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'Retired judges not keen on heading tribunals': Jitendra Singh

NEW DELHI: Union minister Jitendra Singh said Saturday that administrative members had to be allowed to head Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) benches as not many retired judges and senior judicial officers were keen to accept post-retirement assignments in the tribunal. Addressing the 10th All India Conference of CAT, Singh said the job offer was not attractive or they had more lucrative avenues at hand. "We can't talk much about this because if we do then judges will get angry. If a common man gets angry, then the judge can reprimand him. But if a judge gets angry, no one can reprimand him," he said. CJI BR Gavai said govt must improve the service condition of judicial and administrative members of CAT to attract more retired judges and judicial officers to take up the assignments. CAT comprises a chairman and members who can be drawn from the judicial field or administrative side, the latter usually being experienced public administrators. Ahead of his remarks on CAT administrative members being averse to ruling against govt, the CJI said, "nowadays one does not know how his statement would be portrayed in social media".

'Efforts on Make in India yielding results': Piyush

NEW DELHI: All the efforts that were taken to promote the 'Make In India' programme have started yielding results, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday. Addressing an event on "Celebrating 10 Years of Make in India", the minister said they were in mission mode to make it easier to do business in India, to promote manufacturing, to support trade and industry, business and commerce, including international trade. Goyal said that by doing so, faster growth can be seen in the country, indicating the recent GDP growth rate in the first quarter of this year. "Anybody in the room would imagine.

Adopt Swadeshi for a developed India: PM Modi

There is only one medicine for 100 problems and that is self-reliant India: Modi

Outcomes

❑ This program is taking place in Bhavnagar, but it is for the entire nation

Bhavnagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, on Saturday. He participated in the "Sea to Prosperity" program, inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for development projects worth over 34,200 crore. Afterward, he addressed a public gathering. PM Modi said, "This program is taking place in Bhavnagar, but it is for the entire nation. Bhavnagar has been chosen as the cen-



ter of this important program to reflect our direction towards moving from sea to prosperity across India. Many congratulations to the people of Gujarat and Bhavnagar. The good wishes you all sent to our Narendra Bhai on September 17th, and the good wishes I received from across the country and the world... It's

impossible to thank everyone individually, but the love and blessings I've received from every corner of India and the world are my greatest asset, my greatest strength. Therefore, today I publicly express my heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries of the country and the world." "There is only one cure for 100 problems, and

We have to be developed by 2047: Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "If we are to develop by 2047, India must become self-reliant... There is no other option. 1.4 billion citizens must have a single resolve: whether chips or ships, we must manufacture them in India." With this vision, India is embarking on next-generation reforms in the maritime sector. With this vision, the One Nation, One Document.

that is a self-reliant India." PM Modi further stated, "Today, India is moving forward with a spirit of world brotherhood. We have no major enemy in the world. In the true sense.

Adoptions at decadal high in India, Maharashtra tops list accounting for 20 %

PUNE: Maharashtra clinched the pole position in India with 849 inter-country and domestic adoptions in the last financial year - accounting for nearly 20% of the total count and a 38% surge from the state's previous fiscal's tally of 522. Across India, 4,515 children found families - the highest number in over a decade - while over 36,000 prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) are on the waiting list at present, hoping to adopt one of just 2,749 children legally available, according to data from Central Adoption Resource Authority (Cara). Of these, 1,808 are categorised as special-needs children. Of the 4,515 adoptions, 4,155 children found families within the



country while 360 were international/inter-country adoptions. Maharashtra, where the domestic adoption count was 790, was followed by Tamil Nadu (438) and West Bengal (297). In international adoptions, Maharashtra led with a tally of 59, followed by Punjab (41) and Bengal (31). The average waiting time for PAPs is three-and-a-half years. Most PAPs seek girls and those aged 0-2 years, leaving older children and those with special needs under-placed. As many as 2,554 children adopted in FY 2024-25

Rs 70,000 crore schemes to regain India's maritime power

NEW DELHI: In a move to build India's maritime power, reduce dependence on foreign ships and be future-ready to face any supply chain disruption, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced three schemes entailing govt investment of over Rs 70,000 crore to boost the shipbuilding sector. These are a part of the govt's agenda to propel India into the top 10 countries globally for both shipbuilding and



ship ownership, and increase three-fold the share of global port cargo at Indian ports. At present, India ranks 16th globally in both shipbuilding and ship ownership, and only

7% of Indian-owned ships are built in India. Data also shows that the share of export-import (EXIM) cargo carried on Indian ships has declined sharply from 41% in FY1988 to just 5% in FY2023. In his address at Bhavnagar on Saturday, PM Modi said this has resulted in India paying approximately Rs 6 lakh crore annually to foreign shipping companies for their services—an amount nearly equivalent.

Bihar polls announcement likely in first week of October

Polls

❑ The high-stakes showdown will test the governing NDA, led by CM

NEW DELHI: Election Commission is likely to announce the dates for the Bihar polls, which may be conducted in two phases, in the first week of October. The high-stakes showdown will test the governing NDA, led by CM Nitish Kumar, against a charged opposition, which is already in battle mode with Rahul Gandhi conducting a state-wide yatra against alleged vote theft, and RJD neta Tejashwi now leading another focused



on unemployment and alleged corruption. This is Bihar's first state poll since Nitish government's landmark caste count in 2023, which has ignited fierce debates on social justice, reservations and power-sharing. For NDA, the elections are a chance to defy voter fatigue with a CM who has been at the helm for two decades now. Caste data may fuel demand for sub-categories within OBCs

Bihar's elections have largely been fought along the fault lines of caste and the forthcoming round is unlikely to buck the pattern. The caste survey may have only sharpened the battle lines. Conducted under Nitish's watch, it revealed that Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) comprise 63% of the population, with Yadavs at 14%, EBCs at 36%, and others.

Piyush Goyal heads to US on Monday to take forward trade talks

DUBAI: Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal is headed to the US Monday to take forward talks for a bilateral trade deal, signaling the proposed agreement is moving ahead after a hiatus of several weeks. "The delegation plans to take forward the discussions with a view to achieve early conclu-



sion of a mutually beneficial trade agreement," an official statement said. Last week a team

of American officials led by assistant USTR Brendan Lynch was in New Delhi where both

Negotiations

❑ US following 50% tariffs need to take a different approach from other negotiations

countries vowed to intensify efforts for a trade deal. This the first ministerial level dialogue between

the two countries after trade talks collapsed over contentious issues. While India's red lines over farm and dairy stay, there is also growing realisation that the talks with the US following 50% tariffs need to take a different approach from other negotiations where reciprocity has always been the key parameter.

Karnataka panel drops 57 Christian sub-castes from socio-educational survey

BENGALURU: Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission has removed 57 Christian sub-castes from the socio-educational survey beginning Monday, following objections from ministers, protests by SC/ST and OBC groups, and a suggestion by governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot. The decision means the survey questionnaire will not list sub-castes. Enumerators using a

Sub Castes

❑ The new nomenclature will normalise conversion and encourage the gullible

mobile app between Sept 22 and Oct 7 will record such responses under "others". Officials said respondents may still disclose their original caste before conversion, but those entries will also be filed under

"others". CM asked the commission to exclude the names after the governor warned the list could deepen divides. Opposition BJP had objected, alleging the exercise could dilute the anti-conversion law and extend reservations to converted Christians. "The new nomenclature will normalise conversion and encourage the gullible to convert without fear of losing caste identity".

