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Manipur: I am with you, adopt the path of peace: Prime Minister Modi

India will achieve self-reliance in every process from design to manufacturing: Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Imphal: Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Manipur on Saturday. This is PM Modi's first visit to this northeastern state after the violence that erupted two years ago. He laid the foundation stone of various development works in Churachandpur, Manipur. During this, he also addressed the public meeting. PM Modi promised the people of Manipur, saying, 'I am with you, the Government of India is with the people of Manipur.' He said, 'I salute the spirit of the people of Manipur. Despite heavy rains, you have gathered here in such large numbers and I am deeply grateful for your love and affection. When my helicopter could not fly due to the weather, I chose to travel by road. People on the roadside welcomed me with the tricolor in their hands. I



'This land of Manipur is a land of courage and bravery: Modi

PM said, 'This land of Manipur is a land of courage and bravery. These hills... are a precious gift of nature, and at the same time these hills are also a symbol of the continuous hard work of all of you. Manipur has Mani in its name, this is the Mani, which is going to increase the shine of the entire North-East in the coming times. Manipur

will never forget the warmth and love I received.

shares its border with other countries and connectivity has always been a challenge here. I understand the difficulties you have to face due to poor connectivity. Therefore, since 2014, I have put a lot of emphasis on improving connectivity in Manipur. For this, the Government of India has worked at two levels.

I bow my head respectfully to the people of Manipur.'

Decisions taken in national interest are our culture: Yogi

Lucknow: There are three situations in our life, in which the first is tendency, the second is perversion and the third is culture. In this, the tendency is for the situation to remain as it is. A person wants change, but hesitates to prepare himself for the change. On the other hand, if an institution or a person continuously goes towards decline, then it is perversion. In this



series, if a person takes a decision. His decision is in the wider public interest and national

interest, then his decision is culture. A great example of this culture is Dr. Ram Manohar

Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences. The institute has expanded from 20 beds to 1,375 beds in just 19 years. We should be ready to go two steps ahead of the speed of work. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the speed of the country and the person is the speed of time. We should be ready to go two steps ahead of the speed of time. He said

that the person, society or country which is unable to recognize the speed of time, automatically comes under the grip of time because the speed of time is the same about which Dr. Shyam Narayan Pandey had said that this is the seat of Mahakaal. No one has control over it. If someone thinks that I will block the speed of time, then it will be his misunderstanding. In

Himachal: 1,789 women will become Panchayat

Shimla: This time in Himachal Pradesh, 1,789 women will be in charge of the Gram Panchayat Pradhan. In the Panchayat elections held in the year 2020, 1,808 women were in charge of the Gram Panchayats. Recently, the government has made about 44 Panchayats as Nagar Panchayats, while four new Gram Panchayats have also been formed by cutting off Yol Cantt. Compared to the last Panchayat elections, now there are 3,577 Gram Panchayats in the state. During the tenure

of the Jairam government, the number of Panchayats was 3,615. Due to the reduction in the number of Panchayats, women leadership will be less in about 19 Gram Panchayats. The block has been considered as a unit to decide women reservation on only 50 percent of the seats of Gram Panchayats. If the number of Gram Panchayats in a block is odd, then by applying the formula of point five, one more seat will be added to the account of the woman. Women can contest elections.



Workers presenting a memento to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Imphal, the capital of Manipur.

'Bail and anticipatory bail petitions should be settled within 6 months'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has directed the High Courts and lower courts across the country to dispose of bail and anticipatory bail petitions within six months. A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said, "The High Courts as well as subordinate courts should dispose of bail and anticipatory bail petitions within a short



time frame. Preferably within three to six months."

The bench said that applications directly related to the right to personal liberty cannot be left pending for years.

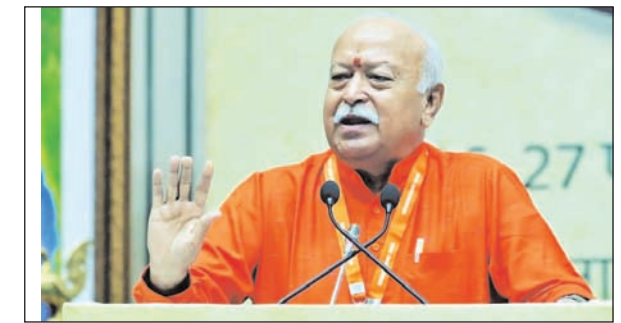
The court said that long delays not only defeat the purpose of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) but are also tantamount to deprivation of justice, contrary to the constitutional values enshrined in Articles 14 and 21. The court said that bail and anticipatory bail applications should be decided expeditiously on the basis of their merits.

People are now speaking openly about the irregularities in the voter list: Venugopal

New Delhi: Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal has launched a scathing attack on the Central Government and the Election Commission over the special intensive revision of the voter list in Bihar and the alleged vote theft. He said that after Rahul Gandhi's recent press conference, people across the country have started understanding the irregularities in the voter list.

'We have to understand the world by leaving 'I' aside'

Nagpur: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said that people (America) are afraid that what will happen to them if India becomes strong, that is why tariffs are being imposed. Without naming any country, Bhagwat said that such steps are taken by those who always want to see themselves in the news. Bhagwat said these things on the 7th foundation day of Brahmakumari Vishwa



Shanti Sarovar in Nagpur. Actually, Trump had announced a 25% tariff on India on 30 July. It came into effect on 7 August. At the same time, 25% extra tariff

was imposed on India due to buying Russian oil, which came into effect from 27 August. Trump said that India is buying cheap oil from Russia and selling it in

the open market. This is helping Putin to continue the war against Ukraine. Bhagwat further said that until humans do not understand their true nature, they and countries will continue to face problems. If we show kindness and overcome fear, then we will not have any enemies. Today the world is looking for solutions, because due to its incomplete vision it is unable to find the way forward. It is impossible

There is a greater risk of floods in lower areas due to the breaking of glaciers

Dehradun

The rising water level of the rivers of the state is a matter of concern, one of the main reasons for which is the large scale breaking of glaciers. Due to heavy rains and melting of glaciers, the amount of water in the rivers is increasing, which has increased the risk of silt and floods in the lower areas. Geologists have warned that if the condition of the glaciers does not improve, then the risk of floods in the lower areas situated on the river banks will increase further in the future. According to Professor HC Nainwal of the Department of Geology of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal Central University, the glaciers of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh are retreating by 5 to 20 meters every year. What is even more worrying is that their thickness is continuously decreasing. Hanging glaciers break more, which increases the incidence of avalanches. Professor Nainwal has cited changes in the earth's temperature and emission of gases as the main reasons behind the rapid breaking of glaciers. The gases emitted from forest fires are also having a bad effect on them. The breaking of glaciers will increase the amount of water and silt in the rivers. This will not only increase the risk of floods in the lower areas but will also reduce the capacity of the reservoirs of hydroelectric projects. The storage capacity of the reservoirs will decrease due to the accumulation of silt, which will reduce power generation. Apart from this, the sea level will also rise. Professor Nainwal believes that it is very important to reduce the emission of gases to save the glaciers. There is a dire need to formulate a nationwide pol-



PM's visit to Manipur is just a sham: Kharge

Questioned

Kharge said it was the government's responsibility to maintain law and order



Assam and other states from September 13 to 15, saying that his three-hour stopover in Manipur is not a symbol of concern but just a sham. Kharge said in an

New Delhi: Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Mizoram, Manipur,

Goyal held discussions with leading industrialists of the textile industry

New Delhi: Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday met leading industrialists of the textile industry in Mumbai amid the US' announcement of imposing 25 per cent import duty (tariff) on India. Intensive discussions were held with the industrialists. During this, bold ideas were discussed to enhance global competitiveness, sustainability.

New Delhi: The Election Commission has told the Supreme Court that any direction to conduct a special intensive revision (SIR) of the voter list at regular intervals across the country would encroach upon the exclusive jurisdiction of the Election Commission. In a counter affidavit filed in the Supreme Court, the Election Commission said that it has full authority over the policy of amendment in the voter list.

Encroach

Direct and control the preparation and conduct of electoral rolls for all elections

Giving directions to get SIR done is an encroachment of jurisdiction: EC



The counter affidavit said that the Chief Electoral Officers of all states and union territories except Bihar have been directed to amend

the voter list. The affidavit said that 'the Election Commission has constitutional and statutory powers to prepare the voter list and

monitor the amendment. Any direction to conduct SIR at regular intervals across the country would encroach upon the exclusive jurisdiction of the Election Commission.' This affidavit of the Election Commission has been filed on the petition of lawyer Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay. In his petition, Ashwini Kumar has demanded a direction to the Election Commission to conduct a thorough revision of

the voter list at regular intervals across India, especially before the elections, to ensure that only Indian citizens decide the politics and policy of the country. The Election Commission said that under Article 324 of the Constitution, the Election Commission has the power to revise, direct and control the preparation and conduct of electoral rolls for all elections to Parliament and the Legislature of every State.

Supreme Court strict on climate change

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has said that all the concerned parties will have to come on a common platform to deal with the problem of carbon emissions from power generation.

Prepare a concrete action plan in this direction by calling a joint meeting with the CEA and the Central

Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).

The court believes that the challenge of emissions cannot be overcome without connecting the policy makers to the ground realities. A bench of Justice PS Narasimha and Justice AS Chandurkar said in its order of July 22 that to control carbon emissions generated.

UGC bans 3 private universities from PhD admissions for 5 years

Due to academic misconduct and UGC PhD regulations, OPJS University (Churu), Sunrise University (Alwar), and Singhania University (Jhunjhunu) have been forbidden from accepting PhD students for five years (2025-26 to 2029-30). Admissions at three Rajasthan universities were suspended immediately. Following admission exam protocols, Research Advisory Committee (RAC) creation, and thesis evaluation criteria, the UGC found their practices inadequate. Another 30 are being examined. The UGC said, "After analysing/ examining/ evaluating the information/ data submitted by the universities, the Standing Committee has found that three universities did not follow the provisions of the UGC PhD regulations and also the academic norms for the award of PhD degrees..."



