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Netanyahu clears stance; vows 'there'll be no' Palestinian state

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (AP) Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared on Thursday that "there will be no Palestinian state," as tensions soared following deadly Israeli airstrikes targeting Hamas negotiators in Qatar.

Speaking at a signing ceremony for a major Israeli settlement project in the occupied West Bank, Netanyahu said, "This place belongs to us," a statement the United Nations has described as an "existential threat" to the viability of a future Palestinian state.

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On Tuesday, Israeli forces carried out a strike on a Hamas compound in Doha, killing five Hamas members and a Qatari soldier. Those killed included Hamam al-Hayya, the son of top Hamas negotiator Khalil al-Hayya, Jihad Labad, the negotiator's office director, and bodyguards Ahmad Mamlouk, Abdallah Abdelwahd, and Mumen Hassoun, along with Qatari Lance Corporal Badr Saad Mohammed al-Humaidi al-Dosari. Hamas official Fawzi Barhoum condemned the attack.

SC acquits death convict in 7-year-old's rape-murder

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Wednesday acquitted a death convict in rape-murder of a seven-year-old girl in Uttarakhand in 2014 and said the highest degree of circumspection should be exercised by courts before awarding the death penalty. The gruesome rape-murder was termed as the 'Little Nirbhaya' case and had sparked outrage across the state. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sanjay Karol and Sandeep Mehta quashed the trial court and Uttarakhand HC's order to convict him and award the extreme punishment.

India-Mauritius are not partners, but family: PM Modi

The Prime Minister of Mauritius thanked the PM for the grand welcome in Kashi

Discussed

Confirmed that his administration will continue negotiations with India

Varanasi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi held delegation level talks with Mauritius Prime Minister Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam in Varanasi. During this, many issues were discussed. PM Modi congratulated Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam on the conclusion of the Chagos Agreement. The Prime Minister of Mauritius thanked the PM for the



grand welcome in Kashi. Kashi is a symbol of India's civilization and cultural soul: PM Modi Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it is a matter of pride for me that I am getting the opportunity to welcome you in my parliamentary constituency. Kashi has been a symbol of India's civilization and cultural

soul since ancient times. Our culture and traditions reached Mauritius from India centuries ago and got ingrained in the way of life there. Like the uninterrupted flow of Mother Ganga in Kashi, the uninterrupted flow of Indian culture has been enriching Mauritius and today, when we are welcom-

India has always stood with Mauritius' sovereignty

India has always stood firmly with Mauritius' anti-colonial stance and its sovereignty. The Prime Minister said that India has prepared a special economic package keeping in mind the priorities of Mauritius, which will strengthen the infrastructure, create employment and give services. Modi said that last year UPI and Rupay card were launched.

ing our friends from Mauritius in Kashi, it is not just a formality but a spiritual union, so I proudly say that India and Mauritius are not just partners but a family...

Indian-origin man beheaded at US motel; affidavit reveals gruesome details

Dallas :In a shocking incident at a Dallas motel, 50-year-old Chandramouli

Nagamallaiah, an Indian-origin man, was brutally beheaded in front of his family. The suspect, Yordanis Cobos-Martinez, a motel employee, has been arrested and charged with capital murder. The gruesome attack reportedly stemmed from a dispute over a broken washing machine. Indian-origin man beheaded at US motel; affidavit reveals gruesome details; illegal migrant suspect arrested. A 50-year-old Indian-origin man, Chandramouli Nagamallaiah, was brutally beheaded in front of his wife and son during a violent dispute at a Dallas motel in US, police said. The attack took place on the morning of



September 10 at the Downtown Suites motel on Samuell Boulevard, east of Downtown Dallas. According to Police, the suspect, 37-year-old Yordanis Cobos-Martinez, beheaded Nagamallaiah in front of his wife and son during a violent confrontation. Cobos-Martinez, who also worked at the motel, has been arrested and charged with capital murder. According to an arrest affidavit released Thursday, the attack stemmed from an argument over the use of a broken washing machine. Nagamallaiah had reportedly told.

'India favours early end to hostilities': Jaishankar to Polish counterpart; calls for durable Ukraine solution

NEW DELHI: External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Thursday held talks with Polish Deputy Prime Minister and counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski on recent security concerns in Poland. Jaishankar reiterated that India supports an early end to hostilities and a durable solution to the Ukraine con-



flict. Sharing a post on X, Jaishankar said, "Spoke to Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski of Poland today. He shared his concern about recent developments pertaining to Poland's security. I underlined that India favours an early end to hostilities and a durable solution for the Ukraine conflict."

We have to step in if one wing of govt fails in its duties, says SC

Pleaded

This response from SC came after solicitor general repeatedly pleaded

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court has always stuck to the cardinal constitutional principle of separation of powers, a five-judge bench led by CJI B R Gavai said Thursday, following the Centre's emphasis on the executive, legislature and judiciary sticking to their domains. "Judicial activism" should not become "judicial terrorism", the CJI said. The bench of CJI Gavai and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar said, "We



believe in the separation of powers between the executive, legislature and judiciary. However, if one wing ...fails to discharge its duties, Supreme Court as custodians of the Constitution and protector of rights, cannot remain a mute spectator."

This response from SC came after solicitor general Tushar Mehta repeatedly pleaded with bench that SC fixing timelines for the President and governors

to act on bills, not specified in Articles 200 and 201 of the Constitution, would amount to judiciary amending the provisions, a task exclusively reserved for Parliament. Before reserving its opinion on the Presidential Reference which sought SC's opinion on 14 questions relatable to an unprecedented April 8 decision of a two-judge SC bench fixing timelines for the President and governors.

Cops lock circuit house gate to stop AAP MP from holding protest in Srinagar

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: J&K continues to be on the edge over the detention of AAP legislator from Doda, Mehraj Malik, under the Public Safety Act (PSA). While a low-intensity blast on Thursday morning triggered panic in Jammu's Doda town, which already remains tense, high drama unfolded in Srinagar when police



locked the circuit house gates to prevent AAP's Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh from holding a protest against Malik's detention, and refused to allow NC president

Stopped

Farooq, who arrived to offer support to Singh, was stopped at the main gate

Farooq Abdullah to meet him. Singh, who reached Srinagar on Wednesday evening

with other AAP functionaries, was scheduled to hold a press conference and a protest at Lal Chowk. However, police locked the gates of the circuit house and barred him and others from stepping out. NC president Farooq Abdullah, who arrived to offer support to Singh, was stopped at the main gate.

Bengaluru metro station renaming: Fadnavis terms move an 'insult to Shivaji Maharaj'

NEW DELHI: The Karnataka government's proposal to rename Bengaluru's Shivajinagar metro station after St Mary has triggered sharp political reactions, with Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis leading the charge against it. Fadnavis termed the move an "insult to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj," accusing the Congress of continuing a "tradition" of under-

Protest

Sharp political reactions, with Devendra Fadnavis leading the charge against

mining the Maratha warrior king since Jawaharlal Nehru's remarks in Discovery of India. "I condemn the Karnataka government's move. I pray Siddaramaiah gets the sense not to take such a

decision based on religion," he told reporters. PM Modi Inaugurates Yellow Line of Bengaluru Metro, Interacts With Commuters Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah had said his government would consider the renaming after a request at the annual feast of St Mary's Basilica. Deputy CM DK Shivakumar defended it, saying there was "nothing unusual".

SC collegium recommends appointment of chief justices for 3 high courts

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court's three-member collegium Thursday recommended appointment of chief justices to the high courts of Manipur, Meghalaya and Patna. The collegium of CJI B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant and Vikram Nath recommended to the Union govt to appoint Karnataka HC Justice P B Bajantrhi as CJ of Patna HC (at present acting CJ of Patna).

India expands fast track immigration program to 13 airports, streamlining travel for citizens

Launching the 'fast track immigration - trusted traveller program' (FTI-TTP) — which enables faster immigration of pre-verified flyers through automated e-gates — at five more international airports in the country, home minister Amit Shah on Thursday suggested that its coverage be maximised by enabling resident Indians and overseas citizens of India (OCI) to



sign up for FTI-TTP at the state of issuing of passports or OCI cards itself. With the inclusion of

Lucknow, Amritsar, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli and Kozhikode international airports, the total num-

ber of airports covered under the program has risen to 13. First launched at the Indira Gandhi International Airport here in June 2022, the program had added seven more airports — covering Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi and Ahmedabad — in January this year. Shah said the facility will be available at the upcoming Navi Mumbai and

Nepal unrest: Tourist bus with Indians attacked in Kathmandu

LUCKNOW: Amid the ongoing unrest in Nepal, a batch of pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh faced tense moments when miscreants attacked their bus near Kathmandu Thursday morning, loot-



ed their belongings and left several of them injured. According to police, the pilgrims were returning from a visit to Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu when their bus, bearing a UP regis-

tration number, came under attack. The assailants hurled stones at the bus, smashing its windows, and robbed the passengers of their bags, cash and mobile phones.

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 Radhakrishnan, 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.

Rahul Gandhi's foreign trips: CRPF flags 'serious concerns'

NEW DELHI: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Thursday raised concerns over repeated lapses in security protocol by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his foreign trips, warning that such breaches could expose him to serious risks.

In a letter to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, CRPF flagged concerns over his security practices. The force said that despite enjoying Z+ cover with an Advance Security Liaison (ASL) team, Gandhi has skipped mandatory protective measures on several occasions. The Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) sent a separate letter to Gandhi, saying his lapses are a serious concern for his safety.

Officials told news agency ANI that the letter described the issue as a serious concern and urged Rahul Gandhi to follow the guidelines in the future. CRPF noted



NGT imposes Rs 25 lakh fine on two units in Noida

Delhi : In view of depleting groundwater, there is a threat of irreversible damage to the environment leading to scarcity of drinking water, the National Green Tribunal has said while slapping Rs 25 lakh on two units in Noida for unauthorised extraction of water. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel noted that there is no operative non-objection certificate (NOC)

that any violation of established procedures weakens the

as far as Noida Golf Course and Advant Navis Business Park are concerned. Noida Golf Course and Advant Navis Business Park have to pay an interim compensation of Rs 25 lakh, which may be deposited with the Central Pollution Control Board within one month, the tribunal said. The green panel was pursuing a report filed by a committee of the CPCB and Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

effectiveness of VVIP security arrangements.

