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Spent Rs 66,000, Pune farmer gets Rs 664 for 7.5 quintals of rain-hit onions

PUNE: Sudam Ingle, a farmer from Purandar, spent around Rs 66,000 on his onion crop this season. The incessant rains damaged most of his yield, but he managed to salvage a portion and spent another Rs 1,500 to pack and transport it to the Purandar market yard for sale on Friday. To his shock, Ingle received just Rs 664 for 7.5 quintals of onions. "This was from one acre of land. I still have onions from another 1.5 acres, but I won't sell them; I'll run a rotor and turn them into fertiliser for next year. That's more profitable than selling," he said. "I'm still a relatively big farmer. I don't know how smaller farmers with just one or two acres, many of whom have taken loans, will survive. If the govt doesn't step in, farmer suicides will increase." Ingle's story is echoed across Maharashtra's farmlands, where relentless rains and collapsing prices have left farmers struggling to survive. From onions, tomatoes, potatoes to pomegranates, custard apples, to soyabean, almost every crop has taken a hit this season. With no money in hand, farmers have no purchasing power, directly affecting rural markets that flourish during Diwali.

Teacher caned kids for discipline, not to harm, says HC; quashes case

KOCHI: Kerala high court has set aside a criminal case against a Palakkad school-teacher who caned three class 5 students for fighting, ruling that he acted within his authority to maintain classroom discipline. Justice C Pratheep Kumar, delivering the order on Oct 16, said the teacher's actions were aimed at correcting the students and helping them grow into responsible citizens, not at causing harm. The case had been registered by Vadakkencherry police after parents complained that the teacher struck their children on the legs during class at 10am on Sept 16.

Bihar elections: Is it official? Nitish to be NDA's CM face-What PM said

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday kicked off his Bihar election campaign from Samastipur, joined by chief minister Nitish Kumar, reaffirming the NDA's confidence of returning to power and attacking the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan. PM Modi took a sharp dig at Lalu Prasad's party, saying Bihar would keep "jungle raj" at bay by voting for good governance. Addressing a rally, PM Modi declared, "This time

under the leadership of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, NDA will break all its previous records of victory. Bihar will give NDA its biggest ever mandate." **'Bihar Doesn't Need Lanterns': PM Modi Hits Mahagathbandhan Over 'Out on Bail' Leaders in Samastipur** The statement, can be viewed as an endorsement of Kumar as the NDA's chief ministerial

face. Expressing gratitude for the large turnout, he said, "I am overwhelmed by the love that you have showered. The mood that is there in Samastipur and Mithila, the only true thing is - 'nayi raftaar se chalega Bihar, jab fir se aayegi NDA sarkar'..." In a symbolic gesture, PM urged the crowd to turn on their mobile flashlights and quipped, "When there is so much light... then do we need

'lalten' (lantern)? Bihar ko 'lalten' (RJD) aur uske saathi nahi chahiye." Recalling the state's political history, the prime minister targeted the RJD-Congress alliance, saying, "It was October 2005 when Bihar got rid of 'Jungle Raj' and NDA's good governance under the leadership of Nitish Kumar began.

But Congress-RJD was in power at the Centre. They created many obstacles, and the RJD left no stone unturned to damage Bihar. It was RJD taking revenge on the people of Bihar, even threatening Congress to withdraw support if they wanted to help the BJP-NDA government.

Historic defeat! India fall at Adelaide for the first time in 17 years; Australia win series

India managed to push Australia towards the end, but the hosts secured the three-match ODI series 2-0 by.

Australia won the match by two wickets. While India showed improvement compared to the first ODI, morning conditions favored the bowlers, with swing and seam making life difficult for the batters. Mitchell Marsh won the toss and opted to bowl first. Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, and Xavier Bartlett made life difficult for the Indian top order. Captain Shubman Gill fell cheaply, and Virat Kohli registered another duck. Rohit Sharma weathered the early storm and tried to accelerate but was dismissed for 73. Shreyas Iyer contributed a valuable 61 and put on a solid 118-run stand for the



third wicket with Rohit Sharma. Starc broke the stand by removing Rohit for a hard-working 73 off 96 balls. Shreyas scored 61 off 77 balls, but Adam Zampa cleaned him up and also knocked over KL Rahul in quick succession. Axar Patel played a neat knock but lacked support, with Washington Sundar and Nitish Kumar Reddy failing to deliver. After Iyer's wicket, India lost momentum. They were reeling at 226/8 and slipping in the death overs, but a brilliant fightback from Harshit Rana (24* off 18) and Arshdeep Singh (13 off 14), adding a 37-run ninth-wicket stand.

Upgrading strike capability: India tests 800-km BrahMos

NEW DELHI: In what will be a major boost for its precision strike capabilities, India plans to begin inducting the new 800-km extended range BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles in a little over two years, while over 200km Astra air-to-air missiles are also slated for production in 2026-27. Tests are underway for the 800-km BrahMos, with a modified ramjet engine and other upgrades, to ensure the



conventional (non-nuclear) missile is fully ready by end-2027, top defence sources told. 'Pinpoint Accuracy' Rajnath Singh Praises BrahMos Precision During

Operation Sindoor The existing 450-km range BrahMos missiles, which fly at almost three times the speed of sound at Mach 2.8, were launched from Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets for the targeted strikes deep into Pakistan under Operation Sindoor in May. "The 800-km BrahMos is more or less developed in terms of the modifications to its ramjet engine.

To err is human, courts shouldn't shy away from rectifying error: SC

NEW DELHI: Admitting judges can also commit mistakes as they are human, SC said courts should not shy away from accepting them and rectifying errors if committed.

The maxim 'actus curiae neminem gravabit', which means the act of the court shall prejudice no one, is a principle firmly embedded in Indian jurisprudence and no party should suffer owing to an error, delay or inadvertence attributable to the court itself, a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said.

It said the maxim thus operates as a constant reminder that the court's authority must be exercised not to the disadvantage of liti-



gants but in furtherance of justice. "After all, to err is human, and when an inadvertent omission is brought to the court's attention, it becomes the court's solemn duty to ensure that no party suffers on account of such mistakes. In such circumstances, the court is obliged to restore the party to the very position he would have occupied had the error not occurred," the bench said. SC accepted there was an omission on its part, wherein it did not clarify in its

judgment that possession of a building in Chandigarh would be handed over upon receipt of amount awarded by it. Taking advantage of its omission, an "unscrupulous litigant" refused to hand over the possession of the building despite being paid Rs 2 crore as directed by the apex court.

In this case, the litigant had agreed to buy the property in 1989, paid an advance of Rs 25,000 and took possession of the property.

'Police, political pressure': Satara woman doctor's suicide

Police officials told PTI that the woman had called Bankar, who works as a software engineer in Pune



cide, accusing a police sub-inspector of rape and a software engineer of mental harassment. The case has sparked

outrage across the state, with chief minister Devendra Fadnavis ordering an immediate suspension of the offi-

cer named in her note and a thorough investigation. The doctor, who hailed from Beed district and was posted in Phaltan tehsil, was found hanging in a hotel room in Phaltan late on Thursday night. In a message written on her palm, she alleged that police sub-inspector Gopal Badane had raped her multiple

times, while another man, Prashant Bankar, had mentally harassed her over several months. Police officials told PTI that the woman had called Bankar, who works as a software engineer in Pune, shortly before taking her life, and that the two had exchanged text messages

After 2 fires in a month, focus back on strict safety norms

Sources said the updated code for sleeper coaches includes provisions for six emergency exits



bus body builders are required to follow. For instance, specifications for exits, door dimensions and gangway width were notified in 2017 as part of Bus Body Code. Norms such as installation of automatic fire alarm

systems were made mandatory from April 2019.

Sources said the updated code for sleeper coaches includes provisions for six emergency exits made of breakable glass, among others. From Sept 2025, compliance with the code will be mandatory for all bus body builders. Citing that the bus that caught fire in Rajasthan was modified just a few days.

Man stabs ex-girlfriend to death on Mumbai road, then turns knife on him-

MUMBAI: A 24-year-old Parel resident repeatedly stabbed his ex-girlfriend with a knife in the middle of a road in full public view, chased her into a nursing home 50m away, and kept stabbing her there till she collapsed near Chinchpokli in central Mumbai on Friday morning. He then slit his throat, dying on the spot. The woman died of multiple stab wounds nearly seven hours later in hospital.

Sangh brought down Karpoori govt, says Congress'

NEW DELHI: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi started his Bihar poll campaign by visiting the ancestral village of socialist icon and former CM Karpoori Thakur, Congress on Friday took a swipe at Modi asking is it not an acknowledged fact that Jan Sangh - from which BJP emerged - brought down Thakur's govt in April 1979 when he introduced reservations for OBCs. Congress spokesper-



son Jairam Ramesh posted a series of questions on X to attack the PM before his visit to Karpurigram. "Is it not a fact that Karpoori Thakur ji was subjected to the

vilest abuse by RSS and Jan Sangh leaders then? Is it not a fact that on April 28, 2024, he (Modi) himself called those demanding a caste census as 'urban naxals' and that both in

Parliament (July 20, 2021) as well as in Supreme Court (Sept 21, 2021) his govt categorically rejected a caste census?" he asked.

He also asked that "is it not a fact that he and his 'trouble-engine sarkar' in the state did nothing to provide protection to Bihar's 65% reservation law for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, OBCs, and EBCs under the Constitution?"

A baptized Sikh, never did drugs: Trucker's family

Gurdaspur: The family of trucker Jashanpreet Singh, who smashed into multiple vehicles, allegedly under the influence of drugs, and killed at least three people in California, is numb with shock and



disbelief.

Also Read | 100,000 Sikh truckers in America in hot seat after twin crashes draw scrutiny "He was an 'Amritdhari (baptized Sikh)' who never took drugs or alcohol. He was disci-

plined and god-fearing. It must have been an unfortunate accident, not negligence," said his maternal uncle, Gurbaksh Singh, in Purana Shala village of Punjab's Gurdaspur district. They are praying

for the victims who lost their lives, he said, while also appealing for mercy for Jashanpreet. "Save my son," his mother Jasveer Kaur pleaded with everyone she saw at her doorstep.

