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

SC orders Rs 25 lakh compensation to convict kept in jail for extra 4.5 yrs

NEW DELHI: In a shocking case, a man whose life sentence was commuted to seven years' imprisonment by Madhya Pradesh high court ended up spending 11 years, 6 months and 24 days in jail as he and the jail authority were not informed about the high court order. Coming to his relief, the Supreme

Order
A man whose life sentence was commuted to seven years' imprisonment

Court on Monday directed the state govt to pay him compensation of Rs 25 lakh for his suffering and the



violation of his fundamental rights. The man had been convicted and sentenced to life

imprisonment in a rape case in July 2005 but was released on bail by the high court when he

filed an appeal. In Dec 2013, HC cancelled his bail and he was sent to jail. His appeal against his conviction and the life sentence was finally decided in Oct 2017 by Madhya Pradesh high court, which reduced his sentence to seven years' rigorous imprisonment. But he over-stayed in jail beyond

his seven-year sentence, with the matter coming to light only when advocate Mahfooz Nazki stumbled upon the HC's 2017 verdict when he was going through the file on June 6, and he immediately forwarded a copy of the order to the Sagar Jail superintendent, leading to the release of the prisoner.

Must have a thick skin if you are in politics: SC



Advice
Court on Monday had a word of advice for netas and parties

NEW DELHI: Given the common practice of unfiltered accusations made in the political arena, Supreme Court on Monday had a word of advice for netas and parties: "If you are a politician, you must have a thick skin". A three-judge bench headed by the CJI - he comes from a political family; his father, R S Gavai, was an MP - made the remark while junking an appeal filed by Telangana BJP challenging the dismissal of its defamation suit against Congress CM Revanth Reddy over

his alleged comments against the saffron party while campaigning for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Appearing for BJP's Telangana unit, senior advocates Ranjit Kumar and Guru Krishna Kumar said HC had held the defamation case filed against the CM was maintainable but dismissed it saying the case was filed without prior authorisation from the party. The counsel said that even if the defamation case was not maintainable, the utterances of the Congress neta during electioneering constituted an offence under Section 125 of the Representation of People Act as it promoted enmity between classes of people in the electoral context.

MPs elect VP today

Lead
NDA nominee Radhakrishnan holding a commanding lead against Reddy



Electoral college for the VP election comprises 781 members

According to election rules, "The figures may be marked in the international form of Indian numerals, in Roman numerals, or in any Indian language's numeral form, but shall not be indicated in words." This ensures clarity and uniformity in the voting process. The electoral college for the VP election comprises 781 members - 542 from Lok Sabha and 239 from Rajya Sabha. The majority mark to elect VP is 391. NDA's 427 MPs significantly outnumber the opposition's 354, giving Radhakrishnan a clear advantage. The seven nominated MPs, who have not joined any party, could invariably go with the governing alliance Radhakrishnan, 67, a BJP veteran from Tamil Nadu, brings extensive political and administrative experience to the race.

ties, such as YSR Congress Party (11 MPs), further strengthens NDA's position, while Biju Janata Dal (7

MPs) and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (4 MPs) have confirmed they will abstain from voting.

Polling will take place in Parliament House from 10am to 5pm and counting of votes will begin at 6pm. The result is expected late evening. Unlike other votes where MPs have to follow the party 'whip', election for VP is by secret ballot, and members are not obliged to follow directives. In practice, however, few can stray, and that should ensure, barring the unlikely prospect of large scale cross-voting, a comfortable win for NDA's nominee. On the poll's eve, both the NDA and the Congress-headed opposition held separate meetings with their MPs to explain the election process and conducted mock polls to ensure preparedness. MPs will receive ballot papers listing the two candidates' names and must mark their preference by writing the numeral "1" opposite their chosen candidate.

Kharge chides farmer hit by flood, BJP says conduct 'arrogant'

NEW DELHI: BJP and its allies on Monday lashed out at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge over a viral video purportedly showing his interaction with a distressed farmer in Karnataka's Kalaburagi, calling his conduct "arrogant" and unbecoming of a senior neta. BJP also criticised Rahul Gandhi over his reported trip abroad, describing him as "a casual politician" and saying it would have been good had the Congress neta visited flood-hit Karnataka and Punjab where farmers are in distress. The clip from Kalaburagi, which has circulated widely on social media, captures conversation with a farmer whose crop was damaged by the recent floods in the region. Slamming Kharge for allegedly chiding a farmer for telling him that he had lost the crop on his four-acre farm in Kalaburagi in Congress-governed Karnataka due to heavy rains, BJP functionary Ravi Shankar Prasad asked, "What kind of arrogance is this?" Kharge told the farmer from his traditional political turf that he himself had suffered damages at his 40-acre farm.



HC: Treat arrest, even without exchange of fire

CHANDIGARH: In an order with wider ramifications on recruitment disputes in Punjab, Punjab and Haryana high court has held that apprehending armed militants can also be treated as an "encounter" for purposes of granting reservation benefits to



wards of police personnel. "It is, in fact, an achievement of

police officers if they succeed in apprehending militants instead of killing them in an encounter," the court held, observing that successful arrest of armed militants advances the spirit of govt policy. Justice Jagmohan Bansal passed the order on

Sept 4 while allowing a petition filed by Sonam Kamboj of Bathinda district, who was considered ineligible for recruitment to the Punjab police under a category reserved for wards of police personnel who have taken part in at least three encounters.

CAFA Nations Cup: India create history on debut!

NEW DELHI: India etched their name in Central Asian football history on Monday, by securing a bronze medal in their maiden appearance at the CAFA Nations Cup. The Blue Tigers defeated higher-ranked Oman 3-2 on penalties after the third-place playoff ended 1-1 at the Hisor Central Stadium in Hisor, Tajikistan. The evening saw plenty of drama as Udanta Singh Kumam's 80th-minute header cancelled out Jameel Al Yahmadi's



opener in the 55th minute, taking the contest into extra time. Oman were reduced to ten men when Ali Al Busaidi was sent off in the 96th minute, but despite India's late dominance, the match went to a penalty shootout. In the shootout, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Rahul Bheke, and Jithin MS held their nerves.

Bike riders top road crash fatality list, victims & perpetrators

Riders of two-wheelers had the highest share of road deaths

Report
45% or 77,539 - in 2023 while 48,818 people were killed

NEW DELHI Riders of two-wheelers had the highest share of road deaths - 45% or 77,539 - in 2023 while 48,818 people were killed in accidents caused by these vehicles in that year, according to the Union ministry of



road transport & highways recently published road crashes report. Cars and taxis followed as the second-highest contributors to road fatalities, while trucks ranked third. The Road Accidents in India 2023 report showed that

crashes caused by two-wheelers had a particularly severe impact on vulnerable road users. One-fourth of all pedestrians and cyclists killed in 2023 died in accidents involving two-wheelers, indicating a growing threat to non-motorised

road users. Significantly, the highest number of victims in two-wheeler-related crashes were the riders themselves. Of the total fatalities caused by these vehicles, 27,539 people who lost their lives were riding two-wheelers at the time of the crash. In crashes caused by two-wheeler drivers, data shared by states showed, Tamil Nadu reported the maximum number of pedestrian deaths (1,796) and two-wheeler occupant fatalities (5,906).

Changes in GST rates will benefit common man: FM

She said that the new GST reforms will provide more relief to the common man

Reforms
Nirmala Sitharaman was addressing the Group of Ministers (GoMs)



middle class and MSMEs. These include reduction in tax rates and reducing the compliance burden for businesses. She said that the new GST reforms will provide more relief to the common man, farmers, middle class, MSMEs.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was addressing the Group of Ministers (GoMs) of the States on Compensation Cess, Health and Life Insurance and Rationalization of Rates by the GST Council at Vigyan

Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday. Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, Chief Minister of Goa, Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and Finance Ministers of the states included in the three GoMs were also present in this meeting. Sitharaman informed the Group of Ministers of the States about the government's plans for comprehensive reforms in the GST system.

It will prove to be a 'non-visit', claims Congress

NEW DELHI: Congress on Sunday said the upcoming visit by PM Narendra Modi to ethnic conflict-ridden Manipur will prove to be a "non-visit" as he will be in the state for just three hours though people there have been waiting for him for over two years. It suggested the rushed visit cannot accomplish much of significance, and dubbed Modi as "insensitive" towards Manipur.

In most states, majority of girls marry after 18, says govt. report

NEW DELHI: The mean age at effective marriage for females at the national level was 22.9 years, the Sample Registration System (SRS) statistical report 2023 has revealed. That's a tad up from 22.7 in 2022. The report also highlighted that in a majority of states, most girls marry after the age of 18. However, in states like West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh, a consid-



erable proportion of females continue to marry before reaching 18 years of age. Also, there are variations in the mean age at effective marriage across states, ranging from 21.3 years in West Bengal to 26.3 years in J&K. A look at the data

for five years from 2019 to 2023 reflects that the mean age at effective marriage for females, was 22.5 in 2021, 22.7 in 2020, and 22.1 in 2019. Though the mean age at marriage in both urban and rural areas has shown a consistent rise over the years, the rural-urban disparity remains significant, with the mean age being 22.4 years in rural areas and 24.3 years in urban areas in 2023. The report highlighted.

Hindu marriage valid even if not registered: High court

Delhi: Holding that a Hindu marriage does not become invalid merely because it is not registered, the Allahabad high court has clarified that a family court cannot insist on the production of marriage registration certificate in a petition filed for divorce on mutual consent. "It is settled that the registration certificate of a marriage is only a piece of evidence to prove the marriage and absence of registration of marriage will not invalidate the marriage," the court added. With the above observation, the court set aside the order of a family court at Azamgarh, junking applications of petitioners for exemption from producing a registration certificate. Allowing the writ petition filed by one Sunil Dubey, Justice Manish Kumar Nigam in his order delivered on August 26 observed, "When a Hindu marriage is solemnized in accordance with the provisions of Hindu



NGT imposes Rs 25 lakh fine on two units in Noida

Delhi : In view of depleting groundwater, there is a threat of irreversible damage to the environment leading to scarcity of drinking water, the National Green Tribunal has said while slapping Rs 25 lakh on two units in Noida for unauthorised extraction of water. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel noted that there is no operative non-objection certificate (NOC)

Marriage Act, 1955, in order to facilitate proof of such marriage by

as far as Noida Golf Course and Advant Navis Business Park are concerned. Noida Golf Course and Advant Navis Business Park have to pay an interim compensation of Rs 25 lakh, which may be deposited with the Central Pollution Control Board within one month, the tribunal said. The green panel was pursuing a report filed by a committee of the CPCB and Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

Section 8(1) of the Act, 1955, the state governments are empowered.

