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Search operation in J&K's Udhampur after terror suspects 'snatch cash' from villager

JAMMU: A joint team of security forces launched an intensive cordon-and-search operation in Latti area of J&K's Udhampur district Thursday after locals reported that a group of terror suspects had entered a house in Kirchi village, threatened its residents and fled after allegedly snatching cash. Personnel from the Army, J&K Police, and other security agencies were involved in the operation, officials said, adding that forces were on high alert. Authorities urged people to flag any suspicious movement in their respective areas. "Terrorists have been active for the past several months in Dudu-Basantgarh area — a forested, mountainous region straddling Udhampur, Doda, and Kathua districts of Jammu Division — which provides ample hide-outs due to dense vegetation," an official said. Basantgarh lies on a traditional infiltration route used by Pakistani terrorists who cross over the Indo-Pak international border in Kathua and move via the higher reaches to Doda and Kishtwar districts, into Valley. The region has witnessed several encounters and terror strikes in the past. On Oct 8, security forces conducted a massive combing operation in Dharni Top area of „ after locals reported sighting three terror suspects .

Ordering CBI probe should be the last resort, not routine: SC

NEW DELHI: Cautioning high courts, and itself, against routinely ordering CBI probes, Supreme Court on Thursday said courts should invoke their power to direct an inquiry by the central agency as a last resort in an exceptional situation. A bench of justices J K Maheshwari and Vijay Bishnoi set aside Allahabad high court's order directing a CBI probe into alleged irregularities in the recruitment process for UP legislative council staff, saying the order was passed by HC on the basis of some doubt and assumptions. The bench also referred the matter back to the high court for a rehearing.

Pan-India SIR: ECI to announce first phase dates on Monday

Sources in the poll body said the initial phase will leave out states like Maharashtra

Relentless

These include states/UTs that will soon be in the grip of harsh winter and snow



NEW DELHI: The Election Commission will on Monday announce the first phase of the pan-India special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, covering 10-15 states/UTs, including poll-bound West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam and Puducherry. Sources in the poll body said the initial phase will leave out states like Maharashtra, where local body elections are to be held by Jan 31, 2026, as per Supreme Court

directives, as well as the snow-bound states/UTs of J&K, Himachal, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Ladakh. The last intensive revision of electoral rolls in India was undertaken two decades ago. Ahead of the EC presser, Tamil Nadu CM and DMK chief M K Stalin accused BJP of "plotting to remove names from voter list" ahead of state polls, as in Bihar. "It (SIR) deprived nearly 65 lakh voters in poll-bound Bihar of their voting

rights," he alleged. DMK and other INDIA bloc parties have warned that BJP govt is "attempting to use EC as its puppet to replicate the same in Tamil Nadu", Stalin said in a letter to the party cadre. "BJP and its ally AIADMK believe that if the names of voters from the working class, minorities, scheduled castes, women and the poor are deleted through SIR, they can secure victory without facing the people. But this calcula-

tion will fail in Tamil Nadu," he said. Unlike Bihar, where EC launched SIR with a written order, the pan-India exercise will be announced at a press conference, allowing any queries and doubts to be addressed on the spot. Sources indicated that the nationwide SIR shall be announced and conducted in stages, with three broad categories of states/UTs likely to witness the exercise later. These include states/UTs that will soon be in the grip of harsh winter and snow; ones where local body polls are due over the next three months and which are held with electoral rolls prepared as per provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

IndiGo operates Kolkata-Guangzhou flight; first since 2020



KOLKATA: Monica Liu lives and breathes Beijing, the 'Tangra-style' Chinese restaurant that is the beating heart of weekends in Kolkata's Chinatown. But on Sunday night, Guangzhou was on her mind. For the first time in five years, she was on a direct flight from the city she calls home to the country of her ancestors. Liu was among the first of 176 passengers to board IndiGo's resurrected Kolkata-Guangzhou flight that bridged the gap in direct air connectivity between India and China, triggered by

Covid pandemic and extended by the diplomatic frost following border clashes in 2020. For someone who once travelled frequently between the two countries to visit relatives, the wait felt longer than five years for Liu. "I am flying to meet some of my relatives back in China. I was a frequent flyer between Kolkata and China prior to Covid. Now that direct connectivity is back, I wish to resume regular travel," she said. The Airbus A320 Neo departed at 10pm, just over a fortnight.

Kerala minister defends signing of PM SHRI MoU

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Kerala general education and labour minister V Sivankutty defended signing of the PM SHRI agreement between CPI(M)-led LDF govt and Centre last week, stating central funds couldn't be abandoned as it would affect about 47 lakh students. The minister said funds were being collected without compromising on Kerala's educational tradition, and the state



would decide the curriculum and prepare the textbook. According to the MoU, it can be withdrawn at any time, Sivankutty added.

"Kerala will not teach about RSS leaders - that's merely K Surendran's dream. Kerala is a state that has released alternative textbooks. The central funds cannot be abandoned. Legal advice was sought before signing the MoU. More details are not being disclosed right now," Sivankutty said. The minister said the first instalment of the SSK fund will be received soon. Funds would only be received post-signature.

Cyclone Montha: Andhra Pradesh, Odisha brace for landfall

KAKINADA/BHUBA NESWAR: Andhra Pradesh and Odisha battered down the hatches Sunday as Cyclone Montha churned in the Bay of Bengal, gathering steam and strength to pound the coastal states late Tuesday with gale-force winds of 90-110 kmph. Montha was located around 830km from Andhra's Kakinada and 930km from Odisha's Gopalpur late Sunday. Cyclone Montha: Army, NDRF On Alert As Twin Cyclonic Systems Build Up In Arabian Sea & Bay Of Bengal It is likely to make landfall on Andhra's coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam. At least five Andhra



districts of Kakinada, East Godavari, Konaseema, Eluru and West Godavari were on their toes with a slew of contingency measures. These included evacuations from vulnerable zones, school closures and advisories to fishermen not to venture into seas. In Kakinada, officials started moving people from Hope Island to safer zones. Schools will be closed from Oct 27 to 31 in anticipation of heavy rain.

Konaseema collector R Mahesh Kumar ordered closure of schools and said shelters have been prepared for over 6,000 people living in 34 villages near the coast. He said 428 pregnant women who were due in 15 days were shifted to health centres, and NDRF teams and earth movers were on standby. West Godavari authorities announced holidays for schools and colleges on Oct 27 and 28, besides suspension of all recreational activities at beaches and resorts. Similar school closures were mandated in Eluru. Telecom companies have been asked to set up generators to make sure mobile towers function without interruption.

'Followed Basavaraj's call': Naxal leader Rupesh on laying down arms

NEW DELHI: Rejecting the CPI(Maoist) central committee's (CC) "traitor" tag thrown at him and fellow Naxal leader Bhupathi alias 'Sonu' in view of their recent surrender, CC member Rupesh has said they laid down arms in line with slain general secretary Basavaraj's final call to 'partymen' to



cease armed operations against security forces and explore talks with Centre. In a video statement shared with,

Rupesh, currently in Chhattisgarh, can be heard rejecting CPI(Maoist)'s latest claim that Basavaraju

had a rethink on his stance favouring a ceasefire "to save the party, cadre and movement" - communicated in multiple statements since March 2025 - after Centre had refrained from toning down anti-Naxal operations in 'core' areas of the Maoists. "It is true that till B R Dada (Basavaraj) was

killed in May, he maintained the view that conditions are ideal for abandoning armed struggle and starting talks with govt about our future," Rupesh said, adding that every PB/CC member had received this message. "I had personally met Dev ji (current CPI Maoist general secretary) .

PM Narendra Modi praises forces for induction of 'desi' dogs

Suggestion

Modi lauded BSF and CRPF for their efforts to implement his suggestion on



NEW DELHI: A day after highlighted the successful induction of indigenous dog breeds in the central paramilitary forces, PM Narendra Modi lauded BSF and CRPF for their efforts to imple-

ment his suggestion on introducing the more adaptable and resilient 'desi' breeds like Rampur Hound, Mudhol Hound and Kombai as force-multipliers. Speaking from his 'Mann ki Baat' platform, Modi recalled

how he had, in the same programme five years ago, discussed Indian dog breeds. "I had requested the forces to embrace indigenous breeds as they are better adapted to Indian conditions. I am happy to share that our security agencies have made commendable efforts in this direction. BSF and CRPF are now increasingly deploying desi dogs," he said, adding that the forces.

EC accuses ADR of mala fide motive to disrupt SIR

NEW DELHI: Election Commission told SC on Thursday that NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Yogendra Yadav had filed petitions with "ulterior and mala fide motives" to disrupt SIR in Bihar and create a narrative suiting the electoral interests of political parties. EC made the charge on a day the court virtually ruled out intervention in the electoral rolls prepared after SIR.

Big revelation! Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli already booked for 2027 ODI World Cup?

Backed

Rohit finished as the top scorer of the series, while Kohli rebounded



NEW DELHI: Cricket great Sunil Gavaskar has backed Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma for potential inclusion in India's 2027 ODI World Cup squad, praising their standout

performances in the recent three-match series against Australia. Rohit finished as the top scorer of the series, while Kohli rebounded with an unbeaten 74 after two ducks. Their

partnership was pivotal in India's commanding nine-wicket win in the third ODI. Rohit smashed a brilliant 121, and Kohli remained unbeaten on 74 as the pair shared a

168-run stand. India vs Australia: Virat Kohli & Rohit Sharma rewrite history at SCG "The moment they made themselves available for this trip, it was clear they want to be there for the 2027 World Cup," Gavaskar said. "And irrespective of what happens between now and then — whether they score runs or not — with the ability and experience they possess.

Murthy & wife opt out of caste survey, DKS says personal choice

BENGALURU: Rajya Sabha MP Sudha Murty and her husband, Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy, have declined to participate in the ongoing socio-economic and education survey being



undertaken by

Karnataka govt. Govt said it respected their "personal choice", but made it clear that it was upset with the decision. Sudha Murty is said to have signed an enumerator's form in which she wrote that

they were "not part of any backward community" and therefore saw "no need to participate" in the exercise. The note was widely circulated on social media. "It's her choice. As a

government, we cannot force anyone to participate. I respect her stand," deputy chief minister D K Shivakumar said. Labour minister Santosh Lad echoed similar views.