Venezuela needs India's voice as it's a great democracy: Machado

Maria Corina Machado, winner of the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize, who has waged a more-than-two-decade-long campaign for the restoration of

democracy in Venezuela, has hailed India as a "great democracy" and an "example" for other countries. In an interview to Times Now

from an undisclosed location Machado said India could be a "great ally" with whom Venezuela can strengthen ties on multiple fronts once.

Various development projects worth 1600 crore inaugurated for Delhi as part of the Seva Pakhwada



Union Home Minister Amit Shah today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth 1600 crore for Delhi as part of the ongoing Seva Pakhwada in New Delhi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth 1600 crore for Delhi as part of the ongoing Seva Pakhwada in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering at Thyagaraj Stadium, Mr. Shah said

that these schemes launched today will benefit the people of the national capital. He said that Mr. Modi has dedicated his entire life to the welfare of the countrymen. Mr. Shah said that under Mr. Modi's leadership in the last 11 years, the country has become safer, the economy has strengthened, and the poor have access to amenities. He said that the Modi government has provided amenities to 600 million people and lifted 250 million out of poverty. Mr.

Shah said the country will always remember Mr. Modi's historic achievements. Among the projects inaugurated today were the Atal Drishti Girls' Hostel for visually impaired students, the Atal Asha Home for intellectually disabled individuals, the Savitribai Phule Senior Citizens' Home, a hospital block, 101 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, 150 dialysis centers, and 75 drones for police support. The foundation stone for two waste-to-energy plants was also laid.

Major action against drug dealers in Delhi

The Anti-Narcotics Cell of the Outer North District Police achieved a major success. Police recovered 3.101 kg of heroin from the arrested accused, estimated to be worth 6.25 crore. Five drug peddlers arrested. A large consignment of heroin was seized from five accused, including a woman. Raids were conducted in Bhalsa Dairy, Burari, Nangloi, and Tilak



Nagar. 1.992 kg of heroin was recovered from the possession of mastermind Anil alias Bhola. Accused Bhola has previously been convicted in NDPS cases. The arrested accused

purchased flats and plots with the proceeds of crime. DCP Outer North Hareshwar Swami said, "Police action continues; strict measures are being taken against drug mafias."

Over tin-shed schools, Delhi HC scolds the state govt.



Delhi: In hearing a petition by the non-governmental organisation Social Jurist, a bench comprising Chief Justice DK Upadhyay and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela voiced their dismay at the state of the schools. Students at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Kamla Market and the Government Boys and Girls Secondary Schools in Ashok Nagar are being compelled to study in makeshift classrooms made of tin that lack proper desks, walls, and other necessary facilities; the Delhi High Court scolded the Delhi government for this neglect on Wednesday. During a hearing, a bench comprising of chief justice DK Upadhyay and justice Tushar Rao Gedela voiced their dismay at the schools' terrible state. The petitioner, an NGO called Social Jurist, had asked the court to tell the Delhi government to tear down the tin-shed buildings and replace them with modern ones. Ashok Agarwal, an attorney for the NGO, submitted a petition in which he claimed that the government's refusal to fund essential infrastructure violated the right to education since it was capricious, unfair, and arbitrary.

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.

From OROP to CDS, the Modi govt. has enhanced the military's prestige

New Delhi: Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, policy reforms were implemented in the Indian Army. Emphasis was placed on women's empowerment in the Army. Furthermore, the appointment of a Chief of Defence Staff for better coordination between the three services and the implementation of the long-pending OROP scheme were also seen. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and guidance, not only are numerous schemes being implemented to fulfill the commitment of a developed India by 2047, but also extensive efforts are being made for the welfare of poor women, youth, and farmers. DD News investigated these efforts of the Modi gov-



ernment and analyzed the various initiatives and schemes by categorizing them into different categories. We bring you a series, "Prime Minister of the People," in which we will present to you an overview of the various schemes of the Modi government over the past 11 years. Today, as part of this

series, we will discuss the Indian Army. Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, policy reforms were implemented in the Indian Army. Emphasis was placed on women's empowerment in the Army. Additionally, the appointment of a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was seen to ensure better coordination

between the three services and the implementation of the long-pending OROP plan. Revolutionary changes in the military came with the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The appointment of the CDS was made in January 2020 to establish better coordination among the three services and to eliminate corruption in the procurement of military equipment through quick decision-making. Experts believe this is an important step towards establishing a unified command between the three services. In Operation Sindoor, the three services launched a decisive attack on terrorist bases in Pakistan with a coordinated strategy. The improved coordination between the three

GST reforms will save the public approximately 2 lakh crore: Nirmala

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that the new Goods and Services Tax reforms will result in savings of approximately ₹2 lakh crore for the public after reducing tax rates. She was addressing an outreach program on next-generation GST reforms in Visakhapatnam today. The Finance Minister stated that the new two-tier tax system of 5% and 18% reduces the burden on people's daily needs and essential



commodities. She said this significantly benefits the poor and middle class. Ms. Sitharaman stated that these reforms will increase farmers' incomes by reducing taxes on agricultural equipment and will also promote modernization in the agri-

cultural sector. She added that MSMEs and employment-generating sectors will also benefit from reduced costs and improved opportunities. The Finance Minister stated that GST reforms will increase purchasing power.

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Dr. Vikram Chaurasia was nominated as the National President of the All India Widows and Disabled Association, Mahila Suraksha Sena. **New Delhi:** Speaking with the organization's founder, Mr. Anil Gupta, on this occasion, Dr. Vikram Chaurasia stated that widowed women face social isolation, discrimination, financial hardship, and psychological problems, while persons with disabilities struggle with challenges such as education, employment, social participation, and access to assistive technologies. Both groups face conservative social attitudes that diminish their dignity, making life significantly more difficult. Widowed women are often considered



inauspicious and excluded from social activities. To raise awareness, Dr. Vikram Chaurasia, a renowned thinker, social activist, and IAS mentor, was appointed National President. Founder Mr. Anil Gupta pledged to bring about revolutionary change in society, stating that there is a need to change negative attitudes toward widows and disabled people and sensitize them. Patron Rajesh Verma expressed his

happiness on the appointment of Vikram Chaurasia as the National President and said that Vikram Chaurasia will take the organization to new heights. Prominent among those who expressed happiness were Abha Verma, State President, Jharkhand; Arun Rana, State President, Delhi; Uttam Dixit, State President, Rajasthan; Pravesh Srivastava, State President, Madhya Pradesh; Pankaj Srivastava, Mahendra Jain, National General Secretary; Maninder Kaur; Sushma Trivedi; Anmol Kumar, etc. The main objective of the organization is to strengthen government schemes and provide their benefits to eligible persons.

Gobal leaders and ambassadors congratulate PM Modi on his birthday

New Delhi: Leaders and ambassadors from various countries around the world extended warm greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 75th birthday. These messages expressed their desire to strengthen bilateral relations with India and elevate global partnerships to new heights. US President Donald Trump wished Prime Minister Narendra Modi a happy birthday. President Trump called PM Modi to congratulate him on his 75th birthday. President Trump shared the information on Truth Social. He wrote, "I had a wonderful phone conversation with my friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I wished him a very happy birthday. He is doing an excellent job." President Trump thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his support in ending the war between Russia and Ukraine. New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon congratulated PM Modi by



sharing a video message on the social media platform X. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in a video message on the social media platform X, "Heartiest birthday wishes to my friend Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Australia is proud of such a deep friendship with India. We are grateful every day for the incredible contribution of the Indian community in Australia. I hope to see you soon." "Israel's Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, in a message in Hindi and English, said, "Many happy birthday wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Israel and our Embassy in New Delhi. May the India-Israel friendship grow

stronger." Kobi Shoshani, Israel's former Midwest India Consul General, said on the social media platform X, "Happy 75th birthday to PM Narendra Modi, who was born on September 17, 1950, the same day India recognized Israel." UAE Ambassador to India Abdul Nasser Alshali wrote in his message, "Heartiest birthday wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I wish you good health and continued success. I am confident that the UAE-India partnership will reach new heights." Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov posted in Hindi on X, saying, "Heartiest congratulations and best wishes. to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday. We are grateful for his invaluable contribution in taking the decades-old Russia-India friendship to new heights. We wish him continued success in all his work that benefits the country and the world."

19 dead this year: 'Brain-eating' amoeba sparks political slugfest



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The "brain-eating" parasitic infection amoebic meningoencephalitis has killed a three-month-old, a 52-year-old, and 17 others across Kerala this year. On Wednesday, grief turned into fury in the assembly, where opposition accused LDF government of presiding over a health system in free fall. Congress-led UDF moved an adjournment motion, saying 19 people had died this year from the rare infection, including Lathakumari of Thiruvananthapuram last week. The notice charged the government with ignoring awareness campaigns at local level, where those exposed to stagnant water are most at risk. It also flagged rising cases of jaundice, dengue, leptospirosis, typhoid and diarrhoeal diseases - calling the situation a "collapse of public health management". Primary amoebic meningoencephalitis is rare. Globally, fewer than 500 cases have ever been reported. Yet Kerala has seen over 120 so far, including 68 this year. Infection occurs when contaminated freshwater enters the nose, letting the amoeba reach the brain through the sinus and destroy tissue.