Save the nation's soul by voting for me: Oppn VP pick to MPs

Delhi: opposition vice-presidential candidate B Sudershan Reddy urged MPs to vote for him above party lines to save the nation's soul, lamenting that government policies are marginalizing weaker groups and youth and hinting that Rajya Sabha proceedings are guided by partisan interests of the governing party. A former SC judge said his candidacy is not a "personal aspiration but a collective effort to protect and strengthen our democratic fabric". Reddy pleaded with the electoral college in a 12-minute video, "This election has no party



whip and a secret ballot. Love for the country, not political party affiliation, should lead your choice. Each of you must uphold our nation's conscience and soul." In the wake of the Jagdeep Dhankhar resignation controversy, Reddy repeatedly urged the VP to be impartial

and guide discussions beyond immediate political concerns and in the national interest. As an experienced public servant, he claimed "to serve as an impartial and dignified custodian of parliamentary traditions" due to his knowledge of democracy.

RLJP and JMM are expected to join the INDIA group in the state

Delhi : The Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) under Pashupati Kumar Paras and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha under Jharkhand Chief Minister Soren are expected to join the opposition alliance "soon" to contest the upcoming assembly elections in Bihar, poten-

tially extending the INDIA bloc. Held at the official residence of RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, the issue was discussed during a crucial meeting of INDIA bloc leaders. "Two more parties are expected to be part of the INDIA bloc soon and we all have to sacrifice

our share of seats to accommodate the new partners." He went on to say that the 243 constituencies were all being worked on by the coalition. The bloc's initial gathering following the successful two-week Voter Adhikar Yatra. was this meeting.

HC vacates Rampal's death sentence in 2014 assault case

Delhi : After a police siege at his Hisar ashram in 2014 killed five women and a toddler, self-styled godman Rampal had his life sentence suspended by the high court of Punjab and Haryana. Since November 2014, Rampal, the seer-styled godman who oversees the satiok Ashram in Haryana, has been incarcerated in relation to the assassination of five women and an 18-month-old infant. After a series of confrontations between police and his followers outside the ashram in Barwala, Hisar, lasting several days, he was finally taken into custody on November 19, 2014. A mother and a toddler eventually passed away at the hospital, while four women were found killed in the ashram after the stand-off ended. As a result of



the altercation, 110 police officers and 70 civilians were wounded. In relation to the violence in 2014, senior advocate Vinod Ghai, who represents Rampal, stated that he was the subject of five separate criminal prosecutions. In separate hearings held on August 28 and September 2,

the self-styled godman's sentence was suspended in two cases involving the deaths of five women and a child. The bench of justices Gurvinder Singh Gill and Deepinder Singh Nalwa noted that the man, who is 74 years old, has already served 10 years, 8 months, and 21 days of actual

59K applicants affected by technical difficulties will be able to retake the SSC exam

Delhi : S Gopalakrishnan, the chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), stated that over 59,000 applicants who experienced technical difficulties during the examination will be given a special re-exam in three sessions. In order to "resolve the matters, retest the solution and improve operational matter," he said, the SSC Combined Graduate Level (CGL) exam, which was originally planned for August 13, has been pushed back to mid-September.

imprisonment. Everyone was able to see the hearing orders. image.png

Delhi Police cracks down on UER-II motorcyclists

Delhi : Delhi Police have started cracking down on bikers and motorcyclists using the recently opened Urban Extension Road II (UER-II), penalising at least 24 errant riders given that these vehicles are not allowed to move on the multi-lane corridor connecting Delhi and Haryana, two officers said. Police said that most of the motorcyclists are using the road for joyrides and recording reels. "We deployed police personnel on the UER-II corridor's section



falling under the territorial jurisdiction of the Najafgarh police station to conduct surprise checks and prosecute motorcyclists moving on the stretch. During the drive, we stopped at least 24 two-wheelers and issued challans to

their riders. Some of them were members of bikers' groups, who usually go on a joyride on weekends on their sports bikes that cost lakhs of rupees. They were let off with no further action," an officer said.

Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana is Launched by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar

Delhi: Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana, a new initiative in Bihar spearheaded by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, was launched with the purpose of creating job possibilities for women. In addition to launching the scheme's homepage, the Chief Minister kicked off multiple publicity vans to spread the word about the Yojana. One woman from every household in the state will receive seed money to launch her own business under this program. The initial round of funding will consist of 10,000 rupees sent to each chosen woman via DBT so that she can launch her chosen career path. The project will be carried out by the Bihar



Livelihood Promotion Society, Jeevika, with the Rural Development Department serving as the coordinating agency. The following step is an evaluation six months after the start of employment. If necessary, the chosen women would receive additional help of up to 2 lakh rupees. Villages and towns will be equipped with local markets, often known as haat bazaars, where women can sell their wares.

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.

Supreme Court Dismisses PIL Challenging E20 Petrol Policy & Seeking Ethanol-Free Fuel Option

Delhi : The Supreme Court dismissed a PIL challenging the Union Government's Ethanol Blending Programme mandating the sale of petrol blended with 20% ethanol (E20). Senior Advocate Shadan Farasat, for the petitioner, referred to a 2021 NITI Ayog Report, which he said, expressed concerns about the impact on older vehicles which are not compliant with E20. He clarified that the petitioner was not against Ethanol-blending, but was only seeking an option of



Ethanol-free petrol for vehicles manufactured before 2023, which are not compatible with E20. Farasat said that only vehicles which are manufactured after April 2023 are compliant with E20 petrol. He referred to reports

regarding 6% drop in fuel efficiency due to the use of E20. He highlighted that the NITI Ayog also expressed concerns about the lack of availability of E10 or E0 petrol options in parallel.

Trying to return to UP, BSP organized a Lucknow rally on Kanshi Ram's death anniversary.

Delhi: Mayawati aims to launch the 2027 Uttar Pradesh assembly election with a display of strength on October 9, party founder Kanshi Ram's death anniversary. The BSP will rally at Lucknow's Kanshi Ram Memorial. The party has called on workers across the state to attend the protest and used the



"Lucknow Chalo" slogan to motivate them. After losing the 2012 assembly election, BSP leader Mayawati will address party workers at the event. She has been spending most of her time in her bungalow on Mall Avenue. "Behenji will give a message to the party cadre from the Kanshi Ram Memorial

for the preparation of the 2027 assembly election and motivate the workers who are downcast due to successive defeats of the party in the assembly and Lok Sabha elections," a BSP leader said. The Manyavar Kanshi Ram Ji Smarak Sthal, or Kanshi Ram Memorial, built after BSP won the 2007 UP assembly election.

Meeting held for awareness campaign of "Samartha Uttar Pradesh-Vikasit Uttar Pradesh@2047"

Prayagraj: Chief Development Officer Harshika Singh on Monday held a meeting with the officers of the concerned department regarding the preparations of the workshop/dialogue program organized in the auditorium of Vikas Bhavan under the chairmanship of Sanjay R. Bhusreddy, President, Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority, nominated for public awareness of the proposed campaign "Samartha Uttar Pradesh-Vikasit Uttar Pradesh@2047" on 9 September at 10:30 am in Motilal Nehru Engineering College, Teliarganj and at 3:00 pm in Allahabad Medical Association Hall and on 10 September at 10:30 am in Sangam Auditorium located at Collectorate, at 12:30 pm in Saras Auditorium-Vikas Bhavan and at 3:30 pm in Krishi Vigyan Kendra Naini. In the program, students, teachers, businessmen, entrepreneurs, farmers, voluntary organizations, labor organizations, media, general public and other target groups will be informed about the development journey of the state in the last 8 years and the roadmap for the development of the state will be discussed and feedback will also be obtained.

4 accused of gang arrested for watching porn videos and digitally arresting people in fake cases

Kaushambi:

Cybercriminals are active in the district. Police has exposed an international gang that digitally arrests people by posing as CBI and CID officers in the name of watching porn videos and threatening to implicate them in fake cases. Police has arrested four active members of the gang. On 25th August, Cybercrime Police Station, Kaushambi district was informed by Sunil Kumar Gupta, resident of village Akbarabad, Police Station Sarai Akil that from 15th August to 25th August, Rs. 31500 was transferred online to different accounts.

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Applications

□ A total of 424 complaints/applications were received during Samadhan Diwas

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Ghazipur. For the prompt redressal of public grievances, Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas was organized at Kasimabad Tehsil under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Avinash Kumar and in the presence of Superintendent of Police Dr. Iraj Raja. A total of 85 complaints/applications were received, out of



which 08 were resolved on the spot. According to reports from all seven tehsils of the district, a total of 424 complaints/applications were received during Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas, and 38 were resolved immediately. At Sadar Tehsil, under the chairmanship of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), 53 complaints

were received, and 06 were disposed of on the spot. At Sevarai Tehsil, 43 complaints were received, with 05 resolved immediately. At Jakhania Tehsil, 58 complaints were submitted, out of which only 01 was resolved on the spot. At Muhammadabad Tehsil, 38 complaints were received, with 05 resolved instantly.

At Saidpur Tehsil, 40 complaints were received, and 03 were resolved on the spot. At Zamania Tehsil, 107 complaints were received, of which 10 were resolved immediately. On this occasion, the District Magistrate listened to the grievances of the public with seriousness, ensuring that some complaints were

resolved on the spot, while the rest were forwarded to the concerned officials with instructions for timely and quality disposal. He directed officials of both the Police and Revenue Departments to work in coordination, as most disputes are interlinked, particularly land-related and interpersonal disputes. All Lekhpals (revenue officers) were instructed not to harass complainants unnecessarily and to resolve minor issues immediately.

The District Magistrate emphasized that resolving public grievances is the top priority of the government, and any negligence or apathy in this matter will be considered unacceptable.