Encounter: 10 Naxals, including top CPI (Maoist) leader neutralised

NEW DELHI: In a major operation in Chhattisgarh's

Gariyaband district on Thursday, security forces neutralised 10 Naxals, including a Central Committee Member (CCM) of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) who carried a Rs 1 crore bounty.

Manoj alias Modem Balakrishna — also known as Balanna, Ramachander and Bhaskar — had joined the movement in the 1980s and was regarded as one of the outfit's top commanders. Congratulating the forces, Union home minister Amit Shah wrote on X: "Our securi-



ty forces have achieved another major success against the Naxalites today. In Chhattisgarh, CRPF's Cobra commandos, Chhattisgarh Police, and DRG conducted a joint operation and eliminated 10 notorious Naxalites, includ-

ing CCM Modem Balakrishna alias Manoj, who carried a bounty of Rs 1 crore. The remaining Naxalites should surrender in time. The complete eradication of red terror is certain before March 31st (2026)."

RLJP and JMM are expected to join the INDIA group in the state

Delhi : The Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) under Pashupati Kumar Paras and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha under Jharkhand Chief Minister Soren are expected to join the opposition alliance "soon" to contest the upcoming assembly elections in Bihar, poten-

tially extending the INDIA bloc. Held at the official residence of RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, the issue was discussed during a crucial meeting of INDIA bloc leaders. "Two more parties are expected to be part of the INDIA bloc soon and we all have to sacrifice

our share of seats to accommodate the new partners." He went on to say that the 243 constituencies were all being worked on by the coalition. The bloc's initial gathering following the successful two-week Voter Adhikar Yatra. was this meeting.

HAL receives 3rd GE engine for Tejas Mk-1A fighter

BENGALURU: Defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Thursday said it has received the third GE-404 engine for the LCA-MK1A (Tejas Mk1A).

"One more engine is scheduled to be delivered by the end of Sept 2025. Engine supply chain improvement will pave the way for LCA-MK1A aircraft deliveries," the PSU said in a statement.

In July, HAL CMD DK Sunil, in a one-on-one interview to had said the PSU would roll out the first LCA Tejas Mk1A from its new Nashik production line by the end of July, which is yet to happen.

The rollout from Nashik will mark a key milestone in HAL's efforts to scale up Tejas production, even as the programme works through



engine supply constraints and indigenous radar integration delays. While the current year may see three to four aircraft from Nashik, the plant has been built to support an annual output of eight. At present, HAL is operating two production lines in Bengaluru and has initiated the third at Nashik.

A parallel private-sector supply chain — comprising VEM Technologies (centre fuselage), Alpha (rear fuselage), and L&T (wings) — is expected to contribute towards an additional six aircraft a year, eventually raising the overall production capacity to 30 aircraft annually.

59K applicants affected by technical difficulties will be able to retake the SSC exam

Delhi : S Gopalakrishnan, the chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), stated that over 59,000 applicants who experienced technical difficulties during the examination will be given a special re-exam in three sessions. In order to "resolve the matters, retest the solution and improve operational matter," he said, the SSC Combined Graduate Level (CGL) exam, which was originally planned for August 13, has been pushed back to mid-September.

Sunil had said that despite engine supply delays from GE, HAL is pressing ahead with

Delhi Police cracks down on UER-II motorcyclists

Delhi : Delhi Police have started cracking down on bikers and motorcyclists using the recently opened Urban Extension Road II (UER-II), penalising at least 24 errant riders given that these vehicles are not allowed to move on the multi-lane corridor connecting Delhi and Haryana, two officers said. Police said that most of the motorcyclists are using the road for joyrides and recording reels. "We deployed police personnel on the UER-II corridor's section



falling under the territorial jurisdiction of the Najafgarh police station to conduct surprise checks and prosecute motorcyclists moving on the stretch. During the drive, we stopped at least 24 two-wheelers and issued challans to

their riders. Some of them were members of bikers' groups, who usually go on a joyride on weekends on their sports bikes that cost lakhs of rupees. They were let off with no further action," an officer said.

PM to visit Manipur on 13, will unveil projects worth Rs 8,500 crore

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Manipur on September 13 to launch and inaugurate development initiatives worth Rs 8,500 crore, officials told PTI on Thursday.

It will be his first trip to the state since ethnic clashes between Kukis and Meiteis erupted in May 2023, claiming more than 260 lives and displacing thousands. According to officials, Modi will lay foundation stones for projects worth Rs 7,300 crore at Peace Ground in Churachandpur, a Kuki-majority area, and inaugurate infrastructure works totalling Rs 1,200 crore from Imphal, the Meitei-dominated capital.

PM Modi's expected itinerary PM Modi's likely itinerary—starting in Churachandpur and ending with an address at Kangla Fort in



Imphal—reflects an attempt to balance optics and outreach. He is expected to meet displaced families and may announce rehabilitation packages, raising hopes that he will be able bridge the chasm. Churachandpur and Imphal—the symbolic and emotional centers of the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities respectively and this dual engagement is widely seen as a gesture of neutrality, signalling that the centre is deeply concerned about the humanitarian and political crisis.

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

The BJP government, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, presented its maiden budget on Tuesday, March 25. Gupta presented 1 lakh crore budget for 2025-26, a 31.56% increase from last year. In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, the government has allocated 12,952 crore to improve Delhi's public transport system. It has allocated 1,000 crore to improve the connectivity of Delhi with the NCR region.

'Will India have to deal with Jamaat govt?' Shashi Tharoor on party's win in Dhaka University polls

NEW DELHI: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Thursday expressed concern over the victory of the Jamaat-e-Islami's student wing in the Dhaka University (DU) student union polls, questioning whether India may soon have to deal with a Jamaat-led government in Bangladesh. "This may have registered as barely a blip on most Indian minds, but it is a worrying portent of things to come," the former diplomat wrote on X, sharing a screenshot of a news report on the win. Shashi Tharoor post Shashi Tharoor post



Tharoor noted that voters were increasingly turning to the Jamaat-e-Islami not out of religious zeal but because they saw the party as untainted by the corruption and misgovernance associated with the two traditional rivals — the now-

banned Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). "How will this play out in the February 2026 general elections?"

Will New Delhi be dealing with a Jamaat majority next door?" he asked.

Congress has sworn to insult her': BJP on AI video of PM Modi's mother; blames Rahul 'arrogance'

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Thursday slammed the Congress over an AI-generated video featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his late mother Heeraben, accusing the party of taking a vow to "repeatedly insult" her. The clip was posted by the Bihar unit of the Congress. "The Congress



has sworn to repeatedly insult the late mother of PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji. When they found nothing, they showed his mother in a fake video, making her say words that are a complete insult to her," the Bihar BJP posted on X, alleging that such videos were being circulated at the behest of "arro-

gant" and "anarchic" Rahul Gandhi.

The clip, shared on Wednesday, begins with an AI version of PM Modi going to sleep after declaring that the day's "vote chori" (vote theft) is done. He then dreams of his mother, and the AI version of Heeraben appears.



Govt promotes 1994-batch IPS officers as CBI special director

NEW DELHI: In a significant rejig, Centre has promoted 1994-batch IPS officers Manoj Shashidhar and Sampat Meena to the rank of special director in CBI. Both were serving as additional directors with key assignments.

Meena becomes only the second woman special director in the agency after Archana Sundaram, a 1980-batch officer whose appointment had followed a tussle with then CBI chief Ranjit Sinha backing her candidature over others shortlisted. A Gujarat cadre officer, Shashidhar has been with CBI since January 2020 when he was appointed joint director. Known for his clean image and no-nonsense approach, he has handled several high-profile cases, including heading the SIT that probed the death of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput. In his new role, he has been entrusted with crucial investigations and strengthening the agency's operational efficiency. Originally from Kerala, Shashidhar earlier served as Vadodara police commissioner, inspector general of police in Gandhinagar Range, and ADGP in the intelligence wing. Meena, from a family of civil servants, is regarded for her integrity and professionalism. In CBI, she handled sensitive probes, including RG Kar hospital rape and murder case in Kolkata, as well as Hathras and Unnao cases.



Four sent to jail for attacking police There was a ruckus in Obari village

Prayagraj. Four have been sent to jail for attacking the police team in Obari village of Khiri. Two of them are women and two are men. Police have not disclosed the names of the accused sent to jail. At the same time, the police is facing a lot of criticism in this matter. Local people have opened a front against the police. Kheri police had gone to serve a notice regarding a land dispute in Obari village. During this, there was a ruckus. It is alleged that the women of the house attacked the police team. While the villagers allege that Inspector Preeti Rawat beat up the woman. Due to which there was a ruckus. At present, Inspector Preeti Rawat and Ambesh Mishra are said to be injured in the incident. After the incident, the police brought two women and two men to the police station. On Thursday afternoon, everyone was sent to jail. Outpost in-charge Ambesh Mishra was called for information on the matter but the call was not received. There is anger against the police in the area regarding the incident. Pintu Choubey, a resident of Pathartal, has announced to submit a memorandum in Koraon.

Wanted accused of kidnapping, rape and religious conversion arrested

Fatehpur: Under the direction of Fatehpur Superintendent of Police Anup Kumar Singh, in continuation of the campaign being run to maintain effective control over crime and criminals, Ghazipur Police Station arrested the wanted accused Haseen son Hasim resident of village Ghazipur district Fatehpur, age about 42 years, related to kidnapping, rape and religious conversion from near Nafees Grocery Store Augasi Road at 17.15 pm and sent him to Hon'ble Court in legal order.