A media worker was brutally murdered in Prayagraj, a shocking incident involving 25 stab wounds

The accused was arrested in an encounter within two hours

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Prayagraj

Blood flowing on the street in the dead of night, a life writhing in pain, and a life extinguished in an instant. This incident in Prayagraj became not just a murder, but a shocking story of humanity. The soul of anyone who witnessed it trembled. This heartbreaking incident in Prayagraj on Thursday night filled the entire city with grief and outrage. A media worker was stabbed to death in front of the Harsh Hotel in the Civil Lines police station area. The attackers inflicted more than 25 stab wounds, causing his intestines to bulge out. Before those present could comprehend anything, his blood-soaked body fell to the street. He was immediately rushed to SRN Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. It is being reported that



the media worker had also had an altercation with the accused a day earlier. On Thursday night, a dispute escalated again, and the accused brutally attacked. According to eyewitnesses, the accused fled the scene brandishing a knife after the attack. Meanwhile, someone filmed a video of the injured journalist, in which he was writhing in pain and pleading for help. This scene was heartbreaking for everyone who saw it. The deceased was a native of Ballia district and had been living in the Dhoomanganj area of Prayagraj for several years. He was associated with a private channel and lived a simple life with his family. He has a son, Raj, who is pursuing further studies after graduation. Following the inci-

dent, the police acted swiftly. A team was formed under the leadership of Additional Commissioner of Law and Order, Dr. Ajaypal Sharma. CCTV footage helped identify the accused, Vishal. Within just two hours, the police arrested him in an encounter near Nehru Park. He was shot in the leg during retaliatory action and has been hospitalized. The police have also detained Sahil and his mother, Vijeta. It is reported that Vishal was a friend of Sahil's, and his mother was unhappy with their friendship. This sparked a dispute that escalated to the point where the innocent media worker lost his life. Before the attack, he called his uncle, Ashok Singh, former president of the High Court Bar Association, and said, "Uncle,



please save me." This became his last message. After the post-mortem, the body was handed over to the family. His last rites will be performed on Saturday. Wave of grief and outrage in the journalistic community The brutal murder of a media worker in Prayagraj has shaken the entire journalistic community to the core. This brutal incident, inflicted with more than 25 blows, has not only shamed humanity but also raised serious questions about the safety of journalists. Every writer is stunned today. The pen, which is meant to expose the truth, now lies drenched in blood on the street. This tragic death of a colleague has shaken everyone's hearts. Journalists say this isn't just a murder, but an attempt to suppress the voice of truth. Journalist organizations

have condemned the incident and demanded that the administration punish the accused as soon as possible and take concrete steps to ensure the safety of journalists. The journalist community is in mourning over the brutal murder of a media worker in Prayagraj. Journalists from the region, including Santosh Yadav, Mudit Singh, Vikas Pandey, Vinod Shukla, Sunil Mishra, Amit Pandey, Ramesh Patel, Prabhakant Tripathi, Lalita Mishra, Priyanshu Dubey, Abdul Aleem, Shivam Verma, Om Shankar Pandey, and Rohan Kesarwani, expressed their deep condolences and prayed for the departed soul to rest in peace. The question echoing in every newsroom, every media office, and every journalist's heart today is: "Will the price of writing the truth now be paid with one's life?" A day earlier, there had been an altercation between the deceased and the accused. Following the incident, the police also engaged in an encounter with the accused in Nehru Park. The main accused was shot four times in the leg; the search is on for the other accused. -Ajay Pal Sharma, Additional Police Commissioner, Prayagraj.

Journalists will receive security - Police Commissioner

The deceased journalist's child will receive education and support from government schemes

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Prayagraj. The Police Commissioner assured security for journalists in the district and promised to provide maximum assistance to the deceased journalist's family. The brutal murder of journalist L.N. Singh, alias Pappu, with a sharp-edged weapon in the Civil Lines police station area on Thursday night has shocked the entire city. A delegation from the Electronic Media Club, led by convener Virendra Pathak, met with the District Magistrate and Police Commissioner Jogendra Singh to raise security for journalists and other demands. The Police Commissioner assured security for journalists and pledged to make every effort to prevent such incidents in the future. On the other hand, the District Magistrate stated that in addition to government assistance, arrangements would be made for the deceased's family, including the children's education. He stated that the family would receive maximum assistance as per the government and administrative policies. This sensational incident, which occurred in Prayagraj's most posh area, has not only raised serious questions about law and order, but has also sparked a wave of deep anger and grief in the journalis-



tic world. An emergency meeting of the Electronic Media Club was held on Friday morning following the incident. The meeting was chaired by the club's convener, Virendra Pathak. A large number of senior, young, and electronic media journalists from the city participated in the meeting. During the meeting, all journalists unanimously demanded justice for the deceased journalist and appealed to the government and administration for strict action. The case should be heard in a fast-track court so that the victim's family can receive speedy justice. The government should provide adequate financial assistance to the deceased journalist's family. The delay in transporting the deceased journalist from the scene to the hospital should be investigated and action should be taken against those responsible. At the meeting, journalists discussed the incident in depth and unanimously agreed on four key points: An impartial investigation into the murder of journalist L.N. Singh should be conducted and strict action should be taken against the culprits. In this regard, on Friday, a delegation of journalists from the Electronic Media Club met with Police Commissioner Prayagraj Joginder Kumar and District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma.

All pensioners receiving pension from the Civil Lines Treasury should submit their life certificates starting November 1st

Pensioners can also submit their life certificates through the website/app

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Prayagraj. Senior Treasury Officer, Civil Lines Treasury, Rajendra Kumar Singh, has informed all pensioners receiving pension from the Civil Lines Treasury that they can submit their life certificates by appearing on the ground floor of Indira Bhawan, Civil Lines, Prayagraj, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on any working day, with their pensioner ID card/Aadhaar card/PAN card/bank passbook. Furthermore, it is also noted that digital life certificates can be submitted

through the Jeevan Pramaan website/app, and through their bank branches. In such pension cases, in which pensioners/family pensioners have died, the relatives of the pensioners are requested to inform immediately by appearing at the treasury on any working day with the death certificate, identity card ID and an application of the concerned pensioner/family pensioner. It is also to be mentioned that it is the moral responsibility of the pensioners/family pensioners to immediately inform the treasury regarding the death of the pensioner/family pensioner and if a situation of excess payment arises, then the excess pension should be deposited in the treasury.

Mayor Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani inspected the ghats ahead of Chhath Puja

In addition, swamps and mud were found on the bathing ghats

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Prayagraj. On Friday, Mayor Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani inspected the ghats on the Yamuna River, including Kali Ghat, Maujigiri Baba Ghat, Loha Jetty Ghat under the new bridge, Arail Ghat, Ram Ghat, Sangam Nose, and Dhasasumedh Ghat, in view of Chhath Puja. Present during the inspection were Sai Teja, Municipal Commissioner; Dipendra Yadav, Additional Municipal Commissioner; Sanjay Katiyar; Dinesh Chandra Sachan, Chief Engineer (Electricity); Mahesh Kumar; Dr. Vijay Amritraj; Zonal Officer Sanjay Mangai;



Vikas Sen; Anil Maurya, Municipal Engineer; Dambur Singh; Assistant Engineer (R.K. Lal); Ram Saxena, Junior Engineer; engineers from the Irrigation Department; officials from the Mela Authority; Councilor Ran Vijay Singh; and former Councilor Rajesh Nishad. Dhasasumedh Ghat was inspected first. During the inspection, it was found that a large amount of flood mud had accumulated on the ghat steps, which was being cleaned. In addition, swamps and mud were found on the bathing ghats. Similarly, mud

and swamps were found on other ghats as well. A significant amount of mud was found on the steps of Arail Ghat, and cleaning work was underway. The concerned department was ordered to prepare the ghats and access routes before Chhath Puja by installing wheel plates and sand bags at all locations, including Dhasasumedh Ghat, the ghat in front of Ganga Square, Kalighat, Ramghat, and Sangam Nose, for the convenience of visitors and devotees. In addition, orders were given to install perma-

nent lighting, as well as temporary lighting, at all ghats, and to install barricades at areas where there is excessive swamp or mud, making accidents more likely. Ensure that the ghats are constructed properly with safety in mind. At all the places from Dhasasumegh Ghat to Baluaghat, where puja is organised, at least 200 approach roads should be prepared with wheel plates and sand bags. The Mayor instructed all the concerned officers present that like before, all the arrangements should be ensured before Chhath Puja like making the ghats ready for bathing, proper cleaning, sprinkling of lime, fogging, temporary road lighting system at the ghats, supply of pure drinking water through tankers, mobile toilets, construction of changing rooms, it should be ensured that the devotees do not have to face any kind of inconvenience. No laxity should be shown in the above.

Woman tragically killed in collision with unknown pickup truck



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Ajhuwa. An unknown pickup driver struck a woman riding a bike on the National Highway near Kanwar Mod in the Saini police station area of Kaushambi, resulting in her tragic death. According to the incident, Shridevi, aged about 58 years, wife of Saroj Lal Gupta, resident of Kanwar, was going to her maternal home Sultanpur Ghosh district Fatehpur on a bike with her son Rammilan. On reaching the national highway, Rammilan got his mother off the bike and crossed the road with the bike. As soon as Shridevi started crossing the road, an

unknown pickup driver coming from Prayagraj crushed the woman, due to which the woman died a painful death. Seeing the accident, a crowd of passersby and villagers gathered at the spot. Azhuva outpost police, who reached on the information, took the body in their custody and sent it for post-mortem and started searching for the unknown absconding vehicle. The woman has 4 sons and 3 daughters who are married, the third son Rammilan, who had come home from Surat city today, this incident happened while taking his mother to her maternal home, there is chaos among the family members.

Police file case against half a dozen people for life-threatening attack

A widow, Lakshmi Devi, from Kashiya West village, under the Kokhraj police station area

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Kaushambi. A widow, Lakshmi Devi, from Kashiya



West village, under the Kokhraj police station area, was

forcibly occupying her farmland. A police

complaint was lodged, but a settlement was later reached. On the morning of October 21st, when the woman arrived at the farmland, her brother-in-law, Gyan Prakash, Prem Prakash, Himanshu, Priyanshu, Shatrughan, Rajat, and half a dozen others arrived with

sticks and axes and brutally assaulted her, leaving her seriously injured. While on her way to the police station, the attackers attacked Lakshmi Devi again with sticks and axes. The widow, her uncle, Surajpal, sister-in-law, Reshma Devi, Lavlesh, daughter,

Roshni Devi, Praveen Kumar, and others were seriously injured in the attack. The police were informed of the incident and have registered a case against the accused under serious sections. The attackers have fled the scene and are currently searching for them.

