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

NEW DELHI: Union minister Jitendra Singh said Saturday that administrative members had to be allowed to head Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) benches as not many retired judges and senior judicial officers were keen to accept postretirement assignments in the tribunal. Addressing the 10th All India Conference of CAT, Singh said the job offer was not attractive or they had more lucrative avenues at hand. "We can't talk much about this because if we do then judges will get angry. If a common man gets angry, then the judge can reprimand him. But if a judge gets angry, no one can reprimand him," he said.

CJI BR Gavai said govt must improve the service condition of judicial and administrative members of CAT to attract more retired judges and judicial officers to take up the assignments. CAT comprises a chairman and members who can be drawn from the judicial field or administrative side, the latter usually being experienced public administrators.

Ahead of his remarks on CAT administrative members being averse to ruling against govt, the CJI said, "nowadays one does not know how his statement would be portrayed in social media".

#### Security forces, terrorists trade

JAMMU: Security forces exchanged fire with terrorists in forests the Keshwan in Jammu Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Sunday. Officials said the operation was still underway, additional troops rushed to the area to fortify the cordon and plug

escape

possible

routes. The firefight broke out around 1pm when Army personnel were carrying out an intelligencebased operation in the area, Army's White Knight Corps stated in an X post. The gun battle came two days after a soldier, Lance Dafadar Baldev Chand, was critically wounded in a similar anti-terror operation in Seoj Dhar forest.

## **bullets** in

**Kishtwar forests** 

# PM Modi's address to nation: NDA hails 'GST

Modi's address to the nation while crediting him for the Next Gen GST reforms

#### Gst Next

Opposition criticised the speech, claiming that the reforms were inadequate

**NEW DELHI:** As Bharatiya Janata Party and NDA leaders hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation while crediting him for the Next Gen GST reforms, the opposition on Sunday criticised the speech, claiming that the reforms were inadequate and came too late. After PMModi's address to the nation, president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge asked PM Modi-led government to "apolo- with nine different



gise to the people" for imposing GST on their dal, rice, grains, pencils, books, medical treatment, and farmers' tractors."After eating nine hundred mice, the cat sets off for Hajj. government, Your instead of adopting the Congress's simple and efficient GST, imposed a "Gabbar Singh Tax"

slabs, collecting over Rs 55 lakh crore in 8 years," Kharge said. Also read: 'Difficult to send goods from Bangalore

Hyderabad': PM Modi slams opposition for old tax-regime; cites this foreign report in speech "Now, by talking about a Rs 2.5 lakh crore "Savings Festival," you're offering a mere "Some people are making big claims about GST"

West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee claimed that the Centre is taking undue credit for lowering GST rates and said that the move was initiated by state "Some people are making big claims about GST. I was the first to write a letter requesting

Mamata said. sticking plaster after inflicting deep wounds on the public! The public will never forget that you imposed GST on their dal, rice, grains, pencils, books, medical treatment.

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were

suffering,'

## Abhishek turns the heat on Pak, gives befitting reply to Shaheen, Rauf's abuses

DUBAI: "The best mirror is an old friend," is a classical line by famous English poet George Herbert.

Those lines seemed to have been written for Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma when the duo were batting together against Pakistan in their Super 4s clash at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday. Gill and Abhishek were matching each other shot-forshot and put on 105runs for the opening wicket.On the eve of yet another highlyanticipated India vs Pakistan clash, only three Indian cricketers turned up for the optional practice session. Shubman Gill and Abhishek were two of them.Gill was struggling for runs, and it

was Abhishek who lent him the comforting arm. He bowled in tandem with the net bowlers for an hour to Shubman. He challenged him to play sweep shots, teased his inability to hit the reverse sweep, and requested Varun Chakravarthy to trouble Gill with his variations. A day later, the duo, who have batted together since their U-12 days in Punjab, were at their destructive best. Fire, fury, and fireworks Chasing a stiff target of 172, India's chase got off to a fiery start as

Abhishek Sharma.

### Owner of J&K hotel booked for violating Foreigners Act

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police have booked the owner of a hotel in Patnitop in Ramban district for allegedly violating provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946, by not reporting the stay of a guest from Finland. Police said the accused, Shamsher Singh Manas, owner of Hotel Pine Heritage, had not filed the mandatory online form intimating 'Form-C'



authorities about the stay of Tuuli Finnish national Lehmusjaervi at his property from July 17-Aug 29.

Foreigners Registration Office the hotel owner failed to submit accommodation providers.

the form to the FRO within the requires

stipulated time period. This constitutes a violation of Sections 7 and 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946, which accommodation providers to report the stay of foreign guests on their properties," a Ramban Police spokesperson said Sunday. The FIR was registered at Batote PS. Section 7 of the Act man-"Despite the legal obligation, dates the filing of Form-C by

## 'This is not a rivalry anymore': Suryakumar brutal reality-check to Pak

tained their dominance over Pakistan in this Asia Cup, defeating their arch-rivals by six wickets in the Super Four clash on Sunday. Opener Abhishek Sharma led the charge with a blazing 74, putting on a record 105-run opening stand with Shubman Gill as India chased down 172 with



seven balls to spare. The contest was played under tense conditions following the hand-

shake controversy from their previous groupmeeting, but kumar Yadav, stage Suryakumar

☐ India maintained their dominance over Pakistan in this Asia Cup, where reciprocity.

India's captain, focused on the on-field performance rather than offfield drama. Beyond The

the after Suryakumar rivalry. me, if two teams play matches.

#### YouTube channel. SUB-SCRIBE NOW! Speaking to reporters win, downplayed the idea of a "You guys should stop asking questions about the rivalry between India-Pakistan. According to

## Appointed, ignored & unpaid: Meet India's 'invisible' teachers

#### **Educators**

☐ His only proof is a fading sheet of paper from 1983 and a knowledged labour

#### **NEW DELHI:**

Across India, numerous educators face dire financial circumstances despite their dedication. Md Aftab Alam, for instance, has taught for 42 years without pay, highlighting a systemic issue of exploitation. The Supreme Court's intervention in Gujarat underscores the need for fair compensation, yet many teachers continue to work for meager salaries or even without any income, jeopardizing the future



education. Appointed, ignored & unpaid: Meet sion - just a man show-India's 'invisible' teach- ing up to class every ers In 1983, Md Aftab day with a PhD and no Alam was hired as a regular college lecturer on paper. Forty-two years later, he's still waiting for his first salary. The appointment letter, issued by Sanjay Gandhi Mahila College in Gaya, promised pay and service conditions on a par with university faculty. What followed was four decades of unpaid teaching, no

employee ID, no penpaysiip. I taught, evaluated papers, I invigilated exams," he said. "But officially, it's as if I was never there." His only proof is a fading sheet of paper from 1983 and a lifetime of unacknowledged

labour. Last month, in a sharply worded verdict, Supreme Court ruled that 18 assistant professors in Gujarat.

### **New Austrian tunnelling method achieves mile**stone breakthrough in undersea tunnel project

In a significant milestone for the ambitious undersea tunnel project between BKC and Shillphata, the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM) has successfully achieved a breakthrough for its 5 km tunnel stretch.

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> km tunnel stretch. This critical section, which runs 4.881 km, notably includes a challenging 7 km segment beneath the Thane Creek. Tunneling commenced in May 2024, and on July 9, engineers celebrated the first breakthrough for a continuous 2.7 km section, connecting the ADIT to the Savali shaft.

#### **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 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.

## Highest working-age population ratio in Delhi, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh

**NEW DELHI:** With the percentage of the economically active population in the 15-59 age group at over 66% in the country, the Registration Sample System Statistical Report for 2023 shows Delhi has the highest proportion in this category at 70.8%, with the percentage for females marginally higher at 70.9% than males (70.7%),reports Ambika Pandit.



Telangana is next at 70.2%, and Andhra Pradesh follows, with decline in the popula-70.1% of its population tion in the 0-14 age figuring in the working group, from a little over working age group.

age group. Overall data showed a

2023, and an increase in the proportion of the economically population, around 53% in 1971 to 66.1% in 2023. Urban share of work-

41% in 1971 to 24% in

ing-age population higher at 68% The Sample

Registration System Statistical Report-2023 data revealed that a higher proportion of males and females in

#### Amid misleading ads by builders, government asks states, RERAs to take action

**NEW DELHI:** Amid instances of builders and their agents using "govt-style terminology" to make their projects resemble official housing schemes, the Centre has asked states and real estate regula-



tors (RERAs) to take action to stop such advertisements to prevent buyers from being deceived. They have also been asked to submit reports to ensure the protection of buyers'

Sources said there was a detailed discussion on the issue at a recent meeting of the Central Council Advisory (CAC) of RERA, chaired by housing and urban affairs minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

#### Search operation launched after suspected Pakistan-drone sighted near border in Jammu

JAMMU: BSF launched a search operation after picking up movement of a suspected Pakistani drone along

RS Pura in Jammu district, officials said Sunday. The drone the fourth such sighting this month — was seen the International Border hovering on the Indian On Sept 16, BSF troops near a forward village in side around 7pm the day recovered an AK-series.

before."Search operations are continuing to rule out any possible airdropping of weapons or narcotics," they said.

## The Indian military teaches locals in Jammu and Kashmir

Delhi: Training Village Defence Guards (VDGs) to bolster local security terrorist against threats has been initiated by the Indian Army in partnership with the Jammu and Kashmir Police. The program's overarching goal is to improve regional security by teaching locals how to defend their homes communities. Training for minor tactics, squad post drills, and the use of automatic rifles is underway for around 600 individuals.

