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Noida hostel firing incident: Gunshot kills 22-year-old student

NOIDA: A 22-year-old student was found dead with a gunshot wound in the head while his close friend lay critically injured with a similar wound inside a private hostel room in Knowledge Park in Noida on Tuesday morning. Police are trying to piece together how the gunshots were fired and what led to the shooting as the two students were considered "inseparable" by friends.

The incident occurred around 10.30am at RCI Vidya Vihar hostel in Knowledge Park-III. The two students - Deepak Kumar (22) from Andhra Pradesh and Devansh Chauhan (23) from Agra - were both enrolled in the PGDM programme at Birla Institute of Management Technology (Bimtech). They were, however, not roommates. It was in Kumar's room where the shots were fired. Chauhan is in Kailash hospital. His condition is critical. Both bullets came from the same licensed revolver, which was fully loaded and belonged to Chauhan's father Surender Singh Chauhan, who retired as a circle officer in UP STF on Aug 31. Chauhan, who went home last Saturday to attend his father's farewell party, is believed to have sneaked the gun out when he left for his hostel on Tuesday.

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

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Wednesday acquitted a death convict in rape-murder of a seven-year-old girl in Uttarakhand in 2014 and said the highest degree of circumsppection should be exercised by courts before awarding the death penalty. The gruesome rape-murder was termed as the 'Little Nirbhaya' case and had sparked outrage across the state.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sanjay Karol and Sandeep Mehta quashed the trial court and Uttarakhand HC's order to convict him and award the extreme punishment.

CP Radhakrishnan became the 15th Vice President of the country

PM Modi congratulates CP after Vice Presidential results are announced

Oath

President administered the oath of Vice President to Radhakrishnan

New Delhi: CP Radhakrishnan took oath as Vice President on Friday. CP Radhakrishnan has become the 15th Vice President of the country. President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of Vice President to Radhakrishnan at Rashtrapati Bhavan. In fact, CP Radhakrishnan won the Vice Presidential election held on Tuesday by defeating joint opposition can-



didate B Sudarshan Reddy. Let us tell you that this election was held after the sudden resignation of former Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on 2 July. Radhakrishnan became the 15th Vice President of the country. NDA candidate Radhakrishnan was elected as the

15th Vice President of India on Tuesday. After the election, Rajya Sabha Secretary General and Election Officer PC Modi announced the results and said that out of 781 MPs, 767 voted, registering a voter turnout of 98.2 percent. NDA's Vice Presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan

India has always stood with Mauritius' sovereignty

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

received 452 votes. At the same time, opposition candidate B Sudarshan Reddy got 300 votes. The results were announced after voting on September 9 itself.

'Welcome new interim govt': India hails Nepal as fellow democracy

NEW DELHI: India on Friday welcomed the formation of Nepal's new interim government under Prime Minister Sushila Karki, calling the neighbouring democracy a close partner and pledging continued cooperation.

In a statement, the ministry of external affairs said, "We welcome the formation of a new Interim Government in Nepal, led by Right Honourable Mrs Sushila Karki. We are hopeful that this would help in fostering peace and stability." "As a close neighbour, a fellow democracy and a long term development partner, India will continue to work closely with Nepal for the well-being and prosperity of our two peoples and countries," it added. Karki was sworn in as



Nepal's interim Prime Minister at a ceremony in Sheetal Niwas, the presidential office, with President Ramchandra Paudel administering the oath. She was chosen days after violent "Gen Z" protests toppled the KP Sharma Oli government. The protests, triggered by a short-lived social media ban, quickly grew into a wider movement against corruption, nepotism and entrenched political elites. Demonstrators torched government buildings, politicians' homes and even the parliament. Soldiers remain deployed across Kathmandu.

Spicejet aircraft loses tyre on take off at Kandla

MUMBAI: A Mumbai-bound SpiceJet aircraft's tyre fell off during take-off at Kandla on Friday. The pilots declared a full emergency when landing in Mumbai. The aircraft landed safely. The Bombardier DHC8-400 aircraft, operating flight SG-2906- lifted off at 2.39 pm. "During takeoff from runway 23 at Kandla, the tower controller observed a black coloured big object falling from the aircraft. It fell from the right



side on runway and rolled like a tyre. A jeep sent for inspection found intact tyre and metal rings," said a source. The Bombardier DHC8-400 has a tricycle landing gear system

with two wheels on the nose gear and two main wheels on each main landing gear. Spice Jet confirmed the incident. "On September 12, an outer wheel of a SpiceJet Q400 aircraft operating from Kandla to Mumbai was found at the runway after take-off. The aircraft continued its journey to Mumbai and landed safely. Following a smooth landing, the aircraft taxied to the terminal under its own power.

Ahmednagar railway station

renamed: Govt. issues notification

Renamed

Railway station's name be changed after the city was renamed Ahilyanagar



NEW DELHI: The Maharashtra government on Friday issued a notification renaming Ahmednagar railway station after receiving approval from the Union Home Ministry. The government is changing the station name to Ahilyanagar Railway Station. Earlier, the Ahmednagar district was renamed as Ahilyanagar district, PTI reported. Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, who had pursued the matter,

thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for granting the approval. Chief minister Devendra Fadnis and deputy chief minister Eknath Shinde were also involved in the efforts, a statement from Pawar's office said. Last month, Pawar had written to Vaishnaw urging that the station be renamed to align with the city's new

name. "This long-pending demand has now been fulfilled. The renaming holds special significance as we are celebrating the 300th birth anniversary year of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar," Pawar said. Several organisations and citizens had been demanding that the railway station's name be changed after the city was renamed Ahilyanagar.

'Reality check': Defence secretary highlights lessons from Operation Sindoor

NEW DELHI: Defence secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Friday said that Operation Sindoor, the punitive strike targeting terror bases in Pakistan, served as a "reality check" for India's armed forces, highlighting areas where the country can improve its defence capabilities.

Speaking at the Southern Command Defence Tech Seminar (STRIDE



2025), Singh noted that the operation revealed certain capability gaps, including in electronic

warfare, counter-unmanned systems, low-level radars and the need for a stronger ecosystem

Warfare

Operation Sindoor, which was in some ways a reality check for us in terms of where we can do

to manufacture military-grade drones capable of operating in GPS-denied and contested environments. "It's pretty clear

in the context of the geopolitical situation now that most countries are paying a lot of attention to defence and hard power again. Given our neighborhood, India is no exception, and we've just had this experience with Operation Sindoor, which was in some ways a reality check for us in terms of where we can do better, where we need to adapt to changing.

NC's Srinagar MP Aga Mehdi slams his own party again, accuses it of 'begging' for statehood

SRINAGAR: Srinagar MP Aga Ruhullah Mehdi once again launched a sharp attack on his own party, National Conference, accusing it abandoning Article 370 and "begging" for statehood. Addressing his followers in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Thursday, Mehdi said for the first time in 40 years, people voted in large numbers in the Oct 2024 assembly polls because they were frus-

Accusing

National Conference, accusing it abandoning Article 370 and "begging"

trated with the system. "They didn't vote for any party, but for a system that would be answerable to them," Mehdi said. But, despite scaling down on the political front, "we have been turned into beg-

gars", he said. "It is better to fight for our rights and be defeated than to resort to begging every day for every small thing," he asserted. Mehdi, who was invited by the civil society of Anantnag to address people at the town hall, alleged that the district administration locked the building, forcing organisers to change the venue. "People were threatened and intimidated not to attend my meeting.