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Two Thieves Arrested, Major Recovery Made, Cash and Vehicle Seized

Barabanki

Under the directive of Superintendent of Police Arpit Vijayvargiya, the Haidergarh police team arrested two accused on October 24 as part of an ongoing campaign to curb crime in the district. During the operation, 34 pieces of readymade clothes, 40 cosmetic items, 2,510 in cash, and a car used



in the crimes were recovered. The operation was conducted under the guidance of

Deputy Superintendent of Police Ritesh Kumar Singh (South) and supervision of Area

Officer Haidergarh Samir Kumar Singh. The arrested accused have been identified as Pankaj Kumar alias Bablu, son of late Omprakash Chauhan, resident of Sainpur Dhanawa, Police Station Parsapur, District Gonda, and Jageshwar, son of late Jayram, resident of Jagannathpur, Police Station Maholi, District Sitapur. Police investi-

gation revealed that the accused, along with their accomplices, had broken into a house in Gram Kakri under Loni Katra Police Station on the night of October 4-5 and stolen jewelry and cash. They also broke the shutter of a shop in Gram Gospur under Haidergarh Police Station on the night of October 14-15 and stole readymade clothes and cosmetic

items. On October 20-21, they attempted a theft at the Haidergarh post office. Three FIRs have been registered in connection with these cases. The arrest operation was led by Station Officer Abhimanyu Mall with the support of Sub-Inspectors Farid Mohammad, Kapil Dev Yadav, Constables Neeraj Chaudhary, Nilesh Fauzdar.

Uncle and nephew riding a bike died in a road accident

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Mahewaghat. Between Sanda Square and Tejmati Hospital in the Kaushambi Manjhanpur Kotwali area, two people riding a bike were hit by a speeding vehicle, causing them to collide with the divider and tragically die on the spot. The incident occurred around 10:00 pm on Thursday night. After the accident, people nearby rushed to the scene and informed the police. The police took the bodies of the two deceased into custody and sent them for post-mortem. As soon as relatives and family members learned of the incident, there was chaos. According to the information, Abhishek alias Vikas, 20 years old, son of Santosh Kumar, a



resident of Alwara village of Mahewaghat police station area, has his maternal home in Kadirabad village of Manjhanpur Kotwali area. Abhishek's maternal uncle's engagement ceremony was organized on Thursday, for which Abhishek reached his maternal uncle's village Kadirabad and there was a need to buy some goods for the engagement, on which Abhishek was going to Manjhanpur market by bike along with his younger maternal uncle Surya Kant, 23 years old, son of Niranjan.

Editorial

The path to growth and prosperity lies in capitalism, entrepreneurship and initiative

Power is in the words. Language has mystical powers. I enjoy playing with words. Those words are hot. You can be moved to tears by words. You can find humor in words. Moreover, there are few things that can convey the planet and all its inhabitants as vividly and comprehensively as words. During the 2009 austerity drive of the Congress-led UPA administration, Tharoor was embroiled in controversy for his response to a query regarding flying "cattle class" to Kerala. His statement, "Absolutely, in cattle class out of solidarity with all our holy cows!" caused a political storm following his response. Tharoor, an accomplished writer of numerous best-selling books on Indian society and politics, was forced to clarify that he did not want to offend economy class passengers after the Congress party swiftly censured him. After 16 years, Tharoor is now again in trouble for comments he made in an interview. In response to a Malayalam report that he had claimed, "We have many leaders, but many feel that there are no ordinary workers," Tharoor clarified that he had really said, "several workers feel there is an absence of a leader in Kerala's Congress." "You should not think that I have no option to spend my time. I have options," Tharoor added earlier in the interview. I have speeches, books, and invitations to speak all around the globe. Some saw his comments as a covert signal to the highest levels of Congress that he was thinking about other political paths. Amidst the upcoming Assembly elections in the state next year, Tharoor is now facing accusations of "crossing the line" from the top leaders of the Congress's faction-ridden Kerala unit, putting him in the center of a maelstrom. Because of this, Shashi Tharoor has been named this week's ThePrint Newsmaker. Actually, Tharoor's essay praising the new industrial policies of the Left-led Kerala government had already been a hot topic before the interview controversy erupted. Tharoor had stated that, during the course of 18 months last year, Kerala's startup ecosystem was valued at an astounding \$1.7 billion, which is five times higher than the worldwide average for the same time period. While the fact that this change has started happening under an LDF government run by communists is shocking, it is not totally unexpected. "The path to growth and prosperity for their people lies in capitalism, entrepreneurship, and initiative, not in red flags, strikes, and agitations," he said in the post, comparing the Communists in Kerala to their West Bengali counterparts at the turn of the century. While he disagrees that the state's industrial climate has changed generally, Tharoor defended himself by saying that "when something good emerges, even if only in one area, it is petty not to acknowledge it" in response to attacks from Kerala Congress officials over the piece. Tharoor, a former UN diplomat, has had a tumultuous political career with the Congress since his 2009 victory in the Lok Sabha elections from the Thiruvananthapuram constituency. Mostly because he had a habit of saying things that went against the party line. However, he consistently gets himself into problems by more than simply his words. In 2009, as the UPA was implementing its austerity measures, Tharoor and then-External Affairs Minister SM Krishna came under fire from the government for allegedly residing in a five-star hotel in Delhi while their official quarters were still being prepared. Tharoor lost his position in the Manmohan Singh government's council of ministers in 2010 due to the scandal surrounding the sweat equity provided to Sunanda Pushkar, his then-girlfriend and later-wife, by a consortium that owned the Kochi club of the Indian Premier League. His ordination as a junior minister was renewed in 2012. Tharoor was thrust into his gravest professional crisis in January 2014, when Pushkar.



Kyiv is now likely to be denied NATO membership

Donald Trump has spent only a month in his second term as the US President. However, he has disrupted the international order, weakened the Western alliance and created a sense of insecurity and uncertainty among its members, surprising even some of his supporters. There has been a paradigm shift in US foreign policy under Trump. He is now closer to Moscow than Washington's traditional allies. He has embraced the Kremlin's narrative on Ukraine and has sidelined US allies. Although senior members of the Trump administration have denied that the US has abandoned Kyiv and ignored its European allies, Trump himself has not made any serious attempts to pacify Ukrainians and Europeans. His closeness to Russia has been on display since he talked for 90 minutes on the phone with Russian leader Vladimir Putin, in which they agreed to start negotiations to end the Ukraine war, which will mark its third anniversary on Monday. Trump did speak to Zelenskyy soon after that call with Putin, but a nervous Ukrainian President warned that excluding his country from the talks would be "very dangerous". Events after that only made Ukrainians feel sidelined. Trump's Vice President, JD Vance, met European leaders in Munich two days later. But his comment that Europe will not be included in the peace talks only helped fuelled the speculation that they were being left out of the future of Ukraine, which is closer to their homes and in which they have invested a lot of money and effort since



the Russian invasion. Vance's meeting with Zelenskyy did not go well either as the Ukrainian leader refused to give access to the country's vast reserves of critical minerals unless he was given security guarantees. That angered Washington. Ending the Russia-Ukraine war was Trump's major campaign promise. But hardly anyone expected him to brazenly take Russia's side and even blame Ukraine for the conflict, which he did. Last Tuesday, a US delegation led by Secretary of State Marco Rubio met the Russian delegation headed by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Saudi Arabia, to discuss peace. Ukraine was not invited. Putin—who had been shunned by the US and its allies since the invasion of Ukraine—was delighted. A frustrated Zelenskyy dismissed the Riyadh talks as worthless. Trump did not like those comments and called the Ukraine President a dictator, even accusing him of starting the war. Zelenskyy said the US President was living in a Russian-made "disinformation space". This infuriated Trump, who does not take kindly to any criticism. He described Zelenskyy as "a modestly successful comedian" who "talked the United

States of America into spending \$350 Billion, to go into a War that couldn't be won, that never had to start, but a War that he, without the U.S. and 'TRUMP,' will never be able to settle." Trump's behaviour towards Zelenskyy is in stark contrast to Biden's, who had backed Ukraine against Russia with all the possible military and financial aid. President Biden travelled to Ukraine many times since the Russian invasion in February 2022 to display his administration's full support. He also promised NATO membership to Ukraine at a future date. Russia was severely punished for invading Ukraine. The US joined hands with its allies to isolate Moscow. Russia faced tough sanctions and its assets in the West were seized. The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant against Putin for alleged war crimes in Ukraine. There were even plans to put Putin and his close allies on Nuremberg-style trials. Until a year ago, Ukraine's leader was talking about even liberating all its territory, including Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014, with the help of Western military equipment. Ukraine even succeeded in occupying the

Russian territory of Kursk, which it had thought would be used as a bargaining chip during negotiations with Moscow. But all that now looks like a distant dream. With Trump back in the White House, Ukraine fears that Russia will be allowed to keep all the occupied territory as part of the deal to end the war. Kyiv is now likely to be denied NATO membership. That could be a promise to Russia to end the war. The US under Trump has now even opposed calling Russia an aggressor in a G-7 statement being prepared to mark the third anniversary of the war. The US team removed the phrase from the first draft, which was prepared by Canada, the current holder of the group's presidency. It is not just Ukraine, America's European allies are also now nervous about the intent of Trump. Since the Second World War, they enjoyed the US security umbrella under NATO. But now they are unsure if the US under Trump will honour Article 5 of the NATO, which is triggered when a member state comes under attack. It implies that an attack on one member is an attack on all. There is even fear in Europe that Donald Trump may sign a deal with the Russian leader Vladimir Putin that will lead to the withdrawal of US forces from Baltic states and effectively kill the NATO alliance. That could be similar to the non-aggression treaty signed by the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany on August 23, 1939, sending shockwaves to other European countries and prompting Hitler and Stalin to annex neighbouring countries. It is another matter

that Hitler invaded the Soviet Union two years later, putting an end to the treaty. European members of NATO may call themselves major powers, but they can't match Russia's military might without US support. Even after losing more than a hundred thousand men and lots of military equipment in the Ukraine conflict, Moscow remains a strong power, mainly because of its nuclear arsenal. So Why Has Trump Changed The Narrative? Trump has always been an admirer of strongmen like Putin. Even during his first term, he developed a rapport with him. He also dislikes Zelenskyy, whom he sees as more of a roadblock in ending the Ukraine conflict. As a former businessman, Trump sees things from the perspective of profitable deals. Western sanctions have hit Russia, but American companies have also suffered business losses, running into billions of dollars. He would like to reverse that. And despite Ukraine's resistance, Trump believes Zelenskyy will have to give access to critical minerals in return for any future US support. Some in the Trump administration suggest Kyiv should provide Americans with those minerals in return for the US military and financial aid already received by Ukraine. Trump has blamed European leaders for not doing enough to end the Ukraine war. He has also complained for a long time that Europe has lived off the US for too long and it must pay for its security. Europeans have increased their defence budgets but not enough to survive without US support.

