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Lucknow will resonate with the "Tribal Participation Festival" on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda

Lucknow

To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Dharti Aba Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the capital Lucknow will witness the grand launch of the "Tribal Participation Festival." Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will inaugurate this historic event. The six-day festival, held from November

13th to 18th at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, will be a unique confluence of the country diverse tribal cultures. This celebration of tribal identity, art, tradition and values ??will elevate the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat."The capital Lucknow will be adorned with tribal colors throughout the week. A grand cultural



procession will be held from 1090 Square, showcasing folk dances, traditional costumes, masks and musical instruments from tribes

across the country. Arunachal Pradesh will be a co-invited state for this event and will present a cultural glimpse of Northeast India. A tribal

crafts fair, folk dance and folk song performances, a mask exhibition, Dharti Aaba drama and clay art demonstrations will be special attractions on the premises of the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan. Additionally, a "Jeevnaar" (food fest) of tribal cuisine will introduce visitors to the traditional culinary culture of the tribal community.

The fair and exhibition will open at 11 a.m while a cultural evening will be held daily from 5 to 9 p.m featuring performances by over 600 artists from 18 states.It should be noted that over the Past eight and a half years, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has prioritized the overall upliftment of tribal communities.

CM Yogi gave a grand welcome to the FIH Hockey Men Junior World Cup 2025 trophy



Lucknow

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday gave a grand welcome to the prestigious trophy of the FIH Hockey Men Junior World Cup 2025 to be held in Tamil Nadu. During the ceremony, he said that welcoming the prestigious trophy of the FIH Hockey Men Junior World Cup 2025 in Lucknow is a joyous moment for him and the people of the state. Twenty-four teams, including India, China, Belgium, Japan, Spain, New Zealand, Chile, Canada and Australia are participating in the Junior Men Hockey World Cup.Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the arrival of this trophy in Uttar Pradesh is a moment reminiscent of Uttar Pradesh golden history. Uttar Pradesh contribution to Hockey India is

unforgettable. CM Yogi also remembered Major Dhyani Chand, known as the Magician of Hockey, saying that Major Dhyani Chand was born in Uttar Pradesh. Under his leadership, the Indian hockey team won gold medals in three Olympics. The Chief Minister said that his government is building the Major Dhyani Chand Sports University in Meerut. The first session has begun this year.The Chief Minister also mentioned the renowned hockey player KD Singh Babu. He said that he was also born in Uttar Pradesh. To keep his memory alive, his residence in Barabanki is being converted into a museum.The Chief Minister also mentioned Uttar Pradesh hockey players and said that the state has produced many players who have brought honor to Hockey India.

Delhi car blast: Doc module planned multiple bombings

NEW DELHI: Umar Un Nabi, confirmed by a DNA test as the bomber in Old Delhi, and his module had planned to carry out a "spectacular terror attack" with multiple vehicle-borne IEDs followed by firing with assault rifles. They had procured three vehicles - an i20, a red Ford Ecosport and a Brezza - for their mission, sources in the security establishment said on Wednesday. While the i20 exploded, cops issued a BOLO (be on the lookout) notice for the other two cars, an indication that more explosives may have been hidden by the module. The Ecosport, which has a Delhi registration number ending in 0458, was located Wednesday in Faridabad. A search is on for the Brezza. The cars were allegedly



procured by Umar. The probe so far has revealed that besides Delhi, they were planning to target Ayodhya too. An attempt was to be made on Nov 25 during the hoisting of a saffron flag atop the Ram temple, said a source in a security agency. The suspects have revealed they were planning to use, and had collected, a mixture of ammonium nitrate and RDX, but it's unclear if that was the explosive in the car. The plot was hatched in Turkiye way back in 2022. As reported by TOI on Wednesday,

Umar was acting on instructions from his Turkiye-based handler, identified by his code-name Ukasa. Shah directs agencies to hunt down all culprits in case A day after a car blast killed a dozen people near Red Fort, home minister Amit Shah chaired a set of meetings with the security brass and instructed agencies to hunt down every culprit behind the act."Everyone involved in this act will face the full wrath of our agencies," Shah posted on X after the meetings.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the home minister from Bhutan and was briefed by the latter on all aspects of the blast, including the investigation updates. President Droupadi Murmu, who is in Angola, also spoke to Shah over the phone to enquire about the blast. The home minister on Tuesday decided to hand over the investigation into the incident to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). This points to a terror angle, though sources said it may have more to do with the Jaish terror module member linked to the blast.With Dr Umar, who had escaped the recent crackdown on the Faridabad module, suspected to be the car bomber, Shah has asked the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to match the DNA sample collected.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, returning from a two-day visit to Bhutan, visited LNJP Hospital on Wednesday to meet those injured in the blast near the Red Fort in Delhi. He met with the injured and wished them a speedy recovery. Hospital officials and doctors also briefed him on the condition of the injured.

Govt okays Rs 25k crore export mission and extra credit for traders hit by tariffs

NEW DELHI: The cabinet on Wednesday cleared the '25,000-cr Export Promotion Mission and '20,000 cr additional collateral-free credit to support exporters grappling with global trade uncertainty. Priority support is being given to sectors such as



textiles, leather, gems and jewelry, engineering goods, and marine prod-

ucts hit by US tariffs.The mission, which was announced in the budget, is spread over six years and seeks to help exporters get better access to credit and innovative finance tools, while also aiming to address the logistics cost disadvantage. The scheme also aims to help exporters

tap new markets and deal with branding and warehousing issues overseas. It also approved high royalty for four critical minerals - graphite, caesium, rubidium and zirconium - to get more interest from bidders in the proposed auction of blocks. Tenders have been issued for the auction .

Ladakh airbase close to China border activated

NEW DELHI: In a major booster shot for military capabilities in eastern Ladakh, India on Wednesday operationalised its new Nyoma airbase close to the frontier with China, even as a large Army exercise called 'Poorvi Prachand Prahar' is now under way in Arunachal Pradesh on the eastern front. The developments at the opposite ends of the 3,488-km LAC underscore the high military readiness being maintained along the China frontier. "There is ongoing reset in bilateral diplomatic ties. Military CBMs are also being progressively strengthened but the trust deficit on the ground remains high," a sen-

ior officer told TOI. "With no de-escalation along LAC, troops will continue to be forward deployed for 6th successive winter since multiple Chinese incursions into eastern Ladakh in April-May 2020," he said. Nyoma airbase underwent Rs 230cr upgrade IAF chief Air Chief Marshal A P Singh himself flew a C-130J 'Super Hercules' aircraft from Hindon on the outskirts of Delhi to the Mudh airfield at Nyoma, among the world's highest at an altitude of 13,710 feet, to formally inaugurate the strategically located airbase. He was accompanied by Western Air Command chief Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra.

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Wednesday said rampant illegal mining in Aravali range, the natural barrier spread across Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi that's preventing desertification of Gangetic plains, is causing immense damage to the sensitive eco-system. The court reserved verdict on the issue of a uniform definition of what the Aravali range is. Amicus curiae and senior advocate K Parameshwar told a bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justices K Vinod



Chandran and N V Anjaria that the report submitted by the expert committee set up by the SC in May last year on this issue appears to be oriented towards how to allow mining in the Aravalis rather than focusing on stringent measures to protect it.

Need to evolve framework for sustainable use: Panel The entire Aravali Range must be protected as one geographical and morphological entity along with its eco-system and the protective measures cannot be allowed to be varied from state to state.

He said along with conservation of Aravali range, restoration of its pristine form is equally important," Parameshwar said, adding that he must not be understood to advocate blanket ban on mining activities. The bench said a complete ban always leads to rampant illegal mining and we have seen how a hillock in Aravali was reduced to a column and how a road was illegally built in Nuh district for clandestine transportation of mined minerals from Haryana to Rajasthan.

Delhi blast: Doctor-cop unmasks terror web of moulvi, medics, modules

SRINAGAR: It took a doctor-cop to catch a "white-collar" terrorist network of doctors. When Jaish-e-Mohammed posters appeared overnight on Oct 19 across Nowgam-Bunpora in Srinagar, warning security forces of "dire consequences", most residents brushed it off as a ghost from Kashmir's violent past. For Srinagar SSP Dr GV Sundeeep Chakravathy, the signs were too deliberate — and too dangerous — to ignore. By dawn, he had ordered a case under UAPA,



Explosive Substances Act, and Arms Act at Nowgam police station. CCTV footage combed frame by frame revealed three men. They were detained. Interrogation led to one name — Moulvi Irfan Ahmad of Shopian, who had led prayers at Nowgam mosque since 2020. Police

teams moved fast. Ahmad's Shopian home was searched. Another residence in Nowgam was examined. Digital footprints traced from his communications pointed to operatives beyond J&K — connections stretching into Haryana and UP. A team was dispatched. In

coordinated follow-up action, police took custody of Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie, a doctor from Pulwama working in a Faridabad medical college and allegedly linked to the Jaish network. What had begun as an inquiry into wall posters turned into the exposure of a sophisticated cross-state, "white-collar" module.Three Nowgam residents were also held. A senior officer called the effort "a thorough forward-and-backward investigation that mapped every link in the chain".

Entry of Muslims into the Braj Bhoomi Yatra should be banned

Mathura: In light of the terrorist incident in Delhi, anger against Muslim is growing within the saint community. Today, they wrote a letter to the Chief Minister demanding that no Muslim be allowed to enter Braj Bhoomi during the upcoming Bageshwar Maharaj Yatra. Dinesh Falahari Maharaj, the main petitioner in the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple case, has even said that if any Muslim is found illegally entering Braj Bhoomi during Bageshwar Maharaj Padyatra, he will be blackened. Considerable anger has also been seen within the saint community regarding Muslims. Let us tell you, this is the same Dinesh Falahari who

43-day logjam ends: US lawmakers vote to end record govt shutdown

The House of Representatives passed a bill Wednesday to end the nation's longest government shutdown, sending the measure to President Donald Trump for his signature after a historic 43-day funding lapse.The lapse had left federal workers without multiple paychecks, travellers stranded at airports, and people queuing at food banks to get a meal for their families. Lawmakers returned to the nation's capital this week after nearly eight weeks away, with Republicans using their slight majority to carry the bill by a vote of 222-209. The Senate had already passed the measure, AP reported. Thunderous applause could



be heard in the House of Representatives as the bill to end the shutdown passed. At the end, Six Democrats crossed the aisle to back the Republican-led measure. Only two Republicans voted against it, Representatives Thomas Massie of Kentucky, and Greg Steube of Florida. Who are the six Democrats that joined Republicans? The six members are:

Jared Golden Jared Golden represents the Second District of Maine in the United States Congress, where he serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee. Adam Gray Representative Adam Gray is currently serving in the 119th Congress as the Representative of the 13th District of California.