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

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

'People might take to streets': Akhilesh's dire warning on vote chori row; points to Nepal unrest

NEW DELHI: Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Friday accused the Election Commission and the government of enabling what he called "vote theft," warning that India could witness Nepal-like street protests if such practices are not checked.

Akhilesh in a press conference in Lucknow said, "It's the Election Commission's responsibility to ensure that no



vote is stolen anywhere... Everyone knows that when they couldn't win elections through vote theft, they

tried to stop the vote with the power of a revolver... If such incidents happen, it's possible that people here

might take to the streets, just like what happened in our neighbouring countries." The SP leader referred to instances in past Uttar Pradesh polls. "They posted their own caste members, and at that time, were all those presiding officers and election officials not appointed from the chief minister's own community?" He alleged that officials were appointed on caste considerations.

Include sex harassment case against you in resume, Supreme Court

NEW DELHI: A sexual harassment complaint by a faculty member of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences against its vice chancellor (VC) could not be looked into because it



was not lodged within the mandatory three-month period. However, Supreme Court on Friday ensured that the "offence" did not go unpunished by directing the VC to make the judgment, which

recorded his alleged acts in detail, part of his resume. A bench of Justices Pankaj Mishra and Prasanna B Varale passed the peculiar order while dismissing the plea filed by the faculty member.

50 days after resignation, Dhankhar breaks silence

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

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

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

Sister Anupama, who protested Bishop Franco, quits

Delhi: Sister Anupama Kelamangalathuveliyil, one of six nuns who brought the rape accusation against Bishop Franco Mulakkal, has left nunhood. She rejoined her family in Alappuzha, Kerala. In 2018, a nun at the Missionaries of Jesus convent in Kottayam accused Bishop Franco Mulakkal of repeated rapes from 2014 to 2016.

Five nuns, including sister Anupama, supported the survivor nun despite Catholic church pressure. Bishop, then leader of the Latin Catholic Diocese of Jalandhar, was not arrested for three months after the case was registered. He was arrested for unlawful imprisonment, rape, unnatural sex, and criminal intimidation when the nuns, led by sister Anupama, held a public sit-in protest in Kochi and public indignation increased. This was the first time nuns questioned Catholic Church power dynamics in India.



Jagannath temple body to apply for patents on names

Delhi: Amid the tussle between Odisha and West Bengal over naming of the Jagannath temple in Digha as Jagannath dham, the Jagannath temple management committee of Puri on Monday said it would apply for patent for expressions such as 'Srimandir', 'Jagannath Dham', and 'Mahaprasad'. The temple management

Four of the six nuns received church transfer orders in 2019.

The nuns petitioned Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to postpone their direc-

which met in Puri said. The Sri Jagannath Temple Administration would apply for patents of terms such as 'Srimandir', 'Jagannath Dham', 'Mahaprasad', 'logo of Srimandir', 'Shrikshetra', and 'Purushottam Dham'. It has been approved in a high-level meeting today," said SJTA chief administrator Arabinda Padhee.

tives till the trial. Despite criticism and ostracism, the nuns stayed at their convent and supported the survivor nun.

Uttarakhand Assembly session remained uproarious

Gairsain (BharadiSain). The monsoon session of the Vidhan Sabha continued amidst the uproar of the opposition. The House had to be adjourned repeatedly amid the opposition MLAs' tough stance demanding discussion on law and order and panchayat elections. Amid the uproar, the government dealt with legislative work. Today, a total of 09 bills including Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill,

Uttarakhand Minority Education Bill were tabled in the House. With this, the House was adjourned till Wednesday. Despite the adjournment of the House, the opposition continued to sit on the dharna till late evening. The proceedings of the House started at 11 am, the opposition MLAs came into the well and started creating a ruckus. Meanwhile, the Congress leaders even overturned the table in the House. The House had to be

adjourned till 11.20 minutes, 11.30 am, 11.40, 11.50, 12 noon and 12.20. The proceedings of the House started at 12.20 minutes and till 01.25 pm, tribute was paid to former MLA Munni Devi in the House. After this, the House was adjourned till 03 pm for lunch break. The proceedings of the House started at 03 pm and amid the noise, the government passed 08 bills. After this, the proceedings of the House were adjourned.



Owaisi finds it funny that Munir gave Prime Minister Sharif a "fake photo"



Delhi: Field Marshal Asim Munir reportedly held a dinner for Pakistan's top political leaders to honor those who were involved in "Operation Bunyanum Marsoos," the country's response to India's Operation Sindoor, according to Inter-Services Public Relations, the media wing of the Pakistan Armed Forces. Mr. Munir presented Prime Minister Sharif with a photograph titled "Operation Bunyanum Marsoos" during this gathering. But a search using the reverse image function revealed that it was really a photo of a rocket launch in China from a few years ago. "Yesterday, the Pakistani Army chief gifted a photo to the Pakistani PM Shehbaz Sharif... these stupid jokers want to compete with India. They had given a photograph of a 2019 Chinese Army drill claiming it is a victory over India," Mr. Owaisi expressed while speaking with the Indian diaspora in Kuwait. "Whatever Pakistan says, do not even take a pinch of salt," the MP said, voicing his disapproval of Pakistan's reliability.

BJP expels 2 crossover MLAs for 6yrs

Delhi: In a crucial move ahead of local body elections, BJP expelled two crossover legislators ST Somashekar and Arabail Shivaram Hebbar from the party for six years for continued anti-party activities despite multiple warnings. This marks BJP's major disciplinary after expelling former Union minister and Bijapur MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal in March. He was removed from the party for six years on charges of indiscipline and launching attacks against the family of former CM BS Yediyurappa and his son BY Vijayendra, who is state BJP president. The expulsion is seen as a message from the BJP central leadership to assert control and discipline within the



party, especially as it prepares for local electoral battles and 2028 assembly polls. Somashekar, MLA from Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru, and Hebbar, MLA from Yellapur in Uttara Kannada, were among the 14 Congress defectors who joined BJP in 2019.

Their defection played a key role in toppling

the HD Kumaraswamy-led Congress-JD(S) coalition govt. Both Somashekar and Hebbar were rewarded with ministerial berths in the cabinets of BS Yediyurappa and his successor, Basavaraj Bommai. After BJP lost the 2023 assembly elections, the two legislators had started aligning openly with Congress.

