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Khalistani terrorist Pannun says he shared information against India with Trudeau's office

NEW DELHI:

Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun acknowledged that his outfit Sikh for Justice (SFJ) was in touch with Canadian PM Justin Trudeau's office and shared information against India in the wake of his aide Hardeep Singh Nijjar's killing.

In an interview with the Canadian news channel CBC News, Pannun said he provided information to Trudeau "detailing the spying network" of the Indian high commission.

Pannun also said that Canada's allegation against India showed Ottawa's "unwavering commitment to justice, rule of law and the national security".

"Sikh for Justice has been communicating with the Prime Minister's office for the last two to three years," Pannun claimed in the interview.

The statement comes after strained diplomatic relations between India and Canada descended several notches lower on Monday after New



Entry into Puri Jagannath temple restricted for Kartik month

PURI: Keeping in view the possible massive congregation of devotees on the occasion of the holy month Kartik, Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) in Puri on Wednesday announced a restriction on entry into the 12th Century shrine from October 18. From that day, the devotees would be allowed entry only through the Singhadwara (Lion's Gate) and the Western Gate.At present, the devotees enter the tem-

ple through all four gates of the shrine. Except for the Lion's Gate, the other three gates can be used by the devotees to leave the temple, according to an order issued by the SJTA. The restriction won't apply to the temple servitors and their family members.The temple administration has urged all to adhere to these rules so that darshan becomes smooth and organised.Taking to X, SJTA chief administrator Arabinda Padhee said:

Delhi expelled six Canadian diplomats

hours after it summoned Canada's

Charge d'Affaires Stewart Wheeler.

The action was in response to Trudeau's claim that their police uncovered evidence of an alleged targeted and worsening campaign against Canadian citizens by agents of the Indian government.

Later, Canada's foreign ministry announced the expulsion of six Indian diplomats.

India conveyed that the "baseless targeting" of the Indian high commissioner and other diplomats and officials in Canada was completely unacceptable. In a sharp response, India said Canadian PM Trudeau's hostility to India has long been in evidence and his government has consciously provided space to violent extremists and terrorists

"to harass, threaten and intimidate Indian diplomats and community leaders in Canada". The India and Canada ties started to get frosty after Trudeau's statement last year during a parliamentary address in which he claimed.

Over 140 killed in fuel tanker explosion in Nigeria



Communication matters: NCDRC reverses state consumer commission's order, ask Haryana govt to

NEW DELHI: In a significant ruling that underscores the importance of transparent governance and emphasises the legal principle of 'contra proferentem', reinforcing the need for clear communication in administrative processes, the National Consumer

Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has sided with a retired head constable from the para-military service, ordering Haryana govt to allocate him a residential plot in Hisar, in a decision that reverses a previous order of the state consumer commission.

Jigawa State Command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), as quoted by the Nigerian Tribune."The contents of the tanker spilled, flooding the gutters and drainages in the village. Seeing this, the villagers began fetching the fuel,

which then ignited, causing the fire," Adams added.Tanker accidents frequently occur in Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa. These incidents are often due to the lack of strict traffic regulations . and the absence.

'Incident does not exist': Pakistan college denies campus rape claim amid

Senior directors of a Pakistan college stated on Wednesday that there was no evidence to support claims of a student being raped on campus, despite reports circulating online that led to several days of protests. The allegations, which spread through social media posts.

claimed that a woman was raped in the basement of a Punjab College for Women campus in Lahore.

In response to the posts, hundreds of students, mostly male, engaged in protests that involved smashing windows and burning school buses. These demonstrations reflect a growing concern in Pakistan regarding safety, harassment, and sexual violence. Arif Chaudry, the Lahore director of the private Punjab Group of Colleges.

Meghan Markle's missing engagement ring more significant than Kate's because...

Both Meghan Markle and Kate Middleton were seen without their engagement rings in recent appearances. Kate's missing ring signifies milestones with Prince William, while Meghan's absence of her ring fuels speculation about her marital issues with Prince Harry, as they pursue separate professional paths. Meghan's engagement rings underwent several changes since it was first given to her by Prince Harry in 2017. Meghan Markle's missing engagement ring more significant than Kate's because... Both Meghan Markle and Kate Middleton were seen without their engagement rings in their latest public appearances but the situations are not the same as Meghan's missing engagement ring possibly hints at her ongoing marital strife but Kate's is different, explained royal experts. Princess Kate was spotted without her iconic sapphire engagement ring which once belonged to Princess Diana but she wore several eternity bands and her wedding ring -- in her first official engagement since completing her chemotherapy treatment.

"The Princess of Wales may have chosen to wear the eternity bands to represent her relationship with Prince William surpassing several major milestones - like anniversaries or births - or as a show of love and commitment," an expert told GB news adding that the gesture probably means Kate and William are in more love than ever. There could be many other reasons for the missing engagement ring such as cleaning or resizing etc. But Meghan's missing engagement ring tells an altogether different tale. During her solo appearance at Greater Santa Barbara, Meghan was seen wearing various pieces of jewelry but not the engagement ring. This was not the first time that Meghan was seen without her engagement ring. She was seen without it at the Invictus Games last year.

Suspense over 'CM face' in Mahayuti and MVA as gears up for battle of ballots

NEW DELHI: BJP leader and Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday challenged Sharad Pawar, who remains the fulcrum of opposition in the state, to declare Maha Vikas Aghadi's CM face for the November 20 assembly elections. On the issue of ruling Mahayuti's CM face, Fadnavis hinted at Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde but evaded a direct



reply on who would lead the ruling coalition in the polls.

"Don't worry about the ruling Mahayuti, our chief minister is sitting here. I challenge Pawar Saheb to announce MVA's face for the CM post," said

Fadnavis at a press conference when asked about the CM face for the polls. Fadnavis's response "our chief minister is sitting here" was a "statement of fact" as Maharashtra chief minister Eknath

Shinde was indeed sitting next to him during the press conference. But the senior and seasoned BJP leader, who has himself been the chief minister of the state for 5 years from 2014 to 2019 and a strong contender for the top post, evaded any direct reply.Shinde, who was made the chief minister in June 2022 in a surprise move by the BJP leadership. despite Shiv Sena being the junior partner.

'No hard proof when we made first allegation ... ': Trudeau now admits amid diplomatic row with India

Canada In a surprising admission, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau revealed that his government had no concrete evidence when it initially accused India of being involved in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a prominent Khalistani extremist. The revelation comes at a time of escalating tensions between India and Canada, raising questions about the diplomatic storm that followed these unsubstantiated allegations. Trudeau, who was testifying before the foreign interference inquiry, acknowledged that when his government implicated New Delhi in Nijjar's assassination last year, they were acting on weak intelligence rather than definitive proof. Trudeau said, "Over



the course of summer I was apprised by intelligence services that govt was involved in the killing of Nijjar, there was not an obvious immediate international nexus... In August, intelligence from Canada and The Five Eyes made it clear that india was involved...agents from India were involved on Canadian soil and told them we have real concerns that your security agencies are involved. India's response to our investigation was to double down on attacks against our government...We told India it is not hard evi-

dence but it is just intelligence at that point...India undermined our government and governance...These were clear indications that India has violated our sovereignty" He further said, "They [India] asked us how much do you know? Give us the evidence you have on this and our response was well, its within your security agencies, you should be looking into how much they know you should be engaging." "They [India] asked to show the evidence, and at that point, it was primarily intelligence, not hard evidentiary

proof," Trudeau said, underscoring the fragile basis of the initial accusations. The timing of Trudeau's confession coincides with an explosive claim by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, a designated Khalistani terrorist and leader of the banned group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ). Pannun revealed that he had been in contact with Trudeau's office for the past three years, regularly sharing information—further complicating the narrative of Canadian-Indian relations. This diplomatic row erupted when Canada labeled India's High Commissioner and other diplomats as "persons of interest" in the investigation of Nijjar's death India swiftly denounced ..the allegations, dismissing them.

Maharashtra govt announces Diwali bonus for civic staff ahead of poll

MUMBAI The Maharashtra government on Tuesday announced a Diwali bonus of Rs 29,000 for the employees of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) ahead of the announcement of code of conduct for the Maharashtra assembly elections. The Election Commission of India announced the poll schedule for Maharashtra later on Tuesday, with elections set to take place on November 20.At present, the country's richest civic body BMC, with a budget of over Rs 53,000 crore, is being run by a state-appointed administrator as civic elections are pending.

7 more flights get hoax threats today; aviation minister Ram Mohan says those responsible

NEW DELHI: At least seven more flights received hoax threat messages on Wednesday, bringing the total number of affected airliners to nearly 20 in the past three days. An IndiGo Riyadh-Mumbai flight (6E 74) was diverted to Muscat on Wednesday, and its Mumbai-Delhi flight (6E 651) to Ahmedabad, while Akasa's Delhi-Bengaluru flight (QP 1335) returned to IGI Airport. home and aviation ministries are working together to tackle this issue and prosecute those responsible for these threats, which are disrupting flights, affecting thousands of passengers during the peak festive travel season, and causing significant financial losses to airlines.A "deeply concerned" Union aviation minister Ram Mohan



Naidu chaired a high-level meeting on the issue this Monday, attended by senior officials from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), and the home ministry. "I am monitoring the situation regularly, and our law enforcement agencies are actively pursuing all cases. Mumbai Police has arrested a minor responsible for issuing bomb threats targeting three flights. All others responsible for the disruptions will be identified and duly prosecuted.

Orientation workshop held for Rural Women and Self-Help Groups under NRLM

Varanasi: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, today organized an orientation workshop in partnership with the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). The workshop aimed to empower Rural Women and Self-Help Groups by equipping them with the knowledge, understanding and tools needed to tap into the Flipkart marketplace, list products and grow their businesses online. The event was attended by Sh. Himanshu Nagpal (IAS), Chief Development Officer (CDO) Varanasi, NRLM, senior Flipkart and other government officials.

Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Flipkart Group, commented on the collaboration, saying, "Flipkart Samarth has positively impacted over 18 lakhs livelihoods across India, playing a crucial role in supporting local artisans and rural women entrepreneurs by offering them new growth opportunities through the e-commerce platform. We are committed to further enhancing the livelihoods of artisans, MSMEs, SHGs, women-led enterprises, and craftsmen across India while building infrastructure across India and creating new livelihood opportunities. We are delighted by the positive response at today's workshop at Varanasi aimed especially at Rural Women and Self Help Groups and we remain focused on creating more opportunities for the MSME ecosystem in Uttar Pradesh and the whole country. Through Flipkart Samarth, our goal is to equip them with the necessary knowledge, tools, and access to national markets to help them grow their businesses online." The workshop, organized in Varanasi district (Uttar Pradesh), in continued support to the District Administration of Varanasi, continued collaboration with Government of Uttar Pradesh with an aim to strengthen the capabilities of rural Women communities, self help groups, small, micro business for self-employment and entrepreneurship. With a significant focus on Rural Women and Self-Help Groups providing extensive information on Flipkart marketplace offerings, the workshop aimed to provide them with national market access to grow their businesses. More than 60 including close to 40 rural women entrepreneurs, micro-enterprises, and women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from Varanasi district attended the orientation workshop led by Flipkart in partnership with NRLM. SHGs showcased a diverse range of products including soft toys, pickles, handmade diyas, papad, sauces, silk sarees, detergent powder, soaps, incense sticks, paper plates, jute bags, and spices.



