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'Even Trump doesn't know ... ': Army chief flags fog of 'clueless' future

NEW DELHI: Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday addressed a gathering in his hometown Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, where he reflected on Operation Sindoor, spoke about the future of warfare, and even took a dig at US President Donald Trump over his unpredictable statements and recent claims about mediating peace between India and Pakistan. Speaking at an event at TRS College, General Dwivedi highlighted the uncertainty and complexity of emerging global challenges. He said, "... Future challenges are coming. They're instability, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity... You and I are completely clueless about what the future holds." "Even Trump Doesn't Know...": Army Chief on Rapidly Evolving Security Challenges He then added, "What is Trump doing today? I think even Trump doesn't know what he is going to do tomorrow. Challenges are coming so quickly that by the time you try to grasp an old challenge, a new one emerges, and the same security challenges our military faces. Whether it's on the border, terrorism, natural disasters, or cyber warfare. The new things that have started: space warfare.

Teacher caned kids for discipline, not to harm, says HC; quashes case

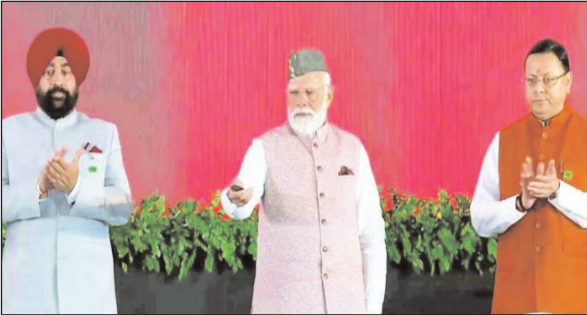
KOCHI: Kerala high court has set aside a criminal case against a Palakkad school-teacher who caned three class 5 students for fighting, ruling that he acted within his authority to maintain classroom discipline. Justice C Pratheep Kumar, delivering the order on Oct 16, said the teacher's actions were aimed at correcting the students and helping them grow into responsible citizens, not at causing harm. The case had been registered by Vadakkencherry police after parents complained that the teacher struck their children on the legs during class at 10am on Sept 16.

Uttarakhand has the potential to become the spiritual capital: Modi

Modi participated in the silver jubilee celebrations

Dehradun

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the silver jubilee celebrations of the formation of the state of Uttarakhand in Dehradun on Sunday. On this occasion, the Prime Minister said that today Uttarakhand has completely transformed and is on the path of development. The state has the potential to become the spiritual capital of the world. The Prime Minister also released a commemorative postage stamp on this occasion. During the event, the Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth



over ₹8,140 crore. These projects cover several key sectors, including drinking water, irrigation, technical education, energy, urban development, sports, and skill development. Targeting Uttarakhand's economy, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to develop year-round tourism. He also said that Uttarakhand's true strength lies in spirituality. If Uttarakhand sets its mind to it, it

can establish itself as the spiritual capital of the world. The Prime Minister advocated for "vocal for local" and called for focusing on developing Uttarakhand as a wedding venue in the country. He said that the state government could develop four to five such venues. To promote tourism, the Prime Minister advised integrating yoga, spirituality, and healthcare. Referring to the state's

25-year journey, the Prime Minister said the state's double-engine government is working for the betterment of the people. The PM said, "Where there's a will, there's a way." If we know our goal, we will surely move forward. Uttarakhand has proven this. The demand for Ayurvedic herbs has increased here. Yoga centers, homestays, and a complete package should be built in every Vidhan Sabha. Prime Minister Narendra Modi repeatedly spoke in Garhwal during his address. He said that projects related to education, health, tourism, and sports will advance the development journey here.

AQI close to 'severe', 2nd worst air day of season



NEW DELHI: The capital's air quality continued to deteriorate for the fourth day running, with the city's average AQI inching closer to 'severe' levels on Sunday. The day's average air quality index was recorded at 370, in the upper range of 'very poor', the second worst of the season so far after October 30, when the index was at 373. Delhi woke up to another morning of toxic smog but, just as on the previous day, winds picked up towards late afternoon, providing

some relief. The average AQI at 8 am Sunday was 391, close to the 'severe' range that starts from 401. By 11 am, the air remained just as bad, with the AQI at 389. The day's official 24-hour average is taken at 4 pm, when the air had improved a bit. The share of pollutants from farm fires in Punjab and Haryana on Delhi's PM2.5 levels continues to be low, with the figure dipping to nearly 5% from 8% on Saturday. "The wind speed reached 14-15 kmph in the afternoon.

India hopes China moves to fulfil rare earth promise

The Kailash pilgrimage has resumed since, and tourist visas are being granted to Chinese nationals. However, India is hoping China will move with alacrity on its promise to address India's need for fertilisers, rare earth items and tunnel boring machines. At their



meeting in Tianjin in Aug, Modi and Xi had

underlined the need to proceed from a politi-

cal and strategic direction to expand bilateral trade and investment ties and reduce the trade deficit. There's an opportunity for the leaders to meet again on the margins of the G20 summit in South Africa later this month, though it's not clear if Xi will attend the event.

Doctor with arms from Pakistan held for plotting ricin terror attack

AHMEDABAD: A 35-year-old Hyderabad doctor arrested in Gujarat with drone-smuggled weapons from Pakistan and materials to produce the deadly toxin ricin was identified Sunday as the central figure in an IS-sponsored terrorist plot to strike multiple Indian cities.

Two other suspects in the conspiracy, a tailor from Uttar Pradesh's Shamli and a student from Lakhimpur Kheri, were traced to Banaskantha. Pakistan Using Drones To Smuggle Arms Into India, Punjab Police Busts Network, Recover Huge Cache Gujarat Police's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) caught Ahmed Mohiyuddin Saiyed on



Nov 8 with two Glock pistols, a Beretta, 30 live cartridges and 4 kg of castor-bean mash, from which ricin is extracted. He was on the move when investigators intercepted his silver hatchback at Adalaj toll plaza on Ahmedabad-Mehsana Road. Saiyed's call records led to the arrest of UP natives Azad Suleman Sheikh, 20, and Mohammad Suhail Mohammad Saleem Khan, 23. Both had been allegedly supplying firearms and cartridges to the doctor,

who has an MBBS from China, officials said. Ricin is a highly toxic poison derived from castor beans after the oil has been extracted. The substance has no known antidote if ingested, inhaled or injected. Castor oil, which is used for skin-care and in various commercial products, does not contain the toxin. ATS officers said Saiyed had been in contact with Abu Khadija, an Afghanistan-based operative linked to Islamic State-Khorasan Province.

How dairy duped Tirupati trust for 5 years with 68 lakh kg fake ghee

TIRUPATI: The dairy in Uttarakhand never procured a drop of milk or butter from anywhere, yet managed to supply 68 lakh kg of ghee worth Rs 250 crore to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), which runs the famous Tirupati temple in Andhra Pradesh, between 2019 and 2024, the CBI probe into the



laddu ghee adulteration has revealed. The CBI-led special investigation team (SIT) gathered these shocking details

following the arrest of accused Ajay Kumar Sugandh, who supplied various chemicals like monodiglycerides and

acetic acid ester to Bhole Baba Organic dairy, contracted by the TTD to supply ghee to be used in the preparation of laddu prasadam. The SIT made these revelations in its remand report submitted to a Nellore court. The dairy is run by its promoters Pomil Jain and Vipin Jain at Bhagawanpur in

Uttarakhand. According to CBI, the promoters set up a fake desi ghee manufacturing unit and forged milk procurement and payment records. While Bhole Baba dairy got disqualified and blacklisted in 2022, they continued to supply spurious ghee to the TTD by successfully bidding for contracts through other dairies.

Like always': Congress 'outrightly' distances itself from Tharoor's praise for Advani

NEW DELHI: Congress on Sunday "outrightly" distanced itself from Shashi Tharoor's remarks displaying a soft corner for the ruling party, praising veteran BJP leader L K Advani, saying "like always" the Thiruvananthapuram MP speaks for himself and the fact that he continues to do so reflects the party's "democratic and liberal spirit." Congress' media and publicity department



head Pawan Khara took to X stating, "Like always, Dr Shashi Tharoor speaks for himself and the Indian National Congress outrightly dissociates itself from his most recent statement." He added that Tharoor's contin-

ued freedom to voice his opinions "reflects the essential democratic and liberal spirit unique to INC." The row began after Tharoor extended birthday wishes to Advani on Saturday. Responding to the backlash that followed, Tharoor defended the BJP leader's decades of public service, saying it would be "unfair" to reduce his long career to one episode, "however significant."

UP cops begin crackdown on loudspeakers

LUCKNOW: To curb noise pollution, police launched a three-day drive in UP Sunday to remove or regulate over 1,400 loudspeakers from religious and public places, reports Pathikrit Chakraborty. The campaign, initiated under the supervision of additional director general (law and order) Amitabh Yash, was launched after reports indicated widespread violations of prescribed noise limits.

Rainmakers: Decoding the hope and hype of cloud seeding

NEW DELHI: In Hindu mythology, mortals prayed and performed elaborate rituals to please Indra, the god of rain. Legend has it that musician Tansen's melodious voice could summon showers from cloudless skies. Ordinary mortals, however, have neither the Ashvamedha yagna nor Tansen's tenor. In modern India, a new kind of rainmaker relies on science, not song to coax moisture from the sky. While Dilliwalas' hopes of a downpour may have dried up after this



week's failed experiment, this handful of rainmakers remain convinced that the science of cloud seeding works - when used the right way. Cloud seeding is an 80-year-old technique of weather modification that involves dispersing particles like silver iodide or calcium chloride into moisture-

bearing clouds to stimulate rainfall. Research has shown that it can enhance rain by 18-46% and help prevent drought, water scarcity and related problems. It has been used with varying degrees of success across the world, particularly in China and the US. In India, the Indian Institute of

Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, has conducted cloud seeding experiments and research since the 1970s, but it was only in 2003 that states began on-ground experiments in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for rain enhancement. This is the first time cloud seeding has been used to tackle pollution. Bengaluru-based Agni Aero Sports Adventure Academy has worked with Maharashtra, Andhra and Rajasthan.

'Like Nehru, Indira': Shashi defends Advani's legacy; argues 'don't reduce career to one episode'

NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader and MP Shashi Tharoor has once again appeared to display a soft corner for the ruling BJP, this time praising its veteran leader and former deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani.