On this occasion, Chief Development Officer Santosh Kumar Vaishya, SDM Kasimabad, Project Director, Tehsildar Kasimabad, Circle Officer Kasimabad, and other concerned officials and police officers were present. After the Tehsil Day program, District Magistrate Avinash Kumar and Superintendent of Police Dr. Iraj Raja inspected the under-construction residential building within the Kasimabad Tehsil premises. They directed the executing agency to rectify the deficiencies found during the inspection within one week.

Laborer committed suicide by hanging himself

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Prayagraj. A young man committed suicide by hanging himself in Majra Beri village of Kathouli Kanchanwa in the area on Monday morning. Shivkaran (40) son of Ram Abhilash Kol, a resident of Beri village, ended his life by hanging himself with the help of a rope on a sheesham tree. When the villagers saw the dead body in the morning,



there was a stir in the village and there was chaos among the family members. The deceased was the second among four brothers and used to work as a labourer while living in the village. He is survived by five

small children. This sudden incident has put the family in deep trouble. The atmosphere of the village became gloomy due to the crying of the children and family members. The police, who arrived on the information, took the body in their custody and sent it for post-mortem. Officials say that the matter is being investigated. The whole village is mourning due to this heart-rending incident.

SDM Inspects Ramleela Ground, Accelerates Cleaning and Repair Works

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Ghazipur. On Monday, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Harshita Tiwari visited the historic and cultural heritage site Ramleela Ground under the jurisdiction of Kotwali Muhammadabad police station in the district. Keeping in view the upcoming Ramleela Mahotsav, she instructed the employees of the Municipal Council to give special attention to cleanliness, drainage, and leveling of the ground. This Ramleela Mahotsav is not merely a religious event, but also a living symbol of a centuries-old cultural tradition. In the early years,



artists from Bihar and other states were invited to perform on stage, but over time local citizens formed a committee to preserve this legacy. Today, all major roles—Shri Ram, Lakshman, Ravan, and Hanuman—are enacted by local artists themselves. Every year on Vijayadashami, the grand staging of the battle between Lord Shri Ram and Ravan, along with the ritual of Ravan Dahan (burning of Ravan's effigy), draws thousands of specta-

tors. During the inspection, areas with water-logging were immediately leveled by filling soil. Discussions were also held regarding temporary arrangements to ensure convenience for both the audience and performers. Local residents appreciated the SDM's initiative, saying, "If the preparations are completed on time, this year's Ramleela will be celebrated in a more magnificent and well-organized manner than ever before."

Anganwadi workers demonstrated at DM office

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Prayagraj: A memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister regarding the pending demands for the past several years was handed over to the DM. Prayagraj. On the call of the state leadership under the banner of Anganwadi Employees and Assistants Association, regarding the demand letter to the Chief Minister through the



District Officer through a dharna demonstration in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh on Monday 8 September, hundreds of Anganwadi workers and assistants from all the

blocks of Prayagraj district gathered at the PW office from 10 am to 12 noon on the call of the association and took out a procession under the leadership of the District President of the

Association Sushila Devi, District Patron Mauji Lal Rawat and Divisional Patron Santosh Mishra and State Incharge Shyam Surat Pandey, raising slogans against the breach of promise by the state government, reached the District Magistrate's office via Vikas Bhawan Gate, where State Incharge Shyam

addressed the hundreds of Anganwadi workers and assistants present and said that due to the wrong policies of the government, Anganwadis are not getting their rights, for this there is a need to struggle from the road to the Parliament House. The divisional patron of the union, Santosh Mishra, said that until the rights of the Anganwadis are not given, I will keep fighting their battles, but the Anganwadis will also have to unite and support the organization.

One fake candidate arrested, forged illegal form and mobile phone recovered

Accused

□ Non-matching of biometrics during the examination. forged Aadhar card



Prayagraj: On the information of plaintiff Jai Prakash Gupta son of late Premnath Gupta resident of village Shahapur police station Khetasari district Jaunpur, the Naini police team on Sunday

arrested accused Aryan Singh son Omprakash Singh resident Jamalpur police station Baira district Ballia from Hemvanti Nandan Bahuguna Government Graduate College Naini district Prayagraj for

non-matching of biometrics during the PET-2025 examination. 01 forged Aadhar card 01 answer sheet, 01 admit card, form F 02 one work and 01 mobile phone Samsung A 14 were recovered from his possession.

Police team that made the arrest P.S. Brij Kishore Gautam, Police Station Naini. U.S. Sohrab Ahmed, Police Station Naini Commissionerate Prayagraj.

Services of 22 assistant teachers terminated in Education Department

Lucknow. Services of 22 candidates who got appointment on the basis of forged and fake mark sheets and certificates in Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Department have been terminated. District School Inspectors of the respective districts have been instructed to recover the irregular salary payments made to all of them and to register an FIR against them. The Director of Secondary Education has directed.

Ganga-Yamuna water level in Prayagraj is close to danger mark

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Prayagraj. The District Disaster Management Authority released the details of the flood situation till 4 pm on Monday. The water level of both the Ganga and Yamuna rivers is continuously rising, due to which the problem of waterlogging in the low-lying areas is getting worse. The water level of the Ganga river

has been recorded at 84.01 meters in Phaphamau and 83.25 meters in Chhatnag, while the danger point is 84.738 meters. The water level of the Yamuna river has reached 83.81 meters in Naini. The administration is in alert mode as the water of both the rivers is reaching close to the danger mark. So far 15 wards/localities have been declared affected in the district. These

include Kachhar Mau, Mau Saraiya, Baghada, Mehdori Kachhar, Shivkuti, Nevada, Beli and Salori of Sadar area. On the other hand, Sonaoti, Badra Dhokri, Lilapur of Phulpur and Delhi and Bhagesar villages of Karchana are affected. Families rendered homeless by floods are being given shelter in relief camps. A total of 242 families are living in

camps and 242 families are living in safe places. The number of people living in flood camps is 1060. A total of 97 relief camps have been identified in the district, out of which 4 are currently active. Camps are being run in Cantt Marriage Hall, Annie Besant School, Mehboob Ali Inter College and Rishikul Inter College, where 1060 people are staying.

Traffic will be disrupted on Phaphamau bridge for 15 days

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Prayagraj. Repair work of Chandrashekhar Azad Setu, Phaphamau will be done by the Public Works Department for 15 days from 10 September 2025. During this time, heavy vehicles and four-wheelers will be banned on the bridge. Roadways buses and other vehicles will follow the prescribed alternative routes to go to Lucknow and



Pratapgarh. **Prescribed alternative route:** From Civil Lines to Lucknow / Pratapgarh: Balsan Chauraha GT Jawahar Shastri Bridge Sadanwan-Sahson via NH-2 route. Vehicles

going from Phaphamau to Prayagraj: Phaphamau Dharwai Sahson Shastri Bridge GT Jawahar Marg. Vehicles coming from Lucknow to Prayagraj: Shringaverpur Kokhraj Puramufi

Dhoomanganj/Airport. Emergency vehicles will also have to use only the prescribed routes. Two-wheelers will be operated from the bridge as far as possible. However, the administration can temporarily stop it due to technical reasons or as required. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic, Commissionerate Prayagraj has appealed to the public to maintain patience during the

repair work and cooperate in the convenience of the administration. He says that this arrangement is necessary to complete the repair of the bridge on time and keep the traffic smooth. The general public has been requested to follow the prescribed routes and not violate traffic rules. Along with this, the administration has warned that action will be taken against drivers who do not follow the rules.

Two Lekhpals absent in Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas, SDM sought explanation

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Prayagraj: The administration has become strict on the absence of two Lekhpals in the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas organized on 8 September at Tehsil Karchana headquarters. The program was chaired by Deputy District Magistrate Karchana and Joint Magistrate Bharti Meena (IAS). The attendance register was reviewed at 10:30 am, in



which Lekhpal Satish Kumar Yadav and Ambrish Kumar Pandey were found absent. SDM has considered the absence of both of them as disregard of the government's priority program and has sought a show cause explanation within three days. Also

warned that if the answer is not received within the stipulated time period, the salary of that day will be stopped and the report will be sent to the District Magistrate for further action. The administration has clarified that Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas is the priority of the government, in which the presence of officers and employees should be ensured, so that the problems of the public can be resolved promptly.

Editorial

India's online gaming ban shows today's thriving sector could be tomorrow's casualty

It took a mere six minutes in the Lok Sabha and a few minutes more in the Rajya Sabha to wipe out an established industry. In a matter of 48 hours, the passing of the Bill on Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025 has adversely impacted 2,00,000 direct employees, Rs 23,613 crore in investments, over Rs 4,500 crore in advertisements and Rs 20,000 crores in direct and indirect taxes. The Bill, now an Act, was introduced in Parliament without undergoing the due process of a draft for public opinion, stakeholder consultations, or, at the very least, a warning. Policy corridor whispers imply that even allies were not aware of such a move. A decade-old, established sector constitutionally guaranteed under Article 19 has been asked to wrap up operations and told it will be held liable for criminal actions, including those of its employees, if it doesn't comply. While the Act aims to safeguard public health and address the concern of offshore illegal platforms, any ban, especially in the digital space, has consistently proven to have amplified the issue multiple times. The immediate fallout would include economic disruptions, shifts in user behaviour, and social harms. The opaque strategy adopted by the government in this case highlights the grave direction that policy-making is taking in India. The uncertainty goes far beyond the online real money gaming sector and will set a precedent for future policies in each sector. This swift and unconsulted legislative strike is not just a regulatory misstep but a stark warning of the growing unpredictability in India's policy landscape, one that could unravel investor confidence, domestic business trust, and exacerbate systemic issues like brain drain of talent and businesses. The immediate economic toll is staggering and underscores the bill's shortsightedness. Beyond the 2,00,000 direct jobs at risk, it affects ancillary industries like fintech, advertising, and content creation. Annual GST revenues of Rs 20,000-25,000 crore and TDS of Rs 1,080 crore (FY24) will evaporate, creating fiscal gaps at a time when India's fiscal deficit stands at Rs 15.77 lakh crore, amounting to 4.8 per cent of GDP. But the real cautionary tale lies in the investor disarray this creates. A reported foreign direct investment (FDI) of \$2.7 billion and startup funding of \$2.8 billion in real money gaming are now stranded. This unpredictability echoes broader patterns in India's policy environment, where sudden changes deter long-term commitments. For instance, the 2019 e-commerce FDI rules, which restricted inventory models for e-commerce platforms, led to a reported slowdown in US-India tech investments, with firms citing regulatory whiplash as a key barrier. Similarly, retrospective tax demands in the past (e.g., the Vodafone case) have been linked to a dip in FDI inflows, with studies showing that economic policy uncertainty reduces FDI by up to 30 per cent in emerging markets like India. The 2025 Kearney FDI Confidence Index highlights regulatory complexity and ease of doing business as concerns for investors in India, potentially shoving off billions in inflows amid global uncertainties like US tariffs. Businesses, particularly in the digital economy, thrive on stability. This bill's passage without stakeholder input, bypassing the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, sends a chilling message: Today's thriving sector could be tomorrow's casualty. As the industry voices alarm, with petitions likely heading to courts, the precedent risks cascading effects on adjacent digital fields where India aims for global leadership but faces investor hesitation due to such volatility. In the larger scheme, this policy unpredictability is accelerating India's brain drain, particularly in tech and digital innovation, where skilled professionals seek more stable environments abroad. Data from 2025 reveals a stark reality: Over 1,05,000 global tech layoffs this year alone, with 20 per cent occurring in India, have pushed thousands of engineers and developers to migrate.