Waaree Energies Ltd: IPO to open on Oct 21

Varanasi: Waaree Energies Limited (the "Company") proposes to open an initial public offering of Equity Shares ("Offer") on Monday, October 21, 2024. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, being Friday, October 18, 2024. The Bid/Offer Closing Date is Wednesday, October 23, 2024. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from Rs. 1,427 per Equity Share to Rs. 1,503 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 9 Equity Shares and multiples of 9 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Offer comprises a fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to Rs. 36,000 million ("Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 4,800,000 Equity Shares ("Offered Shares") comprising up to 4,350,000 Equity Shares by Waaree Sustainable Finance Private Limited ("Promoter Selling Shareholder"); and up to 450,000 Equity Shares by Chandurkar Investments Private Limited ("Other Selling Shareholder") and together with the Promoter Selling Shareholder, the "Selling Shareholders", and such offer for sale of Equity Shares by the Selling



Shareholders, the "Offer for Sale"). The Offer includes a reservation of such number of Equity Shares, for subscription by Eligible Employees (the "Employee Reservation Portion") is hereinafter referred to as the "Net Offer". The Offer is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended (the "SCRR"), read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in accordance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") (the "QIB Portion"), provided that the Company, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors and the basis of such allocation will be on a discretionary basis by the Company, in consultation with the BRLMs, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations (the "Anchor Investor Portion"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds at or above the price at which allocation is made to Anchor Investors ("Anchor Investor Allocation Price"). In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the QIB Portion (other than the Anchor Investor Portion) (the "Net QIB Portion").

Timetable set for establishment of new colleges and courses for new academic session

Dates established for verification of land records, formation of inspection panels, and granting of affiliation for new course proposals

Prayagraj/Lucknow: A timetable has been set for the establishment of new colleges and institutions, along with the introduction of additional undergraduate and postgraduate courses, including the B.Ed. program, for the academic session 2025-26. As per this schedule, December 15, 2024, has been set as the final date for submitting the online No Objection Proposals (NOC) for new courses at universities. Verification of land records by the Revenue Department will be conducted from December 16, 2024, to January 20, 2025. The submitted

NOC proposals will be sent to the District Magistrate for verification within 7 days, and the verification report will be forwarded to the respective university online within one month. The NOC will be issued online by January 31, 2025.

Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay stated that if an appeal is required against the university's decision, it can be submitted to the government by February 10, 2025, and the resolution of the appeal is set for February 20, 2025. Applications for the formation of the inspection panel will be accepted

by February 28, 2025, and the university must constitute the inspection panel by March 5, 2025. The inspection report must be submitted by April 5, 2025, and affiliation will be granted by April 20, 2025. Appeals related to affiliation will be resolved by May 31, 2025.

Principal Secretary M.P. Agrawal has directed all university registrars in the state to verify land-related documents, including land record verification, joint ownership certificates, and on-site inspections. He also instructed that any unjustified objections would be considered inappropriate. Regarding the

formation of the inspection panel, it will be mandatory for experts and the member secretary to be present, and the inspection dates will be displayed on the portal. If the inspection does not take place on the scheduled date, the application may be canceled. An annual record of the integrity and conduct of the panel members will also be maintained. The inspection report submitted by the panel will be in accordance with government regulations, and to ensure transparency and integrity, a committee formed by the government may conduct a counter-verification.

Late Kamla Bahuguna b' centenary year: Debate competition held

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the birth centenary year - 2024 of the famous woman leader, former MP Late Kamla Bahugunaji, a debate competition was organized on Thursday at Galgotia University, Noida, as part of the debate competition being organized by the All India Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti Committee. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of Galgotias University Prof. K. Mallikarjun Babu, Advisor Chancellor and former Vice Chancellor Dr. Renu Luthra, Lieutenant Mr. Ashutosh Pandey, Superintendent Mr. Venugopal,



Prof. V.C., Dr. Awadhesh Kumar, Mr. Shazil Al Haq, Assistant Director, Deans, professors and a large number of students participated in the Academy Affair. Her daughter and former Allahabad MP extended her

heartfelt thanks to all the management committee and participants of Galgotias University.

Hi-tech lost-and-found centres at Mahakumbh to help families trace missing members

Prayagraj: Prayagraj authorities are working on a hi-tech registration system with digital 'Khoya-paya' centres to reunite persons who go missing in the Kumbh Fair with their families or group, officials said on Wednesday. The Prayagraj Mela Authority and the Police Department are collaborating on establishing this innovative pilgrim registration system to curb missing cases in the fair, they said. Digital 'Khoya-paya' (lost-and-found) centres will be

set up at Mahakumbh-2025, ensuring that all visitors -- especially children and the elderly -- are safe, and no one gets separated from their family or group, an officer said here.

The initiative is a seamless blend of security, responsibility, and technology, promising to make the Maha Kumbh Mela a safe and memorable experience, the officer said.

The high-tech lost-and-found centres will have digital registration

for anyone who goes missing, allowing families and friends to locate them more easily.

"Announcements will also be made at the centres for all missing individuals. What was once a fair associated with stories of separation and desperate searches will now become a place where new stories of reunion are written," he said. "Every lost person will be promptly registered, and their details will be shared across other (lost-and-found)

centres and social media platforms such as Facebook and X," the officer added.

If a lost individual remains unclaimed for 12 hours, the police will step in and ensure they are taken to a safe place, he said. "Special attention is being given to the safety of children and women. Anyone claiming a child or woman must first verify their identity. If there is any doubt, the police will be immediately involved to ensure their protection," the officer said.

Rape-murder accused held after encounter with police



Prayagraj: A man accused of raping and bludgeoning a minor girl to death was arrested after a gunfight with the police here in which he sustained injuries, officials said. The gunfight took place in Sorao police station area of Prayagraj district on Tuesday night, a senior officer said. DCP (Ganga Nagar) Kuldeep Singh Gunawat said that on October 4, police received information that the body of a girl was lying in the field.

A police team inspected the spot and the body was sent for postmortem in which the rape of the girl was confirmed, he said. "Five police teams were formed to uncover the incident and footage of 150 CCTV cameras was scanned and more than 65 suspects were questioned. During this time, a cyclist was seen taking away the

girl in a CCTV footage," the DCP said.

Gunawat said teams identified the person as Mukesh, a local resident. He was being searched by the police. The accused had given a lift to the girl on his bicycle on October 3 and subsequently raped and killed her, the officer said.

"An information was received late on Tuesday night that this person was present near the highway in Judhapur Dadu. On this information, the police team reached there and proceeded to take him into custody. Meanwhile, the person opened fire on the police team with a pistol," he said. "In the retaliatory firing, the accused was shot in the leg and he was sent to the hospital," the officer said and added that the accused confessed to the crime during questioning.

Maa Kalyani gave darshan to devotees wearing gold Dhediya Dhediya Mahotsav celebrated in the temple of Kalyani Devi

Prayagraj: Mahashakti Peeth Maa Kalyani Devi's annual makeup and Dhediya Dhediya Mahotsav festival was celebrated on the holy festival of Dhediya in the temple of Maa Kalyani Devi.

Temple priest Pandit Sushil Kumar Pathak said that on this occasion Maa Kalyani The temple was decorated with golden ornaments and the entire temple courtyard was attractively decorated with electrical decorations and Mata Kalyani appeared to the devotees at 7:00 pm holding a gold coin in her hands. On this occasion, Mata Kalyani appeared in the temple courtyard. Abhishek of Durga Saptasati and Lalita Sahasj name was recited. On this occasion, as soon as the devotees got the darshan of Mata Kalyani, they started worshipping Maa Kalyani while chanting the praises of Maa Kalyani. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani told that on October 17, there will be a special darshan of Mata Kalyani at 7:00 pm.



Inder Mohan Sethi Debate Competition held at St. Joseph's College

Prayagraj: "It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it." - Joseph Joubert. Is there a better way to show gratitude to your Alma Mater than by donating generously to the cause of education, especially the development of soft skills? The Inder Mohan Sethi Debate Competition, held at St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj, sponsored by the Stellar Trust Fund, held for the very first time, aimed to foster the skills of critical thinking, research, and public speaking.

The programme commenced with the President of the Literary Association, Sarthak Singh, welcoming the judges, Mrs. Divya Raj, Mr. A. Simon and Dr. P. Chaitanya, and the Chief Guest, Mr. Ravi Mohan Sethi as they were escorted by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva, the Additional Administrator, Mr. A. McGowan and the Senior

Staff Coordinator, Mr. J. Dube. To ask the Almighty for his precious blessings, Devansh Pandey led in the Scripture Reading followed by the Prayer by Shayan Zaman. The college choir then sang a beautiful prayer song guided by Mr. S. Nayak.

Shayan Zaman then, introduced the Chief Guest to the gathering. Mr. Ravi Mohan Sethi, a retired IAS officer, an alumnus of St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj, is instrumental in keeping alive the memory of his late father, Mr. Inder Mohan Sethi, through a multi-pronged competition. An entrepreneur, he has co-authored with Ashok Lavasa, former Finance Secretary of the Government of India, his autobiography, 'The Uncivil Servant.' The Judges for the event were, Mrs. Divya Rai, a retired teacher of the English Department of St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj, who is known for dedicat-

ing her life to the art of teaching and nurturing young minds. She has inspired countless students with her deep knowledge and power of effective communication.

The second judge, Dr. Pratima Chaitanya is an Associate Professor in the Department of English and Modern European Languages at the University of Allahabad. Several books and write-ups in international journals are to her credit as is her notable presence in theatre.

The third and final judge, Mr. A. Simon is a retired teacher of Humanities with over three decades of teaching experience. An ex-Josephite, he has been actively involved in nurturing talents of The Moderator for the Debate Competition was, Mrs. Teresa Patric, a kindergarten teacher at St. Joseph's College for over 15 years. Having taught in SJS Shakti Nagar for 6 years, she also has a diploma in

guidance and counselling.

The dignitaries were then each presented with a bouquet, as a mark of appreciation. After the introduction of the dignitaries, the rules of the Competition were read out, following which the students strove to prove the brilliance of their arguments.

As the programme headed towards its conclusion, the Chief Guest, Mr. Ravi Mohan Sethi addressed the gathering. In his speech, Sir talked about the immeasurable impact on his life and the impression left on him by his former Principals, especially, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Rego. He said that the country needs leadership which comes from soft skills engendered by Debates and Quizzes. He talked about how more creative and analytical minded people are required who can think on their feet. At last, he advised how we need to evolve with time as things

become outdated while stressing on the need to read books regularly to observe a vast change in ourselves. Dr. P. Chaitanya then addressed the audience and talked about her excitement coming to St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj. Alluding to Natya Shashtra, and the essence of performing arts, she focussed on the need to maintain eye contact while modulating one's voice for maximum connect with one's audience.

With that the event came to end, as it was time to declare the results.

Results- In the Junior Category- * At 1st position speaking FOR the motion was Daksh Abhishikt Lyall.

* At the 1st position, speaking AGAINST the motion was Raghav Mishra. * Runner up FOR the motion was Khwaja Ahmed Ibrahim.

* Runner up AGAINST the motion was Shaurya Goswami.

In the Senior Category- * At 1st position speaking AGAINST the motion was Aditya Mishra.

* At 1st position speaking FOR the motion was Mohd. Sultan.

* Runner up AGAINST the motion was Sarthak Singh

* Runner up FOR the motion was Nishkarsh Gupta

Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva then took the mic and encouraged all the participants, exclaiming that they all are winners, as they have all gained precious insights. He talked about the need for discipline and punctuality as benchmarks for success in life.

A memento was presented to the dignitaries, after which the Vote of Thanks was delivered by Usmani Abdul Rehman, marking the end of the programme.

The audience dispersed after the singing of the National Anthem.

Investiture Ceremony held for young leaders of BHS & College

Prayagraj: The Investiture Ceremony of the Boys' High School (BHS) and College was held in the Saint Patrick's Auditorium at the school premises on Tuesday. Col Praveen Kumar S, Commanding Officer, 6 UP Girls Bn NCC was the chief guest. The function is of great importance as the school confers ceremonial ranks to the students to inculcate in them values of leadership and responsibility. The Principal, Mr. D. A. Luke welcomed the chief guest and accompanied him while the smartly dressed NCC cadets presented guard of honour.

