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UNIQUE GIFT OF KRIYAYOGA ASHRAM AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO GIVE IMPETUS TO WORLD BUILDING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

PNG reached every part of the country

New Delhi: Piped natural gas (NG) has reached about 784 districts (100 percent geographical area) in 34 states and union territories of the country. Target to increase the number of PNG connections to 12 crores. Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has said that it has set a target of 12.63 crore PNG domestic connections, 18,336 CNG stations and 5.46 lakh kilometers of piped gas connections by 2034. The board said, "To achieve the target, a strong and coordinated coordination between the states and institutions is essential." Several policy and regulatory measures taken. The board said that the government has taken several policy and regulatory measures to accelerate development in this sector. These measures include allocating domestic gas at administered price and simplifying the supply mechanism, making PNG (piped natural gas) provision mandatory in government and defence residential complexes and directing CPWD and NBCC to include PNG provision in all government residential complexes.

Tenure of Railway Board Chairman Satish extended for one year

New Delhi: The tenure of Railway Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Satish Kumar has been extended for one year. His term was to end on August 31, 2025. The government's order dated August 27 said, "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the contract-based re-appointment of Indian Railway Management Service (IRMSS) retired Satish Kumar as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board for one more year from September 1, 2025. This will be on existing terms and conditions or until further orders, whichever is earlier." Satish Kumar's initial appointment.

'Water deluge' in Delhi

Yamuna water reached near Delhi Secretariat... Relief camps also submerged; water level near 208 meters, Nigambodh Ghat submerged, last rites banned

Flood

☐ The Water Commission has issued information that the water may rise

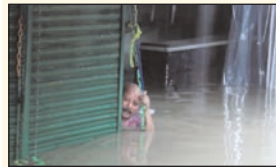
New Delhi: The ever-rising water level in Yamuna has led to flood-like conditions in some areas of the country's capital Delhi. Thousands of people have become homeless due to the floods. Now the danger of waterlogging in the inner parts of the city has also increased. At the same time, seeing the water being released from Hathinikund Barrage from Wednesday morning till night coming to Delhi, it is clear that the water will not decrease soon. Late night, the water level of Yamuna



had reached 207.40 meters. The Central Water Commission has issued information that the water may rise further in Delhi. This has raised the fear that the water level of Yamuna in Delhi may reach 208 meters. If this happens, then like the flood of 2023, there are chances of water reaching the Outer Ring Road and Kashmiri Gate ISBT. This may not only disrupt traffic in Delhi but

there is also a danger of life being affected on a large scale. Water in relief camps built near Mayur Vihar-Phase 1. Meanwhile, due to continuous rain in Delhi and the rising water level of Yamuna river, water has filled the relief camps built near Mayur Vihar-Phase 1. Vehicles got submerged and buildings got inundated due to the water of the rising Yamuna river entering Bela

Nigambodh Ghat submerged, last rites banned



The water level of Yamuna has also affected the capital's largest crematorium Nigambodh. The cremation process has been stopped here after it was completely hit by floods on Wednesday evening. The ghat premises are flooded.

Road in Civil Lines, Delhi. People living in low-lying areas were shifted to safer places. In view of the possibility of flood, people living in low-lying areas near the Yamuna river have been shifted to safer places.

Approval of 1500 crore plan, precious minerals will be extracted



New Delhi: A meeting of the Union Cabinet was held today under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In this meeting, the Union Cabinet has approved many important decisions. In which the Cabinet has approved an incentive scheme of Rs 1,500 crore to promote recycling of critical minerals in the country, this scheme will be applicable for a period of six years from FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31. 70 thousand jobs expected to be

created. It encourages the development of capacity to recycle battery waste and e-waste for the extraction of critical minerals. This scheme will apply to investment in new units as well as expansion, modernization or diversification of existing units. The total incentive per unit (capex plus opex subsidy) will be subject to an overall limit of Rs 50 crore for large units and Rs 25 crore for small units. This scheme is expected to bring an investment of about Rs 8,000 crore.

Center is taking steps to help exporters: Center

New Delhi: Government officials have responded to the problems faced by the country's exporters after the US imposed 50% tariff on Indian products. An official has said that the government understands the problems faced by exporters due to the increased tariff and positive steps are being taken to help them. A government source said that diversifying exports will help exporters maintain the



momentum of business in the long run. Efforts are being made by the government to implement the Export Promotion Mission as soon as

possible to help exporters. This response, according to sources associated with the government, has come after exporters sought help on the cash front. According to sources, this issue is currently under consideration. According to the official, the government hopes that negotiations on the proposed India-US bilateral trade agreement will begin soon, new dates have not been decided yet.

Modi's diplomatic moves increased the influence of the Global South

Diplomatic

☐ There is a need to work together on economic and other issues of interest



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the SCO conference was a big diplomatic gamble. The western world is restless after seeing pictures of PM Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin in one frame. Experts and leaders of America and Europe are blaming the policies of US President Donald Trump for this unexpected situation. America itself is surprised by India's strategic maneuvering in

response to Trump tariffs. The tone of Trump and his allies, who were spewing fire about India, seems to have changed.

The jugalbandi of India, Russia and China is indicating an alternative world order. China and India understood the practical need. The relations between China and India have been complicated for decades. The reason for this is the dispute over the

nearly four thousand kilometer border between the two countries. These relations had deteriorated a lot after the Galwan conflict in 2020. However, the process of improving relations started after 2023. But Trump 2.0's policies made both countries realise that despite differences in the circumstances, there is a need to work together on economic and other issues of mutual interest.

GST will no longer be levied on life, health insurance

New Delhi: The GST Council has given a big relief to the policy holders. Now the premiums of individual life insurance and health insurance policies will become cheaper. Actually, these insurance products have been exempted from Goods and Services Tax (GST). The revised rates will come into effect from September 22, the



first day of Navratri. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in a press

conference held after the 56th meeting of the GST Council that now there will be no GST on all

Exempted

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types of individual life insurance policies and their reinsurance. These include term life, ULIP

or endowment policies. Currently, 18 percent GST is levied on them. He said that after the decision of the GST Council, now there will be complete exemption on them. This change, all individual life insurance policies - including term life, and endowment and their reinsurance will now come under the zero GST.

Vice Presidential election: No threat to democracy: Reddy

Nominated

☐ Reddy believes that this candidature is an extension of his journey



New Delhi: Former Supreme Court judge B Sudarshan Reddy has been nominated by the Congress-led India Alliance as its candidate for the post of Vice President. Reddy believes that this candi-

dature is an extension of his Constitutional journey and this journey will continue even after the election results, irrespective of his victory or defeat. He said, there is no threat to India's democracy, there are dark

clouds, but they will be dispersed. I believe in the Constitution of India and have been associated with the Constitution for 51-52 years. Standing as the India Alliance candidate in the election for the post of Vice President is a part of the same constitutional tradition. There should be no political interference in this. According to me, the Vice President, who is the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya

Chief Minister introduced the 'Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025

New Delhi: Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday introduced the Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the Delhi Assembly. She said that through this bill, the government has reiterated its commitment to simplify the tax system, promote compliance and provide concrete relief to traders and taxpayers in the National Capital Region.

HD Deve Gowda praised PM Modi's policy

Bangalore: Former Prime Minister and JDS supremo HD Devegowda has openly praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign policy and his 'multi-alignment' strategy. Terming the tariff imposed on India by the US as unfair and unjust, he said that the farsightedness and active diplomacy of the Modi government will bring great benefits to India in the coming times. HD Devegowda said in a letter to Prime Minister Modi that this tariff pol-



icy of America will soon be forced to change under the pressure of 'dharma and justice' because India has the most unique economic, demographic and democratic balance in the world. He expressed

confidence that India will create a new identity in the world with its civilizational values. **Success on Russia-China tour** Former Prime Minister HD Devegowda also praised PM Modi's

recent visit to Japan and China. He said, 'I am relieved that you have made active efforts to find alternatives after America's unfair tariff war. I am confident that India will get great benefits from these visits and your talks.' He also said that the pictures and videos that appeared in the media with Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping are not just a formality but indicate the beginning of a new world order.