Saharanpur Division Crowned Champion in Kurash Championship

Barabanki

The 69th State-Level School Kurash Championship concluded with great enthusiasm and pride at the Government Inter College Auditorium, Barabanki. Chief Guest Dr. Mahendra Dev, Director of Secondary Education, inaugurated the closing ceremony by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Dr. Dev said that the current government is continuously promoting sports and athletes. "For the first time, Uttar Pradesh has been chosen to host seven national-level tournaments. The day is not far when students from our secondary schools will not only excel nationally but also shine on international platforms," he added. (Cultural vibrancy and patriotic spirit) The event began with a welcome song by the students of



Composite School Sandouli Umapur, followed by a mesmerizing folk dance performance by the girls of PM Shri Government Girls Inter College. The 150th anniversary of "Vande Mataram" was celebrated through a collective rendition that filled the auditorium with patriotic fervor. (Saharanpur dominates Kurash mats) The three-day championship witnessed participation from 321 players representing 11 divisions of the state. Saharanpur Division emerged as the overall champion, securing first place in both the boys' and girls' categories. Varanasi

Division stood runner-up in the boys' category, while Meerut Division took second place among the girls. Medals and certificates were distributed to the winners by Joint Director of Education (Ayodhya Division), Yogendra Kumar Singh. (A model of organization and discipline) Dr. Dev praised the exemplary organization of the event, saying, "Under Mission Pehchaan, Barabanki has set new benchmarks in education, and the same spirit reflects in its sporting initiatives." He commended the players' enthusiasm and encouraged stu-

dents to strive for excellence in the upcoming Board Examinations 2026. (Dignified presence) The program was graced by the presence of Joint Director of Education (Ayodhya Division) Yogendra Kumar Singh, District Inspector of Schools O.P. Tripathi, Principal Council President Ashok Tripathi, PES Association President Archana Pandey, Finance and Accounts Officer Santosh Maurya, National Coach Tauheed Khan, District Sports Secretary Anant Asthana, Ritu Pathak, Rajan Singh, Bhupendra Singh, Jyoti Dwivedi, Puneet Mani Tripathi, along with a large number of teachers, coaches and students. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by District Sports Secretary Anant Asthana.

A meeting regarding power arrangements was held under the chairmanship of Angad Kumar



Mathura

The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council Inquiry Committee on State Power Management met under the chairmanship of Chairman Angad Kumar Singh. Anoop Kumar Gupta, Satyapal Singh, Dr. Manvendra Pratap Singh Guru and Manvendra Singh Kumar Agarwal, MLC Yogesh Nauhwar, Metropolitan President Harishankar Raju Yadav, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, Chief Development Officer Manish Meena, City Magistrate Rakesh Kumar, Chief Electricity Officer Rajiv Garg, Superintending Engineer First Vijay Mohan Kheda, Superintending Engineer Second SK Sanoria, Superintending Engineer Urban RP Singh, and other officials were present. In the meeting, the Chairman inquired about the current power supply situation in the district based on the district population. He was informed that, according to the current roster, 18 hours of power

supply is scheduled for rural areas, 22 hours at the tehsil level, 10 hours for agricultural consumers and 24 hours for urban and industrial areas. In comparison, in the current month, an average of 17:55 hours of power supply has been recorded in rural areas, 21:10 hours at the tehsil level, an average of 9:55 hours on agricultural feeders and an average of 23:48 hours in urban areas. In the year 2025-26, 16,827 complaints have been received so far, of which 16,383 complaints have been resolved and 444 complaints are pending. The status of transformers according to the load of electricity consumers and what arrangements have been made for their maintenance were asked. It was informed that there are approximately 5,29,420 consumers of various types in Mathura, whose approved load is approximately 1,627.17 megawatts. To provide smooth power supply to this load, approximately 40,664 distribution transformers of various capacities have been installed in Mathura district.

The Excise Department achieved a major success in Mathura district



Mathura

As part of the Excise Department's special enforcement campaign against the manufacture, storage and smuggling of illicit liquor, effective action was taken by teams formed under the direction of the District Magistrate and Senior Superintendent of Police. First Action: During a check conducted by a joint team of the Excise and Police Departments in the Mathura region at the Mathura Toll Plaza on the Yamuna Expressway last night, 21 cases (252 bottles) of Royal Stag brand foreign liquor from Haryana were recovered from two cars. Lakshman and Rajiv, residents of Faridabad (Haryana) and Santosh and Mantosh, residents of Bihar, were arrested at the scene. During interrogation, the arrested accused admitted that they were transporting the liquor from Haryana to Bihar for smuggling. A case has been registered against all four accused under relevant sections at the Mathura Police Station. Second Action—Farah Area On November 10, 2025, following a tip-off, four individuals, identified as Awadhesh, Dharendra, Akshay and Sanjeev, were arrested during a raid at a rented room in Farah town. The accused were illegally selling country liquor by filling empty bottles of foreign brands with fake caps. During the raid, six half bottles bearing Royal Stag brand labels, four half bottles of McDowell brand liquor, five half bottles of Imperial Blue brand liquor, three quarter bottles and 30 fake caps were recovered from their possession. An FIR has been registered against the four arrested individuals at Farah police station and legal action is being taken. The Excise Department will continue its campaign against the manufacture and smuggling of illegal liquor in the district.

Life Crushed Again on the Divider-Less Barabanki-Bahraich Highway

Barabanki

Road accidents have become a grim routine here. The widening and divider construction of the Gonda-Bahraich highway exist only on paper, while on the ground, lives continue to be lost almost every other day. On Wednesday, a speeding dumper once again claimed an innocent life, sparking anger and fear among locals. Near Chaukaghat Railway Station in the Ramnagar police station area, a speeding unidentified dumper hit a motorcycle carrying two devotees.



Sixty-year-old Dinesh, a resident of Mishranpurwa village under Parsapur police station (Gonda), died on the spot, while his companion Ankit Mishra (26), son of Vijay Kumar, was seriously injured. Both were on their way to pay homage at Kotwa Dham Jagjivan Sahib Baba.

Eye witnesses said the dumper was moving so fast that the motorcycle was flung several feet away. The highway has no divider or speed-control signs, leading to frequent mishaps. (Road safety stuck in official files) Locals say that proposals for

widening and building dividers on this stretch have been made several times, but every time, the files were "kept pending for further action." As a result, trucks and dumpers race unchecked on the road. Safety measures are completely absent and police patrols appear only after accidents occur. (Injured referred to hospital, body sent for post-mortem) Police reached the spot after receiving the information. The injured Ankit was taken by ambulance to the Community Health Center, Ramnagar and later referred to the hospital.

25-Member Team of Vidya Bharati Purvottar Kshetra Teachers Departs for All India Shishu Vatika Training

Assam

A felicitation and introduction meeting for the teachers leaving for the All India Shishu Vatika Training to be held at Gandhidham, Gujarat was organized Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of Assam Prakashan Bharati, zoo road, Guwahati, Assam. According to Mukuteswar Goswami, prachar pramukh of Shishu Shiksha Samiti Assam, a total of 25 teachers from the Purvottar kshetra will participate in the training camp scheduled from November 15 to November 24, 2025. Before departure, a special session was held in



the presence of Vidya Bharati All India Secretary Brahmaji Rao, Dr. Madhushri Sanjeev Sao, Dr. Pawan Tiwari (Organizing Secretary, Purvottar Kshetra), Dr. Milan Rani Jamatiya (President, Vidya Bharati Tripura and Saptashakti Regional Coordinator) and Anand Sutradhar (Regional Shishu Vatika Coordinator). They offered valuable guid-

ance and blessings. Speakers at the event extended their best wishes for a safe and successful journey, urging the participants to absorb the training with dedication and later apply it to provide value-based and quality education to children — helping to shape them into responsible citizens and future builders of the nation.

UP STF Busts Inter-State Wildlife Trafficking Racket, 197 Live Turtles Seized



Lucknow

The Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF) has achieved a major breakthrough by uncovering an inter-state wildlife trafficking network. Acting on specific intelligence, STF officials seized 197 live turtles of an internationally protected species from a car late Tuesday night in Mainpuri district. The team intercepted a silver Hyundai Santro (registration number UK-04-G-1573) near Nagla Karmai around 11:30

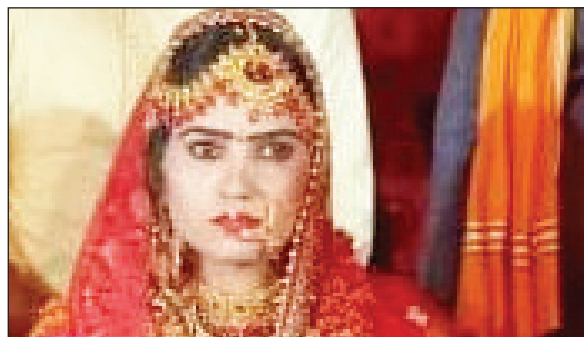
p.m. During inspection, officers found five jute sacks stuffed with live turtles. Two men — Rakesh Kashyap from Bareilly and Mukesh Wala from Udhampur, Uttar Pradesh — were arrested on the spot, while two others, identified as Ashok and Kalicharan, fled under the cover of darkness. During interrogation, Mukesh Wala revealed that the turtles were procured from areas around Mainpuri and Etawah at low prices and were being trans-

ported to Sitarganj in Uttarakhand, where they would fetch double the amount. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the arrested men have been handed over to the forest department for further legal proceedings. The operation marks a significant success in the ongoing crackdown on wildlife trafficking and is expected to tighten the noose on such inter-state syndicates operating across northern India.