Tharoor not only lauded Advani's decades of public service but also defended his political legacy, drawing a parallel between him and former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi. He said that just as Nehru

should not be judged solely by the "China setback" and Indira Gandhi not only by the Emergency, the same fairness should be extended to one of the BJP's founding members."Reducing his long years of service to one

episode, however significant, is also unfair. The totality of Nehruji's career cannot be judged by the China setback, nor Indira Gandhi's by the Emergency alone. I believe we should extend the same courtesy to Advaniji,"

Tharoor wrote on X. His remarks came as he wished Advani on his 98th birthday on November 8, praising his "unwavering commitment to public service, modesty and decency," and calling him "a true statesman."

Women's World Cup: Rawal, Smriti centuries fire India into semifinals

Navi Mumbai: Dishing out a clinical brand of cricket when it mattered the most, India outplayed New Zealand by 53 runs (via DLS method) to

make it into the semi-finals of the 2025 Women's World Cup as the fourth team at the DY Patil Stadium on Thursday night. The prolific opening

pair of Smriti Mandhana (109 off 95 balls) and Pratika Rawal (122 off 134 balls) slammed scintillating hundreds, while returning to the XI.

Bharat Ratna Vallabhbhai Patel was the messiah of the poor: Shanti Prakash

Mauaima. Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was the messiah of the poor, also known as the Iron Man. Senior social worker Shanti Prakash Patel made these remarks at a program held in Chhata Kanchanpur village of Mauaima on Sunday. On this occasion, he garlanded Sardar Patel's portrait and said that everyone should follow the path shown by Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the symbol of India's unity and integrity, the architect of modern India, a great freedom fighter, and India's first Home Minister. Present on the occasion were Aaship Patel, Sabha Lal Patel, Ram Abhilash Patel, Ram Prasad Patel, Ram Kailash Patel, Naveen Patel, Patti Devi, Manoj Gautam, and others.

RIL makes record profit amid oil decline

Delhi : India's most valuable company, Reliance Industries Ltd., surpassed predictions to register a strong increase in revenue and profit for the April-June quarter, driven by better telecoms and retail profitability despite crude-based difficulties. Profits from its Asian Paints disposal also boosted the bottom line. According to an investor presentation, Reliance's new energy business's production plants—which will drive its growth over the next decade—are being commissioned quickly. The new energy business would create solar modules, generate clean electricity from them, use electrons to run data centres.

Under the Chief Minister Mass Marriage Scheme, an event will be held at the District Sports Stadium on November 2nd

Hathas

In order to ensure the successful completion of the proposed mass marriage and tricycle distribution program in Hathras, District Magistrate Atul Vats, along with Superintendent of Police Chiranjeev Nath Sinha, inspected the venue and reviewed the preparations. The District Magistrate reviewed the entire program through the layout plan. He directed that ID cards be issued to ensure the identification of officers and employees deployed block-wise for the program and a dress code be established. He also directed that a health department team be deployed, proper fire



safety arrangements and adequate police force be ensured during the program to avoid any security or traffic inconvenience. He directed the contractor to promptly complete the remaining work, including lighting, sound and other necessary arrangements, in a timely manner. He also urged that traffic

arrangements be strengthened to ensure that people attending the event do not face any inconvenience. On this occasion, Chief Development Officer PN Dixit informed that block-wise seating arrangements have been made for all the couples participating in the mass marriage program and all necessary

arrangements have been ensured for each couple. During the inspection, Project Director, Additional Superintendent of Police, Fire Officer, Social Welfare Officer, District Sports Officer, Executive Engineer Public Works Department and other concerned officers were present.

The Gopa Ashtami program was celebrated under the auspices of the Brahmavarta Navjeevan Seva Samiti and the Vishwa Hindu Mahasangh organization

Kanpur

The Gopa Ashtami program was celebrated at the Brahmavarta Ghat in the Brahmavarta Tirtha Bithoor Dham under the auspices of the Brahmavarta Navjeevan Seva Samiti and the Vishwa Hindu Mahasangh organization. In which Ganga Ji was worshipped by offering milk, fruits, sweets and flowers and Ganga Mata's Aarti was performed. After that, cow was worshipped by feeding jaggery and grass to mother cow and a pledge was taken on the stage to make mother cow the mother of the nation. Mainly Mahant Jitendra Das of Panki Dham expressed his views in favor of declaring mother cow as the mother of the nation. Ashutosh Dwivedi, Secretary of Brahma Vrat Navjeevan Seva Samiti, gave the slogan of Har-Har Gai, Ghar-Ghar Gai. State President of Vishwa Hindu Mahasangh, Bhikhari Prajapati appealed that mother cow should reside in every house. Adi



saints gave their intellectual views for cow protection. Mainly, Vishwa Hindu Mahasangh Uttar Pradesh State President Bhikhari Prajapati, State President of Sanatan Raksha Vahini Cell and National Festival Dimension Head (Ganga Samagra) Swami Harinarayan Maharaj, State President of Medical Cell Dr. Hemant Mohan, State General Secretary of Medical Cell Dr. Aarti Mohan, State General Secretary of Print Media Cell Praveen Singh Chandel, Ganga Sabha President Shivuddin Dwivedi, People like Ashutosh Dwivedi, Manojanand Maharaj, Jaya Shukla, Bindu Singh, Mahadev Baba, Pushkar Shukla etc. were present.

Awareness program on new criminal laws

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Under Mission Shakti Phase 5.0, Mission Shakti team Sub Inspector Babulal Vishwakarma, Lady Sub Inspector Asha Verma, Lady Constable Deepika Trivedi, Lady Constable Swati Tiwari, Lady Constable Roshni Devi, in places like Kasba Kaiserganj Bazaar, Hanuman Mandir Tiraha, Bus Stop, Ramadevi Public School Pavana Road, Osmania



International School Madani Inter College, Sardar Patel Inter College Kaiserganj all the banks falling under Thana Kaiserganj in accordance with the orders and instructions given by the higher officials to the girls

and women of Kotwali Kaiserganj Police Station and keeping in view the public welfare schemes run by the Uttar Pradesh Government and the problems of the girls, informed them about the crimes against women and new

criminal laws, fast track court, zero FIR, e-FIR, provisions for women and child protection, time bound justice and toll free numbers 1090, 1098, 1076, 112, 181, 108 for complaints of crimes related to women and toll free numbers for complaints of cyber related crimes. Information about 1930 was given and counseling was done on the women related applications received at the police station.

Angered by not getting honorarium, Asha Bahus protested



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Protested at the Community Health Center. It was told that ASHA workers are facing financial crisis due to non-payment of honorarium for four months. Vaccine work has been stopped by all the farmers. The Asha Bahus sitting on the dharna said that they work day and night for health services in the villages and despite

providing support at the time of delivery, vaccination and participating in public awareness campaigns, they are not getting their honorarium on time. Due to this, it has become difficult to maintain the family. The workers involved in the protest demanded immediate payment of honorarium from the health department and administration. They were warned that if payment

was not made immediately, they would be forced to carry forward the agitation. On receiving the information, the CHC in-charge reached the protest site and assured that the pending payment process would be completed soon. At present Pushpa Verma Sarita Srivastava Archan Sonu Sharma Pinky Devi Usha Devi Asha Bahus said that they will continue the protest until the amount is not received.

Katarniaghat Wildlife Division's tourism season inaugurated

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The 2025-26 tourism season was inaugurated with great pomp at the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary. Chief Guest, Member of Parliament Dr. Anand Kumar Gond, along with special guest MLA Balha Saroj Sonkar, Divisional Forest Officer Katarniaghat Suraj and other guests and officials,



inaugurated the 2025-26 tourism season by cutting the ribbon at the Nature

Interpretation Center, Gharial Center, in the Katarniaghat Range, after performing a ritualistic

havan (fire ritual) at the main entrance of the boat ghat. He also flagged off tourists on a gypsy safari for a jungle tour. The special feature of the inauguration of the tourism season was that on the tragic boat accident that took place in the Kaudiyaala river last Wednesday, in which one woman of Bharthapur village situat-

ed in the heart of Katarniaghat died and 8 people went missing, MP Dr. Anand Kumar Gond and MLA Saroj Sonkar expressed deep sorrow and along with the guests, officers, employees, media friends, members of NGO, tourists and nature lovers present, collectively observed a two-minute silence for the peace of the soul of the deceased.

MP and MLA visited village Bharthapur. Food kits distributed to villagers, consoled by meeting affected families

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MP Bahraich Dr. Anand Kumar Gond, along with MLA Balha Saroj Sonkar, Area Panchayat Chief Mihinpurwa Saurabh Verma and other dignitaries and elite people, reached village Bharthapur under Tehsil Mihinpurwa on Wednesday and met the families affected in the boat accident that took place late evening and expressed condolences and said that the affected families will be provided all possible assistance as permitted by the



government. The MP and MLA received information about the activities conducted for the rescue of people missing in the heart-wrenching boat accident and gave necessary instructions to the concerned officials. MP Dr. Gond directed the tehsil administration to

provide all possible assistance permitted by the government to the affected families. During the visit to the village, the MP, MLA and Area Panchayat Chief along with Deputy District Magistrate Ram Dayal also distributed food grains kits to the villagers.

Irish education minister invites Indians for education

NEW DELHI: James Lawless, Ireland's Education Minister, on Monday said his country is "very welcoming" for students and has a supportive post-study employment visa arrangement. "Ireland is a very welcoming country. We have a very cosmopolitan culture. We have many nationalities now in Ireland, and many people have made their home, including many, many Indians," the Irish minister said.

Our legislatures are institutions that embody trust and symbolize the faith and trust of the people: Lok Sabha Speaker

Raipur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the new building of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly in Raipur, marking a significant milestone in the state democratic journey. The inauguration ceremony for this new building was held on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the state formation. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla attended the ceremony and congratulated the people of Chhattisgarh. He said that legislatures are institutions that embody trust and symbolize the faith and aspirations of citizens. He further said that the quality of discussions and deliberations held in



these institutions determines the strength of democracy and the success of governance. Birla expressed confidence that the new Assembly building will promote inclusive development and good governance in the state and contribute to realizing the vision of a self-reliant India and a developed India. He also emphasized that the inaugura-

tion of the new building reflects the Central Government commitment to strengthening democratic institutions across the country. The new Assembly complex is designed in accordance with modern architecture and is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including advanced digital infrastructure. Birla said that this will

provide MLA with an opportunity to fulfill the aspirations of the people and contribute more effectively to policy-making and public welfare. Birla praised the Chhattisgarh Assembly for maintaining high traditions of dignity, dialogue and democratic conduct. He expressed hope that the new building will further strengthen these traditions and become a vibrant center of democratic ideals, inspiring public representatives to work with dedication. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Speaker of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Dr. Raman Singh, Members of Parliament, Ministers, MLA, and other dignitaries were present.

Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas held in tehsils. Out of 183 applications received, 18 were resolved on the spot

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As part of the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas, which are held on the first and third Saturdays of every month to promptly resolve public issues, Superintendent of Police Ram Nayan Singh, Chief Development Officer Mukesh Chandra, Sub-District Magistrate Monalisa Jahari, District Development Officer Raj Kumar, and other officials attended the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas held in Tehsil Nanpara. Superintendent of Police Ram Nayan Singh, Chief



Development Officer Mukesh Chandra, Sub-District Magistrate Monalisa Jahari, District Development Officer Raj Kumar and other officials listened to the complaints of

the complainants with serious attention and directed the concerned officials to ensure timely and quality resolution. Of the 61 applications received during the

Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas, three were resolved on the spot. On this occasion, the CMO, along with the SDM also performed the baby showers for pregnant women and Annaprashan

(food offerings) for children. Similarly, in the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas organized in Tehsil Sadar Bahraich, 18 out of 19 applications received, 2 each in Mihipurwa (Motipur), 63 out of 63 in Payagpur and 5 each in Kaiserganj against 22 received and 1 out of 5 applications received in Tehsil Mahsi were disposed of on the spot. On this occasion, PD DRDA Manish Kumar, District Agriculture Officer Dr. Subedar Yadav, AR Cooperative Sanjeev Tiwari, District Program Officer .

SEKHON HALF MARATHON 2025 IN AGRA

Mathura

The First Edition of Sekhon Indian Air Force Marathon (Half Marathon) is planned on 02 Nov 2025. The main event will be flagged off from Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. It will be simultaneously conducted at 60 Air Force stations, including Agra across the country. This is the first edition Sekhon Marathon in honour of the IAF officer, Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon who was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India highest wartime military decoration, for his valour during the Indo-Pak War

1971. The Marathon in Agra will start from Air Force Station Agra under the planning and supervision of Air Commodore SK Gupta Vayusena Medal, AOC Air Force Station Agra. The run will be in three categories - 21km, 10km and 5km. The run will be covering following areas- Pratap Pura Circle- Commissioner Officer (Circuit Houses) - Taj Metro Station - Shahjahan Park-Jhalkari Bai Statue 1 Roundal (U-turn) - Jhalkari Bai Statue Agra Fort Karriappa Road-Mall Road - Pratap Pura Circle - Idgah Circle. More than 2200 participants have

registered for the Marathon. Civil Administration under the District collector Arvind and Police deputed under Sonam Kumar IPS DCP Traffic is extending all help to Chief Coordinator Gp Capt Mohit Srivastav of IAF. This event not only celebrates physical endurance but shall also be a tribute to Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon, who fought six enemy fighter jets during the 1971 war, shot two, damaged a third and forced two to retreat. He was awarded Param Vir Chakra posthumously for his exceptional courage during the 1971 war.

Love and relationships were shamed, as parents took their own daughter's life

Police recovered a blood-stained knife. Borders of relationships were broken in the name of saving honor

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Prayagraj. An incident that occurred in Kanti village, under the Ghurpur police station area, has shocked the entire district. A couple slit the throat of their own 15-year-old daughter and killed her. The motive for the murder is said to be fear of public shame and infamy. On Sunday, a joint team of Ghurpur police, the Special Operations Group (SOG), and the Surveillance Cell solved this sensational crime and arrested the accused father, Rameshchandra Sonkar, and mother, Santosh Devi, residents of Kanti village.

Based on their identification, the blood-stained knife used in the crime was also recovered. The incident occurred on the night of November 5th. The next morning, villagers discovered the body of a teenage girl in



the bushes inside a field boundary, with deep wounds on her neck. The police, who arrived on the scene, inspected the scene and called in the forensic team and dog squad. The dog squad took a direct

route from the crime scene and headed towards the girl's home, hovering there. This led the police to suspect that the murder was committed by the family members. During the initial interrogation, the



father, Ramesh, tried to mislead the police. He said that his daughter had left the house at 5:30 and had not returned. He pretended to cry and search for her. However, the postmortem report exposed his lies.

According to the report, the death had occurred at night, approximately 16 hours earlier. Partially digested rice was found in the girl's stomach, indicating that the murder had occurred immediately after eating. After this, the police interrogated Ramesh rigorously, and the truth came out. Ramesh and his wife, Santosh Devi, admitted that they had murdered their daughter. They said they were angry with her for interacting with some boys in the village. They explained that they had tried to reason

with her and scolded her several times, but she would not listen. "We were afraid it would bring shame to the village," Ramesh confessed. DCP Yamunanagar Vivek Chandra Yadav stated that during interrogation, the couple revealed that they had mixed sleeping pills into their daughter Sarita's food on Wednesday night, rendering her unconscious. Then, at around 12 midnight, they took her to the bushes along the boundary wall, about a hundred meters from their home, and slit her throat with a knife. Sarita's parents remained unmoved as she writhed in agony. The next day, they staged a fake search for their daughter to avoid suspicion. Accused Ramesh, brandishing the recovered knife, declared, "This is the knife I used to kill my daughter." Hearing this, even the policemen present at the scene were stunned. With the help of forensic investigation and surveillance, the police gathered solid evidence and arrested both men on Sunday. Both accused have been sent to jail. The SOG and Surveillance Cell teams played a significant role in this operation, led by Ghurpur Police Station in-charge Dinesh Singh.

We will become the makers of India's destiny through the Culture and Heritage Club: Justice Sudhir Narayan

Akhand Bharat Message



Prayagraj. We will become the makers of India's destiny through the Culture and Heritage Club. It may have been late to preserve our heritage, but now, through this club, every school will discuss culture and heritage, and shape India's destiny makers and moral citizens. Justice Sudhir Narayan said this today at the inauguration of the district's Culture and Heritage Club at the Government Inter College. The Prayagraj Vidwat Parishad and Bharat Bhagya Vidhata have initiated the process of building India's destiny through heritage and culture by forming Culture and Heritage Clubs in all the district's schools. On this occasion, former Chairman of the Public Service Commission and former Vice Chancellor Professor K.B. Pandey said that great expectations are placed on the Principals and teachers in Prayagraj.

Prayagraj was a place that gave direction to the country, a city of spiritual science, and it was here that the airplane was invented. We have to restore our glory, and all of you teachers have an important role to play in this. On

this occasion, District School Inspector P K Singh said that it is the responsibility of us teachers to inculcate in children who are like raw clay, strong patriotism and to make them moral citizens. Convener Virendra Pathak said that a culture and heritage club will be formed in the school in the name of patriotic great men. The feeling of patriotism has to be instilled in them by listening to the freedom stories of martyrs and discussing with them. Principal representatives of Inter College of Prayagraj were present on this occasion. The program was conducted by Dr. Prabhakar Tripathi. A question and answer session was also held in the program. Dr. Morarji Tripathi also expressed his views in this. Dr. Shrawan Mishra, Shashikant Mishra, Sunita ji etc. were also present.

Elderly cyclist crushed to death by vehicle



The driver fled the scene after the accident. Police completed the necessary paperwork and sent the body for post-mortem examination

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Kaushambi. A 62-year-old cyclist, Chhedilal, was seriously injured after being hit by a vehicle near the Nanamai turn in the Kokhraj police station area on Sunday afternoon. Following the accident, bystanders rushed to the scene, informed the police, and the injured man was admitted to the hospital for treatment. The elderly man died in the hospital during treatment. The news of his death has caused a shock in the family.

According to reports, Chhedilal, a 62-year-old resident of Ganpa Maheshpur in the

Kokhraj police station area, was on his way to Kalyanpur market on a bicycle around 3 pm on Sunday. As he approached the Nanamai turn, a speeding vehicle coming from behind on the highway struck his bicycle, causing the elderly man to fall to the ground, bleeding profusely. Upon receiving information from passersby, the Shahjapur outpost police arrived and transported the injured man to the hospital in an ambulance. He died in the hospital during treatment.

The driver fled the scene after the accident. Police completed the necessary paperwork and sent the body for post-mortem examination and have launched a search for the unknown driver. Upon learning of the incident, the family was devastated.

District Magistrate holds meeting with trainee officers

District-level officers share information about their department-related schemes with the trainee

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Prayagraj. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma and Chief Development Officer Harshika Singh held a meeting with 12 trainee officers from the Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, in the Sangam auditorium on Sunday. All district-level offi-



cers shared information about their department-related schemes. The trainee officers will conduct field studies in various areas of the district's development blocks Koraon and Baharia, as well as the Nagar Panchayat Phulpur and Nagar

Panchayat Koraon. The trainee officers will also visit slum areas and a solid liquid waste management plant. Present at the meeting were the District Development Officer, Deputy Commissioner for Self-Employment, Deputy Commissioner

for Labor and Employment, District Economics and Statistics Officer, District Panchayat Raj Officer, District Basic Education Officer, Project Officer DUDA, Deputy Director of Agriculture, and other officials.

Husband and father-in-law arrested for murdering married woman

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Kaushambi: A married woman was murdered by her in-laws on Friday night in the Sarai Akil police station area. After registering a case, the police arrested the woman's husband and father-in-law and presented them in court, from where they were sent to jail. It is reported that Deepa Yadav,



approximately 26 years old, daughter of Umashankar Yadav, a resident of Imli village, was married two and a half years ago in May

2023 to Sahil Yadav, son of Ram Singh, a resident of Kataini village under the Beniram Katra police station in the same police station

area. The married woman was harassed for dowry. The matter reached the police, but the police pressured the woman to not take action against her in-laws and sent her to her in-laws' house, where she was murdered. Under the direction of Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kumar, a police team led by Sarai Akil Police Station in-charge Inspector Veer

Pratap Singh Chauhan arrested two wanted accused in the dowry murder case and presented them in court within just 24 hours of the incident. Taking cognizance of the serious incident, Sarai Akil police station has taken action against the accused. A case was registered under FIR No. 302/25, Sections 80(2)/85 of the BNS Act and 3/4 of the DP Act.

The police team subsequently arrested two accused, Rajkumar alias Shahil Yadav, son of Ram Singh, and Ram Singh Yadav, son of the late Ganeshilal, from Kataini village, Beniram Katra.

According to the police, both were wanted in a dowry murder case. They were arrested, completed the necessary legal procedures, and then sent to court.