India halted the purchase of weapons from USA

New Delhi. Amid the tariff dispute, India has put a halt on buying new weapons and aircraft from the US for the time being. Under the defense deal, there was a plan to buy P-8I Poseidon planes, Striker combat

vehicles, anti-tank missiles. According to officials, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh was going to Washington for this deal, but his visit has been canceled. This deal is said to be worth 31,500 crores. This deci-



sion of the central gov-

ernment is being linked to the tariff war. Neither the Indian Defense Ministry nor the Pentagon has given any statement on this issue. However, some reports are claiming that no decision has been taken so far to cancel the

defense deal. Modi visited the US in February. During this time, Trump and Modi together announced the defense deal. 50% tariff on India so far Trump has announced to impose 50% tariff on India.

Trade diplomacy cannot be at the cost of policy sovereignty: Jayant Chaudhary

New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) Jayant Chaudhary said on Friday that national

interest is paramount and trade diplomacy cannot be at the cost of policy sovereignty. Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary made this remark in the backdrop

of the US increasing the duty on Indian goods to 50 percent while addressing the 16th Global Skills Summit 2025 organized by the Federation of India.

SC approves Mathura Shri Banke Bihari Temple corridor project

Delhi: For scores of devotees, the Supreme Court approved an Uttar Pradesh government plan to develop the Shri Banke Bihari Temple corridor in Mathura. Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma granted the Uttar Pradesh government's request to use Shri Banke Bihari shrine funding exclusively to buy 5-acre land around the shrine for a holding area. "We let Uttar Pradesh implement the entire scheme. According to the Banke Bihari Ji Trust, the state government can use the fixed deposits in the name of the deity/temple to acquire the requested land. However, the top court ordered that the deity/trust own the site for temple and corridor development.

It changed the November 8, 2023 Allahabad High Court ruling on the Uttar Pradesh government's PIL, which



BJP claimed that Stalin is spreading falsehoods regarding the three-language policy

Delhi: The BJP has accused the Tamil Nadu government, led by Chief Minister MK Stalin, of a Rs 1,000-crore liquor fraud through the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation. The ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam DMK denies the BJP's assertions that Enforcement Directorate raids

accepted the state's ambitious project but refused to let it use temple monies. The bench noted that since the court was hearing the Uttar

Pradesh government's claim about Braj temple administration and safety, it was in the public interest to rule quickly. have revealed massive financial irregularities. The BJP further claimed that CM Stalin is spreading falsehoods regarding the three-language policy and other national problems to distract from the fraud. DMK presented the Tamil Nadu Budget 2025-26 in the state Assembly on the same day as the claims.

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Chandigarh Kings and Capital Strikers start campaigns in winning note in CPL 2025

Chandigarh: Chandigarh Kings and Capital Strikers registered victories in their opening encounters on the inaugural day of the Chandigarh Premier League 2025 being organised by UT Cricket Association at Sector 16 Cricket Stadium on Thursday. The matches were affected by a wet outfield following overnight showers which leads to a reduction in overs. In the opening clash of the day, Chandigarh Kings registered an 18-run victory over Altruistrians. Put in to bat first, Kings got off to a steady start as skipper



Shivam Bhambri (38, 5 fours) and Aarush Bhandari added 41 runs in the powerplay. Bhambri carried the score to 84 before falling lbw in the 11th over. Thereafter, Nikhil Thakur remained unbeaten on 61 off 33 balls with striking five fours and four sixes while Raman Bishnoi's quickfire 28 off 9 balls gave the innings late impetus.

Contributions from Kunal Mahajan (6) and Sanyam Saini (8) powered Kings to 158/4 in 15 overs.

Nikhil Thakur was declared Man of the Match

Chasing 159, Altruistrians lost opener Arnav Bansal (5) early but skipper Manan Vohra (26) and Gurtaj Singh Bains (11) added 41 runs for the second wicket.

Key AI copyright panel member requests removal before first meeting

Delhi: A key member of the newly formed committee examining the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on India's copyright law claims they were added without consultation and has written to the DPIIT requesting to be replaced by an AI expert.

The committee, constituted by DPIIT under the ministry of commerce & industry will study the legal and policy concerns surrounding AI in copyright and the Copyright Act, 1957's sufficiency. DPIIT will publish the committee's working paper with sug-

gestions after this procedure. "I'm not an AI expert," remarked the unnamed dissenter. Technology advances quicker than law, thus law must catch up. Artificial intelligence (AI) changes the game, thus outdated laws can't regulate it.

Plans to update madrasa education Act of 2004 by UP government

Delhi : To update religious seminaries' curricula, the Yogi Adityanath administration in Uttar Pradesh intends to revise the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madrasa Education Act of 2004. However, this move is likely to spark controversy due to the fact that minority institutions in India are legally allowed to determine their own curricula. The proposed changes include making science and computer labs mandatory, switching to the National Council for Education, Research and Training (NCERT) curriculum from grades 1-3 and the State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) from grades 4-8, and making English and Hindi classes mandatory from grades 3-10. Danish Azad Ansari, the minis-



ter of state for minority welfare in Uttar Pradesh, confirmed the development, saying that the chief minister had already discussed the ideas in a meeting. In his words, "affiliation from the Up-madarsa Board" necessitates meeting all of these specs. In Class 10, students have the option to study English or Hindi, and most madrasas follow their

own curriculum without science or computer laboratories. Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahali, a member of the AIMPLB and chairman of the Islamic Centre of India, spoke out against the government's emphasis on announcements and instead called for better education in madrasas. image.png

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

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

Congress supports the Centre's online anti-terror efforts

Delhi: In an effort to clarify India's stance on terrorism emanating from Pakistan, the government has proposed sending multi-party parliamentary delegations to several nations. The Congress has said that it will be a member of these delegations. Jairam Ramesh, the communications in-charge of the Congress party, stated that Union minister Kiren Rijiju has discussed the matter with the president of the Congress, however the government has not made an official announcement. On



the other hand, Ramesh blasted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for passing on crucial matters of national security without consulting with his political opponents at home. In response to the terror incidents in Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor, the prime minister has declined to lead two all-party meetings.

Ramesh stated in a post that the Prime Minister has not consented to summon a special session of Parliament, as the Indian National Congress has been requesting, in order to show unity and restate the resolution that was passed by Parliament without a single vote on February 22, 1994.

No vacancy for CM post in Bihar,' says Chirag after meeting Nitish Kumar

Delhi: Union minister and BJP (RV) head Chirag Paswan visited the chief minister at his Patna residence and expressed his support for Nitish Kumar by stating, "There is no vacancy for the CM's post in the state, as of now." Chirag reported that the gathering covered a wide range of topics pertaining to the state. Following the announcement of the election results, Nitish Kumar will once again head the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in Bihar. In Bihar, the chief minister is spearheading the coalition, and I have faith that he would follow Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development approach, Chirag added. Arun Bharti, a member of the BJP (RV) from Jamui and Chirag's brother-in-law, told reporters that during their meeting with the chief minister,



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

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

Nitish bestowed a blessing on his party president for his future leadership roles. During his discussion with Nitish, Chirag informed him about the 'Buyer-

seller international meet' that he was going to launch in Patna. Chirag then reaffirmed his intention to be politically engaged in Bihar. I am originally

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

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



Sahib in Patna) as "tankhaiya"