The Hindutva Pitch of the BJP: Will Bihar Pay Attention This Time?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attacked the opposition, calling members of the party who support "jungle raj" anti-Indian and anti-faith. Furthermore, he said that the state's citizens would hold anybody who insults Maha Kumbh in contempt forever. Political circles were captivated by his attention on Maha Kumbh, which he displayed barely two days before Maha Shivratni, as the event was coming to a close. For what reason did Modi bring up the holy event, which has been going on for almost two months, Was all he was doing was addressing the Opposition's strong criticism of what they saw as poor administration during the world's largest religious gathering, the Maha Kumbh, and the two stampedes that occurred there. Did he want Maha Kumbh to be a part of the National Democratic Alliance's Bihar election platform? It is quite probable that Modi, who had begun the NDA's Bihar election campaign with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, purposefully

brought up the controversy surrounding Maha Kumbh in order to strengthen the Hindu support among the OBC. Many also saw it as an effort to win over religiously inclined female voters. Meanwhile, political scientists claimed Modi didn't really need to mention Maha Kumbh. In contrast to Uttar Pradesh, religious and communal appeals do not have the same impact on elections in Bihar. A transformative governance agenda has traditionally had a greater impact on the state. Rather than a rising embrace of the Hindutva ideology of the BJP, observers pointed out that Bihar was shifting away from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) led by Lalu Yadav owing to fears of his previous misrule. North Bihar is still firmly under the control of the NDA, and yatras, which were once used to communalize politics, have not been very successful. The Hindu Swabhimani Yatra, which Union Minister Giriraj Singh attempted last year but was unable to launch, is a prime example.

The wealth generated by Indian diaspora-owned businesses in the UK was estimated to be around £75 billion

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on his fourth visit to the UK. He will hold wide-ranging discussions with PM Keir Starmer on the entire gamut of India-UK bilateral relations, and exchange views on issues of regional and global importance. He is also expected to call on King Charles III. During the visit, the two sides will also review the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) with a specific focus on trade and economy, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate, health, education, and people-to-people ties. Following the UK's exit from the European Union, economic and trade relations between the two countries acquired a new salience. India-UK bilateral trade set a new record when it crossed \$55 billion (£42.6 billion) in 2024, registering an increase of around 10 per cent over the previous year. Indian companies have made significant investments in the UK. Grant Thornton (GT) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) research in 2024 highlighted a record number of 971 Indian companies in the UK with a combined turnover of over £68 billion. The report India Meets Britain Tracker 2024 found that Indian companies in the UK are thriving, with 100 companies having a revenue growth of at least 10 per cent. The Britain meets India Tracker 2024 identified 667 British companies in India with a turnover of approximately £47.5 billion. The UK is the sixth-largest contributor of FDI to India. Cumulative FDI from the UK to India is around \$36 billion between 2000 to March 2025. India's investment in the UK during this period is close to \$20 billion. The Indian diaspora in the UK is also a major presence in the UK's economic scenario. The 2020 GT report, done with the High Commission of India, London, and Federation of Indian

Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), identified 654 diaspora-owned companies with a turnover of at least £100,000, generating a cumulative annual turnover of £36.84 billion. The wealth generated by Indian diaspora-owned businesses in the UK was estimated to be around £75 billion by this report. The 1.8 million Indian diaspora forms about 2.7 per cent of the UK's population. During PM Modi's visit, the signing of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is expected. The forward-looking agreement complements India's growth aspirations. The FTA has been described as both historic and ambitious. It is expected to boost jobs, exports, and growth, benefitting 99 per cent of Indian exports from zero per cent duty, opening export opportunities for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, marine products, leather footwear, sports goods and toys, gems and jewellery, and others such as engineering goods and organic chemicals. Trade in services is also expected to receive a significant fillip. Enhanced global mobility for aspirational young Indians and a three-year exemption from social security payments come as a major relief for Indian employees and companies based in the UK. Despite the record bilateral trade, the UK's trade with India accounts for around 2.5 per cent of its total trade. With both sides seeking trade diversification and supply-chain resilience, an India-UK FTA will hopefully create the doorway for businesses to drive the economic relationship forward. Given the immediate challenges on India's borders, cooperation in the defence sector with partners such as the UK has achieved greater importance. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit to the UK in January 2024 provided fresh impetus.

Muslims want waqf reforms too. It's not an issue for political acrimony

When the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024 was first tabled in the Lok Sabha on 8 August last year, it triggered fears within the Muslim community, as it was perceived to have been introduced without adequate consultation with stakeholders. After all, the issue of waqfs—Muslim institutions through which property is bequeathed for religious or charitable purposes—is sensitive because it involves socio-religious spaces such as qabristans, masjids, idgahs, and madrasas. As such, the government and Parliament were exhorted to adopt procedures that allayed rather than stoked the fears of

Muslims. In this backdrop, the decision to refer the bill to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament was welcome. The 31-member committee, drawn from across party lines, received 97,27,772 memoranda overall. There were representations from various ministries and departments—including Minority Affairs, Law and Justice, Railways, Housing and Urban Affairs, Road Transport, and Culture (Archaeological Survey of India)—as well as state waqf boards and experts, ensuring a diversity of opinions. As such, the government and Parliament were exhorted to adopt pro-

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correct to state that waqf reforms are being externally foisted. Rather, to a large extent, the demand for waqf reforms has emerged from within the Muslim community also. The Ministry of Minority Affairs received numerous complaints from Muslims on the maladministration of waqf properties, which manifested in voluminous litigations. The ministry's analysis of grievances received from April 2023 found that 148 complaints pertained mostly to encroachments, illegal sales of waqf land, delays in surveys and registration, and complaints against waqf boards and mutawallis.

Awareness Program Organized on World Mental Health Day

Bahraich

Under Mamta Sansthan's Project Jagriti-4, an awareness program was organized at the Fakharpur Community Health Center, Bahraich on the occasion of World Mental Health Day. The Chief Guest of the program was the Chief Medical Officer, Bahraich. He was accompanied by the District Program Manager (DPM), District Health Education and Information Officer (DHEIO), MOIC, BCPM and members of the District Mental Health Team. On this occasion, the District Mental Health Program team counseled beneficiaries and provided information on various topics related to mental health. Experts explained that mental health is an important part of our overall health and it is crucial to be aware of it. In his address, the Chief Guest, Chief Medical Officer, Bahraich, said, "There are still many misconceptions in society regarding mental



health. We must understand that mental illness is treatable, just like physical illness. If someone is experiencing problems like stress, anxiety, or depression, they should seek advice from a specialist instead of hiding it. Such programs are extremely useful in raising awareness in society." I thank the Mamta Sansthan and its team for their excellent work on this issue at the community level. All the guests present at the event shared their thoughts and praised the efforts of the Mamta Sansthan, saying that the organization is taking positive initiatives regarding mental health in the community. The support of the Mamta Sansthan staff was instrumental in making

this program a success. District Program Manager Sarju Khan, District Psychiatrist Dr. Vijay Jaiswal, Community Health Center Incharge Dr. Narendra Singh, and District Health Education Officer Brijesh Singh addressed the event. Brijesh Singh raised awareness about mental health by citing several important examples. District Psychiatrist Dr. Vijay Jaiswal informed the audience that at the district level, mental health outpatient department (OPD) is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and mental health counseling and outpatient department (OPD) camps are held on other days.

Zubeen Garg's Mysterious Death: Seven Arrested, No Poison Found, SIT Uncovers New Lead

Assam

The sudden and mysterious death of Assam's celebrated singer Zubeen Garg on September 19, 2025 in Singapore has shaken the entire nation, particularly his home state of Assam. Initially reported as an accidental drowning, the case has since taken a sharp turn after allegations of poisoning surfaced, prompting a full-scale investigation. Assam Police's CID and Special Investigation Team (SIT) have now arrested seven individuals in connection with the case.

Those detained include Zubeen's manager Siddharth Sharma, festival organizer Shyamkanu Mahanta, his cousin and police officer Sandipan Garg, his personal security officer, and several others. Investigators believe the private yacht party where Zubeen spent his final hours plays a crucial role in uncovering the



truth behind his death. Preliminary medical and forensic reports from Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Delhi have found no trace of any poisonous substance, indicating drowning as the immediate cause of death. However, the SIT and CID continue to probe deeper angles involving financial transactions, suspicious conduct by associates and possible criminal conspiracy. Under mounting public pressure in Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has assured that no guilty person will escape justice. He stated that the final CFSL viscera report will provide clearer direc-

tion for the investigation. Meanwhile, the SIT is intensifying efforts to ensure a flawless and transparent inquiry. Authorities have also summoned several Assam-origin NRIs from Singapore who were reportedly with Zubeen in his last days. The investigation is now exploring money trails, alleged negligence by event organizers, and other connected complications. Officials have confirmed that an official charge sheet will soon be filed in court once all evidence is compiled. Zubeen Garg's untimely death remains an emotional wound for Assam's cultural and musical community. Even as no conclusive evidence of poisoning has surfaced, investigators continue to treat the case as suspicious. The state waits anxiously for justice for one of its most beloved voices—a man whose legacy transcended generations and genres.

DOE issues guidelines for direct entry to Class XI in govt schools



Delhi: Delhi Directorate of Education (DOE) has issued guidelines for direct admission to Class XI in govt schools under the non-plan admissions category for the academic session 2025-26. The online registration process begins and is open to students residing in Delhi who did not study in govt or govt-aided schools under DOE in 2024-25. The admission process will be conducted in three cycles from May 27 to June 9 (cycle I), July 1 to July 10 (cycle II), and Aug 1 to Aug 11 (cycle III). Students can register online at DoE's website, and help desks at schools will assist applicants who need support with the form. Applicants must meet specific academic criteria for their chosen stream. For example, students seeking admission in the Science stream with Mathematics must have at least 55% overall, with 50% in English, Mathematics, and Science. Relaxations of up to 5% in one subject are available for students belonging to SC/ST, OBC (non-creamy layer), minorities, Kashmiri migrants, or those excelling in national-level sports.