Participants are able to their newly acquired abilities to action in realistic scenarios thanks to training sessions held in close proximity to the villages. Structured training lasts at least three days for each VDG unit. With the help of teachers and materials from the Corps Battle School in Sarol, formations of the Indian Army are leadthe training. Around 500 people in Rajouri and 85 to 90 in Doda and Kishtwar have been trained



#### Jagannath temple body to apply for patents on names

**Delhi:** Amid the tussle between Odisha and West Bengal over of naming 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', 'Mahaprasad'. The temple managecommittee

through the initiative, which was started in response to a request from the Jammu and Kashmir Police.The Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Army's which met in Puri said. The Jagannath Temple Administration would apply for patents of terms such 'Srimandir' 'Jagannath Dham', 'Mahaprasad', 'logo of Srimandir' 'Shrikshetra', 'Purushottam Dham'. It has been approved in a high-level meeting today," said SJTA chief administrator Arabinda Padhee.

Ordnance Depots are working together to offer VDGs Self-Loading Rifles (SLRs), giving them even more authority to protect their villages.

## **Congress says Centre MSP** doesn't cover inputs

Delhi: The Congress argued that Kharif crop Minimum Support Price (MSP) did not cover input prices and accused the Modi government of misleading farmers.

The MSP has become the maximum agony for producers, Congress national secretary Randeep Surjewala said reporters at a news briefing.The Centre claims it has increased the MSP for crops, but Mr. Surjewala said it is below

Swaminathan Commission's "cost (C2) plus 50%" calculation. Despite declaring MSP, the Centre is not buying crops at that rate, "cheating" farmers.



"What is the point of announcing the MSP without purchase" he questioned.Regarding the Centre's paddy MSP, the Congress leader argued that it was 766 lower than the C2 plus 50% formula. According to Mr. Surjewala, the government should have announced 3,135 MSP

for paddy, but instead only 2,369 MSP was announced. Even NDA/BJP-ruled states reported higher input prices than MSP, with Bihar, Gujarat, and Maharashtra recommending MSPs of 3,260, 3,000, and 4,783, respectively.

## 'Secularism must be two-way street': Pawan

**Delhi** : Actor-turnedpolitician Pawan Kalyan condemned the arrest of a Symbiosis law student, who was booked for allegedly hurting 'relisentiments' through a viral video posted during 'Operation Sindoor'.

The student, arrested by West Bengal Police from Gurgaon following a court warrant, had earli- always! Secularism isn't a

er deleted the video and shield for some and a issued an apology after it drew criticism online.

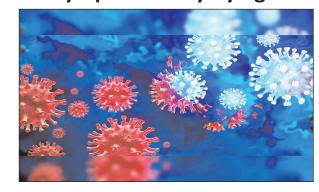
Taking to X, Kalyan questioned the silence over repeated instances of alleged blasphemy by TMC leaders and MPs, accusing them of mocking Sanatana Dharma by "Gandha calling it "Blasphemy Dharm". must be condemned,

be a two-way street. West Bengal Police, the nation is watching. Act justly for all," he said, urging equal condemnation of all such acts and impartial police action. The student was produced before Alipore court and remanded to judicial custody till June

sword for others. It must



#### Long-Covid affects 15% of newborns and toddlers, symptoms vary by age



Delhi: During another worldwide pandemic, a new study found that 15% of babies and toddlers had long-term COVID-19 and that symptoms vary by age. After a SARS-CoV-2 infection, kids with long Covid have symptoms for at least three months. About 15% of 472 infants and toddlers and 539 preschoolers recruited from March 2022 to July 2024 had lengthy Covid, according to the JAMA Pediatrics study. About 40 of 278 babies under 2 years old (14%) and 61 of 399 children aged 3 to 5 years (15%) experienced persistent symptoms. According to the study, newborns and toddlers have different long-Covid symptoms than preschoolers aged 3-5. Trouble sleeping, fussiness, poor appetite, stuffy nose, and cough were more common in infants and toddlers under 2 years old. Dry coughs and afternoon fatigue were more common in preschoolers (3-5 years old). Preschoolers with probably long Covid had 74% dry coughs.

## PMK schism widens as Ramadoss senior attacks son

Delhi : Senior Ramadoss accused his 56-year-old son of throwing a bottle at his mother, calling him a liar, and failing to lead the party "in the right direction" as their schism deepened. In Villupuram, the 85-year-old told the media, "Everyone worships their mother. At Pongal, Anbumani's mother asked if we made his second daughter the youth wing leader. Anbumani flung a bottle at his mother in reaction. Luckily, it impacted the wall instead of her. A sample." Anbumani opposed Ramadoss naming his daughter's son, P Mukundan, as PMK's youth wing chairman. Mukundan resigned Thursday for personal reasons. Ramadoss said his son was "creating internal power struggles" and lying "without shame". Anbumani called a



three-day party netas meeting on Friday.

Anbumani's sources stated he didn't make a statement but proved party power. Anbumani doesn't listen or let them speak. I wanted PMK and AIADMK to cooperate for the 2024 LS elections. Anbumani and AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami discussed and formed an alliance.

However, Anbumani and Sowmya immediately wept and demanded a BJP coalition, "Ramadoss added. I gave in after they sobbed so long. AIADMK-PMK may have allied naturally. He stated that PMK could have won three seats and AIADMK six or seven. Ramadoss denied responsibility for Anbumani's activities as PMK's working president.

#### 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, Sonipat 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

## **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 expelling Bijapur Basanagouda Patil Yatnal in March. He was removed from the party for six years on charges of indiscipline and launching

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 pre- ed with ministerial after pares for local elec- berths in the cabinets former toral battles and 2028 of BS Yediyurappa Union minister and assembly polls, and his successor, Somashekar, from Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru, and Hebbar, MLA from Yellapur in Uttara Kannada, were among the

attacks against the Congress defectors who joined BJP in

> Their defection played a key role in toppling the HD Kumaraswamy-led Congress-JD(S) coalition govt.

Somashekar Hebbar were reward-Bommai. Basavaraj After BJP lost the 2023 assembly elections, the two legislators had started aligning openly Congress.

## **Kavitha rebels against BRS** leadership, claims BJP merger

**Delhi**: In a revolt against Bharat Rashtra Samithi led by former Telangana chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR), his daughter and state legislative member council Kavitha Kalvakuntla accused the BRS of merging with the BJP. Kavitha accused the party leadership, particularly her brother KT Rama Rao (KTR), the working president, in a meeting with media at her home. She stated BRS-BJP merger discussions were underway. Merging with the BJP was proposed while I was in jail. I advised my father against rushing to unite the BRS and BJP. I offered to serve six months or perhaps years in prison, she said.She was in jail from March to August 2024 for her alleged role in the Delhi excise policy scandal. The Supreme Court released her on bail.The siblings' fight



#### Delhi high court upholds Army officer's termination for refusing to attend religious parade

Delhi: Delhi high court has upheld the 2017 termination of an Army officer who refused to participate in regimental weekly religious parades on the grounds that he belonged to the Christian faith. Samuel had challenged his dismissal without pension and gratuity, and sought reinstatement in service. In a May 30 order, a division bench of Justice Navin Chawla and Justice said: "Our armed forces comprise personnel of all religions, castes, creeds, regions and faiths, whose sole motto is to safeguard the country.

about the letter accusthe BJP, she stated her

was revealed last week father was like "God" when Kavitha's May 2 but "surrounded by letter to KCR was some demons"night. leaked. When asked He continued, "There is only one leader for ing KCR of softening on Telangana and that is

#### pass percentage.

Delhi: The Greater Noida authority said it has approved a proposal to build a 4km elevated road from Sector 4 to the Delhi-Meerut Expressway. The road will start from the 130 Metre Wide Road in Sector 4. cross over Shahberi and Crossings Republik in Ghaziabad, and meet the



expressway. The

NHAI, Greater Noida authority to build 4km elevated road Highways Authority of India have (NHAI) will construct the road,

> The Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad development authorities are likely to bear the cost of this project, which has been budgeted for 400 crore, said Greater Noida authority officials. We

officials said.

in-principle given approval for this 4km elevated road because traffic congestion in Noida Extension is set to rise. We have written to NHAI to build the 4km elevated road because it can seamlessly connect Greater Noida the Delhi-Meerut Expressway.

#### Yeida approves Film City layout

Delhi: The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development

(Yeida) Authority 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.

officials Yeida approved the layout plan following a thorough planning and high-level committee assessment.

## Short on funds Temples and memorials to receive Rs 3,000 crore from Maharashtra government

financially constrained Maharashtra government approved plans to

**Delhi:** The

preserve and renovate monuments and temples in the state, with a total cost of Rs 2,954 crore. Included in this is the

green light for a Rs 681.3 crore development plan to preserve the memorial to Ahilyadevi Holkar, a 18th century, at her birthplace in Chaundi village, Ahilyanagar. self to exploring Plans was made at a cabinet grimage centers in the



meeting at Ahilyanagar, just in time for the ruler's 300th birthday. The project is schedwarrior queen from the uled to be finished in three years.

Dedicating yourannouncement to build seven large pil-

state totaling 5,503 crore rupees were approved at the same cabinet meeting. A portion of this amount was allocated to the following projects: the

the Tuljabhavani tem-

ple, the Jyotiba temple,

Ashtavinayak temples,

Trimbakeshwar temple, the Mahalaxmi Mandir, the Mahurgad development, and the Mahalaxmi Mandir. administratively

The administration approved four of the seven projects on Wednesday. Included in this is the Rs 147.8 crore Ashtavinayak temples construction plan, which calls for an outlay of 100 crore for the temples itself and 47.4 crore for associated expenses like lighting, architectural consulting, and electrification.