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

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

Yeida approves Film City layout

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

IIT Kharagpur teachers petition governors. Restore HoD positions

Delhi: The IIT Kharagpur Teachers' Association (IITTA) urged the institute's board of governors to expunge show-cause notices issued to 86 faculty members, restore their administrative positions, and protect the association's office bearers from arbitrary or retaliatory actions amid the faculty-administration dispute. In September, the IIT Kharagpur teachers' association accused director Virendra Kumar Tewari

of "nepotism" and "arbitrary faculty recruitment" in a letter to the Union Ministry of Education, sparking a confrontation. They wanted an academically qualified, inclusive governance-experienced successor. When the administration sent show-cause notices to IITTA office bearers and disciplined them for not answering within seven days, tensions rose. Show cause notices were sent to 86 academic members who signed a petition

supporting the IITTA, worsening the situation. The IITTA said several of the 86 academic department heads were replaced. The administration also said people who answered or apologized would not be punished. After an unusual general body meeting the IITTA approached the board of governors. They worry the administration may act fast and deny office bearers a fair hearing., further undermining trust. aThe association asked

the board of governors to remove show-cause notices from 86 faculty members, restore their administrative positions, limit press statements that inflame tension, and protect office-bearers from retaliation. Under the present administration, over 50 academic members have left the institute, primarily from core disciplines, due to this untrustworthy climate. The association expressed significant concern about the unusual situation i.

Information about IFFCO Nano fertilizer was given to farmers in Kisan Sabha

Farmers learned the right way of farming in the awareness campaign

Awareness

Farmers were told about the side effects on the soil due to the use of chemical fertilizers



Phulpur. Under the Kisan Awareness Maha Abhiyan, a block level Kisan Sabha was organized at B PACS Ara Khurd on Thursday. The officials of the Agriculture Department and the farmers present there were welcomed by IFFCO.

Area representative IFFCO Prayagraj Amit Singh told the farmers in detail about the method of use and benefits of Nano Urea Plus, Nano DAP, Sagarika Liquid and Sagarika Granular and NPK Consortia and explained the side effects of chemical fertilizers to the farmers in

detail.

Farmers were told about the side effects on the environment, soil and humans due to the use of chemical fertilizers and told to produce more crops at low cost by using nano fertilizers and detailed information was given about the use and benefits of Sagarika Liquid and Consortia for organic farming. Assistant Development Officer

Santosh Kumar motivated the farmers to use more and more nano urea and nano DAP and Sagarik liquid and informed the farmers about the use and benefits of other products! 75 people including SFA Amit Kushwaha, Hot Spot SFA Virendra Patel, MDE Anand Patel and committee secretary Ram Adhar Bind participated in this program.

Farmers will be happy by using IFFCO Nano fertilizers: Dr. D.K. Singh



Phulpur. IFFCO's nano fertilizers are very important for Indian agriculture. By using them, success can be achieved in cheap and sustainable farming. Dr. D.K. Singh, Principal Motilal Nehru Farmers Training Institute Cordate IFFCO Phulpur said this on Thursday as the chief guest during a one-day farmer training program organized for the farmers of village Umri Mai Tatihra. Addressing the gathering, he said that IFFCO's nano fertilizers which are bringing positive revolutionary changes in the agriculture sector should definitely be used. The Principal introduced the present farmer participants to the activities of Cordate and IFFCO and gave detailed information about the use of Nano Urea Plus, Nano Copper, Nano Zinc, and Nano DAP in paddy crop.

Wanted accused demanding extortion of one lakh arrested



Prayagraj. Under the guidance of Police Commissioner and Additional Police Commissioner, in the course of the campaign being run against crime and criminals, under the able supervision of Deputy Commissioner of Police Ganganagar and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Ganganagar and under the able leadership of Assistant Police Commissioner Tharwai, wanted accused Aurangzeb son of Mohd. Sharif resident of village Rudapur Police Station Phaphamau Commissionerate Prayagraj related to extortion registered at Police Station Phaphamau of Ganganagar-Zone was

arrested by the Police Team of Phaphamau Police Station on Thursday near Malak Harhar under Police Station Phaphamau area. It is noteworthy that on 11.03.2025, the above accused Aurangzeb along with his accomplices demanded Rs. 01 lakh from the plaintiff resident of Shringarpur under Police Station Phaphamau area and when the plaintiff refused to give the money, he was abused and beaten with sticks and threatened to kill him. Police team that made the arrest Sub Inspector Dinesh Kumar Yadav. Head Constable Praveen Kumar Yadav, Police Station Phaphamau Commissionerate Prayagraj.

Priority

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Ghazipur : In order to strengthen law and order and ensure strict control over crime in the Muhammadabad region of the district, newly appointed Circle Officer Sudhakar Pandey has officially assumed charge. He has been transferred here from Bhudkunda, while former Circle Officer Chob Singh has been posted to Bhudkunda. After taking charge, CO



Sudhakar Pandey interacted with the media and shared the key objectives of his tenure. He made it clear that his foremost goal will be to maintain peace and a harmonious environment in the area.

He warned that the police will adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards criminals and anti-social elements,

and no criminal activity will be tolerated. CO Pandey emphasized that the role of the police is not limited to arresting criminals but also to instill a sense of safety among the general public.

He assured that gaining public trust and ensuring people's security will remain the top priority of the

police. The newly appointed officer further informed that special drives will be conducted to curb crime in the area. These campaigns will focus on tightening the noose around active criminals, closely monitoring anti-social elements, and keeping a strict vigil on suspicious activities. Additionally, police patrolling and surveillance will be made more effective. He also highlighted that crime prevention requires not only the efforts of the police but also the participation of the public. With this in mind, efforts will be made to strengthen coordination and communication between the police and the community.

MP Naresh Uttam reached the house of SP leader who has been ill for a long time

Meeting

MP attended the thirteenth day rituals of SP leader Kamla Yadav's daughter-in-law

Prayagraj. Former state president of Samajwadi Party and MP Naresh Uttam Patel today reached the residence of Metropolitan Vice President Israr



Anjum to know about his health. Israr Anjum has been ill for a long time. MP Naresh Uttam

Patel attended the thirteenth day rituals of SP leader Kamla Yadav's daughter-in-law. After

this, he also reached the residence of SP leader Rakesh Singh Patel, resident of Dhoomanganj, and SP leader Mrs. Aastha Patel, where he met the workers already present. SP MP Naresh Uttam Patel came to Prayagraj this morning. He also met party workers at the local circuit house and went back to Kanpur by the Bande Bharat train at 4:30 pm.

On this occasion, District President Anil Yadav, Metropolitan President Syed Iftakhar Hussain, MLC Dr. Man Singh Yadav, MLAs Hakim Lal Bind, Sandeep Patel, former minister Ansar Ahmed, Ram Milan Yadav, Mrs. Malti Yadav, Krishna Murti Singh, Ravindra Yadav Advocate, Hemant Tannu, Doodh Nath Patel, Sangeeta Patel, Dan Bahadur

Madhur, Ramakant Patel, Shanti Prakash Patel, O P Pal, R N Yadav, Sachin Srivastava, Moin Habibi, Jeet Lal Pasi, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd Hamid, Sanjay Yadav, Rohit Yadav, Devilal Yadav, Sipahi Lal, Kamlesh Gupta, Asgar Ali Ansari, Mohd Saud, Jeetraj Hela etc were present. Dan Bahadur Madhur District Media Incharge SP Prayagraj.

