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RBI's MPC meeting between 4 to 6 August, repo rate likely to remain unchanged

New Delhi: The three-day review meeting of the bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is going to be held between 4-6 August. RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra will announce the decisions taken in the meeting on 6 August. Economists have expressed the possibility of the repo rate remaining unchanged at 5.50 percent in the meeting. Economists believe that despite the US's announcement of 25 percent new tariff, the Reserve Bank will not make any change in the policy rates in the August Monetary Policy Committee review meeting.

Trump calls India a dead economy

New Delhi: Even after the announcement of a 25 percent duty and penalty on Indian imports from August 1, 2025, President Donald Trump has not remained silent, but in the last 24 hours, he has not only made very objectionable comments about the Indian economy and the relations between India and Russia, but has also indicated playing the Pakistan card against India.

Tulsidas kept the public consciousness awakened with devotion and power: CM

Chitrakoot: In the religious city of Chitrakoot, at the birth anniversary celebration of Saint Tulsidas (Tulsi Jayanti), Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that 500 years ago, when the condition of this village might have been suffering from lack of resources and difficulties, at such a time a divine soul was born and dedicated himself at the feet of Lord Shri Ram in childhood itself. He said that in that period when Akbar's empire was expanding and there was a competition to get a place in the court, Tulsidas ji dedicated himself as Rambhola not in the service of any courtier but only in the devotion of Lord.

Malegaon blast: All seven accused acquitted

Fadnavis said- terrorism was neither saffron nor is nor will be

Verdict

☐ **Terrorism has no religion, because no religion advocates violence**

Mumbai : The NIA court has given a big verdict in the case of the horrific 2008 Malegaon blast. The court has acquitted all the accused including Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur, Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Purohit. On 29 September 2008, six people were killed and many were injured when an explosive allegedly kept on a motorcycle exploded near a mosque in Malegaon city, Nashik. The court said that terrorism has no religion, because no religion advocates violence. The court also made it clear that the prosecution was able to prove the blast, but could not prove that a bomb was kept in the motorcycle. Apart from this, there was also a discrepancy in the number of injured. The court found that the number of injured people was not 101, but 95 and some medical certificates were manipulated.



Compensation to victimsThe court has ordered to give Rs 2 lakh as compensation to the families of the six people killed in the blast and Rs 50,000 to all the injured victims. The court said in its decision that no one can

be punished on the basis of mere perception or moral evidence. This requires solid evidence, which the prosecution could not present in this case. What is the Malegaon blast case?

Sonia, Chidambaram should apologize to Hindus for defaming Sanatan Dharma: BJP

New Delhi. The NIA special court has acquitted all the accused in the Malegaon blast case due to lack of evidence. The court also clarified that the prosecution was able to prove the blast, but could not prove that a bomb was placed in the motorcycle. After the court's decision, BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya wrote on Instagram.

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New District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma took charge



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Prayagraj. New District Magistrate of Prayagraj Manish Kumar Verma took charge in the treasury on Wednesday. 2011 batch IAS Manish Kumar Verma has previously worked as District Magistrate in Kaushambi, Jaunpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar and many other posts. After taking charge, the District Magistrate introduced himself to the officers and got information about the work related to them. On this occasion, Chief Development

Officer Harshika Singh, Additional District Magistrate (City) Satyam Mishra, Additional District Magistrate (Administration) Mrs. Pooja Mishra, Chief Revenue Officer Kunwar Pankaj Singh, Additional District Magistrate (Finance and Revenue) Vinita Singh, Additional District Magistrate Namami Gange Sanjeev Kumar Shakya, City Magistrate Vinod Kumar Singh, Chief Treasury Officer Pratyush Kumar and other officers were present.

India may receive above normal rainfall in the second half of monsoon

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday said that the country is likely to receive above normal rainfall in the second part of the monsoon this year i.e. August and September. IMD Director General Mrityunjay Mahapatra told in an online press conference that most parts of the country are

expected to receive normal rainfall in August, but some areas of the Northeast and adjoining eastern India may receive less rainfall. 'Above normal rainfall is also expected in the month of September' He said, 'Rainfall is likely to be above normal in the month of September. Overall, there is a possibility of above average

rainfall i.e. 106% across the country in the second part of the June-September monsoon period.' This estimate is based on the long period average (LPA) of 422.8 mm. Most parts of the country are likely to receive above normal or normal rainfall. Border areas, some isolated areas of central India and the southwestern part .

'Significant increase in facilities for railway passengers'

Amenities

☐ **Indian Railways has significantly increased the amenities**

New Delhi: The number of non-AC coaches in trains has been increased keeping in mind the common man, the Railway Minister said on Wednesday. The number of non-AC coaches in trains operated by the Indian Railways has increased significantly and has become about 70 per cent, Ashwini Vaishnav told Parliament on Wednesday. A special manufacturing program is being implemented to produce an additional 17,000 non-AC general



and sleeper coaches in the next 5 years. **Significant increase in passenger amenities** Indian Railways has significantly increased the amenities of passengers seeking travel in the general class. 2024-25 alone, 1,250 general coaches have been used in various long distance trains. Indian Railways is running a large number of trains with affordable fare structure including Mail, Express and Passenger trains for

the benefit of the general public including the poor and the lower middle class. The minister said Indian Railways has introduced non-AC Amrit Bharat services and Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services, which provide high-quality services to a large section of the population, especially the lower income group. He said Indian Railways has also made a provision for the of 100 additional Amrit Bharat trains. Higher availability of general coaches, the number of passengers travelling in general/unreserved coaches has witnessed an upward trend, increasing from 553 crores in 2022-23 to 609 crores in 2023-24..

Notification for Vice Presidential election will be issued soon

New Delhi: The Election Commission said on Thursday that it has prepared the final list of the electoral college for the Vice Presidential election. This election has become necessary due to the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar from the post of Vice President. The Vice President of India is elected by the Electoral



College, which consists of elected and nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and elected members of the Lok Sabha. The Commission said in a statement that the list of the electoral college

Electoral

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for the Vice Presidential election 2025 has been finalized. From the date of issue of the notification, this list can be purchased at a special counter set up in the office of the Election Commission. The notification is likely to be issued soon. Dhankhar resigned from the post of Vice President on July 21, while more than two years were still left for the end of his term. Citing health reasons,

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Court will decide whether the Rohingyas are refugees or illegal immigrants

Hearing

☐ **When the court decides on this issue, then other issues: Justice Suryakant**



New Delhi : While hearing the Rohingya case, the Supreme Court has said that first of all it will consider whether Rohingyas are refugees or illegal migrants. The bench headed by Justice

Suryakant said that when the court decides on this issue, then other issues will be settled. The Court is hearing many petitions regarding Rohingyas. Court said whether Rohingyas are entitled to get refugee status. If they

are entitled to refugee status, then what kind of security or facilities will they get. The court said that if Rohingyas are not refugees and they are illegal migrants, then it was justified for the central and state govt.

Injustice is being done to the people in Madhya Pradesh: Jeetu Patwari

Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jitu Patwari, while addressing a press conference in Bhopal on Thursday, made serious allegations against the Central and State Government of misleading the public, promoting corruption and complete failure in law and order. He said that both the country and the state are going through a period of insecurity, chaos and fraud.

Chitrakoot will become a land of faith, security and self-reliance: CM Yogi

Chitrakoot. On the 528th birth anniversary of Goswami Tulsidas ji, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath reached his birthplace Rajapur on Thursday. He performed the ritualistic worship of Goswami Tulsidas ji at Tulsi Janmkutir and took blessings by seeing the handwritten copy of Shri Ramcharitmanas kept in Manas Mandir. The Chief



Minister participated in the Tulsi Sahitya Sammelan organized at Tulsi Resort where he met Pujya Sant Murari

Bapu ji and Jagadguru Shri Rambhadracharya ji Maharaj. Addressing the saints on this occasion, he gave a proud

description of the cultural and spiritual heritage of Chitrakoot. He said that Chitrakoot will become a land of faith, security and self-reliance. Chief Minister Yogi reached the Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Ganiwan where he unveiled the grand statue of Goswami Tulsidas ji and gave the message of environmental protection by planting Harishankari plants.

Cabinet: NCDC will get 2000 crore rupees

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet has approved the Central Sector Scheme 'Grant-in-Aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation' with an outlay of Rs 2000 crore for a period of 4 years



from 2025-26 to 2028-29. Union Information

and Minister Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnav has informed about this decision of the Cabinet. It has been told by the government that an outlay of Rs 2000 crore will be made on grant-in-aid for a period

of 4 years from 2025-26 to 2028-29. NCDC will be able to raise Rs 20,000 crore from the open market in a period of four years. Funds will be used by NCDC for setting up new projects / expansion of plants.

Gram Pradhan, area and district Panchayat members will get training: CM Dhama

Dehradun. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has directed to provide training to the newly elected village heads, area panchayat and district panchayat

members on modern technology, financial management and governance system. Chief Minister said that everyone will have to make integrated efforts

towards fulfilling the resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India a developed nation by 2047. Development of the state and the country.

Hindon's IndiGo flights start to four metros and four cities

Delhi: India's largest airline will begin flights from Hindon Civil Terminal at 6.55am as it grows in Delhi-NCR. After Air India Express started flying from Hindon air base's runway in March, Indigo will be the second frontline airline to use it. IndiGo will launch 70 weekly departures to eight new destinations: Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Patna, Varanasi, Indore, and Ahmedabad. After the maiden Indigo flight from Bengaluru, everyday incoming and outgoing services will include a 12.10pm-1pm flight. Daily operations are scheduled for Patna, Varanasi, Kolkata, and Mumbai. However, return flights to Mumbai would not run.

Ahmedabad flights will run daily, however return flights will miss Sundays save for one Sunday-only trip. Chennai will fly six days a week, excluding. Daily operations



Coalition to secure TN elections, AIADMK to establish govt.