Teachers overburdened, students didn't attend classes 18 govt schools

Delhi: class 12 board exam results were declared earlier this week, 18 govt schools in Haryana have come under scrutiny. No student passed from any of these schools. Most of these six are in Nuh, four in Faridabad, and one each in Gurgaon, Hisar, Jhajjar, Karnal, Palwal, Rohtak, Sonapat and Yamunanagar. The zero-pass record isn't the only concern. These schools are among 100 govt institutions that performed poorly in the boards, overshadowing the overall pass percentage of 85.7. In 82 schools across Haryana's 22 districts, the pass percentage.

CM inaugurated the payment of ex-gratia relief amount to flood

Patna. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on inaugurated the payment of ex-gratia relief amount to flood affected families in the year 2025 at the rate of Rs 7000 per family directly in their bank account through DBT from 'Sankalp' located at 1 Anne Marg. Today, Rs 456 crore 12 lakh was paid to 6 lakh 51 thousand 602 affected families of 12 districts at the rate of Rs 7000 per family.

During the program, the Chief Minister said, "We



had a review meeting with the officials of the flood-affected districts on 13 and on August 14, we took stock of the situation by conducting an aerial survey of the flood-affected areas

of Patna, Vaishali, Begusarai and Munger districts. We had instructed the officials to carry out relief and rescue operations in the flood-affected areas.

Pet owners are responsible for making sure their animals don't hurt other people.

Delhi : In a recent judgment, the Calcutta high court ruled that pet owners are responsible for ensuring that their animals do not cause injury to others. The court denied a man's request to dismiss a criminal prosecution related to a dog attack on a neighbor. An attack by a dog on a human being, which could result in severe harm or perhaps death, is of the utmost seriousness. Justice Uday Kumar stated in his May 23 order that pet owners are unquestionably obligated to take reasonable precautions to ensure their pets do not cause injury. The animal lover from Sonarpur, a neighbourhood near Kolkata, was facing charges related to "negligent conduct with respect to animals" under Section 289 of the Indian Penal Code. This was in response



Politics Heat Up Over 107 'Missing' Pakistanis As DyCM Shinde, CM Contradict

Delhi: The ruling Mahayuti alliance in Maharashtra has failed to coordinate on Pakistani nationals. Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde told a Buldhana rally that 107 Pakistanis were missing in Maharashtra. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis denied the claim, saying no Pakistani citizen is missing. Shinde told the audience, "Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have instructed Pakistani nationals to leave our country.

to a neighbor's 2022 complaint that ten or twelve of the man's dogs had attacked him on the balcony of their building, causing injuries. The pet owner

accused the prosecution of using "falsehood and inaccuracies" as the basis for their charges in his HC plea.

The Patna Sahib has proclaimed three Akal Takht jathedars to be dukes

Delhi: Restoring excommunicated Takht Patna Sahib jathedar Giani Ranjit Singh Gauhar and summoning the Takht head granthi and additional head granthi, among others, to Akal Takht in Amritsar was declared by the 'Panj Pyare' (five beloved Takht Sri Harimandir Patna



Sahib in Patna) as "tankhaiya"

(guilty of religious misconduct), according to Yudhvir Rana at Akal Takht in Amritsar. Not only is Akal Takht's jathedar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj there, but so are the two others: Baba Tek Singh and Takht Kesarh Sahib. The 'Panj Pyare' has also issued a 10-day

notice to SAD president Sukhbir Badal, accusing him of interfering with Takht Patna Sahib's operations. They made it known that the Takht Sri Harimandir Patna Sahib will not be bound by decisions made at the Akal Takht or any other Takht outside of Patna.

Yeida approves Film City layout

Delhi: The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (Yeida) approved the layout design for the projected Film City in Sector 21, allowing filmmaker Boney Kapoor-led Bayview Bhutani Film City Private Limited to begin building. On December 24, 2024, Bayview Bhutani submitted the layout plan for clearance because work cannot begin without it. Yeida officials approved the layout plan following a thorough planning and high-level committee assessment.

New Sikkim Rail Line From Melli To Dentam Gets Final Location Survey Approval From Railway Ministry

Delhi : Railway Ministry approved the final location survey for a proposed railway line from Melli to Dentam via Jorethang and Legship in Sikkim. Rs 2.25 crore has been authorized for the Northeast Frontier Railway survey. This endeavor is vital to connecting southern and western Sikkim to national railway infrastructure. The preliminary feasibility assessment estimates the proposed line to be 75 km long, a strategic continua-



tion of the Sivok-Rangpo railway project, which is scheduled for completion in 2027.

Melli, the gateway to southern and western Sikkim, would be a

crucial junction for this project, ensuring seamless integration into the national railway network.

The final location survey will provide the technical

foundation needed to define project alignment, engineering specifications, and cost structure, according to the ministry.

The statement said this is a key step toward rail connection in southern and western Sikkim. The project is expected to have major economic impacts on Gyalshing and adjacent areas. It strives to improve access, tourism, trade, and employment. Tenders for survey work are expected soon.

Cunning people entered the house by claiming to be municipal workers

Jhuns. On Thursday, in Azad Nagar of the local police station area, two people tried to enter a house by claiming to be municipal workers. When they were questioned on suspicion, they fled. The victim has made a written complaint to the police about the matter. Azad Nagar resident Umesh Kumar Sharma is an employee in the court. He told that on Thursday afternoon, two youths came and introduced themselves as municipal workers. They said that they have come to survey the house from satellite. When the family members got suspicious, they started questioning the young men who had come, then both of them fled. Later it was found out that no such survey is being conducted by the municipal corporation. The police is investigating the matter.

Memorandum submitted to SDM Koraon

Prayagraj. A new twist has come in the ruckus between the family members of Shambhunath Mishra and the police in Chapro village of Kheri police station area. District Panchayat member Pintu Choubey has opened a front against the police. Describing the incident as police excesses, Pintu Choubey on Friday submitted a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister and the Women's Commission to SDM Soraon. It has been said in the memorandum that the police team of Inspector Ambesh Mishra and Inspector Preeti Rawat went to Shambhunath's house.

BJP Worker's Death Sparks Outrage, Lawyers Take to the Streets, Demand Justice

Lawyers submitted a memorandum to SDM Harshita Tiwari regarding the death of BJP worker Sitaram Upadhyay

Alleged

Family members and locals allege that his death occurred during a police lathi-charge.

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Ghazipur : In Muhammadabad Tehsil, lawyers submitted a memorandum to Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Harshita Tiwari regarding the death of BJP worker Sitaram Upadhyay alias Jokhu, which has shaken the entire region. Family members and locals allege that his death occurred during a police lathi-charge.



Although the administration has yet to confirm this, public anger—particularly among BJP workers—has reached its peak. On Friday, September 12, the local tehsil premises turned into a stage of rage and protest. Lawyers took to the streets, raising slogans

against the police administration. They organized a protest march demanding strict action against the guilty policemen. The march was held under the leadership of senior advocate Alok Kumar Rai, in the absence of Bar Association President Vimal Kumar



Rai. Submitting a memorandum addressed to SDM Harshita Tiwari, the lawyers warned that if justice is not delivered promptly to the victim's family and strict action is not taken against the culprits, the agitation will be intensified. This case has now gone beyond being

just about one death—it has become a matter of justice and dignity. BJP workers and leaders from other political parties have declared that this struggle will continue both on the streets and in the assembly. Expressing his anger, senior BJP leader

Dinesh Singh resigned from his post, stating that if the safety and dignity of party workers cannot be guaranteed, holding such a position has no meaning. The public and BJP workers are clear in their stand: "Until the guilty policemen are strictly punished and justice is delivered to the bereaved family, the movement will not stop." On this land of martyrs, the call for justice grows louder. People are saying that the death of one party worker is not just the grief of one family—it is a wound inflicted on the entire society. The silence of the administration is only deepening that wound.