VB accuses Majithia in 40,000-page chargesheet

Delhi: In the matter of disproportionate assets (DA), the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) filed a 40,000-page chargesheet against Bikram Singh Majithia, a leader of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and a former minister, in a Mohali court. In the court of additional judge Hardeep Singh was presented the chargesheet, which was enclosed in four sealed trunks.

responses received from these universities were not found

The chargesheet has been filed in court, according to public prosecutor Ferry Sofat.

On June 25, as part of the DA case that supposedly deals with the laundering of 540 crore of "drug money," the VB had taken Majithia into custody from his Amritsar residence. While incarcerated in Patiala's Nabha jail, Majithia had her bail application rejected by a Mohali court on August 18.

satisfactory." UGC chair M Jagadesh Kumar stressed.

Three months after the medical portal launch, just 6.5k 12L physicians registered

Delhi: Three and a half months after the national medical registry was began, less than 6,500 doctors have registered and 284 have been approved. The projected 12 lakh doctors working in India would take 40 years to register and approve at the current rate. Union health minister JP Nadda launched the National Medical Register (NMR) Portal of the National Medical Commission (NMC) to register all Indian MBBS doctors. "The uniqueness of NMR is that it is linked with doctors' Aadhaar IDs, which

ensures authenticity," claimed the health ministry. NHA and NMC's NMR site will provide dynamic, authentic, and consolidated doctor data, it stated. The government claimed that "the speedy and easy registration process on the portal will facilitate the timely updation of the data", yet doctors have had registration issues. The Kerala State Medical Council confirmed my NMC registration. In 110 days, my application has been returned with unrelated questions four times, including questions about the University

and state medical council name changes. They want me to file an affidavit about the Aadhaar card name not matching the pre-Aadhaar registration. The NMR is required by Section 31 of the NMC Act, 2019. "If they cannot put together a digital database for just 12 lakh doctors who come through a highly regulated education system, can you imagine them being able to create databases for other categories in healthcare who would be well over 50 lakh and whose training is very poorly regulated?"

Starbucks workers expand strike across US cities

Starbucks workers have extended their ongoing strike to four more cities, including New York, according to the union that represents more than 10,000 coffee shop workers. The strike stemmed from failed negotiations between Starbucks and union representatives, with disputes over wages, staffing levels,

and work schedules remaining unresolved. According to news agency Reuters, the five-day strike, which began on , initially impacted Starbucks locations in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Seattle. As of Saturday, the industrial action has expanded to include New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, and St. Louis. While the union

did not specify the location of the walkout in New Jersey, it confirmed that the strike continues to disrupt operations in the newly added cities.

The union's strike spans in 10 cities, including Columbus, Denver and Pittsburgh, during the festive period, potentially affecting the company's Christmas revenue.

Assam Govt. Approves Inter-Religious Land Transfer SOP

Delhi : Assam's government authorized a SOP for inter-religious land transfer. In a briefing, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said "all such transfers will come to the government". Assam is sensitive, this land transfers must be handled carefully. We will review all transfers that come to the government. "The District Commissioner will make the final decision based on the buyer's source of funds, whether the land sale will affect the local community's social fabric, and whether any national security threats are involved," Mr. Sarma added. "The Nodal Officer in that Department would forward it to the Assam Police Special Branch. The Assam Police Special Branch will



review the plan for fraud, coercion, illegality, source of funding, social cohesion, and national security. He said the idea would be returned to the government, with the District Commissioner making the ultimate decision. This is another daring move by the Assam government to

stop indigenous people from transferring land to illegal settlers. "NGOs outside Assam sought land to establish institutions, we will examine similar land sale prospects for national security purposes, no such procedure for local NGOs" said the chief. A framework in the SOP

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.

ensures thorough verification of inter-religion land transfers.

IIT Kharagpur teachers petition governors. Restore HoD positions

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

to the Union Ministry of Education, sparking a confrontation. They wanted an academically qualified, inclusive governance-experienced successor. When the administration sent show-cause notices to IITTA office bearers and disciplined them for not answering within seven days, tensions rose. Show cause notices were sent to 86 academic members who signed a petition supporting the IITTA, worsening the situation. The IITTA said several of the 86 academic department heads were replaced. The

administration also said people who answered or apologized would not be punished. After an unusual general body meeting the IITTA approached the board of governors. They worry the administration may act fast and deny office bearers a fair hearing. , further undermining trust. The association asked the board of governors to remove show-cause notices from 86 faculty members, restore their administrative positions, limit press statements that inflame.

Shadow education is on the rise, with 33% of students enrolling in private lessons

Delhi : The most recent Comprehensive Modular Survey (CMS) on education that the Indian government issued found that about one-third of school-aged children now use private tutors, with the trend being even more pronounced in metropolitan regions.

The results provide a picture of a system in which public schools play a pivotal role in rural India but private schools and paid tutoring are becoming more popular among urban families. As part of the 80th round of the National Sample Survey, the ministry of statistics and programme implementation surveyed 52,000 households and around 58,000 pupils to determine how much money families spent on education. Although public



schools still make up the majority of schools in the country (55.9%), they have a much larger impact in rural areas (where 2/3 of students attend). Only 30.1% of urban students attend public schools, with parents clearly favoring private, non-public schools. In metropolitan locations, where disposable wealth and aspirations influence choice, private schools make up a disproportionately large portion of enrolments (nearly a third of the total) of students.

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.

PMJDY turns 11 with 560 million accounts and 2.68 trillion deposits

Delhi: The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), established by Narendra Modi in 2014, has become the world's largest financial inclusion program with 56 crore accounts and 2.68 trillion deposit balances achieved in 11 years. PM Modi wrote on "X": "When the last mile is financially connected, the nation advances. The PM Jan Dhan Yojana did that. People had more respect and control over their fate." Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman: "Financial inclusion drives economic growth and prosperity.



Universal bank accounts allow the poor and marginalized to engage fully in the formal economy." She noted in the FinMin press statement that PMJDY is an important avenue for DBT, credit, social security, and savings mobilization. Over

the past 11 years, over 56 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been established, resulting in a 2.68 trillion deposit amount. "Over 38 crore free RuPay cards enable digital transactions" Sitharaman stated. The statement states that

During India-Pakistan tensions, Delhi tests air sirens

Delhi : The national capital heard air raid sirens as part of a simulated practice amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan and two rounds of missile and drone attacks from across the border. The Delhi government warned that the Directorate of Civil Defence would test air raid sirens at the Public Works Department (PWD) headquarters in ITO before the rehearsal and not to panic. Testing will begin at 3 PM and last 15-20 minutes. The statement demanded significant social and electronic media publicity to advise the people to be calm and not panic throughout the exercise. District Magistrate (Central) G Sudhakar advised people to stay calm when sirens sound.

67% of PMJDY accounts are in rural and semi-urban areas and 56% are held by women, indicating substantial penetration in underserved segments.

An expert's advice on avoiding contracting hepatitis A and E as cases surge

Delhi : According to physicians, the intake of contaminated water and sanitation issues have contributed significantly to the increase in Hepatitis A and E cases in Delhi. The liver-affecting virus can spread quickly during the monsoon because sewage is likely to mingle with drinking



water. In many overcrowded areas, the condition is exacerbated by street food and open sewers, according to Sudeep Khanna, Senior Consultant Gastroenterology at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals. Not enough individuals get the virus vaccine, he added, and many more don't recog-

nize the symptoms until it's too late to get care. "Hepatitis A has surged to levels not seen before the monsoon... The majority of our patients develop acute hepatitis through contaminated food or drink. Rest and a healthy, regular diet are crucial for getting well.

Grand event of National Lok Adalat, Record settlement of total 222148 cases

● A total of 13338 criminal cases were settled. A total of 89 cases were settled by Family Court on the basis of mutual settlement. A total of 37 cases were settled by Bal Mukund

Disposed

❑ Parvez Akhtar, Additional District Judge, EC Act disposed of 528 electricity cases



Prayagraj: As per the instructions of Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Lucknow, on Saturday, National Lok Adalat was organized in District Court, Prayagraj and all tehsils under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj at 10 am by lighting a lamp by Hon'ble Chief Justice, Family Court, Prayagraj Dr. Bal Mukund. A total of 222148 cases were set-

tled in National Lok Adalat. A total of 13338 criminal cases were settled. A total of 89 cases were settled by Family Court on the basis of mutual settlement. A total of 37 cases were settled by Bal Mukund, Chief Justice, Family Court. The Family Court made an agreement for 12 couples to live together on the basis of mutual settlement and fed sweets to each



other after garlanding them. Motor Accident Claims Tribunal Presiding Officer North Ram Kushal disposed of 304 cases. Motor Accident Claims Tribunal Presiding Officer South Pradeep Singh disposed of 131 cases. Ramkesh, Presiding Officer, Commercial Court disposed of a total of 03 cases. Presiding Officer Land Acquisition disposed

of a total of 09 cases. Parvez Akhtar, Additional District Judge, EC Act disposed of 528 electricity cases. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Trisha Mishra disposed of 5717 cases, Kumar Jaiswal, Railway Magistrate disposed of 2360 cases, Diksha Virtual Court, Traffic disposed of a total of 1624 pre-litigation cases. Revenue courts disposed of a total of 125000 cases, 1872 bank pre-litigation cases were disposed of. Lok Adalat was successfully organized by establishing coordination with all the departments under the guidance of Ravikant-II, Nodal Officer/ADJ, Lok Adalat. This information was given by Dinesh Kumar G a u t a m , Secretary/ADJ, District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath attending the foundation day celebrations of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences.