Why hasn't India won the Nobel Prize for literature after Independence? Quality of education

Speaking in a distinguished institution, a political leader expressed concern that after Rabindranath Tagore in 1913, no Indian has received the Nobel Prize in Literature. His question—"Is the writing of our country not at the level anymore? Or has it been ignored by international institutions?"—was thought-provoking. But the tone was aloof. However, when you think about it, the answer is obvious. During the British Raj, India produced a number of great poets, artists, scientists, scholars, and thinkers. Many of

them have an international reputation. The solitary Nobel Prize in literature was also received during the British period. Under the British, our talents flourished. The educational institutions of the British rulers encouraged talents without discrimination on any ground. Did our desi leaders, post-British rule, continue that noble tradition? It is well-recognised that the educational institutions of British India declined rapidly after Independence. Instead of nurturing talent, new policies, knowingly or unknowingly,

worked toward their suppression or migration to the West. Isn't it curious that during the British Raj, hardly any Indian writer, scientist, artist, or scholar decided to settle abroad? Whereas in Independent India, talent of all kinds began settling in Europe and America, leaving India for good. To come to the issue, the leader who pointed out our lack of Nobels seems unaware that there are two essential prerequisites to help grow quality writers. One, to connect children & youth with great literature, taking care that they also get time

and encouragement to savour it. Second, to maintain a whole system of good institutions and platforms for learning, teaching, writing, publishing, and interacting. To ensure all this, staying away from narrowness or compromise must be a rule. But desi leaders, preachy and voluble, did the opposite! The British made arrangements in every field of knowledge and science to promote talent—modern public institutions, great libraries, newspapers, magazines, entire new learning disciplines like history, civics, etc.

India-US relationship has survived darker times. Intelligence ties bind us together



Edward Heath, Great Britain's Prime Minister, felt the words wash over him, hot like a dragon's breath: "The United States had received nothing from India except a kick in the teeth, in exchange for \$4 billion last year," President Richard Nixon raged. The Indians, Nixon went on, thought "the white nations had no choice but to come in and bail India out." Alarmed, British Foreign Secretary Alec Douglas-Home stepped in. "The Indians were admittedly intolerably high-minded," he accepted. "But there was an important common interest in preserving Indian independence from Soviet and Chinese domination." The invective against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her nation, provoked by her refusal to back down on Bangladesh, continued in the privacy of Nixon's office, though: "A slippery, treacherous people," "bastards," "old witch," "b*tch". Even as the political leadership in both countries raged against each other, the relationship between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Research and Analysis Wing remained robust, historian Paul McGarr writes. In 1973, the head of Prime Minister Indira's secretariat, Prithvi Nath Dhar, and the chief of R&AW, Rameshwar Nath Kao, lobbied for CIA chief William Colby to visit New Delhi. As President Donald Trump appears to be leading the India-United States relationship into an abyss from which there is no return—adding restrictions to the outsourcing of jobs on the back of crippling tariffs—the period

between 1971 and 1973 shows the two countries have been locked in airless places before. The intelligence services of both countries, though, found ways to bypass potholes and cul-de-sacs, ensuring strategic conversation continued. Little understood, India-US intelligence ties flourished in the shadow of the Cold War, as New Delhi resolutely proclaimed its commitment to non-alignment. Late in the summer of 1949, India was struggling to contain its first post-Independence insurgency, an uprising by communists in the Telangana region. The Indian Army, sent to Hyderabad to battle the Nizam's armies, found itself at war with peasant insurgents in Telangana. Thousands died in the brutal conflict, Jonathan Kennedy and Sunil Purushotham have recorded, as the Army herded Adivasis into concentration camps in near-starvation conditions. Less than forty-seven years old and with little experience in global politics, an unassuming police officer was tasked with helping India find the right tools to deal with the crisis. TG Sanjeevi, earlier a Superintendent of Police in Madras, and now Director of the Intelligence Bureau, was

ordered to make a three-week visit to Washington. For decades before Independence, the Intelligence Bureau had been relentlessly focused on the threat of communist terrorism. Telangana was its first challenge after Independence—and, it seemed, its first potential failure. To Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, it seemed that the threat was transnational and a danger to the survival of the Indian republic. The colonial legacy meant India had a substantial relationship with the United Kingdom's intelligence services. The Security Service, popularly known as MI5, was a critical source of assistance in the first years after Independence. India became debilitantly reliant on this relationship, Avinash Paliwal has recorded. "This is satisfactory," an MI5 memo on general dependence smugly noted—but India understood the need to widen its partnerships. George Kennan, then director of policy planning at the State Department, agreed with Prime Minister Nehru's assessment. To address the challenge, Kennan recorded, Sanjeevi would have to "look beyond India's borders and

seek to influence policy in regard to dangers from without." This meant that, despite Nehru's socialism, America would help him push back against the Communist threat. The visit did not begin well, though. Sanjeevi was affronted by the imperious behaviour of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J Edgar Hoover, and vowed never to allow contact between the Intelligence Bureau and the FBI. The damage was contained, however, during his subsequent meetings with the Central Intelligence Agency. Sanjeevi came away with positive impressions of his meetings with Colonel Richard Stilwell, Kermit "Kim" Roosevelt, and the director of central intelligence, Roscoe Hillenkoetter. Even though the two countries clashed over questions of ideology and global politics, the alignment of their interests wasn't particularly opaque. India's government provided arms and training to Tibet's ramshackle military after 1949, and even considered deploying troops in support of its independence. The problem was that the Indian Army just didn't have the resources. In 1954, India formalised this reality, ceding many of its colonial-era rights, like stationing troops in Lhasa, historian Karunakar Gupta has written. The Intelligence Bureau, though, looked the other way, as the CIA supplied weapons and equipment to Khampa insurgents from 1958 on, historian Claude Arpi has written. India also ignored CIA flights in support of Tibetan insurgents, which

crossed over its territory en route from Dhaka. Langley supported the founding of the Special Frontier Force, intended to carry the PLA along the China-India Line of Actual Control. The CIA also oversaw the insertion of nuclear-powered surveillance equipment to gather intelligence on China's nuclear-weapons programme. Even as this intelligence cooperation continued, Prime Minister Nehru publicly complained that the United States was interfering in Indian politics, "buying up newspapers and spreading a network of publicity organisations." Later, Prime Minister Indira assailed foreign powers plotting to "run down India." CIA agents, American intelligence officer Russell Jack Smith wrote sharply, "were to be found according to Madame Gandhi, beneath every charpoy and behind every neem tree." Even as Prime Minister Indira frequently railed against CIA intervention to bring about regime change—and public outrage erupted when the journal Ramparts disclosed CIA funding for Indian anti-Communist political parties in 1967—the relationship carried on in the darkness, as it were. As Sanjeevi told CIA interlocutors in 1950, "he frequently had to take independent action without the knowledge of his government". The intelligence relationship survived even in the face of contradictory United States objectives. For example, CIA personnel told India they had detected signals linking the jihadist warlord Sirajuddin Haqqani.

China will be more central to India now. Though an anti-US unity is premature

As I write this column from Boston, the biggest American newspapers have the Tianjin meeting of Prime Minister Modi, President Putin, and President Xi—all three smiling and shaking hands—as a leading news item. The sub-theme is also that President Trump's policies are driving them closer, perhaps opening the door to an anti-US unity in international geopolitics. The talk of an anti-American unity is perhaps premature. At least two of the three nations, China and India, have significant ties with the US, which can be ruptured only at a very great cost. Despite the talk of a decline, the US is still the world's largest economy. At the end of 2024, according to the World Bank, America's GDP was \$29.18 trillion, which amounted to 26.2 per cent of the world economy (\$111.33 trillion). A market of that size cannot easily be shunned. Indeed, most countries and corporations would covet access to it. But there is no doubt that Trump's radi-

cal break from America's post-Cold War foreign policy, especially his use of tariffs as an economic and political tool, is creating new geopolitical and economic scenarios. Countries must take into account these changes as they make adjustments in their foreign policies. Of course, Trump is known to be mercurial and abrupt changes in his policies cannot be wholly ruled out. However, three things are likely to remain constant: use of trade tariffs, opposition to immigration, and smaller American investments in international security. The changes in these realms, if any, are likely to be of degree. Fundamental changes can take place only if the results of these policies are catastrophic for his MAGA base, especially via inflation or if the judiciary intervenes more firmly than it has done so far. How should India, severely jolted by Trump's tariffs, imagine its way forward? Let me suggest that China will become even more central to India's foreign policy.