Negligence at Private Hospital Leads to Death of Woman After Childbirth

Barabanki:

Panic spread among family members after a woman died under suspicious circumstances during treatment at Green Hospital in Katiyara. The family alleged that the woman condition deteriorated after delivery due to the doctors' negligence, but timely medical care was not provided. The deceased, Laxmi, daughter of Gaurikant Mishra from Rajanapur Majra Gobarha village, was married to Virendra Tiwari, a resident of Bhikampur Paper Mill Colony, Nishatganj, Lucknow. When she experienced labor pains on Tuesday, her family took her to Green Hospital, Katiyara, where a delivery package of ₹25,000



was fixed and an operation was performed. A baby girl was born around 5 p.m. but by Wednesday, Laxmi condition worsened and she passed away. When the family created an uproar, the hospital management allegedly declared her "critical" and referred her elsewhere. Police were called and the woman was forcibly sent to the Community Health Center (CHC) from where she was referred to the District Hospital. However, upon arrival, doctors

informed the family that Laxmi had already died about two hours earlier. Police have taken the body into custody and sent it for post-mortem examination. At the time of the incident, Dr. Raunak was present at the hospital, while the operation was conducted by Dr. Umesh and Dr. Sheela Sharma. The hospital was managed by Ankit Verma. Notably, this is not the first such incident at Green Hospital — similar cases have been reported there in the past as well.

Revision (SIR) Campaign—A Massive Campaign in Mathura District



Mathura

Under the direction of District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, a major Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign was conducted in Mathura district. As part of this

campaign, the campaign was also launched in Dharampura village of Farah block, where the distribution of voter list count forms was carried out by the BLO team present at the booth level.

Teachers' creativity honored – State-level competition and certificate distribution concluded at DIET Prayagraj

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Prayagraj The two-day Sixth State-Level Artwork and Teaching-Learning Materials (TLM) competition was successfully held on November 10th and 11th at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Prayagraj, under the direction of Deputy Education Director/Principal Rajendra Pratap. The program was organized under the able guidance of Art Lecturer Nidhi Mishra. Primary and upper primary teachers participated enthusiastically in the competition. On the first day, teachers selected from 22 blocks of the district showcased



their creativity in the primary-level competition. The program was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by Rekha Ram and Janardan Singh (Lecturer, GIC) in the presence of Principal Rajendra Pratap. On the second day, a competition in science and mathematics subjects was

held at the upper primary level, with Bhupendra Singh (Mathematics) and Dayashankar Yadav (Science) as judges. Teachers demonstrated excellent innovation and creativity in creating teaching-learning materials. At the closing ceremony, Principal Rajendra Pratap honored the win-



ners by presenting them with certificates. He stated that this competition is a powerful initiative towards quality education, inspiring teachers to engage in creative teaching. Diet spokesperson Vivek Tripathi effectively conducted the program. All participants were awarded participa-

tion certificates. First place winners in the competition were: Language (Hindi) – Rashmi Mishra (Soraon), Mathematics (Primary) – Rupa Kanaujia (Chakia), Science (Upper Primary) – Neelam Srivastava (Jasra), and Mathematics (Upper Primary) – Neha Kumari (Chaka).

ACP Kaundhiara conducted a semi-annual inspection of Kaundhiara Police Station



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Appreciated discipline and cleanliness Kaundhiara. On Wednesday, ACP Kaundhiara, Abdus Salam Khan, conducted a semi-annual inspection of Kaundhiara Police Station. During the inspection, all weapons, records, and various registers kept at the police station were thoroughly examined. All officers and staff of Kaundhiara Police Station were present. The ACP checked the turnout of all personnel and reviewed discipline and uniforms. During the inspection, deficiencies in maintenance were found in some records and registers kept at the police station, which he directed immediate rectification. He clearly stated that record maintenance and

updating is an important part of police responsibility. The cleanliness of the police station premises and barracks was found to be of a high standard, which ACP Abdus Salam Khan commended. He stated that a clean and orderly police station is the hallmark of a disciplined police force. During the inspection, Kaundhiara Police Station in-charge Kuldeep Sharma, Sub-Inspector Abhay Yadav, Rishikant Shrivastava, Avshesh Kumar, Naresh Kumar and other police personnel were present. At the end of the inspection, the ACP instructed all police personnel to perform their duties with loyalty and responsibility. Photo: Kaundhiara ACP Abdus Salam Khan conducting the half-yearly inspection of Kaundhiara Police Station.

Beni Madhav Singh PG College also won two gold medals in badminton



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Kaushambi. Under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority, the National Conference of Legal Services was organized on National Legal Services Day on November 8th and 9th in the Supreme Court Auditorium Hall. The best-performing delegates from all states of the country were invited to this event. Kaushambi was represented by Mamta Diwakar, a paralegal volunteer. Mamta Diwakar was granted this opportunity based on her outstanding

Kaushambi District Represented in the Supreme Court



social work and selection in the interview. She shared that on the first day of the conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while virtually connected, praised the legal services institutions, saying

that justice is possible only when it reaches the doorstep of the last person in society. The Prime Minister called upon all the participants to increase public awareness and take legal aid to every vil-

lage. In the program, Mamta Diwakar gave information about the continuous work being done in the field of women empowerment, domestic violence, child rights, women's rights and public awareness through street plays in rural areas. She said that this occasion is a matter of pride not only for her but for the entire district. She gave the credit for this to Additional District Judge/Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Kaushambi Purnima Pranjal, office staff and her fellow paralegal volunteers.

Sudhakar Singh, Vice Principal of Bhavsan Mehta Vidyalaya, Bharwari, Kaushambi, was honored



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Bharwari, Kaushambi. Sudhakar Singh, Vice Principal of Bhavsan Mehta Vidyalaya, Bharwari, was honored on Wednesday at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's 16th All India Principals' Meet, which was held from November 6th to 9th at the H.L. Public School, Amritsar branch of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. Upon Sudhakar Singh's return, Bhavsan Mehta Vidyaashram Principal Balayya Gangaraboina welcomed him with a shawl and a memento. School coordinator Mohammad Naseem and

senior teacher Awadhesh Mishra welcomed him with garlands. In his address, Mr. Sudhakar recounted the events at the meeting and shared his experiences. He thanked Director Sandeep Saxena and Treasurer Prashant Agarwal. Sudhakar Singh stated that this was the best experience of his teaching career. He explained that the principals of all colleges affiliated to Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai, from across India were jointly invited to Amritsar, where his presence on behalf of Vidyaashram Bharwari made him feel honored.

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Tharwai. An inter-college badminton competition was held on Wednesday at Prof. Rajendra Singh Rajju Bhैया University, Prayagraj, where boys and girls from several colleges displayed their talents. In the final match, two players from Beni Madhav Singh College, Ananya Patel and Devika Prajapati, first-year B.P.Ed., won gold medals. When the news of this victory reached the college, everyone's faces were filled with joy. College Principal Dr. D.V. Singh remarked

that today's success was a testament to the students' hard work and dedication. Secretary Madhuri Singh also expressed her joy. President Kripa Ram Mishra also congratulated both players. Dr. Seema Singh, Dr. Babita Singh, B.P.Ed. Department Chairman Dr. V.D. Singh, Ram Prasad, Dr. Ram Kailash Yadav, Dr. Karunesh Shukla, Parveen Jahan, Surya Pratap, College Administrative Officer Gopal Singh, Satyanarayan Mishra and all others congratulated on the joy of this victory and wished for further progress with the income.

Tribute paid to those killed in the Delhi bomb blast: Two-minute silence observed

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Tharwai / While the heartbreaking incident of the horrific bomb blast in Delhi has sent shockwaves across the country, the Tharwai area of Prayagraj district also experienced profound grief. On Wednesday, under the able guidance of Dr. Bhagwan Prasad Upadhyay, National Convenor of the Bharatiya Rashtriya



Journalist Mahasangh (BHARATI) at the Gangapar office in

Tharwai Bazaar, local journalists and prominent citizens of the area jointly

organized a condolence meeting to pay tribute to the deceased. The two-minute silence concluded with all present praying for the peace of the souls of those killed in the blast and praying for the speedy recovery of the injured. Everyone expressed deep sorrow over this tragic incident.

During this time, among the regional journalists of Bharatiya Rashtriya Journalist

Mahasangh Gangapar Tharwai, Sajjan Dwivedi, Shyam Krishna Shukla, Rajan Tiwari, Krishna Kumar Yadav, Gulam Ahmed, Bindu Gupta and among the elite people, Dr. Ram Asare Sharma, Shivdhar Mishra, Pappu Dubey, Anil Vishwakarma, Ashok Kumar Yadav along with a large number of local citizens, businessmen, social workers and journalists were present.

To protect the interests of the dependents, an affidavit must be taken at the time of appointment to ensure the care Stepmother given job of deceased dependent: Minor daughter not considered, Municipal Commissioner summoned to Court

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Prayagraj. The Allahabad High Court has reprimanded officials for failing to ensure the safety, security, and future welfare of a minor daughter when appointing her stepmother under the deceased dependent quota after her father's death. The Municipal

Commissioner of Prayagraj Municipal Corporation has been summoned on November 13th. The court stated that under the Dependents of Deceased Service Rules, only one member of the family can be appointed. Therefore, to protect the interests of the dependents, an affidavit must be taken at the time of appoint-

ment to ensure the care and well-being of the dependents. The officials did nothing to this effect. The stepmother was given the job, while the minor petitioner, a dependent of the deceased employee, is forced to live with her maternal uncle. The court stated that officials have not only a legal but also a moral responsibility to

ensure the safety, security, and future welfare of the minor dependent. They must make such arrangements to ensure the rights and interests of the dependent are protected. Justice Manju Rani Chauhan issued this order on Varsha's petition. The petitioner's second wife was granted a job as a dependent of the deceased. The petition-

er's father was a municipal corporation employee. He died in service on June 4, 2023. His first wife died in 2009, so he married Sushila Devi. Upon the petition of the petitioner's stepmother, he was granted an appointment under the dependent quota. However, the future welfare of the minor dependent was not considered. On the

court's instructions, the Municipal Corporation issued the petitioner two checks totaling ₹10,69,960. However, his education and future were not considered. The court stated that this was the responsibility of the officials, which they failed to fulfill. Therefore, the court has summoned the Municipal Commissioner.