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

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

Three thieves arrested for stealing from a senior journalist

Prayagraj. A joint police team from the Special Operations Group Yamunanagar Zone and Naini Police Station has arrested three accused. stolen mobile phone and ?14,960 in cash (from the sale of stolen goods) were recovered from their possession. The three accused, Arun Kumar Verma alias Arun Vanshkar Rachike, resident of Bradihakala police station, Haliya district, Mirzapur, currently residing at Gaughat police station, Muthiganj district, Prayagraj, Mohit alias Badal Vanshkar, resident of Gaughat Bagiya, Muthiganj police station, Prayagraj, and Sahil Bansal, resident of Gaughat Bagiya, Muthiganj police station.

# The Superintendent of Police

flagged off the rally On Sunday, under the Mission Shakti Campaign Phase Five, a bike rally was organized by women police personnel (SOG) alias **Prayagraj:** On Sunday, Superintendent Police.The rally under the Mission Shakti was attended by 155 women Campaign Phase Five, a

bike rally was organized by women police personnel under the leadership of Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kumar to promote women's safety and awareness. The rally was flagged

constables, 10 women head constables, and 15 women sub-inspectors. The rally began from the Superintendent Police's office and covered a distance of 5 kilometers, passing through Manjhanpur

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Jama Masjid Town Manjhanpur, Sonaran Tola, Pata Road near the roadways, and Samda Square, before concluding at the Superintendent of Police's office.On this occasion, a pledge was taken to spread the message of women's safety, self-reliance, and awarepublic.During the awareness rally, the police informed the public about Mission Shakti through a microphone. Information was also provided about various welfare schemes and helpline numbers run by the government, such as 1076 Chief

1090 Women's Power Helpline, the 1930 Cyber ??Crime Helpline, the 102 Health Service, the Ambulance Service, the 1098 Child Helpline, the 181 Women's Helpline, and the 112 Police Emergency Service. The awareness rally instilled Inspector of Police, and Minister's Helpline, the a sense of fearlessness other police officers.

among women and the general Additional Magistrate Kaushambi, Additional Superintendent of Police Kaushambi Rajesh Kumar Singh, Circle Officer Shivank

## **Landlord Accused of Murder, Contractor's Father Files Police Report**

Prayagraj. The mystery of whether contractor Jitendra Chauhan's death was a suicide or murder has become complicated. The contractor's father has accused the landlord of murder and filed a complaint with the Kheri police. Police are still await-



ing the post-mortem report. The case is being investigated. Meanwhile, the fami-

contractor's was held at Daraganj Ghat. Chauhan of Dherhan ly is angry that the village in the Kheri

police station area had taken the contract to build Ramesh Tiwari's house. On Saturday, Jitendra's body was found hanging from a window of the same house. The family members blocked the road by placing the body at the Kheri

## Police officers participated in the rally in the city

Prayagraj. The fifth phase of the Mission Shakti rally began with fanfare Sunday from Reserve Police Lines, Commissionerate. The rally was flagged off Mrs. Soumya Agarwal, Divisional Commissioner, Jogendra



Police Commissioner,

District Kumar, and Manish Kumar Magistrate. The fifth

the Uttar Pradesh government, aims to furstrengthen women's safety, digniwomen police personnel spread throughout the city, carrying a message of awareness

phase of Mission a Shakti, launched by confidence. Women police personnel participated in the rally, accompanied by a fleet of Dial 112, intercepty, and self-reliance. In tors, warning cars, tail this regard, this rally of cars, gypsies, and ambulances. The rally covered a distance of approximately 5 kilometers in the city.

## 1,100 pandals, with strict security arrangements over unrighteousness and truth over falsehood

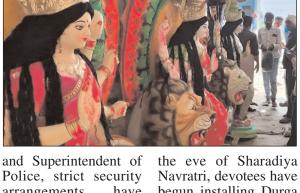
Sharadiya Navratri symbolizes the victory of righteousness

Idols of Goddess Durga will be installed in

#### Enthusiasm

☐ This sacred occasion of faith and belief infuses new energy and enthusiasm

Kaushambi. On the auspicious occasion of Sharadiya Navratri, the grand festival of worship of Shakti, devotees install idols of Goddess Durga in every town, market, city, and village across Kaushambi district and perform puja, kirtan, and bhajan with devotion for ten days. Idols of Goddess Durga will be installed in 1,100 pandals in Kaushambi district. Under the direction of the District Magistrate



Police, strict security arrangements been made for the Durga Puja sites. This sacred occasion of faith and belief infuses new energy and enthusiasm filled with devotion. into everyone's life. By the grace of Adishakti, symbolizes the victory everyone's life is filled of righteousness over with happiness, good unrighteousness and fortune, and health. On truth over falsehood.

Navratri, devotees have begun installing Durga idols in pandals. Chants of the Goddess are heard everywhere, and the entire atmosphere is Sharadiya

## Seva Parv Fortnight: Folk Songs and Nautanki on Cleanliness Set the Stage

**Prayagraj.** As part of the message of cleanthe Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, the North Central Zone Cultural Center organized various cultural programs as part of the Seva Parv on Sunday. Folk embrace cleanliness songs and Nautanki were performed at various locations in Prayagraj to spread the message of cleanliness.Mohanlal and

liness through folk tunes and traditional art forms. The captivating rendition of folk songs entertained the audience and inspired them to as a part of their lives. impressive Nautanki performance explained the ill effects of filth and the benefits of cleanlihis group presented ness in simple lan- a wide scale.

guage. As part of the program, the center also launched a special cleanliness drive at Indira Chowk. This campaign will continue until September 25th.Center Director Sudesh Sharma stated that such cultural programs are an effective means of public awareness and will help spread the message of cleanliness on

#### **Solo Art Exhibition** to Inaugurate on the **22nd**

Prayagraj. Kanpur artist Rajesh Nishad's five-day solo art exhibi-"Rajesh Parikalpa," will be inaugurated by Sudhir Narayan at the Gandhi Kala Vihar, North Central Zone Cultural Prayagraj, on September 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Exhibition coordinator and artist Ravindra Kushwaha, Director of Narayan Art Academy, stated that four distinguished artists.

## A special training program was organized at the

chairmanship District Justice Centre, participation "Developed Pradesh @ Centenary

## Circuit House for selected trainee accountants **Dedication**

Prayagraj. Under the Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma, a special training program was organized for newly selected accountants trained in the district in the Circuit House auditorium on Sunday, in line with the Revenue Department's Uttar 2047,

□ Trainee accountants should

perform their

duties with full

dedication Prosperity." The training program included discussions with the newly appointed accountants on the duties of their position, the expectations of the

Magistrate stated that if we are to achieve healthy and holistic development, we must maintain nature and our society in its purest form.Addressing the Revenue Department officials and Lekhpals at the training program, related tasks.

public and the adminis- the District Magistrate tration, legislation, and explained their imporaction plans, and pro- tant roles and responsivided them with impor- bilities. He stated that tant suggestions. At the Lekhpals are a vital part program, the District of the Revenue Department. He stated that all of you villagelevel revenue officers are the first face of the government and the public guardians of the villagers. He explained that Lekhpals perform important

## Navadurga: The Infinite Source of Energy –Shandilya Durgesh

Shandilya Durgesh, to reconnect with Mantras, which genwho holds deep faith and profound scienmade an effort to energy. Supreme Energy (Parashakti) but also to know oneself and chant

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vibrations. erate energy grid and are believed to attract positive energies.

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energy. Thus, the worship of the nine forms of Goddess during Navratri is deeply interlinked with enerwave-particle duality and the principle of consciousness.Maa Durga is considered supreme embodiment of Power (Shakti)and the personification of nature itself eternal where and infinite. Just as

oscillations generate nature transforms, Ma Durga manifests in many forms.

In Indian philosophy, energy is classified into three qualities (gunas), Sattvik (pure), Rajasik (dynamic), and Tamasik (dark/inert). Durga represents the perfect balance of these three, thereby maintaining harmony within the universe.

#### **Independent Charge Cooperative Minister Rathore** attended the Cooperative Bank membership drive

#### Prayagraj

Mohammad Rizwan Saif KhanIndependent Charge Cooperative Minister of the Uttar Pradesh Government JPS Rathore attended the Cooperative Bank membership drive in Soraon on Sunday. BJP District President Ganga Par Nirmala Paswan and Mandal President BJP Soraon Sanjeev Dwivedi welcomed him with garlands and flowers. Present at the event



were Kuldeep Soni, District Representative, District Vice President, Mayank Dwivedi,

Balwant Yadav, Shyam Soni, Sandeep Gyan Prakash Gupta, Dwivedi, and all the staff of the Cooperative Bank.