Memorandum submitted by Mahila Shikshak Sangh to PM and CM in context of TET exam

District President Anuragini Singh expressed her pain that till when will we study ourselves

Views

□ All went straight to the district project office. They put forth their views

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Prayagraj: On Thursday, under the leadership of District President Anuragini Singh, in line with the order of Supreme Court, a memorandum/request letter was given to the Chief Minister by Basic Shiksha Adhikari in order to submit memorandum simultaneously in all districts under the leadership of the state. In this program, about five hundred female



teachers from all blocks were present in large numbers. District President Anuragini Singh expressed her pain that till when will we study ourselves, we have educated our children and raised them. We teach children in school every day. We participate in the examinations of all depart-

ments, we perform all the work of the department and the work of other departments as well, in such a situation, is it mandatory to take our examination as well? Is it necessary? Among the block presidents, Shweta Srivastava, Sarabjit Kaur, Hemlata Singh, Rachna Maurya, Ritu

Singh and more than half a dozen officer teachers expressed their views, the member teachers shared their pain with all of us. Pregnant women and teachers with infants were also present in today's memorandum work... After going to school in the morning, all went straight to the

district project office. They put forth their views and shared their pain. All the teachers, while talking about this order, were saying that the rule should be valid only at the time of appointment. This order for the year before 2011 is not acceptable. It should be reconsidered once again. And this order by the court is completely inhuman and impractical for teachers. After reading the memorandum, District Treasurer Alka Jaiswal placed it before the Basic Education Officer. The Basic Education Officer assured all the members of the organization that he will definitely send our memorandum to the Chief Minister and the

Honorable Prime Minister. The Basic Education Officer Prayagraj also said that this is an order and it has to be followed. It may be painful but at the same time everyone must also start preparing for the TET exam, because this order is of the Supreme Court, so it would not be appropriate to take it lightly. Along with the protest, one has to remain engaged in one's preparation. This program of Mahila Shikshak Sangh was very successful. The presence of a large number of female teachers showed that every female teacher is suffering. Every female teacher is going through mental agony at this time.

Additional Superintendent of Police did Patrolling

Kaushambi: In view of maintaining security and law and order in the district, Additional Superintendent of Police Kaushambi Rajesh Kumar Singh and Area Officer Manjhanpur Shivank Singh, along with the police force of Manjhanpur Police Station and Mahila Thana, did foot



patrolling in the mixed population areas and

crowded places in the town of Manjhanpur. During the patrol, communication was established with the general public and shopkeepers and they were made to feel safe.

During this, shopkeepers were appealed not to encroach on the road and to cooperate in the traffic system.

Audience overwhelmed after watching 'Raja Harishchandra' drama

Influenced

□ Center Director Sudesh Sharma welcomed the chief guest Prof. Swatantrata Sharma



Prayagraj: From Mahatma Gandhi to so many people have been influenced by the story of Satyawadi Raja Harishchandra drama, but on Thursday, when folk artists staged it in Nautanki style in the Cultural Center auditorium, the entire auditorium was overwhelmed. Many aspects of this story including ethics, philosophy, morality, truthfulness kept the audience engaged. In the five-day Nautanki festi-

val organized by the North Central Zone Cultural Center, Kanpur's Nautanki style and the indigenous dialogue of the artists kept the audience engaged on Thursday. At the beginning of the program, Center Director Sudesh Sharma welcomed the chief guest Prof. Swatantrata Sharma by presenting a flower bouquet. In the play presented by Nautanki Training

Center Kanpur, Anupriya Chauhan was in the role of Raja Harishchandra's wife Taramati, while Uphar Mishra was very good in the role of Harishchandra. At the beginning of the program, the artists showed glimpses of famous folk compositions 'Rangmanch ke charon mein Rangakarmi shish nawaata hai, Rangakarmi ka janm janm se naata hai'.

Use pheromone traps for fruit fly pest control - Dr Virendra Singh

Prayagraj : Prayagraj organized a one-day training program for the farmers of the guava fruit belt area of Kaushambi. Dr Virendra Singh, Chief Horticulture Specialist, Horticultural

Experiment and Training Center Khusrobag Prayagraj, who was presiding over the program, gave infor-



mation about the usefulness of the Center of

Excellence being prepared with the cooperation of the Israeli government. It was told that in future this center will prove to be a boon for the farmers producing fruits. In the technical session, Dr Singh told that among the major problems of guava, farmers suffer a lot of losses due to fruit fly pest. To prevent this, it is

necessary to control the generation or population of this kit, for this pheromone trap is a very good solution. With its use, when the male insect does not fertilize the female insect due to getting trapped in the trap, then the population of the insect gets controlled. In the next session of the program, VK Singh, Training.

Wanted accused of dowry murder arrested by Saini police

Arrested

□ A case was registered under relevant sections at police station Saini



Kaushambi: On Tuesday, plaintiff Ramnath Yadav son Budhai resident of village Kalyanpur Kasar police station Sultanpur district Fatehpur informed at police station Saini that his

daughter's in-laws demanded additional dowry and on not getting the dowry, his daughter was murdered. On the basis of the complaint received, a case was registered under relevant sections

at police station Saini. In the above sequence, police team of police station Saini took immediate action and on the basis of information from a special informer, wanted accused Vijay Karan alias Mohit son Komalchandra resident Baithakapur Majra Garai police station Saini district Kaushambi related to the above case was arrested from near village Garai.

Bakebar police arrested two warrant accused

Fatehpur: Under the direction of Superintendent of Police Fatehpur Anup Kumar Singh, in the sequence of arrest of wanted/warrantees and the campaign being run against crime and criminals, on Thursday, Bakebar police station arrested two warrant accused Bharat son Kandhai age about 50 years resident of village Padhara police station Bakewar district Fatehpur. Suraj son Tarachandra age about 29 years resident of village.

Female police personnel made students aware

Kaushambi: Under the direction of Superintendent of Police Kaushambi, various police station teams of the district organized awareness programs under Mission Shakti Abhiyan (Phase-05). In this sequence, the police teams of police station Sandipanghat and Karari went to the school, and the police team of police station Paschim Sharira kept roaming in the police station area and made girls/women/students aware about



women safety, women respect and women self-reliance. During the program, women were encouraged to immediately inform the police, Shakti Mitra women

police personnel or the women help desk in the police stations about the crimes committed against them and the related criminals and were made aware about

cyber crime and ways to protect themselves from them. On this occasion, information about various helpline numbers was given by distributing pamphlets, the main ones among which are - 1. 1076 Hon'ble Chief Minister Helpline2. 1090 Women Power Helpline3. 1930 Cyber Crime Helpline4. 102 Health Service5. 108 Ambulance Service6. 1098 Child Helpline7. 181 One Stop Center8. 112 Police Emergency Service.

Emotional tribute was paid to Singari Devi by offering flowers

Shri Ram Katha explained the importance of mother power

Phulpur: Shri Ram Katha was organized in Malikpur Nonra village of Phulpur area. On this occasion, Shankaracharya Pt. Madan Mohan Mishra duly explained the



importance of mother power. A large number of devotees enjoyed the story to listen to the

interesting Shri Ram Katha. On this occasion, senior journalist Raghavendra Dubey Bhau remembered Singari Devi. Former President of IFFCO All India Officers Association Jitendra Tiwari said that the knowledge of mother power is an example of simplicity, love and service in life.

She kept the family united while discharging her duties selflessly. She kept all

the people around her tied in her affection throughout her life. The program was conducted by Indu Shekhar.

On this occasion, hundreds of people including Utpal Rai, Surendra Tiwari, Anurag Tiwari, Sanjay Pandey, RK Pathak, Manoj Tripathi, YSP Singh, JP Mishra paid floral tribute to the late Singari Devi by offering their emotional tributes to her.

Wanted accused of kidnapping arrested

Prayagraj: Under the guidance of Police Commissioner and Additional Police Commissioner, in the sequence of the campaign being run against crime and criminals, under the able supervision of Deputy Commissioner of Police Ganganagar and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Ganganagar and under the able leadership of Assistant Police Commissioner Handia, a wanted accused Anuj



Kumar alias Chhotu Pasi son Ramesh Pasi resident of village Suthanpur police station Sarai Inayat Commissionerate Prayagraj related to kidnapping registered at Police Station Saraiammarej of

Ganganagar-zone was arrested by the Saraiammarej police team on Thursday from near Saraiammarej market under Police Station Saraiammarej area and further legal action was taken as per rules. 2 accused related to the above case have already been arrested and sent to judicial custody. Arresting Police Team S.I. Yashwant Kumar. Constable Ashish Yadav, Police Station Saraiammarej Commissionerate.

Editorial

Shashi Tharoor has always disliked ‘statist Congress’

Power is in the words. Language has mystical powers. I enjoy playing with words. Those words are hot. You can be moved to tears by words. You can find humor in words. Moreover, there are few things that can convey the planet and all its inhabitants as vividly and comprehensively as words. During the 2009 austerity drive of the Congress-led UPA administration, Tharoor was embroiled in controversy for his response to a query regarding flying "cattle class" to Kerala. His statement, "Absolutely, in cattle class out of solidarity with all our holy cows!" caused a political storm following his response. Tharoor, an accomplished writer of numerous best-selling books on Indian society and politics, was forced to clarify that he did not want to offend economy class passengers after the Congress party swiftly censured him. After 16 years, Tharoor is now again in trouble for comments he made in an interview. In response to a Malayalam report that he had claimed, "We have many leaders, but many feel that there are no ordinary workers," Tharoor clarified that he had really said, "several workers feel there is an absence of a leader in Kerala's Congress." "You should not think that I have no option to spend my time. I have options," Tharoor added earlier in the interview. I have speeches, books, and invitations to speak all around the globe. Some saw his comments as a covert signal to the highest levels of Congress that he was thinking about other political paths. Amidst the upcoming Assembly elections in the state next year, Tharoor is now facing accusations of "crossing the line" from the top leaders of the Congress's faction-ridden Kerala unit, putting him in the center of a maelstrom. Because of this, Shashi Tharoor has been named this week's ThePrint Newsmaker. Actually, Tharoor's essay praising the new industrial policies of the Left-led Kerala government had already been a hot topic before the interview controversy erupted. Tharoor had stated that, during the course of 18 months last year, Kerala's startup ecosystem was valued at an astounding \$1.7 billion, which is five times higher than the worldwide average for the same time period. While the fact that this change has started happening under an LDF government run by communists is shocking, it is not totally unexpected. "The path to growth and prosperity for their people lies in capitalism, entrepreneurship, and initiative, not in red flags, strikes, and agitations," he said in the post, comparing the Communists in Kerala to their West Bengali counterparts at the turn of the century. While he disagrees that the state's industrial climate has changed generally, Tharoor defended himself by saying that "when something good emerges, even if only in one area, it is petty not to acknowledge it" in response to attacks from Kerala Congress officials over the piece. Tharoor, a former UN diplomat, has had a tumultuous political career with the Congress since his 2009 victory in the Lok Sabha elections from the Thiruvananthapuram constituency. Mostly because he had a habit of saying things that went against the party line. However, he consistently gets himself into problems by more than simply his words. In 2009, as the UPA was implementing its austerity measures, Tharoor and then-External Affairs Minister SM Krishna came under fire from the government for allegedly residing in a five-star hotel in Delhi while their official quarters were still being prepared. Tharoor lost his position in the Manmohan Singh government's council of ministers in 2010 due to the scandal surrounding the sweat equity provided to Sunanda Pushkar, his then-girlfriend and later-wife, by a consortium that owned the Kochi club of the Indian Premier League. His ordination as a junior minister was renewed in 2012. Tharoor was thrust into his gravest professional crisis in January 2014, when Pushkar was discovered dead in a luxurious Delhi hotel room—months prior to the Lok Sabha elections.