Tired of illness, a teenager hanged herself, died

Kaushambi. Rambali Nirmal of Bamhrauli village of Kokhraj police station area works as a clothes presser in a shop in Mumbai. He supports his family with this. His wife Priyanka Devi, daughter Shweta Kumari, 15 years old and son Deepanshu, 10 years old live.

Students create ruckus in United Law College, anger erupts over back result

Fourth semester students protested fiercely at United Law College in Jhalwa



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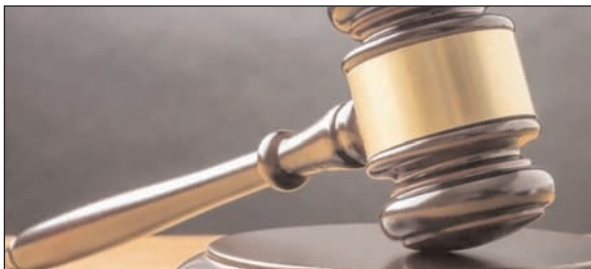
Slogans

❑ They sat on a dharna in the campus and raised slogans against the management

Prayagraj. Fourth semester students protested fiercely at United Law College in Jhalwa on Saturday. They sat on a dharna in the campus and raised slogans against the management. The students allege that they were deliberately failed by giving back results, even though they had participated in the examinations with full hard work. When the angry students asked the college management the reason for this, they got a shocking answer. The management said that this step has been taken in the interest of the students so that they can score better marks next time. Hearing this argument, the anger of the students increased fur-

ther and they raised slogans fiercely in the campus. The students say that such an arbitrary decision has been taken by ignoring their hard work. This will not only waste their one year but will also have a direct impact on their career. They allege that this decision is completely unfair and against the basic spirit of education. The protesting students have warned that if the back decision is not withdrawn, they will intensify the movement. Meanwhile, a video of the protest held in the campus has gone viral.

HC stays action against sister-in-law and brother-in-law in dowry harassment case



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Prayagraj. Allahabad High Court has stayed the harassing action against sister-in-law Diksha Katiyar and Akanksha Katiyar and brother-in-law Bijendra Pratap Singh in the case of dowry harassment, assault and molestation related to marital dispute. Also, a notice has been issued to the complainant Swati Katiyar and a reply has been sought. This case was related to the judicial magistrate Kanpur taking cognizance of the police charge sheet, in which sister-in-law and brother-in-law had challenged the case proceedings. Wife Swati Katiyar had lodged a case against her husband Shivam Katiyar, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law and others for demanding dowry, assault and molestation in Govindnagar police station, Kanpur. Justice Arun Kumar Singh Deshwal gave this order while hearing the petition of Prabha Katiyar and others. Advocate Sunil Chaudhary, on behalf of the petitioners, said in the debate that on the day of the incident, sister-in-law

Diksha Katiyar had come to her in-laws' house for treatment, where her brother-in-law Brijendra Pratap Singh and elder sister Akanksha Katiyar were present. On May 27, 2024, Diksha, Akanksha and Nandoi had gone abroad to Malaysia. He alleged that Swati Katiyar implicated the entire family in a false dowry harassment case and registered a case of molestation against the brother-in-law. The petitioners also told that Swati Katiyar kept pressuring to get the in-laws' property transferred in her name. As the dispute escalated, mother-in-law Prabha Katiyar got the movable and immovable property evicted in the court, after which Swati Katiyar and her husband were living separately. From there, she again pressurized to get the property transferred in her name and harassed. Ultimately, she complained to the police and after reconciliation, again made false allegations. On the basis of these facts, the High Court stayed the harassing action against the sister-in-law and Nandoi and issued a notice to the complainant and sought a reply.

The game of scaring people in the name of mafia continues

Legal

❑ Intention of the opposing party is to hand over his land to the people of Atiq gang.

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case has come to light from Kasari Masari area of Prayagraj. Dhunnu Pal, son of Chhedilal, who lives here, made serious allegations in a press conference held in the Narada Auditorium of Electronic Media Club on Saturday. Dhunnu Pal said that the land of him and his four other brothers has already been divided by the

order of the court. He also has written proof of this. Despite this, some people are forcibly linking his land to mafia Ashraf and creating controversy. Dhunnu Pal alleges that the intention of the opposing party is to hand over his land to the people of Atiq gang. If they protest, they are threatened to be made Atiq's "hench-

men". Dhunnu Pal appeared before the media with his two other brothers and alleged that pressure is being created by spreading fake news. He demanded from the administration that his divided land should be investigated, and action should be taken against this gang. He clearly said that if there is an investigation, the truth will come out, because he and his family have never had any connection with the Atiq-Ashraf family. He never sold his land to anyone. He appealed to the Yogi Adityanath government to get justice and stop this game of intimidation going on in the name of mafia.

Handia police arrested three accused of theft, recovered two solar panels

Prayagraj. Handia police has arrested three wanted accused. Two stolen solar panels and a pickup vehicle used in the incident have also been recovered from their possession. Police said that a case was registered in Handia police station. The three arrested accused include Sachin



Maurya resident of village Jaswa police

Charges

❑ They were arrested by the Handia police team on charges of theft

station Handia, Sandeep Yadav resident of village Vilari police station Handia and Pramod Yadav alias Karan Yadav

resident of village Lamahi police station Handia Commissionerate Prayagraj.

They were arrested by the Handia police team on charges of theft near Bhati bridge under Handia area. On the basis of arrest and recovery, section 317 (2) was added to the

case and further legal action was taken as per rules. Police said that on September 10, the accused had stolen solar panels kept for installation under the Pradhan Mantri Jal Jeevan Mission scheme at the GP site located in village Lamahi under police station Handia area.

During this time, two miscreants riding a blue Apache bike looted the gold chain from her neck.

Naini Police and SOG solved chain snatching case, two miscreants arrested

Police has solved the chain snatching case in Naini police station area. Police has arrested two vicious accused and recovered the looted gold chain, cash and illegal weapons from them. The incident took place on 8 September. The victim Poonam Dwivedi had gone to drop her children to tuition in Jhilmil Colony. During this time, two miscreants riding a blue Apache bike looted the gold chain from her neck. The complaint of



the case was lodged by the victim's father-in-law Kamlesh Dwivedi. Acting on the complaint, the police started investigation and on Saturday, the SOG team and Naini

Police conducted a joint operation and caught both the accused during checking at the intersection going from Phoolmandi to Arail. The arrested accused have

been identified as Umashankar Jaiswal alias Dodia (resident of Allahpur) and Santosh Kumar Rawat (resident of Gaya Sudinpur, Transport Nagar).

During interrogation, both of them confessed to the conspiracy of the crime. Police have recovered the looted gold

chain, Rs 910 cash, the Apache bike used in the incident, two illegal pistols and cartridges from them.

Public Notice

It is informed to the general public that the correct name of my son is Krishnam Ojha son of Santosh Kumar Ojha. Which is mentioned in his educational records. Due to mistake, my son's name has been mentioned as Krishna Kumar Ojha in his Aadhar card number 278370059294, which is wrong. In future, my son should be known by his correct name Krishnam Ojha son of Santosh Kumar Ojha. It is hereby certified that all the legal formalities in relation to the above have been completed by me myself. Aarti Ojha wife of Shri Santosh Kumar Ojha, resident of Soraon-Pati, Mejaroad-Prayagraj.

Public Notice

I, Shahzade son of Laik Ahmad resident of Roop Narayanpur Sailabi Kasiya West district Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh is correct. The name is wrongly written in the passport which needs to be corrected MD Shahajade s/o Laik Ahmad Address roop narayanpur Sailabi, Kasiya Kaushambi, Kasiya Pashchim, Uttar Pradesh, 212201.

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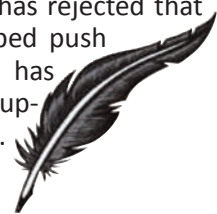
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Editorial

The deal will also enable the return of

The deal will also enable the return of displaced people in Gaza to return to whatever is left of their homes, and daily delivery of food and other supplies by hundreds of trucks. But things can still go wrong. There can be accidents or attacks from either side, which could break the truce. But even if the guns in Gaza do go silent on Sunday and the ceasefire holds for its intended period, the real challenge will come in the second stage of the agreement, when negotiations for ending the war and return of all remaining hostages would begin. Is Israel ready for a permanent end to the war? And what will stop a Palestinian activist from firing at Israel, given the bitterness in the community after Israel's campaign? There is not a single Palestinian left in Gaza who has not lost a friend or relative at the hands of Israel in this war. The third and final phase will involve the reconstruction of Gaza, whose infrastructure has been destroyed by the Israeli bombardments. The Arab countries that funded reconstruction in the past will be reluctant to do it this time unless they are sure that Israel will not destroy it again. It is also not clear who will govern Gaza now, as Hamas, even in its much-weakened form, will be unacceptable to both Israel and the United States. How Trump will react in the second and third phases is not possible to predict given his nature. In office, he may act differently. But both Israel and Hamas know that things have dramatically changed over the past 15 months when the current war began with the attack on Israel by the militant group on October 7, 2023. Israel's military response was swift and massive. One by one, it eliminated all the top leaders of Hamas and its ally Hezbollah and destroyed their military infrastructure. This also led to a regime change in Syria, where Bashar Assad was forced to flee the country and seek refuge in Russia. Hezbollah's primary backer.