Auto driver rapes student, later shot in leg by UP police

AGRA: A 25-year-old MPharma aspirant from Lucknow was allegedly sexually assaulted by an autorickshaw driver Thursday after she boarded a bus and booked the three-wheeler from a key intersection of Yamuna Expressway in Mathura to visit an educational institution to complete admission formalities. Hours later, the accused driver was shot in the leg in a brief encounter when he tried to escape police custody.

\$100k for H1-B visa: Not an annual fee, says Donald Trump official; issues 3-point clarification

Trump signed the order raising H1-B visa application fees to \$100,000. The recently announced \$100,000 H-1B visa fee will apply only to new visa applications and is not an annual charge, the White House press secretary clarified on Saturday. The announcement comes after widespread confusion and concern over the implications of a presidential proclamation issued Friday by



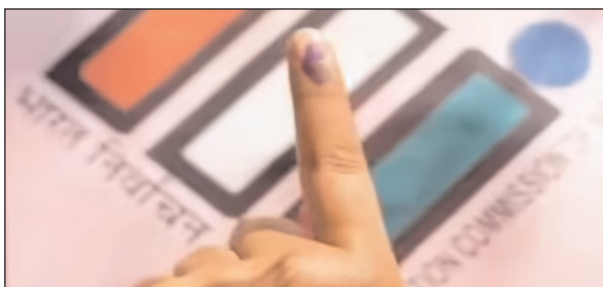
US President Donald Trump. The proclamation, titled "Restriction on Entry of Certain Nonimmigrant

Workers," introduced a major overhaul of the H-1B visa program, significantly increasing the fee from the current

\$2,000-5,000 range to \$100,000. The move sparked fears among immigration attorneys, Indian IT professionals, and companies that holders outside the US might face urgent deadlines to return, and raised questions about potential disruption to the country's tech talent pipeline. In response, the White House press secretary clarified the following points:

Karnataka forms SIT to probe 'deletion of votes' in Aland assembly seat

BENGALURU: Congress government in Karnataka Saturday constituted an SIT to probe allegations of large-scale deletion of voter names from the electoral rolls in



Kalaburagi district's Aland assembly constituency during the 2023 state election. The SIT was formed after Aland Congress MLA lodged a police complaint alleging that

the names of 6,670 voters across 256 polling stations were unlawfully deleted. Verification by election officers revealed that applications were filed for deletion of 6,018 voters.

50 days after resignation, Dhankhar breaks silence

NEW DELHI: Almost 50 days after his resignation, former Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar broke his silence to congratulate his successor C P Radhakrishnan, saying that the office of the VP would attain greater

glory with his vast experience. This was Dhankhar's first public statement since demitting office on July 21 - day one of the monsoon session of Parliament. In a letter to R a d h a k r i s h n a n , Dhankhar said,

"Heartfelt felicitations on your election as the Vice-President of Bharat, the world's largest democracy and home to one-sixth of humanity." He further said, "Your elevation to this august office reflects the trust and confidence.

Traders will have their welfare boards cleared by the govt

Delhi : Senior authorities said that the Delhi government is about to authorize the establishment of a traders' welfare board. This body would work to improve the lives of the city's traders and make it easier for them to resolve complaints. An anonymous insider from the industry department informed us that the proposal, which is supposedly in an "advanced stage," has been sent to chief minister Rekha Gupta. Officials have stated that the board's responsibilities include facilitating trader participation in policymaking, providing insurance coverage, addressing infrastructure and policy difficulties, and offering platforms for grievance redressal. According to Manjinder Singh Sirsa, minister of industries, the establishment of the welfare board is a top priority for the government headed by Rekha Gupta. The project is currently at an advanced stage," Sirsa announced, adding that the department



To purchase Tatkal tickets, one must be an Aadhaar-authenticated user

Delhi : For the sake of equity and the safety of all passengers, Indian Railways has declared that, beginning July 1, only customers who have been authenticated using the Aadhaar system will be permitted to utilize the Tatkal scheme to purchase tickets online. This decision was "aimed at enhancing user authentication and

had been working on it for quite some time. "By resolving issues encountered by the trading community and fostering an atmos-

reducing misuse of the scheme," according to a circular from the railway ministry that was sent out to all zones on June 10. Users authenticated with Aadhaar would be the only ones able to book Tatkal tickets on the official website and mobile app of IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited).

where favorable to company expansion, the government intends to revitalise Delhi's commercial landscape."

Planned ropeway along Yamuna to enhance tourism in Delhi

Delhi : The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is planning to construct a ropeway system along the Yamuna River, which will provide breathtaking views of Old Delhi, riverbanks, and religious landmarks. This will be a first for the nation's capital. Along the Yamuna floodplains, the ropeway is expected to begin at the Kalindi Aviral project. With eight to ten people per gondola, the intended capacity is three thousand people per hour in each direction. There has been no final decision on the starting point, ending point, number of intermediate stations, or placement of towers. In



addition to relieving traffic congestion, the aerial transit line will provide tourists and commuters a one-of-a-kind experience. Under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, it is being designed on a DBFOT basis, which stands for Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer. Since most towers will be constructed on gov-

ernment land or existing rights-of-way, there will be very little land acquisition required. The source clarified that the project is being considered for more than simply transportation; it is also a tourism and heritage attraction. Across 163 acres, the Kalindi Aviral project is being built on the Yamuna River's western bank.

Delhi's 25-point strategy to reduce air pollution

Delhi : The government of Delhi has presented a 25-point plan to reduce air pollution by the year 2025. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta made an announcement regarding the state government's plans to tackle pollution in the city when it was released. To this end, the government of Delhi will sign memorandums of

understanding (MoUs) with esteemed scientific organizations and technological institutions including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). Thousand sprinklers, 140 anti-smog cannons, and the possibility of cloud seeding to induce precipitation are all part of the proposal. The chief minister of Delhi has announced

plans to put cameras at the city's borders to detect aging vehicles, add 5,000 electric buses to the public transportation system, and conduct audits of vehicle pollution certification centers every six months. Waste management, green space enhancement, transportation measures, and industrial pollution



MCD has trouble counting stray dogs

Delhi : The Municipal Corporation of Delhi's stray dog census has taken nearly a decade. Despite numerous efforts and statements, the civic council has not chosen an entity to undertake the assignment. The former south corporation held the last Delhi dog census nine years ago. The 2016 poll projected 1,89,285 stray dogs in south Delhi, with 40.3%



of males and 27.8% of MCD officials saying that without a dog census, sterilization requirements are hard to determine. We planned a survey in the reunified corporation, but the finance department objected. Finding survey agencies was likewise difficult, "explained one official. Besides the census, stray dog rehabilitation must be planned. They were "phased out" of public roads and streets by the Delhi High Court on May 28. An MCD official stated they're awaiting Delhi government instructions. "The court ordered the Animal Welfare Board of India to move a south Delhi shelter. We expect the Delhi chief secretary to arrange a meeting with all departments soon. Dog relocation requires changing animal birth control laws, which don't allow it. The officer said the dog can be sterilised and immunized and left in the same place. Despite years of planning to increase dog shelters and sterilization, the consequences are not obvious. Among Delhi's animal

Cooling below 20°C and heating beyond 28°C may soon be banned

Delhi : India will soon undertake an experiment to standardize air conditioning temperatures, limiting them between 20°C and 28°C, according to Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar, who made the announcement. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange signal, causing a heatwave that is affecting the people of Delhi. Upcoming air conditioning needs are changing. We are unable to cool below 20°C or heat above 28°C because the AC temperature standardization is 20°C to 28°C. "This is a first-of-its-kind experiment to standardize temperature settings," stated Khattar.