## <u>Editorial</u>

#### Trump's flip-flop to China's aggression—What's bringing **India and Australia closer**

The recent visit of Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles to New Delhi has provided a significant boost to the burgeoning ties between India and Australia. This diplomatic outreach underscores Australia's unwavering support for India in its battle against terrorism in all its manifestations. Notably, Marles' visit comes shortly after the Albanese administration's re-election, marking an early and decisive engagement with India at a time of heightened global uncertainty. Reflecting on the trajectory of India-Australia relations, it is remarkable how far the partnership has come in a relatively short period. Just a decade ago, Australia was not a prominent feature in India's strategic considerations. However, shifting geopolitical dynamics have brought the two nations closer. The year 2025 marks the fifth anniversary of the elevation of the bilateral ties from a strategic partnership to a comprehensive strategic partnership, placing Australia among a select group of countries with which India maintains a 360-degree engagement framework. This enhanced partnership encompasses multiple overlapping mechanisms, including the 2+2 dialogue for high-level coordination on defence and foreign affairs, intergovernmental consultations, and a Free Trade Agreement. These initiatives reflect a shared commitment to deepening cooperation across various sectors, from security to trade and technology. At the heart of this evolving relationship lies a mutual recognition of the importance of defence and security collaboration. During Marles' visit, both nations welcomed the signing of the Australia-India Joint Research Project and agreed to intensify and diversify defence industry collaboration. The upcoming third India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue later this year is expected to further advance defence science and technology cooperation, enhancing interoperability and common security challenges. Beyond bilateral engagements, both countries are active participants in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), an informal grouping that includes the United States and Japan. The Quad aims to promote a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific, serving as a counterbalance to China's growing influence. The inclusion of Australia in the Malabar naval exercises, alongside India, Japan, and the US, has further built interoperability and trust. The Quad stands as the most prominent example of the plurilateral cooperation linking the United States and India with two of their closest strategic partners. Yet, America's current relationship with India has lost the sheen it was expected to have. While Washington has not formally withdrawn from key security alliances like NATO or informal groupings such as the Quad, the Trump administration's flippy-floppy foreign policy toward its allies and partners has irked all. Trump's semi-betraval of Europe on Ukraine has unsettled allies around the globe including Australia and New Zealand, both formal defence partners of the US. As the US-China rivalry develops, regional states are scrambling to protect their interests. There is little clarity on how Western powers might respond to a potential Chinese military takeover of Taiwan. A direct military confrontation between the US and China remains improbable, a reality acknowledged both overtly and implicitly by voices within and outside the US government. For Indo-Pacific nations caught in the geopolitical crossfire—reliant on China for trade and the US for security-investing in their own strategic resilience appears to be the most prudent path forward. Global military spending surged by 9.4 per cent in 2024—the steepest increase since the Cold War—driven by the return of attritional warfare and China's

# Why is the government silent on the fake fertilizer manufacturers?

Till now, factories manufacturing fake food items have been caught in the country, but never before have such large numbers of fake fertilizer factories been caught as have been caught in Rajasthan. The way raids have started on fake fertilizer factories in Rajasthan and they are being sealed is commendable. One thing that has come to light from this action is that fertilizer companies are cheating farmers in many ways, which includes looting the hard-earned money of farmers by selling expensive fertilizers, along with this, a conspiracy is also being hatched to destroy their fields. The surprising thing is that 12 fake fertilizer factories have been caught in just one district of Rajasthan, then imagine how many such factories would be there in the entire state and then in the entire country, which are ruining the farmers by making fake fertilizers. It is said that there are a large number of fertilizer manufacturing factories in Madhya Pradesh too. Talking on this matter, Union Minister of State for Agriculture Bhagirath Chaudhary said that those who cheat the farmers will not be spared at all.

They will get the harshest punishment. Actually, fake DAP fertilizer and many other types

of fertilizers were made in these factories and the surprising thing is that they were not made from animal bones, but from marble dust i.e. ground marble, which makes the fields barren when it falls on them. It is said that along with marble dust, such dangerous chemicals were being used in these fertilizers, which makes the land barren. It

farmers themselves. In

fact, three trailers were

being unloaded on the

road near the fields out-

side a fertilizer factory named Radhika Agro located in Chhidwara and Bandarsindri areas of Kishangarh district of Rajasthan, which was opposed by the villagers. Amidst this uproar, the driver and others who had brought marble dust fled. When Rajasthan Agriculture Minister Kirori Lal Meena came to know about such a large quantity of raw material recovered, he got the factories sealed and said that strict action will be against accused. Similarly, fake fertilizer was also being made in Divya Agro Food Industry, where Agriculture Minister Kirori Lal Meena has raided and assured the farmers of taking strict action against the mafia making fake fertilizer. In fact, strict action must be

taken against the people

responsible for this fraud

because this is a big fraud not only with the farmers but with the entire country. But the question is who are these people who are cheating the farmers? Because these factories have not been caught without any uproar by farmers and villagers. Why have the names of the owners of these factories, which provide lakhs of tons of fertilizers to the farmers of the country every year, not been revealed yet? Farmers allege that how can such a big fraud happen in the state without the consent of the government and administra-

Actually, the apprehension of the farmers is not wrong, because when elections come, these factory owners donate money in support of some political party, after

ernments provide them with all kinds of benefits after forming the government. However, this is not the issue of any one government, rather this practice has become very old in India. The funds received by the parties are a part of this, which is not even disclosed now. So should it be believed that the people who give funds and election donations to the parties adulterate the money and recover it from the public, and many times more? Why are adulterators and sellers of fake products not controlled, whose biggest consumer is the common citizen of the country, which also farmers. includes Because the elite class is completely free from adulterated products. If there is even the slightest adulteration or any other minor defect in the food grains of the farmers, then their food grains are either bought at a very cheap price in the market or are returned. But not only are fake fertilizers being sold to those farmers, but fake pesticides and fake seeds are also being sold to them. Therefore, in this matter, the Modi government at the Center, which talks of doubling the income of farmers, should come forward and work to free the farmers from the clutches of these adulterators and which the elected gov- sellers of fake products.

#### is worth understanding that the farmers who feed the people of the country and do not step back from their farming taken dharma even after getting low MSP and neither sell their food grains by adulterating them, are being cheated openly. In Rajasthan too, farmers were being cheated in these fertilizer factories, which was caught by the

## There's A Country India Must Take More Seriously: Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan capital, on May 29. One may wonder why write about a Kazakh event when we are still debating Operation whether Sindoor is over or on pause. But it was exactly this that makes it so pertinent to write Kazakhstan, about Central Asia's largest country and roughly just a three-hour flight away from Delhi. Over two days, there was brainstorming and information-sharing at highest level, encompassing a range of issues, as the forum aims to tackle global challenges by amplifying diverse voices.The plenary session was inaugurated by Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

The Guest of honour was Paul Kagane, the President of Rwanda, whose country has seen horrific violence and genocide. Other speakers were President of North Macedonia Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Alain Berset, former **UN** Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (now President and Chair of the Global Green Growth Institute), and Qu Dongyu, Director-General of the Food

Agriculture tive for India to partner International Forum Organization. But this with Kazakhstan. It is opened with a flourish was just the plenary the ninth largest coun-Astana, the session. Other sessions try in the world, equivhad speakers as diverse as Georgia Meloni, the Prime Minister of Italy, and Haji Noorudfin Azizi, the Minister of Commerce and Industry

Afghanistan.

In his opening address, President Tokayev noted that the forum was taking place at a time of great uncertainty in the world. According to last year's data, 52 countries were involved in armed conflicts.

The economic losses

from violence reached \$19 trillion, approximately 13.5% of the world's gross domestic product. Kazakhstan views the modern turbulent world through the prism of constructive cooperation," said the President. "In our foreign policy, we prioritise dialogue over division and rely on respect for sovereign rights. Disregarding national pride and the historical and cultural traditions of peoples is unacceptable. At the same time, it is essential to respect the rights of all national minorities to speak their languages and to develop their cultures. That is why we firmly uphold the 'Unity in Diversity' principle in Kazakhstan".This is what makes it impera-

alent in size to Western Europe, and the largest country in Central Asia. It is resource-rich with gas, oil, minerals, and rare earth metals. Militarily, it is also one of the strongest countries in the region. Yet, Kazakhstan voluntarily gave up its nuclear weapons. It has had border problems with a number of its neighbours, including giant China, but has been able to solve them. Solving territorial disputes goes a long way in enabling the development of a nation and

society. Though India is a giant with a billion population and Kazakhstan is a nascent republic, only 34 years old with a population of about 20 million, there are many convergences in their foreign policies and positions on global issues.Like Kazakhstan has an autonomous multi-vector foreign policy. It has adroitly managed its relations with competing and rival powers. It shares the longest land border with Russia and continues its cooperation and relations with it, notwithstanding Western sanctions against it. The US is the largest investor in the country, followed by

## one. But, is it a happy story, 30 years the same price as 4G, there's a prob-

More subscribers but low tariffs—why India's

telecom sector is under stress

The Indian telecom story, seen prices) for years at a stretch, there's through numbers, could dazzle any- a problem. When 5G data comes at in India in July 1995? First, the numbers. Mobile subscribers in the country are close to 1.2 billion, out of 9.1 billion globally. Internet subscribers in India are pegged at over 970 million, compared to 5.56 billion around the world. India's broadband subscribers stand at more than 940 million, against the global figure of 5.3 billion.On the handset side, the stats are equally impressive. From importing 75 per cent of the handsets till not very long ago, the country has moved to exporting mobile phones worth ~1.8 trillion a year. And India has wowed the world with 1.8 billion digital transactions annually. However, being the cheapest data capital (a title India may get in the near future) has its own problems — something that policymakers can't wish away. When telecom service providers don't hike tariffs (both calling rates and data (\$0.11).

into trillions of dollars, there's a problem. When leading telcos want conversion of their pending dues into government equity, there's a problem. And when preventing a duopoly in the industry becomes a burden, there's a problem.As Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia told this newspaper in a recent interview, the telecom growth story of India has become the envy of the globe. While that may be the case, the high subscriber numbers and the impressive digital transaction volumes are accompanied by rock-bottom tariffs. Mobile call rates have fallen to around 0.03 paise a minute, from 50 paise a minute 10 years ago. And data cost has seen a steep fall to ~ 9 per GB, from ~287 per GB 10 years ago. Against the average global data cost of \$2.49 per GB, India's is 11 cents

## Will Nepal Really See A Return Of The Monarchy?

A huge crowd headed towards Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's Baluwatar residence from downtown in Kathmandu, chanting slogans in favour of the restoration of the Hindu monarchy, which was abolished in 2008. The crowd, led by former Home Minister Kamal Thapa, tried to break the police cordon.This was on June 1. The police responded to protesters with batons. As they continued to push, the security forces fired tear gas shells to prevent the crowd from entering the premier's residence. Subsequently, as the crowd dispersed, police arrested Thapa. Most strikingly, he was dragged to a police van with his hands and legs tied,

growing maritime assertive-

before being taken into custody. Hours later, Thapa and the arrestees released.Clashes of this kind have become the norm in Nepal of late. Thapa, a leader of the Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP) Nepal, was the Home Minister during the 2006 popular uprising that flared across the country. Those protests ended the centuries-old constitutional monarchy. Back then, dismayed by the direct rule of the then King Gyanendra Shah, tens of thousands of people had taken to the streets for nearly a month demanding the abolishment of the centuries-old Hindu monarchy. The government, led by the King's men, had ordered the police to open fire at the protesters. More than two dozen demonstrators were killed, scores of them injured, and thousands of others were detained. Now, nearly two decades later, monarchists like Thapa have taken to the streets, followed by their supporters. The then rulers, who suppressed the people's movement under the guidance of King Gyanendra, are now the protesters. The roles have reversed in less than two decades. Yet, protests continued. The nationwide uprising forced the King to abandon the Royal Palace, ending a 239year-old tradition. And thus, Nepal was declared a Republic.