Iran, has also been weakened following Assad's fall. Israel may have succeeded in decapitating the leadership of Hamas and Hezbollah and destroying their war machines. But the human cost of its military response in Gaza has also hit its international image and sparked a global outcry. Its brutal military campaign killed over 47,000 people in Gaza, displaced most of its 2.3 million population and destroyed more than 80% of residential buildings. Most of the victims have been innocent civilians who are now living in famine-like conditions, with hardly any access to health, food, clean water or proper shelter. For the first time, Israel has faced genocide accusations at the International Court of Justice. The International Criminal Court even issued arrest warrants against Netanyahu and his former defence minister on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity. A successful ceasefire may bring an immediate end to the sufferings of Gaza's population, and the end of the current war may achieve a little more. But that does not mean the end of the wider conflict between Palestinians and Israel. While the Gaza war raged on, Israel expanded its settlements in the West Bank, and violence by settlers in that part of the territory has also increased in recent months. Peace in the Middle East continues to remain elusive. The Palestinian conflict is unlikely to be resolved without a two-state solution, as proposed by most countries, including India. However, the current Israeli government has rejected that idea. Trump may have helped push the ceasefire deal, but he has shown no interest so far in supporting a two-state solution.



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that there may be some rationalisation of duties on capital goods required for solar upstream manufacturing could be seen so that overall that industry can really take off. "We expect continuation and maybe broadening of the PLI support towards the solar module value chain. We already have a few interventions there, which are likely to be extended deeper," Dwivedi said. Similarly, on the battery manufacturing front, the industry expects localization of the value chain given competing countries have already advanced beyond India. In the green hydrogen segment, the industry believes the government may bring in hydrogen purchase for specific sectors like (green) steel. On the EV front, the industry seeks more support towards building public charging infrastructure given the anticipated increase in the EV penetration. "Under the PM E-drive, we already have an allocation of about Rs 1,100 crores for FY26. Given that the final guidelines have not been released until now, I think even the allocation under FY25 may get added and FY26 budget may be increased as the country expects an acceleration in EV adoption in FY26," Dwivedi said. While the government has already launched a rooftop solar scheme and announced viability gap funding for offshore wind projects, industry players expect increased allocations, particularly towards solar and wind, along with higher



budgetary capital expenditure in green hydrogen and battery storage infrastructure. Along with this, the sector also expects the government to increase its coverage of households under PM Suryaghar. "Under the Atmannirbhar Bhart scheme, there should be a scheme for the home grown EPCM companies to create indigenous technical capabilities in the country and reduce the foreign exchange outflow. We would also like to see a reduction on GST for engineering equipment and a reduction in import duties on chemicals in India," said Umesh Sood, CEO Simon India Ltd. Sunil Singhvi, President, Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association noted that there is a need for strong policy support to foster growth, drive innovation, and enhance sustainability in the power sector. "One of the main requests is to expand the PLI scheme, which aims to increase domestic production of crucial electrical components necessary for large and

essential power projects, such as the advanced High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) systems," he said.

Extension of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for solar energy value chain, increased allocation towards PM Suryaghar Muft Bijlee Yojana, and greater thrust to distribution and transmission infrastructure are likely to be the key features of the upcoming Budget, as far as the energy sector is concerned.

Sources said these proposals figured not only in the budget wish lists of the industry, but also in the respective recommendations from the ministries of power and renewable energy to the finance ministry, ahead of the Budget. "Given the success of PM Suryaghar scheme with almost 600,000 installations in just nine months since its launch, one could probably see additional allocation to target more households," said Ashwin Jacob, partner at Deloitte India. "As far as evacuation of power from offshore wind

projects is concerned, we would want to see the VGF or budgetary support to continue or get enhanced," he added. "We hope to see a decisive increase in funding to accelerate the green energy transition. Priorities must include scaling renewable energy by addressing grid and transmission challenges, advancing Battery Energy.

Storage Systems (BESS) for grid stability and reliable power, doubling energy efficiency and digitalizing the energy sector through AI, smart meters, and data-driven solutions. Streamlining rooftop solar programs with simplified approvals, financing, and monitoring is equally vital," said Saurabh Kumar, Vice President – India, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP). Sharat Goyal, CEO of Impact Infracap also expects the government to remove restrictions on state wise caps on roof top capacity for net-metering for industrial establishments. "Further, adoption of batteries to substitute use of diesel generators for back-up power should receive incentives and policy support given their role in reducing dependence on imports," he said. While the government is increasingly working towards enhancing the country's RE capacity, the distribution and transmission infrastructure for its evacuation still needs to be strengthened. With the peak demand for power growing at a rate of 8-9% annually, the industry is looking forward to strengthening of cli-

mate resilient infrastructure augmentation. "One can expect new allocations towards augmentation of power distribution infrastructure, especially in high density/ urban load centres, in view of the sharp rise in peak demand over the last few years," said Anujesh Dwivedi, Partner at Deloitte India. He noted that there may be some allocation towards supporting the preparatory work especially on the listing of power utilities, or some incentive mechanism for promoting initiatives on private sector participation or listing of utilities at the state level because they are increasingly being seen as the much needed structural reforms the sector needs. The industry is optimistic of a wider coverage of the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme by including smart metering in infrastructure definition.

"This would direct more financing for a sector which seeks to bring down India's transmission and distribution losses to 12% and improve recovery for state utilities," Goyal said. Goyal also noted that power transmission despite significant potential has not seen any notable monetisation events which could address the latent investor demand. "Government should announce a time-bound privatisation programme for assets owned by PGCIL," he said. The sector also sees the PLI scheme for solar value chain to continue with possible reduction in the duty structures for solar equipment.

India-China ties — improvement signs are loud, problems sliding under the radar

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently warned journalists against linking present trends in India-China relations with India's more recent frustrations vis-à-vis the US. There is a strong degree of truth in this warning. Contrary to the prevailing analysis that Trump has induced India and China to improve and repair ties, the bilateral relationship has shown little to no sign of improvement and arguably has even deteriorated under the calmer surface. Let me explain. At present, the quantum of trends as well as indications of 'improved' ties in the bilateral relationship can be divided into four categories. First, a return to diplomatic and economic 'normalcy' such as the resumption of flights, religious pilgrimages and border trade. Second, increasing talk of economic convergence amid a gradual return of Chinese investments. Third, growing peace and tranquillity at the border. And finally, strategic/geopolitical convergences in the age of

Trump. Across all these four domains, 'improvement signs' are loud but misleading or chimeral, while 'deteriorating' trends are getting more entrenched under the radar. This entails signs such as resumption (or planned resumption) of direct flights, exchange of journalists, enhanced people-to-people ties, issuing of visas for businesspersons, resumption of border trade and the sharing of hydrological data. The drip-feed of small but persistent and incremental news pertaining to these developments shapes and reinforces the idea that ties are improving over time. However, this is based on a false causal theory. The two countries are aiming to reinstate exchanges and processes that were the norm until 2019. However, no one was ever of the view back in 2019 that relations were positive and improving because such exchanges existed. In other words, the resumption of these processes says very little about real improvement in ties.

India must move Japan from 'old friend' trap to real partners

After months of diplomatic turbulence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is finally embarking on a bilateral visit that matters. It's not Washington, not Moscow, not Beijing, but Tokyo. Japan has always been a natural partner for India. It's a relationship anchored in shared democratic values, economic complementarities, and maritime imperatives. Yet despite this "naturalness", India-Japan ties have rarely lived up to their potential. This visit, the first by an Indian Prime Minister in seven years, comes at a moment of strategic fluidity: after a heartbreak with the United States, a misconstrued reset with China, and an even more misconstrued rebound with Russia. Against this backdrop, turning to Japan is not only timely but necessary. The timing itself is deliberate. The visit pre-empted India's participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), a grouping increasingly dominated by China, backed by Russia, and including Pakistan, which is ever more entangled in Beijing's orbit. If India is to remain relevant in this shifting regional balance—and beyond—anchoring its partnership with Japan provides an indispensable

counterweight. The India-Japan story is often told with nostalgia. Conferences, policy papers, and panel discussions frequently dwell on the sentimental—the Azad Hind Fauj, the elephant gifted to Japan, or Rabindranath Tagore's exchanges with Japanese thinkers. Even in more contemporary discussions, Shinzo Abe's landmark "Confluence of the Two Seas" speech in 2007 often dominates, credited with inspiring the vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific and, eventually, the Quad. These legacies are important, but excessive reliance on them has created a trap. When a partnership is framed primarily through the lens of "past goodness", it risks obscuring the urgency of present opportunities. Too much of India-Japan engagement has either been anchored in historical frameworks or subordinated to the Quad, leaving bilateral possibilities underexplored. For a relationship described as "natural", its underperformance in tangible outcomes is striking. India and Japan's partnership has underdelivered because New Delhi has played it too safe. For one, it has not kept pace with Tokyo's transformation into a more assertive security actor,

leaving defence technology cooperation underexploited and co-development opportunities on the table. Trade too has been disappointing—stuck around \$22 billion despite decades of Japanese investment. Japan's vast development footprint in South Asia through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has barely been woven into India's regional playbook. Most importantly, India still clings to a narrow view of security, ignoring Japan's sharper recognition that the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific are now inseparably linked.

By staying cautious instead of ambitious, India has allowed a "natural partnership" to remain underwhelming, missing the chance to shape the regional order alongside one of its most reliable allies. To be sure, there are visible positives with the latest visit. Japan is expected to invest around \$68 billion in India's semiconductor and other tech sectors, part of its strategy to diversify away from China. For decades, Japan's overseas development assistance (ODA) was its primary foreign policy tool, compensating for constitutional restrictions on military engagement. I

GST reform is pointless if it doesn't simplify tax slabs

No single power—be it the United States, China, Russia, Iran, or India—can fundamentally change the reality of Balochistan or the lives of its inhabitants on either side of the border. Borders always divide; they are never as "organic" or as "natural" as we imagine them. Balochistan remains a complex geographical and ethnographic conundrum. In Interviews I have conducted with Baloch human rights activists, a stark reality often emerges: the people are not regarded as citizens, and their lives are not valued. This is not merely a humanitarian crisis—it is a strategic condition. For security analysts,

mastering the terrain is half the battle—after all, geopolitics is quite literally the politics of geography. The shared challenge facing India, China, Pakistan, and Iran is that, contrary to the neat abstractions of the nation-state, their borders stretch into regions better described as frontiers—zones of transition rather than lines of separation. These areas are dynamic, expansive, and marked by extreme poverty and shifting norms. The issue is not the rule of law, but the absence of it. This civilisational challenge defines Balochistan, as it does Kurdistan and, for decades, Afghanistan. How India engages with this liminal-

ity carries strategic consequences. Baloch militancy can be broadly divided into two ideological currents: First, the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), a secular ethnonationalist insurgency opposing both Pakistan and China, echoes the outlook of the People's Defense Units (YPG) in Syria. Second, Jaysh al-Adl (Army of Justice), a Sunni-Jihadi group operating from the Iranian side of the border and a successor to Jundallah, resembles Al-Nusra Front in its tactics and ideology. Despite their ideological differences, both the BLA and Jaysh al-Adl groups engage in similar tactical operations.