Delhi: The AIADMK and the BJP, the two main opposition parties in Tamil Nadu, are still at odds about how the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would be formed into a government if it were to win the state assembly elections in 2026. The AIADMK's general secretary and opposition leader, Edappadi Palaniswami (EPS), reaffirmed his opposition to the formation of a coalition government by the NDA led by the AIADMK in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, contra-

dicting what Union home minister Amit Shah had previously indicated. In reaction to Shah's comments, EPS stated, "Our alliance will win but the AIADMK will form the government independently." They went on to say, "It is the AIADMK that leads this alliance."

Thus, I have made up my mind. , the BJP has made it clear that I will be the chief minister. Am I missing anything? According to EPS, Shah only said that the alliance will constitute the government.

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Opposition group to 'collectively decide' VP election: Kharge

Delhi : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) will "collectively take a decision" for the vice-president election. Early in the day, the Election Commission of India said it "has already started the preparations relating to the vice-presidential elections, 2025." After preparations, the Vice-President of India election date would be announced as soon as possible." VP Jagdeep Thakkar unexpectedly quit, claiming health issues, rocking Parliament for two days.



According to Kharge, "We will call a meeting of the INDIA group parties and take a collective decision on what to do for the VP election." The Congress-led Opposition ran former Union minister Margaret Alva against Thakkar in the 2022 VP election. Kharge said every party

must be consulted to make a decision and the bloc will work together within and outside Parliament. The INDIA group's choice would rely on numerous circumstances, including the National Democratic Alliance's selection, according to Congress leaders.

Insulting your husband in front of friends is harsh

Delhi : Does it constitute cruelty if a wife refuses to touch her husband, accuses him of an affair, and degrades him in front of his friends? Yes, said Bombay High Court. A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and Dr. Neela Gokhale told Live Law that the hus-

band will suffer "mental agony" from his wife humiliating him in front of his friends and mistreating his employees. According to the judges, "The spouse works for his family. The un rebutted evidence of the wife's behavior with his employees will hurt him."

Shaming him in front of his pals is also 'cruelty' Apathy and indifference for his disabled sister would also hurt him and his family, the judge added. The judge added that the wife's refusal to have a physical interaction and claims of extramarital encounters.

Indian authorities cannot authorize foreign kid adoption: HC

Delhi : The Bombay high court ruled that the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and adoption regulations do not allow Indian couples to adopt foreign children, even if related. While dismissing a petition by a Pune-based couple, the division bench of justices Revati Mohite Dere and Neela Gokhale stated that the JJ Act and adoption regulations do not allow relatives to adopt a foreign-citizen child unless it is a 'child in need of care and protection' or a 'child in conflict with law'. The 2011-married couple sought to adopt the woman's sister's six-year-old kid in the US. They petitioned the Pune district court to adopt their 'relative' because



Muslims have no adoption statute. While their plea was pending in district court in 2024, the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) refused to register them as prospective adoptive parents or issue a pre-approval letter because the 2022 adoption regulations did not allow American citizen adoption. A couple approached the high court. Advocate Shirin

Merchant, representing the couple, argued that the adoption was an in-country adoption because both the adoptive and biological parents were Indian citizens. The JJ Act defines "in-country" adoption as adoption "by a citizen of India, residing in India" and allows relatives to adopt, Merchant added. However, CARA's position that neither the JJ Act nor the adoption.

Bastar villages get 300 phone towers

Delhi: Centre and state have built at least 300 cell phone towers in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region in areas freed from Maoist rule in the last year. Security troops and Maoists fight over cell phone towers. Tower construction is a government priority. Destroying them is equally vital to Maoists. According to sources, at least 32 cell phone towers were built in Abhujmad, a vast forest of 5,000 sq km in Maoist-affected Bastar regions. In recent years, security troops penetrated portions of Abhujmad that had never been mapped and was Maoist-controlled. A top security officer in

CCTVs compulsory at pharmacies by August end



Delhi : End of July is the deadline that the Delhi administration has set for the installation of closed-circuit television cameras around the nation's capital. In an effort to reduce the availability of illicitly obtained Schedule H, H1, and X narcotics, a resolution was reached following a conference held under the 11th National Narcotics Coordination portal (NCORD). Reducing the likelihood of dual-use medication abuse is a major goal. The authorities made the decision after

receiving complaints over the intoxicating effects of these substances on both humans and animals, as well as their use in textiles, chemicals, and food products. By working together with the Narcotics Control Bureau and the Delhi government, this action is anticipated to improve surveillance and reduce the distribution of illegal drugs.

The letter that was sent said, "As per provisions of the National Narcotics Coordination Portal, in collaboration with the Narcotics Control Bureau, has been advised to stop, prevent and discourage the sale of dual-use medicines without prescription and an advisory dated first August 2024 on this matter was already issued earlier."

Shah orders a multi-disciplinary central team to visit the Himachal catastrophe zone

Delhi : Union Home Minister Amit Shah has ordered a multi-sectoral central team to visit Himachal Pradesh due to its frequent and intense natural catastrophes. The team would include experts from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) Roorkee, IITM Pune, a geologist, and IIT Indore, according to officials. According to a senior MHA official, the Union Home Minister was informed in a recent meeting that Himachal Pradesh has seen an increase in cloudbursts, flash floods, landslides, and torrential rainfall, causing widespread loss of life, damage to infrastructure, livelihoods, and environmental degradation. He added that after floods, flash floods, and landslides in various parts of the state during the South West monsoon 2025,



Concerned RWAs urge government action to end stray dog problem

Delhi : Various residents welfare groups (RWAs) of Delhi-NCR gathered at Jantar Mantar to demand prompt action from the federal government in response to the increasing number of stray dogs in the nation's capital. In response to recent comments made by the Supreme Court in a case concerning the alleged harassment of a Noida resident for feeding

stray dogs, the protest was spearheaded by former Union minister and senior BJP functionary Vijay Goel. Creating a safe haven in your own home is our recommendation.

The highest court in the land had made the remark, "Feed every dog in the community in your own house," emphasizing the need of protecting both stray animals and the public from harm.

the Centre deputed an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT)

without waiting for their memorandum for on-the-spot.

Poll body rejects Aadhaar in Bihar roll modification, clarifies citizenship

Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) told the Supreme Court that citizenship would not be canceled if an individual is found ineligible for registration in Bihar's Special Intensive Revision (SIR)

voting registers. The poll watchdog defended the exercise in poll-bound Bihar in an 88-page affidavit, claiming it may request proof of citizenship for "enabling the constitutional right to vote". "No par-

liamentary law can oust this jurisdiction of the ECI," stated. The opposition claimed that SIR was a "citizenship screening" effort that would disenfranchise the masses. The ECI responded. The top court

refused to suspend Bihar's electoral roll renovation, but questioned its timing months before the Assembly elections. It further requested that the ECI verify Aadhaar, voter ID, and ration cards.

Strategic sale of IDBI Bank expected by October

Delhi : Two senior government sources said the long-pending strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank will be completed in October, and financial bids will be called soon as the sale process nears its close. "IDBI Bank stake sale will be completed by October," a senior government source stated.

The Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) on disinvestment met on July 9 to examine the draft Share Purchase Agreement, a key step before seeking higher authority approvals.

NH-148A section between DND Flyway, Sohna to finish in Sept

Delhi : NH-148A project to connect Delhi-Noida-Direct (DND) Flyway to Sohna and reduce Delhi congestion is likely to be finished by September. They said 93% of the project is done. The extended highway will traverse Ballabgarh near Faridabad, NH-19, and minimize travel time from east, north, and south Delhi to Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra. The ramp to Ashram cross-roads is virtually finished, while the Sarai

Kale Khan side is being built. Officials stated that an arch bridge across the Agra Canal in southeast Delhi's Kalindi Kunj is being built. NHAI said in June that the project will boost connection with Noida's planned international airport. The NH-148A project, which connects the DND Flyover to Sohna and Noida's Jewar International Airport, is 93% complete and on track to fulfill its amended September 2025 dead-

line. An NHAI official said the multi-phase infrastructure project will reduce traffic in Delhi, especially from north and east Delhi, and improve connec-

tivity with neighboring areas like the upcoming Noida International Airport in Jewar, Ghaziabad, Jaipur, Faridabad, Mumbai, and Kolkata.

Public Notice

It is hereby informed to the general public that I, Sangeeta Devi, wife of Sanjay Verma, and Shashi Prabha, wife of Ajay Kumar Verma, had purchased the registered document bearing number 984, Volume 2122, Page 319/354, dated 12-03-2012. The original document has been lost on 17.07.2025.

Sangeeta Devi, W/o Sanjay Verma
Shashi Prabha, W/o Ajay Kumar Verma
Yusufpur Sheikh Tola, Ward No. 6, Jamalpur, District Ghazipur.

The newly arrived District Magistrate inspected the offices, desks, sections located in the Collectorate

□ The District Magistrate instructed the concerned office head and desk assistants to ensure systematic maintenance of files □ All officers and employees should discharge their duties with full devotion, honesty and dedication □ Resolving the problems of the public is our top priority - District Magistrate

Inspection

□ He has instructed to repair the fore-selling of the roof of the court room

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Prayagraj: The newly arrived District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma inspected the offices, desks, sections located in the Collectorate premises on Thursday. During the inspection, the District Magistrate, while getting information about their works and responsibilities from the concerned office head and desk assistants, instructed for systematic maintenance of files, cleanliness of the office and prompt and quality disposal of works related to the general public. During the inspection, the District Magistrate inspected the court room, revenue assistant room, ERK, complaint, dispatch room, archives, judicial assistant room, e-district, control room, arms office, archives room and other desks, sections and gave necessary guidance to the concerned officers and employees.

He has instructed to repair the fore-selling of the roof of the court room and to put up the names, designations and job charts of the officers and employees on their desks.

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the letters can be available and letters do not remain dumped on one desk for a long time. He has instructed all the officers and employees to discharge their duties with full dedication and honesty. After the inspection, the District Magistrate listened to the personal and public problems of the people who came to



the public meeting room one by one carefully and seriously and instructed the concerned departmental officers to resolve them quickly and effectively. He instructed the officers that no negligence or laxity should be shown in solving the public problems and the problem of every complainant should be

resolved quickly and satisfactorily.