Felicitation Ceremony for Former Colleagues by Meja Urja Nigam on the Occasion of NTPC Golden Jubilee and Teachers' Day



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Golden Jubilee

The legacy and learnings of our former colleagues will continue to take MUNPL

Meja : On the occasion of NTPC's Golden Jubilee year and Teachers' Day 2025, Meja Urja Nigam Pvt. Ltd. (MUNPL) organized a special felicitation ceremony. Present on the occasion were Shri Aresh Kumar Chattopadhyay, CEO, MUNPL, Smt. Krishna Chattopadhyay, President of Aparajita Mahila Samaj; senior general managers,

heads of departments, employees, and their family members in large numbers. In his address, CEO Shri Aresh Kumar Chattopadhyay said, "This ceremony is not merely a moment of felicitations, but a sym-

bol of gratitude. The legacy and learnings of our former colleagues will continue to take MUNPL and NTPC to greater heights in the future." At the ceremony, former colleagues of the NTPC family and their families were honoured. Speakers expressed that these former colleagues are the true flag bearers and guides of the organization, whose discipline and dedication established NTPC as.

Appeal to Cabinet Minister Ashish Patel for help of teachers



Prayagraj. Under the leadership of Provincial President of Vaicharik Shikshak Welfare Association Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Gyan Prakash Singh, met Cabinet Minister Ashish Patel and submitted a memorandum informing Cabinet Minister Ashish Patel in detail about the fact that the Supreme Court has made it mandatory for all teachers to take

TET before 2010. Provincial President of Vaicharik Shikshak Welfare Association Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Gyan Prakash Singh requested the Cabinet Minister to talk to the Chief Minister in the Cabinet meeting and file a special writ and try to reconsider the matter as it is a matter related to the interests of lakhs of teachers.

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Phulpur MLA Deepak Patel participated in various programs

Phulpur: Phulpur MLA Deepak Patel participated in various programs. First of all, MLA Deepak Patel attended the meeting of District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee Disha held at the Circuit House and discussed the development works of Phulpur Assembly. He instructed the officials present to give in the development works and to provide the benefits of the schemes being run by the

Discussed

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government to the people with transparency and after that, he reached the house of Vinay Singh in Gangadeep Colony Jhansi and expressed condolences on the death of his mother and Subhash Tiwari, resi-



dent of Jamunipur Sotapur, the death of his brother expressed condolences on Prakash Narayan Tiwari.

Similarly, MLA Deepak Singh, Bhupendra Pandey Patel also participated etc. were present. MLA the Trayodashi of Kamla media in-charge Umesh Yadav's daughter-in-law at Shyamashila Palace, Pure Surdaspur Garapur Road Jhansi. MLA Phulpur Deepak Patel said that I will stand with all the people of Phulpur Assembly in their sorrow and happiness. On this occasion, mainly Arun Mishra Pintu Neta, Raju Tiwari, Kapil

Notice

It is informed to the general public that my son's name as per educational records is Krishnam Ojha son of Santosh Kumar Ojha. Due to an error, his name has been mentioned as Krishna Kumar Ojha in Aadhaar card no. 278370059294. In future he should be known as Krishnam Ojha. Aarti Ojha wife of Santosh Kumar Ojha, resident of Soraon, Pati, Meja Road-Prayagraj.

Editorial

Lack of law enforcement in the seas

India's focus on its land borders has historically stemmed from past learnings from medieval-era invasions and in the current era, involved conflicts over land borders or around states contiguous to its boundaries. It is only in the last few decades that the role of the Indian Navy has gained prominence, as India aims to step up to a larger role in the global power hierarchy. In 2020, as India and China clashed in Galwan, several analysts pointed towards the need to use India's natural maritime advantages in its regional rivalry with China and in more effective power projection as an emerging and responsible global force. Keeping in mind India's ambitions in steering regional geopolitics, the role of the Indian Navy emerged from the shadows of India's arsenal to take on a more prominent role. Aside from developing its capabilities, India has recently played an active role in humanitarian and rescue missions, thus stamping its growing reputation as a responsible and capable maritime power. In the process, the navy has become a chief instrument in providing teeth to the country's aspirations outside the region. The Indian Navy is increasingly being seen as a capable and confident naval power that can be relied upon to make the seas a safer zone. "I think the scale of India's naval deployment is quite unprecedented, and in some ways this represents the confidence the Indian Navy has in its own abilities and the requirement to be seen as a benevolent regional player that is not simply looking after its own interests but also the interests of the global common," says Harsh Pant of the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi. As the war wages in Gaza and with the Yemen-based Houthi rebels attempting to broaden the war by mounting attacks against passing ships, the US has retaliated by striking the Houthis. The war occasionally threatens to spill over to other parts of the region aside from the environmental risks that sinking of ships pose to the coral reefs in the region. Amidst this, India has made its presence felt by deploying warships and surveillance east of the Red Sea against any attack by the Houthis and pirates. In this context, it must be said that the Indian naval presence has made it safe for the conduct of commercial trade in the region.

With the states around India possessing limited capacity to use naval capabilities in the high seas, there has been a regular concern around the lack of law enforcement in the seas as pirates have continued to enjoy the largesse of terrorist groups, smuggling contraband, trafficking and attacking commercial vessels and affecting trade. "Maritime power is more than a matter of policing the commons or accumulating and projecting military force in the littorals. Sea power is equally about creating prosperity for the people and meeting the needs of national development," writes Abhijit Singh, Head of the Maritime Policy Initiative at the Observer Research Foundation. It was China that sent its naval ships to the Gulf of Aden two decades ago to ensure that commercial vessels were safe from pirates. Over the years, China has muscled its way into the Indian Ocean Region and in doing so, has raised concerns about its intent of colonial expansion. On the other hand, an expanding Indian role in protecting waters is building its credibility as a naval power that has both the capacity and the willingness to deploy naval assets to protect the sea lanes of communication, without attracting the unease that China's ulterior aims in its investments in ports and infrastructure projects have aroused. India's consistent patrolling is a reassuring presence in the deep waters, that cuts through ideological swamps. Over the last few months, the navy has rescued ships attacked by pirates and also, two ships that were hit by missiles.



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

The BJP has been the fastest in announcing the first list of candidates for the upcoming Parliamentary elections. This is typical of its working style, where it works as a 24/7 electoral machine. In sharp contrast, the largest Opposition party, the Congress, is lumbering along on a much too delayed Nyaya Yatra, with the de facto party chief miles away from headquarters, and seat adjustments within the INDI alliance far from complete.

Many people were surprised at the number of new names in the BJP list, including the jettisoning of heavyweights in favour of fresh candidates. Some of this could, indeed, as some people allege, be tainted by subjectivity. The supreme duo in the party is apparently not well-disposed to those whose loyalties are suspect, or who are not subservient enough, or who could even remotely pose a challenge. But this factor is not unique to them. In almost every political party in India, the lack of inner-party democracy is transparent, and arbitrary decisions, purely on the subjective choice of the supremo, are par for the course, even more so in the rash of dynastic parties all over the country.

This being as it may, there is a new factor that has increasingly become a very strong element in elections: data.



Gone are the days when the primary form of electioneering was posters and rallies. Today, while these still have their role, what decides their content, their location, and even their timing, is guided by finely honed data. This data decides what the messaging should be, where rallies should be organised for maximum impact, and what their chronological sequencing should be.

The 2014 parliamentary elections, in which Narendra Modi emphatically triumphed, saw the first widespread use of data in both the planning of an election campaign and the selection of candidates. In the last ten years, this data-driven process has become far more sophisticated, complex and

accurate. Based on scientific surveys, cross-checked against multiple factors, political parties can check the on-ground, realistic popularity of candidates, irrespective of what they claim, what 'status' they enjoy, and how many times they may have won before. This assessment is combined with changing demographics, caste considerations, local issues, grassroots party organisation, strength of possible opposing candidates, and new faces within the party that may have appeared, to create an algorithm that can zero in, if done competently, on who is the best choice for a particular constituency.