India, China, the US and other influential countries endorsed the political shift. The King's residence, known as Narayanhiti Royal Palace, was subsequently converted into a museum. This time, backed by the frustrated populace, pro-royal forces are hitting the streets, vowing to bring back the King to the Narayanhiti Royal Palace. To amplify their demands, smaller parties, academicians and wellwishers have joined the movement for the restoration of a constitutional monarchy. The royal family itself has been backing the protesters, hosting lunch for leaders and defending their campaign in press state-



## Water bill waiver scheme to be launched by government

Delhi: The government is planning to launch a water bill waiver scheme shortly to address the increasing number of complaints about high water bills, according PWD Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh, the made announcement

Multiple complaints have been received by the Delhi Jal Board over erroneous pricing, prompting this notice. In the near future, we intend to implement a bill waiver program that will handle all domestic bills and cut them by almost 90%. A reorganization of the billing system is in the works. At a news conference, Mr. Singh explained that the necessary software is now in development and that some technical challenges are being resolved. Additionally, the Minister has promised that all of the city's unapproved colonies will be linked to the sewer system by the year 2027 and has unveiled a sewerage master plan. "The current problems of sew-



#### The role of farm credit societies is being advocated

Delhi: Amit Shah, minister of home and cooperation in the Union, has argued that Primary Agricultural Credit Societies' (PACS) continued financial viability and social significance depend on their increased participation in the government's foodgrain storage program. Shah ordered the food and public distribution ministry and the Food Corporation of India to

erage infrastructure and future needs of the city" will be addressed by the "DJB is planning sewerage master plan," according to the

do national-level warehouse mapping in order to match infrastructure with regional demands during a review meeting of the world's largest cooperative foodgrain storage scheme. In his request, he pushed states to include more PACS in the program and asked FCI, NCCF, NAFED, and warehousing organizations to connect PACS.

with additional ware-

minister.

Additionally, he mentioned that a worldwide tender will be released for this matter

## New taxi fleet should exclusively include CNG and EVs

Air Quality Management (CAQM) has declared that beginning January 1, 2026, all new fleets of taxi aggregators, delivery services, and e-commerce operators operating in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) will be required to use only compressed natural gas (CNG) and electric vehicles. In an effort to lower regional emissions, the action is a component of a larger crackdown on polluting automobiles. All N1 two-wheelers, light commercial vehicles (LCVs), and light goods vehicles (LGVs) (weighing up to 3.5 tons) are now in violation of the new

**Delhi**: The Commission



guideline, which forbids the addition of new petrol and diesel vehicles to service fleets. The current fleet of cars, nevertheless, will be permitted to keep running. One of the main causes of air pollution in cities in the NCR is emissions from vehicles, according to instruction number 94, which was issued on June 4 by the CAQM. Cities like

Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonipat, Noida, Greater Noida, and Ghaziabadwhich see a lot of vehicles and commutersare the focus of this approach. Also requested were regional policies for mobility and logistics platforms from the states of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana. Buses entering Delhi with other permissions.

## Delhi's 25-point strategy to reduce air pollution

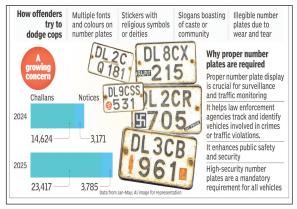
**Delhi**: The government of Delhi has presented a 25-point plan to reduce air pollution by the year 2025. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta made an announcement regarding the state government's plans to tackle pollution in the city when it was released. To this end, the government of Delhi will sign memorandums

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

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



#### 27K drivers fined for using non-standard vehicle plates



Delhi: In response to a directive from the Commissioner of Police in Delhi to crack down on vehicles having number plates that are either decorative or displayed incorrectly, the traffic police have begun a massive crackdown. The number of drivers booked for offenses has surpassed 27,000 as of May 2025. Police are cracking down on licence plates that don't follow the rules, such as those with unique typefaces, colors, religious symbols, or community or caste statements. In 2024, a total of 17,795 infractions were documented, with 3,171 notifications and 14,624 challans. May 2025 alone saw 27,202 instances, a significant increase from the previous year's total of 23,417 challans and 3,785 notifications. Criminals frequently use this loophole to avoid being caught and prosecuted, according to the police. They can make it more difficult for the authorities to follow their whereabouts by using non-standard number plates to conceal their vehicles.

## The Delhi Bar Association exempts advocates from summer black jackets

Delhi: A letter from the Delhi Bar Association exempts attorneys from wearing black coats in district courts during summer. Members can appear in Delhi High Court-subordinate courts without black jackets. However, they must follow the other obligatory dress code regulations "The association's May 24 notification, signed by Members can appear in Delhi High Court-subordinate courts without black jackets. They must follow the other obligatory dress code regulations "Vikas Goyal, the association's secretary, signed the May 24 message. Advocate Sanjay Sharma said the



"They must follow the other obligatory dress code regulations "Vikas Goyal, the association's secretary, signed the May 24 message"

code's other rules—white shirt, black trousers, and band-must be followed. "This dress code relaxation aims to protect advocates

group provided an advisory from heat strokes and disto exempt black jackets in comfort in non-air-condisummer, but the dress tioned courtrooms and excessive temperatures. This decision ensures advocates of all ages work efficiently "Said Mohit N Bharrdwaj Senior Advocate.

#### **Delhi Medical Council** informs HC on public awareness campaign

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

## Delhi Police rolls out e-Zero FIR protocol for cyber frauds

Delhi: Ten days after Union home minister Amit Shah announced the launch of an e-Zero FIR initiative to expedite action against cybercrime, Delhi Police commissioner Sanjay Arora issued a formal order detailing the protocol to be followed by field officers. The initiative, launched as a pilot in Delhi on May 17, aims to fasttrack investigations, improve fund recovery, and crack down on cyber fraud. Shah had said in a May 19 post on X that financial complaints lodged on the National



Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) or via helpline 1930 would automatically be converted into FIRs — initially for frauds above 10 lakh.

The system will later be expanded nation-

In an order dated May

that investigations must begin without waiting for the complainant's signature. Officers are required to issue notices asking the complainant to sign the FIR at the local cyber police station within 72

29, Arora instructed

## Delhi police app to accept complaints beyond theft and burglary

Delhi: Delhi Police will release a smartphone app that allows residents to report crimes from home with a few clicks to modernize and expedite the procedure. Development is underway on the app. Police said its user-friendly interface will allow individuals to download the app, complete a one-time registration, and register complaints from serious crimes to small street offenses without visiting a police station. They promised timely follow-up and action with the feedback mechanism and status alert system. Burglary, theft, and pickpocketing complaints are filed online. They prefer the cops for other things. Aslam Khan, joint commissioner of



the app simplified complaint registration and investigation to make it more efficient and transparent. Citizens will no longer have to attend police stations or follow up on complaints. "The innovative app will streamline justice delivery," he continued. Delhi Police's plan is a major step toward using technology to improve public services and commuinvolvement, insiders said.

Many manual com-

#### A refurbishment around 1.84 crore is planned for Talkatora indoor stadium

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

## PM Modi launches 200 e-buses in Delhi to boost green mobility

Delhi: On Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 200 electric buses in Delhi. The government launched the e-buses to promote sustainable growth and clean urban mobility. The PM said the program will make Delhi greener. He added that this will increase Delhi residents' "Ease of Living." The PM wrote on X, "Building a clean and green Delhi! Flagged electric buses under a Delhi government program to promote sustainable development



and clean urban mobility. Additionally, Delhi residents' 'Ease of Living' would improve." For World Environment Day, CM Rekha Gupta stated that 280 electric buses will be added to

the city's fleet by 2027 under a new electric vehicle policy. Gupta said Delhi will add 280 electric buses by 2027. Delhi will receive 280 electric buses. By 2027, all Delhi government

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

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

buses will be electric. A buses a huge asset for coming, she said. CM comfort and security. Gupta called the new

new EV policy is also Delhi, praising their

## 2.5 crore 'bogus' IDs solve IRCTC ticket disappearances

Delhi: If you're wondering why some train tickets disappear within minutes of the booking window opening even 60 days before the trip, IRCTC has found the culprits. Only in the past five months did it find 2.9 lakh dubious PNRs in general and Tatkal ticket sales made within five minutes of booking.