He also clarified that in cases where necessary, inspection should be done on the spot and timely relief should be provided to the victims. The District Magistrate said that the cases of illegal occupation of land should be resolved with utmost seriousness and sensitivity and

strict action should be taken wherever required. He has also instructed the concerned officials that the problems should be resolved in such a way that the person with the problem is completely satisfied and he does not have to come again and again and does not have to wander for justice. The District Magistrate, while talking to media representatives in Sangam Auditorium, said that as per the intention of the government, our priority will be that the schemes which are being run, their implementation should be done transparently and every eligible person should get the benefit of the schemes of the

government. He said that our top priority is to get justice to the people by getting their problems resolved on priority and quality. During the inspection, Additional District Magistrate Nagar Satyam Mishra, Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Vinita Singh, Additional District Magistrate Administration Pooja Mishra, Additional District Magistrate Nazul, Chief Revenue Officer Kunwar Pankaj, Additional District Magistrate Supply Vijay Sharma, City Magistrate Vinod Kumar Singh, Nazir Ajay Srivastava and other related officials were present.

Protest against school closure in Prayagraj, memorandum submitted to Chief Minister



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Prayagraj: A strong protest was held in Prayagraj today against the decision of the Uttar Pradesh government to close thousands of government schools. Hundreds of citizens, parents, social workers and teachers participated in this demonstration organized under the joint aegis of Shiksha - School Bachao Abhiyan. The protesters submitted a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister to the City Magistrate in the Collectorate premises, demanding immediate cancellation of this "anti-people" decision. During the demonstration, a public awareness march was also taken out against the privatization of education and closure of government schools with slogans like 'Be it the President's son or the peon's child, everyone's education is equal'. NSUI

National Secretary Akshay Yadav Krantiveer said, "It is very unfortunate to take such a decision without social evaluation. This will affect the education of the poor, the deprived and especially the girl child the most." Uttar Pradesh Youth Congress General Secretary DP Tripathi, associated with the Shiksha Bachao Abhiyan Prayagraj, said, "Instead of improving education, the government is handing it over to the capitalists. This decision is an attack on the right to equal education given in the Constitution."

It is known that the Yogi government is planning to close more than 5000 schools in the state, while the central government has already closed 90,000 schools across the country between 2014 and 2024, out of which 25,000 were from UP.

Husband dies while crying over wife's body, last rites performed on the same pyre

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Prayagraj: A heart-wrenching incident has come to light in Bagbana village of Ghurpur police station area. 60-year-old Ashok Sharma died near his wife's body. He was mourning over the body of his ailing wife. Ashok Sharma and his 58-year-old wife Lakshmi Devi lived in Delhi with their four sons. Lakshmi Devi was suffering from a serious illness for the last few months. She was being treated at a hospital in Lucknow. Lakshmi



Devi died during treatment on Wednesday. Her body was brought to her ancestral village in Bagbana in the afternoon. The family was preparing for the last rites.

Meanwhile, Ashok Sharma started crying loudly remembering his wife. He was crying

bitterly while calling his wife. Suddenly he fainted and fell on the ground. People present nearby immediately picked him up and tried to take him to the hospital. But he died on the way. The death of the husband and wife on the same day brought mourning in

the village. A crowd of family members and relatives gathered. The whole village cremated both of them on the same pyre with tearful eyes. Ashok and Lakshmi have four sons. Satish (married), Ashish and two younger sons, who are currently studying and working in Delhi. The death of the husband and wife has put the whole family in deep shock. The people of the village are calling this incident the ultimate coincidence of a lifelong relationship and a symbol of unbreakable love.

Contempt notice to Principal Secretary Prison

There was delay in taking decision on release of 74-year-old person

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Prayagraj: Allahabad High Court has issued notice to Principal Secretary Prison in a case of contempt. He has been directed to appear on the next hearing. This order has been given by Justice Neeraj Tiwari after hearing the advocate of 74-year-old Sangram, who is serving life imprisonment. Decision on release was to be taken within three months. The advocate told the court that on March 19, the High Court had ordered the government to dispose of the documents sent as per the policy



set by the state government within three months on the premature release of the petitioner. When the government did not take a decision within three months, this contempt petition was filed. According to the facts of the case, Sangram Pal, a resident of Gorakhpur, who is serving sentence in Varanasi Central Jail for the crime of murder, was sentenced to life imprisonment and a

Youth dies after falling from Saket Express

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Prayagraj: GRP has recovered the body of a youth (21) near Prayagraj railway station. Police informed and called the family members of the deceased. Post-mortem of the body was conducted in the presence of the family. According to the family, the youth used to work in a private

job while living in Mumbai. They have demanded an investigation from GRP to find out the reason behind his death. Dharamveer Gupta (21), son of Sukai, a resident of Sukulpur Bijeli in Sultanpur district, was the youngest of his two brothers. He was working in a private job in Mumbai to meet the financial needs of the



family. Late on Tuesday evening, he boarded the Saket Express, telling his family that he was returning home. He was identified on the basis of documents. The family members were waiting

Inquiry

□ Youth was returning home from Mumbai
□ Demanded a police inquiry

for him to return. Meanwhile, on Thursday, his body was found near the railway track of Prayagraj railway station. On the

information of local people, GRP recovered his body. The body was identified on the basis of documents found near it. The police informed and called the family of the deceased. The family reached the mortuary and identified the body as Dharamveer Gupta. The post-mortem of Dharamveer's body was conducted in the presence of the family.

ence of the family. According to the family, they do not know under what circumstances their son died. They have demanded a police inquiry to investigate the cause of death. According to the GRP station in-charge, in the primary investigation, looking at the body, it seems that the young man died due to falling from the train.

Boats were operated, Three villages and 17 localities of the district are in the grip of flood

The water level of Ganga and Yamuna is rising rapidly

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Flood

□ 17 localities are in the grip of flood. these localities come under PMC

Prayagraj: The water level of Ganga and Yamuna is rising rapidly. After the flood plain areas, the flood water is now moving towards the settlements. If we look at the official figures of the administration, three villages and 17 localities of the district are in the grip of flood. This includes two villages of Phulpur tehsil and one village of Karchana tehsil. On Thursday, six boats

were operated to help the people in the flood affected areas. If we look at the flood scenario till 4 pm on Thursday, the water of Ganga and Yamuna is reaching close to the danger mark. If the water level continues to rise like this, many settlements



lements and localities can be submerged in water. The water level of Ganga in Phaphamau has reached 82.60 and the water level continues to rise here. The water level in Chhatnag is at 82.14. The danger point in Phaphamau and Chhatnag is 84.738. The water level of Yamuna

in Naini has reached 82.61 meters and is continuing to rise. Here too the danger mark is 84.738.

According to administrative data, 17 localities are in the grip of flood. Most of these localities come under Prayagraj Municipal Corporation. In this, 14

localities of Sadar tehsil, Kachhar Mau / Saraiya, Rajapur Deh Mafi, Asadullahpur Mohammadabad, Beli Kachhar, Beli Uparhar, Baghada Jahuruddin, Baghada Balan, Bakhtiyara, Mayorabad, Nakauli, Nevada, apart from Sonaoti, Badra of Phulpur tehsil and Delhi Bhagesar village of Karchana tehsil are in the grip of flood. 22 members of five families have taken shelter in the relief camp. According to the administration, there has been no damage

to the crops. A total of 95 relief camps have been set up, 26 in Sadar tehsil, seven in Soraon, 13 in Phulpur, 20 in Karchana tehsil, 11 in Meja, nine in Bara, six in Handia and three in Koraon. Ganga and Yamuna rivers once again in spate, flood waters reach settlements. Ganga and Yamuna rivers are once again in spate. Flood waters entered settlements on Thursday. With this, relief camps for the homeless people also started.

Fierce fighting between two parties in Tevaria Khurd of Karchana police station area, video viral

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Karchana: On Wednesday evening, in Tevaria Khurd village of the police station area, two parties got into a fierce fight over abusive language under the influence of alcohol. The dispute escalated so much that dozens of people from both sides attacked each other with sticks. The video of this incident is going viral on social media. However, the national newspaper Hindustan does not confirm the viral video. According to eyewitnesses, a youth abused in a drunken state, and when he was stopped, he

started fighting. After this, people from both sides came face to face. Many people including women, elderly and children were injured in the fight. On receiving information about the incident, Karchana police reached the spot and controlled the situation. The police have started action by registering a case on the complaint of both the parties. The injured people have been sent to the nearest health centre for first aid. According to the villagers, the fight continued for several hours and an atmosphere of tension prevailed in the entire village.

Editorial

India uses BRICS to push reforms—not to challenge the US

The latest edition of the BRICS Summit was significant because all 10 member countries participated. It included Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the UAE, which attended as member states for the first time at the 2024 summit in Russia, and Indonesia, which joined in early 2025 as the first Southeast Asian country in the bloc. With its expansion, the group is now known as BRICS Plus—a term first used at the 2024 summit. Although forming groups of countries to promote cooperation is common globally, BRICS is more than a conventional grouping. It is a group of countries challenging the clout of the developed powers, particularly the US and European nations. In 2010, the first five members—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—constituted 18 per cent of the global GDP. Their collective share has risen to 26.5 per cent in 2025. These nations are now challenging the hegemony of the West. Calls for de-dollarisation—reducing reliance on the US dollar in trade and finance—are becoming prominent, posing a threat to America's financial and geopolitical dominance. It gives China and Russia (and India too) a louder voice on the world stage. It fuels global economic realignment away from the dollar and Western institutions, pointing to a multipolar world order—something that US President Donald Trump doesn't support. The recent expansion of BRICS, with five new members joining, has increased the worries of the West, particularly the US. And without mincing words, Trump has started expressing his unhappiness over the developments happening in BRICS. Here are the key reasons why Trump opposes BRICS: The primary reason is that both the original members (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and new entrants like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Iran, and Ethiopia are openly discussing reducing reliance on the US dollar in trade and finance. Trump's long-standing "America First" stance makes any move away from the dollar a direct challenge to U.S. economic influence and its ability to enforce sanctions. The second point that irks Trump is BRICS' geopolitical opposition to the West. BRICS increasingly positions itself as a counterweight to Western institutions like the G7, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank. The deepening ties between China and Russia within BRICS are seen as part of a broader anti-Western alignment. Third, Trump has consistently taken a hardline stance on China, through trade wars, tariffs, tech and investment restrictions, etc. BRICS giving China a leadership platform to challenge the US on the global stage agitates him. He views BRICS as a vehicle for China's global expansion under the guise of multipolarity. Fourth, the inclusion of Saudi Arabia and Iran gives BRICS influence over global energy markets. There is growing potential for oil trade to be conducted in non-dollar currencies (e.g., yuan or BRICS currency), which would weaken the petrodollar system—a critical pillar of US global economic power. Fifth, Trump perceives BRICS expansion as a sign that the 'Global South' is drifting away from Western influence, forming its own independent bloc. This runs contrary to Trump's vision of negotiating "from strength," where US dominance is unquestioned. Sixth, Trump views global influence in zero-sum terms. Any rise of a non-Western grouping that excludes the US is seen as a personal and national affront. BRICS summits that propose alternative visions for world order without US involvement are perceived as a threat to 'American prestige'—something Trump values highly. He has threatened to impose higher tariffs on countries siding with the BRICS. He has already announced the imposition of 50 per cent tariffs on Brazil. Although India is a member of BRICS, its