DM Etah Urges Remaining Political Parties to Appoint Booth Level Agents

Etah

District Magistrate and District Election Officer Prem Ranjan Singh has urged representatives of all remaining recognized political parties in the district to promptly appoint their Booth Level Agents (BLAs) under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Programme-2026, being conducted by the Election Commission of India to ensure a transparent and error-free revision of the electoral roll. The District Magistrate informed that, as per the Commission directives, the voter list is

being prepared through the SIR process with complete fairness and accuracy. A review of the appointment status of BLA across Etah four assembly constituencies—103 Aliganj, 104 Etah, 105 Marhara and 106 Jalesar (SC)—was recently conducted. According to the data, a total of 3054 Booth Level Agents have been appointed so far, including 1528 by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and 1526 by the Samajwadi Party (SP). However, no other recognized political party has yet appointed a single BLA in the district.

Editorial

India's GDP victory over Japan is still a year away

There has been much discussion about the assertions made by BVR Subrahmanyam, the CEO of NITI Aayog, India's only official think tank. Speaking at a press conference following the 10th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and presumably attended by senior bureaucrats, Subrahmanyam said that "as I speak", India has overtaken Japan in current dollar GDP. Critics of the government's assertion make two points, one relevant and the other "noisy". The relevant point is that the IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO) database clearly shows that for the fiscal year 2024-25 (ending in March 2025), India's GDP was \$3.9 trillion while Japan's was \$4.0 trillion—that is, Japan was 2.6 per cent ahead. Fortunately, both Japan and India have the same fiscal year—April-March—hence adjustments to WEO data are not needed. Equally clearly, the database presents estimates of India's GDP for fiscal year 2025-26 as \$4.187 trillion and Japan's as \$4.186 trillion—that is, India's GDP exceeds Japan's by 0.02 per cent in 2025-26. From this, many, if not most, analysts have erroneously concluded that this won't happen until March 2026. Why erroneous? Because it is a fiscal year conclusion, and the 'centre of gravity' of an April-March fiscal year is September. So, it is likely that the NITI Aayog CEO, in making his hasty conclusion, was wrong by only four months. As it happens, Subrahmanyam was hasty by approximately a year. Note that his conclusion and inference pertains to current dollar GDP, and we have to contend with the conversion from rupees to US dollars, and from Japanese yen to US dollars. First, let us look at the Indian estimate. Data just released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Friday shows that India's GDP in current prices for January-March 2025 quarter was Rs 88.17 trillion, or annualised Rs 352.7 trillion. On 23 May, the last market day before Subrahmanyam's assertion, the exchange rate was Rs 85.4/\$—that is, current GDP in March 2025 was 352.7/85.4 or \$4.13 trillion. Indian nominal GDP is growing by about 10 per cent a year. So, by March 2026, we should expect current India GDP to reach \$4.54 trillion. Now we examine the fortunes of Japan's GDP. The seasonally adjusted quarterly estimate of Japan's GDP is 624.9 trillion yen for Q1 of 2025. On 23 May, the exchange rate was 142.6 yen/\$; hence Japan's GDP in March 2025 was \$4.38 trillion, some 6.1 per cent ahead of India's GDP on the same date. Given that exchange rates change every day, we need to decide as to what exchange rate we should use. Amongst many, we can use a calendar year estimate, a quarterly estimate or a 23 May estimate. But no matter which one we use, it will be wrong because exchange rates do not remain constant, and the future is not asked to see, que sera sera. All of us are concerned with the 23 May estimate, hence the discussion and this note. Japan's nominal GDP growth has averaged 3.4 per cent for the last three years. Assuming this to be the average for 2025-26, the estimate for March 2026 is \$4.53 trillion GDP (as 4.38*1.034). So it will be sometime in March 2026 that India's GDP will exceed Japan's in current dollars. Again, que sera sera, the conclusion will depend on what happens to exchange rates. Changes in exchange rates affect nominal dollar GDP calculations. Assume in March 2026 all estimates come true except the \$ yen exchange rate changes from 142.7 to 135 (the yen has become stronger by 5.7 per cent), then Japan's GDP will be 5.7 per cent higher and the day of decision will be delayed beyond March 2026. How do we interpret the dash to conclusion by the CEO? As a sports junkie, I recall countless occasions over the last 50 years when a sprinter looked over his shoulder to see his competitor – and lost the race. What do we learn from this data-heavy exercise?



India May Be Barking Up The Wrong Tree As It Takes On Pakistan In IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved the disbursement of another \$1 billion to Pakistan under its latest Extended Fund Facility (EFF), reinstating Pakistan's dependence on international bailouts. As a country with a high dependence on imported oil, whenever oil prices hike or international borrowing declines, Islamabad's reserves take a further hit. Since 1958, whenever this occurs, Pakistan has approached the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a bailout approximately every three years, seek-

ing to save its economy under the condition of improving macroeconomic indicators. While the role of the IMF has been minimal in reforming Pakistan's governance, its fund facilities have stabilised the economy from falling into the pit grave. However, the key question remains: have IMF bailouts inadvertently enabled an environment to facilitate terror financing? If so, should India try to block IMF funds to Pakistan? Contrary to popular imagination, the IMF's role is distinct, and its programmes impose strict conditions that

compel Islamabad to demonstrate some accountability in governance and economic management. And India needs an accountable Pakistan. While the IMF can serve as a platform for India to signal its displeasure and apply international diplomatic pressure following the Pahalgam attack on April 22 by alleged Pakistan-backed terrorists, a more effective route to achieving strategic objectives would be to target terror financing networks and financial opacity through the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global watchdog on

money laundering and terror financing, where reports suggest India is already preparing to build a robust case against Pakistan. Persistent macroeconomic imbalances have led to a state of massive public debt, with the country facing massive external debt repayment dues. The Pakistani economy has structural weaknesses, from a narrow tax base to low productivity. Islamabad is also extremely dependent on imported energy, with energy imports accounting for 20 to 40 % of total imports. Of the previous 25 IMF programmes.

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Tharoor's loyalty keeps colliding with Congress scepticism



"Would you be interested in contesting for the post of (UN) Secretary-General?" It's a question that then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh asked Shashi Tharoor in New York in 2005. Tharoor, who was serving as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General, would later admit that Singh's question caught him a little off guard. Having served in various capacities at the UN since 1978, Tharoor felt that his "entire working life had seemed like a preparation" for the organisation's top post. Yet, he had no reason to believe that New Delhi was ready to back such a bid on his behalf, at least not at the time. India did eventually nominate him, albeit after a delay, for the position in mid-2006. Tharoor lost to Ban Ki-moon of South Korea, whose government mounted an aggressive campaign for its candidate. It was, however, the United States that emerged as the biggest stumbling block to Tharoor's candidacy. "Three factors—the bilateral relationship with Korea, a perception of a lack of conviction on India's part, and the Bush Administration's desire not to repeat the Kofi Annan experiment of a 'strong' Secretary-General—combined to ensure the US veto that scuttled my candidacy," he wrote in Open magazine in 2016. Two decades later, in a classic twist of irony, Tharoor finds himself embroiled in a controversy tinged with diplomatic hues. The same Congress party that once championed his bid for the highest seat in global diplomacy is now glum over the Centre naming him as the leader of a multi-party delegation visiting various world capitals on Operation Sindoor. His UN battle lost in

2006, Tharoor started spending more time in India and found a home in the Congress party, which offered him the post of Minister of State for External Affairs after his first Lok Sabha victory from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, in the 2009 general elections. Tharoor continues to retain the seat, winning four elections on the trot. In 2015, Tharoor claimed that when he was still considering his options after the UN stint, he had also received offers to join the BJP and the Left. But he chose the Congress because, as he explained in 2009, "I have nothing economically in common with the ideology of the Left and Communist parties. Those who have followed my writing for years know that I have nothing in common with the communalism that has been unfortunately encouraged by people associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party... and that basically means the Congress party." Nevertheless, Tharoor's loyalty to the Congress has remained suspect in the eyes of a section of party leaders from the beginning. His words of praise for Narendra Modi just days after the Congress' drubbing in the 2014 general elections marked the beginning of a series of statements over the last decade that cemented

this perception. In a HuffPost article, Tharoor wrote that just as Modi "remade himself from a hate-figure into an avatar of modernity and progress, he is seeking to remake the BJP from a vehicle of Hindu chauvinism to a natural party of governance." He continued: "For an opposition member of Parliament like myself, it would be churlish not to acknowledge Modi 2.0's inclusive outreach and to welcome his more conciliatory statements and actions. The moment he says or does something divisive or sectarian in the Modi 1.0 mould, however, we will resist him robustly. India's people, and its pluralist democracy, deserve no less." Following criticism from his party colleagues, Tharoor reaffirmed his commitment to the Congress and the principles of secularism in a letter to the party's communication department. "By praising him (Modi) for specific things, we help frame public expectation of his continued behaviour and raise the bar against which we will judge him in future," he wrote. However, it did little to dispel the growing perception of Tharoor as a misfit within the Congress. As Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh told a press huddle last month, "Congress mein hona aur Congress ka hona

mein zameen aasman ka antar hai" (There is a major difference between being in the Congress and being of the Congress). At the same time, the Congress leadership agrees that any disciplinary action against Tharoor will likely backfire. "His popular appeal, especially in urban India, is not lost on the party," a senior Congress leader told ThePrint when asked whether the party was considering action against Tharoor. His standing has also risen at a time when Kerala, his home state, is heading to the polls in less than a year. As it is, a section of the party close to the Congress high command was miffed with Tharoor for accepting the Centre's invitation to lead a multi-party delegation on Operation Sindoor without first seeking the leadership's concurrence. His public statements during the trip have only deepened the rift. On 29 May, addressing a gathering of the Indian community in Panama, Tharoor said that in 2016 "for the first time, India breached the Line of Control between India and Pakistan to conduct a surgical strike on a terror base." "Even during the Kargil War, we had not crossed the LoC; in Uri we did. Then came the attack in Pulwama... this time we crossed not only the LoC but [also] the international border and we struck terrorist headquarters in Balakot."