National Lok Adalat organized on 13 September

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Prayagraj. As per the instructions of Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Lucknow, National Lok Adalat will be organized in District Court, Prayagraj and all tehsils on 13.09.2025 from 10:00 am under



the aegis of District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj. The National Lok Adalat will be inaugurated in the District Court premises by Hon'ble District Judge/Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj Sanjeev Kumar.

Special training program organized for newly selected trainee Lekhpals in Circuit House

Training

Trainee Lekhpals should perform their duties with full dedication and efficiency

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Prayagraj. In the presence of Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Vinita Singh, Additional District Magistrate City Satyam Mishra, Additional District Magistrate (Namami Gange) Sanjeev Kumar Shakya and City Magistrate Vinod Kumar Singh, special training was organized for the newly selected Lekhpals who have received training in the auditorium of Circuit House on Friday, 216



Lekhpals received training in the training. Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Vinita Singh addressed the Lekhpals in the training and told them

about their important role and responsibilities. District Magistrate Finance Revenue said that Lekhpals are an important part of the Revenue Department.

Two Convicts Sentenced to Seven Years Under Section 304 in Ghazipur Under "Operation Conviction"

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Ghazipur: Under the campaign "Operation Conviction" launched by the Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, continuous

effective advocacy by the Monitoring Cell and Prosecution resulted in the Hon'ble Court convicting two accused under Section 304 of the IPC. Both were sentenced to seven years of rigorous

imprisonment along with a fine of ₹5,000 each. On 12.09.2025, due to the effective pleading by the Monitoring Cell and Prosecution, in connection with Case Crime No. 386/20, under Sections 323,

504, 308, and 304 IPC, registered at Police Station Kasimabad, the Hon'ble Court convicted the accused: 1. Anil Kumar, son of Lallan Ram. 2. Dablu Ram, son of Lallan Ram—both residents

of Mekh, Police Station Kasimabad, Ghazipur. They were found guilty and sentenced to seven years of rigorous imprisonment each along with a fine of ₹5,000 each under Section 304 IPC

Attempts to spread anarchy in the name of fake Kisan Union, people with criminal history also active

Prayagraj: Some so-called leaders and their associates are constantly trying to spread anarchy in the name of Kisan Union. These people have nothing to do with farmers nor with the solution of farmers' problems. Actually, their real face is associated with crime and bullying. According to the information, a youth named Shubham Singh, against whom a

case is registered under the SC-ST Act, is among such people. Not only this, many faces associated with the union have already been caught in theft, gambling and other illegal activities. Police have also taken action against them many times, due to which now they are coming forward with the name of the organization as a shield in the spirit of

revenge. Recently, similar anarchy was seen in the Ghurpur police station area. Some people were drinking alcohol by parking autos on the road with a banner of Kisan Union. When a constable on duty stopped them, they started creating a ruckus in the name of the union. An attempt was made to intimidate the policeman and spoil the atmosphere.

Boy cuts his private part to become a girl

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

District level school band competition concluded

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Prayagraj: District level band competition was organized at Government Inter College Prayagraj under the leadership of District School Inspector under District Project Office, Samagra Shiksha Madhyamik. The competition was inaugurated by Principal Dharmendra Kumar Singh. Students of Government, non-government aided, recognized, Kendriya Vidyalaya, CISCE, CBSE board schools participated in it.



Dilip Diwakar and Dr. Poonam welcomed the guests by putting on the Scout scarf. College Vice Principal Abdul Qadir said that band competition is a platform where musicians showcase their music and performance skills. Dr.

Akanksha Keshari said that this increases unity, patriotism and interest in music among students. Dr. Akanksha Keshari, Firoz Alam Khan and Nand ji were included in the jury. GIC Prayagraj got first place and Bharat Scout and

Guide Inter College got second place in the boys' category. While in the girls' pipe band, Jwala Devi Inter College came first and in the brass band, GGIC Civil Lines came first, Jagat Taran Girls Inter College came second and Mahila Seva Sadan Inter College came third. The competition was conducted by Kamal Singh, Vice Principal Vanshraj, Nisha Singh, Rekha Devi, Vandana Vishwakarma, Savita Gupta, Rakesh Vishwakarma etc. were present here.

160 assistant teachers were given training on subjects like integrated education, Braille script, New Education Policy, RPwd Act-2016 etc

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Prayagraj : A three-day (from 10 to 12 September 2025) in-service training program on orientation of stakeholders concerned on various aspects related to education and rehabilitation of Divyangjan and subject matter related to disability was organized



ized at Saras Kendra, Vikas Bhawan Campus Prayagraj. The training program was inau-

gured on 10 September 2025 by Shri Abhay Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Director, Department

of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Prayagraj Division and Shri Ashok Kumar Gautam, District Disability Empowerment Officer, Prayagraj. In the training, 160 assistant teachers working in the Basic Education Department were given training on subjects like integrated education, Braille script, RPwd Act-

2016, New Education Policy etc. On the occasion of the closing ceremony of the program on 12th September, 2025, certificates were given to the trainees by the Chief Guest, District Development Officer, Prayagraj, in which Deputy Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities was also present.

The young man stopped the bus and jumped into the Ganga, was suffering from cancer

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Prayagraj: A painful accident has come to light on Shastri Bridge. A person, while traveling by bus on Friday afternoon, stopped the bus and jumped into the Ganga river from Shastri Bridge in front of his wife and child. Due to which there was chaos on the spot, after which the water police reached and kept searching for a long time, even after two hours, the



body has not been found yet. The person has been identified as Pappu Driver, a resident of Jagatpur. According to the information, he came to the hospital in the morning with his wife and children for cancer treatment, but he broke down mentally due to the doctor not showing any hope in the

treatment. After which he took this step on the way back from the hospital. Since the incident, a continuous search operation is being carried out by the water police, but even after two hours, the body has not been recovered. He was suffering from cancer, the doctor had given the answer His wife told that they had come to Prayagraj for treatment, but the doctors clearly said that now the disease is in the last stage and the treatment is not possible.