Defence, tech, education—Modi's visit will boost India-UK ties

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on his fourth visit to the UK. He will hold wide-ranging discussions with PM Keir Starmer on the entire gamut of India-UK bilateral relations, and exchange views on issues of regional and global importance. He is also expected to call on King Charles III. During the visit, the two sides will also review the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) with a specific focus on trade and economy, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate, health, education, and people-to-people ties. Following the UK's exit from the European Union, economic and trade relations between the two countries acquired a new salience. India-UK bilateral trade set a new record when it crossed \$55 billion (£42.6 billion) in 2024, registering an increase of around 10 per cent over the previous year. Indian companies have made significant investments in the UK. Grant Thornton (GT) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) research in 2024 highlighted a record number of 971 Indian companies in the UK with a combined turnover of over £68 billion. The report India Meets Britain Tracker 2024 found that Indian companies in the UK are thriving, with 100 companies having a revenue growth of at least 10 per cent. The Britain meets India Tracker 2024 identified 667 British companies in India with a turnover of approximately £47.5 billion. The UK is the sixth-largest contributor of FDI to India.



Cumulative FDI from the UK to India is around \$36 billion between 2000 to March 2025. India's investment in the UK during this period is close to \$20 billion. The Indian diaspora in the UK is also a major presence in the UK's economic scenario. The 2020 GT report, done with the High Commission of India, London, and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), identified 654 diaspora-owned companies with a turnover of at least £100,000, generating a cumulative annual turnover of £36.84 billion. The wealth generated by Indian diaspora-owned businesses in the UK was estimated to be around £75 billion by this report. The 1.8 million Indian diaspora forms about 2.7 per cent of the UK's population. During PM Modi's visit, the signing of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is expected. The forward-looking agreement complements India's growth aspirations. The FTA has been described as both historic and ambitious. It is expected to boost jobs, exports, and growth, benefitting 99 per cent of Indian exports from zero per cent duty, opening export

opportunities for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, marine products, leather footwear, sports goods and toys, gems and jewellery, and others such as engineering goods and organic chemicals. Trade in services is also expected to receive a significant fillip. Enhanced global mobility for aspirational young Indians and a three-year exemption from social security payments come as a major relief for Indian employees and companies based in the UK. Despite the record bilateral trade, the UK's trade with India accounts for around 2.5 per cent of its total trade. With both sides seeking trade diversification and supply-chain resilience, an India-UK FTA will hopefully create the doorway for businesses to drive the economic relationship forward. Given the immediate challenges on India's borders, cooperation in the defence sector with partners such as the UK has achieved greater importance. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit to the UK in January 2024 provided fresh impetus to the defence pillar of the relationship. In 2023, ties were elevated to a 2+2 mechanism. The British

defence sector could emerge as a key collaborator in technology transfers, the development of advanced capabilities, and supporting the Make in India effort by attracting more British FDI into the defence sector. Several defence cooperation agreements—covering production of Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) and Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMM), the establishment of an Advanced Short-Range Air to Air Missile (ASRAAM) assembly and test facility in India and a Statement of Intent to design and develop an Integrated Full Electric Propulsion system for Indian Navy ships—signal good times ahead for India's defence sector. India's focus on indigenous development does present challenges for the British industry, with fears that it could potentially make cooperation in certain sectors commercially unviable. Intellectual-property (IP) issues also need to be resolved. These issues can hopefully be addressed through the robust defence engagement mechanism that now exists between the two countries. Moreover, the UK-India military cooperation has grown in recent times. The Royal Navy made six ship visits to India in 2023, while its Littoral Response Group (South) conducted exercises with the Indian Navy in March 2024. In August 2024, the UK's Royal Air Force participated in exercise Tarang Shakti in India. An Indian naval officer, Lieutenant Commander N Dinesh Anand, has joined

Britannia Royal Naval College as Divisional Training Officer for the first time. India and the UK are making a serious effort to build technology partnerships. The new bilateral Technology Security Initiative (TSI), formally launched during UK Foreign Secretary, David Lammy's visit, aims to catalyse collaboration on critical and emerging technologies in seven key sectors: telecoms, critical minerals, semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence, quantum, biotechnology and health technology, and advanced materials. Tech collaboration between India and the UK also extends to sectors including financial services, innovation in health, climate, renewables, and startups. The participation of stakeholders from government, industry, and academia would be important for taking the Technology Security Initiative forward. Both countries are global hubs of innovation, science, technology, and research. India is one of the world's largest startup ecosystems and has over 100 unicorn companies. The increasing focus on these areas is welcome. Education is an important pillar of India-UK relations. The University of Southampton opened its campus in Gurugram on 16 July 2025, becoming the first foreign university campus under the New Education Policy (NEP). The UK remains one of the preferred destinations for Indian students, with around 1,70,000 students studying in the UK in the academic year 2023.

Pak accomplices, shootouts, sealed chargesheet—how the 7/11 blasts case fell

The men gathered early one morning in a one-room tenement inside the Deccan Cooperative Society in Sewri, on the grimy eastern fringes of suburban Mumbai. They began packing ammonium nitrate-fuel oil gel, the lethal but readily available commercial explosive used across India, inside 35-kilogram pressure cookers. Then, a detonator cap was loaded into each pressure cooker and linked to a simple Ajanta-brand digital clock, set to 6:30 pm. Each cooker was then packed in a shopping bag. Later that evening 209 people died—far more than on 26/11—when the bombs went off in packed first-class compartments on seven separate trains running from Churchgate. This week, 19 years on, the Bombay High Court finally held what successive governments, police services, and the intelligence services themselves have long known: The five men sent to death row for their role in the bombings, and the seven others given shorter sentences, had nothing to do with the bombing. The

Maharashtra government has announced it will appeal—but disturbing evidence will surface that the botched trial has enabled the terrorists actually responsible for the crime to evade responsibility. Intelligence and police services at the time were struggling to detect the real workings of the Lashkar-e-Taiba-linked network that came to be known as the Indian Mujahideen. Therefore, following the 7/11 bombing, the usual suspects—generally men with loose ties to conservative Muslim groups—were pulled in and charged with terrorism, as was the pattern in several prosecutions from the period. Following the bombing of the Sankat Mochan Temple in Varanasi, as well as the local railway station, the Imam of the mosque at Phulpur was arrested and charged with the murder of 28 people. The Uttar Pradesh police alleged that Waliullah had handed over the explosives and the pressure cooker cases to three terrorists from Bangladesh, who were never identified.

China was quick to test the nuclear bomb. India missed vital landmarks

In an era of multiple strifes across continents, an anniversary quietly slipped under the radar of world watchers. Eighty years ago, an explosion ushered in a new age of combat, weapons, tactics, and technology. At 5:29 am local time on 16 July 1945, the United States tested the world's first atomic bomb in the desolate desert of New Mexico in an area called Jornada del Muerto—Spanish for "Dead Man's Road". The site couldn't have been chosen because of the irony in its name. In the days of Spanish expansion into the New World, this must have certainly been a deadly route to take, but that was centuries before America's wartime quest for the world's most potent weapon. And it was tested under the codename "Trinity". A multi-billion-dollar initiative that involved scores of enterprises, institutions, and scientists of various disciplines working under strict military supervision, it was innocently labelled 'Manhattan Project'. Innocent, since the name didn't convey its unifocal military purpose. The world entered the nuclear age with a military purpose, and its impact on 6 and 9 August 1945 over Hiroshima and Nagasaki are historical landmarks that will not be erased anytime soon. Reams have been written about the Manhattan Project and its impact. The ghastly use of the bomb against Japan has also been dissected. What has been relegated to dusty shelves and nerdy researchers, however, is the official report on the programme. It's unambiguously called Atomic Energy for Military Purposes. Among the most extraordinary aspects of the report is that it was made public on 12 August 1945, even before the radioactive clouds had lifted from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Princeton University physicist Henry DeWolf Smyth penned the report. Within the community that contributed to making

the nuclear fission device a success, the Smyth Report was the working paper on how the Manhattan Project was to be discussed. It is patently clear that the US was working on a long-term nuclear perspective. The American military approach is a far cry from how India viewed the arrival of the nuclear era. Although its nuclear journey is extraordinary among formerly colonised nations, India missed vital landmarks along the way. In July 1945, India already had a nuclear research programme at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), established months before Washington's Trinity test. Within a year of Independence, the country also had an Atomic Energy Commission, and in less than a decade, it had commissioned Asia's first nuclear reactor, APSARA, at Trombay. India was light years ahead of any other Asian country. In the 1950s, China was largely dependent on its larger ideological ally, the Soviet Union. It entered the nuclear age with a sole purpose, based on Chairman Mao's dictum, "Power flows from the barrel of a gun." The simple formulation offered Beijing both short-term benefits and dividends in the long run, too. It is now obvious that the possession of weapons of mass destruction will not invite military intervention.

in an era of mass hypocrisy. Iran and Iraq, which didn't possess nuclear arsenals, were attacked, while North Korea, which did, wasn't. Hypocrisy and discrimination are obviously kosher in today's world order. India, however, approached the nuclear era from the perspective of "peaceful utilisation" to harness unlimited energy and enter the club of rapidly developing countries. It officially launched a three-stage nuclear programme with an indigenous research and development project. But eight decades after TIFR initiated its research programme.