"And let me say to you that this is going to be the new normal. The PM has made it very clear that Operation Sindoor was necessary because these terrorists came and wiped the sindoor off the foreheads of 26 women," he said. These remarks riled up the Congress leadership so much so that it endorsed statements by party

functionary Udit Raj, known for his controversial remarks, that Tharoor should consider becoming a BJP spokesperson. Tharoor hit back, dismissing such critics as "zealots" and "trolls". Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera, considered close to Rahul Gandhi, promptly produced excerpts from Tharoor's own book to highlight the contradiction in his position. In his 2018 book *The Paradoxical Prime Minister*, Tharoor had pointed out that the Congress, while in the government, had authorised many cross-border surgical strikes, but did not exploit them politically—an assertion that countered his statement that India under Modi crossed the LoC "for the first time" in 2016. "The shameless exploitation of the 2016 'surgical strikes' along the Line of Control with Pakistan, and of a military raid in hot pursuit of rebels in Myanmar, as a party election tool — something the Congress had never done despite having authorized several such strikes earlier — marked a particularly disgraceful dilution of the principle that national security issues require both discretion and non-partisanship," Tharoor wrote in the book. Currently in Colombia, Tharoor is yet to respond to Khera.

However, a tweet made by him in 2018 to introduce his book remains instructive. "My new book, *THE PARADOXICAL PRIME MINISTER*, is more than just a 400-page exercise in floccinaucinihilipilification," Tharoor had posted, emphasising that the book was more than just a critique of the prime minister. Perhaps Khera should take note.

Orthodox Russia doesn't take orders from the Pope. Vatican can't convince Putin for a ceasefire

Russia's rejection of Vatican-led ceasefire talks with Ukraine should come as a surprise only to those who are ignorant of the historic animosity between the two religious institutions, the Vatican and the Russian Orthodox Church. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's clarification that it is a little 'awkward for Orthodox countries to discuss issues on a Catholic platform' should put at rest all efforts initiated by US President Donald Trump. The election of the hitherto unknown Robert Francis Prevost, a quiet lawyer-bishop with years of experience in Church matters, as the vicar of Jesus Christ, the first American Pope, does not change the ground realities of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, head of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), did not attend the funeral of Pope Francis, though the two held a meeting in 2016 in Cuba, after almost 10 centuries of schism. There is no reason why Pope Leo XIV would broker peace between Russian President

Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy just because the president of America wants him to do it. Trump's idea of involving the Papal office in the Vatican, the highest seat of the Catholic Church, in the ceasefire talks was a blunder for several reasons. Russia's Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) and the Roman Catholic Church have been at loggerheads for over ten centuries, probably right from 988 when Grand Prince Vladimir was baptised. The theological split first appeared in 1054 when the then Pope Leo IX of Rome excommunicated Patriarch Michael Cerularius of Constantinople, who responded with his own excommunication of the Bishop of Rome, Pope Leo IX. The October Revolution of 1917 further alienated the two Christian faiths, even as Moscow under the brutal atheist regime of Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin stifled religious freedom. After deriding religion as the 'opium of the masses.'

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Bahraich

Under Mamta Sansthan's Project Jagriti-4, an awareness program was organized at the Fakharpur Community Health Center, Bahraich on the occasion of World Mental Health Day. The Chief Guest of the program was the Chief Medical Officer, Bahraich. He was accompanied by the District Program Manager (DPM), District Health Education and Information Officer (DHEIO), MOIC, BCPM and members of the District Mental Health Team. On this occasion, the District Mental Health Program team counseled beneficiaries and provided information on various topics related to mental health. Experts explained that mental health is an important part of our overall health and it is crucial to be aware of it. In his address, the Chief Guest, Chief Medical Officer, Bahraich, said, "There are still many misconceptions in society regarding mental



health. We must understand that mental illness is treatable, just like physical illness. If someone is experiencing problems like stress, anxiety, or depression, they should seek advice from a specialist instead of hiding it. Such programs are extremely useful in raising awareness in society." I thank the Mamta Sansthan and its team for their excellent work on this issue at the community level. All the guests present at the event shared their thoughts and praised the efforts of the Mamta Sansthan, saying that the organization is taking positive initiatives regarding mental health in the community. The support of the Mamta Sansthan staff was instrumental in making

this program a success. District Program Manager Sarju Khan, District Psychiatrist Dr. Vijay Jaiswal, Community Health Center Incharge Dr. Narendra Singh, and District Health Education Officer Brijesh Singh addressed the event. Brijesh Singh raised awareness about mental health by citing several important examples. District Psychiatrist Dr. Vijay Jaiswal informed the audience that at the district level, mental health outpatient department (OPD) is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and mental health counseling and outpatient department (OPD) camps are held on other days.

Zubeen Garg's Mysterious Death: Seven Arrested, No Poison Found, SIT Uncovers New Lead

Assam

The sudden and mysterious death of Assam's celebrated singer Zubeen Garg on September 19, 2025 in Singapore has shaken the entire nation, particularly his home state of Assam. Initially reported as an accidental drowning, the case has since taken a sharp turn after allegations of poisoning surfaced, prompting a full-scale investigation. Assam Police's CID and Special Investigation Team (SIT) have now arrested seven individuals in connection with the case.

Those detained include Zubeen's manager Siddharth Sharma, festival organizer Shyamkanu Mahanta, his cousin and police officer Sandipan Garg, his personal security officer, and several others. Investigators believe the private yacht party where Zubeen spent his final hours plays a crucial role in uncovering the



truth behind his death. Preliminary medical and forensic reports from Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Delhi have found no trace of any poisonous substance, indicating drowning as the immediate cause of death. However, the SIT and CID continue to probe deeper angles involving financial transactions, suspicious conduct by associates and possible criminal conspiracy. Under mounting public pressure in Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has assured that no guilty person will escape justice. He stated that the final CFSL viscera report will provide clearer direc-

tion for the investigation. Meanwhile, the SIT is intensifying efforts to ensure a flawless and transparent inquiry. Authorities have also summoned several Assam-origin NRIs from Singapore who were reportedly with Zubeen in his last days. The investigation is now exploring money trails, alleged negligence by event organizers, and other connected complications. Officials have confirmed that an official charge sheet will soon be filed in court once all evidence is compiled. Zubeen Garg's untimely death remains an emotional wound for Assam's cultural and musical community. Even as no conclusive evidence of poisoning has surfaced, investigators continue to treat the case as suspicious. The state waits anxiously for justice for one of its most beloved voices—a man whose legacy transcended generations and genres.

DOE issues guidelines for direct entry to Class XI in govt schools



Delhi: Delhi Directorate of Education (DOE) has issued guidelines for direct admission to Class XI in govt schools under the non-plan admissions category for the academic session 2025-26. The online registration process begins and is open to students residing in Delhi who did not study in govt or govt-aided schools under DOE in 2024-25. The admission process will be conducted in three cycles from May 27 to June 9 (cycle I), July 1 to July 10 (cycle II), and Aug 1 to Aug 11 (cycle III). Students can register online at DoE's website, and help desks at schools will assist applicants who need support with the form. Applicants must meet specific academic criteria for their chosen stream. For example, students seeking admission in the Science stream with Mathematics must have at least 55% overall, with 50% in English, Mathematics, and Science. Relaxations of up to 5% in one subject are available for students belonging to SC/ST, OBC (non-creamy layer), minorities, Kashmiri migrants, or those excelling in national-level sports.

School eco clubs will be rebranded and given more resources

Delhi: As part of a statewide push to improve environmental education among students, all Delhi schools have been ordered to rebrand their current Eco Clubs as "Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE" and reinstate them by August 31. An official release said that this project.

Assam Assembly's Public Accounts Committee Conducts Inspection Visit in Kamrup District

Assam

A five-member delegation of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Assam Legislative Assembly, led by Chairman Nurul Huda, visited the inspection bungalow of the Public Works Department (PWD) at Amin Gaon in Kamrup district on Tuesday. The committee was welcomed by Deputy Commissioner Dev Kumar Mishra, representing the Kamrup district administration. During the visit, the committee held a meeting with heads of various departments to review ongoing government projects. The meet-



ing was attended by PAC members and MLAs Karim Uddin Barbhuiya and Abdul Rashid Mandal, along with Chief Executive Officer of Kamrup Zila Parishad Siddhartha Goswami, District Development Commissioner Sushant Kumar Dutta, and several departmental officers. Following the meeting,

the committee members conducted field inspections at several sites, including the under-construction Saraighat Cricket Stadium, Tularam Bafna Kamrup Civil Hospital, Agriculture Department's food processing groups, Model Anganwadi Centres under the Social Welfare Department, and projects

carried out under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) and the 15th Finance Commission. In addition, the committee reviewed the progress of works implemented by departments such as Water Resources, Public Health Engineering, Public Works (Roads and Buildings), and Public Works (National Highways). Later, the committee also held a comprehensive review meeting at the Co District Commissioner conference hall in Rangia, where senior officials from the Kamrup district administration and other departments were present. The meeting was attended by

Maintain pre-2010 7% OBC quota

Delhi : Calcutta high court ordered the West Bengal University of Health Sciences (WBUHS), a government medical university in Kolkata, to enroll students with 7% reservation for 66 OBCs notified in the state before 2010. In its ruling, justice Kausik Chanda noted that a division bench of the high court had set down the state's reservation policy in May, which divided OBCs into A and B categories and offered 10% and 7% quota, respectively. The state must apply OBC reservations solely to the 66 backward classes recognized by



the backward class department before 2009. Justice Chanda noted that the state's OBC reservations should be 7% per November 6, 1997 notification. Caste certificates for 66 grades produced before 2010 have been preserved and 7% reservation maintained, the decision stated. The government suspended quota-based recruit-

ment and admissions after a division bench of the high court revoked OBC designation for 77 Muslim communities granted by the state since 2010. Supreme Court challenge by TMC government. West Bengal offered 17% OBC reservation in public sector jobs and state-run schools before the May ruling. It was divided into two brackets:

Villagers held a candlelight march demanding a judicial inquiry into the death of NDA cadet Antariksh

Bahraich

The mysterious death of NDA cadet Antariksh, a resident of Narainapur (Sumerpur) village in the Rupaidiha police station area, is gaining momentum. The villagers, both in the village and surrounding areas, are in shock. The incident is being discussed in other villages. To uncover the mystery behind the mysterious death of the promising Antariksh, villagers from the village and surrounding areas held a candlelight march late Monday evening, demanding a judicial inquiry. The candlelight march was led by the deceased's mother. A large number of young people, elders, and prominent people from the area also participated. The family members, calling the cadet's death suspicious, have demanded a judicial



inquiry. Seema Singh, mother of the deceased cadet Antariksh Kumar, alleged that her son was a very promising person and the people of the area are constantly praising him. He has even written a book to inspire young people. He had gone to Pune to study, not to die. She explained that when she arrived at the scene, the room was strewn with belongings. The mother stated that her son could not have committed suicide; he wanted to achieve something after training. He was determined to achieve

great heights. Mother Seema Singh stated that she last spoke to her son on October 9th at 4 p.m. She also stated that the cadet had previously complained about being harassed by some seniors. She also stated that they had received assurances from higher authorities, which satisfied the family. The mother alleged that her son had been wronged and that they were not even shown CCTV footage. Last Friday morning, Antariksh Kumar's body was found hanging from a noose in his hostel.