On behalf of newly elected cabinet, College Captain, Samarth Khare took the oath to discharge the duties and responsibility vested in them by the



Chief Guest, Col. Praveen Kumar S with BHS Principal, Mr. D. A. Luke, Academic Supervisor, Mrs. C. B. Luke, House Masters and Colours Holders.

school to the best of their capability and for the glory of the institution. The chief guest Col Praveen Kumar emphasized that rank is not a reward but a responsibility. It is after the duty attached has been sincerely and honestly discharged is

when we should seek reward.

He recalled his days from being a young student to become a decorated soldier and how focus along with grasping opportunity at the right time made his career a successful one.

In the end, he motivated the students to rise above self and prejudice in discharging their duties towards its alma mater.

He thanked the principal and the management for putting up a great show befitting the legacy of this

institution. The function came to an end with the vote of thanks by College Section In-charge Dr. (Mrs.) A. R. Mukhopadhyaya followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The newly elected office-bearers of BHS are as follows: College Captain: Samarth Khare, 12-A, College Vice Captain: Shivendra Pratap Singh, 12-A, Sports Captain: Pragyan Yadav, 12-E, Sports Vice-Captain: Mohd Zidan, 12-B, Cultural Captain: Vishesh Singh, 12-E, Cultural Vice-Captain: Mujtaba Raza, 12-D; St. Andrew's House Captain: Mohd Hassan Ali, 12-G; V. Captain: Shikhin Seth, 12-B; St. Patrick's House Captain: Arpit Mishra, 12-E, V. Captain: Rakshit Shukla, 12-D; St. George's House Captain:

Aryaveer Singh, 12-B, V. Captain: Juhaib Ahmad, 12-E; St. Peter's House Captain: Akshat Singh, 12-B, V. Captain: Shikhar Singh, 12-B; Football Captain: Mohd Hassan Ali, 12-G; Swimming Captain: Harsh Purwar, 12-E; Cricket Captain: Prakhar Malviya, 11-G; Basketball Captain: Pragyan Yadav, 12-E; Badminton Captain: Shivendra Pratap Singh, 12-A; NCC (Army): Junior Under Officer: Aloukik Chopra, 10-C; Sergeant: Sharadh Kushwaha, 10-H, Comp Havildar Maj: Kartikey Saroj, 10-I, Corporals: Ajitesh Parihar, 10-D, Yash Mishra, 10-G, Aniket Tiwari, 10-G; NCC (Naval): Cadet Captain: Siddharth Singh, 10-A, Udayan Tiwari, 10-A, Isa Khan, 10-B, Aryan Yadav, 9-B, Manas Bhatnagar, 9-D.

Commr directs Municipal Commissioner to run awareness campaigns

Prayagraj: To prohibit the use of single-use plastic with a view to make Prayagraj district and Kumbh Mela area plastic free, a meeting regarding this was held under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant. It was informed in the meeting, that under the "Har Dukan Dastak Abhiyan", more than 204 kg of plastic has been seized so far by marking about 2000 shops. Apart from this, through the awareness campaign being run under "Swachhata Hi Seva Hai", people were made aware about the work being done to keep their surroundings clean and also not to use plastic.

Divisional Commissioner reviewed all the works and gave some necessary instructions and asked to curb the supply-chain of plastic. He asked the concerned officials to coordinate with the traders and encourage them to use only permissible and biodegradable plastic else strict

action will be taken against the concerned and challan should be issued.

In this sequence, he instructed the Municipal Commissioner to run awareness campaigns by forming a team and take the help of media to spread awareness, make short films (through which the harms of using plastic are shown and how the used plastic goes either in the fields or in the water) and play them on VMD screens, provide UPI payment facility on coin machines placed at various places by the Municipal Corporation, through which a bag can be purchased by putting Rs. 10, prepare brand ambassadors at the micro level and take their help in the awareness campaign, run Plastic Pledge campaign at the locality level and also organize competitions in this regard in schools. In view of the Maha Kumbh, while establishing coordination with all the institutions and saints he also instructed them to encourage them not to use

plastic in the stores and to use earthen pots and jute bags as an alternative. Along with this, he also instructed to provide earthen pots, leaf plates and jute bags as an alternative in various wedding zones of the district and fair area. In this regard, he has also asked the District Magistrate Prayagraj to prepare an action plan and present it before him soon.

In the meeting, in view of keeping the district pothole-free, he instructed the concerned officials to mark the concerned roads which are not covered under any project and if there are potholes in them or patching work is required, then get that done as well. In view of removing unauthorized hoardings from the district, he asked the concerned officials to assess all the roads and remove unauthorized hoardings wherever they are found and make arrangements to put QR codes on authorized hoardings so that it can be ensured with a single scan whether that hoarding is authorized or not.

PDA sealed six duplex buildings in Zone 02

PRAYAGRAJ: The Prayagraj Development Authority has carried out drive against illegal constructions on Wednesday.



The team led by Zonal Officer sealed six duplex buildings at Peepalgaon under Subzone 02A of Zone 02. Other than Zonal Officer, Assistant Engineer Anil Kumar Singh, Supervisor Vishal Kumar, PDA enforcement team etc were present on the occasion.

Wheelchairs & sound system distributed for convenience of prisoners



Prayagraj: District Mahila Vyapar Mandal, Prayag Vyapar Mandal, Allahabad Machinery Dealers Association, Team Smile Spreaders and Rotary Midtown Prayagraj jointly provided wheelchairs for the convenience of handicapped and sick prisoners in Naini Central Jail and District Jail. Moreover, under the program distribution of sound system in the newly constructed District Jail was conducted.

With the joint efforts of District Mahila Vyapar Mandal, Prayag Vyapar Mandal, Allahabad Machinery Dealers Association, Team Smile Spreaders and Rotary Allahabad Mid Town, 3 wheelchairs and sound system were provided for the convenience of women prisoners of Naini Central Jail,

District Jail on the holy festival of Navratri. In Central Naini Jail, the efficient direction and guidance of Senior Superintendent Amita Dubey, Superintendent Rang Bahadur and Shailendra Pratap Singh, Deputy Jailer Saurabh Kumar Singh had an important contribution. For this meeting, President of Prayag Vyapar Mandal Rana Chawla, president Allahabad Machinery Dealers Association, Ambrish Khurana, Secretary Mohit Nair, District Women Trade District President, Avantika Tandon, District General Secretary Pallavi Arora, District Treasurer Hina Khan (Team Smile Spreaders), Rotary Midtown Allahabad President Radha Saxena, Joint Secretary Madhu Ji graced the occasion with their august presence.

Diwali Crafts Fair to be inaugurated at NCZCC today

Prayagraj: Shilpahat will be buzzing with wonderful confluence of folk songs, folk dances and delicious dishes. If you are interested in cultural events and are curious to know about the regional cuisine, costumes and folk arts of different states, then a unique confluence of all these is going to happen in our city Prayagraj. North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, is going to organize a 12-day Diwali Crafts Fair from Thursday, 17th to 28th October at Shilpahat in the Cultural Center complex. Indian crafts and handmade products will be sold in the crafts fair. Every day from 6 pm, cultural programs will be presented on the Muktakashi stage, in which artists from all over the country will showcase their talent. Director in-charge Ashish Giri said that handi-

craftsmen have been invited from every corner of the country, in which about 114 stalls of traditional crafts and cuisines of India will be set up.

There will also be food stalls from every major state. Along with this, listeners will be able to enjoy classical and sub-classical singing and playing, Birha and folk dance as well as folk songs. In this fair which will run till 28th October, folk artists from different states and local artists will spread the fragrance of their soil while there will also be a gathering of local handicraftsmen.

Entry into the fair will be from gate number 1 and 3. Among the field artists, flute playing, drum playing and Kachchi Ghodi dance will be the main center of attraction. You will be able to enjoy entertainment, shopping as well as mouth watering delicacies to satiate taste buds in the fair.

Ex-MP Dr. Udit Raj arriving today

Prayagraj: Congress leader and former MP Dr. Udit Raj ji will address the Prayagraj Social Justice Conference at Sardar Patel Seva Sansthan Alopi Bagh on Thursday, at 11:00 am. Save the Constitution along with upholding rights of Dalit, Backward, Minority, Tribal, increase the limit of reservation above 50 pc, implementation of ballot paper elections, non-interference of Waqf Board. Dr. Udit Raj, former MP, will be the chief guest regarding problems etc, informed organizer Vijay Bahaduri Yadav Advocate High Court.

Investiture Ceremony of the Holy Trinity School held

Prayagraj: The Investiture Ceremony of the Holy Trinity School (HTS) (Boys' High School annexe) was held in the Saint Patrick's Auditorium at the school premises on Tuesday. Col Praveen Kumar S, Commanding Officer, 6 UP Girls Bn NCC was the chief guest. The function is of great importance as the school confers ceremonial ranks to the students to inculcate in them values of leadership and responsibility. The Principal, Mr. D. A. Luke along with HTS Headmistress Mrs. R. S. Mandal welcomed the chief guest and accompanied him while the smartly dressed NCC

cadets presented guard of honour. On behalf of newly elected cabinet, College Captain, Samarth Khare took the oath to discharge the duties and responsibility vested in them by the school to the best of their capability and for the glory of the institution.

The chief guest Col Praveen Kumar emphasized that rank is not a reward but a responsibility. It is after the duty attached has been sincerely and honestly discharged is when we should seek reward. He recalled his days from being a young student to become a decorated soldier and how focus along with grasping opportunity at

the right time made his career a successful one. In the end, he motivated the students to rise above self and prejudice in discharging their duties towards its alma mater. He thanked the principal and the management for putting up a great show befitting the legacy of this institution.

The function came to an end with the vote of thanks by College Section In-charge Dr. (Mrs.) A. R. Mukhopadhyaya followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The newly elected office-bearers of Holy Trinity School (HTS) are as follows: School Captain: Rahghav Makheja, 8-A, School Vice Captain: Mysha Afzal, 8-B,

Sports Captain: Akshat Kushwaha, 8-C, Sports V. Captain: Aaradhya Kesarwani, 8-A; St. Andrew's House Captain: Rabika Arora, 8-B, V. Captain: Ayush Bind, 8-D; St. George's House Captain: Devansh Sharma, 8-C, V. Captain: Khushi, 8-A; St. Patrick's House Captain: Udbhav Singh, 8-C, V. Captain: Vaikunth Mehrotra, 8-A; St. Peter's House Captain: Raj Gaurav, 8-B, V. Captain: Ankita Gupta, 8-A; Prefects: Shrijal Yadav, 8-A, Alaukik Kumar Singh, 8-C, Aishani Giri, 8-A, Suyash Shukla, 8-A, Kshitij Tiwari, 8-A, Suyash Shukla, 8-A, Avin Yashvardhan, 8-B, Shristi Prajapati, 8-D.

VOCAL FOR LOCAL Women craft eco-friendly Ganesh, Lakshmi idols from cow dung ahead of Diwali

Prayagraj: Preparations for Diwali are underway across the country, with everyone busy decorating their homes. There is a special emphasis on creating eco-friendly products in the lead-up to the festival in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. Women in Prayagraj are making Diwali items, including diyas and idols, from cow dung. Sculptor Abha Singh shared: "This Diwali, all of us women have taken on the initiative to create products solely from cow

dung. We are promoting PM Modi's vision through this effort." She further stated: "We are receiving support from many women in this campaign. Working with cow dung products has also provided them with economic benefits. I want to thank PM Modi for thinking about women's welfare. It is his inspiration that has led us to start this work. There is a high demand for cow dung products in the market."

Sculptor Aradhana Jaiswal said: "We are prepar-

ing Diwali items from cow dung. These products are eco-friendly and do not pose any pollution risk. As sales of these products increase, we are also benefiting economically. I express my gratitude to the Prime Minister for introducing several schemes for women's rights."

Another sculptor Varsha explained that her role involves painting the idols made from cow dung. "These products are of excellent quality, and engaging in this work has also

provided us with financial assistance." The women are using cow dung to create idols of Lakshmi, Ganesh, and other items like this. These products are in demand not only in Prayagraj but also in other states across the country. To prepare these items, a powder made from indigenous cow dung is mixed with other materials before crafting the idols of Lakshmi and Ganesh, ensuring that the environment remains unharmed.