Vijay is winning the nickname war in Tamil Nadu. He's attacking Brand Stalin with 'uncle' taunt

In the world of marketing, a new entrant's toughest task is to break the perception built around the old guard. Established brands don't crumble because of direct attacks. They erode when their aura is punctured, when their carefully constructed image is made to look smaller, or even laughable. Politics is not different. Though for decades, MK Stalin was no more than a 'possible' political heir to former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M Karunanidhi, things changed in 2019. Stalin was turned into a brand, crafted meticulously as the only answer, as an able administrator, and a calm and composed CM post the 2021 elections. He was presented as the inevitable figure, the steady numero uno of contemporary Tamil Nadu Politics, a man positioned above ridicule. Even his critics rarely succeed in dismantling his image. Actor turned politician Vijay was out to destroy that brand when he called him, "My dear Stalin uncle." With such an open taunt at his second public rally, Vijay wasn't merely addressing the Chief Minister; he was reframing him. What at first sounds like cinema dialogue is,

in LinkedIn lingo, classic disruption. A single word that wedges into the aura of authority, triggering what one might call the 'uncle-ification of a statesman'. Stalin was recast as just another politician, a figure who is now the subject of memes. This is not an insult for insult's sake, but rather is a strategy through vocabulary. Political authority in Tamil Nadu has always been theatrical. MGR's heroism, Jayalalithaa's imperiousness, Karunanidhi's oratory skills, Stalin's calm—these are curated performances. Brands with narratives. "Uncle" in this context is not reverential. It's casual, familiar, and even patronising. The strength of Stalin's brand lies in the distance it creates, and Vijay's jab collapses that distance instantly. It is lethal in politics. It forces a new narrative onto the mainstream discourse, away from discussions on policy and performance, and instead drags it into a battle of personalities. Marketing teaches us that the most viral campaigns are not the longest ones, but the most repeatable ones. The same applies to political communication in the social media age. Uncle' is not just a word but a weapon in what Tamil politics

increasingly resembles—nickname warfare. A meme-ready shorthand handed over to the trolls, clipped into reels, recycled into jokes, hash-tagged into tweets. DMK's own and meticulously built digital army, usually skilled at dictating the narrative, is now forced to rebut it. And rebuttal, sadly, is half the battle lost. As one would have expected, social media is abuzz with the keyword 'Uncle'. Not one but a thousand iterations of the same comment are afloat across the state's digital space — "What uncle."

it is very wrong uncle." Every attempt at creating a 'third' and alternate force' in Tamil Nadu—be it Kamal Haasan, Seeman, Vijayakanth, Vaiko, or GK Moopanar before them—has struggled because they failed to dent the DMK-AIADMK binary. Voters saw them as the 'Third' person outside of the duel, not mainstream players. Vijay is trying a different path. Not with a policy vision, not with organisational might, nor with uniquely positioned ideological sermons, but with classic brand disruption. By making Stalin react, or at least by forcing his sympathisers to, Vijay dug a pit in the binary.

CM launches NDMC's 'Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi' educational initiative

Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the New Delhi Municipal Council's (NDMC) educational initiative, "Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi", at Talkatora Stadium. The initiative includes the introduction of a new curriculum for NDMC school students. "The initiative emphasized Indian philosophies and the Guru-Shishya model, yoga and wellness education, and learning in natural surroundings, along with environmental stewardship and nature-based learning," said the CM. She added, "Under the new curriculum, we are not only teaching development but also heritage - ensuring our students connect life values with cultural values and grow into great personalities for the nation." Vice Chairman NDMC Kuljeet Singh Chahal, who was present at the event, said, "The first objective will be to help in furthering the thinking and idea of a developed India of the Prime Minister.



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

Delhi : The Delhi government will provide free electricity up to 1,200 units to Ramleela and Durga Puja committees and meters for the same will be installed on just 25% security deposit, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said.

Moreover, to ease administrative hurdles, the government will issue no-objection certificates (NOC) for various services through a single-window system, eliminating the need for

these organising committees to approach multiple departments, the CM said.

Gupta added that public amenities such as toilets, security arrangements, health-care services, ambulances and fire brigades will also be ensured at the venues of Ramleela and Durga Puja. She made the announcements after meeting representatives of Ramleela and Durga Puja committees at the Delhi Secretariat.

Under the "Vikas Bhi Aur Virasat Bhi", new courses have been included from Panch

Pran, Learning from Nature, Yoga, and the Indian Knowledge Tradition."

Student concession Metro passes on the way, says CM

Delhi : Rekha Gupta, chief minister of Delhi, recently announced that the city will finally grant students' long-sought request for discounted metro passes. "This Delhi government will ensure that the metro passes are supplied shortly. Up till now, they have been unavailable. During her talk at the annual function 'Swayamsiddha 2025' at Delhi University's Sports Complex, Gupta assured the audience that the facility would be made available to their pupils. Gupta, who was president of



DUSU many years ago, reflected on her undergraduate days as the Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) elections approached. The primary contestants included the RSS-backed ABVP, the Congress-backed NSUI, and the Left-backed student wings AISA and

SFI.

The CM gave an impassioned speech in which she thanked the ABVP for helping her launch her career and encouraged college students to find a "cause" to devote their time to. "Joining ABVP means joining a cause," the CM told the students.

NDMC approves night food bazar at Connaught Place & India Gate

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

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

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



Angry Delhi attorneys want BNSS changed because of LG's witness VC ruling



Delhi : The leaders of the bar in Delhi have called for the modification of four "contentious" parts of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in response to the recent order permitting formal police witnesses to appear through video conferencing. Among these sections are Section 530, which allows for the expedited conduct of all trials and proceedings through electronic means; Section 308, which mandates the recording of evidence in the presence of the accused, at locations designated by the state government, using audio-video electronic means; and Sections 265 and 266, which permit the recording of prosecution and defense witnesses using audio-video electronic means. According to the attorneys, the remaining two parts could potentially provide the prosecution an unfair advantage during the trial. Members of the bar association went on to say that although VC should be used for regular appearances and bail arguments, witnesses should not be allowed to record evidence outside of the courtroom.

Employees will be moved from non-operating Mohalla Clinics to operational ones

Delhi : Delhi administration has instructed employees of the shuttered Mohalla Clinics to report to other operational Mohalla Clinics located throughout the city. In response to the "non-availability" of doctors, the Delhi health department ordered the closure of 31 Mohalla Clinics that had been operating out of temporary buildings and portacabins around the city. Another order was issued mandating the prompt relocation of personnel from these clinics to other operational Mohalla Clinics.

The authorities remained vague regarding the specifics of the transfers. Following the approval of health and family welfare



minister Pankaj Singh, 31 Mohalla Clinics, including 17 porta cabins and 14 rented AAMCs, have been closed with immediate effect, according to an earlier order seen by, which was issued by Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, state programme officer, Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinic (AAMC) Cell.

"All chief district medical officers (CDMO) are requested to post a message in their respective Mohalla Clinic groups that the staff posted in 31 Mohalla clinics (17 Porta cabins and 14 Rental) which are already non-functional due to the non-availability of doctors are shifted to other Mohalla Clinics very soon."

DJB proposes new groundwater contamination rules

Delhi : Jal Board (DJB) submitted an affidavit to NGT on rainwater harvesting pit groundwater contamination. Among other ideas, the board suggested banning stormwater drain collection systems. DJB claimed that a joint committee expert meeting was convened on July 31, 2025, to identify groundwater contamination from RWH structures in Delhi when developing new rules. Separators were needed to prevent the first rain from entering. In 2023, a Dwarka homeowner complained that rainwater collection pits were polluting.

NCERT Offers Free Online Mathematics Classes For Class 12, Details Here

Delhi : A strong foundation in mathematics is essential for sharpening the mind, developing a scientific temperament, and building problem-solving skills that benefit individuals in every sphere of life. From pursuing engineering and science degrees to careers in data science and research, proficiency in mathematical concepts is crucial. To support students in strengthening their mathematical knowledge, especially those who cannot afford private tuition or coaching, the National



Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is offering a free online mathematics course on the government's SWAYAM portal.

The course is designed to help learn-

ers clarify doubts, strengthen concepts, and achieve proficiency in problem-solving. Students can register for the course through the official portal: SWAYAM Mathematics Course Link.

SC rules Aadhaar isn't proof of citizenship

Delhi : The Supreme Court rejected political parties' request for EC to accept Aadhaar cards as standalone proof of citizenship to enroll people in the Bihar voter list prepared after special intensive revision (SIR) and said Aadhaar's status cannot be enhanced beyond the law. Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said "Aadhaar will be one of the documents for verification" after previously saying it could be an identity document along with other EC-specified documents for voter list enrolment. The bench replied to RJD counsel Prashant Bhushan's claim that EC is not adopting Aadhaar as a solitary evidence of identification for the 65 lakh names



removed from the draft voter list notwithstanding the court's orders: "We cannot elevate Aadhaar beyond the Aadhaar Act. We cannot exceed what a five-judge court said in Puttaswamy while supporting Aadhaar". Aadhaar Act Section 9 states: "The Aadhaar number or the authentication thereof shall not, by itself, confer any right of, or be proof of, citizenship or domicile in respect of an Aadhaar number holder."

The Capital Sees a Surge in Hepatitis Cases During the Monsoon Season

Delhi: On World Hepatitis Day experts warned that hospitals in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) have seen an alarming increase in hepatitis A and E cases since the rainy season has begun. Children, pregnant women, and individuals with liver illness are particularly vulnerable to this seasonal rise, which doctors attribute to unclean water.

Delhi : Serious allegations, including kidnapping and murder, have been filed against over half of India's ministers, spanning both the Union government and individual states. The latest research from the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) alleges. Among the 643 ministers examined—representing 27 state assemblies, 3 Union Territories, and the Union Council of Ministers—302, or 47%, listed criminal charges in their election affidavits.

There are

Attorneys general's office: "Nearly 50% ministers face criminal cases"



174 ministers in this group who are facing serious accusations, including murder, abduction, and crimes against women. The report's release followed the introduction of laws in Parliament by the Centre to remove a

serving minister, chief minister, or prime minister from office and imprison them for 30 days on suspicion of a major crime. The bills were submitted to a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) that has not yet been creat-

Dec: IGI Airport T3 would handle 50% more international passengers

Delhi: Terminal 3 (T3) at IGI Airport will handle 50% more foreign travel this winter as its capacity increases from 2 crore CPA to 3 crore. T3 has four piers, two for domestic (3 CPA) and international traffic. Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL) received the final approval to convert a domestic dock to inter-



national last week and began work. This should be done by

December, insiders indicate. T3 will have a capacity of 3 CPA internationally and 1.8 àà domestically (with one pier). "Bureau of Immigration, BCAS, customs, and CISF clearances were needed to start work. Only BCAS approval remained. A source stated DIAL has begun preparations. T2 will

reopen after the middle of next month, but Pier C of T3 will handle domestic traffic until then. On October 26, domestic flights from the 1.5-CPA at T2 will resume for the winter timetable. DIAL CEO Videsh Kumar Jaipuriar said dock C will not serve passengers in November before becoming international dock.