School eco clubs will be rebranded and given more resources

Delhi: As part of a statewide push to improve environmental education among students, all Delhi schools have been ordered to rebrand their current Eco Clubs as "Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE" and reinstate them by August 31. An official release said that this project.

Assam Assembly's Public Accounts Committee Conducts Inspection Visit in Kamrup District

Assam

A five-member delegation of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Assam Legislative Assembly, led by Chairman Nurul Huda, visited the inspection bungalow of the Public Works Department (PWD) at Amin Gaon in Kamrup district on Tuesday. The committee was welcomed by Deputy Commissioner Dev Kumar Mishra, representing the Kamrup district administration. During the visit, the committee held a meeting with heads of various departments to review ongoing government projects. The meet-



ing was attended by PAC members and MLAs Karim Uddin Barbhuiya and Abdul Rashid Mandal, along with Chief Executive Officer of Kamrup Zila Parishad Siddhartha Goswami, District Development Commissioner Sushant Kumar Dutta, and several departmental officers. Following the meeting,

the committee members conducted field inspections at several sites, including the under-construction Saraighat Cricket Stadium, Tularam Bafna Kamrup Civil Hospital, Agriculture Department's food processing groups, Model Anganwadi Centres under the Social Welfare Department, and projects

carried out under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) and the 15th Finance Commission. In addition, the committee reviewed the progress of works implemented by departments such as Water Resources, Public Health Engineering, Public Works (Roads and Buildings), and Public Works (National Highways). Later, the committee also held a comprehensive review meeting at the Co District Commissioner conference hall in Rangia, where senior officials from the Kamrup district administration and other departments were present. The meeting was attended by

Maintain pre-2010 7% OBC quota

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



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

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

Villagers held a candlelight march demanding a judicial inquiry into the death of NDA cadet Antariksh

Bahraich

The mysterious death of NDA cadet Antariksh, a resident of Narainapur (Sumerpur) village in the Rupaidiha police station area, is gaining momentum. The villagers, both in the village and surrounding areas, are in shock. The incident is being discussed in other villages. To uncover the mystery behind the mysterious death of the promising Antariksh, villagers from the village and surrounding areas held a candlelight march late Monday evening, demanding a judicial inquiry. The candlelight march was led by the deceased's mother. A large number of young people, elders, and prominent people from the area also participated. The family members, calling the cadet's death suspicious, have demanded a judicial



inquiry. Seema Singh mother of the deceased cadet Antariksh Kumar, alleged that her son was a very promising person and the people of the area are constantly praising him. He has even written a book to inspire young people. He had gone to Pune to study, not to die. She explained that when she arrived at the scene, the room was strewn with belongings. The mother stated that her son could not have committed suicide; he wanted to achieve something after training. He was determined to achieve

great heights. Mother Seema Singh stated that she last spoke to her son on October 9th at 4 p.m. She also stated that the cadet had previously complained about being harassed by some seniors. She also stated that they had received assurances from higher authorities, which satisfied the family. The mother alleged that her son had been wronged and that they were not even shown CCTV footage. Last Friday morning, Antariksh Kumar's body was found hanging from a noose in his hostel.

Scholarships offered by University of Hong Kong to outstanding students

Delhi: The University of Hong Kong (HKU), which was rated seventeenth in the QS World University Rankings 2025, has launched a scholarship program for exceptional students from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Under this program, high-achieving CBSE students interested in majoring in HKU's undergraduate programs that promote innovation, technology, and interdisciplinary learning will be offered full-ride scholarships that pay for everything. On a national level, CBSE operates. It consistently produces a large number of students who get into professional colleges through entrance exams at the national and state levels. Not only do these students thrive in their professional and social lives,



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but they also excel in professional colleges. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has increasingly prioritized competency-based education and assessment since the New Education Policy—2020 came into effect. Higher education institutions overseas are providing several exemptions and support to our students as

a result of the high-quality education they receive from connected schools and their performance in STEM and other areas.

The CBSE notification detailed the exemptions and support, and it instructed schools to notify pupils about them so that they might reap the benefits.

India's Mahendra sets world record in World Para Athletics Grand Prix



Delhi: Roberto Florian Edenilson of Brazil had previously held the world record of 59.19 meters, but the 27-year-old beat him in 2022. Following throws of 56.11 and 55.51 meters, he set a new world record with a throw of 61.17 meters on his third try. Throws of 58.54, 57.25, and 58.07 meters were his final three on Sunday. Field athletes who experience mild limitations in the use of one leg should consider F42. Sumit Antil, who has won gold at the Paralympics twice and holds the world record for the men's javelin F64 category, also placed first with a throw of 72.35 meters. Athletes competing on the field who have little or no movement in either leg can use F64. But Gurjar was one of many para-athletes from the F40, F57, F63, and F64 categories who competed in a combined event. Competition was open to para-athletes from all different classifications because it was a mixed event. The Swiss coach of Gurjar, Samarjeet Singh Malhi, informed that his charge set a world record in the F42 category and also won the gold medal. Having para-athletes from multiple categories compete in a combined event is "normal practice," he continued.

Alia Bhatt wears 30-year-old silk saree

For Kareena Kapoor's Diwali celebration in Mumbai, Alia Bhatt slipped into a rose gold silk saree, an archival creation from Ritu Kumar's label

Diwali season in Bollywood is always a dazzling affair, and this year, Alia Bhatt added a touch of vintage elegance to the festivities. Attending Kareena Kapoor's star-studded Diwali celebration in Mumbai, the actress chose a timeless gold silk saree designed by none other than Ritu Kumar.

For the Diwali celebration, Alia slipped into a rose gold silk saree, an archival creation from Ritu Kumar's label, which was originally designed more than 30 years ago. Styled by Rhea Kapoor, the classic six-yard wasn't just another festive pick; it was a piece of Indian fashion history.

Talking about the ensemble in her Instagram post, Rhea wrote, "Remembering the Silk Road. The silver tikki on rose gold silk carries her [Ritu Kumar's] signature. A piece of fashion history, preserved in thread."

The saree featured delicate silver tikki embroidery, meticulously handwoven into intricate floral motifs that shimmered under the festive lights. Rhea paired the drape with a sleeveless bustier blouse boasting a plunging sweetheart neckline and subtle silver embroidery, layered under a matching open-front jacket that added an exquisite touch.

Keeping the look balanced, Alia opted for understated yet luxe accessories, featuring a gold choker, dainty rings, bangles, and a statement maang tika. Her makeup was a

soft festive glow with rose-gold eyeshadow, highlighted cheeks, glossy lips, and open wavy hair parted down the middle.

The festive sparkle didn't end with Alia's look. Kareena Kapoor's Diwali party was the talk of B-Town, with her Mumbai residence turning into a scene of light, laughter, and family. Alia shared pictures from the intimate celebration on Instagram, captioning them "fam jam x diwali glam."

The photos featured her posing with Kareena and Karisma Kapoor, along with Neetu Kapoor, Alekha Advani, and Anissa Malhotra, making it a true Kapoor family get-together filled with festive spirit and glowing faces.



'Woke up to Delhi's AQI touching 447'

Vaani Kapoor is currently in Delhi to celebrate the Diwali festival with her family. The actress on Monday shared some beautiful pictures from her Diwali celebration. However, on Tuesday, she took to her Instagram story to post about Delhi's worst air quality.

Vaani wrote, "Woke up to Delhi's AQI touching 447 one of the highest in the world today. Maybe next year, we find a way to celebrate without dimming the air we breathe (sic)."

Delhi's air quality has become a matter of concern. While Vaani has reacted to it, let's see if any other celebs will post about it on social media.

During an interview with PTI, Environmentalist Sunil Dahiya said that earlier the AQI was low, but it rose due to the bursting of fire-crackers.

"In several areas, pollution levels crossed 900-1000. This Diwali, green crackers were allowed, but the government's restrictions were not followed. Banned crackers were used, and the Supreme Court's order on green crackers was not adhered to," he further said.

Vaani's last release was Aabeer Gulaal, which also starred Fawad Khan in the lead role. The film was supposed to be released in May this year, but due to the Pahalgam attack, it was banned

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in India. Later, in September this year, the makers released the film in many countries, excluding India. However, the film failed to make a mark internationally as well.

This year, Vaani also made her web series debut with the series, Mandala Murders, and it received mixed response from the critics and the audience. Talking about her upcoming movies, she has two films currently lined up, Sarvagunn Sampanna and Badtameez Gill. The release dates of both movies have not yet been announced.



'He'll be nice for few months & then...'

Podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia confirmed his relationship with influencer Juhi Bhatt via an Instagram post featuring Ghibli-inspired AI-generated Diwali photos

YouTuber and podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia, popularly known as BeerBiceps, confirmed his new relationship with social media influencer Juhi Bhatt through a post on his Instagram handle, sharing photos from their Diwali 2025 celebration. Although he didn't reveal Juhi's face or name directly, he used Ghibli-inspired AI-generated images to make the announcement.

Nikki Sharma Exposes Ex-Boyfriend Ranveer Allahbadia

Following Ranveer's relationship reveal, his ex-girlfriend, actress Nikki Sharma, seemingly exposed him without naming him directly. On Monday, October 20, Nikki shared a screenshot on her Instagram story that appeared to be a chat between her and someone else.

In the conversation, her messages read, "I'm shook though. Always the flaunting. He'll be nice for a few months. And then say, oh ykw I am traumatised I can never marry or have kids."