IAF organised 'Vayu Veer Vijeta' car rally arrives in Agra

Prayagraj: The mega 7,000-km long 'Vayu Veer Vijeta' car rally from Thoise in Ladakh to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh arrived in Agra today on 16 October, 2024. 28 air warriors, including women, were behind the wheels



during this mega car rally. Air Commodore Satish Kumar Gupta, Vayu Sena Medal, Air Officer Commanding Air Force Station Agra received the rally on the evening of 16 October, 2024. The rally is being organised to mark the 92nd anniversary of Indian Air Force (IAF) on October 08, 2024. The rally will proceed from Agra to Lucknow tomorrow, on 17 Oct, 2024. It will culminate at Tawang on October 29, 2024. The aim of the rally, organised by IAF is to raise awareness among the people about the glorious history of IAF; the deeds of valour of the air warriors in different wars & rescue ops; and attract the youth to serve the motherland. The IAF's Adventure Cell is leading and coordinating the rally.

MAARASIM 6.0 to kick off today

Prayagraj: The three-day MAARASIM 6.0 workshop is being inaugurated by Sudaksha Design and Decor from Thursday October 17 to 19 from 11 am to 9 pm at Kothi Choudhary Saheb, Khushhal Parvat, Kalyani Devi. Organizer Vasundhara Verma Chaudhary said that the workshop includes events based on textile, art and crafts.

Women troubled by arbitrariness of PDA, appeals to Yogi

Prayagraj: In front of the land mafia, the zonal officer of Prayagraj Development Authority is not even listening to Divisional Commissioner and Vice President. Due to which the three victim sisters are wandering for justice. Land worth crores of three sisters Shashi Sharma Jaimini and Meenakshi is on Mirzpur Road in Naini area, which is being illegally occupied by land mafia. The victim alleges that this construction was being done with the help of PDA officials. Police were also present. Then the victim appealed to the VC of PDA and also complained on the Chief Minister's portal, and then on June 28, with the intervention of higher officials, the house was seized. But the zonal officer and the junior engineer together started breaking the seal and taking possession. On which the victim met the Divisional Commissioner and made a written complaint. The Commissioner took the matter seriously and ordered immediate action. However, no action has been taken till date, FIR was assured and authorization was given but nothing happened. Whereas the Divisional Commissioner had given assent for demolition, now the victim is preparing to appeal to Yogi for justice.

Kydganj Shankar Lal Bhargava Rd presents picture festering PDA's neglect: Kiran Jaiswal

Prayagraj: Prayagraj Development Authority in the name of development is causing gross inconvenience to residents of Kydganj Shankar Lal Bhargava Road. The road leading to Lalu Panda's street next to Bhargava Kothi which was built by Municipal Corporation but demolished by the PDA, the sewer line has been closed, not only this, the work of drain started from the month of February from Police Booth to Arya Kanya Dot Bridge. The work has been left incomplete, drains have been left in between and there are pits, people can fall and die, there is no disposal of water, the work has been done, the wires remain closed, the infection is spreading, the pillars which have been placed at various places to install electric poles in Triveni Road. It is also true that the path for removing it and installing new poles is blocked. It was taken out as soon as Navratri started. Temporary lighting arrangement was made by Municipal Corporation Prayagraj during Durga Puja. Both these works are being done by PDA from the Kumbh Mela budget on Sangam Marg. Honorable Chief Minister, Respected Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji Maharaj is requested to please take this into cognizance and take action, said Dilip Kiran Jaiswal Councilor and Chief Whip BJP Municipal Corporation Prayagraj.

BJP Prayagraj mahanagar crosses figure of 192k in membership campaign

Prayagraj: According to the report till October 15 under the membership campaign of Bharatiya Janata Party Kashi region, Prayagraj metropolis is rapidly moving towards its goal, said District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani. Told that till October 15, the second phase of the membership campaign, Kashi region has made a total of 26 lakh 1200 people as members of BJP, out of which Prayagraj metropolis stood at sixth place by making 192200 members and Pratapgarh stood first by making 254100 members, Ghazipur stood second by making 218300 members. Place and Mirzapur stood at the third position with 210400 members and Varanasi District stood at the fourth position with 202100 members and Chandauli District stood at the fifth position with 194800 members and in the top ten figures of the Assembly, Varanasi Cantt Assembly stood first with 86800 members and Mirzapur Assembly stood second with 77800 members. Prayagraj city stood at the third position with the formation of 75100 members, Northern Assembly stood at the third position, Raniganj stood at the fourth position with the formation of 71600 members and Pratapgarh stood at the fifth position with the formation of 69800 assembly members. City of Prayagraj stood at the sixth position with the formation of 63000 members. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that in the third position In this phase, along with active membership campaign, primary membership campaign will also run till 31st October.

Editorial

Fiscal capacity, the government's ability to generate

India's economic progress is a composite reflection of the growth trajectories of its states. Given the federal structure of the country, each state operates with a degree of autonomy in implementing policies that drive their individual economies. This results in a broad spectrum of growth rates across states, highlighting significant disparities. For the nation to achieve holistic growth, it is imperative for all states to experience economic advancement. Despite this, there is a notable discrepancy in the attention paid to fiscal matters at different levels of government. The Union Budget, detailing the central government's finances, often garners substantial scrutiny and debate for its potential impacts on the nation's economic direction. In contrast, state budgets, which are crucial for addressing local needs and fostering regional development, do not attract a similar level of public and analytical scrutiny. Fiscal capacity, the government's ability to generate revenue from available tax and non-tax bases, is crucial for several reasons. First, it underpins a government's ability to provide essential public goods and services. These range from healthcare and education to infrastructure and defense, which are fundamental for the welfare of the citizenry and the smooth functioning of the economy. Without adequate fiscal capacity, governments may struggle to maintain these services at levels that meet public demand and expectations, potentially leading to social unrest or a decline in the quality of life. Second, fiscal capacity is vital for economic development and growth. Governments need resources to invest in infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, and digital networks, which are critical for enhancing productivity and competitiveness. Such investments not only improve current living standards, but also set the stage for future economic expansion. The Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in 2017 and the World Bank in 2015 highlighted the risk of economies falling into a 'middle-income trap' where they are unable to transition to high-income status due to inadequate fiscal capacity among other factors. Moreover, fiscal capacity is essential for macro-economic stability. It allows governments to manage economic cycles more effectively, applying fiscal stimulus in downturns and restraint in booms to maintain economic stability. The Covid-19 pandemic's impact on Indian states underscored this point, as reduced fiscal capacities constrained their ability to respond effectively to the crisis and its economic repercussions. Finally, a robust fiscal capacity enables equitable social development. It allows for redistributive policies that can mitigate income inequality and fund social safety nets for the vulnerable. Studies have shown that factors such as high per capita income, education levels, and low corruption contribute to higher fiscal capacity, which in turn can be used to foster a more inclusive society. Given that state governments account for over 60 per cent of general government expenditure in India, enhancing their revenue-generating capacity is imperative for the needed investment in areas such as education, research and development, and skill development. The Reserve Bank of India recently released a report on state finances, which gives an insight into the state budgets of 2023-24. It has some important findings. First, revenue mobilisation in Indian states comprises both tax and non-tax revenues, with a significant portion coming from state's own tax revenues (SOTR). Over the years, there has been a noticeable increase in SOTR, growing from 5.7 per cent of GDP in 2003-04 to 6.9 per cent in 2022-23. This growth, particularly in the post-GST era, reflects a shift in the composition of tax revenues.

with the State Goods and Services Tax.

The military, under Zia's leadership, assumed a partisan role in ideological

Consequently, the military, under Zia's leadership, assumed a partisan role in ideological, sectarian, and religious conflicts, aligning itself with advocates promoting specific interpretations of Islam, distinct ideological perspectives, and particular sectarian worldviews. This multifaceted involvement raises intricate questions surrounding the military's role and its impact on the socio-political fabric of Pakistan.

In the post-Zia period, a specific cadre of politicians, sectarian leaders, and ideologues emerged within Pakistani society, leveraging the military's partisan engagement in political, sectarian, and ideological spheres.

Following General Zia-ul-Haq's demise in an air crash, the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) under Benazir Bhutto ascended to power after parliamentary elections. The PPP, subjected to the military's repressive measures during Zia's era, was perceived as a potential threat by the incumbent military leadership.

Consequently, the military aligned itself with the right-leaning coalition led by former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, participating in a political conflict against the left-leaning PPP. This trajec-



tory was characterised by non-linearity; as the PPP normalised its relations with the military leadership, the latter shifted its focus towards the sitting leader, Nawaz Sharif. Subsequently, the military's entrenched partisan role became customary, transforming into an autonomous actor within the political landscape. By the conclusion of General Musharraf's military government, the military had assumed a permanent partisan role in the political arena, intermittently aligning with various political players—a trend facilitated by the emergence of figures such as Imran Khan openly advocating for the military's partisan involvement in politics. Imran Khan actively implored military leaders to support his anti-corruption initiatives against political adversaries, particularly during the concluding

phases of his governance.

Some journalists in Pakistan asserted that the military possessed files detailing the corruption of the Sharif family, with military intelligence officials reportedly confirming and sharing these files. Imran Khan overtly appealed to the military to relinquish their proclaimed neutrality in the no-confidence motion against his government, emphasising the imperative for collaborative efforts against his political opponents. Imran Khan's public proclamations elucidated his intention to instrumentalise the military in his anti-corruption campaign against political rivals. Conversely, Nawaz Sharif, while not overtly advocating for the military's partisan role, strategically appears to derive benefits from its involvement in the country's political milieu.

The imperative for the Pakistani military lies in its transformation into an institution characterised by unwavering non-partisanship. This principle should be theoretical and rigorously practiced across political, social, ideological, and religious spheres. It is paramount for military leaders to comprehend the intricate societal tapestry they are mandated to safeguard, acknowledging its diversity in political affiliations, social structures, ideological orientations, sectarian diversities, and religious beliefs. Persistent partisanship directed against specific segments of society would undermine the fundamental rationale and legitimacy underlying the military's existence and operational integrity. In such a milieu, confrontations with influential political leaders and groups could be imprudent and detrimental to the institution's objectives. The post-Musharraf era witnessed an initial manifestation of military leaders adopting a partisan stance against Nawaz Sharif, thereby precipitating a state of confrontation between the military leadership and prevalent political entities. Presently, the military finds itself entangled in a subsequent confrontation

with Imran Khan, the favourite of the masses.

This recurring pattern presents a pronounced peril, with the potential to escalate into a substantial catastrophe, ultimately leading to turmoil within the military and the potential for civil conflict. So far, Pakistan has undergone a transformation wherein various facets of the state are under military control, making it challenging to maintain the essence of democracy. Unfortunately, those very people who had the onerous responsibility to safeguard it and make it people-centric have sabotaged democracy. Surprisingly, the world leaders have maintained silence, though the media has not.

Presently, the military finds itself entangled in a subsequent confrontation with Imran Khan, the favourite of the masses. Image Courtesy: Reuters. What facet of the military's participation in the nation's political apparatus contributes to its operational dysfunction? Alternatively, what constituent of the military's involvement propels society towards the precipice of civil conflict?

From a subjective standpoint, the military's influence on decision-making processes, notably in formulating foreign.