Editorial

Why Iran, Israel avoided crossing red lines

The Israeli reaction took place within the week. On April 19, they struck a military airbase near the city of Isfahan, and Iranian officials also claimed to have shot down small drones near the northern city of Tabriz, but this was downplayed. Isfahan Province, in the centre of Iran, is home to significant Iranian military infrastructure, including a large air base, a major missile production complex, and nuclear facilities. As per reports in the Jerusalem Post, the Israelis were targeting an air defence radar site near Isfahan that's part of the protection of the Natanz nuclear facility. The choreography of missile strikes once again ensured that there were no casualties and, moreover, no targeting of Iranian nuclear facilities. Iranian media and officials described a small number of explosions, which they said resulted from air defences hitting three drones over Isfahan. They referred to the incident as an attack by "infiltrators" rather than by Israel, obviating the need for retaliation. The Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, downplaying the attack, said, "They're ... more like toys that our children play with, not drones." He also added, "As long as there is no new adventurism by Israel against our interests, we are not going to have any new reactions." With Israel remaining deadlocked in Gaza, where around 130 Israeli hostages remain but have inflicted more than 34,000 civilian casualties, including women and children, the Iranian strikes must have seemed like a welcome relief as the narrative shifted from the humanitarian crisis Israel is causing in Gaza. Further, in a timing that cannot be a mere coincidence, the US House of Representatives quickly passed an aid package of \$26.38 billion for Israel. With no hostage deal or ceasefire mechanisms apparent, the risk of miscalculation remains high. The region remains in a uniquely dangerous position, in which Prime Minister Netanyahu may feel that he has little choice but to escalate with Iran in order to maintain public support. But responses to the strike within Israel have exposed the country's political fissures. Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir described the strike on Iran as "feeble" or "lame". In response, Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid called for him to be sacked and said his remarks had ridiculed and embarrassed Israel.

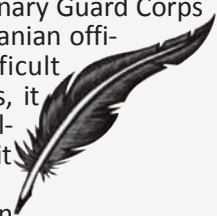
Things were going Iran's way

Since the 1979 revolution, Iran has taken an anti-Israeli posture and, as part of its deterrence strategy, has cultivated and financed support for the 'axis of resistance' network in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and Palestine, surrounding Israel's borders.

The Hamas attack on October 7 suited Iran's agenda. Israel had suffered an unprecedented and humiliating setback; its much-lauded intelligence and defences had failed. Its subsequent actions in Gaza had received widespread condemnation and aligned the Middle Eastern countries against Israel. Israel's war was steadily harming its image, simultaneously exposing the hypocrisy of its Western backers. Israel was getting increasingly isolated internationally due to its disastrous war in Gaza.

The Palestinian cause in the region and around the world had been resurrected. Sympathy for Palestinian, particularly in the West, was more voluble. Iran did not need to intervene; its proxies acted on its behalf. Hezbollah had been routinely shelling Northern Israel, and the Houthis in Yemen have launched numerous unsuccessful missile and drone strikes against Israel, disrupting global shipping. However, Israel's attack against the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Damascus forced Iranian officials to make a more difficult choice. Iran had two choices, it could refrain from overt retaliation and continue to benefit from the present situation.

The spotlight would remain on the atrocities in Gaza.



Analysing Raisi's Islamabad visit and its impact on India



What adds an intriguing dimension to Raisi's visit is his distinction as the first foreign leader to initiate diplomatic relations with Pakistan, particularly against the backdrop of the recent contentious general elections held in the country on February 8. This context imbues Raisi's visit with heightened significance, revealing the intricate nuances and delicate balancing acts inherent in regional diplomacy. President Raisi's diplomatic journey warrants careful consideration, occurring amidst the backdrop of his designation as a target of sanctions under Executive Order 13876 by the US Office of Foreign Assets Control. This layer of complexity adds a nuanced dimension to his diplomatic engagements, underscoring the delicate balancing act required in navigating international relations. Moreover, Raisi's trip is shadowed by grave allegations of human rights abuses, with numerous international bodies and United Nations special rapporteurs highlighting these concerns. Such allegations have previously led to the cancellation of his planned trip to Geneva in 2023, indicating the significant scrutiny surrounding his diplomatic activities and the challenges they entail.

Recent developments in Iran-Pakistan diplomacy

The Iranian president's visit to Pakistan arises against a background of recent hostility

amid talks covering religious, cultural, investment, and diplomatic spheres. Iran reportedly launched missile strikes on two strongholds of the anti-Iranian rebel organisation Jaish al-Adl (Army of Justice) on January 16 in the province of Baluchistan, Pakistan. A major actor in the ongoing tensions between Iran and Pakistan is Jaish al-Adl, which was founded in 2012 by Abdul Rahim Mollazehi as a breakaway faction of Jundullah. As an "unprovoked violation" of its airspace, Pakistan denounced the bombing. The assault posed a threat to Pakistan's formidable army chief, Gen Asim Munir, whose reputation for toughness and resolve has been a point of contention in his relations with other nations as well as at home. This made political analysts wonder if Iran respected Pakistan's sovereignty. Retaliating quickly, Pakistan launched a surprise

attack two days later using fighter jets and missiles directed at the purported hideouts of anti-Pakistan ethno-nationalist insurgents in the Sistan-Baluchistan region who were allegedly operating from Iranian soil. In light of worries about regional security, these incidents do highlight the complex and unstable dynamics that define Iran and Pakistan's relationship, especially as root causes of terrorism, smuggling, and border infiltration are not addressed.

Pakistan serves as Iran's primary regional ally against adversaries such as Saudi Arabia and other Western powers. Iran's keen interest in joining China's economic corridor initiative aligns with Pakistan's close ties to Beijing. Notably, over 70 per cent of the electricity in Pakistan's Gwadar port city is sourced from Iran. The proposed gas pipelines, including the "peace pipeline" intended to

supply Iranian gas to India via Pakistan, have faced setbacks, notably India's withdrawal in 2009 due to US sanctions on Iran. However, Iran and Pakistan remain committed, signing a separate gas supply agreement. Notably, in June of that year, both nations entered into a multibillion-dollar agreement to develop a gas pipeline. However, while Tehran successfully completed construction of a 900-kilometre pipeline on its side by 2011, Islamabad still grapples with the task of installing 80 kilometres of pipeline on its territory. This discrepancy has sparked tensions, with Tehran issuing warnings of potential legal action and threats of an \$18 billion fine due to missed deadlines.

Despite Islamabad's recent pledge to finalise the project by September of this year, doubts linger over its feasibility. The primary obstacle remains Pakistan's apprehension of invoking U.S. sanctions, a concern that has consistently hindered progress, echoing previous justifications for delays. Conversely, assuming a hostile stance towards Iran upsets the delicate equilibrium of Pakistan's already complicated neighbourly ties. Tensions with India continue despite a current cease-fire along the border. The Taliban's support for the TTP's anti-Pakistan insurgency has caused relations between the two parties to

deteriorate dramatically on Pakistan's western border. The recent deportation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan has further caused tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan. During Raisi's visit, the Pentagon warned of sanctions for those engaging in business with Iran. Three Chinese firms aiding Pakistan's missile programme were recently sanctioned for WMD proliferation. Iran immediately shot back, stating that Israeli aggression on Iranian soil will result in a drastic shift in the balance of power. Raisi warned Israel on Tuesday: "Things will be different if the Zionist regime commits an error once again. If Tel Aviv attacks Iran once more, 'Israel will be completely different' and 'there will be nothing left of the Zionist regime.' According to Iranian Ambassador to India, Iraj Elahi, Tehran is optimistic that India will start purchasing crude from them again, as it did prior to May 2019, when the purchases stopped due to US sanctions against the West Asian nation. In order to advance the Chabahar Port project and strengthen bilateral relations, President Ebrahim Raisi might visit India later this year. Bypassing Pakistan completely, India will have access to Afghanistan through the Chabahar port, a symbol of strategic and economic cooperation between Iran and India.