Muslims want waqf reforms too. It's not an issue for political acrimony

When the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024 was first tabled in the Lok Sabha on 8 August last year, it triggered fears within the Muslim community, as it was perceived to have been introduced without adequate consultation with stakeholders. After all, the issue of waqfs—Muslim institutions through which property is bequeathed for religious or charitable purposes—is sensitive because it involves socio-religious spaces such as qabristans, masjids, idgahs, and madrasas. As such, the government and Parliament were exhorted to adopt procedures that allayed rather than stoked the fears of

Muslims. In this backdrop, the decision to refer the bill to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament was welcome. The 31-member committee, drawn from across party lines, received 97,27,772 memoranda overall. There were representations from various ministries and departments—including Minority Affairs, Law and Justice, Railways, Housing and Urban Affairs, Road Transport, and Culture (Archaeological Survey of India)—as well as state waqf boards and experts, ensuring a diversity of opinions. As such, the government and Parliament were exhorted to adopt pro-

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correct to state that waqf reforms are being externally foisted. Rather, to a large extent, the demand for waqf reforms has emerged from within the Muslim community also. The Ministry of Minority Affairs received numerous complaints from Muslims on the maladministration of waqf properties, which manifested in voluminous litigations. The ministry's analysis of grievances received from April 2023 found that 148 complaints pertained mostly to encroachments, illegal sales of waqf land, delays in surveys and registration, and complaints against waqf boards and mutawallis.

Has Trump Abandoned Ukraine In Favour Of Russia?

Donald Trump has spent only a month in his second term as the US President. However, he has disrupted the international order, weakened the Western alliance and created a sense of insecurity and uncertainty among its members, surprising even some of his supporters. There has been a paradigm shift in US foreign policy under Trump. He is now closer to Moscow than Washington's traditional allies. He has embraced the Kremlin's narrative on Ukraine and has sidelined US allies. Although senior members of the Trump administration have denied that the US has abandoned Kyiv and ignored its European allies, Trump himself has not made any serious attempts to pacify Ukrainians and Europeans. His closeness to Russia has been on display since he talked for 90 minutes on the phone with Russian leader Vladimir Putin, in which they agreed to start negotiations to end the Ukraine war, which will mark its third anniversary on Monday. Trump did speak to Zelenskyy soon after that call with Putin, but a nervous Ukrainian President warned that excluding his country from the talks would be "very dangerous". Events after that only made Ukrainians feel sidelined. Trump's Vice President, JD Vance, met European leaders in Munich two days later. But his comment that Europe will not be included in the peace talks only helped fuelled the speculation that they were being left out of the future of Ukraine, which is closer to their homes and in which they have invested a lot of money and effort since



the Russian invasion. Vance's meeting with Zelenskyy did not go well either as the Ukrainian leader refused to give access to the country's vast reserves of critical minerals unless he was given security guarantees. That angered Washington. Ending the Russia-Ukraine war was Trump's major campaign promise. But hardly anyone expected him to brazenly take Russia's side and even blame Ukraine for the conflict, which he did. Last Tuesday, a US delegation led by Secretary of State Marco Rubio met the Russian delegation headed by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Saudi Arabia, to discuss peace. Ukraine was not invited. Putin—who had been shunned by the US and its allies since the invasion of Ukraine—was delighted. A frustrated Zelenskyy dismissed the Riyadh talks as worthless. Trump did not like those comments and called the Ukraine President a dictator, even accusing him of starting the war. Zelenskyy said the US President was living in a Russian-made "disinformation space". This infuriated Trump, who does not take kindly to any criticism. He described Zelenskyy as "a modestly successful comedian" who "talked the United

States of America into spending \$350 Billion, to go into a War that couldn't be won, that never had to start, but a War that he, without the U.S. and 'TRUMP,' will never be able to settle." Trump's behaviour towards Zelenskyy is in stark contrast to Biden's, who had backed Ukraine against Russia with all the possible military and financial aid. President Biden travelled to Ukraine many times since the Russian invasion in February 2022 to display his administration's full support. He also promised NATO membership to Ukraine at a future date. Russia was severely punished for invading Ukraine. The US joined hands with its allies to isolate Moscow. Russia faced tough sanctions and its assets in the West were seized. The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant against Putin for alleged war crimes in Ukraine. There were even plans to put Putin and his close allies on Nuremberg-style trials. Until a year ago, Ukraine's leader was talking about even liberating all its territory, including Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014, with the help of Western military equipment. Ukraine even succeeded in occupying the

Russian territory of Kursk, which it had thought would be used as a bargaining chip during negotiations with Moscow. But all that now looks like a distant dream. With Trump back in the White House, Ukraine fears that Russia will be allowed to keep all the occupied territory as part of the deal to end the war. Kyiv is now likely to be denied NATO membership. That could be a promise to Russia to end the war. The US under Trump has now even opposed calling Russia an aggressor in a G-7 statement being prepared to mark the third anniversary of the war. The US team removed the phrase from the first draft, which was prepared by Canada, the current holder of the group's presidency. It is not just Ukraine, America's European allies are also now nervous about the intent of Trump. Since the Second World War, they enjoyed the US security umbrella under NATO. But now they are unsure if the US under Trump will honour Article 5 of the NATO, which is triggered when a member state comes under attack. It implies that an attack on one member is an attack on all. There is even fear in Europe that Donald Trump may sign a deal with the Russian leader Vladimir Putin that will lead to the withdrawal of US forces from Baltic states and effectively kill the NATO alliance. That could be similar to the non-aggression treaty signed by the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany on August 23, 1939, sending shockwaves to other European countries and prompting Hitler and Stalin to annex neighbouring countries. It is another matter

that Hitler invaded the Soviet Union two years later, putting an end to the treaty. European members of NATO may call themselves major powers, but they can't match Russia's military might without US support. Even after losing more than a hundred thousand men and lots of military equipment in the Ukraine conflict, Moscow remains a strong power, mainly because of its nuclear arsenal. So Why Has Trump Changed The Narrative? Trump has always been an admirer of strongmen like Putin. Even during his first term, he developed a rapport with him. He also dislikes Zelenskyy, whom he sees as more of a roadblock in ending the Ukraine conflict. As a former businessman, Trump sees things from the perspective of profitable deals. Western sanctions have hit Russia, but American companies have also suffered business losses, running into billions of dollars. He would like to reverse that. And despite Ukraine's resistance, Trump believes Zelenskyy will have to give access to critical minerals in return for any future US support. Some in the Trump administration suggest Kyiv should provide Americans with those minerals in return for the US military and financial aid already received by Ukraine. Trump has blamed European leaders for not doing enough to end the Ukraine war. He has also complained for a long time that Europe has lived off the US for too long and it must pay for its security. Europeans have increased their defence budgets but not enough to survive without US support.

The Hindutva Pitch of the BJP: Will Bihar Pay Attention This Time?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attacked the opposition, calling members of the party who support "jungle raj" anti-Indian and anti-faith. Furthermore, he said that the state's citizens would hold anybody who insults Maha Kumbh in contempt forever. Political circles were captivated by his attention on Maha Kumbh, which he displayed barely two days before Maha Shivratri, as the event was coming to a close. For what reason did Modi bring up the holy event, which has been going on for almost two months, Was all he was doing was addressing the Opposition's strong criticism of what they saw as poor administration during the world's largest religious gathering, the Maha Kumbh, and the two stampedes that occurred there. Did he want Maha Kumbh to be a part of the National Democratic Alliance's Bihar election platform? It is quite probable that Modi, who had begun the NDA's Bihar election campaign with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, purposefully

brought up the controversy surrounding Maha Kumbh in order to strengthen the Hindu support among the OBC. Many also saw it as an effort to win over religiously inclined female voters. Meanwhile, political scientists claimed Modi didn't really need to mention Maha Kumbh. In contrast to Uttar Pradesh, religious and communal appeals do not have the same impact on elections in Bihar. A transformative governance agenda has traditionally had a greater impact on the state. Rather than a rising embrace of the Hindutva ideology of the BJP, observers pointed out that Bihar was shifting away from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) led by Lalu Yadav owing to fears of his previous misrule. North Bihar is still firmly under the control of the NDA, and yatras, which were once used to communalize politics, have not been very successful. The Hindu Swabhimana Yatra, which Union Minister Giriraj Singh attempted last year but was unable to launch, is a prime example.