Omar marks first year with Darbar move on two J&K capitals

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said Thursday the "Darbar" move tradition would be restored soon, announcing the move to mark a year of his National Conference (NC) gov-

ernment and stressing that he was fulfilling his promise to Jammu's people. The tradition involves rotating J&K's seat of government, with Jammu as the winter capital (November to April) and Srinagar as

the summer capital (May to October). The practice dates back to 1872 when Maharaja Gulab Singh, founder-ruler of erstwhile J&K princely state and Maharaja Hari Singh's ancestor, started it.

Grand Nephew of Former President Kalam, inaugurated the event

Delhi

The Dr APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation (Kalam's House, Rameswaram) formally inaugurated 'Space Mission-2025'. It was inaugurated by Dr APJM Sheikh Saleem, Grand Nephew of former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. Numerous scientists and dignitaries were present on the occasion. It is worth noting that Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta will attend the national symposium "Space Mission-2025" on October 15th, as the chief guest, on the occasion of the 94th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, during this three-day event, which runs from October 13th to 15th. This three-day national event is being held from October 13th to 15th, 2025 at the NCUI Auditorium and Convention Centre, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi. Organized in collaboration with ISRO scientists, academics and national experts, the symposium aims to celebrate Dr. Kalam's scientific temper and his lifelong dedication to empowering youth through science and technology, inspiring the next generation of space scientists and innovators. The event has brought together over 1000 students from schools, engineering colleges and universities across India, showcasing their innovative projects, research papers and STEM models.

Female constables from the Kotwali police station launched the Shakti campaign

Bahraich

Under Mission Shakti Phase 5 the Kotwali police station organized an awareness program at MMI Public School in Gadara Gram Panchayat, informing women about their rights. Female sub-inspector Asha Verma and her team provided detailed information about their rights. While raising awareness, they emphasized that women can go anywhere at any time. The police are always ready to help them. If you encounter any mischievous acts by individuals with malicious intentions while traveling or in the market, don't keep them to yourself, but immediately contact the female beat officer or use the government helpline numbers 1076, 112, 108, 1090, 181, 1930, 1098 and inform the police.

Uttar Pradesh has a rich history of handicraft products: Nandi

Lucknow

Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Chief Guest, attended the IHGF Delhi Fair-Autumn 2025 at the India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida on the second day of the fair. Minister Nandi inspected the stalls and various products on display. He toured the exhibition and interacted with exhibitors. He commended the energy and competitive spirit of the sector evident at the event. Minister Nandi stated that Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of exhibitors, 1059, participating in this exhibition. Various handicraft clusters from Uttar Pradesh are represented here. Uttar Pradesh has



a rich history of handicraft products. All 75 districts have products that symbolize their traditional identity. The nuances of art and the skills passed down through generations make these products priceless. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh's export sector has achieved many remarkable achievements! Under our double-engine government, an export-friendly ecosystem has been cre-

ated within the state. As a result, Uttar Pradesh's exports have doubled in the last eight years. Our exports have increased from 84 lakh crore to 1.86 lakh crore, a historic increase. Small artisans and handicraft exporters have played a vital role in achieving this remarkable feat. Due to the changing environment and landscape, many multinational companies and the country's leading industrial houses are investing in Uttar Pradesh. However, from day one, our priority has been to promote cottage

industries equally with large companies. Those engaged in traditional handicraft industries should also have equal opportunities for prosperity and industrial development. The availability of these products in national and international markets should be ensured. The third successful edition of the UP International Trade Show was held at this Expo Mart between September 25th and 29th. Through the UP International Trade Show, the exposure of local products, especially handicraft products, has reached new heights. As a result of such positive efforts, Uttar Pradesh contributed 22.58 percent to the country's total handicraft exports in the financial year 2024.

BJP workers protest against local MLA over Chandni Chowk poor condition



Delhi

BJP workers today organised a protest near Mori Gate against the area's AAP MLA over the poor condition of Chandni Chowk. BJP workers, who were marching from Mori Gate to the MLA office in front of the Sheeshganj Gurudwara, were forcibly stopped by Delhi Police near the Cloth Market in Fatehpuri. The protest was led by District President and former councilor Arvind Garg. State spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor, District Incharge Rajesh Bhatia, Mandal President Rohit

Sharma, District General Secretary Lata Sodhi, District officials Sunil Sharma, Ashok Sharma Guddan, Ashok Tomar, Gopal Garg, Deepak Mahendra and others were present. Arvind Garg stated that the current AAP MLA and his father have been representing Chandni Chowk since 1998 having been in power for most of the time, yet even after 27 years the citizens and merchants of Chandni Chowk are still struggling for basic amenities. Praveen Shankar Kapoor has said that the common citizen's

Assistant Drug Commissioner, Devipatan Division, seizes cough syrup and painkiller tablets worth eight lakh rupees

Bahraich

Assistant Drug Commissioner, Devipatan Division, along with the Drug Inspector, Bahraich/Shravasti, raided a house in Salarganj Mohalla on Monday. The Drug Department recovered banned cough syrup, painkiller tablets, and narcotic

drugs worth approximately eight lakh rupees from the house and the vehicle with Assembly pass parked outside. Two people were detained in connection with the case and handed over to the Dargah police. Police are interrogating the accused. Inspector-in-Charge, Dargah Sharif, stated that he is cur-

rently in court and cannot provide further details. Assistant Drug Commissioner, Mukesh Jain, Devipatan Division, received information from an informant that Mohammad Ali, a resident of Salarganj Mohalla in Bahraich city, was involved in a large-scale drug trade and had illegally stored narcotic drugs at his home.

The journey of a 'Pro Planet Future' began with the Pre-Global Health and Eco-Wellness Summit 2025

Delhi

The pre-summit of the Global Health and Eco-Wellness Summit and Awards 2025 was held at the Hawa Haven Resort on Sunday, coinciding with the pre-Diwali celebrations. Organized by the Seva Kunj Foundation and the GlobalSpin Forum, the event showcased a beautiful confluence of health, spirituality and the environment. Dr Archana Purohit, Vice President of the Seva Kunj Foundation, explained that the theme of the main summit on November 27, 2025 is "Global Voices, One Vision- Pro Planet People," and the summit is bringing together health and wellness experts from around the world to chart a path towards a sustainable and healthy future. The pre-summit program began with the traditional lighting of the lamp. Deputy Mayor Puneet Karnavat was the chief guest, while distinguished guests included Dr.



Yash Arya (Founder, GlobalSpin Forum), Dr Rajesh Kumar Mishra (Managing Director, NISCI, Government of India), Dr Prahlad Rai Sodani (Chairman, IIHMR University), Dr T. Shubhamangala, IAS (Additional Mission Director, National Health Mission), N.K. Jain and Ravindra Singh. Shubha Gupta, President of Seva Kunj Foundation, stated that the summit is an effort to integrate modern medicine, traditional healing, and ecological well-being. Dr Rajesh Kumar Mishra emphasized the role of digital technology, saying, "Technology is now bringing about a major change in the accessibility

and transparency of healthcare." The event was supported by prominent personalities such as Jitesh Khandelwal, Basant Jain, Ankur Joshi, Mukesh, Harish Soni, Bhim Singh Kasaniya, Ramakant, Kalpana, Mamta, Priyanka, Anil Arora, Aplay, Nandita Agarwal and Siddhi. The most talked-about session of the pre-summit was the panel discussion on "How to Make Rajasthan a Global Hub for Medical and Wellness Tourism," where experts shared insightful insights into the state's potential. Further events included a spiritual discourse by Radhakant Das, which inspired the audience to reflect. This was followed by the

Inmates at Mathura District Jail were trained in candle making, lamps, and idols

Mathura

As per the instructions of Jail Superintendent Anshuman Garg, a special training program was organized by Khazani Welfare Society, Mathura, in anticipation of the festival. As part of this program, 25 inmates were trained in candle making, lamps and



idols of Lord Lakshmi and Ganesha. These trained inmates are now crafting beautiful and attractive lamps, candles and idols of Lakshmi and Ganesha themselves. On the occasion of Diwali, the materials produced by these inmates were made available for public use and pur-

chase near the meeting room located near the main entrance of the prison. The objective of this initiative is to foster a sense of self-reliance among inmates, take meaningful steps towards rehabilitation through skill development and ensure positive participation in society.

Awareness campaign was created in the Rasulpur police station area under Mission Shakti Phase 5

Mathura

On Tuesday, under Mission Shakti Phase 5, an awareness program was organized at Mola Ali Inter College, Dak Bungalow, in the Rasulpur police station area to promote women's safety, respect and self-reliance. The women, men and children present at the program were informed about cybercrime, family disputes and crimes against women and children and were encouraged to remain vigilant and alert. Helpline numbers: 112, 1090, 181, 1098,



1930, and 1076 were also shared, so that people can receive immediate assistance in case of an emergency. In addition, the gathering was provided with detailed information about various public welfare schemes of the Uttar Pradesh government—the Chief Minister's Kanya

Sumangala Yojana, the Nirashrit Mahila Pension Scheme, the Rural Livelihood Mission, the BC Sakhi Yojana, and the Mass Marriage Scheme. Awareness pamphlets were also distributed during the program. Officers who participated in the program.,

Illegal miners attacked a Lekhpal and tore up records: a case has been filed

Bahraich

Miners abused and tore up government records when they arrived to stop the illegal mining. Based on the Lekhpal's complaint the police filed a case against two individuals, detained the accused, and began an investigation. In Para Parasrampur, under the Jarwal Road police station area, illegal mining was underway with shovels in the fields of Ankit, the account holder of plot number 38/0.8130, and Anganu, the co-account holder. Two tractor trolleys were parked and loading soil. The Lekhpal's investigation revealed one tractor trolley empty and the other loaded with soil. Upon receiving instructions from higher officials, Regional Lekhpal Hemant Kumar was beginning his investigation when Pawan Singh and Pushpendra Verma suddenly arrived.

The monthly review meeting of the District Nutrition Committee concluded

Mathura

The monthly review meeting of the District Nutrition Committee was held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh. The District Magistrate reviewed the compliance with the instructions given in the previous meeting. The District Nutrition Committee meeting discussed malnutrition eradication, construc-



tion of Anganwadi centers and nutrition-related schemes.