Happy to see Indian girls coming up in golf,' says India's first ever female golfer

Among the longest hitters, at 25 years of age, this girl has been wowing golfing fans across the world. Her straight hits cover much ground, leaving onlookers agape. For world no. 41, Aditi Ashok, who has had a spectacular run in the 2023 LET, opens with a much-cherished win on European soil, winning the Ladies Open 2023 season-ending tournament at the Andalucia Costa Del Sol Open (Spain). It's total surrender to the game: she won her fourth Ladies European Tour title at the Kenya Ladies Open, came third in Morocco, and was runner-up in Saudi Arabia (2023). Scratch the calm demeanour, and there is a girl with a plan who wants to hit straighter and longer. Golf consumes her. She recently

reconnected with her childhood coach, Gaurav Diwan, and is "working on my swing speed and distance." From those early years, she turned pro in 2016 and was also rookie of the year, and Ashok is the first Indian female golfer to enter the top 50 world ranking. On a journey that began at age five, she accompanied her father, Ashok Gudlamani, onto the Karnataka Golf Course in Bangalore. One swing and another, and soon she was hooked. Over the years, her resolve, passion, and stoic stance have seen her climb deftly along the ranks of ladies' golf. Putting, she believes, is her strength, and often birdie-ing to perfection, the ramrod straight serious girl with her lips pursed in concentration has beaten

men, trumped tournaments, and is eyeing 2024 as the greens promise victories ahoj. "Finishing in the top 5 in Spain has been heartening after the work I have put in. It has been completely different when compared to where I was in 2022. Then, I was ranked 99 at the LPG. So, the first win (in Kenya) got the ball rolling," smiles Aditi. A miss at the 2020 Olympics (she came fourth), a silver at the Asian Games 2023, she dug deep after an off-kilter season. Having crossed the finish line with wins, she feels failure teaches, victories not so much. "In August, I took a month or two off to prepare for the Asian Games. Even though it had no ranking points and had nothing to do with my LPGA.

Is India a Hindu-first majoritarian country? There are fringe extremists among Hindus who are communal. But the vast majority of ordinary Hindus bear no animosity towards Muslims — or indeed towards any minority community. Every persecuted community sought and found refuge in India. India's historical tolerance of different faiths has long been recognised around the world. Parsis fled Islamic persecution in Iran 13 centuries ago. They came to India — they did not seek refuge in any other country to the west or north of Iran. They knew that the safest haven for them lay in India. Their fire temples and faith have remained undisturbed in India for 13 centuries. Parsis have repaid India's generosity by being exemplary citizens, contributing to India's development far in excess of their numbers. Ratan Tata is only one of several generations of Parsis who have served India — from Dadabhai Naoroji to Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. When Christians arrived in India soon after the birth of Jesus Christ, they were welcomed on the Malabar Coast. As time went by, they set up churches and educational institutions in Kerala and elsewhere, creating prosperity and inclusiveness in their new

homeland. Like Parsis, Christians adapted to Indian ways. Jews fleeing persecution in Europe and the Middle East too found refuge in India's southern states, living in peace with Muslims and Christians amid a Hindu majority. It was only after the beginning of the colonial era that trouble visited India. The Portuguese were especially violent. The Inquisition in Goa from the 16th century onwards created a chasm between Hindus and Christians who had till then lived together in harmony. The communalisation of Goa's social fabric was caused not by India's innate secular ethos but by Portugal's communal violence that fractured relations between Hindus and Christians for centuries. Many Muslims had fled their holy lands after the internecine battles between Sunnis and breakaway Shias in the 7th and 8th centuries. Muslims, like early Parsis, Jews and Christians, sought and received refuge in India. But the advent of foreign Islamic armies in northwest India caused violent clashes with local Hindu rulers. Once again communalism was injected into Indian society from overseas. And once again, the peaceful social fabric of India was torn apart. What has changed in recent decades is the deliber-

ate communalisation of Indian politics. Since Independence, Muslims were told: you are special; you have special rights. The intent was not just to win Muslim votes (though that was regarded as a collateral benefit) but to maintain communal peace. After the trauma of Partition, the Jawaharlal Nehru government sought to appease Muslims instead of empowering them. But appeasement is cosmetic. It delivers no significant economic benefit to the appeased. It is a palliative to mitigate unrest, not provide modern education to Muslims. The rise of Hindutva began in the early 1900s. The RSS was founded by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar in 1925. But decades before that Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak had raised the flag of Hindu renaissance after centuries of subjugation by foreign invaders, Muslim and Christian. Has the rise of the RSS led to majoritarianism in India? Societies are resilient. Top-down communalisation is difficult to achieve. Despite the growing social power of the Sangh parivar and its affiliates, India remains a resolutely secular nation. In a poor country of 1.45 billion, communal riots are rare. Violence against Hindu minorities in Muslim-majority areas.

Trump as the Republican presidential candidate

They have totally upended their respective political parties, the very vehicles of their spectacular success. Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is as different from Atal Bihari Vajpayee's as Trump's is from Ronald Reagan's Republican Party. In my last column I wrote about how Reagan rode to power in 1980 and in two terms established the United States as the dominant power in the world. He adopted a tough foreign policy against the erstwhile Soviet Union, pushing it to what some would say its overdue demise.

He also championed free-market capitalism and globalization. Reagan was socially and culturally conservative, coming down heavily against abortion and LGBTQ activism in the name of supposedly traditional American values.

Trump, in contrast, is a nativist. Recently he said in his own blunt and undiplomatic way that he didn't really care what the Russians did with Ukraine. He is also an economic protectionist, particularly when it comes to targeting Chinese goods flooding the US after his predecessors

shifted the entire manufacturing process of the country to cheaper labor markets overseas. Trump also doesn't care much to be seen as an anti-abortionist let alone anti-LGBTQ. His solid American values, instead, are about championing the rights of ordinary Americans who tend to feel left out — Social Security and Medicare, the US version of welfare statism. America for Americans is what Trump stands for. One might even go so far as to say that he is the most anti-immigration of any US president so far, especially

if the immigrants are illegals. Modi too has totally reinvented the BJP, which in the Vajpayee era, was often a safe-hued version of the Congress party. Arguably, Vajpayee, the orator-poet and parliamentarian par excellence, was closer to our first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, than any other BJP leader. Modi is unapologetic majoritarian and has normalised Hindutva-driven development as the nation's ideology displacing both secularism and socialism, which Indira Gandhi.

Hotel Association of India organises Sustainability Conclave, Life@100

GURUGRM : The Hotel Association of India (HAI) organised a Sustainability Conclave: Life @ 100 reaffirming the commitment of its Members to sustainable practices in their operations and policies. The Conclave was organised in partnership with M/s Jaquar Group at their LEED platinum certified office located in Manesar. Mr. Suman Billa Additional Secretary (Tourism) Government of India in his key note address at the Event emphasized the need for growing responsibly, setting collective goals and the need of a proactive role of the industry in the policy framework. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. K.B. Kachru, President HAI Chairman – South Asia, Radisson Hotel Group, while re-iterating HAI's commitment to responsible tourism emphasised collaboration among stakeholders, industry and government as the key to success. Investment in training and resources that empower hotels to progress on their respective journeys of sustainability is the other factor what will drive India to its goals of Netzero he said. The highlight of the Event was the HAI pledge for Life administered by the Association's Vice President, Mr. Rohit Khosla Executive Vice President (Operations) IHCL in which Members committed to make all efforts to make their hotels net zero



by 2050 well ahead of the government target of making India net zero by 2070. While congratulating the Association, Ms. Mugdha Sinha, DG (Tourism) GoI in a special video message made perceptive comments about the responsibilities of circular economy, and how small steps from every person can make all the difference. She spoke about green tourism, green energy, capacity building and the need for comprehensive planning of infrastructure aligned with nature. She highlighted the importance of strong collaboration and synergy between the industry and the government. The ministry of environment forests and climate change (MoEFCC) was represented by its Additional Secretary, Dr. Amandeep Garg who made a comprehensive and informative presentation on government's initiative of LiFE (Lifestyle for environment) succinctly bringing out the many dimensions of the concept and also identifying how to implement it in the tourism sector.

JCB India launches its most fuel-efficient Tracked Excavator

FARIDABAD : India's leading Manufacturer of Earthmoving and Construction Equipment, JCB India, today launched its JCB NXT 215 LC Fuel Master Tracked Excavator at its state-of-the-art factory in Pune. In addition to its introduction to the domestic market, the machine will also be exported to countries around the world. The JCBNXT 215 LC Fuel Master has been extensively engineered to reduce fuel consumption by 14% compared to the previous model. It has been tested for demanding working cycles for Indian operations and significantly benefits customers through reduced operating costs. Speaking at the event, JCB India CEO and Managing Director, Mr. Deepak Shetty said, "Innovation has been the cornerstone of our operations in India for over four



decades. This new machine has been engineered to enhance the profitability of our customers through a significant reduction in fuel consumption of 14%. It will lead to a better return on their investments in today's competitive working environment. This has been possible through optimised Hydraulics using JCB's Intelliflow Hydraulics technology. The machine now gives real-time fuel consumption data through the onboard interface screen as

well as over LiveLink which is JCB's innovative remote monitoring solution. Improvement in fuel efficiency can lead to an estimated savings of Rs. 2.90 Lacs per year, a direct saving for JCB's customers. In addition to this, new feature of auto engine long idle stop avoids wastage of fuel wastage in case engine is idling for long. Importance and have significantly enhanced the pace of work as India becomes a strong global economy.

CAPSULES

Hyundai Motor India Limited's initial public offering to open on October 15, 2024



HARYANA : Hyundai Motor India Limited (the "Company"), a part of the Hyundai Motor Group, which is the third largest auto OEM in the world based on passenger vehicle sales in CY2023, according to the CRISIL Report, proposes to open its initial public offering of Equity Shares ("Offer") on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

The Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, being Monday, October 14, 2024. The Bid/ Offer Closing Date is Thursday, October 17, 2024. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from ₹ 1,865 per Equity Share to ₹ 1,960 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 7 Equity Shares and multiples of 7 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Company's initial public offering comprises an offer for sale of up to 142,194,700 Equity Shares by Hyundai Motor Company (the "Promoter Selling Shareholder").

Eraaya Lifespaces Ltd.'s Indian Flagship Subsidiary Ebix Cash secures major Contract with Punjab National Bank for Network Integrating Services

Chandigarh: Eraaya Lifespaces Limited (BSE: 531035) has announced that Indian flagship subsidiary of its recently acquired business, Ebix Cash Limited, has secured a significant contract for Network Integrating Services with Punjab National Bank (PNB), one of India's top three public sector banks. The contract, valued at approximately INR 138.75 crores, awarded for another 3 years, not only showcases the company's capabilities but also highlights its dominance and the vast opportunities available to the company in this vital sector of the economy, driving inclusive

growth and enhancing access to banking services across the nation. Since 2021, Ebix has been responsible for managing Punjab National Bank's enterprise-wide network across India. The company is proud to confirm that this contract has been renewed for an additional three years, starting on October 1, 2024. The services covered under this contract will encompass PNB's extensive network, including 10,800 branches, 5,000 ATMs, and 4,000 branches of PNB-sponsored Regional Rural Banks. Additionally, Ebix Cash will manage the state-of-the-art

Data Centre located in Delhi, the Advanced Network Operations Centre, and the Disaster Recovery Centre in Mumbai, along with 13 zonal offices and 131 circle offices. To support this vast network, over 1100 personnel comprising of 600+ dedicated Ebix employees, supported by a widespread network of field force, reaches over 20,000 locations, to address any at-site technical issues, conducting preventive maintenance, and coordinating effectively. "Ebix stands at the threshold of an extraordinary journey, defined by resilience and an unwavering commitment to

excellence. Today marks a pivotal moment as we reflect on our achievements while embracing the promising resurgence that lies ahead following our acquisition of Ebix Inc. Our dedicated team is diligently streamlining operations and leveraging our core strengths," remarked Mr. Vikas Garg, the visionary entrepreneur steering Eraaya and Ebix business toward unprecedented heights. "This journey transcends mere figures; it centres on our people. We are actively listening to our patrons, refining our strategies, and rejuvenating our brand.