Top railway officials claimed

they banned 2.5 crore suspected ticket-booking user IDs and revalidated 20 lakh in a special effort between Jan and May. The national cyber crime portal has received 134 complaints and disabled over 6,800 disposal email domains. A spokesperson claimed this push will intensify. Disposable

email addressing entails utilizing a distinct email address for each contact or entity or limiting its use. Fraudsters use these methods to book tickets and charge naïve travelers extra. Sources indicated only specific routes and trains have an issue with all tickets selling quickly.



police (vigilance), said



## Despite US student visa interview freeze, these 5 countries offer easier processes

Delhi: Student visa applicants have been hampered by US embassies canceling interviews due to the Trump administration's social media profile screening process. Some countries simplify student visas. Five countries offer faster visa approvals and post-graduation jobs to international students: Germany is a popular destination for overseas students since its public universities forgo tuition. Student visas are also simplified. Applicants must show they can afford €11,904 per academic year to supthemselves. Visas are easy to get after a German institution's admission letter. Students must show admittance, health insurance, finances. Germany permits students to work part-time and gives



them 18 months to find work after grad-

uation. Indian students must apply for a "D Study visa" to study in Ireland. This visa is for students studying in Ireland for longer than 90 days. The process comprises applying online through AVATS, providing papers, paying the visa fee, and maybe biometrics. Most Irish applications are handled in four to eight weeks. Parttime work allowed, and postgraduates have two years to find work. France has a surprisingly easy non-EU student visa process.

#### Tejaswini's 25meter pistol gold lets India top the medal tally

Delhi: India took first place in the shooting sport with eleven medals, thanks to Tejaswini's victory in the women's 25meter pistol event at Monday's ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in Suhl, Germany. India took home the most medals at the junior ISSF World Cup with nine total, including three golds, four silvers, and the same number of bronzes. China came in second with three golds and one bronze.

## Indian students are increasingly being drawn to medical colleges in Russia

**NEWSPOINT** 

Russia has added 2000 more medical seats for students from India is evidence of the fruitful partnerships between Russian medical schools and their international student bodies. The number of available seats Russian medical institutions has increased from 8,000 in 2023 to 10,000 today. A large number of Indian students study medicine in Russia, and this new program shows that the nation is prepared to accept even more overseas students. Many Indian students find that studying at a Russian medical institu-

Delhi: The fact that



tion is both a good fit and a good value because they adhere to the standards set out by the National Medical Commission (NMC) and the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate (FMGL) Regulations, 2021. Russia is one of several nations that provide MBBS programs that are in line

with the NMC standards; others include Kazakhstan, Nepal, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Poland; and many Indian medical aspirants are opting to study abroad due to the increasing cost of private medical institutions and the fierce competition for the

### Rules for the use of GenAI tools by students and teachers at IIT Delhi have been updated

**Delhi:** Officials at India's repercussions. The rules premier tech university, IIT Delhi, have issued a set of rules for the responsible application of artificial intelligence (AI), Delhi reports. The goal is to ensure that researchers can utilize the technology for their intended purposes without fear of unforeseen

are based on the suggestions of a panel that looked at data from an internal poll showed that 77% of teachers and 80% of students have been utilizing Al tools. Thanks to their capacity to produce information that is contextually fitting in many

cases, GenAl technologies are becoming increasingly popular in academic areas, where they are welcomed by both students and staff. "Educators and administrators are rethinking how they reshape classroom teaching, design assignments.

and exams, and deter-

#### Students can enhance their marks on the CISCE by taking improvement examinations in three subjects



Delhi: The month of July is often reserved for the improvement tests. If students in grades XI and XII are unhappy with their results on the CISCE, they have the option to write improvement papers in two topics. The final grade will be determined by which of the two marks is higher. According to Joseph Emmanuel, chief executive and secretary of CISCE "Students who are not satisfied with their board results will be able to appear for improvement exams in up to three subjects, including those with multiple components, such as science, which includes Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, within the same academic year." This includes subjects like computer science, physics, and biology. Typically, these tests take place in July. The council made the decision to help kids achieve their goals of attending college by enhancing their performance on standardized tests.

#### AIIMS and IIT Delhi collaborate to establish AI healthcare innovation hub

Delhi: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi have collaborated to create a CoE for Healthcare AI. With the support of a ?330 crore grant, the new institute plans to use artificial intelligence and other developing technologies to tackle some of the most serious public health issues in India.

## **Government Awards 12 DU Colleges a Grant of 417 Crores**

Delhi: Twelve institutions at Delhi University that receive funding from the state have received a grant-in-aid of 417 crore rupees, according to Sood's Ashish Minister announcement . "Students from middle-class families study at DU, although grants were not released to the university by the previous administration. But the funds were disbursed on April 1st," Sood asserted. Acharya Narendra Aditi College, Mahavidyalaya, Bhagini Nivedita College, BhaskarAcharya College, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, Keshav Mahavidyalaya, Maharaja

Agrasen College, Maharishi



Valmiki College, Shaheed tion, housing, electricity, and Rajguru College, and Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies are the twelve campuses that receive full funding from the Delhi government. On the occasion of the BJP-led government's 100th day in office, Sood outlined the accomplishments of the departments that were under his supervision. Sood, whose responsibilities span educa-

urban development, announced at a news conference that the twelve universities had received funding totaling 417 crore rupees from the government. These universities encountered a funding crunch during the previous administration due to accusations of financial malfeasance government-funded schools.

#### 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 poststudy 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

## Maintain pre-2010 7% OBC quota

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



the backward class department before 2009. Justice Chanda that the state's OBC reservations should be 7% per November 6, 1997 notification. Caste by the state since 2010. certificates for 66 grades preserved 7% reservation maintained, the decision stated. The governsuspended ment quota-based recruit-

ment and admissions after a division bench of the high court revoked OBC designation for 77 Muslim communities granted Supreme Court chalproduced lenge by TMC governoffered 17% OBC reservation in public sector iobs and state-run schools before the May ruling. It was divided into two brackets:

## After the First Round, Minority Colleges Can **Refuse to Accept Any Remaining Quota Seats**

**Delhi**: An important development for the Maharashtra FYJC Admissions 2025 is that minority junior colleges can now willingly relinquish their empty reserved seats right after the first round of admissions. Until the third admission round was finished, these seats could only be forfeited. Junior colleges in regions, several including Mumbai, Pune, and Nagpur, now have more leeway to handle seat distribution efficiently thanks to this new regulation. Extra leeway is provided by the announced alterations. Registration for the Maharashtra FYJC Admissions 2025 can now be done online till 2 PM on June 5, 2025, at 11thadmission.org.in , rather than on June 3, 2025, as was origi-



nally scheduled. This extension is to allow for the smooth implementation of these new dards.

This add-on lets parents and students modify their inhouse quota choices and lets junior colleges update information about linked schools, junior colleges in various divisions, enabling them to manage seat distribution more efficiently, including Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, and others.

#### Over 54K passed IIT entrance examinations, up 12.7% from last year

Delhi: 54,378 candidates passed the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced-2025, up 12.7% from 48,248 last year. IIT Kanpur, the JEE-Advanced conducting institute this announced 54,378 qualifying applicants, 44,974 of whom are male and 9,404 female. entrance test pass rates increased 11.6% (from 40,284 in 2024) and 18% (from 7,964 in 2024) for men and women. Delhi's Rajit Gupta placed first in JEE advanced.

## Universities like IITs and DU are combating unethical Al use

survey at the Indian Institute Technology, Delhi (IIT-Delhi) found widespread use of AI tools among students and faculty, prompting an internal committee to issue guidelines for fair and ethical AI use. Following an internal poll that indicated 81% of students and 50% of teachers regularly used AI tools, the group was formed last year. Generative AI tools like ChatGPT, Chatbot, Claude, GitHub Copilot, and Perplexity AI are popular. The group recommended citing Al-assisted photos, tables, and significant text sections in captions, footnotes, or the main text in its

Delhi: An internal



recommendations, work is appropriate viewed by ThePrint. Instructors should also design plagiarism policies that cover ethical generative Al use. Rangan Banerjee, IIT-Delhi director, told that these were the "first tranche" of proposals and the standards were being modified. "The goal is to create question? a framework that evolves over time,

not just rules. Al is

constantly changing,

therefore education

must adapt. How

much AI in academic

remained unclear, according Banerjee. "You can't say '30% AI is okay. The teachers must be mindful while creating assignments and question papers.

he said. They must ask: Can AI simply answer this? If yes, how do I change the

Many professors are testing AI prompts and changing their judgments. That kind of innovation is crucial because AI will stay."

#### Research, worldwide alternatives, JEE rankers choose MIT over IIT



Delhi: Devesh Bhaiya, All India Rank 8 in the competitive JEE Advanced, has chosen MIT over India's top engineering schools. He'll have company. In exchange for a fully funded MIT scholarship, last year's Rank 1 and highest admission exam scorer (352/360) Ved Lahoti is winding up his Powai chapter. Trend murmurs here. Chirag Falor chose MIT over IIT in 2020. Before that, Chitraang Murdia attended IIT Bombay for a year before joining MIT. Berkeley awarded him a PhD. "It appears like MIT trusts the rigour of JEE Advanced and the potential of our Olympiad stars," said former IIT Kanpur professor Vijay Singh, who retired from the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education. Beyond the JEE rank, Jalgaon's Devesh has won three gold medals, two from the International Junior Science Olympiads in 2021 and 2022 and one from the International Chemistry Olympiad in 2024. He won Bal Shakti Puraskar 2020.





# Personal loans skyrocket, boosting

## **GST Council may eliminate 12% tax** slab, to shift items to 5% and 18%

meat products, pasta,

powder, feeding bot-

tles, carpets, umbrel-

made of cane or

made of jute or cot-

lower than ?1,000,

utensils,

included.