The trinity that failed women at Maha Kumbh. Holy, unholy, and the algorithm

Aasavage irony is unfolding in Uttar Pradesh right now. India's holiest gathering is a hunting ground for faceless remote predators. At the "once in 144 years" Maha Kumbh Mela underway in Prayagraj, where millions congregate to wash away their sins in the Ganga, an unholy alliance of voyeurs, traders, and technology has formed. They're transforming purification into portable entertainment. What's on sale? The privacy and bodily integrity of women devotees. And the price? Anywhere between Rs 800 and Rs 2,000, depending on the quality of violation. Indian women have been failed, yet again, by a new trinity: The holy, the unholy, and the algorithm. Last week, 13 FIRs were lodged against 140 social media accounts for posting objectionable videos of women, including those of female devotees taking a dip at the Kumbh. The bathing videos came to light during a separate investigation by the Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Police into videos sourced from a Rajkot hospital's gynaecology department. The investigation revealed that the three accused—Prajwal Taili, Praj Patil, and Chandraprakash Phoolchand—ran at least 22 Telegram channels where they sold clips of women, recorded and traded without their consent. The three men, a YouTuber from Prayagraj and two NEET aspirants from Maharashtra, ran their enterprise under an innocuous name "Megha Demos Group". The channels, with labels like "CCTV Injection Group", "Labor Room Injection Group", and "Ganga River Open Bathing Group", turned these transgressions into a menu of options. "Disturbingly, some content featured covert recordings from hospital labour rooms, medical examinations, and public areas like bus stands, marriage halls, and parlours," cyber crime officers told The

Times of India. This lucrative venture raked in Rs 8 lakh a year. To the credit of UP Police, their social media monitoring team has moved swiftly, and identified 15 more accounts across Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram participating in this ecosystem of exploitation. The state government has now banned cameras at bathing ghats, deploying CRPF and state police personnel to enforce this prohibition. In 2019 too, the Allahabad High Court had banned the publishing of photos and videos of women at the Kumbh Mela: "The court said no pictures of women bathing or taking a holy dip should be shared. It also warned that action would be taken if the order was broken. This rule applies to both print and visual media." This violation and commodification of women's bodies at the Maha Kumbh represents a betrayal across three interconnected spheres. It's not as if Indian women are unfamiliar with such trespasses—that's our daily reality. But the Kumbh videos expose a particularly perverse intersection of faith, trade, and technology. First, there is the sacred: In a space of spiritual liberation, the crowd provides both cover and target for predators. Elaborate systems. At Indian temples and other places of worship prevent photography to protect idols and deities. Those regulations don't extend to the bodies of women who show up at these sites. Then comes the betrayal by the profane, a carefully constructed marketplace where every assault is catalogued, priced, and traded. What's most chilling about the Kumbh videos is the clinical efficiency of their distribution. The "Megha Demos Group" operated with the precision of a tech startup, complete with a freemium business model. Finally, there is the betrayal by technology, where algorithms.

Both BJP, AIADMK want to improve relations in TN

Divya Delhi: Julie Mariappan says that 18 months after breaking relations with BJP and abandoning NDA, AIADMK leadership is warming up to the saffron party for a possible 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly election partnership. An AIADMK delegation led by general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami met with Union home minister Amit Shah. Both desire to advance the relationship. Next steps are forthcoming. Shah vowed to prevent the 'corrupt DMK govt' from returning in 2026 "AIADMK leader states. Shah accepted several AIADMK requests. Palaniswami told Delhi media that the conference discussed Tamil Nadu concerns such delimitation, the two-language policy, MGN-REGS and SSA dues, and the Tasmac scam. As the 2026 election approaches, the alliance will be decided. Shah and party president J P Nadda will



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meet Tamil Nadu BJP national co-in-charge P Sudhakar Reddy night. State BJP president K Annamalai went to Delhi. While the AIADMK delegation met Shah, the Union minister's offi-

and plant 4,950 saplings was violated, making the practice "illegal." A panel of judge and expert Dr. Afroz Ahmed computed environmental compensation using Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB) rules and asked all states, including Delhi.

cial X handle had a 2026 Tamil Nadu electoral message. "As soon as the NDA govt is formed in Tamil Nadu in the year 2026, the 'flood of liquor' and 'storm of corruption' will stop."

Freedom of speech can't be suppressed on spurious reasons

Divya Delhi: The Supreme Court ruled that freedom of speech and expression was essential to a healthy and civilized society and could not be violated on "flimsy and fanciful grounds". Gujarat Police's social status charges against Congress MP Imran Pratapgarhi were dismissed by the court. media post with poetry 'Ae khooon ke pyase baat suno'. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan suggested not filing FIRs blindly to prevent government or police harassment of spoken or written words, signs, or visible representations



and to protect artistic freedom. Under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Sections 196 and 197(1), the police should undertake a preliminary inquiry to determine if a prima facie case exists. The bench set standards for assessing spoken and written words' impact "When an offence punishable under Section 196 of BNS is alleged,

the effect of the spoken or written words must be considered based on reasonable, strong-minded, firm, and courageous people, not weak and oscillating minds. The impact of spoken or written words cannot be measured by individuals who are always insecure or see criticism as a challenge to their power.

New prison factories will employ 100 more prisoners

Divya Delhi: The Delhi prison department will modernize and add factories to employ 100 more prisoners. New paper, carpentry, and oil production units are planned by the department. The units will make eco-friendly products like custom-printed paper carry bags, file covers, and stationery, as well as beautifully packaged coconut,

sesame, almond, and mustard oils. "The new jail factory units aim to deploy over 100 inmates and emphasize 'earn while studying' A prison official stated new high-tech equipment will be purchased. Officials say Tihar jail number 2 has six units: carpentry, oil, paper, weaving, tailoring, and baking. Mandoli and other jails have weaving,

jute bags, perfume, pickles, confecti carpentry, and underwear facilities. Different facilities employ over 2,500 convicts. Last year, 215 inmates joined jail number 2's industries, mostly for carpentry, followed by bakery and paper. "We plan to increase the number of units so that more inmates can receive vocational training.

Delhi's BJP government will pass a bill to safeguard stray cows. GST Section 150

Divya Delhi : Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood announced the move during a Delhi Assembly debate on stray cows and other animals. GST Registration Cancellations Misuse. "After careful consideration, we will pass a cow conservation and protection law to avoid departmental confusion. Sood said relevant Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) parts will be considered for legislation incorporation. He stressed that the bill will protect cows and keep the streets clean by avoiding stray livestock. "The suggestions represent House opinions and appeal to Sanatan-valued Delhiites. He stated



that everyone has thoughtfully addressed this topic. A stringent enforcement mechanism will prevent cow exploitation, illegal cattle trade, and owner neglect under the proposed law. The government is budgeting for new cow shelters and their maintenance.

BJP MLA Ashok Goel

introduced a private member motion requesting the government to build and maintain more shelters. Our culture and religion call the cow our mother, but many people abandon her when she stops delivering milk. Goel claimed this causes traffic, accidents, and sanitary difficulties.

MPs Get 24% Salary, Pension Increase; New Allowances

Divya Delhi: MPs' wages would rise 24%, along with pensions and allowances for former MPs, according to the Indian government. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs notified these adjustments, matching them with the 1961 Income Tax Act Cost Inflation Index. This national revision follows the Karnataka government's large wage boost for the Chief Minister, ministers, and MLAs.

Delhi govt to enact law for cow conservation and protection

Divya Delhi: Varanasi MC orders closure of meat shops in city limits during Navratri. The Varanasi Municipal Corporation (MC) has issued an order to shut all meat and fish shops within the civic body limits during the Navratri festival. The decision was unanimously approved in the corporation's executive meeting. "This is the first time a decision has been taken to keep all meat and fish shops closed during Navratri, starting March 30. Officials have been directed to enforce the order and shop owners



were informed about the decision taken in the executive meeting," said Varanasi Mayor Ashok Tiwari. Tiwari said in Thursday's meeting of the Municipal Corporation's executive council, a member proposed a complete closure of meat and fish shops during Navratri. There are around 400-500 meat and fish shops operating within

the city limits. The shopkeepers violating the order will face legal action, he added. Navratri will conclude on April 7. In January this year, the Varanasi civic body had issued notices to meat shop owners operating within a two-kilometer radius of the Vishwanath Temple, directing them to shut down for "violating rules." The directive was based on a resolution passed by the corporation last year, which prohibited meat shops from operating within this radius.

State Hospitals Get Aushadhi Kendras

Divya Delhi: The Delhi government will open Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras in all state-run hospitals to provide patients with affordable medicines. All Delhi government hospitals save Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathic ones must have at least one such kendra on campus, according to officials. Patients can buy cheaper generic drugs instead of running to other hospitals' pharmacies to obtain branded ones. GB Pant Hospital, Lok Nayak Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial, Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital, Guru Nanak Eye Centre, Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital, and Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalaya are state-run hospitals that have opened



medicine stores. The hospital administration can buy medicine from the Jan Aushadhi Kendra in times of crisis, instead of buying it locally, unless it is required. This month, the BJP government decided to open the pharmacies, according to senior health department officials. Delhi health minister Pankaj Kumar Singh has ordered all medical superintendents and health officials to expedite medicine procurement through the PMBJP under the central government's

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

The BJP government, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, presented its maiden budget on Tuesday, March 25. Gupta presented 1 lakh crore budget for 2025-26, a 31.56% increase from last year. In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, the government has allocated 12,952 crore to improve Delhi's public transport system. It has allocated 1,000 crore to improve the connectivity of Delhi with the NCR region.

Will introduce new programs and end all of AAP's educational initiatives?

Divya Delhi Happiness Curriculum, Business Blasters, and Mission Buniyaad, the hallmark education programs implemented by the previous Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, will no longer be offered by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Delhi government, according to Delhi education minister Ashish Sood. He went on to say that new projects called Rashtraneeti, New Era of Entrepreneur Ecosystem and Vision (NEEEV), and Science of Living will take the place of current programs. In an interview, Sood



claimed that the AAP's educational initiatives were created more for publicity and political gain than for the benefit of the kids. "Instead of assisting the students in becoming self-sufficient

and prepared for the outside world, the AAP government's educational initiatives (Business Blasters, Happiness Curriculum, and Mission Buniyaad) were centered on adver-

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tisements and making political capital out of them." In the 2019 budget, the BJP govern-

ment has set aside money for new programs that will take the place of the old ones.