Defence spending shoots up as conflicts rise globally

Total global military expenditure reached an all-time high of \$2443 billion in 2023, an increase of 6.8 per cent in real terms from 2022. This was the steepest year-on-year increase since 2009. The 10 largest spenders in 2023 were led by the United States, China, and Russia, all of whom increased their military spending. It was the ninth consecutive year of a rise in military spending. Also, it was the first time since 2009 that military expenditure went up in all five of the geographical regions. Particularly large increases were seen in Europe, Asia, Oceania, and West Asia. Clearly, there is a deterioration in peace and security. As the states prioritise military expenditure and strength, there is a risk of a spiral effect in the

neighbourhood. Russia's military spending increased by 24 per cent to an estimated \$109 billion in 2023, marking a 57 per cent rise since 2014, the year that Russia annexed Crimea. The Russian 2023 military expenditure was 16 per cent of total government spending and 5.9 per cent of GDP. Russia's military and war-related spending is set to rise sharply in 2024 under new federal budget plans for 2024-26 signed into law by President Vladimir Putin in November 2023. The plans suggest that the Russian government is committed to pursuing the war to a successful conclusion. Some have questioned the economic assumptions, though. Russia's rising debt burden has also meant reduced allocations to some key social

spending, including housing, education, and healthcare. Ukraine was the 8th largest military spender in 2023. Yearly spending surged 51 per cent to reach \$64.8 billion. It represented 58 per cent of total government annual spending. Interestingly, this spending was 59 per cent of Russia's defence expenditure. Ukraine also received at least \$35 billion in military aid during the year, including \$25.4 billion from the USA. When combining the two, it became

91 per cent of Russian spending. The US remains NATO's major spender, but European members have increased their share. In 2023, the 31 NATO members accounted for \$1,341 billion, equal to 55 per cent of the global military expenditure.

Ppro-India hare and hunting with anti-India hounds

India has not just become the "only bright spot" economically, as the IMF wants us to believe, but also diplomatically and geostrategically, the country has started behaving like a global power. Image: REUTERS In 2021, The New York Times posted an online advertisement for the job of a South Asia business correspondent based in New Delhi. One of the requirements sought for the position even startled the staunchest of NYT supporters. For, the American newspaper, quite categorically, sought the candidate to be critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his "muscular nationalism".

Explaining its stand, the newspaper wrote, "India's future now stands at a crossroads. Mr (Narendra) Modi is advocating a self-sufficient, muscular nationalism centred on the country's Hindu majority. That vision puts him at odds with the interfaith, multicultural goals of modern India's founders." Interestingly, the NYT has never put such preconditions for postings in Hong Kong or in mainland China. It has never asked the applicants to prove their pro-democratic credentials for a position in Hong Kong, or to publicly criticise Emperor Xi Jinping for a job in Beijing. If one thought the problem was NYT-centric, then hang on. Others in the West, too, aren't behind in targeting Prime Minister Modi and India. The Time magazine, for instance, just when Prime Minister Modi landed in Washington, DC, for his first official state visit in June 2023, questioned the very idea of India being an American ally. "India is not a US ally, and has not wanted to become one," a Time article thundered on 21 June. Interestingly, an even more scathing article appeared in the magazine a day earlier—on 20 June: "India's Worsening Democracy Makes It an Unreliable Ally." The Economist isn't behind either. It has often reproached Prime Minister Modi for stoking "divisions in the world's biggest democracy". It has singled out the Modi government

for its "flagrantly biased approach to citizenship" and delivering "collective punishment" for the people of the Kashmir Valley. It goes on to say that the "electoral nectar for the BJP" has become "political poison for India". It would, however, be wrong to assume that Western prejudice is only Modi-centric. Although it is today largely influenced and inspired by anti-Modism, prejudice is deeply entrenched against India and its rising global influence. This explains why the West has very rarely celebrated India's dance with democracy in the past seven decades. This despite the fact that India since Independence has been a case of democratic miracle—the only genuine democracy in the region between Israel and South Korea. Moreover, no other country, despite socio-political advancements and economic prosperity, comes even closer to India's democratic successes. What the country could achieve in 75 years, it took Britain and the United States centuries to reach there. Interestingly, in the given timeframe, the US found itself amid the Civil War which almost tore the country into two halves, but for Abraham Lincoln's sagacious leadership. It took the US another 50 years to make voting gender neutral and 100 years to give the Blacks the basic voting rights—something that India bestowed upon its citizens in one go in 1947 despite unprecedented poverty and astounding illiteracy. Yet, in the 1950s and '60s, the West was busy writing democratic India's obituaries: Its balkanisation was a foregone conclusion, and the only thing keeping the country together was Nehru! "What after Nehru?", was the most obvious question being asked during those times. After Nehru, during Indira Gandhi's time, the democrats of America and Britain found great comfort in Mao's company and had even dispatched an aircraft carrier, Enterprise, to bully India at the height of the Bangladesh war!

Maryam Kartarpur Sahib overture points at new Pak thinking

The election results also showed that Imran, despite all that the army and the People's Democratic Movement government had thrown at him, retained a substantial measure of support in Punjab. At the same time the Pakistan Peoples Party did well in Sindh. Very difficult PML(N)-PPP negotiations, clearly overseen by the army, from behind the scenes, followed. The arrangement that emerged saw Shehbaz Sharif as prime minister forming the government with outside PPP support, Asif Zardari becoming president of Pakistan, and Maryam becoming the first woman CM of the Punjab. In this the person who has temporarily lost out is Hamza Sharif

but the final word has not been said on how the reconciliation of political interests between Maryam and Humza will eventually occur.

Now, to return to Maryam's visit to Kartarpur Sahib, she made an impressive speech to the sangat. She struck the right notes. She spoke in chaste Punjabi and projected herself as the daughter of Punjab who was the first woman to become CM in either Pakistani or Indian Punjab. She stressed her family's background in the village of Jati Umra in the Amritsar district from where her grandfather had migrated to Pakistan in 1947. Three other points that she made deserve special mention. One, that Pakistan was a

place where the minorities had the freedom to practice their faith and only recently the country had marked Eid, Easter, Holi and now she had come to be with the Sikh pilgrims at Baisakhi. Maryam's reference to this aspect is part of Pakistan's current endeavour to project itself as a moderate and liberal Muslim country. This is, of course, at variance with the prevalence and growth of extremist Islamist forces which want the country's governance to be strictly in accordance with the Sharia. The second point — and one of great significance — was Maryam's mention of the commonalities between Muslims and Sikhs. She took care to use the formulation

"you" and "us"; thus, carefully avoiding mentioning either Islam or Sikhism or Muslims and Sikhs. Obviously, she did not want to ruffle the feathers of the Pakistani ulema. She said that both "you" and "us" believe in one power which is the supreme power of the universe. She added that both "you" and "us" believe in honest living and earning through righteous means and giving to charity. Finally, Maryam referred to her father Nawaz Sharif's conviction that neighbours should open their hearts to each other and live in peace and also cooperate and trade with each other. It is true that Nawaz has always wanted to trade with India.