The program began with garlands being placed on the portraits of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

BJP's Assembly Workshop on SIR Held

Jhansi

On Sunday, a BJP Assembly Workshop on voter intensive revision was held at a guest house in Andawa. Kashi region vice president Amar Nath Yadav was the chief guest, and Phulpur MLA Deepak Patel was the special guest. The program began with garlands being placed on the portraits of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and Shyama Prasad



Mukherjee. Addressing the program, chief guest Amar Nath Yadav said that SIR was imple-

mented by the Election Commission, not the government. This is not a new rule; it is listed in the

Election Commission's rules. The opposition constantly accuses the Election Commission and spreads confusion among the people. SIR was implemented before the Bihar Assembly elections, but no genuine voter's name was removed from the list; only the names of fake voters were removed. MLA Deepak Patel said that more than us, our opponents have already told us about SIR. India is a demo-

cratic country, in democracy the most important role is of the voters. Due to lack of awareness, people's names were being deleted from the voter list, hence taking it seriously, the Central Government implemented SIR. The aim of the world's largest party BJP is not just power but nationalism. On this occasion, mainly, Coordinator District Vice President Anirudh Singh Patel, Kiran Triveni, Ashish

Kesarwani, Jeet Lal Tripathi, Satya Tiwari, Arun Mishra Pintu leader media in-charge Umesh Tiwari, Kashi Nath Dubey, Atmadhar Dubey Mandal President Rohit Nishad, Kapil Patel, Tarun Tripathi, Pawan Shukla, Bhupendra Pandey, Pushpa Patel Guddu Raj, Aditya Tripathi etc. were present. The program was conducted by District General Secretary Manoj Nishad.

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Kaushambi, Karari On November 7th, Durga Prasad, a resident of Mohalla Netanagar, town, Karari police station, was murdered by his two sons, who also fatally attacked their brother, Gyan Singh. FIR No. 364/25, under sections 105/115(2)/352/351(3) BNS, was registered at Karari police station. The Superintendent of Police directed the Karari police station to arrest the accused immediately. During the investigation, on November 9, 2025, the Karari police team arrested two wanted accused, Vimlesh Kumar

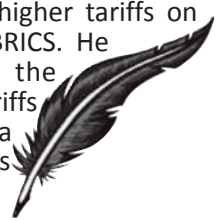


and Virendra Kumar, sons of Durga Prasad, residents of Netanagar, town, Karari police station, who were involved in the murder of their father. Based on the accused's information, two wooden sticks, the murder weapon, were recovered. After legal proceedings, the accused were sent to court.

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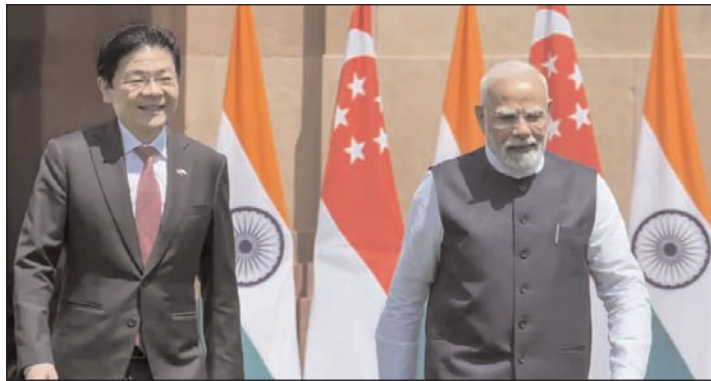
India uses BRICS to push reforms—not to challenge the US

The latest edition of the BRICS Summit was significant because all 10 member countries participated. It included Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the UAE, which attended as member states for the first time at the 2024 summit in Russia, and Indonesia, which joined in early 2025 as the first Southeast Asian country in the bloc. With its expansion, the group is now known as BRICS Plus—a term first used at the 2024 summit. Although forming groups of countries to promote cooperation is common globally, BRICS is more than a conventional grouping. It is a group of countries challenging the clout of the developed powers, particularly the US and European nations. In 2010, the first five members—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—constituted 18 per cent of the global GDP. Their collective share has risen to 26.5 percent in 2025. These nations are now challenging the hegemony of the West. Calls for de-dollarisation—reducing reliance on the US dollar in trade and finance—are becoming prominent, posing a threat to America's financial and geopolitical dominance. It gives China and Russia (and India too) a louder voice on the world stage. It fuels global economic realignment away from the dollar and Western institutions, pointing to a multipolar world order—something that US President Donald Trump doesn't support. The recent expansion of BRICS, with five new members joining, has increased the worries of the West, particularly the US. And without mincing words, Trump has started expressing his unhappiness over the developments happening in BRICS. Here are the key reasons why Trump opposes BRICS: The primary reason is that both the original members (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and new entrants like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Iran, and Ethiopia are openly discussing reducing reliance on the US dollar in trade and finance. Trump's long-standing "America First" stance makes any move away from the dollar a direct challenge to U.S. economic influence and its ability to enforce sanctions. The second point that irks Trump is BRICS' geopolitical opposition to the West. BRICS increasingly positions itself as a counterweight to Western institutions like the G7, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank. The deepening ties between China and Russia within BRICS are seen as part of a broader anti-Western alignment. Third, Trump has consistently taken a hardline stance on China, through trade wars, tariffs, tech and investment restrictions, etc. BRICS giving China a leadership platform to challenge the US on the global stage agitates him. He views BRICS as a vehicle for China's global expansion under the guise of multipolarity. Fourth, the inclusion of Saudi Arabia and Iran gives BRICS influence over global energy markets. There is growing potential for oil trade to be conducted in non-dollar currencies (e.g., yuan or BRICS currency), which would weaken the petrodollar system—a critical pillar of US global economic power. Fifth, Trump perceives BRICS expansion as a sign that the 'Global South' is drifting away from Western influence, forming its own independent bloc. This runs contrary to Trump's vision of negotiating "from strength," where US dominance is unquestioned. Sixth, Trump views global influence in zero-sum terms. Any rise of a non-Western grouping that excludes the US is seen as a personal and national affront. BRICS summits that propose alternative visions for world order without US involvement are perceived as a threat to 'American prestige'—something Trump values highly. He has threatened to impose higher tariffs on countries siding with the BRICS. He has already announced the imposition of 50 per cent tariffs on Brazil. Although India is a member of BRICS, its approach is more nuanced.



CSP with a specific focus on trade and economy, technology and innovation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on his fourth visit to the UK. He will hold wide-ranging discussions with PM Keir Starmer on the entire gamut of India-UK bilateral relations, and exchange views on issues of regional and global importance. He is also expected to call on King Charles III. During the visit, the two sides will also review the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) with a specific focus on trade and economy, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate, health, education, and people-to-people ties. Following the UK's exit from the European Union, economic and trade relations between the two countries acquired a new salience. India-UK bilateral trade set a new record when it crossed \$55 billion (£42.6 billion) in 2024, registering an increase of around 10 per cent over the previous year. Indian companies have made significant investments in the UK. Grant Thornton (GT) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) research in 2024 highlighted a record number of 971 Indian companies in the UK with a combined turnover of over £68 billion. The report India Meets Britain Tracker 2024 found that Indian companies in the UK are thriving, with 100 companies having a revenue growth of at least 10 per cent. The Britain meets India Tracker 2024 identified 667 British companies in India with a turnover of approximately £47.5 billion. The UK is the sixth-largest contributor of FDI to India.



Cumulative FDI from the UK to India is around \$36 billion between 2000 to March 2025. India's investment in the UK during this period is close to \$20 billion. The Indian diaspora in the UK is also a major presence in the UK's economic scenario. The 2020 GT report, done with the High Commission of India, London, and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), identified 654 diaspora-owned companies with a turnover of at least £100,000, generating a cumulative annual turnover of £36.84 billion. The wealth generated by Indian diaspora-owned businesses in the UK was estimated to be around £75 billion by this report. The 1.8 million Indian diaspora forms about 2.7 per cent of the UK's population. During PM Modi's visit, the signing of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is expected. The forward-looking agreement complements India's growth aspirations. The FTA has been described as both historic and ambitious. It is expected to boost jobs, exports, and growth, benefitting 99 per cent of Indian exports from zero per cent duty, opening export

opportunities for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, marine products, leather footwear, sports goods and toys, gems and jewellery, and others such as engineering goods and organic chemicals. Trade in services is also expected to receive a significant fillip. Enhanced global mobility for aspirational young Indians and a three-year exemption from social security payments come as a major relief for Indian employees and companies based in the UK. Despite the record bilateral trade, the UK's trade with India accounts for around 2.5 per cent of its total trade. With both sides seeking trade diversification and supply-chain resilience, an India-UK FTA will hopefully create the doorway for businesses to drive the economic relationship forward. Given the immediate challenges on India's borders, cooperation in the defence sector with partners such as the UK has achieved greater importance. The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit to the UK in January 2024 provided fresh impetus to the defence pillar of the relationship. In 2023, ties were elevated to a 2+2 mechanism. The British

defence sector could emerge as a key collaborator in technology transfers, the development of advanced capabilities, and supporting the Make in India effort by attracting more British FDI into the defence sector. Several defence cooperation agreements—covering production of Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) and Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMM), the establishment of an Advanced Short-Range Air to Air Missile (ASRAAM) assembly and test facility in India and a Statement of Intent to design and develop an Integrated Full Electric Propulsion system for Indian Navy ships—signal good times ahead for India's defence sector. India's focus on indigenous development does present challenges for the British industry, with fears that it could potentially make cooperation in certain sectors commercially unviable. Intellectual-property (IP) issues also need to be resolved. These issues can hopefully be addressed through the robust defence engagement mechanism that now exists between the two countries. Moreover, the UK-India military cooperation has grown in recent times.

The Royal Navy made six ship visits to India in 2023, while its Littoral Response Group (South) conducted exercises with the Indian Navy in March 2024. In August 2024, the UK's Royal Air Force participated in exercise Tarang Shakti in India. An Indian naval officer, Lieutenant Commander N Dinesh Anand, has joined

Britannia Royal Naval College as Divisional Training Officer for the first time. India and the UK are making a serious effort to build technology partnerships. The new bilateral Technology Security Initiative (TSI), formally launched during UK Foreign Secretary, David Lammy's visit, aims to catalyse collaboration on critical and emerging technologies in seven key sectors: telecoms, critical minerals, semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence, quantum, biotechnology and health technology, and advanced materials. Tech collaboration between India and the UK also extends to sectors including financial services, innovation in health, climate, renewables, and startups. The participation of stakeholders from government, industry, and academia would be important for taking the Technology Security Initiative forward. Both countries are global hubs of innovation, science, technology, and research. India is one of the world's largest startup ecosystems and has over 100 unicorn companies. The increasing focus on these areas is welcome. Education is an important pillar of India-UK relations. The University of Southampton opened its campus in Gurugram on 16 July 2025, becoming the first foreign university campus under the New Education Policy (NEP). The UK remains one of the preferred destinations for Indian students, with around 1,70,000 students studying in the UK in the academic year 2023-2024.