Delhi: The officials and experts advising Group Ministers (GoM) over rate rationalisation have reached a "near consensus" that the current 12 per cent tax slab does not hold much relevance now and the items falling under this could be shifted to either 5 per cent or 18 per cent

This could be the most plausible way to undertake a revenue neutral tax rate rationalisation exercise. However, the GST Council has to take a final call," the report quoted a person aware of the develop-

The proposal to remove the 12 per cent tax slab has been supported by most Union and state government officials, experts and GoM representatives, it said. Under the 12 per cent tax slabs goods such as such as condensed milk, caviar and caviar substitutes prepared from fish eggs, drinking water packed in 20 litre bottles, walkie



talkies, tanks and **Ecom Express loses** other armoured fight-150 workers before ing vehicles, contact **Delhivery merger** lenses, cheese, dates and dried fruits, frozen vegetables, sausages and similar

Delhi: Logistics company Ecom Express had considerable changes before being jams and jellies, fruit acquired by Delhivery. juice-based drinks, About 150 mid-level namkeens including and regional operabhujiya, curry paste, tions workers quit volmayonnaise, tooth untarily. These departures correspond with the company's las, caps, bicycles, Delhivery merger. specific household Ecom Express CEO Ajay furniture Chitkara and other senior executives are wood, pencils and anticipated to leave crayons, handbags regulatory and shopping bags approval. Delhivery will buy 99.4% of Ecom ton, footwear priced Express for Rs 1,407 crore. Delhivery diagnostic kits, and informed exchanges that the marble and granite blocks are currently acquisition will boost its market value.



Delhi: Over time, met-

als increased from 41.5% in 2020 to 47.8% in March 2025, according to data from the different areas. Banks' Reserve Bank of India. The percentage of increasing inclination toward personal loans women borrowers increased from 22% to rather than corporate lending is one element 23.8% in this group. The mobilization of propelling this change.

loans made to individu-

trict or state for the development of that region has been a longstanding desire of local legislators. major cities are still the most important places to bank, they aren't attracting as many depositors as they once did.



## The percentage of deposits within a dis- Population and eco-IndiGo to start direct flights to London,

Athens, 8 other overseas cities this fiscal **Delhi:** IndiGo will start enormous opportunity in

direct flights to London, Athens and eight other overseas cities in the current financial year as the country's largest airline continues with international expansion and expects to have more than 600 aircraft in its fleet by FY30. There is an

Indian aviation where rising demand is supported by infrastructure expansion. There is an unmatched growth leading to doubling of passengers from 2025 to 2030 and that the rising demand is supported by infrastructure expansion,

airline CEO Pieter Elbers said at a briefing in the national capital. While flights to Manchester (UK) and Amsterdam (the Netherlands) Mumbai will commence in July, the airline will connect eight more overseas destinations.

-- London (UK), Athens



#### Sebi approves Rs 20k crore IPOs following listing lull



Delhi: After a few months, companies will likely seek investor funding. Sebi approved six IPOs to raise more than Rs 20,000 crore, including HDB Financial's Rs 12,500-crore offer, the largest by an NBFC. These six companies' papers filed with Sebi showed that in three of the six offers, the offer for sale (OFS) components have been defined in terms of the number of shares to be sold, not the amount of money. This could increase their total fundraising. HDFC Bank owns HDB Financial. The private sector lender is selling 10,000 crore in OFS equities in the IPO, while the NBFC will receive 2,500 crore in a fresh issue. Dorf-Ketal Chemicals' Rs 5,000-crore offer was Sebi's other major concern last week. This IPO is a fresh issuance (Rs 1,500 crore) and offer for sale (Rs 3,500 crore). The company is a global specialized chemical manufacturer and supplier for hydrocarbons and industrial supply chains focused on R&D and innovation.

## Unilever targets 20% of the infrastructure software

Delhi: The German company Nemetschek Group plans to take 20% of the \$200 million Indian market for architect-engineering software over the next three years. Nemetschek Group first arrived in the country last year to supply software solutions to the construcindustry. Nemetschek Group recognized enormous potential for real estate and infrastructure projects in India, so it joined the Indian market in July of last year. Globally, the AEC/O (architecture, engineering, construction, and operation) business relies on the software provided by this com-



pany to facilitate digital innovation, university partnerships, and ecosystem collaborations to gain 15-20% of India's expanding AEC/O

software industry in the transformation. According next 2-3 years. With a comto a statement released by pound annual growth rate Nemetschek Group , the (CAGR) of 8%, the company company plans to adopt a predicts that India's AEC/O strategy centered on local software industry would grow from \$192 million in 2024 to \$280 million in 2029, according to its most recent market research.

#### Hackers are using a modified Salesforce app to trick employees

Delhi: Google has found evidence that hackers are attempting to blackmail European and American businesses by tricking their staff into installing a hacked version of a Salesforce-related software. Once installed, the app would grant the hackers access to other corporate cloud services, allowing them to steal massive amounts of data. Hackers known as UNC6040 have "proven particularly effective at tricking employees" into installing a modified version Salesforce's Data Loader, a proprietary application used to bulk import data.

## Threatening to lag behind international competitors, Desi Al founders

operations, where they

focus on optimising cap-

**Delhi:** Prayank Swaroop and Shekhar Kirani, partners at the venture capital firm Accel, expressed worry that Indian AI businesses are falling behind international rivals, even if they possess equal technological capabilities. Concerns about a lack of global vision and an inadequate sense of urgency were highlighted by them. While there is a growing number of technically gifted, AIfocused founders in India, many of them are still quite risk-averse, which could be a problem in this dynamic ital efficiency, addressing lion at \$15 million ARR.



industry, they noted durproblems, and selling to ing a media roundtable. five clients. You're not "The Valley is a battlegoing to win this AI cycle field. Kirani stated that by doing that. Valuations engineers are tirelessly clearly show the differpursuing scale through ence. construction, iteration, In contrast to more confundraising, and more. ventional SaaS compa-Some Indian businesses nies, Kirani found that are still in the "peace-US-based AI-first starttime" phase of their ups with growing rev-

## Patanjali appeal against a was denied by the High Court

Delhi: Patanjali Ayurved Limited's appeal against a GST penalty of Rs 273.50 crore was denied by the Allahabad High Justices Court. Shekhar B. Saraf and Vipin Chandra Dixit, sitting as a division bench, disagreed Patanjali that such punishments entail criminal responsibility and can be imposed only following a criminal prosecution. Νo criminal prosecutions were necessary for the bench to rule that tax officials can levy fines under Section 122 of the GST Act civil through The processes. court made it clear that the appropri-



GST decide on actions penalty because they are civil in character. "After detailed that the proceeding under Section 122 of the CGST Act is to be adjudicated by adjudicating officer and is not required to undergo prosecution," the noted. court Patanjali Ayurveda has three produc-

Indian states Uttarakhand Haridwar), Haryana (in Sonipat), and Maharashtra analysis, it is clear Ahmednagar). Officials began looking into the after business receiving tips on questionable deals companies with that claimed to use the Input Tax Credit (ITC) extensively but did not have the necessary income officials can tion facilities in the tax documentation.

## Promoters of Bajaj Finserv will sell 2% stake for Rs 5.8k crore

Delhi: Two Bajaj Finserv promoter firms would sell about 2% of the company through block sales to raise Rs 5,800 (\$679 million). According to the term sheet, Bajaj Holdings & Investment and Jamnalal Sons are selling 3.1 crore Bajaj Finserv shares for Rs 1,880. The Bajaj family



the two firms sell the full block interest, the promoters' stake will drop to 58.7%, valued Rs 1.8 lakh crore.

The base price of the shares is Rs 1,880, 3.3% below Bajaj Finserv's Thursday NSE closing of Rs 1,944. Promoters are offering 2.5 crore Bajaj

owns 60.6% of the NBFC. If Finserv shares, or 1.6% of the firm, at the start of the deal. According to the term sheet, the promoter family will get Rs 4,750 crore

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tions of over \$500 mil-

(\$554 million) for this holding at the base price. They will offer a further 57 lakh shares (0.36%) of the NBFC giant if demand is high.

## A satcom service provider, Starlink, is preparing to receive a license

Delhi: The Indian government has cleared Starlink's application for Global Mobile Personal

Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) license, allowing the business to launch satellite services in the country. This comes weeks after the government issued a letter of intent (LOI) to Starlink. Following its agreement to new restrictions imposed by Department of Telecom (DoT) and payment of the fees required by law,

Starlink will finally



receive the license it has been waiting for for the last three to four years . According to people familiar with the matter, the business is in agreement with the new licensing requirements and other regulations that are necessary to launch services in the nation. Since this also



sions on security considerations from the minister of, the issuance of the license will clear one of the main hurdles for the corporation. The government thoroughly investigated Musk's satellite business and imposed stringent security measures.

#### Musk's Tesla "Not Interested" In **Indian Manufacturing**

Delhi: The comments open the applicacome amid the government's push to boost local passenger car production, particularly electric automobiles. Tesla will just open showrooms. Indian manufacturing is not their goal, "the minister remarked. According to Heavy Industry Secretary Rizvi, "The real intent India and sell them we'll know when we

tion". "If the firm believes in investing. "People come and tell informally," the minister stated. The minister said Hyundai, Mercedes Skoda, and Kia are interested in building units in India under the new EV policy. Tesla was rumored to Kamran import Tesla cars into through its shops.

## Google under CCI investigation over gaming firm complaint

**Delhi:** India's Google restrictive policy, all regulatory issues are growing. In 2022, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) fined the US tech giant for abuse of dominant position in its Play Store and Android mobile device ecosystem. Now, the fairplay regulator is investigating a complaint filed by gaming company WinZO. CCI directed its investigation arm to investigate and report within 60 days after finding a prima facie case. "Based on the facts and circumstances of the case, the commission believes Google is in violation and justifies further inquiry. The CCI bench, chaired by Ravneet Kaur and members, ordered the director general to investigate. A Google spokesman declined to comment. WinZO, an online gaming company, claimed that Google's Play Store prohibits Real Money Game hosting.

"Due to Google's

unreasonable

apps offering real money games of skill are only available for download from their website (a process called sideloading)," it told CCI. On Android devices, using this process to reach WinZO displays a disclaimer/warning, tarnishing its image. WinZO stated warnings are without validity and "completely illegal" and cost the company. It also claimed Google displays another "baseless warning" when users pay for skillbased games. "Such payment warnings are arbitrary as Google has not set any criteria for displaying them," WinZO complained to

The gaming company claimed that also Google has enabled DFS and Rummy downloads on the Play Store as part of a pilot project while restricting their app store availability. action, it stated, "eliminate the level-playing field and create a false perception of legitimation of DFS and Rummy over all other games of skill." It claimed the policy "discriminatory and arbitrary, constituting abuse of its dominant position."