Across Balochistan, irregular forces compete with Pakistani and Iranian security services for control over territory, populations, smuggling routes, and revenue. Control remains fluid.

The US designation of the BLA as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) ostensibly responds to attack patterns. Yet, the focus on secular insurgents rather than jihadist actors creates a paradox—especially given the tactical symmetry across the border—emerging from overlapping identities, pulls and pressures. Baloch groups are held together by tribal, kinship, religious, and paramilitary networks.

CBSE-AIIMS Delhi launch MATE teacher and counselor training

Delhi : Project MATE Training was launched by the Central Board of Secondary Education and AIIMS Delhi. The offline program trains CBSE school counselors and wellness teachers. Training will go from August 26–30, 2025. The pioneering teenage wellness program MATE, developed by AIIMS Delhi, aims to improve resilience, teach pupils coping skills, and foster meaningful peer connections through "MATE-5." CBSE's announcement adds, "Psychiatry, psychology, and communication professionals will guide the 26-30 August 2025 training program.

The initiative initially features 50 CBSE-affiliated Delhi-NCR school counselors." The biopsychosocial model of health, anxiety-coping skills, parental sensitization, impact assessment tools, and positive peer support systems will be covered in five



days of workshops for school counselors and wellness teachers. It will assist children develop emotional resilience, conflict resolution, digital well-being, and social connectedness while destigmatizing mental health in the school ecosystem." Project MATE gives school counselors and educators the skills to intervene constructively, according to CBSE Chair Rahul Singh, IAS. The press statement described the effort as part of AIIMS & CBSE's mission for comprehensive child development and future-ready education.

Hindu University establishes public policy institute

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

Sift Kaur completes a hat trick in the Asian Championships in the rifle event

Delhi : At the Asian Shooting Championships, Olympian Sift Kaur Samra achieved history for India by winning gold in the solo women's 50m rifle three positions event and also contributing to the team triumph. In the final, world record holder Samra shot 459.2 to defeat Yang Yujie of China. Samra, veteran Anjum Moudgil, and Ashi Chouksey finished in first, second, and third place, respectively, with 1753 points. Samra achieved a new level of performance in the Asian Championships, winning her fourth gold medal overall. Her 589



was good enough to qualify her for the eight-shooter final, where she placed first. Since she was playing for "Ranking Points Only," another Indian, Shriyanka Sadandi, who had topped the qualification round, was unable to participate in the final. Competition for medals is not open to RPO shooters. Both the

kneeling and prone positions yielded scores of 151.0 and 156.2 for Samra, respectively. She dominated the standing-elimination round and maintained her lead until the very end, even though her Chinese opponent mounted a late comeback and ultimately finished fourth, trailing the Indian by only 0.4 points.

Assess UV technology in sewage treatment, NGT directs IIT Delhi

Delhi : National Green Tribunal (NGT) asked IIT Delhi to examine the effectiveness of UV technology in sewage treatment and directed the DPCC to take punitive action against 14 STPs, which, as per a report, failed to meet the standards.

A tribunal

bench, headed by NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava, in an order took notice of a report by Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The report stated that of 37 STPs in the city, seven were yet to be installed with a disinfection system, four had not installed any sys-

tem, while among others, 15 had deployed UV and 11 had chlorination-based disinfection systems to treat bacteria in sewage before discharging the treated water into drains. For those yet to be installed, the process was initiated or tenders awarded.

NCERT Unit Assigns Partition Blame to Congress, Jinnah, and Mountbatten

Delhi : In a special module published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which implicates the Congress, Md Ali Jinnah, and Louis Mountbatten in the Partition, the Congress has voiced its strong disapproval in New Delhi. Separate editions have been created for Classes 9-12 and Classes 6-8 to commemorate the Partition Horrors. Remembrance Day. Partition was not the brain-child of a single person, but rather three entities, as stated in the module: "Jinnah, who had been propagating the partition; the Congress, which accepted the partition; and Mountbatten, who had been sent to implement the partition."Another point made is that Kashmir became a new national security concern after Partition: "Since then, one of our neighbouring countries has been using this problem to put pressure on India in different ways."Due to its dishonesty, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera has requested that the module be burned. He claims that the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha were involved in the Partition.Muhammad Ali Jinnah asserted in the 1940 Lahore Resolution that Hindus and Muslims were "two different villages, philosophy, social customs, and literature." This paper alludes to the resolution.

Colleges are advised by DU to adhere to the notified syllabi

Delhi: College administrators are being instructed by Delhi University to adhere strictly to the registered syllabi, following the university's contentious removal of Manusmriti from the Sanskrit curriculum. The university was made aware of "several instances where the colleges have taught either the wrong courses or unapproved or unnotified syllabi of courses to students due to which students are put at unnecessary inconveniences" in the communication from the registrar about the university.

Entire stretch from Delhi-Mumbai Expressway to be opened

NEW DELHI: Come, commuters from Delhi, Noida and Ghaziabad will not have to take the congested Mathura Road to head towards Agra or the newly-built stretch of Mumbai Expressway. The entire 59 km stretch, from DND Flyway (near Maharani Bagh) to Delhi-Mumbai Expressway (at Sohna), will be opened for traffic by the end of this year, road transport minister Nitin Gadkari said on Wednesday.

Gadkari conducted a physical inspection of the 33 km stretch between DND Flyway and Ballabgarh Bypass on with top officials and local leaders. The 26-km road from Ballabgarh to Sohna on Delhi-Mumbai Expressway was opened for traffic in March. The three packages are being built with an investment of Rs 7,000 crore, including land value and civil



construction. "Besides providing direct connectivity to Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, this link from DND Flyway can be used by commuters to reach Palwal in just 25-30 minutes. Mathura Road, which is currently the only major road for vehicles heading towards Faridabad, Palwal, Agra and beyond, will

be decongested as well," said a senior NHAI official. Moreover, completion of this link will mean that people travelling from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand can drive non-stop to Mumbai taking the Delhi-Dehradun and Delhi-Meerut expressways. But this will be a reality next year.

Companies in the electronics industry are the most welcoming to LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

Delhi : A whopping 71% of businesses in the electronics sector have shown a great desire to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices, making it one of the most welcoming sectors for this demographic. Overall, 64 percent of Indian companies are welcoming of LGBTQIA+ apprentices, so this is just one more example of a larger trend. The January–March TeamLease Degree Apprenticeship Outlook Report emphasizes this change. The majority of electronics and telecom firms (71%) are eager to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

NAAC adopts e-inspections for new accreditation



Delhi: To eradicate corruption and speed up accreditation, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has stopped physical college inspections. Accreditation teams will now perform evaluations exclusively online, replacing on-cams visits with virtual examinations. But for colleges, the changeover will be hybrid; most inspections will be remote, but some reviewers will still visit campuses to retain some monitoring. The decision follows the CBI's recent arrests in the

committee head Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe. "With so many weekly inspection visits, it was hard to track what happened. Now, all this is recorded."NAAC head Ganesan Kannabiran hailed the switch to online inspection a "surgical strike" against corruption. The latest CBI lawsuit challenged NAAC's peer review system. He remarked, "These are unwelcome in higher education, and NAAC, a quality assurance agency, is committed to eradicating them."

case involving Andhra Pradesh's Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (KLEF), where management reportedly bribed NAAC peer visit inspectors for good ratings."We chose to do whatever it takes to eliminate corruption."Stopping in-person visits will greatly reduce the issue," stated NAAC executive

ED unearths NRI quota admission racket in private medical colleges

Delhi : A large-scale NRI admission racket was uncovered in an investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), with the help of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and its embassies and foreign missions. The racket involved private medical colleges offering admissions on approximately 18,000 reserved MBBS undergraduate and postgraduate seats under the quota, but applicants had to use fake documents. It has been confirmed by India's diplomatic missions abroad that the NRI credentials that were confiscated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) from many private medical colleges and utilized to provide admissions were fraudulent. Additionally, these admissions were accompanied by counterfeit stamps issued



by US-based notaries. Over the past few months, the ED has seized vital evidence through raids at multiple medical colleges in Odisha and West Bengal. The confiscated NRI certificates were thereafter transferred to Indian missions and embassies for verification by the agency. It was discovered that the majority of them were counterfeit. These medical schools were paying middlemen to get false NRI paperwork made, according to the investigation.

DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

Delhi: Teachers from Delhi University brought up issues with professor recruitment in front of a Parliamentary Committee, claiming that the SC/ST populations were marginalized on a systematic level. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They paid a visit to DU and had in-depth interviews with eighty people, including faculty, stu-

HC issues notice from pushing EWS students to buy non-NCERT books

Delhi : The Delhi High Court issued notice in a plea to stop private unaided schools from forcing economically disadvantaged students (EWS) and disadvantaged groups (DG) to acquire expensive private-publisher books and unnecessary educational material. In Jasmit Singh Sahni's plea, chief justice DK Upadhyay and justice Tushar Rao Gedela asked the Delhi government, CBSE, and NCERT to respond and scheduled the next hearing for November 12. Notify. Give responders four weeks to respond. List on November 12," the court ordered. The petition comes days after the Council of Ministers approved the



Directorate of Education's (DoE) request to switch school uniforms to Direct Benefit Transfer financial assistance on May 10. The 2025-26 academic year will see the change due to "operational difficulties" in directly supplying uniforms. On June 10, updated prices were announced, with pupils in grades 1-5 receiving 1,250, 6-8 receiving 1,500, and 9-12 receiving

1,700. It will apply to government and aided school pupils and EWS and DG students in private schools under the RTE and freeship quota. Advocate Amit Prasad argued that private schools, despite mandates for inclusive and equitable education using NCERT books, force students to purchase expensive books and kits costing over 10,000 per child annually.