Pak accomplices, shootouts, sealed chargesheet—how the 7/11 blasts case fell apart

The men gathered early one morning in a one-room tenement inside the Deccan Cooperative Society in Sewri, on the grimy eastern fringes of suburban Mumbai. They began packing ammonium nitrate-fuel oil gel, the lethal but readily available commercial explosive used across India, inside 35-kilogram pressure cookers. Then, a detonator cap was loaded into each pressure cooker and linked to a simple Ajanta-brand digital clock, set to 6:30 pm. Each cooker was then packed in a shopping bag. Later that evening 209 people died—far more than on 26/11—when the bombs went off in packed first-class compartments on seven separate trains running from Churchgate. This week, 19 years on, the Bombay High Court finally held what successive governments, police services, and the intelligence services themselves have long known: The five men sent to death row for their role in the bombings, and the seven others given shorter sentences, had nothing to do with the bombing. The

Maharashtra government has announced it will appeal—but disturbing evidence will surface that the botched trial has enabled the terrorists actually responsible for the crime to evade responsibility. Intelligence and police services at the time were struggling to detect the real workings of the Lashkar-e-Taiba-linked network that came to be known as the Indian Mujahideen. Therefore, following the 7/11 bombing, the usual suspects—generally men with loose ties to conservative Muslim groups—were pulled in and charged with terrorism, as was the pattern in several prosecutions from the period. Following the bombing of the Sankat Mochan Temple in Varanasi, as well as the local railway station, the Imam of the mosque at Phulpur was arrested and charged with the murder of 28 people. The Uttar Pradesh police alleged that Waliullah had handed over the explosives and the pressure cooker cases to three terrorists from Bangladesh, who were never identified.

China was quick to test the nuclear bomb. India missed vital landmarks

In an era of multiple strifes across continents, an anniversary quietly slipped under the radar of world watchers. Eighty years ago, an explosion ushered in a new age of combat, weapons, tactics, and technology. At 5:29 am local time on 16 July 1945, the United States tested the world's first atomic bomb in the desolate desert of New Mexico in an area called Jornada del Muerto—Spanish for "Dead Man's Road". The site couldn't have been chosen because of the irony in its name. In the days of Spanish expansion into the New World, this must have certainly been a deadly route to take, but that was centuries before America's wartime quest for the world's most potent weapon. And it was tested under the codename 'Trinity'. A multi-billion-dollar initiative that involved scores of enterprises, institutions, and scientists of various disciplines working under strict military supervision, it was innocently labelled 'Manhattan Project'. Innocent, since the name didn't convey its unifocal military purpose. The world entered the nuclear age with a military purpose, and its impact on 6 and 9 August 1945 over Hiroshima and Nagasaki are historical landmarks that will not be erased anytime soon. Reams have been written about the Manhattan Project and its impact. The ghastly use of the bomb against Japan has also been dissected. What has been relegated to dusty shelves and nerdy researchers, however, is the official report on the programme. It's unambiguously called Atomic Energy for Military Purposes. Among the most extraordinary aspects of the report is that it was made public on 12 August 1945, even before the radioactive clouds had lifted from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Princeton University physicist Henry DeWolf Smyth penned the report. Within the community that contributed to making the nuclear fission device a success, the Smyth Report

was the working paper on how the Manhattan Project was to be discussed. It is patently clear that the US was working on a long-term nuclear perspective. The American military approach is a far cry from how India viewed the arrival of the nuclear era. Although its nuclear journey is extraordinary among formerly colonised nations, India missed vital landmarks along the way. In July 1945, India already had a nuclear research programme at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), established months before Washington's Trinity test. Within a year of Independence, the country also had an Atomic Energy Commission, and in less than a decade, it had commissioned Asia's first nuclear reactor, APSARA, at Trombay. India was light years ahead of any other Asian country. In the 1950s, China was largely dependent on its larger ideological ally, the Soviet Union. It entered the nuclear age with a sole purpose, based on Chairman Mao's dictum, "Power flows from the barrel of a gun." The simple formulation offered Beijing both short-term benefits and dividends in the long run, too. It is now obvious that the possession of weapons of mass destruction will not invite military intervention.

In an era of mass hypocrisy. Iran and Iraq, which didn't possess nuclear arsenals, were attacked, while North Korea, which did, wasn't. Hypocrisy and discrimination are obviously kosher in today's world order. India, however, approached the nuclear era from the perspective of "peaceful utilisation" to harness unlimited energy and enter the club of rapidly developing countries. It officially launched a three-stage nuclear programme with an indigenous research and development project. But eight decades after TIFR initiated its research programme, India remains light years away from its early energy vision. And it has also missed the bus to power.

Saiyaara proves star kids don't need hype, just a good film and a killer soundtrack

Mohit Suri's Saiyaara is a lesson in successfully launching new actors. The film did not hold press conferences, 'exclusive' interviews, or have its lead pair jet-setting across cities to interact with crowds. Instead, it opted for radio silence. It banked on the release alone. The movie had a box office opening of Rs 21.5 crore, and has now crossed the 100-crore mark before completing the first week of its release. Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda stole the thunder when it came to making a memorable big-screen debut.

The film's unprecedented opening even had Ajay Devgn scramble to postpone the release of his film Son of Sardaar 2 from 25 July to 1 August. The film relied on one star—the music. Suri, known for his films Zeher (2005), Woh Lamhe (2006), and Aashiqui 2 (2013), has let his films' music do the talking. Each of these films had a breakout song that pushed the film to audiences. Be it 'Woh Lamhe' from Zeher to 'Kya Mujhe Pyar Hai' of Woh Lamhe and 'Tum Hi Ho' from Aashiqui 2, Suri's films capture the mood of heart-

break like no other in their album.

The star-crossed lovers, the looming tragedy, and the music have all been done before by Suri. Gen Z has now succumbed to what was millennial 'poison'. While most star kids were launched with an overdose of PR appearances, from doing a hook step of their movie's title track to being part of creators' videos, Saiyaara's lead cast was conspicuous through their absence from social media. The PR team clearly decided to learn from others' mistakes.

Ahaan Panday had a blink-and-miss appearance in his sister Alanna's wedding and was absent from her Prime Video show, The Tribe (2024). In contrast, his cousin Ananya Panday was everywhere before and during her debut in Student of the Year 2 (2019). Her social media already had a massive follower count, and she was seen rubbing shoulders with the who's who of Bollywood. More recently, massive social media hype was built before Ibrahim Ali Khan made his debut with Nadaaniyan (2025).

Demolition drive at Sarojini Nagar market angers vendors

Delhi: An anti-encroachment sweep at the Sarojini Nagar market saw the Municipal Council (NDMC) remove shop extensions, awnings, signage, and permanent constructions from the places. Traders complained that the drive harmed 150 shops due to a lack of notification. Ashok Randhawa, head of the Sarojini Nagar Mini Market vendors' association, said civic body bulldozers and enforcement teams arrived at the market at 11pm after traders departed. They demolished awnings, signage, and shop facades for around 150 shops between 11.30pm and 1am. Without our intervention, the damage could have been greater. All Delhi markets have awnings to shield against sun and rain, Randhawa said. NDMC stated, "We are consistently conducting anti-encroachment drives to maintain encroachment-free urban spaces and ensure unhindered



ONLY 45% OF CAPITAL BWG COMPOST WET WASTE

Delhi: The MCD has identified Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs), which include large establishments like hospitals, hotels, and commercial buildings, as crucial in managing wet waste. A significant portion of Delhi's solid waste is wet waste, which, if properly managed through composting, can reduce the volume of landfill waste. The MCD has a responsi-

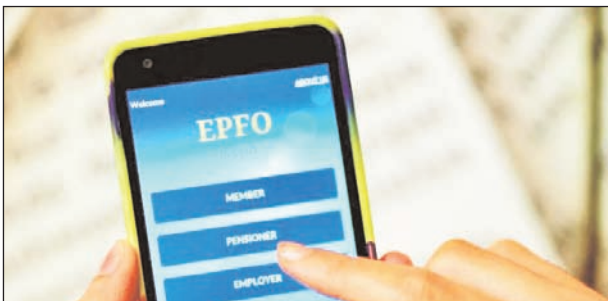
access to markets, footpaths, and public areas for visitors. NDMC launched a night-time anti-encroachment opera-

bility to ensure the proper disposal of solid waste, including wet waste. The city generates a substantial amount of solid waste daily (around 11,000 tonnes), but only a portion of it is processed. The Supreme Court has criticized the MCD for its failure to implement the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016,

and for not ade- tion as part of its enhanced anti- enforcement push to recover public areas and improve urban accessibility.

Women and young people are the main drivers of EPFO's 1.46 million

Delhi : According to an official statement, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), which oversees the retirement savings of salaried employees, recorded a net addition of 1.46 million subscribers in March. Slightly more than half of these subscribers enrolled for the first time. 754,000 new members joined EPFO in March. Net subscriber additions grew by 1.15 percent from March 2024 to the current month, according to preliminary data. This is due to more job opportunities and a greater understanding of employee



benefits, both of which have been bolstered by EPFO's outreach initiatives. March saw a sequential increase of 2.03% and an annual increase of 0.98% in new subscribers. Female employees and young workers' participation rose, according to the report. A total of 445,000 new members were added in March, with 58.94% of those

users falling into the 18-25 age bracket. The additions of this age group increased by 4.21% on a monthly basis and by 4.73% on an annual basis.

After taking outgoing employees into consideration, the net payroll addition for this category was 668,000, representing a rise of 6.49% on an annualized basis.