Mr. Abheek Barua - Chief Economist, HDFC Bank commented on RBI Credit Policy

HISAR/ AMBALA: The RBI changed its stance to neutral while keeping its policy rate changed at 6.5%. Today's policy announcement emphasised the centrality of domestic conditions in monetary policy decision making. Post the rate cuts by several G7 central banks in recent days, some sections of the market had anticipated that it could trigger a response and influence domestic rate decisions as well. However, the policy announcement today only made a peripheral mention of the differential global monetary policy actions, focussing more on domestic devel-



opments. The RBI acknowledged the durable disinflationary trend underway although highlighting lingering domestic and global risks – signalling future rate action would be data dependent.

Given this, if conditions evolve favourably over the coming months, a December rate cut is not off the table. The central bank also signalled

comfort on the extent of transmission to credit markets, implying some satisfaction with the impact and effectiveness of monetary policy. This aligns with the central banks' comfort with easing liquidity conditions over the last two months and sets the stage for liquidity conditions to remain in surplus (on average) going forward.

TVS Radeon Now comes in All-New Black Edition

GURUGRAM: TVS Motor Company (TVSM), a leading global automaker that operates in the two and three-wheeler segments, today announced the launch of its new all-black Edition in TVS Radeon. This latest addition expands the TVS Radeon lineup to three distinct variants, catering to diverse customer preferences. The new TVS Radeon all-black edition is powered by the proven 110cc ETfi engine, known for its high performance and exceptional mileage. It comes equipped with an electric self-start system, a long-cushioned seat for enhanced comfort, and a USB charger provision, making it ideal for daily commuting needs. In line with TVS Motor's commitment in meeting diverse customer preferences, the new TVS Radeon Black Edition is attractively priced at Rs.



70,190 (ex-showroom Haryana). The appeal of black has long resonated with riders, symbolizing power and timeless charm. In addition to its striking black finish, the TVS Radeon continues to offer a range of attractive colours across its variants, including Metal Black, Starlight Blue, Royal Purple, and dual-tone options in the Digi Edition. TVS Radeon has earned a strong reputation for durability and performance, and it recently topped the JD Power IQS 2024 appeal study, further establishing its status as a leading choice in the commuter segment.

Key Features of the TVS Radeon

- **Powerful 110cc ETfi Engine:** The TVS Radeon is equipped with a robust and efficient 110cc ETfi engine, delivering high mileage without compromising on performance.
- **Electric Self-Start:** Convenient and reliable, the electric self-start ensures hassle-free ignition, enhancing the overall riding experience.
- **Comfort and Convenience:** The motorcycle features a long, cushioned seat and a USB charger provision, catering to the needs of everyday commuters and long-distance riders alike.
- **Advanced Technology:** The TVS Radeon includes a chrome bezel headlamp with Daytime Running Lamp (DRL), a Reverse LCD Cluster with Real-Time Mileage Indicator, and an all-gear electric start system, offering riders a blend of advanced technology.

Scanpoint Geomatics Ltd shortlisted for prestigious Defense sector project

Chandigarh: Scanpoint Geomatics Ltd. engaged in the design and development of Indigenous Geospatial software known as IGIS (Integrated GIS and Image Processing Software) in joint development partnership with SAC-ISRO has been shortlisted for a project from Indian Armed Forces under the Make In India and Indian Design Development and Manufacturing initiatives. This project aims to promote indigenous design, development, and manufacturing capabilities for the armed forces. Meanwhile, for Q1FY25 the company reported a net profit increase of 104%, while revenue from operations increased by 417%. The company plans to foray into the business of Commodities, solar projects and EPC contracting, to leverage its core capabilities into satellite image processing and other GIS IT enabling task.

Farmer leader Thakur Guni Prakash congratulated Nayab Saini on becoming Chief Minister for the second time

Kaithal: BKU Mann Group Haryana State President and member of MSP Committee constituted by the Central Government, Thakur Guni Prakash Faral said that Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini is a farmer's son and understands the pain of farmers and will never let the interests of farmers be harmed. He said that Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, on assuming the post of Chief Minister for the first time, took a commendable step in the interest of farmers and gave compensation of Rs 108 crore for the damaged cotton crop with the first pen and now on becoming the Chief Minister of Haryana for the second time, he will take many commendable steps in the interest of farmers and work in the interest of farmers. The BKU State President was talking after congratulating Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini on the formation of BJP government for the third time in Haryana under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. BKU State General Secretary Praveen Mathana was specially present with him. BKU State President Thakur Guni Prakash said that



soon a delegation of BKU will meet Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini at Chandigarh residence and will put forth the problems and demands of the farmers before the Chief Minister and demand will be made for the purchase of crops and market arrangements of the farmers, so that the farmers can get relief from the difficulties in selling their crops. He has full faith that the farmer-friendly Chief Minister will solve all the problems of the farmers and will implement many schemes for the upliftment and welfare of the farmers, which will benefit the farmers completely.

He demanded from the government that along with giving open market to the farmers, MSP has never been in the interest of the farmers, farmers

should get a profitable price for their crops on the basis of market cost. The Essential Commodities Act was implemented by the previous government in 1955, which should be repealed in the interest of the farmers and farmers should get economic freedom.

Chief Minister Saini will soon be accorded a grand welcome in Mathana village

Farmer leader Thakur Guni Prakash Faral said that a state level conference will soon be organized in Mathana village of Kurukshetra for the interests of farmers.

It will be presided over by BKU national president and former MP Sardar Bhupendra Singh Maan and the chief guest will be Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini.

Did Ajit call Pune police commissioner after Porsche accident

NEW DELHI:

Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar on Monday confirmed that he had called the Pune police commissioner after the Porsche accident. Speaking to reporters in Mumbai, the deputy CM said, "As a people's representative, we receive calls regarding such accidents. I police commissioner and told him that the accused boy was from a wealthy family and there was a chance police might be pressured. I told him not to succumb to any political pressure." Earlier, Anjali Damania, a social activist, had claimed that he had called the Pune police commissioner after the Porsche accident.

Blaming the parents of the teen accused in the crash, Pawar said the parents ignored his behaviour which resulted in the death of two young professionals. "The minor's conduct in the Pune accident is highly irre-



sponsible. It happened because the teenager's parents ignored his behaviour. The son is in an observation home and his father and grandfather have been arrested," he said. Asked about his party MLA Sunil Tingare, who had visited Pune's Yerwada police station hours after the accident in the Kalyani Nagar area, Pawar said, "Tingare himself has clarified his stand. He later met me in Pune and presented his version. I have asked police officials to take strict action against cops or doctors who

tried to dilute the probe." Meanwhile, two doctors from Sassoon general hospital, arrested for destruction of evidence against the minor were sent to police custody till May 30. Another arrested employee of the hospital was also sent to 3-day police custody. The arrested individuals include the head of the hospital's forensic department. The accident, which occurred in the early morning of May 19, resulted in the deaths of two IT professionals when their motorcycle was by a speeding Porsche.

Paytm acquires five UPI addresses

Delhi: The parent firm of Paytm, One97 Communications, a prominent fintech business, has partnered with four banks to acquire five UPI handles. State Bank of India (SBI), Yes Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank are these four banks. An update to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) website earlier this week indicated that this calculated step guarantees the continuation of UPI transactions for Paytm users. Of these, the well-known and currently in use @paytm is still up and running, so users can carry on with their transactions as usual. In



addition, in collaboration with Yes Bank, NPCI has approved the creation of the closed user group UPI handle @ptyes. The NPCI has also approved two additional handles: @ptsbi (in conjunction with State Bank of India) and @pthdfc (in association with HDFC Bank). These handles won't become

active right away, though. Users can utilize the @paytm handle without any issues, according to a Paytm representative. This event follows the clearance of Paytm's third-party application. (TPAP) provider permit by NPCI. SBI, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, and HDFC Bank.

Badal brother-in-law is fired by SAD for anti-party activities

Delhi: Adesh Partap Singh Kairon (65), the brother-in-law of party president Sukhbir Singh Badal and a former cabinet minister, was kicked out of the SAD for 'engaging in anti-party actions'. Virsa Singh Valtaha, the SAD candidate from the Khadoor Sahib Lok Sabha con-



stituency, lodged a complaint against Kairon, citing his lack of involve-

ment in party affairs. Parneet Kaur, Sukhbir's sister, is wed to Kairon, the grandson of Partap Singh Kairon, the former chief minister of Punjab. He held three cabinet positions under Parkash Singh Badal's administration.

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TN govt. gives Covid-orphaned children Rs 430 crore

Delhi: Children who lost their parents to COVID-19 will receive Rs 430 crore from the Tamil Nadu government. A state government announcement said 382 Tamil Nadu children had lost both or one parent to Covid and related complications. The statement said it had allocated Rs 219 crore for girl protection. The state government would give 382 youngsters Rs 5 lakh apiece. Once they turned 18, they could withdraw Rs 19.10 crore with interest. The single parents of 13,682 children under 18 and nine Sri Lankan refugee youngsters received Rs 3 lakh each. The total was Rs 437.46 crore.

The statement stated government-announced free public bus travel for differently-abled and transgender people might save Rs 1000 per month. It gives 2.73 lakh girl students Rs 1000 under the 'Pudhumai Pen' scheme.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme helped 18.50 lakh students. Classroom attendance increased after the initiative was implemented, according to a Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission research. The statement added that widows and women abandoned by their husbands filled 25% of Anganwadi slots under the November 9, 2021 directive. The state government reported 1,26,637 ladies receiving Rs 1,047 crore in marriage subsidies. Of them, 68,927 received 8-gram gold coins and financial aid.

No personal coaches, media embargo under NRAI's Olympic shooting guidelines

Delhi: To prepare its players for the quadrennial spectacle, the National Rifle Association of India has imposed severe conditions on Paris Olympic shooters, including a "media blackout" and no personal coaches at the national camp. In its "national team protocol", the federation informs shooters that parents cannot "stay" or "visit" their wards at camps and that Pierre Beauchamp, the High Performance Director (HPD), must make an exception.

According to the NRAI's "NRAI Olympic Team Undertaking and SOP for Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Pistol/Rifle Teams" letter to Olympic-bound shooters, the goal is to "ensure the clarity of the training and readiness plan for Olympic Games Paris 2024 by the shooters and the National Team Coaches and Sport Science support." "It is essential to have effective organization, discipline, planned and dedicated training programmes for the best performance of

shooters participating as National Team India at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," the note states. The letter states that only NRAI-approved personal coaches and sport science consultants with signed SOPs can assist the "National Training team for the concerned shooter(s) in assisting and/or discussing with the National Training Team under the leadership of the HPD and the chief coach (rifle and pistol)." Personal coaches without NRAI approval are prohibit-

ed. "The NRAI National Team program of the Olympic Games does not allow personal trainers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, or psychologists." Under "Media Blackout", the NRAI says shooters must avoid the media. "During the media blackout, athletes cannot speak to the media save on media-designated days that will be communicated to you (shooters). Before events, athletes will not speak to the media during NRAI Blackouts."

HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission



to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the

national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. While

the matter is pending with a division bench, the student in the previous petition was allowed to continue studying at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, as an interim measure. The high court overturned the petitioner's exclusion from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur. "The petitioner is entitled to Class 6 admission to the JNV (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur) in 2024-25.

Uttarakhand will notify parents of children aged 18 to 21 and enlist live-ins online

Delhi: By the end of the year, Uttarakhand is anticipated to have adopted the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), and plans are underway to develop an online registration system for married individuals and cohabiting couples. Notably, this is the first time the government has revealed that live-in registration will be available online. Prior to this year's Lok Sabha elections, the topic of couples needing to register and being subject to government monitoring under the UCC's live-in provisions had been a major talking point among young people. The essential regulations have been drafted by a nine-member team headed by former chief secretary Shatrughan Singh; the document is expected to be fin-



ished by the end of June. By late 2024, according to officials, the Act's provisions will be put into effect. Singh stated to TOI, "Our goal is to simplify the online formality completion process for individuals." But because government employees require formal training, this procedure is complicated. In order to fulfill the deadline, we intend to create regulations and hold training sessions concurrently." He also mentioned that government officials, particularly those working

at the sub-registrar office, will receive training both offline and online, even at the village level. Singh emphasized that by eliminating the need for repeated trips to the registrar's office, the online facility will help government employees as well as couples. Even with the extra time needed, he continued, the strategy would be "comprehensive and fool-proof." "We have nothing against setting limitations or living together. Couples between the ages.