"We have decided the minimum temperature of ACs will be fixed at 20 degrees Celsius and the maximum at 28 degrees Celsius to bring uniformity to air conditioning use and help reduce excessive power consumption due to

extremely low cooling settings," the former Haryana chief minister stated. Following these modifications, the usable range of air conditioners in India would be severely restricted. ACs with a cooling capacity of 16 or 18 degrees.

Delhi Medical Council informs HC on public awareness campaign

Delhi: In response to rising fears of quack medicine and unlicensed practitioners in the nation's capital, the Delhi Medical Council (DMC) has notified the Delhi high court of various methods by which residents can confirm the legitimacy of their physicians. These include scanning QR codes on displayed certificates and making use of the online verification tools that the DMC provides on its website. In December 2023, counsel Sachin Jain petitioned the court, bringing up the issue.

Delhi : The government plans to hold the first nationwide simultaneous polls by 2034 after passing the constitutional amendment law for 'one nation, one election.' That's why all state assemblies to be elected after 2029 would have shorter terms to coincide with the national elections in 2034. PP Choudhary, head of the joint parliamentary committee (JPC) on the 'one nation, one election' bill (The Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024), explained that for the purpose of ensuring that the next



elections in Uttar Pradesh, India's biggest state, are held in synchronization with the Lok Sabha polls in 2034, the assembly that is to be elected in 2032 may have a tenure of only two years after 2027. Elections to the

Lok Sabha and state assemblies can take place at the same time according to the Union Territories Laws (Amendment Bill), 2024, and the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024. It is quite likely that the

Staff physicians at mohalla clinics demonstrate over unpaid wages

Delhi : The physicians and staff members of Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinics peacefully demonstrated to demand payment of their two-month salary arrears and express their concerns about work security. They handed their document to the secretary of the health minister in Delhi. Members of the delegation, including Drs. Ramesh Bansal, AK Israni, and AS Rathore, met with the secretary. For the sake of consistency and employment security, they pushed for the transfer of all staff from mohalla clinics to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. The delegation voiced their displeasure with a number of issues, such as the change from the Delhi State Health Mission to the National Rural Health Mission, the lack of clarity surrounding staff transfers, fixed compensation, and the

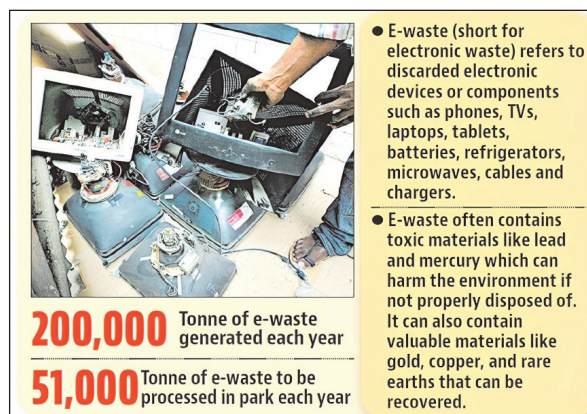


new eligibility standards. Members of the group also brought attention to the fact that there are no uniform standards for things like paid time off, housing, job stability, or pay equity. The delegation mentioned that in the past, there were no restrictions on recruiting doctors based on age, and that experience was a major factor in attracting more seasoned practitioners. It also noted that compensation rates were flat for eight years even while the price index doubled.

A refurbishment around 1.84 crore is planned for Talkatora indoor stadium

Delhi : Officials announced that a ₹1.84 crore project will see the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, the oldest indoor athletic arena in the capital, undergo a complete renovation by the Municipal Council (NDMC). The project will include upgrading the audio-visual systems and replacing the seating. Built in 1974 and recently renovated in preparation for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Delhi Manjinder Singh Sirsa, the minister of industries in Delhi, has announced plans to establish the city's first electronic-waste park in Holambi Kalan, located in north Delhi. The park will have the capacity to process 50,000 metric tons of e-waste annually. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi produces almost 200,000 metric tons of electronic waste annually, the vast majority of which ends up in landfills, trash cans, or the hands of private compa-



nies who break them down and recycle them without following the environmental safety protocols. The new facility has the capacity to handle up to 50,194 metric tons of electronic

garbage per annum, encompassing all 106 types of e-waste as defined by the E-garbage Management Rules, 2022.

An investment in the future, this building is

School fee ordinance benefits private schools, according to AAP

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi accused the BJP-led Delhi government of trying to "fool" parents by passing an ordinance that regulates fee hikes. The AAP said that the ordinance favored private schools. The ruling BJP did not respond immediately to the accusations. The Delhi Cabinet has



given the government the

authority to punish private schools up to Rs 10 lakh and take away their ability to suggest fee changes if they do not comply with pricing standards. Following its approval by the chief minister Rekha Gupta's cabinet, the Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of

Fees) Ordinance, 2025 will be sent for presidential assent via the lieutenant governor, according to education minister Ashish Sood. AAP Saurabh Bharadwaj, the president of Delhi state, claimed that the government sneaked the law into existence to benefit private schools.

AI Centre for Healthcare Innovation to be Launched by IIT Delhi and AIIMS

Delhi : The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and the All India Institute of Medical Science, Delhi have joined forces to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare. The new center, which has received a grant of 330 crore, will use artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies to tackle some of the most serious public health issues in India. Cancer, TB, eye disorders, and other complicated health issues can be better detected and treated with the use of AI-based tools and solutions that the CoE will develop and implement to bolster important national health programs.

more than just a structure. With the opening of the e-waste eco park, Delhi has taken a giant

step toward a zero-waste, zero-loss economy that benefits all employees.

A new branch of the Allahabad Dance Center opened near Prayagraj Junction Station

Prayagraj. The new branch of the Allahabad Dance Center near Lalla Chungi Prayagraj Station was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mayor Ganesh Kesharwani by cutting the ribbon. He then highlighted the importance of folk songs, dance, and music. Former BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra was the special guest. Mr. Ranveer, the University City Promoter, was also present, offering his best wishes. Rajendra Ji stated that this organization, with its aim of reviving folk art and modern music, will undoubtedly contribute to the glory of Prayagraj. Performances by Shanvi Jaiswal, Vishnu Goswami, Shalini, and others captivated the guests and audience. Event coordinator Kushal Gaurav Ji explained that the founders of the Allahabad Dance Center are Dada Pandey, Akshay Verma, and Abhishek Gupta. They started the Allahabad Dance Center in Prayagraj in 2016. Since then, seven branches have been operating in the city. Akshay Verma told that Nishtha Kesarwani of the institute has been selected in the famous serial Anupama, Allahabad is the only dance center in Prayagraj, from where many children have displayed their talent in Indian cinema!

The DM directed the quality and timely resolution of complaints received during the Samadhan Diwas

Prayagraj. A Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas was held in Tehsil Soraon on Saturday under the chairmanship of DM Manish Kumar Verma. The District Magistrate issued strict instructions to all concerned officials, stating that any negligence or indifference in resolving public complaints would not be tolerated. He also directed that complaints be resolved in a timely and quality manner. The District Magistrate, while listening to public grievances on the occasion of the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas, directed officials from the Revenue, Police, Health, and other related departments to investigate the cases on the ground and resolve the complaints in a timely manner.