#### **US** retailers utilize Trump tariff threats to boost sales

Delhi: Local media

stated that many US businesses are advising clients to buy now before President-elect Donald Trump's proposed tariffs hike prices. Trump threatened 60% tariffs on all Chinese goods and 10% to 20% tariffs on other goods during his campaign. He announced plans to impose 25% tariffs on Mexican Canadian imports and 10% on Chinese

## The Union government wants 100% FDI in insurance

Delhi: The Union Finance Ministry proposed raising insurance sector's FDI ceiling from 74% to 100% in a consultation paper. The insurance FDI limit was raised from 49% to 74% in 2021. The government said the proposal to alter insurance legislation will make insurance more affordable, grow the insurance industry, and streamline corporate opera-

An office memorandum dated November 26 proposed lifting the FDI ceiling in Indian insurance businesses from 74% to 100% and



allowing insurers to conduct one or more kinds of insurance business and associated or incidental operations. The suggestion also cut foreign reinsurers' Net Owned Funds from Rs 5,000 crore to Rs 1,000 crore. IRDAI can also set lesser entry capital (Rs 50 crore) for underserved or unserved regions on

a case-by-case basis. The sector regulator is trying to increase capital in this capital-intensive industry. The Chairman of IRDAI suggests that the insurance market requires 50,000 crore yearly to double penetration in the country. Insurance penetration is the ratio of annual premiums issued to GDP.

## Gold loans rise 50% in seven months

against gold iewelry rose 50.4% in the first seven months of the year. Despite single-digit growth in every other personal loan area, credit rose sharply. RBI issued sectoral deployment of bank credit Gold loans totaled Rs 1,02,562 crore in March 2024. Growth was 56% year-over-year, up from

**Delhi:** Bank loans 13% in October 2023. NBFCs' move and a preference for secured loans over unsecured ones contributed to the firstseven-month gold loan surge, bankers said. Bank loans to NBFCs fell 0.7% to Rs 1.5 lakh crore in the first seven months. Bankers also said that rising gold prices allow borrowers to repay previous loans

and get higher new ones. Analysts see rising gold loan demand as an indication of financial instability. RBI ordered banks and financial companies to review and fix their gold loan rules and procedures within three months last month. After an examination, evergreening was found to hide bad

#### **Bengal counters Centre in** SC, says CBI can't conduct probe sans state consent

**NEW DELHI:** 

Countering Centre's stand that it wields no power over CBI which is an independent agency, West Bengal govt on Wednesday told Supreme Court that Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, under which the agency was formed specifically says that its superintendence shall vest in the central govt in all cases except those related to corruption and contended CBI probe can't be ordered in

the state without its consent. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a bench of Justices B R Gavai and Sandeep Mehta that Sections 4 and 5 of the Act confer the power pertaining to superintendence and jurisdiction of the agency to the Centre. Putting forward the stand of the state govt that the central agency could not conduct a probe within its jurisdiction without its consent, Sibal said that it would destroy the federal structure if Centre forced its way into the state and conducted a probe."Centre has no jurisdiction to allow its investigating agency to come in my state against my consent. Such an act is unconstitutional. It would be an encroachment on the rights and jurisdiction of the state and its police. It would be constitutional overreach and exceeding of jurisdiction and would destroy the federal structure of the country," Sibal said. The lawyer referred to various sections of Delhi Special Police Establishment Act to make a point that Centre controls CBI but clarified that role of Centre is only upto the registration of case but not investigation and probe was not influenced by it. Reading Section 4. of the Act, he said the superintendence of the Delhi Special Police Establishment in so far as it relates to investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act s.

## TRAI deadline may prevent Jio, Vi, and Airtel subscribers from receiving OTPs

Delhi: As Airtel, Vodafone-Idea, and Reliance Jio struggle to reach a crucial Telecom Regulatory Authority of India deadline, Indian mobile subscribers may experience OTP delays. The telecom watchdog extended the deadline for spam and phishing traceability requirements to December 1, 2024. Telecom companies must now track all commercial messages, including OTPs, to combat fraud. Telecom companies can block scams by identifymessage sources. However, missing this deadline could delay or prohibit OTPs, harming banking, ecommerce, and social networking. The TRAI imple-



"The TRAI implementation timeframe is phased. Operators will notify chain declaration violators daily until November 30. All non-compliant messages will be prohibited starting December 1"

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#### A former employee being sued by Google **India for disclosing Pixel secrets**

Delhi: Google and its subsidiary in India filed a lawsuit in the US against former Bengaluru office employee Harshit Roy for revealing trade secrets that were considered confidential. In order to prevent Roy from further disseminating the stolen trade secrets that had irreparably harmed Google, Google hired an outside investigator to find him. Among the information that was revealed were comprehensive specifications of proprietary hardware.

## **New Honda Amaze Variants** and Top Features

**Delhi:** India will launch the third-generation Amaze on December 4, 2024, and unofficial bookings have begun. The car is arriving at dealer yards nationwide ahead of its much-anticipated launch. It will rival the new Maruti Suzuki Dzire, Tata Tigor, and Hyundai Aura. The 2025 Honda Amaze will come in three variants-V, VX, and ZXwith many interior and exterior changes. Since its inception in India over a decade ago, the Amaze has been a popular sedan. Several new features and technolo-

gies will be added. The VTEC naturally aspirattop model will have a floating touchscreen infotainment system with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android connectivity, automatic climate control, ADAS technology, six airbags, reversing camera, wireless smartphone charger, Elevate and City modmulti-functional steer- els. Redesigned front ing wheel with mount- end with crisp LED ed controls, rear AC headlamps and slim vents, dual cup holders, type-c charging ports, and more. However, an electric sunroof, motorized seats, and 360-degree camera will be missing. It will keep its 1.2L four-cylinder

ed petrol engine, which produces 90 PS, and no major mechanical alterations. A CVT or five-speed manual transmission will accompany the

powerplant. sedan's redesign is inspired by Honda's LED DRLs. accents were added to the grille and bonnet. 2025 The Honda Amaze's road presence is enhanced with the reworked front bumper and fog lamp.

## French energy giant Total puts Adani Gp investments on hold

**Delhi: Total** Energies, a French oil company, has suspended investments in Adani Group entities pending the conclusion of US bribery allegations against its founder. The Parisbased company,

owns

renewable

investments in Adani

which

Group's



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energy and gas distribution operations, said it was unaware of the US solar power corruption inquiry. "Total Energies rejects corruption in form," any declared. "This indictment does not target Adani Green Energy (AGEL) itself, nor any AGEL-related companies." Total Energies claimed it learned about Gautam Adani's and others' indictment from US public pronounce-Gautam ments.

Adani, his nephew

and Adani Green

**NBCC India will buy** sick PSUs and redevelop land banks

**Delhi:** Two sources say NBCC India Ltd. wants to buy defunct public sector undertakings (PSUs) to redevelop and monetize their land.

The state-run construction company wants to leverage its success in developing land for governmentowned companies. Developer is in talks to acquire non-operational PSUs through a new entity to monetize their land banks.

## 30k cr bank guarantee relief for telcos

Government sources claimed the Union Cabinet has agreed in principle to waive bank guarantee requiretelecom ments for companies' deferred spectrum payments, but with strict conditions. The waiver will require telcos to pay three months' instalments in addition to their annual fees. Sources said the government will give up its right to collect Rs 30,000 crore in bank guarantees upfront. The Cabinet waived the requirement for telcos to buy spectrum six auctions between 2012 and 2022. Spectrum auction regulations from and 2024 removed the necessity. Airtel and Jio would guarantee Rs 2,300 crore and Rs 4,000 crore. Vodafone Idea

(Vi) spectrum auction

moratorium ends in

October 2025. Current Vi.



"Vi was accused of not paying its second bank guarantee of Rs 350 crore for spectrum purchased in a 2012 auction. November 1 was the payment deadline"

rules required the corporation to file bank guarantees 13 months before the next payment due date. The DoT requested bank guarantees from Vi for the September 2025 spectrum payment of Rs 24,747 crore. The DoT also asked the finance ministry to exempt operators from bank guarantees for spectrum payments. The waiver should help

Telco

shares

increased 7.8% intraday to Rs 7.53. After opening higher, Airtel shares fell 0.1% to Rs 1,577. Vi was accused of not paying its second bank guarantee of Rs 350 crore for spectrum purchased in a 2012 auction. November 1 was the payment deadline. Vi skipped the payment of about Rs 4,600 crore in 2016 auction guarantees two months earlier.

### Tgana rejects Adani's 100-cr contribution

Delhi: Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy announced that the state government will not accept the ?100 crore CSR donation from the Adani Group for the Young India Skills University in Ranga Reddy district, citing current circumstances and controversies. We thank you for committing 100 crore to Young India Skills University on behalf of your Foundation via letter. We have not sought donors for physical transfers of monies since the university did not acquire the IT exemption under section 80G, Ranjan wrote. The official added that he was "instructed by the chief minister not to seek the transfer of funds in view of the present circumstances and arising controversies". According to the US Department of Justice indictment, Adani executives and Azure Power executives bribed Indian government officials in five states to win solar energy supply contracts worth over \$2 billion over 20 years between 2020 and 2024. The scam purportedly started in Odisha and spread to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, and Jammu & Kashmir. The Telangana chief minister said everyone may lawfully invest, despite accusations that the state government accepted Adani Group funding. Reddy said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has stated that the company that wins the bids according to the regulations will