The District Magistrate inquired about the treatment of malnourished children the availability of

weight and height measuring devices and ICDS programs. The District Magistrate also reviewed the progress of activities such as certification of beneficiaries registered at Anganwadi centers, nutrition gardens, rain-water harvesting, and hair painting. The District Magistrate directed to ensure timely distribution of nutrition to pregnant and lactating women. He

directed regular data updates and monitoring of the Nutrition Tracker app. The District Magistrate urged children to be made aware of hygiene. To reduce malnutrition, the District Magistrate directed all district-level officials to adopt malnourished children. He stated that we must all work together to fight malnutrition and ensure that children are well-nourished.

Dengue and malaria cases in Delhi break records- Narang

Delhi

Aam Aadmi Party councillors protested in the MCD House wearing black bands in support of MTS and CFW employees who have been on a hunger strike for the past 16 days demanding equal pay and other demands. Led by Leader of the Opposition Anush Narang, AAP councillors demanded answers from the BJP govern-



ment regarding the rising number of dengue, malaria and chikungunya cases in Delhi due to the employees' strike.

During the meeting, Ankush Narang said that dengue and malaria cases in Delhi have broken all records, yet the

BJP is not concerned about Delhiites. The four-engine BJP government is looting Delhi and stealing the salaries of hardworking employees. The BJP government and the Mayor have turned the corporation into a den of plunder, with employees on the streets and sanitation at a standstill. I introduced a private bill to immediately meet the employees' demands, but the BJP refused to

accept it. He said that the BJP government is not fulfilling the demands of MTS employees and a protest was held in the House by wearing black bands. The employees celebrated Dussehra, Karva Chauth, and Navratri Ashtami on the streets. If the BJP continues like this, their Diwali will also be dark. He said that MTS and CFW employees have been protesting on the streets.

DM inspects Nanpara Sugar Mill, Farmers should not face any inconvenience in sugarcane supply

Bahraich

Akshay Tripathi, Chairman/District Magistrate of Shrivasthi Kisan Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd. Nanpara, inspected the sugar mill and inspected the ongoing dismantling, testing, checking and cleaning of the mill's machinery and equipment for the upcoming crushing season (2025-26). The DM directed the mill management to complete the repair work as soon as possible and in a quality manner so that the mill can be operational by the scheduled date. He also directed that arrangements be made to ensure that farmers do not face any problems in



sugarcane supply. Mr. Tripathi urged mill personnel to prioritize the interests of sugarcane farmers and the mill in its operations. During the inspection of the mill, District Magistrate Mr. Tripathi reviewed with the mill officials the technical results obtained in the last crushing season 2024-25 and the control and discipline over the annual financial

expenditure approved for the upcoming crushing season 2025-26, maintaining frugality/financial transparency, as well as controlling the salary and wages item as per rule-sand giving necessary guidelines for necessary action in proportion to the targets set within the approved budget. On this occasion, Deputy District Magistrate Nanpara Monalisa Johri, Chief Manager, Sugar Mill, Nanpara Jyoti Maurya, Chief Engineer Virendra Kumar, Chief Chemist Gajendra Singh, Chief Accountant Geetendra Kumar, Chief Sugarcane Officer Gaurav Dwivedi along with other officers and employees were present.

Saddam, injured in beating, dies

Saddam's death has caused an uproar in his home, and his family

While returning, their bike collided with a cyclist near Saunauti, leaving both injured

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Jhunsi

Saddam (32), a resident of Bhadohi, who was brutally beaten by people following a minor road accident in Saunauti last Thursday, died in the hospital on Sunday while undergoing treatment. Saddam's death has caused an uproar in his home, and his family has expressed anger over the police's handling of the situation. Saddam, a resident of



Gopiganj in Bhadohi, worked in Saudi Arabia and was recently home on a six-month leave. Three months ago, he married Gulnaz, a resident of Pathari Tola in Jhunsi. On Thursday, he was returning from a wedding ceremony in

Tharwai on a bike with his brother-in-law, Rizwan. While returning, their bike collided with a cyclist near Saunauti, leaving both injured. According to family members, a crowd gathered at the scene while Saddam and Rizwan were try-



ing to rescue the cyclist. The enraged crowd began beating Saddam and Rizwan severely. The beating was so brutal that Saddam fainted on the spot. Passersby intervened and the attackers relented. The injured Saddam and Rizwan

were immediately hospitalized. Saddam died Sunday while undergoing treatment. He was his parents' only son. His wife, Gulnaz, is inconsolable. Following Saddam's death, the family's anger has erupted against the police.

Elderly man dies after being hit by a train at a railway crossing

Police have appealed to anyone with information about this unidentified man to inform the Charwa station



Kaushambi

An elderly man died tragically after being hit by a train at a railway crossing in Sayyadasarava village, under the Sayyadasarava police station area of the Charwa police station. Upon receiving information, Sayyadasarava police station and GRP police arrived at the scene, took posses-

sion of the body, and sent it for a post-mortem. Police attempted to identify the deceased from nearby villagers and bystanders, but he has not yet been identified. Police have appealed to anyone with information about this unidentified man to inform the Charwa police station on mobile number 9454403759.

Thieves stole goods worth 4 lakh rupees, including gold and cash, from an empty house



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The police have returned after completing the formalities. The theft has not been solved and the stolen goods have not been recovered. Akhand Bharat Sandesh Kaushambi. Virendra Singh, son of Keshav Prasad, built a new house in Ayodhya Ka Pura village, under the Charwa police station area, and moved his household into the new house. However, he currently resides in his old house. On October 25th, after harvesting paddy from the fields, he returned to his old house. Thieves, seizing the opportunity, entered his new house by scaling the wall. They ransacked the entire house. The thieves broke the lock of a cupboard and stole more than three tolas of gold jewelry, including three

gold rings, a mangalsutra, earrings, and a headband, and more than two hundred grams of silver jewelry. The thieves also easily stole 20,000 rupees in cash and other items kept in the house. The family learned of the incident in the morning. The cupboard lock was broken and household items were scattered, leaving them stunned. The police station has been informed of the incident. Police arrived at the scene for investigation and returned after completing the formalities. In the name of investigation, the police have also called several suspects for questioning, investigation has conducted into the theft. The matter has not been solved and the stolen gold and silver jewellery has not been recovered, due to which the family members are worried.

All police stations in the Ganganagar Zone are demonstrating a new dimension of women's empowerment

Mission Shakti awareness campaign launched under Mission Shakti Phase 5.0

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Tharwai/Mission Shakti is proving to be a boon for women and daughters. Today, daughters are fearlessly leaving their homes and moving towards their goals. This is due to the Mission Shakti Phase 5.0 campaign. This campaign is being run by every police station in the district. Under Mission Shakti 5.0, an ambitious scheme launched by the Uttar Pradesh government to ensure the safety and self-reliance of women and girls, under the direction of the Police Commissioner, Prayagraj, Additional Commissioner of Police, and



under the able supervision of DCP Ganganagar Kuldeep Singh Gunawat and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ganganagar, the Mission Shakti team at all police stations in the Ganganagar Zone, including Tharwai,

Baharia, Soraon, and Baharia police stations, created awareness among women and daughters on Sunday. Keeping in view their respect and rights, Mission Shakti teams of all police stations went to major markets, towns, educational

institutions, religious places and other places and crowded areas and informed them about the Women Power Line 1090, Women Help Line 181, CM Help Line 1076, Police Emergency Service 112 and Cyber?Help Line 1930. It was also told that the team made the girls aware by giving them information about cyber security and advised them to use social media cautiously. At the same time, women were being informed about the schemes run by the government like Chief Minister Mass Marriage Scheme, Sukanya Samridhi Scheme, Kanya Sumangala Scheme, Widow Pension Scheme etc. During this, it was being told that if women have any kind of problem, they should not panic. Now a Mission Shakti Center has been established in every police station, the purpose of which is that it has been created only to listen to and resolve the problems of women.

An ancient statue of Lord Hanuman was discovered during excavation



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Villagers began performing rituals, Akhand Bharat Sandesh Kaushambi. An ancient statue of Lord Hanuman was discovered during excavation in Bandhwa village, Manjhanpur Kotwali area, on Sunday morning. Upon receiving information about the discovery, a large number of villagers gathered at the scene and began performing rituals. The statue was discovered during exca-

vation near a pond for Daulat Ram's house. While workers were digging, a shovel accidentally struck an ancient metal statue. When they cleaned it, it turned out to be a statue of Lord Hanuman. Responding to the discovery of the ancient statue, police arrived and took possession of the statue and informed the Archaeological Department. The metal used for the statue is not yet clear.

Women in Tharwai Jagdishpur were made aware of Mission Shakti Phase 5.0

They also informed them about how to protect themselves if harassed by a rogue

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Tharwai. On Sunday, Tharwai Mission Shakti Center in-charge Nidhi Patel, SI Richa Verma, and



Jitendra Nath Singh visited Jagdishpur

Poore Chanda in the Tharwai police station

area to educate women and girls about

Mission Shakti Phase 5.0.

They also informed them about how to protect themselves if harassed by a rogue. They also informed them about the Women Power Line 1090, Women Helpline 181, Child Helpline 1098, Chief Minister Helpline 1076, Police

Dial 112, and Cyber ??Helpline 1930. They also informed them about government-run schemes such as the Kanya Sumangala Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Mass Marriage Scheme, and Widow Pension Scheme, and provided detailed information on how eligible women can avail of these benefits.

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DM and SP Review Preparations for Chhath Festival, Issue Strict Instructions on Ghat Safety and Cleanliness

Ghazipur: In view of the upcoming Chhath festival, District Magistrate Avinash Kumar and Superintendent of Police Dr. Iraj Raja conducted a joint on-site inspection of various ghats in the Seorai Tehsil area, including the Narwa Ghat in village Gahmar, to review the preparations. They issued necessary directions to the concerned



officials. During the inspection, the District Magistrate instructed officials to maintain

heightened vigilance at both major and minor ghats. He emphasized ensuring cleanliness at

all Chhath worship sites and ghats, proper barricading, electrical and lighting arrangements, availability of boats and adequate deployment of divers. He also directed that temporary cloth changing rooms be arranged and that all roads leading to the ghats be made pothole-free. He strictly instructed that no shops be set up on the ghats that could

lead to crowding. The Health Department was directed to ensure the deployment of ambulances at all major ghats.