Scholarships offered by University of Hong Kong to outstanding students

Delhi: The University of Hong Kong (HKU), which was rated seventeenth in the QS World University Rankings 2025, has launched a scholarship program for exceptional students from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Under this program, high-achieving CBSE students interested in majoring in HKU's undergraduate programs that promote innovation, technology, and interdisciplinary learning will be offered full-ride scholarships that pay for everything. On a national level, CBSE operates. It consistently produces a large number of students who get into professional colleges through entrance exams at the national and state levels. Not only do these students thrive in their professional and social lives,



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but they also excel in professional colleges. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has increasingly prioritized competency-based education and assessment since the New Education Policy—2020 came into effect. Higher education institutions overseas are providing several exemptions and support to our students as

a result of the high-quality education they receive from connected schools and their performance in STEM and other areas.

The CBSE notification detailed the exemptions and support, and it instructed schools to notify pupils about them so that they might reap the benefits.

India's Mahendra sets world record in World Para Athletics Grand Prix



Delhi: Roberto Florian Edenilson of Brazil had previously held the world record of 59.19 meters, but the 27-year-old beat him in 2022. Following throws of 56.11 and 55.51 meters, he set a new world record with a throw of 61.17 meters on his third try. Throws of 58.54, 57.25, and 58.07 meters were his final three on Sunday. Field athletes who experience mild limitations in the use of one leg should consider F42. Sumit Antil, who has won gold at the Paralympics twice and holds the world record for the men's javelin F64 category, also placed first with a throw of 72.35 meters. Athletes competing on the field who have little or no movement in either leg can use F64. But Gurjar was one of many para-athletes from the F40, F57, F63, and F64 categories who competed in a combined event. Competition was open to para-athletes from all different classifications because it was a mixed event. The Swiss coach of Gurjar, Samarjeet Singh Malhi, informed that his charge set a world record in the F42 category and also won the gold medal. Having para-athletes from multiple categories compete in a combined event is "normal practice," he continued.

Mini skirt mania

How Janhvi Kapoor, Georgia Andriani, Malaika Arora, Shanaya Kapoor, and Rasha Thadani are mastering Bollywood's hottest trend

The mini skirt has made a triumphant return to Bollywood's style diaries, and our leading ladies are embracing it with confidence and creativity. From boho-chic embroidered pieces to sleek pleated numbers and bold structured silhouettes, these fashion-forward stars are proving that the mini skirt is no longer just a trend—it's a wardrobe essential.

Rasha Thadani's Parisian chic

Rasha Thadani channels timeless Parisian elegance in a sophisticated ensemble featuring a navy blue strapless corset top paired with an ivory textured quilted mini skirt that adds subtle dimension. The look is elevated with black sheer stockings, slouchy black leather boots, and luxe accessories, including a structured black handbag and statement gold earrings. Posing against European architecture, Rasha demonstrates how mini skirts can be styled for upscale elegance, balancing contemporary minimalism with classic sophistication.

Georgia Andriani's preppy perfection

Georgia Andriani channels timeless elegance in a modern preppy ensemble featuring a deep blue puff-sleeve blouse with button detailing, paired with a crisp white pleated mini skirt adorned with subtle grid lines. The look is polished with pointed-toe transparent heels and delicate jewelry, while her sleek, straight hair adds a sophisticated finish. Shot against a dreamy nighttime backdrop with illuminated architecture, this outfit proves that mini skirts can transition seamlessly from day to evening, offering a fresh take on classic collegiate style with a decidedly grown-up twist.

Malaika Arora's fierce striped statement

Malaika Arora brings unapologetic drama in a coordinated burgundy-and-black striped ensemble featuring an oversized blazer worn over a black leather corset crop top and matching striped mini skirt. The look is amplified with thigh-high black boots, layered gold necklaces with heart pendants, and her signature sleek braided ponytail held high for maximum impact. Malaika's powerful outfit showcases her fearless approach to fashion, proving that mini skirts can be bold, commanding, and age-defying when styled with confidence and the right dose of rock-star attitude.

Shanaya Kapoor's plaid moment

Shanaya Kapoor embraces maximalist styling in an oversized green, pink, and navy plaid blazer, shirt, skirt, and tie ensemble, with the blazer worn as a dress featuring exaggerated shoulders and gold button detailing. Bold red socks and matching heels complete the look. The vintage-inspired composition, set against retro television sets and old-school telephones, highlights her fearless approach to fashion. This dramatic outfit demonstrates how mini skirts can be styled for maximum impact, proving that confidence and creativity are the best accessories when working daring proportions and clashing colors.

Janhvi Kapoor's turquoise power play

Janhvi Kapoor commands attention in a striking turquoise blazer-inspired mini dress with structured shoulders, embellished with silver spiderweb detailing along the neckline and functional pockets that add both style and edge. Paired with oversized black sunglasses and metallic strappy heels, she strikes a confident pose against a vibrant orange art backdrop. Her loose waves and bold lip color complete this power-dressing moment, reimagining the mini skirt as part of a coordinated suit set. The outfit demonstrates how shorter hemlines can convey authority and sophistication when styled with strong tailoring and a commanding presence.

These five leading ladies clearly prove that the mini skirt is incredibly versatile and endlessly stylish. The key to mastering this trend lies not in the hemline itself, but in how it is styled—whether with crop tops for casual glamour, structured blazers for boss-babe energy, or edgy jackets for street-style credibility. These looks celebrate individuality, confidence, and the art of showing a little leg with a whole lot of style. As these fashionistas demonstrate, the mini skirt is securing its permanent place in the modern style playbook—one fearless outfit at a time.

Pic: X

Tusshar shares Jeetendra's health update

Veteran actor Jeetendra had a minor fall on Monday at Zarine Khan's prayer meet in Mumbai. A video of the incident went viral on social media, causing concern among his fans.

Now, Tusshar Kapoor has shared an update on his father's health. Speaking to Bombay Times, Tusshar said, "He is absolutely fine. According to him, it was just a minor fall."

The video shows Jeetendra entering the venue of the prayer meet, missing a step, and stumbling briefly. People around him quickly assisted, and he continued walking into the venue without any issues. Later, he was seen joking about the incident with the paparazzi, putting fans' worries to rest.



Pics: Varinder Chawla/X

Thank you for the love: Katy

Katy Perry is celebrating the success of her latest single, *Bandaids*, and she expressed gratitude to her fans for their love and support, according to People.

She shared an Instagram post that featured behind-the-scenes moments on the set of the *Bandaids* music video, including a video of Perry smiling as she submerges herself in a pool of mud.

"Thank you for the love on *bandaids*..." Perry wrote in her caption. "tbh I struggled for months with the idea of putting this song out... even after all these years it can be scary to be vulnerable..." "But hopefully the lyrics of this song resonate with someone going through what I have been

through and maybe they won't feel so alone and will find the strength to keep going like I have..." she continued. *Bandaids* is Perry's first single since her breakup with actor Orlando Bloom, and seems to provide insight into why their relationship fell apart.

Perry and Bloom ended their engagement, marking the end of their nine-year relationship, People confirmed in June.

In the song's chorus, she shared that she had done everything to save the relationship, but it still wasn't enough.

"Tried all the medications / Lowered my expectations / Made every justification / Bleeding out, bleeding out, bleeding out slow / Bandaids over a broken heart," Perry sings.



Pic: Instagram_@katyperry

Jackie Chan hoax debunked

Posts circulating on Facebook & X allege that Chan has died

Social media has been flooded with false reports on Tuesday, claiming that legendary actor-filmmaker Jackie Chan passed away at the age of 71. Posts circulating on X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook alleged that Chan had died due to long-term complications from decades-old on-set injuries. Some also claimed confirmation from his wife and daughter. The viral posts spread panic among fans worldwide. Messages such as "Jackie Chan, 71, passes away after battle with complications from decades of on-set injuries" appeared re-

peatedly, with several posts claiming that the actor had been undergoing treatment for months before succumbing to his illness.

One post stated, "Jackie Chan, the legendary 2016 honorary Oscar winner, has been confirmed dead after months of treatment and the cryptic words from his family have sparked more questions than answers." However, news publications and official fan pages clarified that these reports were entirely false. Jackie Chan is alive, healthy, and preparing for his upcoming projects. Fans were reassured that the actor remains in good health, and the misleading posts were confirmed to be baseless hoaxes.

IFFI 2025



Bindusagar, an Odia cultural tale, to debut at IFFI 2025, highlighting Odisha's cinema on the international stage

Bindusagar, one of the most awaited Odia films in recent years, has been selected for its world premiere at the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Produced by Shiladitya Bora's Platoon One Films, the film will debut as part of IFFI 2025's prestigious Gala Presentation, marking a significant milestone for Odia cinema.