Carmakers cut dealer deliveries

Delhi : Rarely, car sector dispatches to dealerships have dropped during the festive season as purchasers postpone deliveries in expectations of price discounts due to a projected GST rate reduction in an upcoming review. August car wholesales were anticipated at 3.3 lakh units, down from 3.6 lakh last year. All leading companies—Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Tata Motors—reported dropping dealer dispatches. Companies purposefully curtailed dispatches as dealers worried customers would refuse deliveries in expectations of cheaper retail prices after a GST cut. There are great hopes that GST on smaller automobiles and two-wheelers will drop from 28% to 18%, while bigger cars and SUVs may see some reduction. Wholesale sales fell 8% in August as Maruti shipped roughly 1.3 lakh units to dealerships compared to 1.4 lakh last year.

Partho Banerjee, senior executive officer (marketing & sales) at Maruti Suzuki, stated



PM to inaugurate SEMICON India 2025

Delhi : The administration boasted that the fourth edition of SEMICON India 2025, which has grown double the size of last year's edition, will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 2. New Delhi's Yashobhoomi (IICC) will host the gathering from September 2–4, 2025. Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, and South Korea will all have their very own pavilions during SEMICON India. The United States, Malaysia will each host one of six

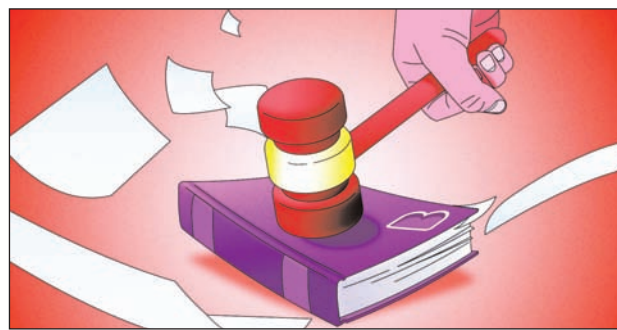
that while bookings have been good during Onam in the south and Ganapati in , purchasers are still not ready for deliveries. "Despite delivery delays, footfalls and queries

country-specific roundtables. The number of states set to take part in the tournament is nine, up from six the previous year. China is a world leader in semiconductors, but this year they won't be sending any exhibitors. compared to a mere 200 the year before. There are 350 exhibitors this year, up from less than 200 the year before. As a result of the growing interest in India's semiconductor industry,

the number of remain high. We had 16% more bookings during Onam, which is good "Banerjee hopes a favorable GST rate decision will boost demand and deliveries.

SC to hear Centre's plea seeking transfer of online gaming law challenges

Delhi : The Supreme Court agreed to hear the Centre's plea to transfer petitions challenging the constitutionality of the new law banning online money gaming from multiple high courts to the apex court. Gaming companies have filed writ petitions before the high courts of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Delhi. Union has filed a transfer plea... The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act has been challenged before three high courts. If it



can be listed (8 September) since it's listed for interim orders before the Karnataka high court," the counsel representing the Centre told the court.

The plea was mentioned before the Chief Justice B.R. Gavai-led bench, which directed it to be

listed before Justice J.B. Pardiwala-led bench on 8 September.

Justice Pardiwala's bench had earlier heard challenges related to the 28% goods and services tax (GST) on online gaming for several months and had reserved its judgment.

IMC 2025 will highlight 5G, AI, and 6G's real-world implications

Delhi : India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 will discuss 5G, 6G, AI, IoT, and machine-to-machine communication and how they can improve the lives of farmers, students, MSMEs, and society, according to Union Minister

Communications and Development of North East Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. At the launch of the AI-powered mobile app for IMC 2025, which will be held from October 8 to 11 here, the Union Minister said the goal is to "innovate and transform," reflecting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push for 'Atma Nirbharta' and self-reliance to develop India by 2047. He stated our aim to innovate and transform this year is crucial given the Prime Minister's emphasis on Atma Nirbharta, self-reliance.

GST cut for mid-market hotel segment may spur travel

Delhi : As part of the next generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms announced late The GST rate on the mid and upper-mid segment hotel accommodation are set to reduce to 5 per cent from 12 per cent, a move that the travel and hospitality sector stakeholders believe will spur domestic travel and hotel demand by easing the tax burden for consumers in this volume-heavy accommodation segments. The hotel industry, however, is disappointed on a few counts, primarily the removal of the input tax credit (ITC) bene-



fit on the reduced tax rate. On air travel, the decision to keep tax on economy class fares at the prevailing 5 per cent rate is also being seen as a positive from the lens of accessibility and affordability of air travel for the common Indian. However, the increase in

GST on premium class fares to 18 per cent from the current 12 per cent has not been received well by the global airline industry body International Air Transport Association (IATA), which has four Indian airlines as members.

India, UAE set \$100 bn non-oil trade goal by 2030

Delhi : India and the United Arab Emirates are targeting \$100 billion in trade by 2030, excluding oil and precious metals, India's commerce ministry said in a statement. The target was decided during a meeting between Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal and the UAE's minister of foreign trade, Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, in New Delhi last week. They were reviewing bilateral trade between the two countries under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that came into effect in 2022. Both leaders stressed deeper cooperation in emerging sectors renewable energy.

Credit notes and invoices no longer need matching after GST amendments

Delhi: The GST Council has relieved businesses, notably FMCG players, by removing credit notes from invoices, which created complications for corporations and sellers. Every business transaction—from manufacturer to wholesaler to retailer to retailer—uses credit notes. Businesses had no trouble selling goods to retailers through the chain, but short-lived products were difficult. For example, toothpaste

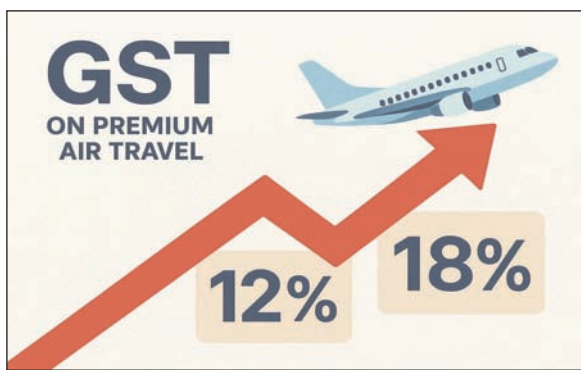


with a year-long shelf life is returned to the manufacturer after nine or 10 months of sales. Credit notes circulate throughout the chain. A huge corporation like Hindustan Unilever or Colgate had to reconcile billions of invoices and

credit notes under the old standards. Rule changes eliminate the need to match the two documents. Credit notes will no longer need to be linked to invoice numbers, eliminating a long-standing issue for all firms.

Premium plane travel to become more expensive due to GST spike

Delhi : Experts predict that premium economy (PE), business, and first class rates will increase as a result of the Goods and Services Tax Council's decision to increase the charge on non-economy air travel from 12% to 18%. Airlines and online travel agencies are worried about the higher GST on elite classes, while the rate for budget travel remains intact to keep airfares low for bulk travelers. Three government sources acknowledged that two major airlines had asked for a 5% GST on all classes before the Council announced the new tax regime on Wednesday. The new GST rate has arrived at a "very sensitive phase" for the Indian aviation business, according to Ajay Prakash, a former president of the Travel



PhysicsWallah has amended its draft documents and submitted

Delhi: Educational technology superstar To fund development and growth activities, Physics Wallah has amended its draft documents and submitted them to markets regulator Sebi in an effort to raise 3.820 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The updated draft red

Agents Federation of India (TAFI). "Increasing the GST for upper class fliers directly means airfares for all the three

herring prospectus (UDRHP) states that the promoters want to sell up to 1,720,000 shares in the upcoming initial public offering (IPO), which includes a fresh issuance of 3,100,000,000 equity shares valued at 3,100,000,000 and an OFS of up to 1,720,000 shares.

classes will shoot up," according to him. "While the government claims to promote Indian aviation.

Fujifilm Electronic aims to build a facility in India by 2025: Semicon India

Delhi : Fujifilm Electronic Materials, a Japanese supply chain giant, has expressed interest in establishing a facility in India as part of its efforts to invest and recruit in the country's burgeoning fabrication ecosystem, lending credence to India's semiconductor ambitions. When it comes



to supply chain management, semiconductor production, and even the development of

new technology, innovations, and capabilities, India is a promising country. India is attracting the attention of multinational corporations like Micron. General manager of Fujifilm's Electronic Materials Business Division Tetsuya Iwasaki told on the sidelines of the Semicon India 2025 event

that India's strong foundation in technology is founded on its skilled people, unlike China or other countries. Fujifilm serves customers such as TSMC and GlobalFoundries by providing semiconductor materials for wafer processing in production.

Prices for Hyundai and Tata Motors' CVs are set to drop

Delhi: In order to pass the savings from the reduction in the GST rate on to consumers, Hyundai Motor India has slashed prices across the board by as much as Rs 2.4 lakh. The business announced that beginning, customers may take advantage of a price decrease on the Verna starting at 60,640 and on the Tucson premium SUV, starting at 2.4 lakh. Managing Director Unsoo Kim of Hyundai Motor India said that the change will help the sector and make personal mobility more accessible and inexpensive, which would benefit millions of cus-



tomers. The whole advantage of the GST decrease will be passed on to customers across the board by Tata Motors' entire commercial vehicle range, according to a separate statement. The lower rates will be effective September 22, 2025. Prices for the CV

range would drop between Rs 30,000 to Rs 4.65 lakh, according to the car manufacturer based in Mumbai. An announcement to lower prices across the board for passenger vehicles has already been made by the corporation.