Control rooms / lost-and-found centers with staff were also ordered to be set up at all major ghats where heavy crowds are expected. The District Magistrate appealed to the residents to celebrate the festival peace-

fully, avoid entering deep waters, and limit the number of people going to the ghats. In terms of security, he ordered deployment of police forces along with women constables. Present at the site were the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Tehsildar of Seorai, Circle Officer of Zamania, Village Head of Gahmar, and other officials.

Gonda Sindhi Premier League Tournament Dedicated to the Feet of the Late Revered Baba

Gonda

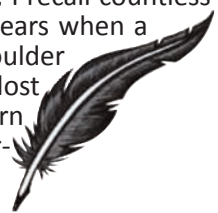
At the Adam Gondvi Ground, former Minister of the Uttar Pradesh Government and Chairman of the Sindhu Seva Samiti (Regd.) Amrit Rajpal was invited as the Special Guest on the closing ceremony of the Gonda Sindhi Premier League (GSPL) Season 3. In his address the Special Guest, former Minister Amrit Rajpal, awarded the winning players and wished them a bright future. He commended the entire committee for their hard work in organizing the GSPL, congratulating them and promising that these players will bring glory to the country, society and family. Rajpal expressed his

hope that the blessings of Revered Baba Sai should always be upon us and that everyone should embrace the path of service, dedication and sacrifice shown by him. The other guest, Gonda Additional Superintendent of Police, Manoj Rawat said that this grand event of the Sindhi community is certainly magnificent and inspiring. Society media in-charge Kishan Rajpal told that Pawan Bricks team won the winning trophy by defeating Sakhi Hosiery team by 8 wickets. Whereas in the junior teams, Kripal Electric team became the winner by defeating Amar Bricks team by 5 runs in a thrilling match. In the senior category.

Editorial

India's GDP victory over Japan is still a year away

There has been much discussion about the assertions made by BVR Subrahmanyam, the CEO of NITI Aayog, India's only official think tank. Speaking at a press conference following the 10th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and presumably attended by senior bureaucrats, Subrahmanyam said that "as I speak", India has overtaken Japan in current dollar GDP. Critics of the government's assertion make two points, one relevant and the other "noisy". The relevant point is that the IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO) database clearly shows that for the fiscal year 2024-25 (ending in March 2025), India's GDP was \$3.9 trillion while Japan's was \$4.0 trillion—that is, Japan was 2.6 per cent ahead. Fortunately, both Japan and India have the same fiscal year—April-March—hence adjustments to WEO data are not needed. Equally clearly, the database presents estimates of India's GDP for fiscal year 2025-26 as \$4.187 trillion and Japan's as \$4.186 trillion—that is, India's GDP exceeds Japan's by 0.02 per cent in 2025-26. From this, many, if not most, analysts have erroneously concluded that this won't happen until March 2026. Why erroneous? Because it is a fiscal year conclusion, and the 'centre of gravity' of an April-March fiscal year is September. So, it is likely that the NITI Aayog CEO, in making his hasty conclusion, was wrong by only four months. As it happens, Subrahmanyam was hasty by approximately a year. Note that his conclusion and inference pertains to current dollar GDP, and we have to contend with the conversion from rupees to US dollars, and from Japanese yen to US dollars. First, let us look at the Indian estimate. Data just released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Friday shows that India's GDP in current prices for January-March 2025 quarter was Rs 88.17 trillion, or annualised Rs 352.7 trillion. On 23 May, the last market day before Subrahmanyam's assertion, the exchange rate was Rs 85.4/\$—that is, current GDP in March 2025 was 352.7/85.4 or \$4.13 trillion. Indian nominal GDP is growing by about 10 per cent a year. So, by March 2026, we should expect current India GDP to reach \$4.54 trillion. Now we examine the fortunes of Japan's GDP. The seasonally adjusted quarterly estimate of Japan's GDP is 624.9 trillion yen for Q1 of 2025. On 23 May, the exchange rate was 142.6 yen/\$; hence Japan's GDP in March 2025 was \$4.38 trillion, some 6.1 per cent ahead of India's GDP on the same date. Given that exchange rates change every day, we need to decide as to what exchange rate we should use. Amongst many, we can use a calendar year estimate, a quarterly estimate or a 23 May estimate. But no matter which one we use, it will be wrong because exchange rates do not remain constant, and the future is not asked to see, que sera sera. All of us are concerned with the 23 May estimate, hence the discussion and this note. Japan's nominal GDP growth has averaged 3.4 per cent for the last three years. Assuming this to be the average for 2025-26, the estimate for March 2026 is \$4.53 trillion GDP (as 4.38×1.034). So it will be sometime in March 2026 that India's GDP will exceed Japan's in current dollars. Again, que sera sera, the conclusion will depend on what happens to exchange rates. Changes in exchange rates affect nominal dollar GDP calculations. Assume in March 2026 all estimates come true except the \$ yen exchange rate changes from 142.7 to 135 (the yen has become stronger by 5.7 per cent), then Japan's GDP will be 5.7 per cent higher and the day of decision will be delayed beyond March 2026. How do we interpret the dash to conclusion by the CEO? As a sports junkie, I recall countless occasions over the last 50 years when a sprinter looked over his shoulder to see his competitor – and lost the race. What do we learn from this data-heavy exercise?



Tharoor's loyalty keeps colliding with Congress scepticism

"Would you be interested in contesting for the post of (UN) Secretary-General?" It's a question that then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh asked Shashi Tharoor in New York in 2005. Tharoor, who was serving as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General, would later admit that Singh's question caught him a little off guard. Having served in various capacities at the UN since 1978, Tharoor felt that his "entire working life had seemed like a preparation" for the organisation's top post. Yet, he had no reason to believe that New Delhi was ready to back such a bid on his behalf, at least not at the time. India did eventually nominate him, albeit after a delay, for the position in mid-2006. Tharoor lost to Ban Ki-moon of South Korea, whose government mounted an aggressive campaign for its candidate. It was, however, the United States that emerged as the biggest stumbling block to Tharoor's candidacy. "Three factors—the bilateral relationship with Korea, a perception of a lack of conviction on India's part, and the Bush Administration's desire not to repeat the Kofi Annan experiment of a 'strong' Secretary-General—combined to ensure the US veto that scuttled my candidacy," he wrote in Open magazine in 2016. Two decades later, in a classic twist of irony, Tharoor finds himself embroiled in a controversy tinged with diplomatic hues. The same Congress party that once championed his bid for the highest seat in global diplomacy is now glum over the Centre naming him as the leader of a multi-party delegation visiting various world capitals on Operation Sindoor. His UN battle lost in



2006, Tharoor started spending more time in India and found a home in the Congress party, which offered him the post of Minister of State for External Affairs after his first Lok Sabha victory from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, in the 2009 general elections. Tharoor continues to retain the seat, winning four elections on the trot. In 2015, Tharoor claimed that when he was still considering his options after the UN stint, he had also received offers to join the BJP and the Left. But he chose the Congress because, as he explained in 2009, "I have nothing economically in common with the ideology of the Left and Communist parties. Those who have followed my writing for years know that I have nothing in common with the communalism that has been unfortunately encouraged by people associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party... and that basically means the Congress party." Nevertheless, Tharoor's loyalty to the Congress has remained suspect in the eyes of a section of party leaders from the beginning. His words of praise for Narendra Modi just days after the Congress' drubbing in the 2014 general elections marked the beginning of a series of statements over the last decade that cemented

this perception. In a HuffPost article, Tharoor wrote that just as Modi "remade himself from a hate-figure into an avatar of modernity and progress, he is seeking to remake the BJP from a vehicle of Hindu chauvinism to a natural party of governance." He continued: "For an opposition member of Parliament like myself, it would be churlish not to acknowledge Modi 2.0's inclusive outreach and to welcome his more conciliatory statements and actions. The moment he says or does something divisive or sectarian in the Modi 1.0 mould, however, we will resist him robustly. India's people, and its pluralist democracy, deserve no less." Following criticism from his party colleagues, Tharoor reaffirmed his commitment to the Congress and the principles of secularism in a letter to the party's communication department. "By praising him (Modi) for specific things, we help frame public expectation of his continued behaviour and raise the bar against which we will judge him in future," he wrote. However, it did little to dispel the growing perception of Tharoor as a misfit within the Congress. As Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh told a press huddle last month, "Congress mein hona aur Congress ka hona

mein zameen aasman ka antar hai" (There is a major difference between being in the Congress and being of the Congress). At the same time, the Congress leadership agrees that any disciplinary action against Tharoor will likely backfire. "His popular appeal, especially in urban India, is not lost on the party," a senior Congress leader told ThePrint when asked whether the party was considering action against Tharoor. His standing has also risen at a time when Kerala, his home state, is heading to the polls in less than a year. As it is, a section of the party close to the Congress high command was miffed with Tharoor for accepting the Centre's invitation to lead a multi-party delegation on Operation Sindoor without first seeking the leadership's concurrence. His public statements during the trip have only deepened the rift. On 29 May, addressing a gathering of the Indian community in Panama, Tharoor said that in 2016 "for the first time, India breached the Line of Control between India and Pakistan to conduct a surgical strike on a terror base." "Even during the Kargil War, we had not crossed the LoC; in Uri we did. Then came the attack in Pulwama... this time we crossed not only the LoC but [also] the international border and we struck terrorist headquarters in Balakot."

"And let me say to you that this is going to be the new normal. The PM has made it very clear that Operation Sindoor was necessary because these terrorists came and wiped the sindoor off the foreheads of 26 women," he said. These remarks riled up the Congress leadership so much so that it endorsed statements by party

functionary Udit Raj, known for his controversial remarks, that Tharoor should consider becoming a BJP spokesperson. Tharoor hit back, dismissing such critics as "zealots" and "trolls". Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera, considered close to Rahul Gandhi, promptly produced excerpts from Tharoor's own book to highlight the contradiction in his position. In his 2018 book *The Paradoxical Prime Minister*, Tharoor had pointed out that the Congress, while in the government, had authorised many cross-border surgical strikes, but did not exploit them politically—an assertion that countered his statement that India under Modi crossed the LoC "for the first time" in 2016. "The shameless exploitation of the 2016 'surgical strikes' along the Line of Control with Pakistan, and of a military raid in hot pursuit of rebels in Myanmar, as a party election tool—something the Congress had never done despite having authorized several such strikes earlier—marked a particularly disgraceful dilution of the principle that national security issues require both discretion and non-partisanship," Tharoor wrote in the book. Currently in Colombia, Tharoor is yet to respond to Khera.