Saiyaara proves star kids don't need hype, just a good film and a killer soundtrack

Mohit Suri's Saiyaara is a lesson in successfully launching new actors. The film did not hold press conferences, 'exclusive' interviews, or have its lead pair jet-setting across cities to interact with crowds. Instead, it opted for radio silence. It banked on the release alone. The movie had a box office opening of Rs 21.5 crore, and has now crossed the 100-crore mark before completing the first week of its release. Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda stole the thunder when it came to making a memorable big-screen debut.

The film's unprecedented opening even had Ajay Devgn scramble to postpone the release of his film Son of Sardaar 2 from 25 July to 1 August. The film relied on one star—the music. Suri, known for his films Zeher (2005), Woh Lamhe (2006), and Aashiqui 2 (2013), has let his films' music do the talking. Each of these films had a breakout song that pushed the film to audiences. Be it 'Woh Lamhe' from Zeher to 'Kya Mujhe Pyar Hai' of Woh Lamhe and 'Tum Hi Ho' from Aashiqui 2, Suri's films cap-

ture the mood of heartbreak like no other in their album.

The star-crossed lovers, the looming tragedy, and the music have all been done before by Suri. Gen Z has now succumbed to what was millennial 'poison'. While most star kids were launched with an overdose of PR appearances, from doing a hook step of their movie's title track to being part of creators' videos, Saiyaara's lead cast was conspicuous through their absence from social media. The PR team clearly decided to learn from others' mistakes. Ahaan

Panday had a blink-and-miss appearance in his sister Alanna's wedding and was absent from her Prime Video show, The Tribe (2024). In contrast, his cousin Ananya Panday was everywhere before and during her debut in Student of the Year 2 (2019). Her social media already had a massive follower count, and she was seen rubbing shoulders with the who's who of Bollywood. More recently, massive social media hype was built before Ibrahim Ali Khan made his debut with Nadaaniyan (2025).

Delhi decongestion scheme enters 'Super Six' stage

Delhi : Delhi and the central government have collaborated on several infrastructure projects to improve connectivity and reduce traffic in the capital and its surrounding areas. The National Highways Authority of India will decongest 128km of Delhi roads with six big projects costing Rs 23,850 crore. A 17km link from NH344M to Tronica City and a 65km eastern Urban Extension Road II extension from the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway to Noida via Ghaziabad and Faridabad are planned. A 5km tunnel from Mahipalpur to Nelson Mandela Marg and a 20km elevated corridor from AIIMS to Faridabad Road aim to decongest south and central Delhi. A new interchange at Kalindi Kunj and a 20km Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway extension complete the Rs 27,000 crore project. These initiatives will divert long-distance traffic from downtown Delhi, relieve NH44 and



Dhankhar will leave the VP enclave for Lutyens' Delhi

Delhi : Former Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar started packing his belongings after returning from the Rashtrapati Bhavan after submitting his resignation and will soon leave the Vice President Enclave for a type VIII government bungalow. Dhankhar will soon receive the allotment letter for the new Lutyens' Delhi government home. All retired Presidents and

NH48, and improve regional connections with speedier highway access. The Kalindi

Vice Presidents can choose a class VIII bungalow in the national capital. The largest government lodging in Lutyens' Delhi is these bungalows. M Venkaiah Naidu, Dhankhar's predecessor, lives in a home on Thyagraj Marg near Parliament. The former VP will move to a new government residence, while some of his family lives in Delhi.

Kunj junction will improve Delhi-Noida-Faridabad traffic. Senior officials.

DGCA directs airlines to send link to flyer rights with ticket

NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed Indian carriers to send a link to passenger rights along with air tickets. With the massive rise in number of air travellers, with many being first time flyers, DGCA chief Faiz Ahmed Kidwai wanted passengers to be made aware of what they are entitled to in case of deficiency in service; delayed flights (due to factors that are not beyond airlines' control), cancellations, denied boarding and baggage issues. IndiGo is learnt to have told the regulator it will start doing so by."The DGCA has directed all airlines



to disseminate and emphasise the provisions of passenger-centric regulations and passenger rights. All airlines have to send the online link of passenger charter available on the aviation ministry website in message to passenger (SMS / WhatsApp) once a ticket is booked and on airline

tickets and on airlines website. Like their duties as a traveller, passengers should also know their rights," said an official. Airlines are in the process of updating their systems to have proper communication to passengers on their rights in case of flight delays, and the grievance.

Delhi eliminate the necessity for MCD health trade licenses to run restaurants

Delhi: The Delhi government may soon eliminate the need for a health trade license from the civic body to build restaurants and cafés in the city to enhance the hospitality sector.

At the Lt Governor V K Saxena

announced the city's restaurant licensing requirement is being eliminated. The Delhi government and MCD did not immediately respond to the development. Recently, the Delhi government eliminated the need for hotels, clubs, restaurants, and

guest homes to get a police 'Eating House Registration' and Lodging Certificate' to serve liquor. The L-G removed the Delhi Police Commissioner's ease-of-doing-business permit for the eating house registration certificate last month.



Two months, 16k hoardings, 1L posters removed

Delhi : Delhi Municipal Corporation claimed to have removed over 16,000 hoardings and 100,000 posters in two months. When the Delhi election code of conduct takes effect, such drives are common. Following chief minister Rekha Gupta's unambiguous order to clean the city and take stern action against defacement, MCD has removed these illegal signs in significant numbers. MCD has directed deputy commissioners in 12 zones to visit their regions everyday and remove hoardings and posters from walls and public spaces without using the civic body's authorized advertising spots. An MCD report shows 1,00,370 posters, 39,075 banners, and 16,642 hoardings destroyed in May and June. Shahdara North removed the most hoardings at 6,643, followed by West at 4,733 and Rohini at 1,580. West had 41,258 posters removed, Karol Bagh 14,922, and South 13,794. The report indicated that 23,333 banners were removed from Rohini zone and 4,852 from Shahdara North. MCD reported to the chief minister that the zonal deputy commissioner regularly inspected roads and public places. "Zonal sanitation and licensing must remove defacement and give challans to defaulters. The study noted that the maintenance wing regularly paints vandalized walls.



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Center approves Rs 800 crore for Delhi Jal Board under AMRUT

Delhi : The Delhi Jal Board received Rs 800 crore from the Central government under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) initiative to connect slums and unauthorised colonies with sewers. Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' AMRUT scheme apex committee approved Yamuna cleaning project money at a meeting.

The idea calls for 13,000 new sewage connections in slums under the AMRUT scheme to rehabilitate the Yamuna river holistically. "The Union Territory (Delhi) was also advised to work



holistically for Yamuna rejuvenation and sewerage management and to have a clear sludge processing strategy to work out its reuse," a report said. The DJB cannot process all municipal sewage to enhance its capacity by linking all residences to sewerage

treatment facilities. The first BJP budget gave the water and sewerage sector Rs 9,000 crore, one of the largest amounts. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has budgeted Rs 500 crore for STP rehabilitation, covering two projects.

A New Blood Donor App Is Coming Soon to Delhi

Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that the city will soon release an app listing blood donors who are willing to donate their blood voluntarily. A blood donation camp in the Anand Vihar area was the site of the announcement, given by Ms. Gupta. "Details of those who intend to donate blood will soon be available on a blood donor app. "Details about their blood type, when they last donated, and whether they are eligible to donate again .

Delhi's hotels and restaurants no longer need police NOCs

Delhi : Hotels, restaurants, discotheques, amusement parks, and auditoriums in the Capital will no longer need permission or NOCs from the Delhi Police. Recent order by L-G V K Saxena removed Delhi Police sanction power in such instances. The Delhi Police's Licensing Branch would now exclusively issue guns and explosives licenses, the directive added. L-G Saxena issued an order rescinding the sanction granted to the Commissioner of



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Commissioner of Police to issue notification "repealing the said regulations with immediate effect". The order added, "The repeal notification shall be given wide publicity by Delhi Police and the Home Department." The decision stated that the Centre in pursuit of "minimum government and maximum governance" had reduced various licensing regimes in states and Union Territories (UTs) and urged simplified licensing procedures.

Pink Tickets Out, Aadhaar-Linked Delhi Women's Free Bus Rides

Delhi : Delhi's Chief Minister Rekha Gupta declared that the current pink tickets for free bus trips on Delhi Transport Corporation and cluster buses will be replaced with an Aadhaar-linked Pink Pass for women and transgender residents alone. Ms. Gupta said a Pink Pass for free Delhi bus travel for women will replace the pink ticket soon. "This benefit will be limited to Delhi residents only." Eligible applicants must submit Aadhaar, PAN, evidence of address, a passport-size photo, and KYC documentation for the pass. Transport Minister Pankaj Singh confirmed launch preparations. The Pink Pass's digital and administrative structure is being finalized. "Aadhaar would be the primary ID for eligibility verification, he said. Lakhs of women use the 2019



pink ticket initiative for free transport daily. Officials believe the open-access system was misused by non-residents and led to corruption allegations in recent months. Inflated ticket counts, ridership data anomalies, and revenue leakages raise doubts about transparency and scheme reach. No date has been established for the transition, but authorities say the Pink Pass system will be implemented in phases over the following months.

One attachment

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

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

Take a stand against stray dogs by feeding them inside: SC backs a petition

Delhi : Bench members expressed alarm over the increasing incidence of stray dog attacks on people, bicycles, and early risers during a Supreme Court hearing into a petition seeking designated areas for community dogs to eat. The focus then shifted to public safety.

Reema Shah of Noida's Gautam Budh Nagar submitted the plea, which asked for guidance on how to find open, designated spaces in the city where community canines may be fed without causing conflicts.