E-commerce giants aim to update GST quickly

Delhi: E-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart are changing their internal systems to allow scores of vendors to pass on GST rate reductions to their customers starting Sept. 22, when the new tax slabs take effect. "To ensure seamless compliance, we are proactively updating our systems with the revised GST codes, enabling our sellers to smoothly transition to the new tax structure and to be able to pass on the

benefits to customers in accordance with government regulations," Amazon stated in a note. To reflect GST rates, e-commerce platforms must change tax codes for every product. Competitor Flipkart had sent a notice to merchants urging them to plan pricing changes and update the tax codes of key products so that the platform systems are ready for the tax launch, has reported. There's no official word from the firm.

Israel's final warning to Hamas: 'Mighty hurricane' to hit Gaza

CAIRO/JERUSALEM: Israel told residents of Gaza City to leave immediately after warning that it would step up airstrikes and ground operations in the Gaza Strip in a "mighty hurricane" if Hamas does not free the last hostages it is holding and surrender. In what it called a final warning on Monday, Israel's military told the Palestinian militant group that Gaza would be destroyed if it did not disarm and release 48 hostages seized in the 2023 attacks on Israel. PM Benjamin Netanyahu said, "I say to the residents of Gaza (City): you have been warned - get out of there!". He added that Israel had in recent days knocked down 50 "terror towers" in a prelude to an upcoming "ground operation."



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The Israeli military said that four soldiers had been killed on Monday. Among 25 Palestinians reported killed on Monday was Osama Balousha, a scribe, medics said. Reuters. According to an official, the latest US proposal calls for Hamas to return.

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Hamas has long said it intends to hold onto at least some hostages until negotiations with Israel are complete. It said in a statement it was committed to releasing them all with a "clear announcement"

Residents said Israeli forces had bombed Gaza City from the air and blown up old armoured vehicles in its streets. Hamas was meanwhile studying the latest US ceasefire pro-

posal, delivered on Sunday with a warning from President Trump that it was the militant group's "last chance". "A mighty hurricane will hit the skies of Gaza City today.

"The roofs of the terror towers will shake,"

The roofs of the terror towers will shake," Israeli defence minister Israel Katz said. "This is a final warning to the murderers and rapists of Hamas in Gaza and in the luxury hotels abroad: Release the hostages and lay down your weapons - or Gaza will be destroyed, and you'll be annihilated." The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) bombed a 12-floor block in the middle of Gaza City where dozens of displaced families had been housed, three hours after urging those inside and in hundreds of tents in the surrounding area to leave. According to an official, the latest US proposal calls for Hamas to return all 48 remaining living and dead.

Wonderful secret': Democrats release alleged Trump note to Epstein



Democratic lawmakers on the US house oversight committee on Monday published a lewd note allegedly written by Donald Trump to Jeffrey Epstein in 2003- a release the White House quickly denounced as "fake news." The message was released on the official account of The Democrat's X account as part of the committee's probe into how authorities handled Epstein's criminal investigation. The note appears on the outline of a nude woman and was allegedly included in a book of letters from Epstein's friends, compiled by Ghislaine Maxwell for his fiftieth birthday. It contains a short dialogue between "Donald" and "Jeffrey," ending with the line, "A pal is a wonderful thing. Happy Birthday — and may every day be another wonderful secret." Trump's signature

Outline

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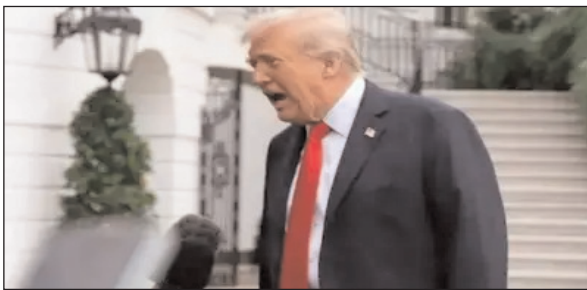
appears on the sketch. The White House quickly pushed back. Press secretary Karoline Leavitt said, "The latest piece published by the Wall Street Journal PROVES this entire "Birthday Card" story is false. As I have said all along, it's very clear President Trump did not draw this picture, and he did not sign it." "This is FAKE NEWS to perpetuate the Democrat Epstein Hoax!" she added. Trump has repeatedly denied ever sending the message. He even filed a \$10 billion lawsuit against the Wall Street Journal after it first reported on the note, insisting that he had never written it.

'A little fight with wife': What Trump said on domestic violence

Stalking

- Physical violence, or stalking from an intimate partner during their lifetime

Trump drew criticism on Monday after suggesting that some cases of domestic violence were "lesser" crimes and should not be counted in crime statistics. Speaking at an event, Trump accused his opponents of exaggerating crime figures to damage his record. He said, "Much lesser things, things that take place in the home, they call crime. If a man has a little fight with the



wife, they say this was a crime," drawing laughter from parts of the audience. The remarks were condemned by women's rights groups and political leaders. The national organisation for women (NOW) said Trump was "blind to the domestic violence crisis in America." Its president, Kim Villanueva, said, "Donald Trump

Elizabeth's death anniversary: William and Harry pay separate tributes despite being miles away

Sanctions

- Queen Elizabeth, Britain's longest-serving monarch, died aged 96 on September 8, 2022
- Prince William and his wife Kate visited a local Women's Institute branch near their home in Windsor

Queen Elizabeth, Britain's longest-serving monarch, died aged 96 on September 8, 2022, at Balmoral Castle in Scotland after a reign of 70 years. To honour her memory, Prince William and his wife Kate visited a local Women's Institute branch near their home in Windsor. The late queen had been a member of the WI for 80 years and served as president of the Sandringham branch until her death, according to Reuters. Prince Harry, who arrived



from California, visited St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where he laid flowers at the queen's resting place beside her husband, Prince Philip. Although Windsor is less than 10 miles from where William and Kate were, Harry was not expected to meet his brother during this visit.

Reports suggest he could see his father, King Charles, for the first time in nearly two years. King Charles and Queen

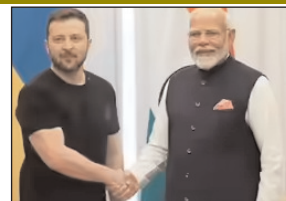
Camilla are currently at Balmoral, where they attended a church service at Crathie Kirk on Sunday. The service included prayers for Accession Day and for the Duchess of Kent, who passed away last week. The king has no public events planned to mark the anniversary. The royal family's official X account shared a photograph of Queen Elizabeth with the message, "Remembering Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022."

Ukrainian sees US tariffs on India as 'right idea'

Delays, evacuation follow

Impose

- He backed the US decision to impose punitive import duties on countries



Washington: Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy jumped into the US-India tariff standoff on Monday when he backed the US decision to impose punitive import duties on countries making deals with Russia, while the Trump administration showed no signs of relenting on the vitriol its surrogates are spewing against New Delhi despite the US president's assertions last week of a "special

relationship" with India and that there's "nothing to worry about". Zelenskyy told ABC News in response to a question that he thought "the idea to put tariffs on the country (sic) who are continuing to make deals with Russia is the right idea", even though 15% of his battered country's diesel comes from India via refined Russian oil. US administration officials are now trying to press the EU to join the US in slapping additional sanctions on India.

Court upholds writer's \$83.3 million defamation ruling against Trump

NEW YORK: A federal appeals court Monday refused to throw out an \$83.3 million jury verdict against US President Trump for damaging the reputation of the writer E Jean Carroll in 2019 when he denied her rape claim. The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan rejected Trump's argu-

ment that the Jan 2024 verdict should be overturned because he deserved presidential immunity from Carroll's lawsuit. The 2nd Circuit on June 13 upheld Carroll's separate \$5 million jury verdict against Trump in May 2023. That jury had found Trump liable for sexual abuse and defamation.

Too funny': Navarro's poll on X falls flat; Trump aide again guns for India

Backfired

- Too funny. America: look at how foreign interests use our social media

US President Donald Trump's trade advisor Peter Navarro went off the rails on Monday as his poll against India backfired on X, with the majority of users polling against his viewpoint. In the poll, which Navarro began to ascertain if Elon Musk's platform let what he called "Indian special interests" interfere in US

debates, 74% users voted "Yes". Elon Musk VS Navarro Drama Explodes: X CEO Claps Back As Trump Aide

Melts Down Over Anti-India Rant It also attracted Community Notes, clarifying that X's earlier notes were not influenced by any "Indian special interests" and were crowdsourced globally. Navarro, as the poll progressed against him, flipped out, lamenting how "foreign interests use our social

media to advance their agenda". "India has largest population in the world & all it can do is manage few hundred thousand X propagandists to jerk around a poll? Too funny. America: look at how foreign interests use our social media to advance their agenda," Navarro, who has stepped up his anti-India rants.

Electric shocks, gang rapes & more...

SC backs Trump on aggressive immigration raids in California

The US Supreme Court again backed President Donald Trump's hardline approach toward immigration on Monday, letting federal agents proceed with raids in Southern California targeting people for deportation based on their race or language. The court granted a justice department request to put on hold a federal judge's order temporarily barring agents from stopping or detaining people without "reasonable suspicion" they are in the

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country illegally, by relying on race or ethnicity, or if they speak Spanish or English with an accent, among other factors. The Supreme Court's three liberal justices publicly dissented from the decision, directing pointed criticism at its



conservative majority. The administration "has all but declared that all Latinos, US citizens or not, who work low-wage jobs are fair game to be seized at any time, taken away from work,

and held until they provide proof of their legal status to the agents' satisfaction," justice Sotomayor wrote in the dissenting opinion. "Rather than stand idly by while our constitu-

The Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches

The US Constitution's Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. The judge's order applied to her court's jurisdiction covering much of Southern California. The Supreme Court's order was brief and issued without any explanation, a common way it handles emergency matters, but one that has generated confusion in lower courts and criticism from some of the justices themselves. The court has a 6-3 conservative majority. Conservative Justice Brett Kavanaugh said that "apparent ethnicity alone cannot furnish reasonable suspicion".

tional freedoms are lost, I dissent," Sotomayor added. Los Angeles-based US district Judge Maame Frimpong found on July 11 that the Trump administration's actions likely violated.