However, a tweet made by him in 2018 to introduce his book remains instructive. "My new book, *THE PARADOXICAL PRIME MINISTER*, is more than just a 400-page exercise in floccinaucinihilipilification," Tharoor had posted, emphasising that the book was more than just a critique of the prime minister. Perhaps Khera should take note.

Orthodox Russia doesn't take orders from the Pope. Vatican can't convince Putin for a ceasefire

Russia's rejection of Vatican-led ceasefire talks with Ukraine should come as a surprise only to those who are ignorant of the historic animosity between the two religious institutions, the Vatican and the Russian Orthodox Church. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's clarification that it is a little 'awkward' for Orthodox countries to discuss issues on a Catholic platform should put at rest all efforts initiated by US President Donald Trump. The election of the hitherto unknown Robert Francis Prevost, a quiet lawyer-bishop with years of experience in Church matters, as the vicar of Jesus Christ, the first American Pope, does not change the ground realities of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, head of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), did not attend the funeral of Pope Francis, though the two held a meeting in 2016 in Cuba, after almost 10 centuries of schism. There is no reason why Pope Leo XIV would broker peace between Russian President

Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy just because the president of America wants him to do it. Trump's idea of involving the Papal office in the Vatican, the highest seat of the Catholic Church, in the ceasefire talks was a blunder for several reasons. Russia's Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) and the Roman Catholic Church have been at loggerheads for over ten centuries, probably right from 988 when Grand Prince Vladimir was baptised. The theological split first appeared in 1054 when the then Pope Leo IX of Rome excommunicated Patriarch Michael Cerularius of Constantinople, who responded with his own excommunication of the Bishop of Rome, Pope Leo IX. The October Revolution of 1917 further alienated the two Christian faiths, even as Moscow under the brutal atheist regime of Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin stifled religious freedom. After deriding religion as the 'opium of the masses.'

Bangladesh Army Chief wants elections. Muhammad Yunus wants to get rid of him

Among military chiefs in the Indian subcontinent, Bangladesh Army chief Waker-Uz-Zaman must have the most unenviable job right now. While his Pakistan counterpart Asim Munir has been elevated to Field Marshal after a military confrontation with India, General Waker-Uz-Zaman risks losing his job. Or worse. His one big mistake? Saying that the national election be held by December this year so that Bangladesh can return to being an electoral democracy. On 22 May, The Daily Star, Bangladesh's highest-selling English newspaper, reported that Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman said the national election should be held by December this year, "according to three sources with direct knowledge of his remarks made at a high-level gathering in Dhaka cantonment". "Bangladesh needs political stability. This is only possible through an elected government, not by unelected decision-makers," one source quoted the army chief as saying in an Officers' Address. This was not the first time the General had spoken about the national election. The Daily Star report mentioned an

event marking the National Martyred Army Day at Raowa Club on 25 February this year, where the General was quoted as saying—"Every time I spoke with Dr Yunus, I completely agreed with him that there should be a free, fair, and inclusive election and that the election should be held within December or close to that." Soon after, reports that Muhammad Yunus, caretaker to the interim government in Bangladesh, was mulling resignation came out. "He (Yunus) said he is thinking about it (resignation). He feels that the situation is such that he cannot work," Nahid Islam, student-led National Citizen Party chief, said on the night of 22 May, after a meeting with Yunus. Two days later, on 24 May, it was clarified that Yunus would remain as the head of Bangladesh's interim government by an adviser in his cabinet. Former High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Veena Sikri claimed that the speculation about Yunus resigning was "complete drama" to distract from the Bangladesh Army chief's statement on elections. "He had no intention of resigning at all, and in fact, he

never said himself that he would resign," the former High Commissioner said in an interview. But this "complete drama" generated hate towards Yunus's perceived detractors, the main target being General Waker-Uz-Zaman. Students, radicals, and some of Bangladesh's most popular and influential YouTubers openly attacked the army chief. Bangladeshi journalist Sahidul Hasan Khokon told ThePrint that both the student-led, newly formed political party National Citizen Party and the Islamist political outfit Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami have been busy channelising mob rage against General Waker.

"The local media is not reporting this, but the mob is ready. If need be, there will be violent street protests against the Army, like there were during the July revolution against Hasina when the mob turned against the police and killed many policemen," Hasan said. Hasan added that Jamaat had got a free rein ever since Yunus took over and the new student's party will need more time to organise itself. Hence, December polls, as suggested by General Waker, would suit neither of.

India May Be Barking Up The Wrong Tree As It Takes On Pakistan In IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved the disbursement of another \$1 billion to Pakistan under its latest Extended Fund Facility (EFF), reinstating Pakistan's dependence on international bailouts. As a country with a high dependence on imported oil, whenever oil prices hike or international borrowing declines, Islamabad's reserves take a further hit. Since 1958, whenever this occurs, Pakistan has approached the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a bailout approximately every three years, seek-

ing to save its economy under the condition of improving macroeconomic indicators. While the role of the IMF has been minimal in reforming Pakistan's governance, its fund facilities have stabilised the economy from falling into the pit grave. However, the key question remains: have IMF bailouts inadvertently enabled an environment to facilitate terror financing? If so, should India try to block IMF funds to Pakistan? Contrary to popular imagination, the IMF's role is distinct, and its programmes impose strict conditions that

compel Islamabad to demonstrate some accountability in governance and economic management. And India needs an accountable Pakistan. While the IMF can serve as a platform for India to signal its displeasure and apply international diplomatic pressure following the Pahalgam attack on April 22 by alleged Pakistan-backed terrorists, a more effective route to achieving strategic objectives would be to target terror financing networks and financial opacity through the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global watchdog on

money laundering and terror financing, where reports suggest India is already preparing to build a robust case against Pakistan. Persistent macroeconomic imbalances have led to a state of massive public debt, with the country facing massive external debt repayment dues. The Pakistani economy has structural weaknesses, from a narrow tax base to low productivity. Islamabad is also extremely dependent on imported energy, with energy imports accounting for 20 to 40 % of total imports. Of the previous 25 IMF programmes.

Citywide development projects to receive about Rs 800 crore

Delhi: Various development projects in the city of Delhi were funded by the government and allocated to civic organizations. The sum total was Rs 820 crore for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Rs 8 crore for the NDMC, and Rs 5.5 crore for the Cantonment Board. Biomining operations at three Delhi garbage sites were sanctioned with Rs 50.8 crore as part of the first tranche of the basic tax assignment for the fiscal year 2025-26. The rapid biomining at these places and the subsequent decrease in rubbish mounds will be made possible by this amount, according to MCD. The dump sites in Okhla, Bhalswa, and Ghazipur each received releases of Rs 20.3 crore, Rs 20.8 crore, and Rs 9.7 crore, respectively. The Delhi government is dedicated to promptly paying its fair part to local bodies, according to chief minister Rekha Gupta. "Local bodies play a key role in that journey to transform



Free electricity up to 1,200 units for Ramleela and Durga Puja committees

Delhi: The Delhi government will provide free electricity up to 1,200 units to Ramleela and Durga Puja committees and meters for the same will be installed on just 25% security deposit, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said. Moreover, to ease administrative hurdles, the government will issue no-objectionable certificates (NOC) for various services through a single-window system, eliminating the need for Delhi into a modern and developed capital," she said. Considering this, our

these organising committees to approach multiple departments, the CM said. Gupta added that public amenities such as toilets, security arrangements, health-care services, ambulances and fire brigades will also be ensured at the venues of Ramleela and Durga Puja. She made the announcements after meeting representatives of Ramleela and Durga Puja committees at the Delhi Secretariat. government disbursed the initial funding of 820 crore rupees. to the MCD, 8 crore

Delhi has extended its electric vehicle policy until November

Delhi: Delhi government has decided to extend the deadline for its Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy by four months, bringing it to November 15. This decision was made since a draft of the policy is currently being reviewed and is awaiting clearance. According to Pankaj Singh, the minister of transport, the document is currently undergoing revisions and will likely be finalized in at least four months. For the time being, we have prolonged the present policy until November 15 and may do so again if needed, he stated. In order to make sure that everyone may enjoy a



cleaner, more sustainable transportation system, we are talking to professionals and looking into all possible possibilities. An increase in EV registrations and a general uptick in interest have been observed recently. The present electric vehicle policy has been extended multiple times since its

inception in 2020 and its expiration in August 2023. At present, e-rickshaws and e-carts can receive a 25% purchase incentive up to 5,500, two-wheelers can receive 5,000 per kWh of battery capacity up to 30,000, and e-cycles can receive 30,000. Additionally, 30,000 can be subtracted from the

NDMC approves night food bazar at Connaught Place & India Gate

Delhi: NDMC approved 16 major proposals aimed at improving civic infrastructure, enhancing public services and promoting citizen welfare. Among the key initiatives that received the nod was a 'night food bazar' at Connaught Place and India Gate. The project

will see 50-60 food trucks operating daily between 10.30pm and 1am, offering a wide range of food and enriching the night-time experience for locals and tourists. The concept was proposed by Delhi minister and NDMC ex officio member Parvesh Verma. He

said the project will be developed along the lines of successful night markets in other parts of India. "Indore's Sarafa Bazaar, a jewellery market by day, transforms into a night street food market, serving a wide variety of local delicacies late into the night.

Govt to involve corporates to clean up the river

Delhi: The government of Delhi has reached out to corporations in an effort to clean up the Yamuna River, level trash dumps, and reduce air pollution, among other environmental issues. Attendees at the "Revival of Yamuna and Delhi, A CSR Dialogue" event at Raj Niwas included VK Saxena, the lieutenant governor, Rekha Gupta, the chief minister, and Pravesh ma, the minister of water. Had conversations with top executives, government officials, and trade group representatives. Delhi Jal Board senior officials laid out a plan for how corporate social responsibility funds could be used. According to Gupta, businesses can help with sewage treatment by installing drains and tiny STPs



along the banks, as well as by contributing technological solutions. She proposed establishing a corpus fund as part of CSR. She went on to say that DJB will be the one to supply the list of projects eligible to receive the funding. The environmental problems in Delhi can only be solved if the government, businesses, and

citizens all pull together, and maintaining the Yamuna's purity is one of my government's top priorities. The LG stated that the contamination of rivers, garbage mounds, and air had brought "international disrepute" to the city and were issues that the new government had inherited.