World Cleanliness Day, Cleanliness Drive Organized at Ghat

Clean ghats not only protect the Ganga and Saraswati river waters from pollution, but are also essential for preventing water



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Prayagraj. Under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, a public awareness and massive cleanliness drive was organized at Saraswati Ghat on the occasion of World Cleanliness Day

today, in collaboration with the District Ganga Committee Prayagraj, the Municipal Corporation, the Ganga Task Force, and sanitation workers. Municipal Corporation officials Sanjay Mangai, District Project

Officer Esha Singh, Subedar Balram, and IC Head Krishna Kumar Maurya were present at the event. During the campaign, teams from all institutions collected and disposed of garbage, plastic, and polythene scattered on the ghat. During the cleanup,



sanitation workers swept and removed garbage stuck on the stairs, ghats, and surrounding bushes, and separated and disposed of the plastic. Discussing the importance of cleanliness, the Zonal Officer explained that clean ghats not only protect

the Ganga and Saraswati river waters from pollution, but are also essential for preventing waterborne diseases, conserving biodiversity, and maintaining religious and tourist significance. DPO Esha Singh said that the Cleanliness is Service

campaign encouraged people to avoid littering on the ghats and to minimize plastic use to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of the Ganges and its tributaries. Finally, the program concluded with a cleanliness pledge administered by Krishna Maurya.

Three members of a gang that stole money from people by replacing ATMs were arrested

Bulandshahr. As part of a campaign against criminals to curb crime in the district, on Saturday, based on a tip-off, the Gulaothi police station arrested three notorious members of a gang that stole money from people by replacing ATMs near the village Bhamra



road, along with 37 ATM cards, ₹5,600 in cash, two mobile phones, illegal weapons, an illegal

knife, and the motorcycle and vehicle used in the crime. **Name and address of the arrested accused:**

Amit, son of Kushalpal, resident of village Dudhli, Charthawal police station, Muzaffarnagar district; Anil, son of Vijaypal, resident of village Alamgirpur Marua, Charthawal police station, Muzaffarnagar district; Shrawan Kumar.

District Magistrate Inspects Under-Construction Ganga Expressway

District Magistrate Issues Instructions for Quality Completion Within the Set Timeframe

Knowledge

Ganga Expressway falls within Prayagraj district, covering a total distance of 156 km

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Prayagraj. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma on Saturday visited the starting point of the Ganga Expressway in Prayagraj district, Gram Panchayat-Judapur Dandu, to conduct a site inspection of the expressway. He reviewed the progress of the work and issued necessary instructions to all officials involved

in the Ganga Expressway project. He reviewed the project's detailed map, the project's physical progress, and traffic management. He inquired about the project's progress from the administrative officer of the executing agency, Ganga Expressway, who

informed him that the Ganga Expressway is being constructed in four groups. Group 4 of the Ganga Expressway falls within Prayagraj district, covering a total distance of 156 km. Group 4 (156 km) of the Ganga Expressway within Prayagraj district includes the expressway.

A young man's body was found hanging from a window

Prayagraj. Sensation spread when the body of a young man was found hanging from a window in a house under construction near Kheri Square. The young man had taken the contract for the construction of the same house. People blocked the road at



Kheri Square, accusing the police of murder. Police used batons to seize the body. The

family is insoluble. A house is being built near Kheri Square, near the drain. More than half of the work is complete. Jitendra Chauhan of Dherhan village had taken the contract for the construction of the house for 25 lakh rupees. Some money

was still pending. Jitendra's body was found hanging from a window in the same house on Saturday. Upon receiving information about the incident, the landlord arrived. The accompanying laborers took the body down from the window.

Programs will be organized to strengthen the Mission Shakti-5.0 campaign

Kaushambi: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the Mission Shakti-5.0 campaign, dedicated to women's safety, respect, and self-reliance, at a program held at Lok Bhavan, Lucknow. This campaign will run from September 22, 2025, to December 24, 2025. The Chief Minister inaugurated newly established Mission Shakti centers in all 1,647 police stations

across the state and released a booklet containing SOPs related to the Mission Shakti centers and a booklet on various public welfare schemes. The event was livestreamed in the NIC auditorium. Public representatives and others listened to the Chief Minister's address. District Panchayat Chairperson Kalpana Sonkar, Uttar Pradesh State Women's Commission Member Pratibha Kushwaha,

District Magistrate Madhusudan Hulgi, Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kumar, and other officials were present on the occasion. The District Magistrate directed the District School Inspector and District Basic Education Officer to organize awareness programs, such as speech contests and rangoli competitions, in all girls' schools in the district under the Mission Shakti.

Boy cuts his private part to become a girl

Prayagraj: A student cut his private part to become a girl. The student consulted a doctor to do this. When the boy's condition worsened, the landlord came to know. The landlord sent the student to the hospital. The student cut his private part by injecting himself with anesthesia. His condition is critical and he is undergoing treatment at Swaroop Rani Hospital. The young man feels that he is a girl from inside and his gait and voice are also like girls.

Commission's response sought on petition regarding 1,255 assistant professor recruitments

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The Allahabad High Court has sought a response from the state government and the Commission within four weeks on a petition alleging violation of University Grants Commission guidelines in the recruitment of 1,255 assistant professors by the Public Service Commission.

Regulations

Allegations allege recruitments are being conducted contrary to regulations

The next hearing of the petition will be held on November 19th. Justice C.D. Singh issued this order while hearing a petition filed by advocate Pradeep Kumar

Dwivedi. Pradeep Kumar Dwivedi personally argued the petition. Advocate B.K.S. Raghuvanshi, representing the Commission, sought time to file a response. The petitioner states that the age qualification for assistant professor recruitment is 21 to 40 years. Of the 1,255 positions, 42 are reserved for physically challenged individuals.

The University Grants Commission's guidelines are not being followed. Many candidates are being denied the right to appear in the examination. Their rights are being taken away. Recruitment is being conducted contrary to regulations. The court considered the issue moot and sought a response from the commission.

If there was no objection to the Azaan (call to prayer) from loud-speakers, why is there opposition to the idol of the goddess?

Prayagraj. A Peace Committee meeting was held on Saturday regarding Navratri. Those present were taught the importance of celebrating the festival with peace and harmony. Sharadiya Navratri begins on September 22nd, and idols of the goddess will be installed at more than 20 different locations in the region. An appeal was made to celebrate the festival



with mutual brotherhood. The meeting was chaired by SDM Sorav Hiralal Saini, ACP Sorav Shyam Jeet, and ACP

Tharwai Chandnarbhan Singh, who appealed to the attendees to celebrate the festival in a peaceful and cordial

atmosphere. The issue of opposition to the idol installation site remained prominent in the meeting. According to the Nagar Panchayat records, the idol is installed on Baraudha Road under the leadership of Ward 11 Jackie Soni. Organizer Jackie Soni says that recently, the idol is installed on Baraudha Road after constructing a site. Due to the large crowd of

devotees, traffic on the road is disrupted and there is a fear of road accidents. In view of this, they want to install the idol on private land near the house, on which many people including Tariq from the Muslim side have registered their protest against the change of idol site. Despite the opposition from the Muslim side, the administration has also given up.

Women's respect is only possible under a BJP government - Rituraj

Prayagraj. A mega health camp was organized at the Community Health Center, Kaudihar, on Saturday. Chief guest Rituraj Pandey, former BJP General Secretary and General Secretary of the Navodaya Foundation, inaugurated the camp by cutting the ribbon. In his address, he stated that the Seva Pakhwada needs to reach villages, streets, and neighborhoods. He added that



women's respect is only possible under a BJP government. He explained that a comprehensive campaign is being launched to ensure women's health is protected. The camp

offers various health checkups for women, as well as free medicine distribution. Superintendent Dr. Abhishek Singh, Booth President Puneet Tripathi.

Editorial

Wayanad paid the price because Kerala ignored Gadgil's report. Landslide is wake up call

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 of long-term prosperity.



Israel's Assassination Spree Forces Iran to Choose: Total War or Total Humiliation?