Although the court recognized the petitioner's good intentions, it stressed the dangers of wandering dogs in public areas and emphasized that the "cruelty faced by the common man" must also be considered. Justices

Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta inquired, "Do you go cycling in the morning?"

With an air of formality. The court advised that one should "try it one day and see what happens" when riding a

It is possible to return to the drawing board with Master Plan 2041

Delhi: Would it be necessary to start over with the Delhi 2041 Master Plan draft? Master Plan 2041 is back in the spotlight after being put on the back burner for over two years after the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) submitted the draft to the Centre for notification and implementation. The



government of Delhi met

behind closed doors to pore over the document's sections, which lay out the groundwork for the city's future infrastructure and urban planning. DDA briefed chief minister Rekha Gupta, cabinet members, and high-ranking officials in the Delhi government on the draft in great detail. The Delhi secre-

tariat is expected to have more discussions over the paper, but according to sources, the officers were requested to provide comments on various parts of the plan. "Depending on the nature of inputs received from various departments, we may consider sending our recommendations to the Centre.,

Prasar Bharati distributes free high-quality news content

Delhi : Prasar Bharati has invited newspapers, periodicals, and television channels nationwide to register on its newswire platform, PB-SHABD, to improve access to high-quality news and multimedia content. This extensive content-sharing effort, launched in March 2024, provides over 800 daily news pieces in several Indian languages to support media businesses. More than 40 categories of stories cover current events, economy, society, and science. The portal also broadcasts major national and international events, has a large visual archive, and publishes explanatory and research-based pieces. PB-SHABD's free, media-friendly content is easily accessible and used for traditional and digital content makers. All legitimate media organizations must be on the platform, officials said at a recent high-level conference convened by Information &



Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju. The goal is to spread accurate, authentic, and understandable information through trusted means. PB-SHABD, India's first government-backed digital newswire, launched in March 2024 and offers over 800 multimedia news pieces daily in multiple Indian languages. This platform covers over 40 topics, including politics, health, economy, foreign affairs, ecology, and more. Built to enable a robust and inclusive media ecosystem, PB-SHABD offers: Registered media partners get free, copy-right-cleared content. Experienced journal-

The PM SHRI Institute

Delhi: The Government of India is a major backer of SHRI School. Every student should feel welcomed and cared for in more than 14,500 PM SHRI Schools managed by the Central Government, State Government, UT Government, and local bodies like KVS and NVS. These schools should also provide a safe and stimulating learning environment, a variety of learning opportunities, and adequate physical infrastructure and resources that help students learn.

Digital wallet payments must cross boundaries

Delhi : PayPal CEO Alex Chriss told us in an exclusive interview that digital wallets and rapid payment systems must integrate into a global, interoperable network to scale. Chriss lauded local payment rails like UPI, Venmo, and WeChat Pay. The next wave of digital commerce growth depends on making these technologies function together, he said. He believes travelers should be able to pay retailers or send money using their preferred apps, regardless of location. On PayPal World: PayPal has created PayPal World, a global



network connecting TenPay Global (China), UPI International (India), Mercado Pago (Mexico), PayPal, and Venmo. UPI apps will let Indians shop at European stores. Tourists in India might scan UPI QR codes with

their home wallets. Chriss also supported cryptocurrency as the next payment revolution. PayPal wants merchants to accept bitcoin by providing rails for such transactions as part of its worldwide ambition.

Sweden's Electrolux sells Kelvinator to Reliance

Delhi : Reliance Industries (RELI.NS), opens new tab and announces that its retail unit bought Kelvinator's Indian brand from Sweden's Electrolux (ELUXb.ST), opens new tab, expanding its foothold in the fast-growing consumer durables industry. Reliance Retail is

developing its private-label portfolio and home electronics and appliances business due to increased incomes, urbanization, and competition. It runs Reliance Digital stores that offer smartphones, laptops, washing machines, and refrigerators. Since 2019, Kelvinator-branded refrigerators, air condi-

tioners, and washing machines have been sold through smaller appliance retailers in general trade under a license agreement with Electrolux.

In India's 1970s and 80s, Kelvinator's "the coolest one," refrigerators became a symbol of middle-class aspiration.

For UPI's long-term success, a sustainable financial strategy is essential

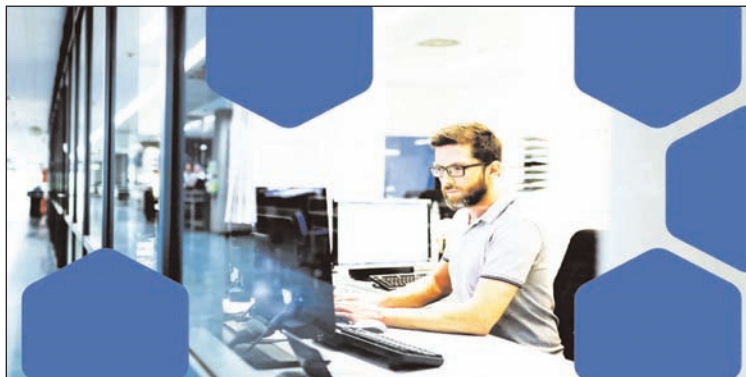


Delhi : In order to sustain the fast expansion of UPI and guarantee the digital payments infrastructure's long-term viability, RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra has raised the need for a sustainable financial model. "The daily volume of UPI transactions was around 31 crore approximately two years ago. "In just two years, it has doubled to over 60 crore a day," Malhotra said, adding that it is vital to fund operational expenses due to the rising volumes.

Someone will have to pay the price; expenses are inevitable. "It is an important infrastructure," he stated at a Financial Express-hosted event. At the moment, the expenses are being covered by the government. The future handling of those charges is crucial. We will do whatever is necessary to guarantee that our nation has a reliable, strong, secure, and easily accessible payment system. He claimed that the move to subsidize UPI transactions by the government had contributed to the increase in adoption. The government is subsidizing it because they believe it should be offered for free.

Microsoft investigating 'internal leak' after hackers exploit SharePoint hole

Delhi : A leak in Microsoft Active Protections Program (MAPPP), an early alert system for cybersecurity organizations, may have allowed Chinese state-backed hackers to attack SharePoint vulnerabilities before updates were publicly accessible. Following a security fix provided by the IT giant earlier this month that failed to adequately address a crucial server software flaw, cyber espionage attempts increased. As part of our usual procedure, we'll analyze this incident, determine ways to improve, and apply them broadly. "a Microsoft representative told Bloomberg. Microsoft told Reuters that it evaluates "the efficacy and security of all of our partner



programs and makes the necessary improvements as needed." Microsoft said last week that "Linen Typhoon" and "Violet Typhoon," two Chinese hacking groups, and a third were exploiting these vulnerabilities. At the Pwn2Own cybersecurity conference in Berlin in May,

Viettel researcher Dinh Ho Anh Khoa revealed the vulnerability. Microsoft released an initial patch in July after Khoa received \$100,000 for his findings. Dustin Childs, head of threat awareness for Trend Micro's Zero Day Initiative, which organizes Pwn2Own

YES Bank Stole Rs 2,850 Crore From Reliance MF

Delhi : Reliance Mutual Fund of Anil Ambani invested Rs 2,850 crore in YES Bank AT-1 bonds for alleged quid pro quo, Enforcement Directorate sources said. Additional Tier-1 or AT-1 bonds have no maturity date and investors never get their principal, but they do receive a higher interest rate forever. If necessary, the bank might convert them to equity or write them off. Reliance Mutual Fund's bonds were written off and the money was siphoned off, ED sources stated.

Delhi : American solar panel makers have resorted to submitting trade complaints against Laos, India, and Indonesia, claiming that businesses in those nations, which are dominated by Chinese ownership, are engaging in unfair trade practices.

The Alliance for American Solar Manufacturing and Trade has just filed additional claims against dumping and countervailing duties. This group comprises First Solar, Mission Solar Energy, and Qcells. Chinese goods



manufactured in these three Asian countries are allegedly flooding the market at unjustly low prices, according to the trade association. U.S. solar companies are already feeling the effects of tariffs and Trump administration efforts to slow the

expansion of renewable energy sources, and the most recent trade case just adds to their woes.

This follows the United States' imposition of additional tariffs on machinery and tools produced in Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Malaysia.

Tesla sets foot in India with Rs 61 lakh Model Y

Delhi: Tesla is finally here. The electric car giant run by Elon Musk opened its first India showroom in Mumbai's BKC. Musk had set his eyes on India since at least 2015, but high tariffs, limited flexibility, and charging infrastructure challenges, kept Tesla away from the country, which the company had described as a hard market. While bookings opened, deliveries of Model Y SUVs, prices for which start at Rs 61-lakh on-road (500km range), will begin in Oct. A 'long-range' (622km) Model Y variant will be available from Jan 2026 with an on-road price tag of just over Rs 69 lakh. For context, BMW iX1 LWB electric SUV is priced at about Rs 51 lakh on-road, and Mercedes-Benz EQA electric SUV costs just over Rs 70 lakh. Users will have a simple 'plug and



59 countries waive the visa requirement for Indian citizens

Delhi : According to the Henley Passport Index-2025, the Indian passport has become more valuable, rising eight spots to the 77th spot. The number of countries that allow Indian passport holders to enter visa-free or with a visa upon arrival has increased to 59. In this measure, which rates 199 nations according to the amount of destinations their people can visit without a visa beforehand, this year's surge follows a five-place decline in 2024 compared to the previous year. India jumped from 85th place in 2024 to 77th place this year due to two new tourist destinations—Sri Lanka and the Philippines. India ranked 80th in 2023. Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Maldives

charge experience' adding up to 267km with superchargers range in 15 minutes.