Paharganj hotels fined by DPCC for unlawful groundwater extraction

Delhi: For unlawfully using groundwater without paying for it, 441 Paharganj hotels and guesthouses have been fined Rs 1 lakh apiece by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). By August, out of the total, these establishments had yielded 4.28 crore rupees. According to the chief secretary's statement before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), 555 hotels and guesthouses had their groundwater use rates calculated by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) from 2014 to 2015.

Delhi: With an inventive proposal to have them handled by evening courts starting, traffic challans—of which a backlog of more than two crore has accumulated in the district courts—may now be more easily resolved.

The courts will meet on all working days from 5-7 PM in all district courts under the name Evening Courts for Traffic Challans (ECTC). Beginning on December 20, 11 night-time courts in Saket, Rohini, Dwarka, Karkardooma, Tis



Hazari, and Patiala House will work to resolve 2,200 cases per day. With the exception of those marked as "contested challan," "sent to digital court challan," and "cognizance declined challan," all traffic challans

displayed on the Delhi traffic police webpage that are pending on or before December will be handled. Direct downloads of the challan slips are available <https://traffic.delhipolice.gov.in/evecourtddc>.

Returning fourth-year students at 72% under NEP 2020's FYUP

Delhi: Nearly 72% of eligible students have opted to continue with the fourth year of Delhi University's Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) under NEP 2020, according to Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh. Up to the start of the new academic session on August 1, the university has allowed students to choose not to complete the fourth year. Out of more than 72,000 pupils, 20,221 have chosen not to continue, leaving more than 50,000. The fact that students are willing to opt out of the third



year demonstrates their value, which is quite encouraging, Singh told the media. All institutions affiliated with Delhi University will begin the fourth year on August 1. As part of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the FYUP provides several ways out: a certificate after the first year, a diploma.

MCD gets nod to invite agencies for Phase-III biomining at Delhi landfills

Delhi: The mayor of Delhi has given the MCD the green light to ask agencies to participate in the Phase-III bio-remediation of trash at the Ghazipur, Bhalswa, and Okhla landfills. In order to finalize the rate and agency, a proposal will be presented to the standing committee. We anticipate that construction will begin shortly, and the method to grant anticipatory approval has been implemented.

A 20-kilometer section of the Munak Canal will be maintained by the Delhi government

Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta said that the maintenance of a 20-kilometer section of the Munak Canal, which runs from Bawana to Inderlok, will now be handled by the Delhi government instead of Haryana. This move is part of an effort to strengthen control over the canal, which is an important water lifeline for Delhi, and to address growing safety concerns. Two days prior to this decision, two boys, Aniket, nine years old, and Krishna, thirteen years old, drowned in the



canal. This tragedy renewed previous worries about safety along the waterway and sparked requests for more preventative

measures. Built between 2003 and 2012 as a section of the Western Yamuna Canal system, the 102-km Munak Canal provides

Delhi govt drafts new liquor policy: Outlets may exit residential areas; price parity with nearby states

Delhi: In an effort to make the city of Delhi a better place to shop, the government has implemented a new excise policy with the goal of bringing in liquor outlets that are cleaner and better kept. There has been talk of moving liquor stores away from residential areas with a high concentration of people. Prices in Delhi should be comparable to those in

nearby states, according to the government. Key structural adjustments are being explored, according to government officials, while the policy is still being developed. A high-level committee led by PWD minister Parvesh Verma talked with representatives from the alcohol business for the first time. Members of the group

an essential lifeline for Delhi.

MCD committees fail to show up for meetings, prompting BJP leader to submit an appeal

Delhi: There has been a request for improved participation to aid progress in Delhi's Municipal Corporation, as councillor attendance at newly constituted committees is minimal. After almost two years of political uncertainty, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has finally



formed many committees.

However, authorities are now reporting that they are facing a new challenge: an alarming number of councillors are failing to attend meetings. Parvesh Wahi, the head of the house, wrote to all of the municipal councillors on Monday, urging them to "ensure their presence on scheduled

times" and to "understand the importance of the meetings." Oversight of topics such as public health, education, sanitation, horticulture, licensing, and disciplinary proceedings are supervised by around twenty statutory, ad hoc, and special committees within the company.

IIT Kharagpur-Singapore's A*STAR IME boost semiconductor future

Delhi : This MoU was launched during SEMI-CON Southeast Asia 2025, where IIT Kharagpur exhibited India's academic and technological expertise in semiconductors. This agreement shows India and Singapore's commitment to international collaboration to establish a robust, innovative, and skilled semiconductor ecosystem. This alliance's technical partner, IIT Kharagpur, India's top science and technology university, has decades of experience in microelectronics, chip design, nano-fabrication, and innovative materials. "This MoU with A*STAR IME marks a significant step in IIT Kharagpur's global ambition to drive semiconductor innovation," said Prof. Anandaroop Bhattacharya, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering. This kind of academia-industry-government partnership will help India become a semiconductor hub quickly and establish a strong, self-sufficient, and competitive semiconductor ecosystem. This agree-



ment puts IIT Kharagpur at the forefront of global semiconductor value chain strengthening measures as India expands its semiconductor production and R&D. The MoU allows cooperation in research in advanced CMOS and post-CMOS technologies, heterogeneous integration and packaging, AI hardware accelerators, next-generation memory systems, photonics and quantum devices, chip reliability, thermal management, and failure analysis. Student and researcher exchanges, knowledge-sharing workshops, and co-development of semiconductor talent training modules are all supported by the collaboration.

Ecom Express loses 150 workers before Delhivery merger

Delhi : Logistics company Ecom Express had considerable labor changes before being acquired by Delhivery. About 150 mid-level and regional operations workers quit voluntarily. These departures correspond with the company's Delhivery merger. Ecom Express CEO Ajay Chitkara and other senior executives are anticipated to leave after regulatory approval. Delhivery will buy 99.4% of Ecom Express for Rs 1,407 crore. Delhivery informed stock exchanges that the acquisition will boost its market value.

Carmakers promote hybrids to help purchasers switch to electrics

Delhi : For India's 2030 goal of 40% electrification, mass acceptance of electric vehicles will be difficult, requiring carmakers to promote hybrids as a stop gap. Hybrids are cheaper than fully electric vehicles, thus all carmakers, from Maruti Suzuki to Toyota Kirloskar to Mercedes-Benz, prefer them. Hybrids have fossil fuel engines and electric motors. These cars run on either power source. The upshot is that hybrid automobiles get better fuel economy than gasoline or diesel cars.



Senior leaders from numerous industries argue that electrifying hybrids and plug-in hybrids is the best answer before being electric by 2047. This will help buyers adapt to the changing transport ecosystem. CV Raman, executive director (engineering),

Maruti Suzuki, told Moneycontrol, "Price and cost are very important when it comes to electric vehicles. Hybridization is cheaper than electrification. Hybrids compliment EVs and are better than IC engines.

IndiGo to start direct flights to London, Athens, 8 other overseas cities this fiscal

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

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

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

Higher loans, credit cards for street traders

Delhi : After banks joined the new PM SVANidhi plan, street sellers will receive higher-subsidized loans and credit cards with a Rs 30,000 maximum. Street vendors who have repaid Rs 10,000, Rs 20,000, and Rs 50,000 subsidized loans will receive credit cards from banks. The modified idea will shortly be presented to Cabinet for approval, TOI reports. Sources stated rural street vendors who go to cities for work will now receive subsidised loans. The housing and urban affairs ministry did not react to inquiries, but sources indicated the enhanced loan amount will



include Rs 10,000. Sources said the credit card facility will provide street sellers with better credit and more rolling cash for business, with banks setting repayment requirements. FM Nirmala Sitharaman high-

lighted in her Budget speech that the 2020 plan, established during the COVID-19 pandemic, has saved over 68 lakh street sellers from high-interest informal sector loans. "Building on this success,

ICAI to Evaluate IndusInd's Financial Statements

Delhi : The financial accounts of IndusInd Bank, which were affected by fraud in 2023-24 and 2024-25, will be reviewed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). An examination by the Financial Reporting Review Board (FRRB) of the ICAI will be conducted. In order to determine whether or not a company's financial statements comply with accounting and auditing requirements, among others, FRRB reviews them. Trouble has been brewing for IndusInd Bank for the past two months, beginning with a report on March 10.

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

Delhi: Starlink is preparing to launch its satellite communication services in India after clearing most regulatory hurdles. A report claims that its plans could cost \$10 (Rs. 850) per month as the debut approaches. Consumers may receive unlimited data plans under initial promotional schemes. The Elon Musk-backed business hopes to swiftly build its user base to 10 million to offset high spectrum prices due to volume benefits. The Department of Telecommunication



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

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

CNG Kit for Nissan Magnite Starts at Rs. 6.89 Lakh

Delhi : Dealers can retrofit the Nissan Magnite's CNG kit. The CNG Kit is fully developed and manufactured by Motozen, a third-party company, following company standards. Motozen warranties CNG kit parts. Complete retrofitting costs Rs. 75,000. CNG kits are only available with the new Nissan Magnite 1.0 liter naturally aspirated petrol engine with manual gearbox. For now, turbo variants won't have CNG. . CNG kit prices include fire extinguisher, third-party warranty, RC endorsement, and installation. Initial CNG kit installation is available at Nissan-authorised dealerships in Delhi-NCR,



Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, and Karnataka. Phase 2 will expand it to other states nationwide. New Magnites are E20 compliant and CNG-ready, so existing owners cannot retrofit the CNG kit. The dealership will install the CNG kit and a 12-kg single-cylinder for the Magnite. An auto cut-off valve and 7 mm walls will be on the cylinder. The firm

claims that the CNG cylinder would not affect bootspace and that the suspension will handle the extra weight. The SUV can hold two luggage and two small bags. The Nissan CNG kit is government-certified, and Nissan and Motozen will provide a 3-year, 1 lakh kilometer warranty. Official Nissan Magnite CNG fuel efficiency data will be released in weeks. Nissan expects to sell 200,000 Magnites in India by month's end.