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 of Hamas. Israel believes that he was involved in the gruesome October 7 Hamas attack which killed over a thousand Israeli civilians. But the hunt is not over yet, as Israel has hinted that its next target could be Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas within the Gaza Strip. With Haniyeh gone, Hamas is searching for a new leader. Some say that it could be Khaled Meshaal, who had previously lost Iran's favour when he supported a rebel movement against Syria's Bashar Al Assad. Meshaal has already survived an assassination attempt by 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 Meshaal 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.

BJP wants to partition Bengal again. It's a distortion of Syama Prasad Mookerjee's Hindu Bengal

The Trinamool Congress will bring a proposal in the West Bengal Assembly on 5 August, condemning multiple proposals by BJP leaders to partition the state for the third time, after 1905 and 1947. In the last week or so, nearly half a dozen BJP leaders have demanded that the borders of West Bengal be redrawn, with chunks hived off to the Northeast or as separate Union Territories. Now, for West Bengal, partition is a wound that has never healed. Why then is the BJP hell-bent on stirring this cauldron? Logically, even talk of partition can only benefit Mamata Banerjee and backfire on the BJP. If there is a bigger game plan afoot, a big picture is going to be slowly unveiled ahead of the Assembly elections in the state in 2026. This may sound alarmist but conspiracy theorists could be forgiven for suspecting the worst. On 10 June, BJP Balurghat MP Sukanta Majumdar was sworn into the Narendra Modi cabinet as Minister of State with two portfolios: education and develop-

ment of the North Eastern region. The last time anyone from Bengal held the North Eastern development portfolio was 20 years ago, when late Tapan Sikdar, then-BJP MP from Dum Dum, was the MoS. A little over a month into his new role, Majumdar dropped a bombshell: he said he had just submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi a letter suggesting eight districts of north Bengal be co-opted into the Northeast. His meeting with Modi reportedly lasted about 30 minutes, which, PMO watchers say, suggests a serious conversation. Now, Majumdar is a botany professor so he can be forgiven for being wanting in geography.

But by what stretch of imagination could he bracket north Bengal with the Northeast? Probably realising he was wading into quicksand, he made noises about north Bengal joining the North Eastern Council 'while remaining in West Bengal'. But he ended up sounding incomprehensible.

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

What is the use of talking about the service people were serving while we were in jail? I myself was arrested; I have been arrested several times. But that has never made any difference in my feeling towards people in the services. I do not defend the black sheep; they may be there. But are there not many honest people among them? But what is the language that you are using? I wish to place it on record in this House that if, during the last two or three years, most of the members of the services had not behaved patriotically and with loyalty, the Union would have collapsed. Ask Dr John Matthai. He is working for the last fortnight with them on the economic question. You may ask his opinion. You will find what he says about the Services. You ask the Premiers of all provinces. Is there any Premier in any province who is prepared to work without the Services? He will immediately resign. He cannot manage. We had a small nucleus of a broken Service. With that bit of Service, we have carried on a very difficult task. And if a responsible man speaks in this tone about these Services, he has to decide whether he has a substitute to propose, and let him take the responsibility. This is not a Congress platform. It is said that we promised Rs. 500 for the Ministers in the Karachi resolution. There is a long distance between Karachi and Delhi today. It is a different thing. You want Rs. 45 a day free of income-tax. What is the use of talking about Rs. 500 today? It is very wrong. But I am prepared to admit that if the Indian Government is to be run today on the basis of Gandhian philosophy without an army, I am prepared to change the whole thing. You are today spending 160 to 170 crores of rupees per year on the army. Are you going to change that set-up? Tomorrow the whole of India will be run over from

one end to the other, if you have not got a strong army. The Police, which was broken, has been brought to its proper level and is functioning fairly efficiently. 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.

Imane Khelif Vs Angela Carini: Is Third-Gender Olympics the Answer?

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 previ-

ous 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 erupted with outrage at 'men' winning women's sport. The unspoken core of the problem may lie in the Abrahamic Western world's refusal to accept anything other than the man-women binary. There are passages in the Bible, Jewish

texts, and the Quran which occlude or obstruct non-binary sex and gender ideas. Non-Abrahamic religions and ways of life like Sanatan Dharma are far more accepting, with mainstream spiritual concepts like the 'Aradhnareshwar', or the fusing of Shiv and Shakti. The Narendra Modi government brought the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, which prohibits discrimination against transgenders in relation to opportunities for education, job, health care services, and access to services, and also recognises one's right to be transgender. Since 2009, the Election

Commission has added the option of 'Others' to voter registration. In 2014, the Supreme Court recognised the group as Third Gender, stating, "Recognition of transgenders as a third gender is not a social or medical issue, but a human rights issue." Although the definition of transgender in the 2019 Act has been left a bit vague — "a person whose gender does not match with the gender assigned to that person at birth" — it could be made more specific and widened. The point is, a Third-Gender Olympics, like the Paralympics, could solve the problem of unjust competition.

Govt pushes to register 10,000 farmers' producer organizations by year-end

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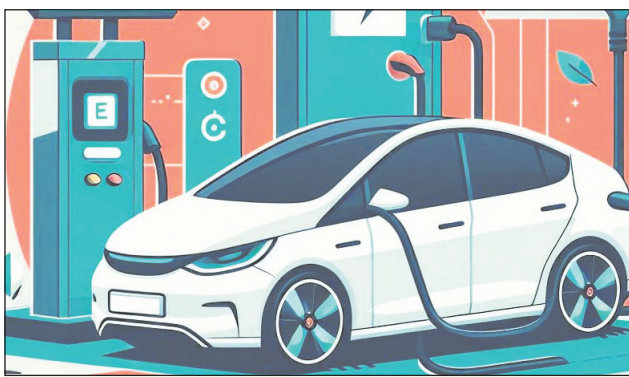
Delhi: The Union government is rushing to register 10,000 farmers' producer organizations to boost their income with better market access, technology, and collective bargaining power. Two insiders told that the government may meet its goal by December, two months early. One said the government had registered approximately 9,000 FPOs. Farmers' producer organizations aggregate and process primary produce to bridge wholesale-retail food pricing gaps. The government

announced the plan on February 29, 2020, to register 10,000 FPOs by February 28, 2025. The Union budget published this week proposes a 30% increase in FPO allocation, from 450 crore in 2023-24 to ₹581.67 crore in 2024-25. The official said, "The FPOs will bring together small, marginal, and landless farmers, giving them the collective strength to tackle their challenges more effectively." Given the current rate of FPO registrations, the government may top 10,000 by year's end, the second official added. Both officials

requested anonymity. As of July 25, 8,939 FPOs had been registered, according to an agriculture ministry official. A credit guarantee facility of up to ₹2 crore is available for project loans from lending institutions, ensuring FPOs access to institutional financing. Plain FPOs with 300 farmer members are eligible for aid, whereas northeastern and hilly FPOs with 100 are. A substantial proportion of farmers in the country are tiny or marginal, with average land holdings of less than one hectare, said Binod.

2-month extension granted to EV scheme

Delhi: The Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS 2024) will be extended by two months, till September, with an additional expenditure of Rs 278 crore, according to an announcement by the heavy industries ministry. The government announced that the scheme's new aims include supporting more than 5 lakh electric two-wheelers and around 51,000 e-three wheelers. Oh no! Jointly developed by MediaTek and JioThings, the 'Made in India' Smart Digital Cluster and Smart Module are now available for motorcycles. This innovation sought to improve the electric vehicle industry by integrating the Internet of Things (IoT), voice recog-



nition, and real-time data analytics. Working together, they aimed to revolutionize the rider experience and provide cutting-edge smart clusters to meet the demands of the expanding electric vehicle market. During her presentation of the Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled plans to create 2 lakh crore jobs. Direct wage

benefits, incentives for manufacturing, and employer support are important parts of the plans. In line with the government's goals for India's future, a new skilling project would modernize 1,000 ITIs and teach 20 lakh youth over the course of five years. With an emphasis on facilitating access to loans and enhancing technological capabilities.