Trump warns trade partners will face 15%–50% tariffs

Delhi : President Trump said retaliatory tariffs on US trading partners will range from 15% to 50%, with tough countries receiving a higher amount. "We'll have a straight, simple tariff of anywhere between 15% and 50%," the president stated at an AI meeting in Washington, D.C. "We have 50 because we haven't been getting along with those countries too well." Trump had said tariffs would stay around 10% or 15%. Multiple sources indicated that the US and EU are close to a trade and tariff deal, even as the EU prepares a possible retaliatory package on over \$100 billion in US goods. US taxes on EU imports to 15% from 30%, as President Trump warned on Aug. 1. Bloomberg stated the 15% tariff will apply



Samsung may make India a US hub amid rising tariffs

Delhi: Samsung may move some smartphone production from Vietnam if US tariffs drop in India. The world's largest smartphone maker would follow Apple in making India a top US smartphone manufacturing base. Samsung manufactures in various countries. Due to heightened US uncertainty, we are ready for several possibilities.

to "most products." Trump's plan with Japan, which includes a 15% tariff on imported goods and \$550 billion in US investment, is com-

parable. Trump also announced the US had reached a trade deal with the Philippines that would impose a 19% tariff on Philippine goods.

Adani gets Rs 11,000cr for 30% JV share

Delhi : Adani Enterprises will sell its remaining 30.4% ownership in AWL Agri commercial to Wilmar International of Singapore and institutional investors for Rs 11,080 crore, exiting one of its first commercial endeavors from the turn of the millennium. In January, it sold 14% of AWL Agri Business (formerly Adani Wilmar) for Rs 4,856 crore through the offer for sale (OFS), signaling its exit from non-core infrastructure operations. The Ahmedabad-based Adani Group sold Adani Capital, Adani Housing, and the Myanmar port project. AWL stated on that Wilmar will buy Adani Enterprises' 20% interest in Fortune edible oil and Kohinoor basmati rice manufacturer for Rs 7,148 crore, increasing its ownership to 64% from 45%.

In another transaction, institutional investors would buy Adani Enterprises' remaining 10.42% interest for Rs 3,934 crore. Wilmar and institutional investors pay Rs 275 per share for share transfer, compared to Rs 276.5 for Jan OFS. AWL shares on BSE rose over 8% to Rs 284 intraday on , ending at Rs 278, up 6.1%.

AWL will no longer be an Adani Enterprises associate after these transactions, pending Wilmar anti-trust approvals. Adani Enterprises, the group's flagship company, plans to invest AWL divestiture revenues in airports, green hydrogen, roads, and copper activities, where it sees growth potential. The corporation has indicated airports will be a "full-blown consumer story" rather than FMCG.

Central varsities have 26% vacancies

Delhi : According to education ministry data provided with Rajya Sabha, roughly 26% of 18,951 sanctioned posts at central universities (CUs) are unfilled, with a disproportionate scarcity in reserved categories. Reserved categories—SCs, STs, and OBCs—make up 36.7% of the 4,889 open positions in 46 UGC-funded central universities. In contrast, 14.6% of general category roles are empty. Union minister of state (MoS) in education Sukanta Majumdar told Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha that 54% of 2,537 professor posts, 36.6% of 5,105 associate professor posts, and 14.5% of 11,309 assistant professor posts are unfilled. Official data shows that almost one-third of the 7,153 reserved professor jobs in CUs are vacant, despite the constitutional obligation of 15% reservation for SCs, 7.5% for STs, and 27% for OBCs to ensure adequate representation.



Delhi Increases Olympic Winners' Cash Rewards, Approves Student Laptop Program

Delhi : Minister Ashish Sood announced that Delhi has increased cash awards for Olympic and Paralympic medalists. Mr. Sood also approved the Mukhyamantri Digital Scheme to give meritorious students free laptops. At the Delhi Secretariat, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta chaired a Cabinet meeting that made the decisions. "CM Rekha Gupta led a Cabinet meeting today. Many key decisions were made for Delhi's development, students, and youth," Mr. Sood said at a press conference. The Mukhyamantri Khel Protsahan Yojana made historic choices. Previous Olympic and Paralympic medalists received Rs 3 crore, Rs 2 crore, and Rs 1 crore. He added Olympic gold medalists will receive Rs 7 crore, silver medalists Rs 5 crore, and bronze medalists Rs 3 crore to boost the sports ecosystem. Mr. Sood declared that the Delhi government will hire gold, silver, and bronze medalists in Group A and Group B, respectively.

With 40.4% of 3,688 .

Indian tourist permits for Chinese tourists resume after 5 years

Delhi : India resumed Chinese visitor visas, easing bilateral relations that had been strained for six decades by a military standoff on the Line of Actual Control. The Indian embassy in Beijing announced the decision on social media roughly two months after India and China agreed in April to resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra after five years, the first big milestone in people-to-people contacts.

The Indian embassy in Beijing announced on WeChat that Chinese nationals could apply for tourist visas to India online. The post said applicants



may schedule document submissions in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. On condition of anonymity, sources confirmed the return of Chinese tourist visas and stated applications will begin. After border skirmishes between Chinese and Indian troops in April-May 2020 sparked the

LAC face-off in Ladakh, India placed broad visa restrictions on Chinese nationals. China did not prohibit Indian visas, but the lack of direct flights hampered visitation. Between January and June 2025, China provided 85,000 visas to Indian students, visitors, and businesspeople

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

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

Paints disposal also boosted the bottom line. According to an investor presentation, Reliance's new energy business's production plants—which will drive its growth over the next decade—are being commissioned quickly. The new energy business would create solar mod-

ules, generate clean electricity from them, use electrons to run data centres, and make hydrogen, ammonia, and aviation fuel. Reliance did not provide timescales. Reliance Industries' oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business's operating profit fell in the first quarter.

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

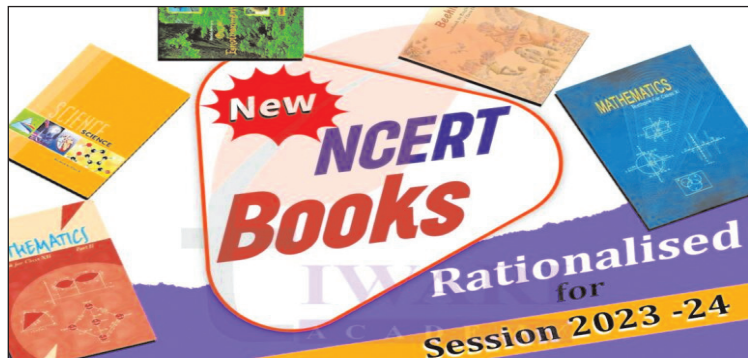


Delhi : The Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) said it was discussing the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games host city voting process with the IOC, Reuters reported. After Indonesia, Turkey, India, and Chile, the country is the last to bid for the 2036 Games. It hosted the 2022 World Cup and 2024 Asian Cup.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

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

Skills like carpentry and animal care are included in the NCERT text

Delhi : The new Class 8 vocational education activity book by the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) introduces students to six projects that aim to blend practical skills with cultural and environmental awareness. These projects range from learning basic carpentry skills to building hydroponics, designing home automation circuits, caring for animals, and creating ethical advertisements for local businesses. From the ecological ethics of woodworking in the Atharva Veda to traditional veterinary treatments and the ancient floating farms of Dal Lake and Loktak Lake, this book traces the origins of vocational education in India



to India's traditional wisdom. The 202-page book titled "Kaushal Bodh" was created to align with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023. It suggests that schools host an end-of-year exhibition called "Kaushal Mela" where stu-

dents showcase their own creations, talk about what they learned, and interact with their teachers, classmates, and community members to celebrate their talents and creativity. There are three main types of work outlined in the 2023 National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE).

Irish education minister invites Indians for education

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

Delhi: The National Medical Commission (NMC) has once again warned medical schools that they will take legal action if their students do not receive stipends while they are in residency and internship. It is uncertain if the commission will take action this time due to a change in chairman, as no measures were implemented following comparable threats in 2023 and 2024. The National Medical Colleges Council (NMC) warned three months ago to fine medical schools Rs 50,000 for



not providing stipends, even though these schools save crores of rupees annually. All medical schools are required by NMC laws to pay their interns and residents the same amount as the state government medical schools. Medical schools, universities, and state directorates

of medical education were tasked with resolving student complaints three days prior to the most recent public notice, which was dated July 11, by NMC. Still, it's threatening to take measures including financial fines, course recognition removal, and admission suspension.

UGC stops research projects due to lack of funds from central govt

Delhi: The University Grants Commission has stopped several research projects while some are lying dormant allegedly because of lack of funds from the Centre. The Major Research Project (MRP) of higher education regulator UGC is a case in point. (See chart) According to the annual reports of the UGC, funding for the scheme has been declining over the past five years as it has been declared "closed". The number of existing beneficiaries has been decreasing as researchers finish their projects. A retired academic blamed poor research proposals for the decline in funding. The UGC secretary is yet to respond to a query from this newspaper on the closure of the projects.

The UGC website suggests that around half a dozen other research promo-



An uptick in enrollment in foundational engineering courses

Delhi : A change in parental and student choices is beginning to show itself in the continuing admissions process at engineering universities. Mechanical, civil, chemical, and aerospace engineering, among others, continue to enjoy strong interest and see brisk enrollment, on par with computer science programs. This willingness to explore fields outside of com-

puter science is being propelled by a number of causes. According to academics and students who spoke with businessline, some of the main factors are the following: the increasing number of job prospects in core engineering streams, students' preference for taking minors that focus on emerging technologies, and the trend toward students acquiring stronger domain expertise.

tion schemes have been shelved. The website shows as "closed" since 2017-.

Over 70% of Delhi University students decide to stay for the 4th year under the new FYUP

Delhi : Delhi University (DU) administrators announced that over 70% of third-year students had elected to remain on for an additional year under the new curriculum a week before the first fourth-year undergraduate class begins. Data is tentative as of July 24. Dean of academic affairs Ratnabali K said, "While the final data will reveal more accurate trends, initial observations show that peripheral colleges have higher fourth-year retention rates, whereas top-ranking colleges have slightly lower retention. One factor may be because students in these universities choose traditional postgraduate programs. Students can drop out of the fourth year through the university's portal until August 1. Vice chancellor Yogesh



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

Delhi : In the last five years, the average cost of newly constructed residential properties in India's top ten cities has increased by an astounding 88%, per a report released on by real estate data analytics company PropEquity. The greatest increase in prices was seen in Gurugram.