Assembly in Delhi lifts the gallery glass shield to promote openness and media freedom

Delhi: The glass shield encircling Delhi has been lowered, as stated by Speaker Vijender Gupta, enabling the media to cover the proceedings unimpeded. The decision was hailed by Gupta as a "significant step" towards "greater democratic accountability"

and the restoration of the assembly as an open and people-focused institution during a press conference. He declared, "This step reaffirms the Delhi legislative assembly's commitment to empowering the media and making democratic processes more visible

to the public," stressing the importance of openness in the assembly's activities. To deter people from throwing objects from the first-floor gallery into the hall, the glass panels were put in 2022 by then-Speaker. Ram Niwas Goel under



Jal Board receives Rs 1,400 crore from Delhi govt. for summer action plan and important projects

Delhi: Officials announced that the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has been granted Rs 1,400 crore by the Delhi govern-

ment to accelerate ongoing projects and put its Summer Action Plan into action. The Summer Action Plan, which includes



initiatives like installing water ATMs and GPS monitoring of water trucks to guarantee efficient water distribution during the busy summer months, has been allocated 500 crore rupees out of the entire budget. Water shortages may be avoided and supplies can run smoothly throughout the summer if the funds are released on schedule, according to an official. To handle long-term water management needs, the remaining amount will be used to extend the city's sewer network and create new sewage treatment plants. The aforementioned sums, along with those that were unable to be distributed in March of this year, were allegedly allotted as part of the annual budget. A thorough Rs 9,000-crore strategy concentrating on cleanliness, increasing access to potable water, and modernizing the water distribution system was earlier unveiled by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta in an effort to fortify Delhi's water infrastructure.

Delhi govt reshuffles 42 IAS and DANICS officers shifted or given extra charge

Delhi: Delhi govt effected a major bureaucratic reshuffle in the capital evening, transferring or giving additional charge to 42 IAS and DANICS officers. The reshuffle was prompted by the Union home ministry's order earlier in the day in which it moved 12 Delhi bureaucrats of UT cadre to other states and transferred the equal number of officers to the capital. Following the order of LG VK Saxena, the services department of Delhi govt issued an order giving additional charge of environment and forest department of additional chief secretary (industries) Bipul Pathak, a 1992-batch IAS officer and the senior most bureaucrat in the



city. Pathak replaced Anil Kumar Singh, who was moved to Jammu and Kashmir by MHA. Prashant Goyal was transferred to the urban development department as additional chief secretary from the transport department while Navin Kumar Chaudhary, the additional

chief secretary of irrigation and flood control department, was given the additional charge of public works department. A Anbarasu was moved from PWD to the services department, while he will remain the principal secretary of home department.

Advertising on FOBS should be authorized by the government

Delhi: In order to raise more money for their maintenance, the Delhi government has chosen to allow advertising on approximately 120 pedestrian bridges, according to In order to better maintain the foot overbridges, PWD minister Parvesh Verma said that he instructed the department's engineers to develop a thorough proposal. A lot of these bridges need to have their escalators and lifts fixed because they're in bad shape.

Support for Savarkar and other figures' portraits in the Assembly

Delhi: The Delhi Assembly premises will soon be graced with the paintings of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, founder of the Arya Samaj, independence hero Veer Savarkar, and educational reformer Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya. This matter was resolved by the assembly's general purpose committee during a meeting presided over by Speaker Vijender Gupta. "Recognising their enduring contributions to India's freedom struggle, social reform and educational renaissance,



the committee resolved to install their statues...This decision reflects the assembly's commitment to preserving and celebrating the legacy of these visionary leaders who played roles in shaping the nation's moral, cultural, and intellectual foundations," according to the assembly. According to BJP MLA

Abhay Verma, who put forward the idea, these notable people were instrumental in the national movement, social change, and educational advancement of India. According to opposition leader Atishi, AAP MLAs had also wanted to put Savitribai Phule's photograph up, but the BJP had stopped them.

Tihar, which is overflowing, wants to build a new facility

Delhi: According to sources, the Tihar administration has written to the Delhi government to request the identification and allocation of 400 acres of land for a new complex in response to chief minister Rekha Gupta's budget announcement. It is anticipated that the new jail will be able to accommodate 8,000 prisoners. A few days ago, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and the Delhi government's department of land and construction received an official communication in this respect. The Tihar administration reportedly emphasized in their letter the urgent need for land to build new prisons that could house 5,000-8,000 prisoners. Since existing prison facilities are already functioning much above capacity,



this action is considered necessary to relieve the extreme strain on them. The letter also emphasized how improbable it is that the initiative to build a high-security prison at Narela will address the overcrowding problem because the facility's approved capacity of 256 is far too little to accommodate the increasing needs of the inmate population. Given that Tihar is one of the biggest prisons in the nation, the new facility is viewed as a vital remedy.

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

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

Delhi CM promises jobs for Mohalla Clinic staff in Arogya Mandirs

Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta assured protesting Mohalla Clinic staff that they will be absorbed into the upcoming Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, even as the government begins phasing out clinics in areas where the new centres are being established. Her assurance came after scores of doctors, paramedics, and other clinic workers gathered outside her office demanding clarity on their future and protesting delays in salary disbursement. The protest, held during the CM's Janata Darbar, was



triggered by the government's recent decision to withdraw Mohalla Clinics that overlap with the Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. "We will engage you on a priority basis in the new system that the government is creating," Gupta told the staff, adding that preference will be given

to existing personnel once the transition begins. Delhi government intends to wind down existing Mohalla Clinics in areas where Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are coming up, since both facilities provide primary healthcare. According to minutes from a meeting on

2 weeks since blaze, Dilli Haat reopens

Delhi: Around 130 traders returned to their place of work to start from scratch, unpacking goods and setting up their shops as the iconic Dilli Haat in INA reopened. Two weeks after a major fire destroyed at least 30 stalls and damaged stock worth lakhs. Though their number was lower than usual, visitors and tourists too flocked to the huge market complex, a part of which was still under renovation due to the blaze. Process is also underway to upgrade electrical connections at the market for safety purposes. But while traders said they are relieved that work has resumed, there are still apprehensions about the safety measures introduced after the April 30 fire incident.

the operationalisation and staff may be of Urban Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, only for a year. Mohalla Clinic doctors —or until new person-

Campaign to Reclaim Campus Space Launched by AAP Student Wing

Delhi: Reclaim student politics" is the goal of the Association of Students for Alternative Politics (ASAP), the student arm of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), according to Delhi. A movement that "rejects muscle power and bias, and backs merit" has been launched by Arvind



Kejriwal, the national convenor of the AAP, and is appealing to students all around the nation to become involved. Advertisement Forget Ads Right now In the upcoming DUSU elections, ASAP will run a strong campaign, continuing its objective of spreading Kejriwal's vision of alternative

politics to other universities. The student wing's members—Yash Phogat, Deepak Bansal, and Yuvraj Tanwar—discussed their plans for the future. The influence that Kejriwal has on Delhi's politics is being acknowledged on a global scale.

Yami Gautam talks *Haq*

Actress opens up on her new film *Haq*, saying it aims to start discussion and bring audiences back to theatres

Actress Yami Gautam, known for choosing strong and meaningful roles, is ready to impress again with her new film, *Haq*. The movie is a courtroom drama inspired by the real-life Shah Bano case, focusing on women's courage, truth, and justice.

Speaking about her choice of films, Yami said, "The idea is to invoke a discussion and not

a debate. The idea is to make a film and not a project. We want to present something from our heart and passion, and get the audience back in the theatre. It should be worth their time and money."

In *Haq*, the actress plays Shah Bano, and Emraan Hashmi plays her husband.

The film tells the story of a woman who fought for her rights in the late 1970s after being abandoned by her husband.

Directed by Suparn Varma and produced by Vineet Jain, *Haq*

shows the struggles and challenges Shah Bano faced while standing up for her dignity and equality.

The movie promises strong performances and a story that makes viewers think.

Yami Gautam has often balanced commercial films with serious and meaningful stories. With *Haq*, she hopes to continue this trend and encourage audiences to reflect on important social issues while enjoying the cinema experience.

Haq is set to release in theatres on November 7, 2025.



A still from *Haq*



I am because of you: Esha

Actress Esha Deol celebrates 44th birthday, shares heartfelt note for parents Dharmendra and Hema Malini

Actress Esha Deol celebrated her 44th birthday on Sunday by showering her parents, Dharmendra and Hema Malini, with love and gratitude, saying, "I am because of you."

Esha took to her official Instagram handle and shared a throwback photo from her childhood, posing with her mother and father. In the picture, Dharmendra and Hema Malini look lovingly at little Esha, who faces the camera with an adorable smile. Accompanying the post, the *Dhoom* actress wrote, "I am because of you. I love you my papa & mamma" along with kisses, a red heart, evil eye, and hug emojis. She also thanked her fans for their birthday wishes: "A big thank you to all of you for the lovely birthday wishes & blessings. Love you all. Stay happy, healthy & strong," she added.

Actress Manisha Koirala reacted to Esha's post, calling it "Adorable" and sharing several red heart emojis. This is not the first time Esha has shared her admiration for her mother. On October 16, Hema Malini turned 77, and Esha posted a heartfelt note, calling her mother the "Dream Girl of the nation." She shared two photographs, including one where she planted a kiss on Hema's cheek, and captioned it, "Happy birthday to my Queen, my mamma & The Dream Girl of the nation ... We love you." For context, Hema Malini first met Dharmendra on the sets of the 1970 film *Tum Haseen Main Jawaan*. At the time, Dharmendra was already married to Prakash Kaur and had four children - Sunny, Bobby, Ajeeta, and Vijeta Deol. Despite opposition, Hema and Dharmendra married in 1980 and were later blessed with two daughters, Esha and Ahana Deol Vohra.



Preity Zinta cherishes Halloween moments

For actress Preity Zinta, Halloween 2025 was all about the 'joy on her kids faces'. The *Veer Zaara* actress took to social media and uploaded a few glimpses from her Halloween celebration this year with her husband Gene Goode and their twin kids.

Preity's post included an adorable family pic of the three in their respective costumes; however, she did not dress up for Halloween this year. We could also see the little ones enjoying themselves while trick-or-treating in the neighbourhood. Expressing her joy, the *Kal Ho Naa Ho* actress penned on her IG, "This Halloween was all about Else, Anna, the Police and all things spooky (Two hearts, Ghost and Mage emojis) Trick or treating in the neighbourhood for candy is probably the most wholesome community experience here (red heart emoji) (sic)."

Preity added that while she liked dressing up for Halloween in the past, it has become all about her children now. "There was a time I would get all dressed up for a Halloween Party ... now it's all about the joy on my kids faces and costumes that make them happy (Star-struck emoji) #HappyHalloween #Ting, (sic)" she added.