Many Delhi government ILBS services are now charged

Divya Delhi: Delhi's autonomous Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) now charges for formerly free services, including body packaging (mortuary services). Dr. Arun Kumar Rastogi, chief operations (medical), ordered that corpse packaging services

will cost Rs 1000. A patient warming system will cost Rs 500 per day, infusion pump services for ICU, HDU, and ward patients would cost Rs 500, 300, and 200, respectively. Additionally, nebulisation costs Rs 100 every session. It charges Rs 250 for half-day oxygen/medical gas

use and Rs 500 for full-day use. Admission medical record fees are Rs 300. The domiciliary virtual consultation package is Rs 1800, while private and suite ward attendant fees (8 hours/night shift) are Rs 1000. The institute also changed service

fees. USG screening costs Rs 450, up from Rs 385. Dietician consultation prices have increased from Rs 100 to Rs 250 and virtual OPD consultation fees from Rs 400 to Rs 600. Dr. Rastogi declined to discuss the topic due to his busy schedule.

Dual Degrees Granted Prior to 2022 by UGC

Delhi: Students can breathe a sigh of relief as the University Grants Commission (UGC) has revised its provisions regarding dual degrees. Acquired degrees prior to 2022 will now be recognized as valid, as long as they were earned in accordance with UGC requirements. Starting from that day forward, students were able to pursue two degrees simultaneously according to a notification issued by the UGC. All degrees earned at the same time prior to April 13, 2022, were null and void. Those UGC guidelines state that a student cannot claim benefits based on two degrees earned concurrently before 13 April 2022, and they also state that these degrees will not be recognized. The UGC resolved to revise this previous regulation during its



meeting on April 3, 2025. Guidelines were subsequently updated and released on June 5, 2025. New regulations make it possible to recognise a student's dual degree completion provided both degrees were earned in accordance with UGC requirements. If you want to get two degrees at once, you have to meet the requirements set out by the UGC. Both classes should not have conflicting schedules. Both courses can be taken in physical mode, however the class times need to be different.

No Kashmir, Palestine in DU psychology syllabus

Delhi: The Standing Committee on Academic Matters reportedly eliminated the Israel-Palestine conflict, Kashmir crisis, and dating app suicides from DU's psychology syllabus proposal. The study discussed Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita, and Israel-Palestine and Kashmir wars. He claimed "Kashmir is resolved" and "we don't need to teach Israel-Palestine". The committee head rejected another proposal to integrate dating app psychology.

Indian medical students in Iran face uncertainty amid Iran-Israel rivalry

Delhi: The Indian government began Operation Sindhu to evacuate its residents, including over 6,000 students, from war-torn Iran amid rising tensions with Israel.

New Delhi received 110 Indians, mostly students, on the inaugural flight from Yerevan, Armenia. Due to instability in Ukraine and Russia, most MBBS students chose Iran. However, the Iran-Israel war has placed their careers on hold indefinitely, worrying these youngsters. Hasan Zaidi from Agra, Uttar Pradesh, who studied MBBS in Iran in



2024 at Arak University of Medical Sciences, Arak, told Education Times he only wants to return.

He to India after his first year of study. We initially thought the war would finish shortly and we wouldn't need to return. I chose Iran because the

war in Russia and Ukraine made schooling dangerous. A similar issue has occurred in Iran unexpectedly. Safety is why I selected this country, adds Hasan. Tehran is dangerous. Iranians are moving to safer locations.

DU'S 4th-yr plan raises concern over teaching load and staff gaps

Delhi: Teachers at Delhi University are raising concerns about increasing workload and lack of assistance as the university prepares to welcome its first group of undergraduates in their fourth year. According to 202 faculty members, the university is moving forward without doing a

realistic assessment of teaching capacity or infrastructure needs, since the seventh and eighth semesters are set to start in late July and early August under the Undergraduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF). The increasing disparity between sanctioned teaching hours

and the number of hours presently needed as a result of the extra academic year is a big worry, they claimed. "In some of our department meetings, we realised there's a huge shortfall," remarked a faculty member from the geography department.

DU's Decline to Publish Articles on Islam, Pakistan, and China Sets Off

Delhi : An alleged set of political science graduate papers focusing on Islam, Pakistan, and China were recently rejected by a tribunal at Delhi University. Many members were opposed to the plan. People felt strongly about it; some thought it was an example of ideological censorship, while others saw it as a way to make the curriculum more "India-centric and bias-free." The Standing Committee for Academic Matters at DU met and decided to eliminate four elective courses: Islam and International Relations, Pakistan and the



World, China's Role in the Contemporary World, and State and Society in Pakistan. When the group reconvenes on July 1, they will finally get down to reading and discussing paper number five: Religious Nationalism and Political Violence. Professor

Monami Sinha, who was on the committee, disagreed with the decision and claimed that the changes show an effort to water down content that is controversial but still relevant to academia. We contended that thorough research on China and Pakistan.

750 books in 22 languages to be added in curriculum

Delhi: Twenty-two Indian languages classified under phase I and phase II of the Bharatiya Bhasha initiative - have now been integrated into the academic framework of universities. Under the Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme (BBPS) -headed by the University Grants Commission and the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti over 1,000 authors have been mobilised to - produce foundational textbooks in these languages, with 23 universities as nodal agencies.

Delhi: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Universities of Leeds (UoL) in the United Kingdom and Delhi (DU) in India, formally establishing a strategic academic relationship between the two institutions. The two institutions hope to strengthen their capacity-building efforts, exchange teachers and students more easily, and increase their collaborative research through this arrangement. The institution has released a state-



ment stating that the MoU lays the groundwork for a lasting academic partnership that will include collaborative research, academic events, co-teaching, and shared learning platforms. In order to facilitate international cooperation and the generation of new

information, the two schools intend to forge closer relationships with one another. The social science faculty at the University of Leeds spearheaded the development of the friendship that would eventually blossom into the cooperation.

3rd-gen IITs struggle with low enrollment and placements

Delhi: Five third-generation

Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) founded between 2015 and 2016 are falling short of their intake targets, with fewer masters and PhD enrolments than available seats, declining placements, and faculty vacancies. The government announced six new IITs in Palakkad, Bhilai, Jammu, Dharwad, Tirupati, and Goa in 2015, with a "initial intake of 180 students in the first year from temporary campuses, increasing to 450 in the second year and to 928 (including 840 undergraduates) in the third year". In 2017, the Union Cabinet changed the intake



estimates. According to 2017 Cabinet-approved figures shared by IIT Tirupati, by 2023-24, IIT Tirupati and IIT Palakkad would have 2,550 students (900 undergraduates) and the remaining IITs 2,540 students (1,170 undergraduates) across all courses. Right to Information (RTI) Act data and open source data suggest that many of these institutes are still falling short of the predicted figure.

At present, IIT Tirupati has 1,700 students, which is expected to rise by 2021-22. IIT Tirupati director K.N. Satyanarayana said "The Cabinet approval for construction of a permanent campus for 1,200 students was given only in November 2017 as part of Phase A. COVID years delayed targets. The Cabinet recently approved Phase B construction to accommodate 1,300 more students (2500) by 2029.

Class 10 CBSE final two board exam policy: first option mandatory, second optional

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced its final policy for two board exams for Class 10 students in 2026, making the first mandatory and the second optional. The Board produced a policy draft in February and solicited stakeholder input. CBSE Controller of Examinations Sanyam Bhardwaj reported that 65% of pupils supported twice-assigned tests. To ensure pupils take the first exam seriously, teachers and principals advised making it mandatory. The 2023 National Curriculum Framework, modified to reflect the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020,



"Exams are between February and May. The CBSE has ruled that students who are missing in three or more courses during the first board exam, which would be the major exam, cannot sit the second (optional) exam. According to the final policy, such students would be placed in the 'Essential Repeat' category"

allows students two attempts each year—one main exam and one optional improvement exam—to minimize the high-stakes character of board exams. Exams are between February and May. The CBSE has ruled that students who are missing in three or more courses during the

first board exam, which would be the major exam, cannot sit the second (optional) exam. According to the final policy, such students would be placed in the 'Essential Repeat' category and can only retake the major tests in February the following year.

Iranian medical students from India face an uncertain future

Delhi: With tensions rising between Iran and Israel, the Indian government has initiated Operation Sindhu to remove its nationals, including more than 6,000 students, from Iran, which is currently experiencing the effects of a civil war. The inaugural aircraft touched down in New Delhi from Yerevan, Armenia, with 110 Indian nationals on board, the majority of them were students. Because of the unpredictability in Russia and Ukraine, the majority of these MBBS candidates choose to study medicine in Iran. The students' careers have been put on indefinite hold due to the ongoing Iran-Israel conflict, and they are worried about it. Hasan Zaidi, an MBBS student from Agra, Uttar Pradesh, who went to Iran in 2024 to attend the Arak University of Medical Sciences in Arak, is only considering going back. He felt compelled to go back to India after this, his first year of college. At first, we thought the war would be over soon and that we wouldn't have to come back. I opted for Iran since my schooling appeared safer than in Russia or Ukraine due to the ongoing conflict. Quite unexpectedly, a comparable scenario has just surfaced in Iran. Tehran is in a very precarious position. Iranians are fleeing to more secure regions. According to Hasan, the Indian embassy in Tehran is providing assistance to students who are attempting to evacuate through neighboring countries such as Turkmenistan and Armenia.



AR and VR have the potential to make cultural heritage more accessible to everybody



Delhi: India has to make use of technology to market and protect its history. Dr. Neeru Misra, a visiting professor at the BL Institute of Indology in Delhi and a former director of the ICCR, will discuss the challenges of digital preservation and how new technologies might help preserve cultural artifacts for future generations. When used to the preservation of artifacts and cultural history, digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI) will have a revolutionary impact. The process of digitization involves creating digital archives that are resistant to damage by using high-resolution imagery and 3D modeling to preserve artifacts. Scholarly investigation and popular appreciation will be made easier with this measure, which will safeguard physical degradation and guarantee accessibility on a worldwide scale. Predicting possible harm, analyzing environmental conditions that impact artefact deterioration, and enabling exact restoration are all ways in which artificial intelligence (AI) enhances preservation. As an added bonus, it uses historical data to restore damaged or lost works while maintaining their authenticity. In addition to these initiatives, VR and AR provide democratized access to cultural heritage by providing virtual experiences of historical sites and artifacts.