Singh said, "While the portal for opting out of fourth year is still open, as of now, 20,221 students have decided to exit out of the 72,000 seats." The new Four-

Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) created under the National Education Policy (NEP) allows students to quit after three years.

Government schools with smart classrooms and AI tools

Delhi : Delhi education minister Ashish Sood attended an orientation for Nursery, KG, Class I children and their parents at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Chirag Dilli. Principals, teachers, and the director of education attended the start of the new academic year. Sood praised parents for choosing Delhi government schools. "Every child in Delhi deserves a modern, inclusive and inspiring learning environment," he remarked. "Many of you are taking your kids to school for the first time and wonder, 'Is my child safe? Will they be looked after?' We started orientation programs for that reason." He continued, "Delhi government is devoted to improving education."

We emphasize academic success and comprehensive development for all children." "Nearly 40 years ago, these institutions produced doctors, engineers, IAS officers, scientists, and actors. According to him, government schools are increasingly seen as inferior to private ones. "I want to assure you that your child studying in a government school can achieve just as much, if not more." Smart classrooms, AI tools, and computer laboratories will be installed in our schools during the next five years. Sood said these upgrades will prepare kids for a quickly changing environment. He also highlighted government student initiatives. "We provide scholarships for SC and ST students to ensure no child is left behind due to lack of resources. Our teachers volunteer to teach pupils who need academic help during summer holidays."

Paramount Communications Ltd. Reports Robust Earnings for FY24



Chandigarh: Paramount Communications Limited, established in 1955, a leading player in India's wire and cable industry, has announced its earnings for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2024. The company recorded a Robust order book of Rs. 4,951.6 Mn, coupled with Strong performance across product range, especially led by strong growth in Power and Railway cables. Exports continue to remain healthy as we achieve similar volumes as compared to FY23. Increasing production

driving economies of scale and profitability. Healthy Balance sheet with debt equity ratio of 0.16 and Current Ratio of 3.40. The Company is poised to become debt free during FY25 after full repayment of ARC debt of Rs. 862.5 Mn. Revenue from domestic operations in FY24 amounted to Rs.7,944.8 Mn, showing a 100.5% Y-o-Y increase from Rs.3,961.8 Mn in FY23. In terms of sales mix, domestic sales stood at 74.2% and exports stood at 25.8%. Commenting on the results Mr. Sanjay

Agarwal, Chairman & CEO said, "FY24 has been a remarkable year for Paramount Communications Limited. We have achieved strongest ever performance in terms of Revenue and Profitability. This year, we reached a significant milestone by surpassing Rs.1,000 crore in revenue showing a growth of 34.4% y-o-y. This achievement is underpinned by strong demand for our product portfolio and not only highlights the strength of our client relationships.

Union education minister to head TISS Society, Tata Trusts to have 1 member

MUMBAI: The Union education minister will soon be the chairman of the new Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Society. The executive council of the premier institute, which will replace the governing board, will be chaired by the vice chancellor and will have four nominees of the education minister and academic representatives from TISS. Tata Trusts, which had two senior members on the governing board, will now have only one member in the society. TISS Society will facilitate the

functioning of TISS, while the executive council will have the power of management and administration. The norms are in line with those of regulatory bodies in central universities. Last year, Centre had decided to bring all institutions that receive over 50% govt funds under its jurisdiction. TISS, a centrally funded deemed-to-be university, has, therefore, been brought under govt's ambit. The drafting of a new memorandum of agreement (MoA) had been pending for some

time. The executive council, as per the proposed MoA, will replace the governing board of the institute. The agreement said the institute will be fully funded by govt. Earlier, the institute was managed by Tata Trusts and the governing board had a nominee of the trust as its chairperson. But, for some time, Tata Trusts has been funding only a few projects, under which there are ad hoc teaching and non-teaching positions in the institute. As per TISS's annual report.

Congress alleges bank accounts frozen, government says Rs 115 crore attached by I-T

NEW DELHI: Congress on Friday alleged that the income tax department had frozen all its bank accounts, crippling its activities ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, a charge that was rejected by official sources as "misleading and misrep-

resentation of facts". Official sources said the IT department had attached Rs 115 crore in various accounts of Congress in pursuance of a tax demand pending since 2018-19 and following a process which applies to all taxpayers. The tribunal will hear the

matter on Feb 21 before a final decision is taken. At a hurriedly convened press conference in the morning, Congress treasurer Ajay Maken said the I-T dept had frozen the party's main bank accounts on the "flimsy" ground of delay in filing returns years ago.

Panel approves acquisitions worth Rs 84,560 crore to boost capabilities of armed forces

NEW DELHI: The Defence Acquisition Council, chaired by Rajnath Singh, approved capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 84,560 crore to enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces and the Indian Coast Guard. Amendments to the Defence Acquisition Procedure, were also approved. Additionally, a proposal to buy nine maritime surveillance aircraft and six maritime patrol aircraft worth Rs 29,000 crore was approved. Defence panel approves acquisitions worth Rs 84,560 crore to boost capabilities of armed forces, coast guard.

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core "to boost the capabilities of the Armed Forces and the Indian Coast Guard". Acquisition proposals include new generation anti-tank mines, air defence tactical control radar, heavy-weight torpedoes, medium-range maritime reconnaissance & multi-mission maritime aircraft, and flight refueller aircraft. The approvals lay special emphasis on procurement of various equipment from Indian vendors. Significantly, amendments to the

Defence Acquisition Procedure, 2020, were also approved to promote procurement of advanced technologies from start-ups and MSMEs. "This will provide the much-needed incentive along with a supportive business environment for the start-ups and MSMEs under IDEX and TDF schemes, truly in the spirit of 'Ease of Doing Business'," the defence ministry said in a statement. 15 maritime patrol aircraft Earlier in the day, the defence ministry had approved a proposal to buy nine maritime surveillance aircraft for the Navy and six maritime patrol aircraft for the Indian Coast Guard. The project is worth around Rs 29,000 crore. On 14, the defence ministry had signed a Rs 1,752.13-crore contract with a Kanpur-based firm for manufacturing and supply.

DGCA on issued a show cause notice to Air India in connection with the incident

NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on issued a show cause notice to Air India in connection with the incident where an 80-year-old man passed away after he walked to the terminal due to lack of wheelchair assistance at airport. The DGCA in its notice stated that the airline did not comply with the provisions of the said CAR in violation of Aircraft Rules, 1937. Air India has been



asked to respond to the notice within seven days. "DGCA has issued Car section 3, series 'M', part I on "carriage by Air - Persons with Disability (ngjan) and/or Persons with

Reduced Mobility". As per the Para 4.1.7 of the CAR, airlines are mandatorily required to provide assistance to persons with disability or reduced mobility's particular needs and ensure their seamless

travel from the departure terminal of the departing airport upto the aircraft and at the end of the journey from the aircraft to the arrival terminal exit," the notice said. "Further, an advisory has also been issued to all airlines to ensure that an adequate number of wheelchairs are available for passengers who require assistance during embarking or disembarking from the aircraft during their journey," it added.

App-purchased RRTS tickets are 10% off

Delhi: The NCRTC's "loyalty points program" offers Namoh Bharat train riders a 10% discount on RRTS Connect mobile app tickets, an official statement said. NCRTC Managing Director Shalabh Goel launched the program at the

Sahibabad Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) station and showcased the first edition of Namoh Bharat Times, a bi-monthly passenger newsletter. The loyalty points program gives travelers one point per rupee spent on Namoh Bharat train tickets. The passenger's account will receive Rs 0.10 (10 paise) each loyalty point. Statement:

These points can be used for tickets. The announcement stated that this approach will benefit passengers financially and encourage the adoption of digital QR tickets through the 'RRTS Connect' app, facilitating paperless ticketing. Lenovo "New app downloaders receive Rs 50, or 500 loyalty points. RRTS Connect app

referrals earn 500 loyalty points. "The announcement claimed the referral and referee will earn Rs 50, or 500 loyalty points, in their accounts. All loyalty points are valid for one year from credit, encouraging frequent, sustained travel and app engagement. It said that the Google Play and Apple App Stores offer the 'RRTS Connect' app. The announcement stated Namoh Bharat Times will be free to download on NCRTC's digital channels, including nrtc.in, rrtts.co.in, and the 'RRTS Connect' app. The newsletter will update Namoh Bharat commuters on new projects and improvements, strengthening their relationship to the service.

All states should destroy clandestine narcotics labs with ruthless approach: Amit Shah

Ambala: Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah while chairing a regional conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' emphasizing to tackle this challenge, all states should destroy clandestine laboratories with rigour and take legal action against them with a ruthless approach. The problem of illegal clandestine labs is rapidly increasing across the country. These labs are involved in the production of narcotic substances, counterfeit drugs, and dangerous chemicals. They are often operated by organized crime networks, which not only harm society but also pose a threat to the country's internal security and economy. In various states, these labs produce narcotic substances like cocaine and synthetic drugs, which promote addiction among the youth, leading to increased tension in families and a rise in crime within society. Meanwhile, counterfeit drugs not only pose a threat to the lives of patients but also raise questions about



the quality of healthcare services. Moreover, many of these illegal labs are linked to terrorist organizations, which use them to raise financial resources and create instability in society. Since 2019, the Modi Govt has changed its approach towards tackling the drug menace. The government is moving forward with a ruthless approach against the drug supply chain, a

strategic approach for demand reduction, and a human approach for the victims. There is a need to increase the use of PIT-NDPS (Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act). In this regard, all states need to take proactive steps to enhance the capacity of forensic labs instead of relying solely on the Centre for support.

CBI ensures murder convict sent back to India

NEW DELHI: Central Bureau of Investigation coordinated the return of an absconding life convict charged with murder from United Arab Emirates, following a detailed operation which involved geo-locating and tracking the suspect through Interpol. The subject was identified as Narender Singh. The central agency had got a Red Notice issued against him from Interpol's General Secretariat on Nov 7 last year on the request of Haryana Police. The notice, as per the protocol, was circulated to all member countries for location and arrest of the subject. After the subject was located, the global operations centre of CBI coordinated with Interpol-Abu Dhabi, Haryana Police, Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the ministry of external affairs to initiate the process.

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