Pradhan urges IIT students to lead innovation journey in India



Delhi : Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day message of national independence, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan urged students at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi to spearhead the country's innovation drive towards "Atmanirbhar Bharat." During his time interacting with the institute's undergraduates, graduate students, and doctorate researchers, Pradhan spoke about the "unique opportunity" to advance national priorities and realize the goal of a Samridhh Bharat by 2047.

In an address to the student body, he said, "keep hustling until we achieve self-reliance in every sphere" and promised that the government will back their efforts to turn their theories into practical, internationally applicable solutions. "Our youth's talent, determination, and self-reliance will empower Bharat's capabilities and strengthen her technological and economic sovereignty," the minister stated, stating that the IITs are the "bedrock" of this goal. To cement India's position as a world leader in technology, he emphasized the importance of the country's innovators and researchers.

The NGT has rejected DJB's plan to redirect sewage to DSTPs

Delhi : The NGT has ruled against the Delhi Jal Board's (DJB) plan to link 43 stormwater drains that empty into the Barapullah drain to DSTPs, describing it as a "temporary solution" that won't solve the underlying problem of pollution. A court led by Justice Prakash Shrivastava issued an order directing various authorities, including the DJB and the Delhi government, to develop a long-term strategy to stop sewage from going into stormwater drains. These stormwater drains are not suitable for sewage flow. While tapping and redirecting the drains to the DSTP might work as a stopgap solution, it will eventually lead to overflowing when it rains because the stormwater drains won't be able to handle as much water. Because these DSTPs are susceptible to flooding after rainstorms, the bench noted that untreated sewage will once again reach the water supply. These instructions were given during a hearing on various petitions,



MCD sub-committee, RWAs to jointly decide stray dog feeding spots

Delhi : Officials from the Subcommittee on Community Dogs of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have determined that Sanitary Inspectors in each zone will collaborate with Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs) to find specific areas where stray dogs can be fed. This comes after a

one of which was from the Nizamuddin West RWA, which was requesting immediate action to stop the inflow of sewage. The petitioners contended

change in the Supreme Court's stance on stray dogs; in that case, the court ordered that sterilization and vaccination might lead to the release of non-aggressive dogs, but it also prohibited public feeding and mandated the MCD provide specific areas where dogs could be fed.

that waterlogging had already occurred in significant portions of South Delhi due to the non-desilting of drains during the monsoon.

Delhi : A new study by the International Council for Clean Transportation (ICCT) suggests that India could soon become the global leader in electric bus production and deployment. This could be due to the Centre's PM E-Drive initiative, which seeks to electrify 40 national highways and set up dependable intercity e-bus routes spanning 250-350 km. Policymakers, industry leaders, and international experts gathered for the third day of the two-day summit, which was organized by ICCT with Norway as the partner country and supported by the Union



minister of heavy industries. Electric vehicle (EV) manufacture, component production, and the shift to EV batteries could provide millions of employment opportunities and entice investment from around the world, according to the study's launcher, Amitabh Kant, a former

G20 sherpa from India. Up to one million buses could be procured through the scaling up of e-bus bids. He emphasized that the heavy industries and road transport ministries should work together to spearhead the change.

Trans-Yamuna Area, Gandhi Nagar Mkt To Be Developed

Delhi : Chief minister Rekha Guptamade her first public appearance since the attack on her, saying that the trans-Yamuna area will be brought to the forefront of the city's growth. She made these remarks at Vastrika-2025, held in the Ashok Bazaar of Gandhi



Nagar, Asia's largest ready-made garments market. Gupta said she will allocate the requisite budget

for the development of the region - derisively called Yamunapaar and that she will strive to take Gandhi Nagar's garment market to the international stage. She also announced Gandhi Nagar MLA Arvinder Singh Lovely as the chairman of the Yamuna Paar Vikas Board.

Vehicle Renewal Fee for Vehicles Over 20 Years Old Raised to Rs 10,000 by Government

Delhi : To discourage the retention of vehicles older than 20 years, the transport ministry has increased the registration renewal charge. A notice from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) states that the renewal charge for LMVs older than 20 years is now Rs 10,000, up from Rs 5,000. A motorcycle's renewal charge would increase from 1,000 to 2,000 rupees as stated in the notice, if the bike is more than 20 years old. The renewal cost for three-wheelers and quadricycles will go up from 3,500 to 5,000 rupees. The renewal of the registration certificate for imported two- or three-



wheelers would cost Rs 20,000, while imported vehicles with four or more wheels will incur a fee of Rs 80,000. The revision was finalized on August 21 after being released in February as a draft. The ministry raised the price of registering and renewing vehicles, motor-

bikes, and tricycles in October 2021. The owners of diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than 15 years in Delhi-National Capital Region were recently directed not to be subjected to coercive action by the Supreme Court.

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.

Delhi plans 170 cr to transform 15 ITIs into tech hubs for AI, EV

Delhi : Officials said the Delhi government unveiled a 170-crore scheme to turn 15 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into technology centers with AI, EV, and robotics modules. Manjinder Singh Sirsa, industries minister, said the program will train students for new businesses. Integrating EV, AI, robotics, and green energy modules into the ITI curriculum gives our kids a launchpad to make Delhi and Bharat future-ready. He blamed previous governments for postponing central welfare



projects and claimed these enhanced ITIs will teach students 21st-century skills so they can create jobs. DTTE, led by education minister Ashish Sood, will oversee implementation. Three hub institutes—Pusa (Central Delhi), Shahdara (east Delhi), and Mangolpuri (north-west Delhi)—will advise up to four

speaking ITIs on infrastructure enhancements, faculty training, and industry links. "Smart classrooms, simulation labs and blended learning content will be introduced alongside mandatory internships and apprenticeship enabled diploma pathways," she stated. Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) and Delhi Technological University will shortly provide apprenticeship-linked degrees. "Women and disabled people will get a \$1,000 stipend during quarterly

Govt allows removal of dangerous trees that pose danger to life, infra.

Delhi: The government of Delhi has responded to concerns raised about hazardous trees by publishing a gazette notice that lays out the specific circumstances under which the removal of a tree is an urgent necessity in order to prevent damage to infrastructure, human life, property, or traffic. Anyone can take these measures—individuals, RWAs, land-owning agencies, or concerned agencies—without needing prior clearance, as long as they notify the tree officer within 24 hours and provide proof, such as photographs taken from three different perspectives, of the incident. The order was issued by Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena in June,



and the notification followed suit. The Delhi government issued this directive to tree officers in accordance with its authority under Section 33 of the Delhi Preservation of Trees (DPT) Act, 1994. "No tree shall be cut down, removed, or disposed of without the prior approval of the tree officer," states Section 8 of the DPT Act. "But there's a caveat for situations where a tree is a direct threat to people, property,

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 Pollution Control Committee introduces construction environmental compensation SOP

Delhi: Delhi Pollution Control Committee has created a new criterion for assessing environmental compensation on building and demolition projects. The Commission for Air Quality Management's June 5 and July 29 orders asked DPCC and state pollution boards to determine the actual number of violation days before imposing environmental compensation and to consider credible project proponent evidence for a realistic calculation. The commission previously requested Delhi and the Rajasthan, Haryana, and



Uttar Pradesh pollution control boards to standardize environmental compensation rates for norm violations in the region. It said that this was necessary because each state had different fines for the same violation. States have to dou-

ble compensation under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). DPCC authorities will now assess numerous sources of documentation proof to determine project site compliance or closing dates, per the SOP. These include

Roshanara Bagh gardening school opens next month

Delhi: MCD authorities announced that the horticulture department of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has finished its first gardening school at Roshanara Bagh in North Delhi, which will open next month. Besides the high-tech nursery and a new arboretum, the school is in the Mughal-era garden nursery. A senior municipal official said the school's development and furnishings installation are complete. Next month, we'll teach multi-task staff (MTS) who do gardening. They will learn grafting, trimming, landscaping, and seasonal plant care.

inspection reports signed by senior officials, email or registered mail correspondence with CAQM and DPCC, geo-tagged and time-stamped pho-

tos validated by the project proponent, and log-books and invoices checked by authorized in-charges.

Seven sites in Delhi to be developed by PWD as mixed-use complexes

Delhi: Seven sites in the nation's capital have been selected for the massive reconstruction project that the Public Works Department (PWD) is getting ready to launch. According to the government, NBCC Limited has been shown various pieces of land that might be developed into apart-



ments, offices, and commercial spaces in the style of General

Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) colonies. Probyn Road, Timarpur, Gulabi Bagh, Sindhora Khurd and Sindhora Kalan, Kalyanvas, Vikas Bhawan-I, and Bahapur are the locations where official documentation pertaining to the project were sighted. The des-

ignated parcels are under PWD's purview and have been forwarded to NBCC in order to facilitate the proposal-writing process. In order to help with the planning stage, NBCC has been given details of the land area, the number of buildings with stories, and the plinth area.