India wants Rs 3 lakh cr in defense manufacturing

Delhi: The government wants to produce Rs 3 lakh crore in defence by 2029, strengthening India's standing as a global powerhouse. Now, 65% of defense equipment is made locally, up from 65-70% import dependency. According to the Ministry of Defence, 16 DPSUs, over 430 licensed enterprises, and 16,000 MSMEs boost indigenous production capabilities. "The private sector contributes 21% to total defence production, fostering innovation and efficiency," it said. The government wants to expand defence exports to Rs 50,000 crore by 2029, strengthening India's position as a global manufacturing hub and supporting economic growth. Defence exports rose 32.5% to Rs 21,083 crore in FY 2023-24 from Rs 15,920 crore in FY 2022-23. Indian defence exports increased 21 times from Rs 4,312 crore in



2004-14 to Rs 88,319 crore in 2014-24, demonstrating its growing involvement in the global security sector. India exports defense equipment to over 100 nations, with the US, France, and Armenia buying most in 2023-24. In 2024-25, the Ministry of Defence signed a record 193 contracts worth Rs 2,09,050 crore, nearly doubling the previous record. These include 177 contracts, 92%, awarded to the domestic industry for Rs 1,68,922 crore, 81% of the overall contract value. This emphasis on indigenous manufacture supports defence production self-reliance.

Centre will borrow 8L cr, 54% of the objective

The government plans to borrow Rs 8 lakh crore, 54% of its Rs 14.8 lakh crore FY26 borrowing, in the first half. It didn't front-load the borrowing program to avoid raising rates while the RBI pumped record liquidity into the system. Since the market reported little demand for 30-year and longer bonds, the government announced it would borrow less in FY26. Thus, front-loading of the borrowing program has been avoided due to government (fiscal consolidation without compromising quality of expenditure).

Kotak highlights the risk in the lending business strategy

Delhi: Veteran banker Uday Kotak has expressed worries about the banks business model, pointing out the shrinking gap between deposit and lending rates, ahead of an anticipated rate decrease by the RBI, despite the fact that liquidity is still limited. According to Kotak, leading banks are increasing one-year wholesale deposits by about 8%, which, when accounting for CRR, SLR, deposit insurance, and priority sector lending requirements (but not operational costs), results in a marginal deposit cost of more than 9%. The system as a whole has restrained



growth in low-cost retail deposits (CASA non-wholesale). However, banks are offering home loans at a variable rate of 8.5%. Take out a loan at 8.5% and borrow at 9%, Spread is negative by 0.5%. Additionally, repo rates are probably going to decline. Kotak warned that if the tight deposit situation continues, it may make it difficult for banks to maintain their

business model and asked how they would handle credit and operational expenses. The majority of banks are required to connect their retail floating rate loans to the repo rate. The remarks coincided with a sharp decline in bond yields as investors awaited the RBI's next liquidity injection before its monetary policy committee's decision.

Bank loan growth drops for eighth straight month in February, RBI data reveals

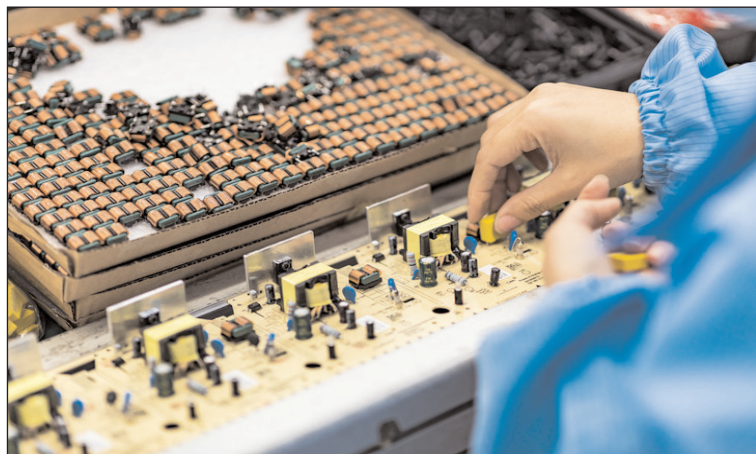
Delhi: Central bank statistics revealed that personal and credit card loans fell for the eighth straight month in February due to Reserve Bank of India tougher policies. Last month, banks' credit rose 12% year-over-year, slower than 16.6% a year earlier,

excluding HDFC Bank's merger. Housing Development Finance Corp, Loans rose 11% in February, compared to 20.5% a year earlier, including the merger. In January, loan growth fell to 12.5% excluding the merger and 11.4% including it. Retail

demand for unsecured loans drove strong loan growth for several years in the banking sector. However, in late 2023, the RBI tightened capital requirements for personal, credit card, and non-banking finance company loans. in its Mumbai headquarters.

Cabinet approves electronic component program

Delhi: The Union Cabinet approved a six-year Rs 22,919 crore incentive program for electronic component manufacture. The initiative seeks to increase India's domestic value addition and global value chain participation. The Indian Express originally revealed that the government was developing the system, its costs, and its details. The government wants at least 91,600 direct jobs from the scheme and has tied participating firms' annual payments to job creation. Rs 4.56 lakh crore in production and Rs 59,350 crore in investment are envisaged from the scheme. The government wants to target display modules, sub assembly camera modules,



printed circuit board assemblies, lithium cell enclosures, resistors, capacitors, and ferrites.

These are utilized in cell-phones, laptops, microwave ovens, refrigerators, and toasters. "This scheme will reduce component imports. We must

abandon import substitution and promote exports. After mass production, viability follows. Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said electronics production is \$120 billion and hopes to reach \$500 billion in the next years.

Gautam Adani Is India's Biggest Wealth Gainer

Delhi: According to the 'Hurun Global Rich List 2025', Gautam Adani, Adani Group Chairman, is India's greatest wealth gainer, increasing his net worth by approximately Rs 1 lakh crore. The ranking showed Adani's fortune rising 13%. Second-richest Indian on the global list, his total is Rs 8.4 lakh crore. Meanwhile, Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani fell off of the top 10 richest list. However, he leads Asia. The Hurun list ranks India third in billionaires. Tesla-SpaceX CEO Elon Musk tops Hurun Global Rich List 2025. India has 284 billionaires, 13 more than previous year.

Airtel prepaid 5,985 crore spectrum dues but stock remains unchanged



Delhi: Bharti Airtel Ltd. shares closed flat after the company and its subsidiary Bharti Hexacom Ltd. prepaid Rs 5,985 crore to the Department of Telecom, fully prepaying the 8.65% high-cost interest liabilities for the 2024 auctions. Airtel subsidiary Network i2i Ltd. voluntarily called and redeemed \$1 billion in Perpetual Notes. BSE Bharti Airtel shares down 0.04% to Rs 1,733. Large cap stock has gained 8.58 percent this year and 42.51% in a year. The market cap of Bharti

high-cost spectrum commitments for the 2025 fiscal year and Rs 66,665 crores overall. The average cumulative liability prepaid interest rate was 9.74%. Airtel had entirely prepaid liabilities with 10%, 9.75%, and 9.3% interest rates. Prepayments were made 7 years before average residual maturities. Airtel prepaid Rs 116,405 crores of scheduled instalments that would have been due on their various dates over the obligations' original lifespan. Airtel's cost of debt on spectrum liabilities.

The Reserve Bank of India will increase the price for using an ATM from Rs 21 to Rs 23

Delhi: News broke from India's central bank. There will be a cost of Rs 23 per transaction for clients using ATM banking services from May 1, 2025. The previous amount was Rs 21 for each transaction. The central bank announced that customers will still be able to use their own bank's ATMs for five free transactions per month, regardless of whether they are financial or not. There are three ATMs in major cities and five in smaller towns where they can use their card for free transactions. According to ET, a two rupee hike to the ATM interchange fee for cash withdrawals has been authorized by the Reserve Bank of India and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The revised fees were



Greater Noida Authority board authorizes Rs 5,600 crore land acquisition, important projects

Delhi: The Greater Noida Authority's 138th Board meeting approved a Rs 5,600 crore budget for 2025-26. Manoj Kumar Singh, Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary and Authority Chairman, chaired the meeting. Budget priorities include land acquisition, development, and construction. The approved budget allocates Rs 1,400 crore for land acquisition and Rs 1,973 crore for development.

announced to member banks by NPCI and are scheduled to be implemented on May 1, 2025. An increase of Rs 19 for domestic finan-

cial transactions and Rs 7 for non-financial transactions has been agreed by the National Financial Switch Steering Committee.

Income Tax wants Rs 2,209 crore from Yes Bank

Delhi: Union Minister of State for Power Yesso Naik urged state power companies to become more profitable. AI and digital technologies and cost-reflective pricing are crucial for electricity sector financial stability, the Minister said. These steps will help utilities



become financially stable, he said. He also suggested India's Ujwal DISCOM Assurance

Yojana (UDAY) for DISCOM financial turnaround and rehabilitation. The Energy Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra, top officials from the Central and State governments, State Power Utilities, PFC Ltd., and

REC Ltd. attended the conference. Special invitee TATA Power Distribution, Odisha, shared their best practices and journey to prosperous DISCOMS. Member States actively engaged and presented State DISCOM overviews. They give DISCOMS good

1 in 5 Indians with over Rs 5 crore worth plans to relocate overseas



Delhi: One in five ultra-rich Indians with a net worth over Rs 25 crore plans to settle abroad for investment opportunities, tax advantages, and greater global connectivity, according to a Kotak Mahindra Bank private banking survey. The first two quarters of 2024-25 survey interviewed 150 ultra-high networth people (UHNIs) and private bankers in 12 cities. EY ordered and validated the findings with industry. For this report, those worth over Rs 25 crore were canvassed.

However, Kotak's private banking division targets individuals worth over Rs 300 crore. Many UHNIs buy abroad property for migration and permanent residency. "Ultra-HNIs are diversifying their portfolios and embracing domestic and global assets, setting the stage for a sig-

nificant increase. Alternative assets and equities are becoming more popular in domestic and international markets. Nearly a third of India's Ultra-HNIs own worldwide assets. With two in three ultra-HNIs planning structured wealth transition, succession planning is crucial.