Directed by Abhishek



Swain and written by Abhishek Das, *Bindusagar* features an ensemble cast including Prakruti Mishra, Dipanwit Sharmishta, Satya Ranjan, and veterans Subant Rath.

Robin Das, and Pranab Rath. The film tells the story of a young woman reconnecting with her roots and a grieving father searching for faith, set against the spiritual backdrop of Rhubaneswar. With a

musical score of eight songs, it celebrates Odia culture and tradition while appealing to universal emotions of love, loss, and belonging.

Producer Shiladitya Bora expressed his excitement, saying, "Odisha has a rich cinematic legacy that deserves a global stage. We hope *Bindusagar* contributes to a new era where Odia films reach international audiences." National Award-winning actor Prakruti Mishra called it "a bridge between our roots and the world."

Bindusagar is set for a theatrical release in early 2026, signaling a promising new chapter for Odia cinema on the global stage.

Odia cinema shines on the global stage

In a joint venture, Ambani and Adani will sell transportation fuel

Delhi : In a joint statement, Adani Total Gas Ltd and Jio-bp, an arm of Reliance Industries Ltd, announced their partnership to sell auto fuel at select outlets. Certain ATGL outlets will offer Jio-bp's gasoline and diesel, while Jio-bp outlets will incorporate ATGL's compressed natural gas (CNG) dispensers. "This partnership will enable us to leverage each other's infrastructure, thus enhancing customer experience and offerings," said Suresh P. Manglani, executive director and CEO of Adani Total Gas. After Reliance bought a 26% interest in an Adani Power project in Madhya Pradesh, the two opposing billionaires teamed together again. "We are united by a shared vision to offer our customers a superior selection of high-quality fuels," stated Jio-bp chairman Sarthak



Behuria. "The partnership between RIL and the Adani Group is anticipated to be extremely complementary, providing substantial operational advantage via their combined physical presence," stated Nirav Karkera, head of research at Fisdrom. A more holistic consumer experience is the goal of the relationship, which is why both companies are offering complementary items. Both parties stand to benefit from this partnership, which is especially noteworthy in an industry where state-run corporations predominate.

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).

JioHotstar Reaches 300 Million Subscribers, Closer to Netflix

Delhi: JioHotstar, a worldwide OTT player from India, is closing in on Netflix's subscriber dominance. JioCinema and Disney+Hotstar now have 300 million users, up from 50 million in February 2025 after the 2025 TATA IPL. The 2025 Indian Premier League season greatly impacted JioHotstar's client base. It rose from 50 million subscribers in February to 280 million by May and 300 million currently. Digital viewership overtook television for the first time, causing tremendous development. Digital reach was 652 million versus 537 million TV viewers. The final IPL 2025 match



received 237 million digital viewers and 189 million TV viewers. Along with user growth, the platform broke revenue records. JioStar, the parent company of JioHotstar, announced that the 2025 IPL had the largest advertising and subscrip-

tion revenue. Historically, league rights were auctioned for 23,575 crore for TV and 20,500 crore for digital over 5 years, indicating great value. The IPL's peak internet viewership was 55.2 million and TV viewing time was 514 billion minutes.

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.



NCLAT reduces penalty on Google to 216 crore in Play Store matter

Delhi: Appellate tribunal NCLAT upheld the order passed by fair trade regulator CCI against Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to Play Store policies, however, reduced the penalty on the tech giant to ₹216 crore from 936.44 crore. A two-member bench comprising Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and Technical Member Barun Mitra said Google "has abused its dominant position and has violated Section", however in some sections, violation was "not proved, but penalty was still leviable on proof of violation".

Small savings program interest rates unchanged April-June quarter

Delhi: For the fifth quarter starting April 1, 2025, the government maintained interest rates on PPF and NSC. The rates of interest on various Small Savings Schemes for the first quarter of FY 2025-26, starting on 1 April 2025 and ending on 30 June 2025, would stay unaltered from those notified for the fourth quarter of a finance ministry notification. The notification states that Sukanya Samriddhi deposits will earn 8.2% interest, while three-year term deposits will earn 7.1%. Popular Public Provident Fund (PPF) and post office savings deposit scheme interest rates remain at 7.1% and 4%, respectively. Kisan Vikas Patra investments mature in 115 months at 7.5%. National Savings Certificate (NSC) interest rates will stay at 7.7% for April-June 2025. Like the current quarter, investors will earn 7.4% from the Monthly Income Scheme.

JSW to acquire Dulux Paints for 9,000 crore

Delhi : JSW Paints will buy 75% of Dulux-owner Akzo Nobel's India operations for Rs 9,407 crore (\$1.1 billion), the sector's biggest purchase amid rising competition. JSW Paints, founded by steel tycoon Sajjan Jindal in 2019, will become the fourth largest participant in the sector, controlled by Asian Paints, Berger Paints, and Kansai Nerolac. Aditya Birla Group launched Birla Opus in 2024. According to Indian takeover legislation, JSW Paints would openly offer Rs 3,929 crore to Akzo Nobel India's public stockholders for a 25% stake. Public shareholders would



receive Rs 3,418 per share in the open offer, while JSW Paints will pay the Dutch firm Rs 2,762.

Based on the open offer response, JSW Paints would buy enough shares from the Dutch company to maintain 75% ownership in

Akzo Nobel India. JSW Paints, part of the \$23-billion JSW Group, will market Akzo Nobel India after the purchase, with the Dutch corporation perhaps remaining a public shareholder.

Birla Co. recovers Rs 2 crore in stolen digital gold

Delhi : Hackers breached the ABCD mobile app run by Aditya Birla Capital and stole digital gold valued at approximately Rs 1.95 crore from 435 user accounts, according to Delhi. On June 9, the scam was exposed after multiple consumers contacted the company's call center to express their dissatisfaction with the theft of their digital gold. Concerned about this, the company's technical staff launched an internal investigation and filed a first information report. According to our sources, the affected accounts now have their balances returned by the company.

The BSE was fined 25L for the unfair distribution of corporate information

Delhi : According to Delhi, the 45-page SEBI order confirmed that the BSE's system design allowed paying clients and the internal listing compliance monitoring (LCM) staff to view business announcements ahead of schedule. Prior to the information being made public on its website, this occurred. Because there were no measures in place to ensure that all stakeholders had equal and contemporaneous access to the data, the regulator deemed this to be a breach of norms. To keep information



inequality at bay and guarantee fair markets, this is crucial. After reviewing the Securities Contracts (Regulation) SECC (Stock Exchange and Clearing Corporations Regulations, 2018), SEBI determined that BSE had broken Regulation 39(3). All users must have fair and transparent access for stock exchanges to

comply with the rules. Additionally, the regulator brought attention to the fact that BSE neglected to establish a really basic syndication (RSS) feed, which would have mitigated the possibility of unequal access to corporate filings. Inspections revealed gaps, but BSE just created a time gap to fix the problem, according to SEBI. The regulator also pointed out significant problems with BSE's oversight of client code updates, which are permitted only for legitimate mistakes.

NHAI to blacklist FASTags 'kept in hand', seeks details from toll operators

Delhi: Drivers who don't fix their FASTags on the windshield of their vehicles will face permanent blacklisting of tags, a measure taken in view of the malpractice of people handing out "loose or unfixed tags" for payment of highway-user fee, which leads to congestion at toll plaza lanes and sometimes altercations with toll collectors. The NHAI company dealing with toll collection and management of highways, IHMCL, has asked federations of toll collectors, highway builders and operators to report such cases for quick action. "Tags-in-hand" have been categorised as "loose tags". Despite repeated advisories against the practice there have been several cases of people handing out FASTag at toll gates for deduction



Total bids for three initial public offerings (IPOs) reached 22.5 billion rupees

Delhi : Nearly 22,500 crore rupees were raised in three separate initial public offerings (IPOs) that concluded. The combined target amount for all three was 2,562 crore rupees. According to data from the exchanges and merchant bankers, the 119 crore rupee IPO of Globe Civil Projects was subscribed 86 times, the 853 crore rupee IPO of Ellenbarrie Industrial Gases was subscribed 22 times, and the 1,590 crore rupee IPO of Mumbai-based real estate giant Kalpataru was subscribed 2.3 times.

of user fee. In letters addressed to these federations, IHMCL said, "This leads to lane-level congestion due to manual handling and viola-

tion issues, misuse in closed-loop tolling operations, generation of false chargeback demands and overall disruption.

GST compensation fund likely to have 95k cr surplus

Delhi: They requested anonymity and stated the GST Council may determine how to use this extra compensation cess. Cess funds are used for a specified purpose and are levied in addition to taxes. These insiders claimed the GST Council, the top indirect



tax decision-making body, will meet before or after the Monsoon session of

Parliament, depending on member availability. They said the Council meeting is overdue and coming soon. Last December 21, the 55th GST Council met in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. They stated the Council will discuss tax rate rationalization, compliance

ease, and cess reform during its 56th meeting. The council may replace the GST compensation cess on sin goods and luxury commodities like cigarettes and cars with two specific-purpose levies to fund health and clean energy projects.

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.

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NEW DELHI

Nagal seeks help from China embassy



India's top-ranked tennis player **Sumit Nagal** on Tuesday sought urgent intervention from the Chinese embassy here after his visa application to travel to China for the Australian Open Playoff was rejected without any reason. Nagal took to social media platform X to make his appeal, tagging the Chinese Ambassador to India and the spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy. "Respected @China_Amb_India and @ChinaSpox_India, I am Sumit Nagal, India's No.1 tennis player. I am supposed to fly to China soon to represent India at the Australian Open Playoff. But my visa was rejected without reason. Your urgent help would be much appreciated," Nagal wrote. After losing his place in top-100, Nagal cannot enter the top events like Grand Slams as direct entrant.

NEW DELHI

King's Baton unveiled by Mandaviya



Sports Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** reiterated the government's commitment to make India a top-five sporting nation in the world by 2047 as he unveiled the King's Baton for the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games at a colourful ceremony here on Tuesday. "Today India is organising world-class tournaments and winning medals also. We will grow further in sports and by 2036, India will be among the top-10 medal winners in the world. And by 2047, when the country will celebrate 100 years of independence the country will be among the top-five sporting nations," said Mandaviya. He said that the Relay embodies the values of harmony, perseverance, progress.