Partnership between Noida Airport and Uber to provide on-site ridesharing

Delhi : In order to provide visitors with transportation options right from the airport, Noida International Airport (NIA) has partnered with the ride-hailing company Uber. According to NIA, as part of the strategic partnership, Uber will run designated areas for driver partners to be picked up, as well as



provide on-site assistance and special parking. According to the airport operator, the partnership will provide several benefits to customers using Uber at Noida International Airport, including the ability to follow their rides in real-time and get projected arrival times through the app, as well as the

opportunity to pay without using cash, which is more convenient. Speaking about the importance of app-based taxi services like Uber, Christoph Schnellmann, CEO of Noida International Airport, stated that it is crucial for travelers to have access to last-mile transit alternatives.

In FY 25, general insurance premiums total Rs 3.07 lakh crore



GDP (compared to 4.2% globally in 2023), insurance density has progressively increased from \$9 in 2019 to \$25 in 2023. The finance minister stressed that PSGICs must increase penetration and density to preserve financial assets. Officials also provided a five-year health

insurance report demonstrating constant premium growth across Private, SAHI, and PSGICs. PSGICs had 126% incurred claims ratios in FY21, while private insurers had 105%. This ratio dropped to 103% for PSGICs, 89% for private insurers, and 65% for SAHI by FY24.

Fewer jobs at Tata Motors, smaller hikes for top deck

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

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

Delhi disbands school management committees

Delhi: The Directorate of Education (DoE) in Delhi has ordered the immediate dissolution of all school management committees (SMC) in government and government-aided schools. A circular states that committees would be reconstituted on May 9 through new elections. A school-level election committee managed by the head of school and supported by a teacher convener would elect new SMCs in each school, according to the circular. Due to an apparent cost hike, parents are frustrated and protesting. When SMCs should have addressed such concerns, many parents blamed mismanagement.

"The responsible authority dissolved all school management committees for government and government-aided schools of the Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi, immediately. The circular states



that a school-level SMC election committee, led by the school's head and assisted by its teacher convener, would hold elections to form a new SMC. Several DoE guidelines were issued. The new SMC shall comprise at least 50% women and representation from marginalized groups including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and Economically Weaker Sections. The elected parents will choose a vice-chairperson. The SMC will also invite three social science, science, and math instructors as special invitees.

Hindu University establishes public policy institute

Delhi: Hindu College at Delhi University has set itself apart from other Indian universities by creating a public policy lab. Officials have stated that the goal is to include real-world policymaking into both undergraduate and graduate programs. With the goal of democratizing and decentralizing the process of knowledge generation, the lab is designed to serve as a hub for policy simulations, applied research, and field-based insights. This will bring

Delhi: As Delhi temperatures rise, schools have released new heat rules to safeguard pupils. New heat-reduction measures at schools have been added by the DOE. DOE requires "no classes be conducted in open-air environments" and no afternoon assemblies to protect kids. It ordered schools to cancel outside activities until the weather improves. Schools must always provide clean drinking water to emphasize hydration. The DOE requires planned water breaks and RO system and water cooler maintenance. Schools are required to ventilate



and have working fans in classrooms for comfort. According to the DOE directive, all corridors must have fire extinguishers for fire safety. It has also advised schools to teach children to cover their heads in the sun, especially while commuting. It further states that "no student, parent, or

staff member shall stay or sit in open or exposed areas under direct sunlight." Health readiness is paramount. Any heat-related disease must be treated immediately. First aid packs should include oral rehydration for sick pupils. It requires reporting all heat-related illnesses to the nearest hospital.

Global democracy has changed: Rahul

Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said democratic politics have changed worldwide and that a decade-old rule no longer applies. The Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition argued that old political techniques are no longer effective against the modern concentration of capital, media, and social media. Gandhi stated the exist-

ing political leadership paradigm is "obsolete" and a new style of leadership must be built. Reclaiming democratic spaces and reinventing priorities like healthcare are the real challenges. "The modern concentration of capital, media, and social media overwhelms old tools. He claimed the traditional political model is anti-

quated and a new leadership style is needed. He said the Congress felt "trapped and isolated" in a political climate that no longer permitted it to operate freely, which led him to the "Bharat Jodo Yatra". The party felt confined and isolated some years ago. These new, aggressive politics aim to crush the opposition without talking.

NEET-UG on May 4 amid malpractice prevention measures

Delhi: The National Testing Agency will hold NEET (Undergraduate) 2025 at 5,500 exam centres in India and abroad, up from 4,750 in 571 cities last year. The test will be held in 552 Indian and 14 overseas cities this year. The education ministry has tasked 180 central entities with checking center readiness. Assam's CM Himanta Biswa Sarma requested that all centers be at government-run institutions. Several cities have expanded due to candidates' first-choice center allocations. NTA officials say 90% of the centers are at government-run Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, and state schools. The datesheet for CUET-UG 2025, starting May 8, is still pending. After paperleak claims and widespread complaints about NEET-UG 2024, NTA organized state- and district-level logistics and security committees. The NTA consulted district magistrates (DMS), superintendents of police (SPs), and senior local officials before choosing exam centers. They and district coordinators will oversee operations to ensure smoothness.



A survey on cybersecurity activities for curriculum design and education

Delhi: As our technological era progresses, cyber attacks have emerged as a major issue. Cybersecurity experts who can identify, stop, react to, or lessen the impact of cyberattacks are in great demand as a result of this problem. Nevertheless, there is a severe lack of trained cybersecurity experts around the globe. Many new cybersecurity education programs have emerged to meet this challenge; for example, computer science graduate programs.

Capital sees the debut of Dola and Rahul's archery academy.

Delhi: The archery ground of the Sports Authority of India, which is part of the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium complex, was inaugurated by the Banerjee brothers, Dola and Rahul, who are Indian Olympians. The siblings intend to continue their fight to overcome India's Olympic medal drought in recurve archery even when they retire, and their academy will be the first of its type in the nation's capital. Archers Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari are moving forward with their goals. As the Indian team prepares to depart for Shanghai for the second stage of the World Cup, which will take place from May 6 to 11, the pair was in attendance for the inauguration. After the Paris Olympics, Deepika and Atanu began training at



Rahul's academy in Kolkata, he announced. No other archery academy here is headed by former Olympians. Learning from their experience is the nicest part of this academy, and it's one of a kind. Their insights, both conceptual and practical, have proven invaluable. Atanu and

Deepika are getting ready for the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, from September 5 to 12, and Deepika mentioned that both Dola didi and Rahul are up-to-date on the newest news and bring a fresh perspective to solving technical problems.

NTA offers a paper leak reporting portal

Delhi: The NTA launched an internet website to report dubious NEET (UG) 2025 medical entrance exam allegations. This campaign follows the 2024 NEET-UG exam fiasco, which included question paper leaks and cheating in various states. NTA advised candidates to avoid fake claims in its publication. The organization cautioned candidates not to be deceived by unscrupulous elements who commit malpractice and make false claims. NTA Director General Pradeep Singh Kharola said candidates can report suspicious activities in three categories unauthorised websites or social media accounts claiming access to NEET question paper.

Delhi: The Directorate of Education has ordered all schools, including government, aided, private, and those under local bodies like the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Municipal Council, to screen every student for 21 types of disabilities as defined by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The Prashast mobile app and checklist instruct teachers to look for overt and subtle symptoms of difficul-



ties in pupils, such as bad handwriting, trouble making eye contact, lack of direction, and being lost in an imaginary world. Early disability identification, support, and inclusive education are the main goals. Teachers will learn how to utilize the app and record observations. Parents must

give a no-objection certificate before screening a youngster. Screening-identified disabilities will be evaluated by experts. School-level screening must end by July 25 and district coordinators must receive final reports including class-wise and consolidated data by July 31.

Implications for management education in the creation and validation of a scale measuring student well-being in higher education

Delhi: In the increasingly stressful world of higher education, students' physical, mental, and social health are all part of what is known as student well-being (SWB). The higher education sector is confronted with the increasing difficulty of preserving and improving SWB in the face of excessive workloads, unmet expectations, and uncertainty around degree completion and employment. The current tools for evaluating SWB are too narrow in scope to adequately represent its complex character. Our research fills this need by creating and validating a multi-dimensional scale that accurately measures SWB's subtleties using a rigorous multi-study, multi-method, and multi-



sample strategy. Generation, purification, validation, and generalizability were the five systematic steps that made up this process. The outcome is a five-factor SWB scale that offers a comprehensive instrument for assessing and enhancing SWB in academic settings. These dimensions include academic, financial, physical, psychological resilience, and relational well-

DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

Delhi: Teachers from Delhi University brought up issues with professor recruitment in front of a Parliamentary Committee, claiming that the SC/ST populations were marginalized on a systematic level. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Doctors want standardization and oppose service bond policy after course completion

The Delhi government has adopted a one-year bond program for doctors

Delhi: Long regarded as a suitable area for doctors to practice in medical institutions and hospitals after MBBS/MS/MD courses, it gave service-bond-free status and other benefits. The Delhi government has adopted a one-year bond program for doctors, who will face significant financial penalties if they fail. Doctors are angry about the government bond notification. Delhi doctors want the policy revoked or regularized.

An anonymous senior health ministry official states, "Health services like bond policy, working hours,



and salary come under the state administration.

Doctor bond measures have been strongly opposed by the NMC advisory. State governments make the final decision."

Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Goa, West Bengal, Assam, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, and others

have implemented service bond policies with different bond tenures. Dr. BN Gangadhar, Bengaluru NMC chairman, said the NMC can only advise states on bond policy. State governments impose bonds for numerous reasons. NMC wants to increase the number of doctors in the country so that the healthcare sector, even peripheral states, has enough qualified doctors and states can eliminate the mandatory bond policy.