However popular some political leaders were when they first won a seat, and

often won them again, anti-incumbency against the same face can become a critical factor. Often, candidates after they win, rest on their laurels, fail to fulfil their promises to the voters, neglect the constituency, or are widely perceived to be corrupt. In the past, their earlier reputation as winning candidates was taken at face value. No more. The mood of the public is dynamic and can never be taken for granted. If a charismatic leader from the opposing side has diligently worked in a constituency, has proven his or her sincerity in addressing the needs of the people, and is physically available on the ground, when by contrast the elected incumbent, although at one time popular, is missing, the voting pattern

can change dramatically. This is precisely what the role of data plays in assessing the winnability of a candidate, and the need to retain or replace him or her. Data also determines messaging for an election. What are the issues a party should focus on, both generically and at the micro level? A generic message may appear to have large popular support, but it needs to be buttressed in each constituency by due emphasis on local issues which affect people of that particular area. This too can now be accessed by a competent database and individualised briefs given to candidates. For instance, in Bihar, a survey showed that the biggest problem for most rural citizens is that of drainage and the absence of naalis to drain water out, especially after the monsoons. In UP, to give another example, one of the biggest problems farmers have to deal with is damage to crops by bulls, who cannot be culled and are left to fend for themselves. The short point is that the nature of election planning has changed. A new symbiotic relationship has emerged combining field data and number crunching in war rooms where the ubiquitous weapon is a computer. It is for this reason that political parties, who have done their homework, can announce candidates well in

Bharat-Armenia: A tale of resilience diplomatic imperatives

In the words of British writer Annie Besant, "Hinduism is the soil into which India's roots are stuck, and torn out of that, she will inevitably wither as a tree torn out from its place. And if Hindus do not maintain Hinduism, who shall save it? If India's own children do not cling to her faith, who shall guard it? India alone can save India, and India and Hinduism are one." Hindus and Armenians share several striking similarities. Both cultures bear the weight of ancient civilizations, enduring centuries of history on their resilient shoulders. Each has confronted existential threats from expansionist empires harbouring genocidal intentions yet has managed to persevere against the odds. Both boast revolutionary



heroes, such as the Chapekar brothers and Soghomon Tehlirian, who bravely sought retribution against the oppressors of their people. Moreover, both communities have suffered territorial losses, witnessing the creation of new nations on lands once integral to their civilisations. They have also experienced the unsettling reality of historical enemies aligning against them. In addition, both Hindus and Armenians have found themselves confronting Western indifference and ignorance, bordering on

Hinduphobia and Armeniophobia, respectively, in the contemporary world. Those who harbour animosity towards our existence exhibit striking parallels amongst themselves. Their intolerance is palpable, mirroring a worldview wherein the dominance of their community is deemed inevitable. They display a resolute unresponsiveness to peace proposals, often resorting to warmongering tactics. Furthermore, they demonstrate a preposterous tendency to distort history, selectively

Why Israel must redefine notion of victory or else it risks losing war?

Two days after Hamas launched a horrific attack on Israel, on 7 October 2023, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in his televised address announced five goals for his government and the IDF, which included among others destruction of Hamas. Destruction of Hamas is a military task which the IDF is pursuing in conjunction with other security agencies. The task requires the IDF to capture and kill Hamas' political and military leadership and as many members as possible, destroy the group's command and control capability and degrade its logistical capability and 'Gaza Metro'. Implicit in the tasks is securing the release of hostages and restoring deterrence against any further attack on Israel. Like most other modern militaries, the IDF too has struggled to find an answer to how to deal with a terrorist organisation which has the support of its people and external agencies. Ever since Operation Accountability and Operation Grapes of Wrath against Hezbollah in the 1990s the IDF operations have followed a predictable pattern, barring few exceptions – the IDF operations commence with air force strikes killing a few terrorist

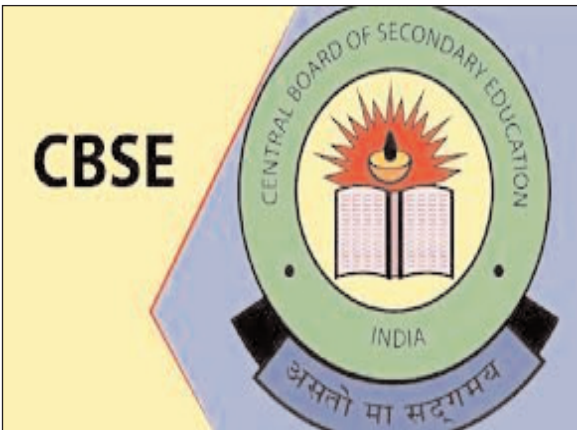


leaders followed by a ground offensive when the group is still unbalanced, largely using standoff weapon systems. However, the terrorist groups recover soon and fight back. The IDF finds it difficult to keep the pressure and a negotiated settlement is sought, with international support, to terminate the war. Thereafter, Israel enjoys a limited period of peace before the next round of violence starts. The Israeli military doctrine is heavily biased in favour of the overwhelming use of air power and precision strikes, which the terrorist groups can counter by concealing fighters and resources, minimising electronic signatures, and using the Gaza Metro. The Israeli strategy euphemistically called the 'mowing the grass' strategy could never find a permanent solution to the raids by Hamas and other terrorist groups. To counter the predictability in operations, almost a decade ago, the IDF had conceptualised a plan

involving large-scale ground manoeuvre and capturing the three largest cities in Gaza - Gaza City, Khan Younis and Rafah – in two weeks. For some reason, the plans were shelved and never implemented. During the tenure of Gadi Eisenkot, 21st Chief of Staff of the IDF, a plan codenamed, Operation Lightning Strike was also developed to overcome some of the challenges to ground manoeuvre. This was attempted in May 2021 with partial success, hence could not be repeated after the 7 October attack. In the wake of the 7 October attack, the IDF had no plans for operations in the depth area, once the ground offensive began and had to hurriedly make one from scratch. On 20 October 2023, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant announced IDF's three-phase plan – air and ground campaign to destroy Hamas and its infrastructure, followed by low-intensity operations to destroy pockets of resistance and finally the creation of a new security regime and withdrawal of IDF. The IDF conducted air campaigns and standoff attacks before initiating ground operations on 27 October. By then the element of surprise was lost and the Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

A warning against bogus syllabuses and sample question

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a warning alert informing parents and students to be wary of false information pertaining to the curriculum, study guides, and practice exams for the 2024–25 school year. The Board has issued a warning to pupils about the dangers of falling for online scams that spread false information. We've noticed that some websites and online portals are disseminating stale information and unreliable updates about curriculum, sample question papers, CBSE resources, and activities. The alert said, "These links and news erroneously assert to offer up-to-date information for the session 2024–25. "In the interest of the public, we wish to emphasize that information from unauthorized sources can be misleading and may cause unnecessary confusion among schools, students, parents, and other stakeholders," it continued.



ONLY 45% OF CAPITAL BWG COMPOST WET WASTE

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

responsibility to ensure the proper disposal of solid waste, including wet waste. The city generates a substantial amount of solid waste daily (around 11,000 tonnes), but only a portion of it is processed. The Supreme Court has criticized the MCD for its failure to implement the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. assess practical exams appropriately. In a notification, the CBSE said that, based on data from prior years' results.

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

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



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

users falling into the 18–25 age bracket. The additions of this age group increased by 4.21% on a monthly basis and by 4.73% on an annual basis. After taking outgoing employees into consideration, the net payroll addition for this category was 668,000, representing a rise of 6.49% on an annualized basis.