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

Delhi: An official stated the gold jewelry business supports a 'One Nation, One Rate' approach, commencing with Eastern India in August. Samar Kr De, Swarna Shilpa Bachao Committee President, said all stakeholders want a national gold rate. De said bullion sellers will

help us implement a single rate for Bengal and eastern India in August. The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) Chairman, Saiyam Mehra, said, "The idea is to create a level playing field for all stakeholders and prevent undercutting." De added they are in talks with sig-

nificant national jewellery retail chains to extend the 'One Gold Rate' policy countrywide within six months. He added that the business was surprised by the 9% duty drop. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman cut gold and silver import taxes from 15% to 6%.

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The iPhone Pro will soon be assembled in India by Apple



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

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

Twelve new industrial cities for India

Two in Andhra Pradesh and one in Bihar are coming. Eight such towns are in various stages of execution



Delhi: A top government official claimed 12 new industrial cities in the lines of Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, and Dholera, Gujarat, will encourage domestic manufacturing. Two in Andhra Pradesh and one in Bihar are coming. Eight such towns are in various stages of execution, according to DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. Dholera (Gujarat), Auric

(Maharashtra), Vikram Udyogpuri (Madhya Pradesh), and Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) have trunk infrastructure and industry land parcels are being allotted. In the other four, the government's special purpose vehicle is building road, water, and electricity infrastructure. The Budget announced 12 additional cities, bringing

the total to 20, Singh told PTI. Industrial smart cities. Twelve new cities bring the total to 20. After building the trunk infrastructure, we gave plots. We obtain environmental clearance for the entire city, so the corporation may 'plug and play' "The department will request new ones from the Union cabinet. Plans are

ready and state governments own the land. "We just have to approve the equity to the SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle)," he said. The move will boost manufacturing's GDP contribution and create jobs. Ashoo Gupta, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., stated this innovative reform, in conjunction with governments and the business sector, can improve industrial growth and city planning. "These initiatives will become vibrant economic hubs that spur innovation and development, leaving a legacy. The government usually builds vital infrastructure and gives industries land, enticing investors with high-quality, reliable, eco-friendly, and durable infrastructure," Gupta added.

After paints, Aditya Birla enters Rs 6.7 trn jewelry retail



Delhi: With an investment of Rs 5,000 crore over the next four years, it hopes to place Indriya among the top three national players in five years, increasing at 50% annually. Opus paints and Indriya jewelry are two key new consumer brands we launched this year to capitalize on the Indian customer's dynamism. Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman, Aditya Birla Group, said the Indian consumer is fast maturing and may be the most promising globally. Some 20% of the group's revenue comes from consumer busi-

nesses. I expect this to rise to 25% in five years, reaching \$25 billion in consumer business revenue. Birla stated this would be bigger than most Indian solo consumer enterprises. He added the successful launch of our two consumer businesses—paints and jewelry retail—will be a key driver. "Entering the jewellery business

is compelling due to the ongoing value migration from informal to formal sectors, the rising consumer preference for strong, trusted brands, and the ever-booming wedding market, all of which present substantial growth opportunities," he said. Four Indriya stores will launch in Delhi, Indore, and Jaipur.

News influencers may be broadcasters

Delhi: The government's new broadcasting bill draft shared with stakeholders classifies digital news broadcasters as anyone who post videos to social media, record podcasts, or write about current events online. It sought to centralize broadcaster regulation under one statute when it was initially proposed in November 2023. Since its inception, it has been plagued by questions over whether online news content creators, who are not affiliated with legacy media or registered digital media, can be subject to streaming platform responsibilities. The 2024 version introduces digital news broadcasters to bring them under the law. The first draft was ambiguous, therefore it defines "professional" as a person in an occupation or vocation and "systematic activi-



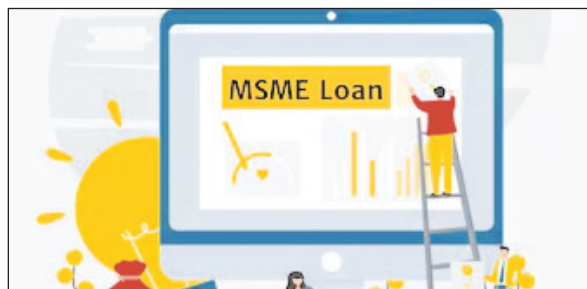
ty" as "any structured or organised activity that involves an element of planning, method, continuity or persistence". The expanded definition of "news and current affairs programmes" includes "texts" in addition to "audio, visual or audio-visual content, sign, signals, writing, images" "transmitted directly or using a broadcasting network". The definitions of 'programme' and 'broadcasting' now encompass "texts" and "textual programmes". This law covers all online news and related content, including social media videos and commentary, websites,

newsletters, and podcasts. The measure is still in public comment, and any amendments must go through the Union Cabinet before being submitted in Parliament. These proposals are part of a larger approach that also imposes new obligations on intermediaries and social media intermediaries for streaming services and digital news broadcasters and targets online advertising, a major change from the 2023 version. The new definition of a 'mediary' in any program covers social media, advertising, internet service providers, search engines.

'Banks must follow MSME home loan growth story'

"Banks will be asked to use small businesses' 'digital footprint'—

Delhi: Financial services secretary Vivek Joshi said that banks will be asked to use small businesses' "digital footprint"—salary payments, electricity bills, municipal taxes, GST, and provident fund details—to determine loan approvals. The government wants to replicate the home loan model to boost lending to this segment, which has been in the loan shadow zone. The bank manager may know a small businessman is doing



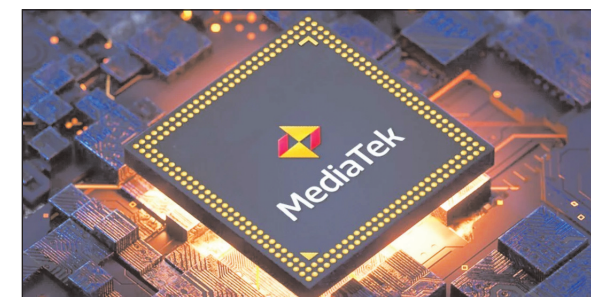
well, but the rules prevent him from lending. The new system will be funded. "Bank accounts alone can reveal a borrower's information," he remarked after the Budget.

Banks require balance sheets, income tax reports, and other papers before lending. Data allows FM to evaluate businesses even in their early phases. In her Budget, Nirmala Sitharaman introduced a credit rating system.

Joshi said banks will build the framework them-

selves, but the Indian Banks' Association may discuss broad criteria. RBI's "frictionless credit" offers loans in 10-15 minutes using digitized property records, MSME registration on the government web, or milk sales to cooperatives like Amul. To improve customer service, the high-ranking bureaucrat stated state-run entities must investigate friction areas. Why do young people use private banks? They presumably offer better services.