Maan Panu: Singer impresses Salman

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan recently gave a shout-out to singer Maan Panu on his social media, revealing that the singer's latest track *I'm Done* left him impressed and stole his heart. Soon after Salman's post, netizens were left wondering, Who is Maan Panu? here's everything you need to know about the singer. Maan Panu, born on July 5, hails from Kumaon, Uttarakhand, and pursued a degree in Mathematical Sciences at Kumaun University.

According to his LinkedIn profile, Maan began his professional journey at Hitech Proaudio India Pvt. Ltd. as a Marketing Intern from March 2022 to December 2022 (10 months). During his tenure, he handled social media operations, successfully growing the company's Instagram following by 80% organ-

ically, and closed around 25 successful deals in just five months.

In February 2022, Maan also worked as an Assistant Music Producer with Farr Studio in Mumbai, where he freelanced for about three years. He assisted in producing an upcoming album featuring six songs, collaborating closely with artists and programmers to ensure the best version of each track.

Later, he worked as a singer-songwriter with ZOEE from December 2022 to August 2025. Maan's track *I'm Done*, released on September 17, 2025, under Warner Music India as part of I-Popstar: Vol. 1, has been taking social media by storm, thanks to its heart-touching lyrics and Maan's soulful voice. He is currently seen on the singing reality show I-Popstar, where he is a part of Aditya Rikhar's team.

Salman Khan's post for Maan Panu

On Saturday, Salman shared a photo of himself on Instagram from his Panvel farmhouse, dressed in a cowboy look. He wrote, "An amazing track after a very long time. Congratulations! Wish this was one of my songs. @maanpanu." Reacting to Salman's shout-out, Maan wrote, "Now I'm Done," followed by a red heart and a hug emoji.



Kajal explores Melbourne magic

Kajal Aggarwal recently flew to Melbourne with husband Gautam Kitchlu for a fun getaway. Sharing her experience with her InstaFam, the *Singham* actress dropped a video compilation of glimpses from her trip.

Kajal also penned a long note, revealing what all she experienced while she was in Melbourne. She wrote, "Melbourne. A city that feels like a living canvas. Every corner bursts with creativity, from the graffiti-clad laneways to the quietly elegant cafés tucked between historic façades. (sic)"

Kajal revealed that what fascinated her the most about the city was how beautifully it combines its past and present. "What fascinated me most was how seamlessly the city marries its past with its present - where Victorian-era architecture stands shoulder to shoulder with bold, contemporary design (its colloquially called Facadism). The balance between preservation and progress is so thoughtfully done; it's a masterclass



in historic redevelopment", she added. Talking about the beautiful culture of the place, Kajal went on to share, "The coffee culture here is truly something else; each café feels like a story brewed to perfection. Saint Dreux became a quick favourite - their Japanese sandos and artisanal coffee are an experience in minimalism and flavor."

"Fine dining in Melbourne is an art form in itself. Yarra Yering's Yiaga, led by the talented Chef Hugh Allen and designed by architect John

Wardle, is a sensory journey - where food, space, and storytelling converge effortlessly. Gimlet, with its timeless European charm and impeccable craftsmanship, celebrates classic elegance with a modern twist. And Attica - a revelation. Chef Ben Shevry's creativity and deep connection to Australian ingredients create dishes that are both emotional and unforgettable," she added.

FY26 fiscal targets: Meeting estimates might be difficult

India's goal of meeting its full-year financial targets for FY26 may prove difficult, with a new report from Union Bank of India flagging slower-than-expected growth in corporate and income tax collections.

The bank's report points out that the Centre's fiscal strategy for FY26 relies heavily on strong tax revenues, even as capital expenditure continues at an elevated pace. It states, "The reduced fiscal deficit target for FY26 was premised on strong tax collections, while the government continues its robust capex push—essential for stimulating consumption and creating jobs. However, achiev-



ing the full-year FY26 fiscal math appears challenging amid subdued growth in corporate and income tax revenues." Data for the first half of the financial year reveals that the fiscal deficit has already climbed to Rs 5.73 lakh crore between April and September, representing 37% of the budget estimate. The fiscal gap during the same period a year ago stood at Rs 4.75 lakh crore, or 30% of the revised estimate. The sharp

increase, up 21% year-on-year, has been attributed to capital spending outpacing revenue inflows. In the first six months of FY26, government expenditure rose by 9% on a yearly basis, whereas receipts grew by only 5.7%. Despite the uneven growth, the government continues to target a reduction in the fiscal deficit to 4.4% of GDP in FY26, compared with 4.8% in FY25. The Union Bank report cautions.

Aviation expansion: Akasa Air eyes Kenya, Egypt, East Africa

Akasa Air is evaluating new routes to Kenya, Ethiopia, Egypt and other international destinations as part of its next phase of overseas expansion, CEO and founder Vinay Dube said. The three-year-old airline, which has grown steadily since its launch, now feels "very good" about its Boeing aircraft delivery schedule. "Our aircraft are capable of hitting the shores of East Africa. Absolutely, it can go to Mauritius and on the southern side, it can go to Kenya, Ethiopia, Egypt... We can also go into Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan... Boeing



737 MAX is also capable of going deep into South Asia. All will be considered," Dube told PTI in an interview. He said Akasa Air's international network will continue expanding "on the right path" and that the airline will soon announce services to Sharjah. Currently, the airline operates flights to six international cities --

Doha, Jeddah, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait City, and Phuket -- along with 24 domestic destinations. The airline's international share of Available Seat Kilometres (ASK) has reached 20 per cent and is expected to rise to around 30 per cent by March 2027, Dube said. ASK measures an airline's total passenger-carrying capacity.

RIL makes record profit amid oil decline, sets clean energy outlook

Delhi : India's most valuable company, Reliance Industries Ltd., surpassed predictions to register a strong increase in revenue and profit for the April-June quarter, driven by better telecoms and retail profitability despite crude-based difficulties. Profits from its Asian

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ules, generate clean electricity from them, use electrons to run data centres, and make hydrogen, ammonia, and aviation fuel. Reliance did not provide timescales. Reliance Industries' oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business's operating profit fell in the first quarter.

Competition law vs patent rights: NCLAT rules CCI has no power to probe patented product disputes

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has ruled that the Competition Commission of India (CCI) does not have the power to investigate disputes related to patented products, holding that the Patent Act takes precedence over the Competition Act in such cases, PTI reported. Dismissing an appeal against a CCI order that had closed a complaint against Swiss pharma major Vifor International (AG), a two-member NCLAT bench said that the fair trade regulator lacks jurisdiction to examine such matters, PTI reported. "Considering the judgment of the Delhi High Court in the case of Telefonaktiebolaget LM



Ericsson (PUBL) and the Supreme Court in SLP No. 25026/2023, it is apparent that the CCI lacks the power to examine the allegations made against Vifor International (AG)," the tribunal observed. Vifor International held the patent for Ferric

Carboxymaltose (FCM) injection, a drug used to treat Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA). The tribunal stated: "The Patent Act will prevail over the Competition Act in the facts of this case, as the subject matter of contention is FCM, which was developed and patented by Respondent

No. 2 (Vifor International)." NCLAT noted that Section 3(5) of the Competition Act provides specific protection to patent holders to restrain infringement or impose reasonable conditions to safeguard their rights. "The Competition Act, in Section 3(5), has laid down that the Act will not restrict the right of any person in protecting his rights under the Patent Act," it said. The appeal was filed by Swapan Dey, CEO of a hospital offering free dialysis services under the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP). Dey alleged that Vifor's "anti-competitive and abusive conduct" had made FCM injections unaffordable.

McSwadeshi? McDonald's serves millet bun burger; Centre hails

NEW DELHI: As international fast food chain McDonald's launched its millet bun burger, the Central government called it a "vindication" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Millet movement" where he promoted it as "super-food". "Videshi turns to Swadeshi" as the popular international food chain McDonald's serves India's "Millet Bun Burger", prepared using indigenous technology developed by the Mysore based CSIR institute, the 'Central Food Technological Research Institute'



CFTRI," Union MoS science & technology Jitendra Singh said in a post on X. He also shared a picture of the burger. "And, a grand vindication for India's Millet movement which had gained momentum with the UN declaring 2023

as the 'International Year of Millets' at the behest of India with the personal intervention of PM Narendra Modi," he added. "A proud moment showcasing how Indian innovation and traditional nutrition are reshaping global food trends," he said.

Opec+ announces fresh 137,000 bpd hike from December; aims to pro-

The eight key members of the Opec+ alliance, including Saudi Arabia and Russia, have agreed to raise oil production by 137,000 barrels per day (bpd) starting December, marking a modest increase that will hold steady for three months, the group said in a statement after a virtual meeting on Sunday, AFP reported. The move, aligned with analyst expectations, represents a pause in the series of monthly hikes that began in April, as the group — known as the Voluntary Eight (V8) — seeks to consolidate market share amid steady oil prices and waning US shale output. Since April, the V8 — comprising Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the UAE, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman — has raised output by about 2.7 million bpd. The



Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies (Opec+) had accelerated production at an unexpectedly fast pace this year after years of supply cuts designed to bolster prices. Analysts see the latest move as a strategic effort to defend market position against US producers. "Supply by US shale producers is not increasing anymore, it's going sideways," said Ole Hvalbye, commodities analyst at SEB Bank, noting "less investment in new US production." The V8 cited "low oil inventories" as justification for the

output rise. According to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), US crude inventories have fallen sharply, keeping Brent crude prices steady near \$65 per barrel. However, analysts warned that additional supply could pressure prices. "An increase in Opec+ quotas of 137,000 barrels would result in lower actual production, limiting the impact on prices," said Emily Ashford of Standard Chartered Bank. Some members, including Russia, may face constraints due to overproduction in previous months.

US tariffs hit India's export engine: GTRI report shows 37.5% slump across key sectors

India's exports to the US plunged 37.5% between May and September 2025 as sweeping tariff hikes by the Trump administration squeezed margins across major sectors, according to a report by India-based trade think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), ANI reported. The US, India's largest export market, saw shipments fall from \$8.8 billion to \$5.5 billion over the five-month period, marking one of the steepest short-term declines in recent years, GTRI said in its analysis. The study assessed India's export performance from May to September 2025 to gauge the fallout from US tariffs imposed starting April 2. According to GTRI, the duties began at 10%, rose to 25% by



August 7, and hit 50% by late August for Indian products. Tariff-free goods—making up nearly one-third of India's total shipments—saw the steepest contraction, plunging 47% from \$3.4 billion in May to \$1.8 billion in September. "Smartphones and pharmaceuticals were the biggest casualties," GTRI said. Smartphone exports, which had surged 197% in the same period a year earlier, crashed 58% from \$2.29 billion in May to \$884.6 million in

September. Shipments fell consistently each month, and GTRI noted, "The reasons for decline are not known and need examination." Pharmaceutical exports dropped 15.7%, from \$745.6 million to \$628.3 million, while industrial metals and auto parts—subject to uniform tariffs globally—recorded a milder 16.7% dip. Within that category, aluminium exports fell 37%, copper 25%, auto parts 12%, and iron and steel 8%. "Because all global suppliers faced similar duties.