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ing, which alone accounted for ₹29 crore. Of this, 1.18 crore went to DB Corp, which publishes Danik Bhaskar; 11.8 lakh to Bharat Prakashan, which publishes Organiser and Panchjanya; and 9.44 lakh each to Aadhyaasi Media, and Kovai Media, which publish OpIndia, Swaraiva respectively.

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 Protsahan 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

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

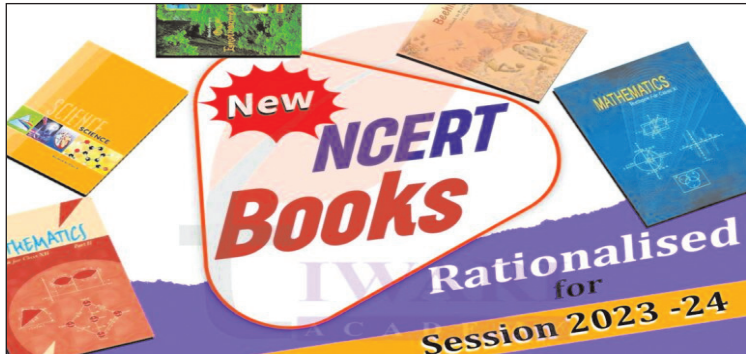
Delhi : India's most valuable company, Reliance Industries Ltd., surpassed predictions to register a strong increase in revenue and profit for the April-June quarter, driven by better telecoms and retail profitability despite crude-based difficulties. Profits from its Asian

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 mod-

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.

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 declining over the past five years as it has been declared "closed". The number of existing beneficiaries has been decreasing as researchers finish their projects. A retired academic blamed poor research proposals for the decline in funding. The UGC secretary is yet to respond to a query from this newspaper on the closure of the projects.

The UGC website suggests that around half a dozen



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.

other research promotion schemes have been shelved.

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) .

Qatar joins India, confirms IOC talks for 2036 Olympics and Paralympics



Delhi : The Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) said it was discussing the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games host city voting process with the IOC, Reuters reported. After Indonesia, Turkey, India, and Chile, the country is the last to bid for the 2036 Games. It hosted the 2022 World Cup and 2024 Asian Cup. Saudi Arabia and South Korea are also exploring bids. Egypt, Hungary, Italy, Germany, Denmark, and Canada are interested. "We currently have 95% of the required sports infrastructure in place to host the Games, and we have a comprehensive national plan to ensure 100% readiness of all facilities," QOC president Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al-Thani told Qatar News Agency.

"This plan is based on a long-term vision to create a socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable legacy." A few weeks previously, an Indian delegation met with the IOC in Lausanne, proposing Ahmedabad as the official host city. The discussion was productive. It was then revealed that the IOC's message to India was straightforward: clean up before planning the Olympics. Three sources said that the IOC raised concerns about the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)'s governance issues, the doping problem in sports, and the country's poor performance at the Olympics, finishing 71st with six medals at last year's Paris Games.

NMC again threatens action against medical colleges not paying stipend



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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."

Loss of Japan's position as the world's leading creditor

Delhi: Despite officials claiming that Japan's net foreign assets reached a record high last year, the country has fallen from its 34-year reign as the world's top creditor to second place, behind Germany.

The finance ministry of Japan announced that the country's net external assets were 533.05 trillion yen (\$3.7 trillion) at the end of the year, an increase of 12.9% from the previous year. Yoshimasa Hayashi, a spokesman, explained that the value of financial assets and debts, as well as changes in the balance of payments, are among the elements that contribute to the determination of net external assets. "In light of these points and the fact that Japan's net foreign assets have been steadily increasing, we do not believe



that the change in ranking alone should be taken as a sign of a major change in Japan's position," Hayashi informed the media. Based on the data provided by the ministry, the following countries ranked third: China (516.28 trillion yen), Hong Kong (320.26 trillion yen), and Norway (271.83 trillion yen). The figures show that Japan's foreign assets and liabilities both increased due to the weakening yen, but that assets grew faster than liabilities, mostly because Japanese businesses invested more money overseas.

AI models allegedly disregarded direct commands to turn off

Delhi: The most recent AI models of reasoning and thought have shown, at least in test settings, an inclination to prioritize self-preservation. And they still won't turn off, no matter how many times you tell them to. The most recent ChatGPT model from OpenAI, o3, was found to have sabotaged shutdown mechanisms during testing conducted by Palisade Research. Although o3's tendency was higher than others, other sophisticated models exhibited the same behavior in a battery of tests.

Supreme Court rejects Airtel and Vodafone's requests to waive AGR fees

Delhi : Airtel and Vodafone Idea were denied a waiver of interest and penalty on their outstanding adjusted gross revenue (AGR) debts, totaling Rs 80,000 crore, by the Supreme Court. The order would have an effect on Tata Teleservices as well. After the initial SC order in 2019, which aimed to recover industrial dues, the outstanding AGR is now little less than 1.5 lakh crore.

Since it entered the telecom market in 2016 with only a



minor exposure to past dues and adjustments, Reliance Jio was the only company that walked out relatively unscathed.

The businesses' request for a postponement was denied by a panel of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan, who

deemed the companies' petitions "shocking and misconceived" and rejected them. Multinational corporations' filing procedures for petitions seeking remedies for enforcement of rights under Article 32 were also examined by the court.

Rajasthan distribution companies ordered by the Court to pay Adani Power 186 crore

Delhi: The appeal that the electricity distribution companies in Rajasthan had lodged against the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity's (APTEL) decision in favor of Adani electricity Rajasthan Ltd, which had asked them to pay ₹186 crore in compensation,

has been rejected by the Supreme Court. Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (JVVNL) and other state discoms filed appeals, but a bench of justices Rajesh Bindal and M M Sundresh decided on May 23 that the petitions had no validity. The decision made by APTEL in

April 2024, which identified a new tax imposed by Coal India Ltd (CIL) as a "change in law" event under the PPA between Adani Power and the discoms, was affirmed by the court. To offset costs associated with moving coal from the mine to the destination.