Jio Platforms partners Taiwanese chipmaker MediaTek for electric 2-wheeler IoT platform



Delhi: Jio Platforms has teamed with Taiwanese fabless semiconductor giant MediaTek to enter the two-wheeler technology platform sector in India. MediaTek and Jio Platforms' subsidiary JioThings introduced an indigenous Internet of Things (IoT) platform for electric two-wheelers, providing Smart Digital Cluster and Smart Module. "Jio Things is pleased to collaborate with MediaTek for the mobility industry with our 4G smart android digital cluster, app suite, and smart module solutions," Kiran Thomas, Jio Platforms CEO, stated. MediaTek was also optimistic about the

new endeavor. "This cluster aligns with our vision for 2-wheeler smart dashboards," stated Jerry Yu, Senior VP and GM of Intelligent Devices Business Group. Companies said the smart digital cluster and operating system will provide real-time data analytics, configurable interfaces, voice recognition for control, IoT-enabled charging infrastructure, smart battery management, and more.

The platform will provide 2-W EV customers the 'Jio Automotive App Suite', which includes Jio Voice Assistant, JioSaavn, JioPages, JioXplore, and others.

Pradhan says no contentious texts in DU syllabus



"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"

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..

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Education ministry will revise NCERT's bagless school guidelines

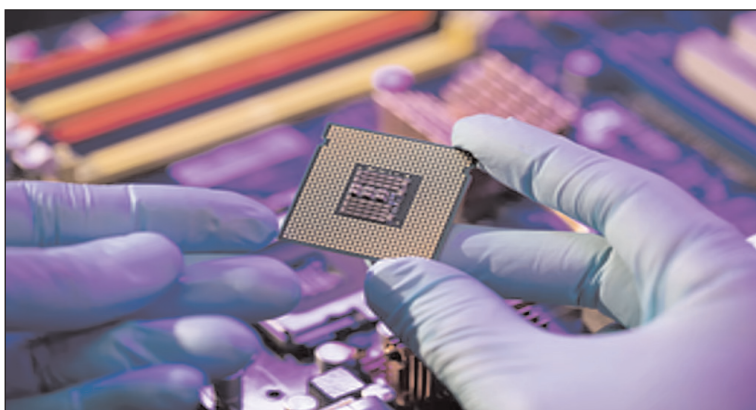
Delhi: The education ministry reviewed NCERT bagless day guidelines and announced intentions to enhance them. The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, part of NCERT, created guidelines to make school learning more fun, engaging, and stress-free. During the meeting, students were advised to 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 marksheet 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 marksheet and degree correction within six years of graduation and from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 for longer periods.

With diamonds, IIT-M pursues quantum technology

Delhi: Lasers passing through diamonds illuminate IIT Madras' dark research lab red and green. The IIT Madras research center develops diamond-based gear for quantum computing and communications. The National Quantum Mission in India prioritizes quantum technology development, and hardware is crucial. Effective, large-scale quantum computers are not yet available in the country, despite efforts. Quantum Centre of Excellence for Diamond and Emergent Materials (QuCenDIEM) researchers develop materials, devices, and instrumentation for quantum technologies,



including quantum computer systems. India was late to the silicon revolution. We missed much of the electronics hardware market. "We must focus on material aspects to ensure we are not left behind in hard-

ware when quantum technology emerges," says IIT-M physics assistant professor Vidya Praveen Bhallamudi. The IIT Madras centre focused on diamonds because they are used in electronics and other

industries. More crucially, quantum objects, or qubits, lose quantum features like entanglement and phase of their superposition state when they interact with the environment, but when isolated, they may be controlled and used for computation. "Diamonds provide a unique platform for isolating and controlling quantum objects or qubits," he says. Researchers manufacture nitrogen vacancy centres in diamonds to use them. In the diamond lattice, defects act as fake atoms. Isolate them well. Their magnetic and optical properties can be used for quantum devices, says Bhallamudi.

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. Annual increases range from 5-10%, depending on the institution's expenses, including salaries." "We're in an excellent position and don't require endowment funds yet. We are raising endowment monies from alumni and industries to expand the institution's infrastructure," V C added. Universities use alumni funds to create an endowment fund for research or development. In 2019, IIT-Delhi introduced this

approach, which is common in top Western colleges. New university courses are also available. Is it closing any old programs with low enrollment? The VC stated, "No courses are being closed at the institution. "The VC denied the fund shortage was a "constraint". Fundraising is expected from engineering schools across. Their consultancy and start-up initiatives promote 'atma nirbharta' (self-reliance).

Demat accounts hit 162 million, NSE active clients 44.2 mn



Delhi: Statistics revealed 162 million demat accounts in , up 4.2 million month-over-month. Current fiscal year average monthly demat account additions are 3.4 million. According to Motilal Oswal Financial Services, CDSL gained market share in demat accounts in . 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 . The top five discount brokers had 64.4% of NSE active clients, up from 58.2% in 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%.

Tamil Nadu private institutions book seats amid NEET uncertainties

Delhi: Despite SC considerations about NEET-UG 2024, including the prospect of a re-test due to a question paper leak during the May exam, some private medical colleges in Tamil Nadu have begun undergraduate admissions. Some have boldly posted admissions posters, while others are doing it covertly. They are now "booking" seats with a Rs 2-3 lakh "advance". The process becomes clear when parents request admission. "Parents are asked to meet authorities on campus and leave mobile phones and electronic gadgets," said student counsellor Manickavel Arumugam, who visited one such college. "They let you inside for the meeting only after you surrender the phone," stated. Candidates must pay Rs 3 lakh to reserve a place after first conversations. After this, they are urged to choose the



university-affiliated college as their first choice during counseling. "If they get the seat, they will receive an annual discount of Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh in the fee and the advance will be adjusted in the first year fee. Students receive scholarship certificates to lower tuition." IT professional Sudharshan Y, whose nephew is awaiting medical admission, stated. "The admission manager said the management has around 600 medical seats at university-affiliated colleges and may receive more this year. "They believed we would get the seat," Sudharshan stated. "We were told we will get the money back if we prove to authorities that we

did not get an allotment despite marking the colleges under the university as our primary choice," he said. Another college requires candidates to pay a Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh advance to submit their paperwork to the admission authorities, who apply on their behalf during counseling. Admissions officers "guaranteed" seats. Since deemed university cut-offs grow in later rounds, they want you to block seats and pay fees in the first round. A senior National Medical Commission official claimed they cannot charge or donate in advance. Illegal allotments are those not approved by these agencies.

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."

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 USTD ruled that "extending these exclusions will support efforts to shift sourc-

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.

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Key portfolio firms' stock surge as investors ignore Adani Group toolkit

Delhi: The flagship Adani Enterprises (NS:ADEL) Ltd. (AEL) recovered losses of over \$30 billion from the short-seller firm Hindenburg's report. The Adani Enterprises stock has risen 12% in five trading sessions. Financial giant Cantor Fitzgerald has set a Rs 4,338 target price. In addition, investors have received 53% gains on the stock in the past six months. The stock soared from its February 2023 low. AEL shares were practically unchanged at Rs 3,381 on BSE. While Adani Green Energy (NS:ADNA) shares jumped 1.8%, Adani Total Gas (NS: ADAG) rose 2.5%, and Adani Energy Solutions rose 0.5%. Investors rejected The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) and Financial Times (FT) investigation targeting the world's largest domestic corporate empire "all in the name of investigative journalism".

Paytm will grow payment services with UPI, card processing, and EMI

Delhi: Paytm said it is optimistic on UPI, card processing, and EMI payments to expand its payment services business. These business segments could help Paytm revive and sustain its payments leadership in India. UPI, which earlier generated 70% of Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), now accounts for almost 80-85%, highlighting its importance in the business strategy. Paytm also stressed merchant GMV recovery during an earnings call on Wednesday after reporting Q4 FY24 and FY24 results.

Gaming company Nazara earns Rs 17 crore in Q4, revenue falls 8%.