Sanand (Gujarat) headquartered Mamata Machinery Ltd files DRHP

GURUGRAM : Sanand (Gujarat) headquartered Mamata Machinery Ltd, has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with stock market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Beeline Capital Advisors Private Limited is the sole Book Running Lead Manager to the Issue (BRLM).

The objects of the Offer are to (i) carry out the Offer for Sale of up to 7,382,340 Equity Shares by the Selling Shareholders; and (ii) achieve the benefits of listing the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges. The company will not receive any proceeds from the Offer, and all such proceeds will go to the Selling Shareholders. Mamata Machinery Ltd manufactures and exports plastic bags and pouch making machines, packaging



machines and extrusion equipment. The company provides end-to-end manufacturing solutions for the packaging industry. The company sells its machines under the brand name "Vega" and "Win" and as of May 31, 2024, the company has installed over 4,500 machines in 75 countries around the world. The company offers comprehensive range of products serving the entire flexible packaging market value chain covering:

(a) bag and pouch making machines - which converts roll of plastic films into bags and pouches; (b) packaging machines - which are used to fill the end products into pouches categorised as horizontal form fill and seal machines ("HFFS"), vertical form fill and seal machines ("VFFS") and pick fill seal machines ("PFS") for smaller volume requirements; (c) co-extrusion blown film machines - which are used for pro-

cessing various polymer granules into co-extruded multilayer films. The films may have mono layer, three, five and seven layers. The customers include Balaji Wafers Private Limited, Dass Polymers Private Limited, Jflexy Packaging Private Limited, Euphoria Packaging Private Limited, Sunrise Packaging. Om Flex India, Chitale Foods, V3 Polyplast Private Limited, Dhalumal Packaging Industries LLC, Laxmi

Gurugram water crisis: Municipal authority to punish people 5,000 if...

Delhi: A 5000 fine will be enforced on Gurugram residents who wash automobiles or courtyards with potable water between 5am and 9am. The Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon (MCG) made the decision to reduce water waste due to water scarcity, said The Times of India. Repeated infractions would result in water connection removal and a 5000 punishment, according to officials. To restore water supply, the MCG charges 5,000 and 1000 for reconnection. After urban local bodies (ULB) ordered water conservation during peak supply hours, the decision was made. Installing motors and pumps directly on the supply line, which lowers water pressure, is a common infringement. Apart from fines, motors and pumps will be confiscated. Also, unlicensed washing centers will be blocked and their water connections cut.

How first battle between Modi govt 3.0, INDIA bloc hits a flashpoint over NEET

New Delhi: With the Lok Sabha election results signalling a resurgent Opposition INDIA bloc, the raging row over alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG examination and the now-cancelled UGC-NET examination have become the first major issue of conflict between the new BJP-led NDA government and the Opposition alliance. This is set to make stormy the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha beginning June 24. The Congress-led Opposition has made its intent clear soon after the poll results — that it will not let the government rest, vowing that it would be a “fierce challenger” on issues of national importance. At a press conference in Delhi two days ago, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi repeatedly attacked the government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over their



alleged failures to stop paper leaks. Rahul made it clear that the Modi government 3.0 will face “intense scrutiny” of the Opposition on various public issues. “They (government) can indulge in eye-wash. But they will face such pressure from the Opposition that they are going to think twice about whatever they are doing. We will make sure that we put so much pressure on them that this issue (leaks of exam papers) is resolved,” Rahul said. He added that the Opposition would raise this issue in the upcoming session of Parliament. **Was paper leaks a**

poll issue? During the recent Lok Sabha polls, which saw the INDIA bloc win 234 seats, the issue of paper leaks featured frequently in the election speeches of prominent Opposition faces — including Rahul, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, among other INDIA leaders — as a way to reach out to the youth. The Congress, in its manifesto, had promised fast-track courts to adjudicate cases related to question paper leaks.

Like a dictator’: Jagan Mohan Reddy hits out at Andhra CM

Guntur : A row broke out over the demolition of an office of YSRCP in Guntur district on Saturday with party chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy accusing Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of functioning “like a dictator”. “Chandrababu took vendetta politics to the next level. Like a dictator, he got YSRCP’s central office demolished with excavators and bulldozers, which was almost complete,” he said in a post on X. Former CM Jagan also accused the state government of carrying out the demolition against the high court orders. **What had the high court said about demolition activity?** According to a statement by YSRCP, the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday had ordered the demolition to be halted. The order was also conveyed to the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) commissioner by a party lawyer, but the authority is said to



have still gone ahead and demolished the structure at 5.30 am on Saturday. “The demolition proceeded even though the YSRCP had approached the High Court the previous day (Friday), challenging the preliminary actions of the CRDA (Capital Region Development Authority),” the statement read. According to YSRCP, CRDA’s action amounts to contempt of court. ‘Law and justice completely vanished’: Jagan on NDA govt in Andhra The former chief minister lashed out at the newly-formed NDA government in the state and added that the demolition indicates how Naidu’s reign in the next five

years would be. “Law and justice have completely disappeared in the state,” he said in his post. The NDA government in the state comprises of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in alliance with Pawan Kalyan’s Jana Sena Party and the BJP. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the TDP won 16 seats while its allies won three (BJP) and two (JSP) respectively. In the state Assembly polls which were held simultaneously, the TDP won 136 Assembly seats, while the JSP and BJP emerged victorious in 21 and eight seats respectively. The Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSRCP was restricted to 11 seats, down from the 151 it won in 2019.

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Aundh-Baner residents grapple with inadequate garbage disposal problem and its consequences

Ill-equipped waste disposal systems, leading to garbage getting piled at various points, is a cause of worry for residents of Aundh, an area which is otherwise considered as one of Pune’s most developed and progressive zones. Residents are concerned about the problems that could be caused by frequent dumping of trash at various spots in the Aundh-Baner areas, such as those between Jupiter Hospital and Nagras Road. “I know there are these agencies that dump garbage anywhere in Aundh; there are specific spots. There is no control at all,” noted Subhabrata Sanyal, 51, a resident of Kumar Padmalay. He said the waste menace could also draw in more stray dogs, posing a threat to people going for morning and evening walks.

“When you walk onto the streets, you can see food littered all over, that attracts stray dogs. In case we go near the garbage by mistake, these animals could even attack us,” observed Deepa Adiga, 47, a resident of Sylvan Heights. Residents blamed lack of a proper collection system by the municipality for the mounting garbage piles. “Sometimes the municipal truck may be arriving at a particular time and the waste is generated later, particularly by restaurants where the waste is generated very late at night, post 11 pm or midnight, after the restaurant is closed,” said Anil Gokarn, founder of ProEarth Co., a company that deals with effective waste management.

Meet Dot, a new AI chatbot that could become your ‘friend, companion and confidant’

AI chatbots like Gemini, ChatGPT, and Copilot may be helping you with work and everyday tasks, but Dot AI is designed as a digital companion that mimics human speech and empathy. Developed by New Computer, a startup founded by ex-Apple designer Jason Yuan and engineer Sam Whitmore, the app is currently available for free on the Apple App Store. While it may appear to be just another AI chatbot at first glance, what makes Dot unique is



its ability to remember your conversations to offer a more personalized experience. As of now, there are no specific details on the underlying technology, but some reports suggest that Dot AI uses natural language pro-

cessing in combination with machine learning to understand user inputs and generate responses. Unlike ChatGPT, Gemini, and Copilot, which focus on providing factually correct information, Dot AI focuses on

emotional support and intelligence. Dot AI App Store For unlimited conversations, you have to buy a monthly subscription. According to the Apple App Store listing, Dot AI is described as a “friend, companion, and confidant.” On opening the app, users are taken through an onboarding process with questions like “What do you do for work?”, “Favorite TV show?”, and “How do you spend a typical Sunday?” Based on these answers, the chatbot asks more

about the user.

\\ Subscribe for new launches, reviews and all that’s making headlines in the tech world The App Store description also indicates that Dot AI has an infinite long-term memory and can assist with career advice and date spot recommendations. While a free plan offers limited conversations, users can bypass this limit by purchasing the paid plan for \$11.99 per month, which includes access to Chronicles, a feature that curates a history of the user.

Tamil Nadu govt to rehabilitate reformed bootleggers

Tamil Nadu:

Prohibition and Excise Minister S Muthusamy told the legislative assembly on Friday that bootleggers who are remorseful and wish to turn over a new leaf will be rehabilitated after they serve a prison term. Such persons who repent for their wrongdoings should be rehabilitated to prevent them from returning to bootlegging, he said. The minister’s statement comes amid the hooch tragedy that has claimed the lives of 48



persons and has affected the health of more than 100 people, who are currently undergoing treatment at various hospitals. “Persons punished for the offence of distilling and selling illicit arrack will be rehabilitated if they show a change of heart, after serving a term,” Muthusamy said. They will be provided a sub-

sidy of Rs 50,000 each and encouraged to start a trade on their own. The government has earmarked Rs 5 crore for the rehabilitation fund, he said replying to the demand for grants for his department. Further, an integrated scheme will be formulated to equip them with the required skills through various departments, he added. A campaign to create awareness among the people, particularly the youth, on the dangers of consuming illicit arrack.

No request yet from Nikhil Gupta for consular access: MEA

New Delhi: Indian authorities haven’t received any request for consular access from Nikhil Gupta, the Indian national extradited to the US from the Czech Republic following allegations of his involvement in a foiled plot to assassinate Khalistani extremist Pannun. Gupta, who was arrested in the Czech Republic in June last year, was extradited to the US on June 14. “He was extradited to the US on June 14. We have so far not received any request for consular access from Gupta but his family has got in touch with us,” External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “We are in touch with the family mem-



bers and are looking at the matter as to what can be done on their request,” he said during his weekly media briefing while replying to a question. Gupta, 53, pleaded not guilty when he was produced in a court in New York on June 17. While Gupta was in custody of Czech authorities, Indian officials were given consular access to him on a few occasions. Last November, US federal prosecutors charged Gupta with working with an Indian government

employee in the foiled plot to kill Pannun in New York. Pannun, wanted in India on terror charges, holds dual of the US and Canada. The issue of consular access to Gupta would be decided in line with provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular of 1963, people familiar with the matter said. Article 36 of the Convention states that a detained person will have to make a request for consular access to authorities of his or her country. “Nevertheless, consular officers shall refrain from taking action on behalf of a national who is in prison, custody or detention if he expressly opposes such action,” the article states.

‘Youngsters should not expect miracles overnight’

New Delhi. Nine more precious gems have been added to the crown of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh, a famous social organization that has hoisted the flag of Bhiwani in the country and the world. Nine stalwarts who have raised the flag of success in various fields were honored with the ‘Navratna Award-2024’ by Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh in a grand ceremony held in Rohini. The joint message of all these to the young generation was that they should not expect any miracle overnight. Success is achieved only with continuity of efforts, concentration and continuous hard work. Rajesh Chetan, President of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh, said that in the program that went on for eight hours, a large number of guests present kept listening to the struggle of these great personalities and their glorious stories of reaching the top. He said that the struggle story of these ‘Navratnas’ had so many



stages that it is not possible to put it into words in a single session. Rajesh Chetan said that due to their talent, continuous struggle, determination to win and the untiring DNA, all these ‘Navratnas’ are today flying the flag of Bhiwani in the country and the world. Among the icons to be honored Rajesh Gupta (CMD, Bharat Rasayan Finance Limited), Satya S Gupta (Director Galaxy India), Brij Lal Saraf (Director Pyarelal Jagannath Saraf), Naresh Mittal (CMD, Signature Global Comtrade Pvt. Ltd.), Suresh Gupta (CMD, Golden Group of

Companies), Rajkumar Garg (Director, Movish Realtech Pvt. Ltd.), Bajrang Lal Agarwal (MD, Stonex India Pvt. Ltd.), Dr. Prem Garg, (Chairman, Shrilalmahal Group National President, Indian Rice Exporters Federation (IREF) and Dr. Ashish Gupta (Director, Unique Hospital Cancer Center) was present. Before this, the program was started by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of Maa Saraswati. The program was conducted by international poet and President of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh Rajesh Chetan, Sunita Jain, Pramod Sharma.