Flipkart Under Investigation for GST Billing Loophole

Delhi : Walmart-owned Flipkart is under a preliminary tax probe for allegedly changing its invoicing processes to lessen its GST tax due. Investigators claimed the corporation disguised seller marketplace fees as "transportation costs" to claim reduced GST rates for small road transport operators. It would lower the company's tax bill. Online marketplace activities like buying, selling, charging vendors commission, listing, and facilitating payments normally incur 18% GST. The article said the Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DGGI) is investigating Flipkart accusations. Mint said that regulators will submit a show-cause notice for prosecution if they have comprehensive proof against the corporation. A Madras High Court lawyer wrote to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Flipkart's invoicing practice. The



Federation of International Trade Investor Gunodaya Association raised the issue in a press statement on August 23, the article said. The Supreme Court of India monopolistic heat hit the company earlier this year. The apex court said the e-commerce giant created market monopolies and worried about smaller businesses' future. Flipkart's apparent use of its dominant position prompted the bench to notify the company's counsel of their monopoly investigation. The investigating Amazon and Flipkart's alleged anti-competitive actions in 2020, including subsidizing some e-retailers.

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 country-specific roundtables. The number of states

In a \$235 million lawsuit against Byju's CEO, QIA

Delhi : Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) subsidiary Qatar Holding has petitioned the Karnataka high court to enforce an arbitral award of \$235 million (Rs 2,060 crore) against Byju Raveendran and Byju's Investments. From Feb 28, 2024, the claim includes 4% annual interest compounded everyday, totaling over \$14 million (Rs 123 crore). The disagreement began in September 2022 when Qatar Holding loaned BIPL \$150 million. Raveendran personally insured the debt to buy 17.8 million Aakash Educational Services shares. The funding terms prohibited the transfer of those shares, but Raveendran trans-



ferred them to another Singapore corporation, breaking the agreement. Qatar Holding wanted \$235 million early payments after repeated failures. Arbitration in was held in March 2024 when BIPL and Raveendran failed to comply. An emergency arbitrator froze assets up to the disputed amount worldwide, which the

Singapore high court confirmed. Finally, on July 14, the panel ordered \$235 million plus interest paid immediately. The enforcement suit seeks recognition of the award as a court judgment and an injunction on transfers and attachment of Raveendran and BIPL's Indian moveable and immovable assets.

The CCI approves Adani's plan to acquire JAL

Delhi : A regulator for fair trade If Adani Group is successful in its effort to acquire debt-ridden Jaiprakash Associates during the current insolvency process, the deal would be sanctioned in principle by CCI.

In a press release, the regulator described the proposed combination as involving the

acquisition of up to 100% of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) shares by Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), Adani Infrastructure and Developers Pvt Ltd (AIDPL), or another entity within the Adani Group.

The Adani Group's acquisition of JAL has been authorized by the Competition

Commission of India (CCI). The firm in question must obtain the competition watchdog's approval before submitting a resolution plan, as a result of a recent Supreme Court decision pertaining to the interpretation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).



Samsung partners with India R&D for next-gen phone speech AI



Delhi : Samsung is counting on its India research hub to drive a global push toward voice-first AI, putting its engineers at the center of the Galaxy AI ecosystem. At a media roundtable, Samsung R&D Institute India - Bengaluru (SRI-B) representative Mohan Rao said India is one of the company's main AI locations outside Korea. "When it will be voice-first relies on research discoveries. Current research is extensive." Rao stated. "We faced numerous hurdles in making AI models run in the gadget. Native platforms must develop and operate natural language ASRs well. We can then consider voice-only phones." Multiple ecosystem stakeholders say voice will be the main way consumers connect with AI. In an interview, IndiaAI Mission CEO Abhishek Singh said the organization was creating voice-first AI models for Indian languages. Tech companies like Google and OpenAI will favor voice interfaces globally. Voice-first AI could help Samsung's phones stand out from competitors, as it sells its AI directly in consumer hardware.

CAG report criticizes income tax department's arrears

Delhi : The CAG report on Income Tax department performance, tabled in Parliament, raised concerns over non-sharing arrears and outstanding demand data with the audit team. The report (No. 14 of 2024) found that the I-T department failed to furnish information for over 42% of requisitioned instances, restricting audit scope. "The I-T dept did not provide data on cases closed after March 2020, preventing verification of the correctness of the closure of these cases," noted. On March 2021, CAG reported that the I-T outstanding demand, raised but not achieved, was Rs 14.41 lakh crore, with Rs 10.58 lakh crore 'under dispute', 73% of the total. "Audit noticed instances of exaggerated tax demands



raised by the I-T dept, such as not allowing credit for taxes already paid by the assessee, levying incorrect interest, and committing mistakes while giving effect to the appeal orders," the CAG said. The report also found that nullified demands remained in outstanding demand, and the delay in implementing appeal orders delayed refunds, result-

ing in the I-T department issuing refunds for the inflated demands with interest and harassing assessee. Audit found incorrect reporting of outstanding demand, failure or delay in recovery of outstanding demand, and systemic issues like lack of granular data, risk scoring technique in setting targets, dossier report non-maintenance.

DGCA approves IndiGo's 6-month extension of agreement with Turkish Airlines

Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved IndiGo's request to extend its agreement with Turkish Airlines, subject to regulatory conditions, the airline confirmed. Sources confirmed that the extension has been granted for 6 months, till February 28, 2026. The present extension was supposed to expire on August 31. In a statement issued by IndiGo, it said, "We acknowledge the acceptance of IndiGo's request for extension to its wet lease arrangement with Turkish Airlines, subject to conditions laid down by the regulator.

The Tata Group is set to expand the fleet of its budget airline, Air India Express, by transferring all-economy configuration planes from its full-service carriers, Air India and Vistara. This move is part of the group's strategy to better compete with Indigo, the market leader in the Indian aviation industry. Sources familiar with the plan told that the first phase will involve the transfer of 17 Airbus A320 Neo aircraft from Air India to Air India Express. Additionally, 10 of



Vistara's all-economy A320 Neo aircraft will join Air India Express once the merger between Vistara and Air India is finalized. The entire transfer process is expected to be completed by mid-2025. Experience significant capacity expansion, with the

addition of 17 planes from Air India and 15 Boeing 737 Max planes from its own order by the middle of next year. Over the past 10 months, the airline has already added 26 new Boeing 737-8 aircraft to its fleet. The Tata Group is currently restructuring.

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

Delhi : In the last five years, the average cost of newly constructed residential properties in India's top ten cities has increased by an astounding 88%, per a report released on Monday by real estate data analytics company PropEquity. The greatest increase in prices was seen in Gurugram, where average prices shot up 160% from Rs 7,500 per square foot in 2019 to Rs 19,500 per sq foot in 2024. Mumbai, on the other hand, saw the least gain over the same period, going from Rs 25,820 per sq ft to Rs 35,500 per sq ft, or 37%. Noida (146%), Bengaluru (98%), Hyderabad (81%), Chennai (80%), Pune (73%), Navi Mumbai (69%), Kolkata (68%), Thane (66%), and Mumbai are the next cities in terms of price growth after Gurugram. In the top 10 cities—Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad,



Flight deck of Airbus helicopters to be manufactured by Mahindra

Delhi: An additional supplier for the main fuselage of the H125 helicopter, Mahindra Aerostructures (MASPL) has been given a contract by Airbus Helicopters, which is a boon to the "Make in India" aviation industry. Industrialization is scheduled to com-

Kolkata, Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Noida, and Gurugram—the survey examined 15,000 new launch proj-

mence at the MASPL site in Bengaluru as per the contract, with the first fuselage delivery anticipated for 2027. After MASPL was awarded the contract to manufacture the fuselage of the H130 helicopter in April 2025, this work package was initiated. "This new contract

ects that included flats, floors, and villas. In the past five years, real estate prices have increased dramatically.

Cotton imports were duty-free till year-end

Delhi : The Centre has extended a cotton-import duty exemption until the end of the year to make the domestic garment sector more competitive, especially with the US's 50% tax on Indian exports. The Centre suspended 11% customs charges on raw fibre imports from August 19 until



September 30. The tax break would last until December 31, the finance minister declared.

Srijit Misri, a member of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, praised the decision, saying, "Council chairman Sudhir Sekhri wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting a policy initiative to save the sector and livelihoods due to the business environment and US tariffs. This move

is welcome." Tiruppur Exporters Association general secretary and Esstee Exports India Pvt Ltd chairman N Thirukumaran stated the exemption "stabilise the cotton prices in India to be at par with international prices". "The extension has come as a timely relief for the textile industry.

Three Bangladesh-India border land ports to close

Delhi : Though the news of a decrease in the goods and services tax (GST) has brought joy to consumers and businesses alike, it has also created an unusual dilemma for brick-and-mortar and online stores. According to businesses, festive demand, which typically starts with the Ganesh holiday in Maharashtra and Onam in the south, is being subdued while consumers wait for the GST rates to truly decrease, leading to a decline in retail prices. In the days leading up to Dussehra and Diwali, the festive opening is typically a very busy time, so this



is causing us concern. Companies selling automobiles and consumer products, as well as retailers, are sitting on their hands until a decision is made on the ground, due to the news of a GST rate cut and the imminent fall in retail prices. Stores selling white goods, such as televisions, air conditioners, and dishwash-

ers, have the same challenge. Customers are already contacting us in droves to find out when they may expect to see price reductions. According to the CEO of a leading consumer products company, buyers are now saying they will wait for the price cut before taking delivery.

Gangwal sold his 3.1% share in Indigo for more than Rs 7,000 crore.

Delhi : Interglobe Aviation (Indigo) promoter Rakesh Gangwal and the family trust are selling 1.2 crore shares, or 3.1% of the company's equity, for a minimum of Rs 7,028 crore, or \$801 million. 11 Improvements to the Cloud in 2025. The sale's term sheet said that the Indian branches of JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs, and Morgan Stanley are in charge of the block deal, which is set to conclude on Thursday at a floor price of Rs 5,808

per share, which represents a 4% discount to Interglobe Aviation's Tuesday closing. In September 2022, when he and Rahul Bhatia, another co-founder and promoter of the company, resolved their disagreement, Gangwal, one of the founding-promoters of India's leading airline, began selling his stake in the business. This will be Bhatia's eighth round of stake sale in Indigo, according to statistics from 2022.