'No better place to build new partnerships': PM Carney cites 'progress' with India, Asia-Pacific

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on Saturday highlighted his country's "progress" in building partnerships with India and other Asia-Pacific nations, even as tensions with the United States escalate over tariffs. His remarks came days after US President Donald Trump terminated all trade talks with Canada, accusing Ottawa of "egregious behaviour", reported PTI. Speaking to reporters after the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in South Korea, Carney said, "There is no better place to build new partnerships than in the fastest growing part of the world that represents 60 per cent of the global economy." Referring to developments in the region, he cited the free trade deal with Indonesia, ongoing talks with the Philippines and Thailand, and a "turning point" in relations with China. "Progress which we have been making with India... So I didn't meet directly with Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi here, (but) the foreign minister, other ministers have been meeting with India," Carney said, adding that his government is focused on "reducing reliance on the United States" by diversifying trade partnerships. "That's what we're doing to build our strength at home, first and foremost. Build these partnerships abroad, reduce our reliance on the United States. It can't happen overnight, but we're moving very fast," he added. Carney also apologised to President Trump earlier this week for an anti-tariff television advertisement released by Ontario.



Central varsities have 26% vacancies

Delhi : According to education ministry data provided with Rajya Sabha , roughly 26% of 18,951 sanctioned posts at central universities (CUs) are unfilled, with a disproportionate scarcity in reserved categories. Reserved categories—SCs, STs, and OBCs—make up 36.7% of the 4,889 open positions in 46 UGC-funded central universities. In contrast, 14.6% of general category roles are empty. Union minister of state (MoS) in education Sukanta Majumdar told Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha that 54% of 2,537 professor posts, 36.6% of 5,105 associate professor posts, and 14.5% of 11,309 assistant professor posts are unfilled. Official data shows that almost one-third of the 7,153 reserved professor jobs in CUs are vacant, despite the constitutional obligation of 15% reservation for SCs, 7.5% for STs, and 27% for OBCs to ensure adequate



Delhi Increases Olympic Winners' Cash Rewards, Approves Student Laptop Program

Delhi : Minister Ashish Sood announced that Delhi has increased cash awards for Olympic and Paralympic medalists. Mr. Sood also approved the Mukhyamantri Digital Scheme to give meritorious students free laptops. At the Delhi Secretariat, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta chaired a Cabinet meeting that made the decisions. "CM Rekha Gupta led a Cabinet meeting today. Many key decisions were made for Delhi's development, students, and youth," Mr. Sood said at a press conference. The Mukhyamantri Khel Prothsaahan Yojana made historic choices. Previous Olympic and Paralympic medalists received Rs 3 crore, Rs 2 crore, and Rs 1 crore. He added Olympic gold medalists will receive Rs 7 crore, silver medalists Rs 5 crore, and bronze medalists Rs 3 crore to boost the sports ecosystem. Mr. Sood declared that the Delhi government will hire gold, silver, and bronze medalists in Group A and Group B, respectively.

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With 40.4% of 3,688

Indian tourist permits for Chinese tourists resume after 5 years.

Delhi : India resumed Chinese visitor visas , easing bilateral relations that had been strained for six decades by a military standoff on the Line of Actual Control. The Indian embassy in Beijing announced the decision on social media roughly two months after India and China agreed in April to resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra after five years, the first big milestone in people-to-people contacts.

The Indian embassy in Beijing announced on WeChat that Chinese nationals could apply for tourist visas to India online . The post said applicants



may schedule document submissions in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. On condition of anonymity, sources confirmed the return of Chinese tourist visas and stated applications will begin. After border skirmishes between Chinese and Indian troops in April-May 2020 sparked the

LAC face-off in Ladakh, India placed broad visa restrictions on Chinese nationals. China did not prohibit Indian visas, but the lack of direct flights hampered visitation. Between January and June 2025, China provided 85,000 visas to Indian students, visitors, and businesspeople

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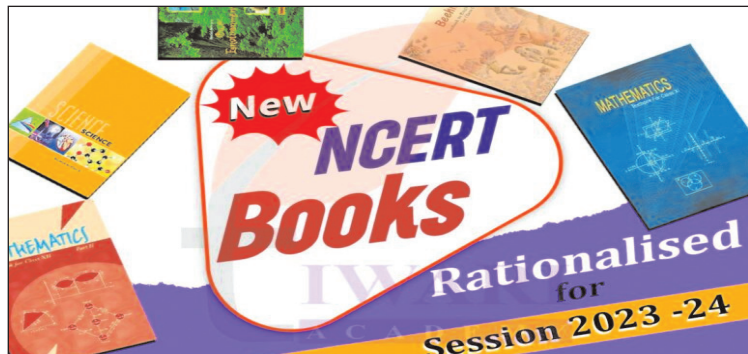
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Skills like carpentry and animal care are included in the NCERT text

Delhi : The new Class 8 vocational education activity book by the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) introduces students to six projects that aim to blend practical skills with cultural and environmental awareness. These projects range from learning basic carpentry skills to building hydroponics, designing home automation circuits, caring for animals, and creating ethical advertisements for local businesses. From the ecological ethics of woodworking in the Atharva Veda to traditional veterinary treatments and the ancient floating farms of Dal Lake and Loktak Lake, this book traces the origins of vocational education in India



to India's traditional wisdom. The 202-page book titled "Kaushal Bodh" was created to align with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023. It suggests that schools host an end-of-year exhibition called "Kaushal Mela" where stu-

dents showcase their own creations, talk about what they learned, and interact with their teachers, classmates, and community members to celebrate their talents and creativity. There are three main types of work outlined in the 2023 National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE).

Irish education minister invites Indians for education, research

NEW DELHI: James Lawless, Ireland's Education Minister, on Monday said his country is "very welcoming" for students and has a supportive post-study employment visa arrangement. "Ireland is a very welcoming country. We have a very cosmopolitan culture. We have many nationalities now in Ireland, and many people have made their home, including many, many Indians," the Irish minister said, when asked whether his government is considering any changes in post-study work or immigration policies to retain skilled talents.

Delhi: The National Medical Commission (NMC) has once again warned medical schools that they will take legal action if their students do not receive stipends while they are in residency and internship. It is uncertain if the commission will take action this time due to a change in chairman, as no measures were implemented following comparable threats in 2023 and 2024. The National Medical Colleges Council (NMC) warned three months ago to fine medical schools Rs 50,000 for not pro-



viding stipends, even though these schools save crores of rupees annually. All medical schools are required by NMC laws to pay their interns and residents the same amount as the state government medical schools. Medical schools, universities, and state directorates of medical education

were tasked with resolving student complaints three days prior to the most recent public notice, which was dated July 11, by NMC. Still, it's threatening to take measures including financial fines, course recognition removal, and admission suspension.

UGC stops research projects due to lack of funds from central govt

Delhi: The University Grants Commission has stopped several research projects while some are lying dormant allegedly because of lack of funds from the Centre. The Major Research Project (MRP) of higher education regulator UGC is a case in point. (See chart) According to the annual reports of the UGC, funding for the scheme has been



An uptick in enrollment in foundational engineering courses

Delhi : A change in parental and student choices is beginning to show itself in the continuing admissions process at engineering universities. Mechanical, civil, chemical, and aerospace engineering, among others, continue to enjoy strong interest and see brisk enrollment, on par with computer science programs. This willingness to explore fields outside of computer science is being propelled by a number of causes. According to academics and students who spoke with businessline, some of the main factors are the following: the increasing number of job prospects in core engineering streams, students' preference for taking minors that focus on emerging technologies, and the trend toward students acquiring stronger domain expertise.

declining over the past five years as it has been declared "closed".

Over 70% of Delhi University students decide to stay for the 4th year under the new FYUP

Delhi : Delhi University (DU) administrators announced that over 70% of third-year students had elected to remain on for an additional year under the new curriculum a week before the first fourth-year undergraduate class begins. Data is tentative as of July 24. Dean of academic affairs Ratnabali K said, "While the final data will reveal more accurate trends, initial observations show that peripheral colleges have higher fourth-year retention rates, whereas top-ranking colleges have slightly lower retention. One factor may be because students in these universities choose traditional postgraduate programs. Students can drop out of the fourth year through the university's portal until



Samsung may make India a US hub amid rising tariffs

Delhi: Samsung may move some smartphone production from Vietnam if US tariffs drop in India. The world's largest smartphone maker would follow Apple in making India a top US smartphone manufacturing base. Samsung manufactures in various countries. Due to heightened US uncertainty, we are ready for several possibilities.

August 1. Vice chancellor Yogesh Singh said, "While the portal for opting out of fourth year is still open, as of now, 20,221 students have decided to exit

out of the 72,000 seats." The new Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) created under the National Education Policy (NEP) .

Government schools with smart classrooms and AI tools

Delhi : Delhi education minister Ashish Sood attended an orientation for Nursery, KG, Class I children and their parents at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Chirag Dilli. Principals, teachers, and the director of education attended the start of the new academic year. Sood praised parents for choosing Delhi government schools. "Every child in Delhi deserves a modern, inclusive and inspiring learning environment," he remarked. "Many of you are taking your kids to school for the first time and wonder, 'Is my child safe? Will they be looked after? We started orientation programs for that reason.'" He continued, "Delhi government is devoted to improving education."

We emphasize academic success and comprehensive development for all children." " Nearly 40 years ago, these institutions produced doctors, engineers, IAS officers, scientists, and actors. According to him, government schools are increasingly seen as inferior to private ones. "I want to assure you that your child studying in a government school can achieve just as much, if not more." Smart classrooms, AI tools, and computer laboratories will be installed in our schools during the next five years. Sood said these upgrades will prepare kids for a quickly changing environment. He also highlighted government student initiatives. "We provide scholarships for SC and ST students to ensure no child is left behind due to lack of resources. Our teachers volunteer to teach pupils who need academic help during summer holidays."