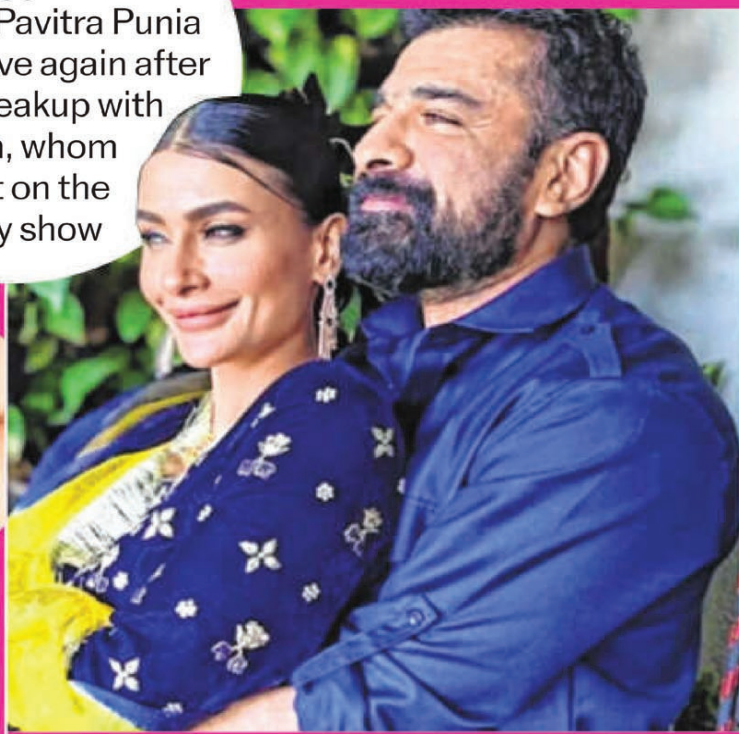
After Ranveer shared Diwali post on his Instagram, Juhi shared a glimpse of his beautifully decorated home, featuring a floral rangoli strikingly similar to the one seen in his pictures, subtly confirming their relationship. In the photo, Juhi was also seen holding a bunch of pink roses, adding to the speculation that the two celebrated Diwali together.

Additionally, Ranveer and Juhi follow each other on Instagram, which has only added more fuel to the ongoing romance rumours. Ranveer, who was in a relationship with actress Nikki Sharma, would often share pictures with her on his social media handle but kept her identity private by covering her face with a sunflower emoji.

Rumours about their breakup began circulating after Ranveer unfollowed Nikki on Instagram.



Television actress and former Bigg Boss 14 contestant Pavitra Punia has found love again after her 2023 breakup with Eijaz Khan, whom she met on the reality show



Pavitra Punia finds love again

Television actress and former Bigg Boss 14 contestant Pavitra Punia has found new love after her split from actor Eijaz Khan, whom she met on the reality show. The couple parted ways in 2023 after nearly four years together. Earlier, Pavitra had described Eijaz as a 'narcissist' and revealed that he had a dominating nature.

Confirming the news, Pavitra told Hindustan Times that this Diwali felt extra special as she would be celebrating it with her boyfriend's family. The 39-year-old actress added, "I will be travelling to abroad as he and his family are there. I am a little sad that I won't be celebrating Diwali with my family but also excited to be spending time with them."

The actress stated that her boyfriend is not an actor, but a businessman based in the USA. "A wonderful person, and kind. We've been going steady for quite some time now, and it feels right," said Punia.

In 2022, Eijaz and Pavitra had confirmed their engagement by sharing proposal photos on their social media handles, which were later deleted following their breakup.

Eijaz had captioned the pictures, "Baby, if we keep waiting for the right time, it's never gonna be, I promise you my best, Will you marry me? She said "yes". He also added the hashtags #taken and #official, revealing the date of the engagement to be October 3.

Pavitra had also reacted to

the post, writing, "May the lord protect us from evil eye. Let there be love love and love."

After their breakup in 2023, Pavitra revealed the real reason behind her split with Eijaz. Speaking to Telly Masala, she said, "Koshish karte rahe. Ab ye baat main bahut auraton ko bolti hoon. Aurat submissive achi lagti hai no doubt. Aurat fragile, feminine achi lagti hai, samjha mujhe."

She continued, "But when a woman is sitting quietly like that, you will approach her with care because she is speaking to you gently. I tell this to every woman - if a man keeps suppressing you, he is a narcissist. Don't stay with him. In our case, it reached a point where we tried and tried, but it didn't work. How much could we keep trying?"

SBI plans to raise a Rs 45,000 crore in a mix of stock

Delhi : Capital markets are expected to generate Rs 45,000 crore for the biggest lender in the nation, SBI. This week, the largest equity issue of its sort in the Indian market will occur, with Rs 25,000 crore coming through a qualified institutional placement (QIP). The issue would dilute equity by 3.3% at the present market valuation of around Rs 7.4 lakh crore. Following shareholder approval on June 13 and board approval on May 3, the bank started the share sale. In accordance with the SBI Act and its General Regulations, the shares will be issued having a face value of Re 1. Up until now, the



biggest equity fundraising under QIP has been Coal India's 2015 Rs 22,560 crore offering. When fully subscribed, SBI's placement will surpass this. The offer's floor price, determined using Sebi's pricing formula, is Rs 811.05 per share. This amount can be reduced by as much as 5% by the bank. The book-running lead managers will be consulted to decide the ultimate pricing.

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

Stricter bad loan policy cuts Axis Bank profit 4%.



Delhi : A steep surge in provisions lowered Axis Bank's net profit to Rs 5,806 crore in the quarter ended June 2025, down 4%. The bank described a one-time accounting adjustment as a "technical impact" or internal recalibration of their poor credit categorization, which increased provisions. This modification affected cash credit, overdraft, and one-time cleared accounts, causing Rs 2,709 crore in slippages. That alone prompted Rs 821 crore in provisions. Without this,

quarter provisions would have been Rs 3,127 crore instead of Rs 3,948 crore. The bank called this hit a "prudential application" of regulatory standards, not a decrease in asset quality. Gross non-performing assets rose 29

basis points quarter-on-quarter to 1.57% after the policy change. Net NPAs rose 12 basis points to 0.45%. A technical recalibration hurt headline profit, while revenue, loan book, and fee income grew more evenly.

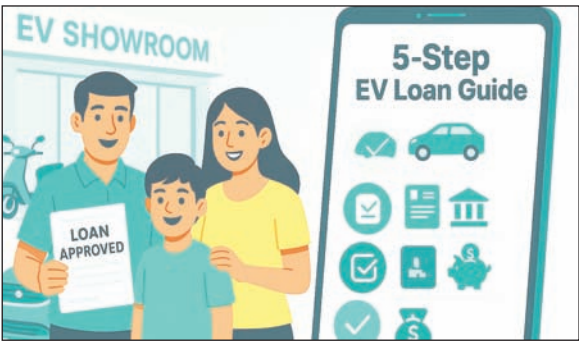
RIL makes record profit amid oil decline, sets clean energy outlook

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

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

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

Modern electric vehicle lenders ramp up battery loans



Delhi: When early indicators of scale appear in an industry that was previously considered too specialized or hazardous for institutional investors, a slew of new companies and financiers are changing the way electric commercial vehicles (EVs) are financed in India. Financing arrangements are being adjusted by lenders to accommodate the economics of electric vehicles and the credit realities of small business operators. This includes models such as first-loss guarantee partnerships, flexible EMIS, and battery subscription models. Modern methods are now able to meet the unique requirements of EVs. Battery subscriptions are offered by some lenders. Instead of paying for the entire cost of the battery up front, purchasers pay for it as they use it, similar to fuel. For driver-owners whose wages are unpredictable, there are options that offer adjustable EMIs that change depending on how much the car is used. Another way that startups are collaborating with NBFCs is through first-loss guarantee (FLDG) structures. This allows startups to de-risk lending to consumers without formal credit records by covering a percentage of the defaults. When it comes to financing electric vehicle chassis and batteries, VidyutTech is in the vanguard. Oil is a running cost for internal combustion engine vehicles. The battery, however, is essentially prepaid gasoline in an electric vehicle, accounting for 30–40% of the total cost.

A parliamentary committee on the income tax bill supports the expedited settlement of tax disputes

Delhi : In its 285 recommendations on the proposed legislation to streamline and update tax regulations, a parliamentary committee that reviewed the Income Tax Bill, 2025, Delhi, argued that litigation should have a deadline. On the opening day of Parliament's monsoon session (July 21), the IT Bill was reviewed by a select committee of the Lok Sabha presided over by BJP leader Baijayant Panda. The committee then adopted a report outlining the proposed law. Our team has put out 285 suggestions. Nearly two hundred fifty have been approved by the government. Huge improvements have transpired, as can be seen in the case of



refunds, but we have stated that tax litigations should not drag and that there should be time-bound settlement," a panel member added. The majority of the legislative panel's suggestions on the Income Tax Bill, 2025 were of a "corrective" character, according to one of its mem-

bers. The document's size has been reduced from 850 pages to 600 pages as a result of the simplification efforts. Simplifying the wording and structure of the IT Act 1961 was the goal of the IT Bill, 2025, which was submitted in Parliament.

To simplify TDS refund provisions under Income Tax Bill 2025

Delhi : Even if their income is not taxable, taxpayers must file income tax returns to receive a refund for tax deducted at source. This criterion is apparently being simplified by the government. According to The Hindustan Times, taxpayers may be able to receive TDS refunds without completing ITRs by filling out a simple form. The Select Committee on the Income Tax Bill 2025 advised the administration, according to bill-related officials.

MTNL has failed to repay bank debts totaling 8,585 crore rupees



Delhi: In a regulatory filing, the state-run telecom giant MTNL announced that it has defaulted on loans totaling Rs 8,585 crore from seven public sector banks. The public sector telecom firm's overall debt liabilities reached Rs 34,484 crore as of June 30, 2025, according to the filing.

This included a bank loan of Rs 8,585 crore, a sovereign guarantee bond of Rs 24,071 crore, and a loan of Rs 1,828

crore from the DoT to cover the interest on the Sovereign Guarantee Bond. A sum of 3,733 crore INR, 2,434 crore INR, 1,121 crore INR, 474.7 crore Punjab National Bank, 363.4 crore State Bank of

India, 273.6 crore UCO Bank, and 184.8 crore Punjab & Sind Bank debts, plus principal and interest, make up the total amount of loans that have gone into default.