In order to incorporate AI across all academic streams, the AICTE has formed an expert group

Delhi: The formation of an expert committee by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is a major development in the field of technical education in India. The committee's mandate is to help various academic programs, not limited to computer science degrees, incorporate AI and applied AI. Leading AI professionals from IITs and NITs are part of the committee, which is chaired by Anand Deshpande, managing director of Persistent Systems. The goal of the move is to encourage the lateral expansion of AI in several streams, including BBA, BCA, electrical engineering, and others. "We are forming a committee to introduce AI laterally across all programs, especially Applied AI," stated AICTE Chairman Prof. TG Sitharam. "The goal is to integrate AI and related courses into all academic programs so that students from all walks of life can learn the basics of AI and data analytics."

A professor from IIT Delhi to head up IIM Lucknow

Delhi: The directorship of the Indian Institute of Management in Lucknow is anticipated to be assumed by a professor from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi (IIT-D). (Department of IIM-L). The esteemed management school will likely be led by an IIT professor for the first time. Though the official announcement has not been made yet, it has been learned that the nomination of Prof. MP Gupta has been approved by the board of governors of IIM-L.

"The chairman, board of governors, IIM,

Shocking inside details: Two Australian women cricketers stalked, molested by selfie-seeking man

● While returning, he saw the players walking from Robot Square toward Khajrana. Aqeel first passed them, then took a U-turn, approached them again

Molesting

❑ He later admitted to following and molesting them after spotting them on his way back home



Women's team were approached and touched inappropriately

Women's team were approached and touched inappropriately by a motorcyclist while walking to a cafe in Indore. The matter was reported by team security to police who are handling the matter. MIG police

gone to Sathya Sai Square in the morning

tracked him down using technical surveillance and intelligence inputs and arrested him. "Initially, he maintained that he only wanted a selfie, but later admitted to following and molesting.

to drop off his father. While returning, he saw

Aqeel was produced in court on Sunday and remanded in judicial custody

the players," said additional DCP Rajesh Dandotiya. Aqeel was produced in court on Sunday and remanded in judicial custody for 15 days. The shocking incident occurred just two days before Australia's top-of-the-table clash against South Africa in the ICC Women's

the players walking from Robot Square toward Khajrana. Aqeel first passed them, then took a U-turn, approached them again, and allegedly molested them before fleeing on a motorcycle without a registration number. Two Australian Women Cricketers Stalked and

Cricket World Cup and has raised concerns about India's reputation as a safe sporting destination, especially ahead of the 2030 Commonwealth Games. In a statement, Cricket Australia confirmed the incident, saying, "CA can confirm two members of the Australian.

Molested in Indore; Police Arrest Accused Amid Outrage MIG police tracked him down using technical surveillance and intelligence inputs and arrested him. "Initially, he maintained that he only wanted a selfie, but later admitted to following and molesting.

Rain plays spoilsport as New Zealand share spoil with Sri Lanka

A Women's Cricket World Cup match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka was abandoned due to continuous rain on Tuesday. Sri Lanka had posted a strong total of 258-6, highlighted by Nilakshika de Silva's tournament-fastest fifty. The rain during the break prevented New Zealand from starting their innings, resulting in both teams sharing one point each.



Sri Lanka, batting first after winning the toss, saw captain Chamari Athapaththu and Vishmi Gunaratne build a 101-run opening partnership. Athapaththu

scored 53 runs with seven boundaries, achieving her 20th ODI half-century before being caught by Maddy Green off Rosemary Mair's bowling. Gunaratne departed for 42 runs, followed by Hasini Perera and Samarawickrama's stabilizing partnership of 58 runs from 74 balls. Perera contributed 44 runs while Samarawickrama added 26.

Rishabh Pant shares nostalgic childhood memory, gets haircut under a tree

Rishabh Pant gave fans a glimpse of his childhood memories with a light-hearted post on Instagram. The Indian wicketkeeper-batter shared a picture of himself getting a haircut under a tree, something he used to do as a kid.

I can also play': Shami fires back at chief selector Ajit after Australia ODIs snub



NEW DELHI: Veteran Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami joined Bengal's practice session at Eden Gardens on Tuesday ahead of their Ranji Trophy opener against Uttarakhand, addressing his exclusion from India's upcoming white-ball series in Australia. The 35-year-old pacer, who was the highest wicket-taker in the 2023 ICC World Cup, dismissed fitness concerns while noting that the decision ultimately rests with the selectors. Shami's last outing for India came during the ICC Champions Trophy in Dubai in February-March, where India emerged victorious. He shared the tournament's highest wicket-taker accolade with Varun Chakravarthy, claiming nine wickets each. Mohammed Siraj Press Conference: India pacer reflects on four-fer vs West Indies

Exclusion

❑ "About giving an update, it's not my responsibility to give an update

"I have said this before... Selection is not in my hands. If there is a fitness issue, I shouldn't be here playing for Bengal," Shami told the media. "I think I do not need to speak on this and create a controversy. If I can play four-dayers (Ranji Trophy), I can also play 50-overs cricket," he added regarding his omission from the Australia tour. "About giving an update, it's not my responsibility to give an update or ask for an update. It's not my job to give updates on my fitness. My job is to go to the NCA (Centre of Excellence).

'Like Abhishek Sharma': Yashasvi Jaiswal on his path to 'daddy hundreds'



Gameplay

❑ "Mumbai's famous 'khadoos mentality' is reflected in his gameplay

AHMEDABAD: As Yashasvi Jaiswal rushed in to embrace Brian Lara following an extraordinary 175 in the second Test against West Indies, Lara jokingly said, "Don't beat our bowlers that bad." The humorous remark was a glowing endorsement of the lofty standards that the 23-year-old batter has set. "Keep getting the hundreds. Daddy hundreds," reacted Sunil Gavaskar. Jaiswal's 175 is his fifth 150+ score in Tests before turning 24, which only Don Bradman managed to surpass. The 23-year-old's conversion of 50+ scores after 49 innings

in Tests stands at nearly 39.6%, which is better than Sachin Tendulkar (36.2%), Ricky Ponting (35.9%), Brian Lara (35.3%) and even Virat Kohli's (29%) tally at a similar stage. Jaiswal has scored seven tons in Tests, which is the joint-most by an opener before turning 24 alongside Graeme Smith. Only Bradman (12), Tendulkar (11) and Garry Sobers (9) surpassed the 23-year-old's tally in Tests before that time period. While Jaiswal's success is certainly impressive, there is a lot of hard work, intensity and mental strength which goes behind delivering performances of this magnitude. "Mumbai's famous 'khadoos mentality' is reflected in his gameplay. Jaiswal's struggle and character motivate him to make every little opportunity count.

CONFIRMED: 'Rohit Sharma will play 2027 ODI World Cup and retire after that'

Toughest

❑ He has already passed his toughest test as captain — that was in England



NEW DELHI: After Rohit Sharma's explosive knock and India's victory over Australia in the third ODI, the batter's childhood coach, Dinesh Lad, expressed his delight on Saturday, stating that the veteran will retire after playing the 2027 ICC Cricket World

Cup. Rohit smashed his 50th international hundred in Sydney and finished as the top run-scorer of the recently concluded ODI series against Australia. During India's chase of 237, his commanding 121* and partnership with long-time teammate Virat Kohli thrilled fans who had

packed the stadium — possibly witnessing their last outing together on Australian soil. "The way Rohit batted today and how he contributed to India's win -- it felt great to watch the match. He will play the 2027 ODI World Cup and retire after that," Dinesh Lad said. Speaking about

"His leadership is equally important"

What more could he have faced?" he asked. "Sometimes we only keep talking about the captain, but the way the team has responded to him and to his leadership is equally important," Gambhir added. Gill led by example with 754 runs during the tour of England, and Gambhir noted that despite his young age, the star batter communicates clearly.

Virat, who scored a steady 74* after two successive ducks in Perth and Adelaide, Lad said that .

'Seriously' injured player ineligible to play for a week, needs COE nod



serious injury and will need to take clearance from BCCI's centre of excellence (COE). The board has introduced the 'serious

injury replacement' provision in playing conditions as a part of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) pilot project before incorpo-

Provision

❑ The board has introduced the 'serious injury replacement' provision

rating it in international cricket's playing conditions. "If a player is replaced for serious injury during the match, the concerned player will have to stand down

for a minimum period of seven days from the time the serious injury replacement was permitted. After the completion of the minimum stand down days the concerned player will be required to report to BCCI - COE for further assessment of his fitness. The specialist panel at the BCCI COE will assess his / her fitness and based on the specialist report the

player will be cleared for any future participation in BCCI matches," the BCCI notification to state associations read. As per the updated playing conditions, if a player gets injured on Day One of the match scheduled from Oct 15-18 and is taken to the hospital in the evening for a scan before an injury replacement was requested and permitted on Day Two.

She has set her sights on improving her performance at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

As India readies to host Chess World Cup, Nationals witness monkey invasion, power cuts and leaking



NEW DELHI: "Honestly, it made me feel like I was the president of a small country," quipped 22-year-old American Grandmaster (GM) Hans Niemann

after his opening-round draw with black pieces against three-time national champion Wesley So at the US Chess Championship on Sunday.

"The 62nd Indian Championship felt more like a survival challenge"

"The 62nd Indian National Championship felt more like a survival challenge than a chess tournament," he wrote. "Monkeys on the shamiana, rainwater dripping onto boards, power cuts during time trouble, it had everything except proper conditions." Social media post by GM Sethuraman SP. (Image: X) But the chaos at this year's National Championship was far too serious to be captured in a few posts.

The reason for such an amusing remark, however, had little to do with the result of the game; it was the sight of

the chief arbiter standing beside the board, holding an umbrella to block sunlight from So's face. Decoding

Suriname stun, allege racist chants in World Cup qualifying

Miami Dhoraso Klas scored in the 81st minute as Suriname stunned El Salvador 2-1 away on Monday in a 2026 World Cup qualifying match marred by alleged racist chanting. Suriname, who have never qualified for the World Cup, topped El Salvador from the Group A lead in the final round of CONCACAF (North American) qualifying. It was Suriname's first victory over the Salvadorans since 1968. Go Beyond The

Boundary with our YouTube channel. SUBSCRIBE NOW! Afterwards head coach Stanley Menzo and captain Shaquille Pinas hit out at some home fans over racist chanting while his team celebrated their victory. "You have to ask why your fans are shouting to my players, 'negro'," Menzo said to reporters. Pinas suggested that the same thing happened in a previous World Cup qualifier, again in San Salvador, in June, but said that the team had chosen not to speak .