Seasoned diplomat and India’s envoy to Türkiye Virander Paul dies

New Delhi: A 1991-batch IFS officer, Paul was struggling with health issues for over one-and-a-half years and he breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi this evening, one of his colleagues said. “Deeply grieved at the passing away of Virander Paul, our Ambassador in Türkiye,” Jaishankar said on X. “A great loss to the Indian Foreign Service. Have worked closely with him in his many postings. Always admired his commitment and service and value his many contributions,” he said. Paul held a medical degree from AIIMS. The external affairs minister also conveyed his “deepest condolences” to Paul’s family. Paul is survived by his wife Racheline and two daughters. “We are deeply sad-

dened at the untimely demise of Ambassador Virander Paul, India’s envoy to Türkiye. A dedicated officer, he will always be remembered for his exceptional human qualities and impactful professional contribution,” external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “Our heartfelt condolences to his family. Team @MEAIndia stands with them in this difficult hour,” he said on X. Before arriving in Ankara as ambassador of India to Türkiye in the second half of 2022, he was India’s High Commissioner to Kenya and Ambassador to Somalia. Prior to that, he served as additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing with multilateral engagement in India’s neighbourhood.

Evexia Lifecare Ltd. Executes Term Sheet to Acquire 51% Stake in Vittal's MediCare

Chandigarh: Evexia Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 524444), engaged in the trading of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, manufacturing of intermediates, agricultural produce and various other products of consumer goods, has announced that it has executed Term sheet with Vittal's MediCare Private Limited to acquire 51 % stake in Vittal's MediCare Private Limited, for INR 35 crores. Vittal's MediCare Private Limited will become a Subsidiary Company of Evexia Lifecare Limited after completion of entire transaction as described in the Term Sheet. Vittal's MediCare is engaged in the business of Diagnostic Centers

and hence it signifies a strategic alignment aimed at capitalizing on synergistic opportunities for business advancement. Additionally, the company informed that Evexia Lifecare's subsidiary company intends to enter as an Investor in 10 LLCs/Entities incorporated in UAE for the expansion of its business. For the purpose of the said investment the existing Partners of the said LLCs are obligated to incorporate an SPV in the form of a Limited Liability Company under the applicable laws of the UAE and has to transfer all of it's holding in all the LLCs which are part of this transaction through swap, thereby becoming the

shareholders / partners of the SPV holding 100% of its capital. Upon the Capital Contribution, Evexia Lifecare Africa Limited shall hold 51% share in the capital of the SPV and the existing Partners will hold 49% share in the SPV. The subsidiary Company i.e. Evexia Lifecare Africa Limited intends to bring in an aggregate amount of INR. 190 Cr as an investment and capital contribution to the SPV subject to completion of entire transaction. Recently, the company has approved the issuance of up to 24 Crore Convertible Warrants, of the company, at a price of Rs. 3.60/- per Warrant aggregating to up to Rs. 86.40 Cr by way of pref-

erential issue, subject to necessary approval of the members of the Company and other regulatory authorities, as maybe applicable. Evexia Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 524444) is engaged in the trading of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, manufacturing of intermediates, agricultural produce and various other products of consumer goods. It is mainly engaged in the trading of pharma chemicals.

The Company in trading of various petrochemical downstream products, such as special oils, special chemicals, petroleum sulphates and solvents for industrial applications, such as rubber, leather, ink and paint industries.

Its products include pharma intermediates, plastic granule, chemicals, and gold and diamond. The Company focuses to expand its line of business in Web development, software development for overseas clients, trading in gold and entertainment segment.

The company is committed to delivering high-quality products and services to its customers. It aims to achieve customer satisfaction by providing cost-effective and timely solutions. The company has a team of experienced professionals who ensure that the products meet the highest standards of quality.

Amazon India partners with Startup India, DPIIT to empower startups through e-commerce

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GURUGRAM: Amazon India has announced that it will be working with Startup India under the aegis of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), to drive multiple initiatives aimed towards empowering startups to build and grow their businesses through e-commerce. Amazon will collaborate with Startup India to enable eligible startups to tap into opportunities in e-commerce by registering on Amazon India's marketplace through a dedicated page on the Startup India portal. Amazon will provide dedicated onboarding experience to the startups, which will help them gain access to the domestic market as well as mentorship from Amazon leaders, go-to-

market support and logistics guidance. Further, it will partner with Startup India to empower women entrepreneurs in e-commerce, through its Saheli program. The collaboration will drive a high-impact learning program designed to fuel the e-commerce journeys of eligible women led small and medium businesses in India. Amazon's extensive suite of services including Amazon Pay, Amazon Incentives, Amazon Business, Amazon Transport, AWS, Amazon Advertising, and Mini TV will be available to the women startups, who will be part of the program. It will cover a broad gamut of relevant

industries including Fashion, F&B, Textile & Apparel, Toys and Games, Automotive, Art & Photography, Pets & Animals, Agriculture and many more. Mr. Chetan Krishnaswamy, Vice President – Public Policy, Amazon India said, "Startups in India are an inspiration to everyone because of their sheer determination and willpower to build successful businesses across different industries. By leveraging the power of e-commerce, they are scaling new heights, and catering to customers across different parts of the country with their We are honoured to join hands with Startup India, DPIIT, to pursue our common goal .

Students of Art and Craft of Maharishi Dayanand Public School made effigies of Ravana

Chandigarh: People all over India are busy giving finishing touches to the effigies on the occasion of Dussehra. On the other hand, under the guidance of Art and Craft teachers of Maharishi Dayanand Public School, MDAV Bhawan, Daria, Chandigarh, students displayed their art by making effigies of Ravana. On one hand, senior students are busy making a big effigy of Ravana. On the other hand, students of junior classes



showed their art by making effigies of Ravana. Vice Principal of the school Anju Modgil said that festivals show us the way to live a better life. These are connected to our culture. Dussehra festival is the victory of good over evil.

We should learn from them. We should follow the right path. She said that through this, students have to be connected to our great culture. She praised the art of all the students and wished them a Happy Dussehra.

Vi Business and Genesys partner to bring next-gen cloud contact centre as a service solution across India

GURUGRAM / HISAR : Vi Business, the enterprise arm of the leading telecom operator Vodafone Idea (Vi), today announced it will leverage its partner agreement with Genesys®, a global cloud leader in AI-powered experience orchestration, to enable Indian businesses with advanced cloud and telecom solutions, transforming their contact centre operations and strengthening customer engagement and services. This collaboration marks Vi's entry into the Contact Centre as a Service (CCaaS) sector, to introduce next-gen cloud and telecom solutions while offering a unified omnichannel customer experience (CX). This move will allow Indian enterprises to adapt to evolving customer needs, leverage cutting-edge technologies, and scale operations without the substantial capital investments typically required by traditional contact centre setups. Speaking on the partnership, Arvind Nevatia, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, Vodafone Idea, commented, "We are thrilled to embark on this groundbreaking collaboration with Genesys. This part-



nership marks a significant step forward for Vi Business in delivering innovative solutions that will transform the way businesses operate, enabling them to harness AI and Cloud technology more intelligently and efficiently. Together, we are committed to driving the future of digital transformation, ensuring enterprises stay ahead in a rapidly evolving technological landscape". Vi Business and Genesys bring together two industry leaders with a shared vision to help businesses thrive in the digital world by leveraging next-generation technology with faster go-live. By combining Vi Business's robust network infrastructure and the leading expertise in AI-powered experience orchestration from Genesys, the partnership will facilitate Vi Business to provide cloud-based CCaaS solutions that will help businesses manage their customer interactions.

India hands over first consignment of emergency relief materials to Nepal

Delhi: The Indian Embassy here handed over the first consignment of emergency relief materials, including sleeping bags, blankets and tarpaulin sheets, to authorities in flood-struck Nepal, according to an official statement. The 4.2 tonnes of aid supplies handed over on Monday were for families affected by the recent inundation in Nepal, the Indian Embassy said in a press release. Days of relentless downpours late last month triggered widespread floods and landslides, leaving more than 240 people dead across the Himalayan nation. Transported to Nepalgunj from India, the consignment was handed over by Second Secretary Narayan Singh on behalf of the Indian government to the Chief District Officer of Banke, Khagendra Prasad Rijal.



32-year old man killed after being hit by minor's motorcycle in Mumbai

NEW DELHI: A 32-year-old man was killed on Thursday after a 15 year-old boy allegedly hit him with a motorcycle in Mumbai. Irfan Nawab Ali Shaikh, the victim sustained severe injuries from the crash and was immediately rushed to JJ Hospital for medical attention. However, he succumbed to his injuries.

In response to the incident, Mumbai Police have taken the minor into custody and sent him to a juvenile home. Additionally, the minor's father has been detained by the authorities. A case has been registered under section 304(2) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sections 3 and 4 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

This comes following a similar incident in Pune where a Porsche crash involving a minor that killed two people. The 17-year-old driver, initially granted bail within 15 hours by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), faced lenient bail conditions that sparked widespread public anger. The bail terms, which included writing a reflective essay and working with traffic police, were perceived as too lenient given the gravity of the charges.

In response to the backlash, the Juvenile Justice Board in Pune revoked the minor's bail and ordered him to be held in an observation home. Furthermore, the board is now contemplating whether to try the teenager as an adult, which could result in a more severe sentence if he is convicted. The father of the minor involved in the luxury vehicle accident has been sent to police custody. The Juvenile Justice Board also issued a notice to the 17-year-old, requiring him to appear before them on Wednesday.

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team wins 2-2 (4-2 SO) versus Belgium

Delhi: As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeated Belgium with a resounding 4-2 shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impression. Kanika Siwach rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goalless second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner, but the Indian defense was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead. Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2.

Indian medical students benefit from Philippines standards changes

Delhi: Philippine lawmakers have allowed international medical graduates to obtain licenses and practice locally, benefiting Indian students. Since the National Medical Council requires returning students to take the Indian screening test with a valid practicing license, the move advantages Indian doctors-to-be.

The move follows several other nations' efforts to attract Indian medical students overseas. Russia, Belarus, and Georgia have adopted similar policies after NMC's 2021 amendment, which required medical graduates from other countries to have a valid practicing license before taking the Indian screening test. NMC de-recog-

nized the Philippine Bachelor of Science in 2023. It only accepted candidates from their four-year MD program, similar to India's MBBS. It fell short of NMC's 54-month minimum, therefore candidates had to complete a year of internship before taking the screening test to become doctors. In India Foreign education agent.

HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than

their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended.

How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

Delhi: NCERT textbooks dominate Indian education. These texts have underpinned Indian education for decades. The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across. In this post, we will discuss the benefits of NCERT textbooks, their broad use, and how NCERT Solutions for Class 6 and other courses improve learning. One reason NCERT textbooks are so popular is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. These textbooks are accessible and inclusive for various pupils. Experts curate the information to ensure accuracy and



relevancy, meeting current educational requirements. NCERT textbooks guarantee national curricular uniformity. India is diverse, and different states have distinct educational systems and stan-

dards, therefore uniformity is essential. NCERT textbooks help create a level playing field, ensuring that students have a consistent educational experience regardless of their geographical location

NCERT textbooks follow the National Curriculum Framework, which is modified to reflect educational changes.

This keeps the curriculum current and prepares students for a continually.