LAHORE

Firing outside Naseem's ancestral home



Unknown assailants fired at the gate of Pakistan pacer **Naseem Shah's** ancestral home in Lower Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but

Vihaan to lead India U-19 A squad in triangular series

Aaron George will lead India B U-19 side in the competition

NEW DELHI

Rising talent **Vihaan Malhotra** was on Tuesday named captain of the India U19 A squad for an upcoming triangular series also featuring India B and Afghanistan's U19 teams.

Hyderabad's Aaron George will lead the India B U19 side in the competition that will be held at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru, from November 17 to 30. Malhotra was handed captaincy, even as his two superstar teammates Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Ayush Mhatre remain occupied with other engagements. Wicketkeeper Abhigyan Kundu will be Malhotra's deputy in the three-nation tournament, while Vedant Trivedi has been named vice captain of the India U19 B squad.

Mhatre was not considered for selection as he is currently playing the Ranji Trophy, while Sooryavanshi was not considered as he is picked for the India A squad for the ACC Rising Stars Asia Cup.

All the three young players

Teams:

India U19 A Squad: Vihaan Malhotra (C), Abhigyan Kundu (VC & WK), Wafi Kachchhi, Vansh Acharya, Vineeth V.K, Lakshya Raichandani, A. Rapole (WK), Kanishk Chouhan, Khilan A Patel, Anmoljeet Singh, Mohamed Enaan, Henil Patel, Ashutosh Mahida, Aditya Rawat, Mohammed Malik.

India U19 B Squad: Aaron George (C), Vedant Trivedi (VC), Yuvraj Gohil, Maulayarajsinh Chavda, Rahul Kumar, Harvansh Singh (WK), Anvay David (WK), R.S. Ambrish, B.K. Kishore, Naman Pushpak, Hemchudeshan J, Udhav Mohan, Ishan Sood, D Deepesh, Rohit Kumar Das.

were part of the successful India U19 tour of Australia recently.



FIRST TEST | Yashasvi Jaiswal, Sai Sudharsan sweat it out ahead of the game

Gill spends long session at nets

KOLKATA

Transitioning from the shorter formats to the rigours of red-ball cricket takes time, and India captain Shubman Gill spent close to an hour and a half at the nets, fine-tuning his technique ahead of the opening Test against South Africa, starting here on Friday.

The Proteas arrive high on confidence, having fought out a hard-earned 1-1 draw in Pakistan last month under challenging conditions.

Gill, who struck a fifty and an unbeaten century in the two home Tests against the West Indies that India swept last month, has been searching for runs in white-ball cricket.

He managed just one score above fifty -- a 46 at Carrara Oval -- from eight innings across the ODIs and T20Is in Australia.

Back to leading the Test side, Gill batted with determination, keen to regain rhythm after a lean white-ball run.

Before the nets, head coach Gautam Gambhir and assistant coach Sitanshu Kotak were seen having a long chat with him near the High Court end, possibly discussing his approach.

Gill later joined his teammates for slip-fielding drills before padding up alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal for an intense net session.

Starting with spin, he faced Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar, playing mostly on the ground with occasional sweeps.

Moving to the pace nets, he faced Jasprit Bumrah for a few overs before Nitish Kumar Reddy and a few local club bowlers tested him with seam movement.

A support staff member then used a sidearm to deliver throwdowns from height, giving Gill extra bounce and



Indian players practice at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata ahead of the first Test. ANI

pace. After more than an hour in the side nets, he shifted to the central strip for another 30 minutes of throwdowns under the watchful eye of bowling coach Morne Morkel, who himself rolled his arm over generating sharp pace and bounce.

Fresh from scores of 67 and 156 for Rajasthan in the Ranji Trophy, Jaiswal also had a long stint at the central wicket, facing Morkel and throwdowns. The left-hander looked in fluent touch, driving and pulling with assurance.

Spotlight on Sai, No. 3

Another batter to spend significant time at the nets was Sai Sudharsan, the Tamil Nadu youngster who managed just 84 runs in two unofficial Tests for India A against South Africa A.

The team management continues to back him for the

SA high on confidence

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No. 3 slot, though he is yet to make it his own, with only a 61 against England in Manchester and 87 versus West Indies at home to show in Tests so far.

His India A teammates -- KL Rahul, Jurel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj -- skipped the optional practice joining the squad only a day earlier after a demanding A series in Bengaluru that concluded on Sunday.

But there was no such 'break' for Sai who batted with full intensity, facing pacers, spinners, and throwdowns at the centre strip. The number three position remains a talking point, especially with Dhruv Jurel in prolific form.

There's also speculation that Jurel could feature as a pure batter, with Rishabh Pant set to return to wicket-keeping duties after injury.

Jurel, who averages 47.77 in

Tests and notched his maiden ton against the West Indies, has been in red-hot first-class form -- three centuries in his last five matches, including twin hundreds in the second match against South Africa A.

Among pacers, only Bumrah turned up, keeping it light with spot bowling to two stumps for about 15 minutes, targeting the off stump.

In a relaxed mood, he also batted briefly and spent time interacting with teammates.

Bumrah had light strapping on his right knee but bowled under the supervision of Gambhir and Morkel.

Focus on pitch

After nearly three hours of training, the team's think tank -- Gambhir, Kotak, Morkel, and Gill -- gathered at the centre wicket for a long pitch inspection.

Distressed footballers issue joint statement on ISL pause

National players like Sunil Chhetri and Gurpreet Sandhu express anguish

NEW DELHI

India's distressed football players issued a joint statement on Tuesday pleading with the administrators to get the currently paused Indian Super League season underway, saying that their "anger and frustration" has turned into desperation now.

The plea came after the All India Football Federation last week said it did not receive any bids for the commercial rights of the ISL after the Request for Proposal (RFP) on October 16, inviting bids for a 15-year contract to monetise the league's commercial and media rights.

"Where we are right now is not a delay anymore, it's a standstill for the coaches, fans, staff members, and players. We have worked too hard, sacrificed too much to let our season vanish in silence," said star defender Sandesh Jhingan in a video posted on his social media handles.

"The entire Indian football ecosystem are hanging in uncertainty. Dreams are paused. Future being ques-

tioned. Every day we wait, Indian football bleeds. We need action and we need it now," he asserted.

Several national team footballers like Sunil Chhetri and Gurpreet Singh Sandhu shared a text statement expressing similar sentiments.

"We, professional footballers who play in the Indian Super League, are coming together to make a plea, and more importantly to send the message that we stand united in our efforts to get the Indian Super League season underway. To put it simply, we want to play, and now.

"Our anger, frustration and distress has been replaced by desperation. Desperation to play the game we love, in front of people who mean everything to us - our families, our fans," the statement read.

Chhetri also added on Instagram, "We are all standing shoulder to shoulder, willing to do whatever it takes to resurrect

The entire Indian football ecosystem are hanging in uncertainty. Dreams are paused. Future being questioned. Sandesh Jhingan star India defender



the sport we love." The statement urged the game's administrators to figure a way out of the current crisis which has prompted top clubs like Mohun Bagan to halt training.

"This is a plea to all those involved in running our sport in the country, to do whatever it takes to get the football season underway. India needs its competitive football now more than ever," it said.

"As for us, we remain committed, professional and ready to walk out of that tunnel and onto the pitch the moment we're told we can. All we ask of those running our beautiful game, to match our desperation with honest intent. We've found ourselves in a very dark tunnel for long. We could do with a little light," it added. The AIFF Bid Evaluation Committee, headed by (retired) Justice Nageswara Rao and appointed on the orders of the Supreme Court, will submit a report on the bid fiasco to the top court, which is monitoring the entire process. Among key features of the RFP were a waiver of franchisee fees for ISL clubs from 2025-26 season.

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Naishaa, Ved Bhoir claim U-19 titles at Bombay Gym

MUMBAI

Local favorite Naishaa Kaur Bhatoye and left-handed Ved Bhoir (Thane) underlined their class as they emerged champions in the under-19 singles events at the Yonex-Sunrise Bombay Gymkhana Maharashtra Junior Badminton Tournament which concluded on Sunday at the Bombay Gymkhana courts.

Seventeen-year-old Naishaa, representing the

host club who this season has been featuring steadily in the senior circuit also, hardly broke a sweat as she accounted for Mumbai Suburban's Yuvika Bajaj in emphatic manner 21-5, 21-11 in the girls singles under-19 finals, that lasted barely 20 minutes.

Having been hardly tested at any stage of the tournament, Naishaa with her all-court craft was in complete control of the proceedings right from the outset as she never allowed her opponent

to mount any meaningful challenge in this lopsided final encounter.

Things were however slightly different in the boys singles final -- a clash between two left-handers where Bhoir picked his level of play in the second game to get the better of Tanishq Kenjale (Satara) in this keenly contested match by the score line of 21-19, 21-13.

Kenjale who was playing well for a major part of the first game had clear openings to gain the upper hand.

FINAL RESULTS:

Girls Singles U-17: Prisha Shah beat Khushi Pahwa 21-17, 17-21, 21-13
Boys Singles U-17: Eashwara Uppu beat Anay Pingulkar 21-14, 19-21, 21-15
Girls Singles U-19: Naishaa Kaur Bhatoye beat Yuvika Bajaj 21-5, 21-11
Boys Singles U-19: Ved Bhoir beat Tanishq Kenjale 21-19, 21-13
Girls Doubles U-17: Prisha Shah & Saisha Naik beat Dhun Sanghvi & Yuvika Bajaj 21-15, 15-21, 21-

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Boys Doubles U-17: Mayuresh Sonawane & Rishabh Gangwani beat Aditya Padwal & Aryan Nair 21-12, 21-11
Boys Doubles U-19: Rishabh Gangwani & Tanishq Kenjale beat Ananya Deshmukh & Mukkesh Yadav 22-20, 21-12
Mixed Doubles U-17: Aryan Pednekar & Gargi Dabholkar beat Vaibhav Pardeshi & Purwa Patil 21-6, 21-19.