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

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

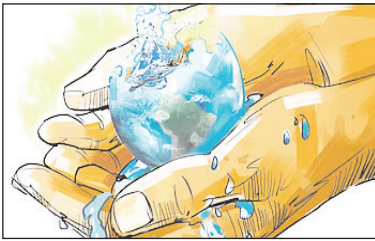
accountability" and the restoration of the assembly as an open and people-focused institution during a press conference. He declared, "This step reaffirms the Delhi legislative assembly's commitment to empowering the media and making

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



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

Delhi: Officials announced that the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has been granted Rs 1,400 crore by the Delhi government to [ongoing projects and put its Summer Action Plan into action. The Summer Action Plan, which includes initiatives like installing water ATMs and GPS monitoring of water trucks to guarantee efficient water distribution during the busy summer months, has been allocated 500 crore rupees out of the entire budget. Water shortages may be avoided and supplies can run smoothly throughout the summer if the funds are released on schedule, according to an official. To handle long-term water management needs, the remaining amount will be used to extend the city's sewer network and create new sewage treatment plants. The aforementioned sums, along with those that were unable to be distributed in March of this year, were allegedly allotted as part of the annual budget. A thorough Rs 9,000-crore strategy concentrating on cleanliness, increasing access to potable water, and modernizing the water distribution system was earlier unveiled by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta in an effort to fortify Delhi's water infrastructure.



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

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



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

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

Advertising on FOBS should be authorized by the government

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

Support for Savarkar and other figures' portraits in the Assembly

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



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

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

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

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



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

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

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

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta promises jobs for Mohalla Clinic staff in Arogya Mandirs

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



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

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

Campaign to Reclaim Campus Space Launched by AAP Student Wing

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



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

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

TN should appeal SC ruling on domicile quota

Delhi: A day after the Supreme Court banned domicile-based reservation in specialized and higher education including PG medical courses, MK Stalin's Tamil Nadu government declared it would file a review petition to vindicate its rights and uphold social justice. Health minister Ma Subramanian said the SC order would affect the state's 69% reservation and quotas for in-service applicants in government medical colleges and minorities in self-financing medical colleges. He said that the order would violate state rights. The Union government receives 15% of undergraduate medical seats and 50% of postgraduate medical and super speciality seats through the state quota each year. "All super spe-



cialty seats were lost. "TN gave government doctors a quota for super speciality courses after a court battle," he told reporters. He stated the Centre takes seats unfilled due to a lack of candidates. He said states invest fully in PG and super speciality medical education but share 50% of all-India quota seats. "Now, the judgment deprives us of all seats," Subramanian told reporters. According to him, the verdict will have a major impact on 2025-26 admissions but not 2024.

BBL: Melbourne Stars sign Adam Milne

Melbourne: The Melbourne Stars have signed New Zealand fast bowler Adam Milne to play in the Big Bash League (BBL) before Christmas. He will replace Pakistan leg-spinner Osama Mir, who will not be able to play in the first three matches of this season. The Stars are set to announce a new captain this week after Glenn Maxwell became captain at the end of last season. Maxwell is unlikely to be fit for the first match against the Perth Scorchers on December 15.

This IIM Got Rs 54 Lakh Highest Salary, Rs 5 Lakh Summer

Delhi: IIMs and other premier management institutes are conducting their final placement drives. Final placement season at IIM Mumbai began on November 25 and ended. Microsoft offered the highest remuneration, Rs 54 lakh per year. Coca-Cola paid a record Rs 5 lakh for a two-month summer internship. This year, 78 firms offered 373 jobs at IIM Mumbai's final placement season. Popular brands include Amazon, Microsoft, and Coca-Cola. IIM Mumbai placements saw a 15% boost in average stipend, according to a report. Top 10% of the



cohort received an average pay of Rs 48 lakh in job placements. Additionally, the top 50% of the batch received an average remuneration of Rs 35 lakh. IIM Mumbai ranks sixth in NIRF 2024. After being known as NITIE

Mumbai and then NIIE, it became the Indian Institute of Management in 2023, becoming the 21st IIM in the country. MBA registration at IIM Mumbai began on November 4. Registration ends January 31, 2025.

Hartek and NSS join hands to empower 50 disabled with prosthetic limbs

Chandigarh: Hartek Foundation, led by CEO Harkirat Kaur, has partnered with Narayan Seva Sansthan (NSS) to provide prosthetic limbs to 50 differently-abled individuals, taking a significant step toward building an inclusive

society. During a meeting in Mohali, NSS Director Palak Agarwal shared the organization's four-decade journey of humanitarian work, which includes free surgeries, distribution of prosthetic limbs, assistive devices, and

skill development programs benefiting lakhs across India. Inspired by NSS's impactful initiatives, Hartek Foundation pledged support to help restore mobility, self-reliance, and dignity to 50 individuals.

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Chandigarh: In a meaningful step towards fostering an inclusive society, Hartek Foundation under the leadership of CEO Harkirat Kaur has partnered with Narayan Seva Sansthan (NSS) to provide prosthetic limbs to 50 differently-abled individuals. The collaboration marks a shared commitment to empower and uplift those with physical disabilities, enabling them to regain mobility, self-reliance and dignity. On this occasion, Palak Agarwal, Director, Narayan Seva Sansthan met Harkirat Kaur in Mohali and discussed the organisation's four-decade-long journey of humanitarian service which includes free surgeries, dis-



tribution of prosthetic limbs, assistive devices and skill development programs for lakhs of people across India. Inspired by NSS's impactful work, Hartek Foundation extended its support to help

50 individuals receive prosthetic limbs, giving them a new lease on life. Speaking on the occasion, Harkirat Kaur said that Narayan Seva Sansthan is not only working to uplift the differently abled

but also those overlooked by society. Thanking her counterpart, Palak Agarwal said this partnership goes beyond assistance as it brings hope and confidence to those who need it most.

Kerala cuts minority scholarships due to financial difficulties

Delhi : Kerala's government has cut minority community scholarships by 50%, putting thousands of students' education at risk, citing the financial crisis. Nine of the 11 minority welfare scholarship programs originally allotted Rs 13.6 crore are affected by the decision. The Government says the plan size reduction is a priority, but the disproportionate cut to minority student educational support raises questions about governmental priorities and social justice. Twitter shares The Prof Joseph Mundassery Scholarship, which received Rs 5.2 crore this



year, suffered most. It has saved Muslim, Sikh, Jain, and Parsi high-achieving children by paying Rs 10,000 to those who scored A-Plus in all SSLC subjects and Rs 15,000 to those who scored 80% in upper secondary or 75% in vocational higher secondary. It ensured that bright students from underprivileged backgrounds were not forced to drop

out due to financial constraints by prioritizing BPL students and providing provisions to economically weaker APL students. The crucial APJ Abdul Kalam Scholarship for minority students has also been cut in half. Those admitted to government-approved colleges on merit, with priority for BPL families, receive the Rs 6,000 grant.

The government of Maharashtra says it would not pay for eggs for the midday meal

Delhi : The opposition vehemently criticized the decision, as Maharashtra became the latest BJP-ruled state to ban eggs from midday meals for students in grades 1 through 8. The school education department changed the list of foods served during midday meals in a government resolution this week, eliminating the inclusion of sugar and eggs. Rather, it instructed schools to serve nachni sattu and "egg pulao" as optional meals. Nonetheless, it stated that these things, as well as sugar for desserts, had to be organized by the general public without the need for further government support. The state has changed the list to adhere to the meal items prescribed by the Center, accord-



ing to an official who defended the action. While some states use their own resources to offer eggs, the federal government, which provides 60% of the funding for midday meals, does not include them in its list. Goa and Madhya Pradesh recently banned eggs due to criticism from some groups. Aadiya Thackeray, a Sena (UBT) MLA, criticized the move and questioned why the government chose to substitute rice kheer and nachni sattu for eggs and sugar.