JB Chemicals' promoter KKR will sell 10% of the company for 2,6k crore rupees

Delhi: In a series of block agreements, the promoter of JB Chemicals—Tau Investment Holdings, a subsidiary of global private equity giant KKR—is selling around 1.6 crore shares, or 10.2% of the firm, for approximately Rs 2,575 crore (\$300 million). According to the deal's term sheet, the minimum price at which the shares can be sold is Rs 1,625—a 5%

reduction to JB Chem's closing price of Rs 1,709 on Wednesday on the NSE. Shareholding reports on the BSE indicate that as of December 31, 2024, KKR owned 53.7% of the pharmaceutical company situated in the city. Midway through 2020, at a share price of Rs 745, the PE giant had taken over the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Asia Cup: 'Just go and win' - Kapil Dev tells Indian players ahead of clash with Pakistan

● “The Indian players should stay focused solely on the game. They have a good team and must win,” Kapil told reporters

High-voltage

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Play hard, play fair' - Rahane hails Yadav's sportsmanship

India's Asia Cup 2025 began with a dominant win over UAE, but Suryakumar Yadav's sportsmanship stole the show.

He withdrew a run-out appeal, earning praise from Ajinkya Rahane, who highlighted the ges-

should concentrate only on their performance

ture's significance. Rahane also commented on team balance, noting Arshdeep Singh's absence and suggesting his inclusion alongside Bumrah for quality pace bowling against stronger opponents later in the tournament.

and not get distracted by anything else. Just go

Bangladesh kick-off campaign with win over Hong Kong, Das shines with half-century

Bangladesh began their Asia Cup 2025 campaign with a seven-wicket win over Hong Kong on Thursday, producing a balanced performance with both ball and bat to secure victory with 14 balls to spare.

Asked to bowl first, Litton Das's side put Hong Kong under pressure early. Taskin

Ahmed removed opener Anshuman Rath for four, while Tanzim Hasan Sakib followed up with the dismissal of Babar Hayat, bowling him for 14 just after he had struck a straight six. With both openers back in the pavilion, Hong Kong stumbled to 34 for two inside the powerplay.

reiterated its policy of avoiding bilateral sporting ties with Pakistan, though participation in multilateral events like the Asia Cup remains permitted. the reigning T20 world champions, opened their campaign with a commanding nine-wicket win over UAE on Wednesday.

'Still trying to prove they are Indian': Shahid Afridi rakes up 'one bad egg'



NEW DELHI: The countdown to the Asia Cup 2025 blockbuster between India and Pakistan has taken an explosive turn, with former Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi reigniting controversy just days before the Dubai show-down. The high-stakes clash on Sunday marks the first cricketing encounter between the two countries after the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor,

Rishabh Pant shares nostalgic childhood memory, gets haircut under a tree

Rishabh Pant gave fans a glimpse of his childhood memories with a light-hearted post on Instagram. The Indian wicketkeeper-batter shared a picture of himself getting a haircut under a tree, something he used to do as a kid.

Shocking transformation! Sarfaraz Khan's father loses over 30kg in five months



Naushad Khan, father and long-time coach of cricketers Sarfaraz and Musheer Khan, has drawn widespread attention after a video of his weight-loss transformation went viral on Instagram.

The 55-year-old, who has shaped both sons into top-level players, has shed 33 kilograms in 5 months - a journey he described as one of discipline, diet, and perseverance. Shared by both Sarfaraz and Musheer on social media, the clip showcased a striking before-and-after comparison, revealing the scale of his transformation. Naushad admitted it was not an easy process but said the motivation was simple - to regain fitness, feeling youthful again, and being able to play with his grandchildren.

He recalled how Musheer would often tease him during train-

Justices JK Maheshwari and Vijay Bishnoi on Thursday declined to interfere, ensuring the contest will go ahead as scheduled. But Afridi's remarks on Pakistan television have stirred fresh debate. Revisiting the cancellation of the India Champions vs Pakistan Champions match in the World Championship of Legends (WCL) earlier this year, Afridi lashed out at former Indian players who pulled out..

'I am here again': Rohit shows match readiness in energetic net session



Really good

□ "I am here again. It feels really good," he said in the clip: Rohit

showcased his sharp timing but also reassured fans about his fitness ahead of the crucial series. Earlier this week, Rohit's late-night visit to Kokilaben Hospital in Mumbai sparked concern among fans, although no official details were shared. More encouragingly, the veteran recently cleared a fitness test at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru, confirming his readiness to return to international cricket. Rohit has been away from the international circuit since India's ICC Champions Trophy triumph earlier this year. He retired from Tests in May, concluding a distinguished career with 12 centuries from 67 matches and over 4,300 runs, including a career-best 212. With Virat Kohli also stepping away from Tests and T20Is, both stalwarts are now fully focused on ODIs.

NEW DELHI: India ODI captain Rohit Sharma is leaving no stone unturned as he gears up for the upcoming three-match series against Australia, starting October 19 at Optus Stadium in Perth. The 38-year-old veteran will make his first international appearance in over seven months, raising anticipation among fans eager to see him back in action. On Thursday evening, Rohit shared a video on Instagram, giving followers a glimpse of his net session.

"I am here again. It feels really good," he said in the clip, which featured a montage of his trademark elegant strokes. The video not only

Duleep Trophy Final: Rajat Patidar makes spectacular catch to dismiss Salman Nizar

Decision

□ Having won the toss and chosen to field, Central justified their decision



Central Zone skipper Rajat Patidar produced a moment of brilliance on Thursday with a sensational diving catch that instantly went viral on the opening day of the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone. The incident came in the 49th over of South's innings when off-spinner Saransh Jain found extra bounce against Salman Nizar. The left-hander came forward and the ball struck his glove, bouncing towards silly point. Though the fielder couldn't hold on,

Patidar at gully reacted swiftly, diving forward to grab the rebound inches before it hit the turf. Patidar's athletic effort capped a dominant day for Central, who bowled South out for 149 in just 63 overs. Jain returned with 5 for 49, while left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya claimed 4 for 53, sharing nine wickets between them. For South, opener Tanmay Agarwal's 31 was the highest contribution in a faltering batting display. Watch his spectacular

catch here Having won the toss and chosen to field, Central justified their decision and gained the advantage with a solid start in reply. By stumps, openers Danish Malewar (28*) and Akshay Wadkar (20*) had guided their side to 50 without loss, leaving them only 99 runs behind. Patidar, who has already racked up 268 runs in three innings this season at an average of 68.33, will look to extend Central's grip on the final when he comes out

Duleep Trophy Final: South Zone crumble for 149, Central Zone in driver's seat

Central Zone seized the early advantage in the Duleep Trophy final after spinners Saransh Jain and Kumar Kartikeya combined to dismantle South Zone for just 149 on Thursday. At stumps, Central were 50 without loss, reducing the deficit to 99 runs. Jain returned figures of 5 for 49, his ninth five-wicket haul in first-class cricket, while



Kartikeya took 4 for 53. Together, they bowled 45 overs and capitalised on South's lack of conviction at the crease. South's troubles began

in the 16th over when opener Mohit Kale (6) attempted an ill-judged sweep off Kartikeya and was bowled. From there, wickets fell

Dismantle Saransh Jain and Kumar Kartikeya combined to dismantle South Zone

steadily, leaving the side 64 for four at lunch. The dismissal of Tanmay Agarwal (31), run out after a mid-pitch collision with Ricky Bhui (15), proved espe-

cially costly. Skipper Mohammed Azharuddeen soon followed, undone by a delivery from Kartikeya that pitched on middle and clipped off stump. The post-lunch session offered little respite as indecision continued to plague the batting unit. Andre Siddarth's dismissal highlighted that uncertainty. The Tamil Nadu batter, having played a neat flick earli-

er, misjudged the flight while charging Kartikeya and was stumped by Upendra Yadav, who showed sharp reflexes to gather a ball bouncing above his waist. Salman Nizar (24) attempted to hold the innings together but fell to Jain, his push producing an edge that was eventually snaffled by Rajat Patidar at gully after rebounding off silly point.

n a strongly worded clarification, SRT Sports Management Pvt Ltd said: “It has come to our attention that certain reports

Sachin Tendulkar to be next BCCI President? Legendary batter breaks silence



NEW DELHI: Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has dismissed speculation linking him to the post of BCCI president,

with his management company issuing a categorical denial on Thursday. In a strongly worded clarification, SRT Sports

The top post has been lying vacant following the exit of Roger Binny

The top post has been lying vacant following the exit of Roger Binny, who stepped down earlier this month after turning 70. Meanwhile, IPL chairman Arun Dharmal may also have to go into a mandatory cooling-off period after completing six years in administrative roles. However, barring the president's position, most other office-bearers are expected to continue.

Management Pvt Ltd said: “It has come to our attention that certain reports and rumours have been circulating

regarding Mr. Sachin Tendulkar being considered, or nominated, for the position of President of the Board of Control

for Cricket in India (BCCI). We wish to categorically state that no such development has taken place. We urge all concerned to refrain from giving credence to unfounded speculations.” Ramji Srinivasan reveals how Sachin Tendulkar changed Team India's fitness culture. The clarification comes amid a swirl of rumours ahead of the BCCI's Annual General Meeting scheduled.

Suriname stun, allege racist chants in World Cup qualifying

Miami Dhoraso Klas scored in the 81st minute as Suriname stunned El Salvador 2-1 away on Monday in a 2026 World Cup qualifying match marred by alleged racist chanting. Suriname, who have never qualified for the World Cup, toppled El Salvador from the Group A lead in the final round of CONCACAF (North American) qualifying. It was Suriname's first victory over the Salvadorans since 1968. Go Beyond The

Boundary with our YouTube channel. SUBSCRIBE NOW! Afterwards head coach Stanley Menzo and captain Shaquille Pinas hit out at some home fans over racist chanting while his team celebrated their victory. "You have to ask why your fans are shouting to my players, 'negro'," Menzo said to reporters. Pinas suggested that the same thing happened in a previous World Cup qualifier, again in San Salvador, in June, but said that the team had chosen not to speak .