In a first, South Korean women target US military

SEOUL: In a first, dozens of South Korean women who worked as prostitutes have filed a suit accusing the US military of illegally promoting the sex trade for decades and locking them up to forcibly treat them for sexually transmitted diseases. In the lawsuit, announced in a news conference Monday, the women demanded that the US military apologise and pay damages for playing a hand in managing a vast network of prostitution around its bases in South Korea. Korean

women who worked in bars and brothels frequented by US troops have reported rampant human rights violations. In 2022, the women won a court ruling against their own govt. South Korea's Supreme Court ordered govt to compensate dozens of women for the trauma they endured as "comfort women for the US military," as they were once known. The court found govt guilty of encouraging prostitution for American GIs to help bring in badly needed US dollars.

Mohammed Siraj shortlisted for ICC Player of the Month after England Test heroics

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Workhorse

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India fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has been nominated for the ICC Player of the Month award for August following his match-winning display in the final Test against England at The Oval. Joining him on the shortlist are New Zealand pacer Matt Henry and West Indies quick Jayden Seales, both of whom produced standout performances for their sides. Siraj was India's workhorse in the series featuring in all five Tests of the



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His returns of 6/39 and 5/40 in back-to-back innings ensured New Zealand wrapped up a dominant 2-0 series victory. Jayden Seales, meanwhile, played a starring role in ending West Indies' 34-year wait for an ODI series win over

Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy. He finished as

Pakistan. After a quiet start in the opening game, he roared back with three wickets in the second before delivering a career-best 6/18 in the decider — the third-best ODI bowling figures ever by a West Indian.

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bowled more than 185 overs across the series. His finest hour came in the deciding fifth Test, where he claimed nine wickets and was named Player of the Match as India sealed a famous win to level the series 2-2. With Jasprit Bumrah unavailable, Siraj led the attack with courage

and energy, delivering crucial spells that swung the contest India's way. Matt Henry earned his nomination after dismantling Zimbabwe in a two-Test series. The Kiwi seamer took 16 wickets across the two matches at an astonishing average of just over nine.

'He should be in the Test side': Gayle backs India batter for comeback

Chris Gayle has voiced his disappointment over the continued absence of Sarfaraz Khan from India's Test squad, despite the batter's consistent performances and remarkable fitness transformation.

The former West Indies great, speaking on Shubhankar Mishra's YouTube channel, revealed that Sarfaraz is his favourite among the current Indian players and insisted that the



youngster has done enough to warrant a longer run. "I mean, he should be in the Test side. At least in the squad. He scored a century against England at

home, and then he wasn't picked. I saw a post recently about his weight loss, but even when he was heavier, he was scoring runs. That was never an issue," Gayle said. Sarfaraz has piled up mountains of runs in domestic cricket, including triple centuries in first-class cricket. Yet, after sitting out the series against Australia and missing selection entirely for the recent England tour.

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

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

'I wasn't fully in the mix': Shreyas Iyer breaks silence on his time with KKR



Shreyas Iyer (X-Kolkata Knight Riders) Shreyas Iyer has firmly established himself as one of Indian cricket's brightest stars. Recently, he played a pivotal role in India's triumph at the ICC Champions Trophy in Dubai, finishing as the team's highest run-scorer. His leadership skills have also been widely praised. In 2024, he captained Kolkata Knight Riders to their first IPL title in ten years. Despite leading KKR to their first IPL title in a decade and proving himself as a strong captain, the franchise chose not to retain him ahead of the 2025 auction. This decision surprised many, as Iyer had delivered both as a leader and a player, and had also previously led Delhi Capitals to their first IPL final in 2020. At the 2025 mega auction in Jeddah, Punjab Kings bought Iyer for ₹26.75 crore, making

Support

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him the second-highest paid player in IPL history after Rishabh Pant. Punjab co-owner Preity Zinta later praised Iyer's leadership and experience, saying they were lucky to have him and had planned their auction strategy around him. The support from the Punjab Kings gave Iyer confidence. With coach Ricky Ponting, he led the team to the IPL final in 2025. Speaking to GQ India, he said, "I offer a lot as a captain and player. Punjab gave me all the support I needed from coaches, management, and players. I was able to contribute in meetings and make decisions on and off the field."

Carlos takes home record prize money

for winning US Open



Prize

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Carlos Alcaraz defeated Jannik Sinner 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 in the US Open final on Sunday at Flushing Meadows, claiming his second trophy at the venue and sixth major overall. The victory also marked their third consecutive Grand Slam final matchup of the season, with Alcaraz reclaiming the No 1 ranking from Sinner. The contest took place under a closed roof due to earlier rainfall, with second-seeded Alcaraz dominating the defending champion Sinner from the start. Alcaraz now leads their head-to-head series 10-5, holds more major trophies at 6-4, and has won two US Open

championships to Sinner's one. The 22-year-old Spaniard completed the victory in 2 hours and 42 minutes. "I'm seeing you more than my family," Alcaraz joked to Sinner. "It's great to share the court, to share the locker rooms, everything." "You were better than me," Sinner acknowledged to Alcaraz. "I tried my best today. I couldn't do more." By winning the 2025 US Open title, Carlos Alcaraz (and Aryna Sabalenka in the women's section) won \$5 million, record prize money in the tournament's history. It went up from \$3.6 million last year. With the event upping the overall prize money to \$90 million, up 20% from 2024, it was bound to be a big payday for the players. Despite losing the final, Sinner (and Amanda Anisimova among the women) will walk away with \$2.5 million.

Duleep Trophy Final: Central Zone announce four replacements for clash against South Zone

Replacement

□ Bhute comes in as a replacement for his Vidarbha teammate Yash

NEW DELHI: Vidarbha pacer Nachiket Bhute and Madhya Pradesh's left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya Singh were among four replacement players named in the Central Zone squad for the upcoming Duleep Trophy final against South Zone, starting Wednesday in Bengaluru. Bhute comes in as a replacement for his Vidarbha teammate Yash Thakur, while Kartikeya takes the spot of Harsh Dubey. The Central



selectors also drafted in Madhya Pradesh pacer Kuldeep Sen and Rajasthan spinner Ajay Singh Kukna, who will replace Khaleel Ahmed and Manav Suthar, respectively. The changes were necessitated after Thakur, Dubey, Khaleel and Suthar were called up to the India A squad for the two unofficial four-day Tests against Australia A in Lucknow, scheduled from September 16-19 and 23-26. The Duleep Trophy final will be played

from September 11-15 at the Centre of Excellence Grounds, Bengaluru, with both sides reaching the summit clash in similar fashion. Central Zone advanced after securing a first-innings lead in their drawn semifinal against West Zone, while South Zone progressed the same way against North Zone. Updated Central Zone squad: Rajat Patidar (c), Ayush Pandey, Danish Malewar, Shubham Sharma, Sanchit Desai, Yash Rathod, Nachiket

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Bhute, Kumar Kartikeya Singh, Aditya Thakare, Upendra Yadav (wk), Ajay Singh Kukna, Akshay Wadkar (wk), Deepak Chahar, Kuldeep Sen, Saransh Jain.

Heaviest ODI defeat and ICC fine: South Africa's misery continues



were considered. As per Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct, players are fined five per cent of their match fee for each over not bowled in

the allotted time. "Captain Temba Bavuma pled guilty to the offence and accepted the proposed sanction, so there was no need for

Collapse

□ South Africa's woes deepened on Monday after their historic collapse

a formal hearing," the ICC confirmed in a statement. Umpires Nitin Menon, Russell Warren, Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid and Mike Burns levelled the

charge. The penalty only added to South Africa's misery, coming a day after they suffered the heaviest defeat in men's ODI history. Bowled out for just 72 in pursuit of England's mammoth 415, the Proteas slumped to a record 342-run loss. The collapse lasted just 20.5 overs, narrowly sparing them the ignominy of breaking their lowest-ever total of 69 against Australia in

1993. England's dominance was built on centuries from Jacob Bethell (110 off 82) and Joe Root, before Jofra Archer returned superb figures of 4-18 to dismantle the South African batting. Although Africa had already sealed the three-match series 2-1, the crushing defeat and the fine have left them under pressure heading into the T20I series starting Wednesday.

Armed with a champagne bottle and ready to drench his entourage, the world No. 1 instead found himself on the receiving end, From Arthur Ashe to Taylor Swift's fab club: Carlos Alcaraz's champagne-soaked US Open party in New York



Carlos Alcaraz capped his latest Grand Slam triumph in style on Sunday night, trading the roar of Arthur Ashe Stadium for the glitz of Manhattan nightlife.

The 22-year-old Spaniard, who defeated Jannik Sinner 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 to lift his second US Open crown and sixth major overall, was the center of attention

Membership at the Parisian-inspired venue comes at a premium

Membership at the Parisian-inspired venue comes at a premium, with annual fees ranging from \$3,000 to \$4,000 depending on age, plus hefty joining costs. Inside, Alcaraz was greeted by renowned chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, who posed for photos with the champion. Models Brianna Bardhi and Tika Camaj also joined the celebrations, as the tennis star's victory coincided with a high-profile afterparty for the VMA Awards.

both on and off the court. Moments after sealing victory in front of a packed house that included US President

Donald Trump, Alcaraz retreated to the locker room to celebrate with his team. Armed with a champagne bottle and

ready to drench his entourage, the world No. 1 instead found himself on the receiving end, as coach Juan Carlos Ferrero and others showered their star with fizz in jubilant scenes. The night didn't end there. Alcaraz and his circle later headed to Chez Margaux, a private members-only supper club in the Meatpacking District, known for hosting celebrities from Taylor Swift to the New York.

Jatin credits Lalit for making Team India a global brand

Former India cricketer and selector Jatin Paranjape has offered a rare glimpse into the dramatic transformation of Indian cricket's global image and the personal journeys behind it. Speaking on The Bombay Sport Exchange, Paranjape traced the journey from BCCI's first apparel sponsorship to Lalit Modi's audacious vision of making Team India a worldwide brand, while also reflecting on his father Vasu Paranjape's coaching legacy and the complexities of growing up in a famous cricketing

household. Paranjape, who worked closely with Nike during its association with the BCCI, recalled the revolutionary moment when cricket apparel became more than just uniforms. "A lot of credit needs to go to Lalit Modi," he said. "He was the guy who thought big and wanted a big brand from an apparel perspective. There was even a clause in the contract about having retail outlets internationally to stock BCCI merchandise. He really saw the Indian team as a global brand — and now we're living that reality."