Delhi: Gaming and sports media platform Nazara Technologies reported net profit from its sustained operations at Rs 17.1 crore in the January-March quarter of FY24, up 43.6% from Rs 11.9 crore the year before. Operating revenue down 8% to Rs 266.2 crore from Rs 289.3 crore in FY23. The company reported a 21.8% increase in net profit to Rs 74.8 crore from Rs 61.4 crore in FY23. FY24 revenue rose 4.3% to Rs 1,138.3 crore from Rs 1,091 crore.

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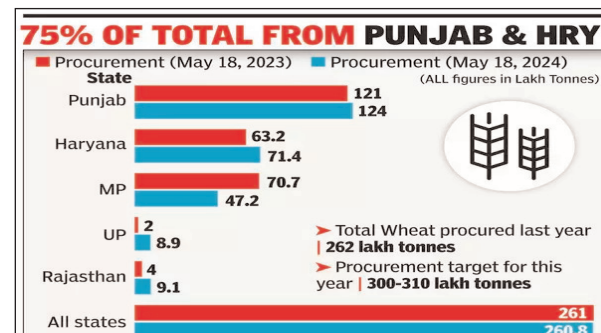
laying the groundwork for rapid scaling. Nitish Mittersain, Nazara Technologies' founder, CEO,

and joint MD, reported 4.3% revenue and 16.5% EBITDA increase. The company's running cash flow

rose to Rs 131.4 crore, indicating great performance. He said, "We raised Rs 950 crore at Nazara and subsidiaries, our largest fundraise to date, resulting in a net cash balance of Rs 1,450 crores. Nazara works in gaming, esports, and advertising. Mittersain said he expects revenue and EBITDA growth to accelerate in FY25. The company has acquired 100% of Nextwave Multimedia Private Limited, producers of the popular "World Cricket Championship" mobile cricket games.

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.

Musk accuses WhatsApp of misusing user data every night



Delhi: Today, Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk accused Meta-owned WhatsApp of exporting user data every night. An X user said WhatsApp exports user data every night for "analysed and used for targeted advertising, making users the product, not the customer". Musk said "WhatsApp exports your user data every night". "Some people still think it is secure," stated the tech billionaire. Elon Musk's claim was not

addressed by Meta or WhatsApp. John Carmack, a computer programmer and video game developer, asked Elon Musk if communications are ever scanned or forwarded. "I assume usage patterns and routing metadata is collected, and if you invoke a bot in a conversation you are obviously opening it up, but I am still under the impression that the message contents are secure by default," John wrote on X. X has

also attacked Mark Zuckerberg's Meta Platform. The billionaire said Meta is greedy at grabbing credit for advertisers who execute campaigns on its platform earlier this month.

Well-known rivalry between Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg. They were supposed to engage in a "cage fight" called the fight of the century. The tech leaders never clashed.

Google makes a minority investment of \$350 million in Flipkart

Delhi: According to reports, Google contributed roughly \$350 million to Flipkart's almost \$1 billion fundraising round, which was spearheaded by parent company Walmart. Flipkart declined to comment on the funding's details, but sources informed that the internet giant has contributed roughly \$350 million for a minority interest in the company. The investment round has concluded with Google joining, increasing Flipkart's worth to much beyond \$35 billion, according to sources. Walmart contributed approximately \$600 million to Flipkart during the investment round that concluded in December of last year. In 2021, Flipkart completed its largest funding round, raising \$3.6 billion at a valuation of \$37.6 billion from

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- Google has been ramping up its India investments and may look at extending its partnership with Flipkart to other areas as well, according to market advisors
- With Google on board, the \$1bn investment round has been closed, taking Flipkart's valuation to over \$35bn. The funding comes in handy for

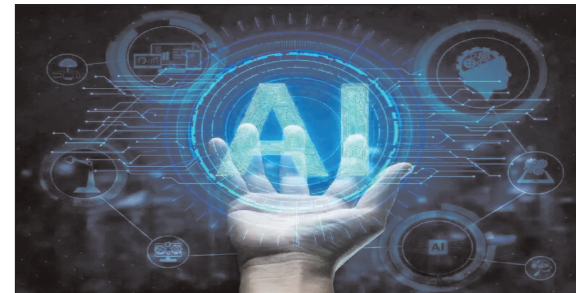
Flipkart as it looks to enter the quick commerce space

- Flipkart has been in a partnership with Google Cloud since 2022
- The co, which competes with players like Amazon and SoftBank-backed Meesho to cater to customers who are increasingly going digital, has been leveraging Google's cloud stack to widen tech capabilities and reach more users

investors in a deal co-led by Walmart. It is believed that the company's valuation was modified to \$33 billion following the 2022 separation of fintech PhonePe from the group. Flipkart stated that regulatory permissions are a prerequisite for the investment. "Google's proposed investment and its cloud collaboration will help Flipkart expand its business and advance the modernisation of its digital infrastructure to serve customers across the country,"

the company said in a statement. Google Cloud and Flipkart have been partnered since 2022. Flipkart has been using Google's cloud stack to expand its IT capabilities and reach more consumers. Flipkart competes with players like Amazon and Meesho, which is sponsored by SoftBank, to cater to clients who are increasingly turning digital. In a \$1.4 billion investment round in 2017, Flipkart received backing from Tencent, Microsoft, and other competitors of Google.

DD Kisan launches 50-language AI anchors Krish and Bhoomi



Delhi: Doordarshan Kisan will be the first government TV channel to introduce AI anchors, ushering in the 'Artificial Intelligence' age in agriculture. Krish and Bhoomi, the AI anchors, are advanced computer algorithms that behave and perform like humans. Once unthinkable, they can deliver news 24/7, 365 days a year without tiring or taking breaks. Farmers in all states will see AI anchors, from Kashmir to Tamil Nadu and Gujarat to Arunachal. These anchors will provide national and global agriculture research, farm market trends,

weather updates, and government scheme updates. The anchors' fluency in 50 domestic and international languages is remarkable. Only DD Kisan broadcasts nationwide. It serves farmers exclusively and was founded by the Indian government. DD Kisan Channel has met these standards for nine years. The DD Kisan channel promotes innovative farmers. To support the country's agricultural and rural populations, it promotes comprehensive education. The DD Kisan channel focuses on sustainable farming, animal husbandry, and plantation.

Indian medical students benefit from Philippines standards changes

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



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

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

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



How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

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

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

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

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

Sindhu beat Ongbamrunghan to reach the Malaysia

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



Axiata Arena to advance to the final. Sindhu defeated the higher-ranked Thai shuttler 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in the 88-minute match. Her first tournament final since March last year. Sindhu has reached four BWF World Tour Super 500 finals

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

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

The US is the top study abroad location for Indian students

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

Indian students are the largest final.

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

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

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

was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead.

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

Para-Athletics Worlds: India wins most medals ever



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

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

Indian women's compound team wins third straight Archery World

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



Jain in the final. After an early lead, the Indian duo succumbed by two points, 155-153. Jyothi and Priyansh opened the match with a near-perfect 39 out of 40, giving India a two-point advantage. They lost consistency in later rounds. By halfway, the USA pair tied the score and beat the Indians with a perfect third end to win the gold medal. Prathamesh Fuge just missed a bronze medal in the individ-

ual events after losing to world number one Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands in a shoot-off. Fuge defeated Austrian world number six Nico Wiener in the quarterfinals. He lost in the shoot-off after overcoming a two-point deficit to force a tiebreaker, losing his first World Cup medal. In the compound men's individual semifinal, Fuge lost to world number seven James Lutz of the US 143-148.

HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

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