Adani cancels \$533mn US port loan in Sri Lanka

Delhi: After US securities and wire fraud allegations, Gautam Adani's Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone withdrew from a finance deal with a US agency for a Sri Lankan port terminal project and used its own resources. After the US indictment, American loans are harder to get. The US International Development Finance Corporation (IDFC) agreed to lend \$553 million to Sri Lanka. 's

Indian students in Canada panic as Ottawa requests docus again

Delhi: Indian students in Canada have reported receiving emails to resubmit study permits, visas, and educational records, including marks and attendance. IRCC, a federal department that handles foreign students, issued a request that panicked international students, many of whom have two-year visas. In response to the inflow of overseas students, IRCC is tightening its financial criteria and considering limitations on admissions. I was surprised by the email. My visa is valid till 2026, however I was requested to resubmit all my documentation "Avinash Kaushik, "They even want proof of attendance, marks, where we are working part-time, etc.," he said. Punjabi students reported a similar increase in emails last week. Some were



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required to verify their credentials at IRCC headquarters in person. "Many students are confused and worried," Indian students have made up a large portion of Canada's rising international student enrollment. The ministry of external affairs reports that Canada has 4.2 lakh Indian students, followed by the US with 3.3 lakh. The sudden

email flood left pupils unsure about their future. "We chose Canada for its welcoming environment, but this unfair," said Adilabad-based business management student in British Columbia. Students want IRCC to clarify and resolve their concerns. For now, urge students to submit documents quickly to avoid difficulties. "

IIT Kharagpur teachers petition governors. Restore HoD positions

Delhi: The IIT Kharagpur Teachers' Association (IITTA) urged the institute's board of governors to expunge show-cause notices issued to 86 faculty members, restore their administrative positions, and protect the association's office bearers from arbitrary or retaliatory actions amid the faculty-administration dispute. In September, the IIT Kharagpur teachers' association accused director Virendra Kumar Tewari of "nepotism" and "arbitrary faculty recruitment" in a letter to the Union Ministry of Education, sparking a confrontation. They wanted an academically qualified, inclusive governance-experienced successor. When the administration sent show-cause notices to IITTA office bearers and disciplined them for not answering within seven days, tensions rose. Show cause notices were sent to 86 academic members who signed a petition supporting also said people who answered or apologized eral body meeting the IITTA approached the board of governors. They worry the administration may act fast and deny office bearers a fair hearing, further undermining trust.

Tiranga Yatra Pays Tribute to Armed Forces

Chandigarh: Nearly 500 people especially from the Sikh community, participated in the Tiranga Yatra organised by Dr. Jagmohan Singh Raju (Retd. IAS) with blessings from Sant Baba Pritpal Singh Ji. Beginning at Gurdwara GurSagar Sahib near Sukhna Lake and ending at Gurudwara Sahib, Sector 7, the procession celebrated patriotism and communal harmony. Participants carried the Indian Flag and Nishan Sahib, accompanied by a live band playing patriotic tunes. Leaders from Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian communities joined in. Dr. Raju called the Yatra a tribute to the Armed Forces and a symbol of India's strength and unity.

Apply now for Bachelor of Science degrees online at IIT Madras; JEE score not necessary

Delhi: Online Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree Programs in Electronic Systems and Data Science and Applications are now accepting applications from interested students at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras). These undergraduate programs offer an alternative to the standard Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), while others are required to complete a four-week online preparatory program and pass an in-person qualifier exam. According to the news release, there are currently more than 38,000 students enrolled in these programs. These students come from a variety of academic backgrounds and include working professionals, career changers, and others. This cohort deviates significantly from the norm for engineering students in that 25% of its members are female and 20% are older than 30.



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Delhi: You want a promotion at work after years of hard work. You know you have the job and life experience, but your resume never gets you an interview because you never graduated. You've considered returning to school, but how do you know your time and money will pay off? Let's get to work. A college degree can help you advance your job or start a new one and boost your earnings. One of the most popular on-campus.

Gurugram Rate Soars 160%, Housing Prices in Top 10 Cities

Delhi : In the last five years, the average cost of newly constructed residential properties in India's top ten cities has increased by an astounding 88%, per a report released on Monday by real estate data analytics company PropEquity. The greatest increase in prices was seen in Gurugram, where average prices shot up 160% from Rs 7,500 per square foot in 2019 to Rs 19,500 per sq foot in 2024. Mumbai, on the other hand, saw the least gain over the same period, going from Rs 25,820 per sq ft to Rs 35,500 per sq ft, or 37%. Noida (146%), Bengaluru (98%), Hyderabad (81%), Chennai (80%), Pune



(73%), Navi Mumbai (69%), Kolkata (68%), Thane (66%), and Mumbai are the next cities in terms of price growth after Gurugram. In the top 10 cities—Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Noida, and Gurugram—the survey

examined 15,000 new launch projects that included flats, floors, and villas. In the past five years, real estate prices have increased dramatically in all major cities. The factors that have contributed to such a steep rise include the massive infrastructure development, the growing interest.

Students say the food in the IIT-D mess caused them ill

Delhi: According to an internet post, almost half of the students in a hostel at IIT Delhi were admitted to the hospital after reportedly eating food from the institute's kitchen. IIT-D refuted the accusations, claiming that the meal in question was ordered from an outside vendor rather

than being provided by the hostel mess. The message, which went viral on social media, claimed that many students became very ill after eating litti chokha from the dorm mess. The message, which generated a flurry of responses on social media, read, "I'm stand-

ing in line as I type this out, already waited for over 45 minutes and still six people ahead of me." The post went on to say, "Everyone ate the litti chokha that was provided at the hostel meal last night. People were getting sick like flies by dawn, which caused havoc. fever, chills.

Delhi to hold mammoth job fair to increase youth employment

Delhi : The Delhi government will host a huge job expo later this year to increase youth employment. According to an official release, Labour and Employment Minister Kapil Mishra met with DoE officials to discuss connecting job seekers with employers. According to Mishra, government and industry departments should coordinate their efforts. He stated that the Delhi government's 2025–26 Budget funds the job fair. "A common platform will enable employer-job seeker direct interaction.

The first fair may be in July, he said. The meeting resolved to engage industry



associations like Ficci, Dicci, CII, and PHD Chamber of Commerce. Government agencies including the Department of Training and Technical Education, Department of Higher Education, and Education Department Vocational Branch will participate. A sen-

ior labor department official said the data will help construct a list of job-seeking adolescents and recruiting organizations. Mishra also ordered departments to get campus placement and recruitment data from their universities and technical colleges.

Irish education minister invites Indians for education, research

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

Maintain pre-2010 7% OBC quota

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



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

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

A Third of the Total Fees Will Go Towards Reevaluating Legal Papers

Delhi Students in the Faculty of Law at Delhi University are protesting the introduction of a new re-evaluation facility, and not because of the facility itself but because of how much it would cost. DU's re-evaluation price for LLB students is Rs 2,000 per answer sheet, which is equivalent to one-third of the faculty's yearly tuition fee and twice the fee for other disciplines. Previously, the only alternative accessible to law students was to have their marks re-totaled; re-evaluation of answer sheets was not an option. Professional courses, like law, do not currently have access to re-evaluation facilities, but DU announced plans to expand them in November of last year. Many were disappointed by the recently approved pricing,



despite the fact that the move was well-received initially. The application fee is too high for the majority of law students, according to a fifth-semester student who asked to remain anonymous, adding that this is the first time that LLB students have the option to apply for re-evaluation. "With a total annual fee of just about Rs 6,000, how can students be asked to pay Rs 2,000 for each paper?" Many will be discouraged from accessing a fundamental academic entitlement because of this. Delhi University

US may ban visas for Indian travel brokers

Delhi: The announcement comes months after the U.S. deported illegal Indian immigrants. Around 330 Indian nationals were returned in February, demonstrating the Trump administration's stance on illegal immigration. The issue was likely raised during U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance's India visit last month.