Privatized entities can employ Aadhar authentication

Delhi : The ministry of electronics and IT (Meity) announced that the Union government has amended the Aadhaar rules to allow private entities to use Aadhaar authentication for service delivery. The amendments aim to give residents "ease of living" and "better access to services". Ministry Notified Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Amendment Rules, 2025, revising 2020 rules. "The amendment allows government and non-government entities to use Aadhaar authentication, promoting trusted transactions for both providers and users," stated the announcement. It stated that the amendment will make non-government e-commerce, travel, tourism, hospitality, and health services easier to use.

The 2020 rules allowed the Centre to



allow Aadhaar authentication only "in the interest of good governance, preventing leakage of public funds, promoting ease of living of residents and enabling better access to services for them" to use digital platforms for good governance, social welfare benefit dissipation prevention, and innovation and knowledge dissemination. The amendments removed "in the interest of good governance, preventing leakage of public funds access to services for them" and added "promoting ease of living of residents and enabling better access to services for them" as the fourth purpose, expanding the reasons for authentication.

Prasanna S, the Supreme Court's advocate-on-record who challenged Aadhaar's constitutionality, called the expansion the "spectre of a surveillance state", "unwarranted" and in violation of the top court's ruling that struck down Section 57 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 to bar private entities from using authentication services. The 2025 Rules change contradicts the five-judge Supreme Court ruling in Puttaswamy v Union of India (2018). Section 57 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 prohibiting private entities from employing authentication services was overturned. He claimed this amendment practically re-legislates what was ruled down.

Women own almost 50% of small manufacturing businesses

A survey found that 58% of manufacturing businesses were owned by women in 2023-24, up 4% from the previous year.The Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2023-24 found that 28.1% of workers were women. More than one-third (33.7%) of OAES' workforce is female in OAEs (owned a c c o u n t enterprises). Female-owned businesses rose to 26.2% in 2023-24 from 22.9% in and 9.7% to 14.2% in other services. Female workers comprised 18.5% of recruited workers. Female workers were



most prevalent in manufacturing (46.5%), followed by other services (22.5%) and trade. West Bengal has the most female workers (12.7%), followed by Uttar Pradesh (10.4%) and Maharashtra (9.7%) in ASUSE 2023-24. West Bengal and Maharashtra have the most rural and urban female workers, at 16% and 13%,

respectively. Non-incorporated non-far establishments are not registered under the Companies Act 1956 or the 2013 Act.

Every fourth proprietary establishment in India was owned by a woman. Women run one-third of private businesses in Gujarat, Karnataka, Telangana, and West Bengal.

Health and wealth benefit from flexible work hours

Delhi: The Economic Survey supports allowing manufacturers to average legally capped working hours over three weeks or longer rather than week-by-week. Industry captains want larger hours. It claims that agile regulations will assist management satisfy production

demands and grow."New Labour Laws are an improvement. With flexible legislation and competent implementation, firms may develop and create more jobs. "They protect labor rights and boost wages," it stated. The Survey complained that labor laws like the

Factories Act (1948) limit working hours to 48 per week, whereas other nations "allow these caps to be averaged over multiple days and weeks". It said India's working hour laws impede manufacturers from satisfying demand and competing globally.



Sebi to attract rural investors with MF-life insurance



Delhi: Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch stated that the regulator will offer mutual fund schemes with term life insurance. She added the FDA will soon release a combo product consultation paper. Puri Buch said the MF-insurance combo targets investors, particularly rural ones, where SIPs have great potential but low investment values. "We are now proposing to come out with a consultation paper again, to try and include insurance pure and simple vanilla life, term life insurance, along with our mutual funds, which is our main product for financial inclusion, and so that we are able to go, including to people where we have very, very low value SIPs coming from the hinterland, and to be able to offer them a combo product of term life insurance along with the mutual fund investment," said Buch. UTI Mutual Fund offers life insurance and tax savings. This 1971 program has a portfolio value of Rs 5,434 crore in December 2024. Even if existing investors can invest, UTIMF's website revealed no new applications for the schemes.

IT panel to propose TV, print, online media umbrella

Delhi: The **Parliamentary panel on communications and information technology**, led by BJP lawmaker Nishikant Dubey, will recommend that the Union government form the Media Council of India to regulate print, television, and online media, sources said. A senior panelist suggested an umbrella body because the same content occurs across platforms. You work for a paper. The Press Council of India oversees your newspaper articles. No regulation exists for the identical story in the paper's online edition." There is no central regulator for online material, but two groups regulate print and electronic media. The Press Council of India, a statutory quasi-judicial



autonomous authority established by Parliament, protects press freedom and improves newspaper and news agency standards. Among other major media regulatory reforms, the panel, which addressed fake news extensively will recommend this. In the discussion,

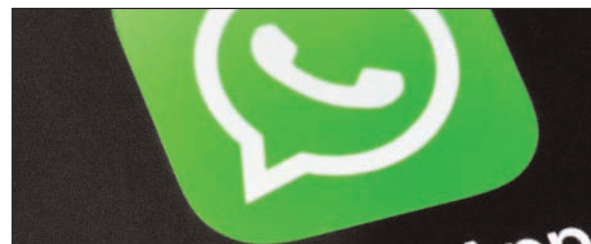
Dubey added, "Paid news is rampant. Illiterate and gullible individuals think alike. Without strict regulations, ethical boundaries are crossed. Investigative journalism is discouraged by expensive and lengthy legal fights for journalists and media corporations.

Foreign insurers gain ownership via 100% FDI

Delhi: 100% FDI will attract new capital, as multinationals can now invest without worrying about control or Indian partners. The capital gains tax rate of 12% applies to ULIP proceeds, which do not benefit from tax exemptions, instead of the higher marginal tax rate of 30%. Crop cover reinsurance is exempt from service tax, and the threshold for tax deduction at source on insurance commission has risen from Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000. M Nagraju, financial services secretary, said the FDI relaxation was one of the suggested insurance measures, and the modifications would

WhatsApp claims Israeli spyware Paragon targets users

Delhi: After the hack, WhatsApp issued Paragon a cease-and-desist letter. WhatsApp stated it "will continue to protect people's ability to communicate privately." Paragon wouldn't comment. WhatsApp officials reported a hacking attempt on 90 users. A number of civil society and media figures were targeted, although the official did not specify who or where. He said WhatsApp has stopped the hacking and was referring targets to Citizen Lab. Officials would not reveal how they determined



Paragon was responsible for the hack. He claimed law enforcement and industry partners were informed but declined to elaborate. Paragon sells high-end surveillance software to government clients, claiming it is essential to combating crime and defending national security. However, journalists, activists, opposition

politicians, and at least 50 US officials have found surveillance capabilities on their phones, raising fears about the technology's unregulated expansion. Paragon, which was apparently acquired by Florida-based investment group AE Industrial Partners last month, has strived to identify as a responsible industry actor.

Public infrastructure spending rises, but private sector participation falls

Delhi: The 2024-25 Economic Survey delivered to Parliament found that India still struggles with infrastructure development despite government efforts. The union government's capital investment on major



The National Critical Mineral Mission gets 16,300 crore from the cabinet

Delhi : The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) with a 16,300 crore expenditure and a projected 18,000 crore investment from PSUs and other businesses. "Several crucial decisions have created new scientific and technology prospects for our children, future generations, and the economy. Minister told a Cabinet briefing that PM Modi the National Critical Minerals Mission today.

infrastructure sectors grew 38.8% from FY20 to FY24, although private sector participation in core areas

remained low, according to the survey. "India needs a continued step-up of infrastructure investment.

Price pressure caps senior citizen health premium hikes at 10%

As medicare policy rates skyrocket for seniors over 60, Irdai has ordered insurers not to raise senior people's health premiums by more than 10% without approval. Before canceling senior health coverage, insurers must get regulator clearance. As healthcare prices rise, insurers are



advised to standardize hospital empanelment and negoti-

ate package rates like the government's PM Jan Arogya Yojana. Irdai reported a large increase in prices for various health insurance policies for subscribers over 60. Premium rates depend on projected claims, administrative expenditures, and acquisition costs, the regulator said. Private

insurance doesn't standardize hospitalization expenses, unlike PMJAY, which negotiates consistent package rates, which drives these rises. Seniors have reported virtually doubling their costs when entering a higher age category during an insurer's pricing change.

Redesigning agri export policies

Delhi: Three sources intimately involved in the process said India's six-year-old Agricultural Export Policy (AEP) will be overhauled as export destinations vary and the country's farm export basket diversifies. The planned study will improve Indian agricultural products' competitiveness, assure global standards compliance, and promote value-added products. The officials quoted above added on condition of anonymity that it will also aim to enhance commercial links with emerging countries while main-



taining strong partnerships with old partners. "Our agricultural exports have grown over the past five years. We must examine the policy to match export targets with market demands. One of the three persons cited above claimed

the agriculture ministry will assist with the review and set a deadline. India was the eighth-largest agricultural exporter in 2023 despite a drop from \$51.12 billion to \$48.77 billion in FY24. Recently, changing global demand pat-

Norms to stop annoying calls and surrogate advertisements next month

Delhi: Thirteen businesses, including significant producers of alcohol, tobacco, and paan masala, have received notifications from the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) for using surrogate advertising. The dishonest practice of using the

same brand name to promote products that are prohibited from direct advertising is known as "surrogate advertising." Pralhad Joshi, the union minister of consumer affairs, stated that the CCPA is creating regulations to control the issue.

terns, trading partners, and agricultural technology have changed how and where agricultural products are sold. Two newly appointed MPC members have revived the Economic Survey's dis-

cussion on removing food inflation from monetary policy. Q2 GDP growth and November food inflation may have unnerved MPC outsiders.