Meta releases standalone AI app to challenge ChatGPT

Delhi: competing with ChatGPT creator OpenAI with a standalone AI app. Meta said that its new AI assistant will use Llama AI. The Discover stream shows how others are using the tool and provides prompts. The AI arms race pits Meta's new software against ChatGPT and other AI platforms. Claude, Grok, and Gemini from Anthropic, xAI, and Google are also leading contenders. In September



2023, Meta debuted an AI chatbot as a generative AI-powered digital assistant that can respond to user questions and produce graphics in its apps. Meta AI became prominent in April when it replaced Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Messenger's search feature with a chatbot. Zuckerberg claimed in January that 2025 "is going to be the year when a highly intelligent and personalized AI assistant reaches more than 1 billion people, and I expect Meta AI to be that leading AI assistant." Meta finance head Susan Li said Meta AI has 700 million monthly active users in January. It rose from 600 million in December. Meta launched a standalone AI app after Google and Elon Musk's xAI. Both firms released Gemini and Grok applications recently.

Drools becomes unicorn after Nestle bet

Delhi: Nestle bought a minority investment in Indian pet food startup Drools. After the investment, the Bengaluru-based company was valued at \$1 billion, joining unicorn startups. The business claimed, "This is a financial investment by the company, and Drools will remain strategically as well as operationally independent,". Nestle's investment in Drools comes as the pet food and pet care industry in India is growing due to millennial and Gen Z pet parents who are willing to spend more for better nutrition and care. Nestle's Purina pet care segment,



which included pet food, accounted for 20.7% of sales in 2024. Recently, Indian companies like Godrej Consumer Care have entered the pet care sector. Drools, backed by L Catterton, competes with

Mars PetCare and Heads Up For Tails in India. Drools raised \$60 million from L Catterton in June 2023. Drools is the fourth unicorn of the year following Netradyne, Porter, and JSW One Platforms.

Byju's learning app was delisted from Google's Playstore

Delhi: Troubled edutech unicorn Byju's learning app has been delisted from the Google Playstore for non-payment of vendor dues, citing sources. The matter has been under works between Think and Learn Pvt Ltd, the parent company of Byju's, and vendor Amazon Web Services (AWS), since April 2024, it added. Did not receive a reply to their emailed queries from , Think and Learn Insolvency Resolution Professional (IRP), it added. A spokesperson for AWS said that the company has been working with Think and Learn since April 2024, "to resolve its outstanding.

Starlink arrives in India with plans under Rs. 850 per month

Delhi: Starlink is preparing to launch its satellite communication services in India after clearing most regulatory hurdles. A report claims that its plans could cost \$10 (Rs. 850) per month as the debut approach.

Consumers may receive unlimited data plans under initial promotional schemes. The Elon Musk-backed business hopes to swiftly build its user base to 10 million to offset high spectrum prices due to volume benefits. The Department of Telecommunication



(DoT) granted Starlink a Letter of Intent to launch satellite communication services in India earlier this month. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) may impose a Rs. 500 per month per urban user price, making satellite internet services more expensive than wired and wireless broadband

connections, according to the. In addition, 4 percent of total adjusted gross revenue (AGR) with a minimum yearly charge of Rs. 3,500 per spectrum block and an 8 percent licensing fee for commercial services in India are required. The government has yet to approve these recommendations.

India's crypto industry urges tax cuts as Donald Trump support softens New Delhi stance

Delhi: In an effort to capitalise on what it perceives as New Delhi's accommodating attitude towards digital assets, the cryptocurrency industry in India is urging for tax cuts that have limited domestic trading. This comes as politicians in New Delhi negotiate a more comprehensive trade pact with the United States. Policymakers' views towards cryptocurrency have been warming up, after making it a pariah sector in the country due to regulators' mistrust of its possible illegal applications.

After Donald Trump's endorsement of digital cur-



rencies and his return to the White House, exchange executives told them that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has become much more attentive and engaged.

The frequency of industry meetings with lawmakers has increased from once every six months to

"monthly, if not weekly," according to Ashish Singhal, co-founder of CoinSwitch, one of the biggest cryptocurrency exchanges in India with over 20 million members.

Reducing taxes that he called "very harshly" enforced was the industry's "big ask," he claimed.

SEBI and the Exchange are in advanced negotiations

Delhi: In order to reach a consent settlement in the co-location case that is presently pending before the Supreme Court, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is in advanced negotiations with the NSE. A



Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) decision that lessened the initial sanctions levied against NSE in 2019 has been appealed by SEBI. According to someone with knowledge of the situation, "the discussion on the most important

issue of resolving the co-location case started, around one and half months ago." "The amount that NSE should pay to SEBI in order to settle the lawsuit is one of the consent terms that are currently being negotiated by both parties.

Bharat Dynamics to Receive Invar Missile Order from Government; Shares Climb 2%

Delhi: An official from the government has said that the Ministry of Defence is putting the finishing touches on a purchase order for 500 Invar ATGMs from state-run Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL). The contract is estimated to be worth between two and three million rupees. In order to strengthen India's armoured combat capabilities, this acquisition is a part of a larger push to equip T-90 main battle tanks with pre-



cision-guided missile systems. Tanks are the ideal platforms from which to launch Invar missiles. An official informed that the Defense Ministry is likely to spend between two and three million Indian

rupees (about \$2,100 million) for 500 missiles from BDL. As a result of their reputation for precision and efficacy, Invar missiles are currently being used by armoured units on India's frontline.

Fewer jobs at Tata Motors, smaller hikes for top deck

Delhi: For the first time in five years, automotive manufacturer Tata Motors saw its workforce shrink in a fiscal year, when its employee base fell 3% in FY25 compared with the previous fiscal. Alongside, the fiscal also saw median salary hikes for its senior-most executives at just 3% compared with 15% in

FY24, the company's annual report for FY25 showed. The twin developments happened against the backdrop of falling demand for its cars, trucks and buses in the fiscal. The total employee count of the country's third-largest automaker, excluding employees of its UK-based subsidiary Jaguar Land Rover.

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

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



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

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

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

JioHotstar Reaches 300 Million Subscribers, Closer to Netflix

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



received 237 million digital viewers and 189 million TV viewers. Along with user growth, the platform broke revenue records.

Jiostar, the parent company of JioHotstar, announced that the 2025 IPL had the largest advertising and subscrip-

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

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

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

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

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



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

Delhi: Appellate tribunal NCLAT upheld the order passed by fair trade regulator CCI against Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to Play Store policies, however, reduced the penalty on the tech giant to ₹216 crore from ₹36.44 crore. A two-member bench comprising Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and Technical Member Barun Mitra said Google "has abused its dominant position and has violated Section", however in some sections, violation was "not proved, but penalty was still leviable on proof of violation".

Small savings program interest rates unchanged April-June quarter

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

JSW to acquire Dulux Paints for 9,000 crore

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



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

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

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

Birla Co. recovers Rs 2 crore in stolen digital gold

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

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



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

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

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

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

Delhi: Drivers who don't fix their FASTags on the windshield of their vehicles will face permanent blacklisting of tags, a measure taken in view of the malpractice of people handing out "loose or unfixed tags" for payment of highway-user fee, which



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

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

leads to congestion at toll plaza lanes and sometimes altercations with toll collectors. The NHAI company dealing with toll collection and

management of highways, IHMCL, has asked federations of toll collectors, highway builders and operators to report.

GST compensation fund likely to have 95k cr surplus

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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