Former CJI DY Chandrachud appointed as 'distinguished professor' at NLU

Delhi: Former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud has been named a "distinguished professor" at National Law University (NLU), Delhi. The university shared the announcement in a press release and described it as a major step for legal education in India. "We are profoundly honoured to welcome Dr Justice D Y Chandrachud, former Chief Justice of India, as a Distinguished Professor at National Law University Delhi," NLU Delhi said in the press release. NLU Vice-Chancellor G S Bajpai called the move a key moment for legal academia. "This historic association marks a transformative chapter in Indian legal education, bringing one of our most progressive jurists to mentor the



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titled In the Spirit of Justice: The NYC Distinguished Lecture Series starting in July 2025. This series will focus on major judgments authored by Justice Chandrachud, covering topics like privacy, LGBTQ+ rights, gender justice, digital freedoms, and judicial reforms. These will be discussed from his point of view.

Premji pledges 2,250 crore for college education of girls



Delhi: Azim Premji Foundation has committed to giving 2,250 crore over three years to help more girls complete their college education, making it the country's largest direct benefit transfer scheme by a not-for-profit private entity. Under the initiative, a girl who has completed her standard X and XII from a government school can apply for the Azim Premji scholarship. Billionaire and philanthropist Azim Premji's eponymous foundation, Azim Premji Foundation, would give 30,000 a year to up to 250,000 girl students. This translates to 750 crore a year, which, over a three-year degree program, would total 2,250 crore. "The basic purpose of this is to allow girl children to complete their higher education," said. Anurag Behar, chief executive officer of Azim Premji Foundation. "If a girl has completed 10th and 12th from a government school and is admitted to a bona fide college, the child is eligible to get 30,000 every year for the duration of her course." Beginning in September, a girl who starts college and has received the Azim Premji scholarship will receive *90,000 over a three-year degree program.

Google under CCI investigation over gaming firm complaint

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



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

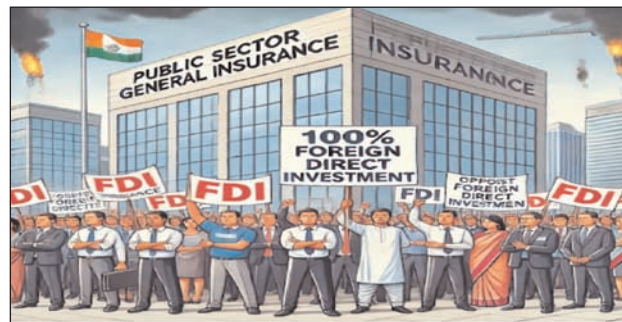
US retailers utilize Trump tariff threats to boost sales

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

The Union government wants 100% FDI in insurance

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

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



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

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

Gold loans rise 50% in seven months

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

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

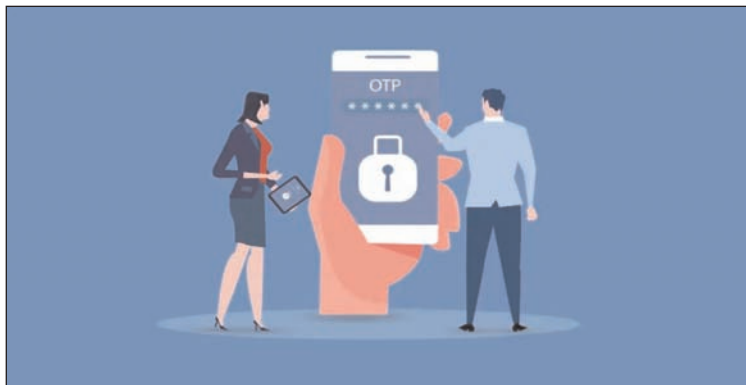
and get higher new ones. Analysts see rising gold loan demand as an indication of financial instability. RBI ordered banks and financial companies to review and fix their gold loan rules and procedures within three months last month. After an examination, evergreening was found to hide bad loans.

Commercial LPG hike by Rs 16.5 per cylinder, jet fuel up 1.45%; household cooking gas remains unchanged

NEW DELHI: The cost of commercial LPG and aviation fuel prices surged on Sunday following the monthly revision aimed at aligning with trends in international oil prices. State-owned oil firms raised commercial LPG rates, used in hotels and restaurants by Rs 16.5 per to Rs 1818.50 per 19 kg cylinder. Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices in Delhi, which hosts one of India's most active airports, saw an increase of Rs 1,318.12 per kilo litre, marking a 1.45 per cent increment. The new rate stands at Rs 91,856.84 per kl, according to state-owned fuel retailers. The prices of ATF and LPG vary from state to state, depending on local taxes, including VAT. This marks the second consecutive monthly increase in jet fuel prices, which were previously raised by Rs 2,941.5 per kl, or 3.3 per cent, on November 1. ATF prices were reduced by 6.3 per cent (Rs 5,883 per kl) on October 1 and by Rs 4,495.5 per kl, or 4.58 per cent, on September 1. In Mumbai, the ATF price increased to Rs 85,861.02 per kl on Sunday from Rs 84,642.91 previously. The price of commercial LPG have also increased for the seventh consecutive month. In the most recent review on November 1, commercial LPG prices were raised by Rs 62 per 19-kg cylinder. Over the course of five price hikes, commercial LPG prices have increased by Rs 172.5 per 19-kg cylinder, reaching their peak this year. Four monthly price reductions before the current cycle began in August were offset by the recent hikes. Prices for 19-kg cylinders were reduced by Rs 148 across the four rounds. Currently, commercial LPG costs Rs 1,980 in Chennai, Rs 1,927 in Kolkata, and Rs 1,771 in Mumbai for a 19-kg cylinder. However, the rate of cooking gas used in domestic households, however, remained unchanged at Rs 803 per 14.2-kg cylinder. State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) revise the prices of ATF and cooking gas on the first of each month.

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

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



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

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

New Honda Amaze Variants and Top Features



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

gies will be added. The top model will have a floating touchscreen infotainment system with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity, automatic climate control, ADAS technology, six airbags, reversing camera, wireless smartphone charger, multi-functional steering wheel with mount-

ed controls, rear AC vents, dual cup holders, type-c charging ports, and more. However, an electric sunroof, motorized seats, and 360-degree camera will be missing. It will keep its 1.2L four-cylinder VTEC naturally aspirated petrol engine, which produces 90 PS, and no major mechanical alterations.

French energy giant Total puts Adani Gp investments on hold

Delhi: Total Energies, a French oil company, has suspended investments in Adani Group entities pending the conclusion of US bribery allegations against its founder. The Paris-based company, which owns key investments in Adani Group's renewable energy and gas distribution opera-



tions, said it was unaware of the US solar power corruption inquiry. "Total Energies rejects corruption in any form," it declared. "This indictment does not target Adani Green Energy (AGEL) itself, nor any AGEL-related companies." Total Energies claimed it learned about Gautam Adani's and others' indictment from US public pronouncements. Gautam Adani, his nephew and Adani Green Energy executive director Sagar Adani, and others are accused.

NBCC India will buy sick PSUs and redevelop land banks

Delhi: Two sources say NBCC India Ltd. wants to buy defunct public sector undertakings (PSUs) to redevelop and monetize their land. The state-run construction company wants to leverage its success in developing land for government-owned companies. Developer is in talks to acquire non-operational PSUs through a new entity to monetize their land banks.

Cabinet's 30k cr bank guarantee relief for telcos

Delhi: Government sources claimed the Union Cabinet has agreed in principle to waive bank guarantee requirements for telecom companies' deferred spectrum payments, but with strict conditions. The waiver will require telcos to pay three months' instalments in addition to their annual fees. Sources said the government will give up its right to collect Rs 30,000 crore in bank guarantees upfront. The Cabinet waived the requirement for telcos to buy spectrum in six auctions between 2012 and 2022. Spectrum auction regulations from 2022 and 2024 removed the necessity. Airtel and Jio would guarantee Rs 2,300 crore and Rs 4,000 crore. Vodafone Idea (Vi) spectrum auction moratorium ends in October 2025. Current



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

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

Tgana rejects Adani's 100-cr contribution

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

