Rajouri Garden is a one-stop-shop that offers comprehensive solutions to consumers displaying a diverse range of products across all home categories - Furniture, Bath, Lights, Fabrics, Rugs, Modular Kitchens and Wardrobes, Bedding, Safe Painting Services and much more. Visitors can also explore the exquisite decorative lighting collection from White Teak, and the wide range of Weatherseal's UPVC windows and doors.

## Education is a powerful tool to guide the development of society: Ramchander Jadoula

**Kaithal:** Former Director Hafed and famous social worker Ramchander Jadoula said that through education every citizen can and is contributing to the welfare and progress of the society. Education provides a kind of direction in the life of every person which changes the way of thinking and understanding, so it is very important to explain the importance of education in every field and increase awareness about it. Talking in an interview at his establishment in New Anaj Mandi Dhand, former Director Ramchander Jadoula said that education is not only a source of knowledge, but it gives

a person a sense of self-dedication, excellence, and responsibility towards the society. An educated person can initiate a positive change in his society. That is why education is considered an important tool for the development of society. He said that there is a need to draw the attention of the society towards education. Many people consider education to be limited only to studies and examinations, whereas it should actually be comprehensive. An aware society makes its people aware of how important education is for their overall personality and social upliftment. Former Director Hafed

Ramchander Jadoula said that it is necessary to increase awareness in every field for education. Active participation is required at all levels to understand the importance of education and implement it in the society. He said that it has to be ensured that every person is explained that education is not only a means of study, but a powerful tool to guide the development of a society. Society should work actively to improve the quality of education, so that the level of education can improve overall. It is also important to use digital platforms to increase awareness towards education.

## Yogi govt scripts history with more than 36.51 crore saplings planted in a single day in UP

**Lucknow** Uttar Pradesh created history on Saturday with a total of 36,51,45,477 (over 36.50 crore) saplings planted across the state till 6 pm, surpassing the government's target by 1,45,477 saplings, on the occasion of the launch of a massive plantation drive by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. In alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative, the 'Ped Bachao, Ped Lagao Jan Abhiyan-2024' campaign was conducted on a large scale across the state. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath kicked off the plantation campaign on the banks of the Kukrail River in Lucknow. Additionally, the CM planted saplings in Prayagraj and Gorakhpur. Governor Anandiben Patel participated by planting saplings in

Sitapur, while all state government ministers also contributed by planting saplings in various districts. Following the unexpected success of the 'Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Mahabhiyan 2024,' Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated everyone on his official social media account 'X'. He wrote, "Today, in the 'New Uttar Pradesh' of 'New India,' the public welfare resolution of planting more than 36.50 crore saplings in a single day has been fulfilled. This record, expressing gratitude towards nature and Mother Earth, demonstrates the immense public engagement of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji #Ek\_Ped\_Maa\_Ke\_Naam. Heartfelt congratulations and commendations to all the esteemed.