Tesla sets foot in India with Rs 61 lakh Model Y

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



SC recognizes firms as criminal victims

Delhi: The Supreme Court ruled that firms can be regarded "victims" under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and can appeal acquittals even if the state does not. This might profoundly change corporate rights in criminal litigation. Asian Paints Ltd. appealed a Rajasthan High Court ruling denying its right to dispute the acquittal of an individual convicted of selling counterfeit paint under its brand name. Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Prashant Kumar Mishra approved the appeal. Whether the appellant is a 'victim' under Section 2(wa) and the provision to Section 372 of the CrPC is a significant legal question. This bench believes the High Court erred in ruling otherwise.

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Sources suggest Japan's SMBC wants RBI clearance for 4.9% more Yes Bank ownership

Delhi : Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) [RIC:RIC:SUM-FGI.UL] has sought approval from the Reserve Bank of India to acquire an additional 4.9% stake in India's Yes Bank (YESB.NS), bringing its total ownership to just under 25%, two sources told Reuters. Yes Bank disclosed in a stock exchange filing that SMBC bought a 20% share in the private lender for \$1.6 billion in May. Receive the latest Indian news and its global impact with the Reuters India File newsletter. Join here. The first source stated the RBI, India's central bank and banking regulator, is reviewing the transaction. Both sources declined to be identified due to transaction confidentiality. The additional pur-



Samsung may make India a US hub amid rising tariffs

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

chase's timeline was unknown to Reuters. Answers to Reuters' emails from Yes Bank and the RBI were delayed. On specific

deals, SMBC declined to comment. SMBC is considering a \$1.1 billion investment in Yes Bank for a 5% stake held by the U.S.

An amnesty program for overdue VAT taxes of 85,000 crore

Delhi : Resolving roughly ₹85,000 crore in unpaid dues - mostly under the pre-GST Value Added Tax (VAT) regime - from before 2017, the long-awaited tax amnesty scheme is expected to be approved soon by the Delhi Cabinet. Over 300,000 traders from various sectors operating in Delhi will be encouraged to clear their long-pending tax bills through a scheme that is now being discussed at a high level. The scheme would offer large concessions on penalties and interest. The Trade and Taxes Department has presented a comprehensive plan detailing a framework for complete or partial waivers on penalties, interest, or both, according to a top source in the Delhi government's finance department. More than 85,000 crore is owed by over 300,000 merchants collectively. The government hopes to recoup half of this sum through the amnesty program. According to the official, it will increase tax revenue while also reducing the administration's legal load.

500 executive positions to be eliminated at Tata-owned Jaguar Land Rover

Delhi : Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), which is owned by Tata, will be laying off 500 managers in the UK as a result of falling profits and US tariffs. The automaker announced a 15.1% drop in retail sales and a 10.7% drop in wholesale sales for the three months ending June 30, 2025, on July 7. This is mainly due to JLR's stated intentions to halt shipments to the US in April 2025, after the implementation of US import taxes, and the planned retirement of older Jaguar models.

Rohit's first interaction with Gambhir after stepping down as ODI captain

● Chief selector Ajit confirmed during a press conference that he had personally informed Rohit about the selectors' decision to end his stint as ODI skipper

Action

□ The veteran opener, who guided India to the Champions Trophy title



The team is scheduled for additional training sessions on Friday

On Thursday, Rohit was spotted in a serious discussion with head coach Gautam Gambhir during an intense training session in Perth. The session also saw him batting alongside Virat Kohli in the nets, a moment captured and

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Both Kohli and Rohit had earlier retired from Test cricket and ended their T20I careers after leading India to the World Cup title in Barbados last year. With both players in the twilight of their careers, this tour could potentially mark their final appearance in Australia.

Rohit about the selectors' decision to end his stint as ODI skipper and appoint Gill in his place. On Thursday, Rohit was spotted in a serious discussion with head coach Gautam Gambhir during an intense training session in Perth. The session also saw him batting

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The shocking fall of England's first World Cup-winning captain

Paul Collingwood, England's first-ever World Cup-winning cricket captain, is unlikely to be included in England's backroom team for the Ashes, the Daily Mail has reported. Within 56 days of being appointed temporary head coach for a series in the West Indies, images emerged of him kissing a woman in the sea on a Barbados beach. His England side had just lost by 10 wickets in the decisive third Test. A shadow of controversy has followed Collingwood since April 2023, after former teammate Graeme Swann revealed on the Rig Biz



Podcast that an explicit audio recording involving the former England captain was circulating among cricketers. The leaked clip allegedly captured Collingwood in a two-hour-long sexual encounter with multiple women. While the details surrounding when and where it took place remain uncertain, Swann dismissed the recording as "pure Collingwood".

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

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

Pakistan in crisis! Captain Salman sacked after embarrassing Asia Cup losses



Pakistan Cricket Board is set to replace Salman Ali Agha as T20I captain with all-rounder Shadab Khan following Pakistan's three consecutive losses to India in the Asia Cup 2025. According to PTI, decision comes as part of a strategic reset ahead of the 2026 T20 World Cup scheduled to be held in India and Sri Lanka, with the change expected to be implemented once Shadab recovers from shoulder surgery next month. The decision was triggered by Pakistan's poor performance against India during the Asia Cup 2025, where they lost all three encounters against their arch-rivals within a span of 15 days. The defeats occurred in the Group A clash on September 14, the Super Fours on September 21, and the final on September 28. The Asia Cup final

Replace

□ Salman Ali Agha as T20I captain with all rounder Shadab Khan

proved particularly devastating for Pakistan. Despite a strong start with 113 for one, the team suffered a dramatic collapse, losing nine wickets for just 33 runs and getting bowled out for 146. India's Kuldeep Yadav played a crucial role in the collapse, taking four wickets for 30 runs. India managed to chase down the target in a tense finish, with Tilak Varma scoring 69 runs to lead his team to victory by two wickets. The win secured India's ninth Asia Cup title. Agha Salman's personal performance in the tournament was notably poor.

Ravi Shastri names huge challenge for modern cricketers



Hassled

□ Even there they'll be hassled, but not to the extent of what they go through

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri has shed light on the challenges faced by modern Indian cricketers off the field, saying that the country's stars live under constant scrutiny and have little to no privacy in their personal lives. Speaking on the Willow Talk podcast on the LiSTNR Sport channel, Shastri reflected on how players like Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli and the current generation including Shubman Gill, live as "public property" because of their fame and fan following. "You've seen generations of this — Sachin,

MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, and the modern guys as well. I dare say that Shubman Gill is heading down this same path, where their cricket life is their cricket life — we see that. But their life outside of it is so constricted, because what can they do? Where can they get privacy? How do these guys live normal lives?" asked Adam Peacock to Shastri. According to the former coach, India's players find it difficult to live freely at home due to constant public attention. "They don't. They can't — because they're public property. That's why you see them at their best at times overseas, because they can walk on the streets in Australia. Even there they'll be hassled, but not to the extent of what they go through in India," he added.

Ravi Shastri discloses what an Australian said about Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's age

Prodigy

□ "This is where someone has to go and tell him, you're bound to fail at some stage

Former India coach Ravi Shastri has lauded young batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, saying the teenager reminded him of a young Sachin Tendulkar. Shastri also revealed that Matthew Hayden was left stunned in the commentary box, refusing to believe that the batter was only 14 years old. "I was amazed; I was on air in that game in Jaipur. I went on air in the 4th over, and I did two stints in a row



because we were one commentator short by that time. By the 9th, 10th over, he had gotten to his 100, and he had smacked it. He was hitting Mohammed Siraj, Ishant Sharma 10 rows back over extra cover and midwicket. Haydos (Matthew Hayden) was there, and he said, 'Oh he can't be 14', and I said, 'Come on, calm down'," Shastri said on the Willow Talk show on the LiSTNR Sport podcast.

Praising the youngster's talent, Shastri said Vaibhav's biggest challenge starts now. "For him, the toughest time is now. Because he's made such an impression at such a young age, much like Sachin. Now, in those next two or three years, he needs someone to guide him. You can go off the rails very quickly. You can go into your head, expectations are high, you might not be able to handle it," Shastri explained.

Footballer fined Rs 14 lakh! 'Banned' pet dogs attack man, golden retriever



link from Saudi Arabia, where he currently plays for Neom. The incident took place in east London when his two XL bullies escaped

from his home and attacked a golden retriever named Bailey, injuring the dog and a man. The retriever required veterinary

Fined

□ District Judge Matt Jabbitt imposed fines of £5,000 for each attack

treatment, while its owner sustained grazes to the arms and legs. Benrahma defended himself by saying the dogs escaped through a side gate left open by

someone working for him at the time. The dogs now live in France. District Judge Matt Jabbitt imposed fines of £5,000 for each attack and ordered Benrahma to pay £2,500 compensation to Bailey's owner, plus £495 in kennel costs. The judge noted that Benrahma "expressed remorse when interviewed" and

also remarked that it was his first time "sentencing someone in the Middle East." The case took place months before the British government introduced a ban on owning XL bully dogs in England and Wales following a series of fatal attacks. Under the current law, it is a criminal offense to own such dogs without a certificate of exemption.

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Arjun Tendulkar fails miserably with bat; Bounces back with a wicket



Arjun Tendulkar had a forgettable outing with the bat, scoring just 1 run off 6 balls in the Elite Group B clash between Goa and Chandigarh at the Goa

Crickets Association Academy Ground in Porvorim on Thursday. He was caught by substitute fielder Raman Bishnoi off Vishu Kashyap's bowling.

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Arjun has also represented Mumbai Indians in five IPL matches since 2021. He had not featured in domestic cricket since, though he was part of the Mumbai Indians squad in IPL 2025, bought for Rs 30 lakh, but did not play a single match during the season. In 17 first-class games, he has scored 532 runs and taken 37 wickets, including a century on his Ranji Trophy debut against Rajasthan.

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Abhinav Tejrana (205). Chandigarh's Vishu Kashyap was the standout bowler, picking up 7 for 173. In reply,

Chandigarh reached 34 for 1 in eight overs, with Arjun Azad unbeaten on 21 and Manan Vohra on 11. Arjun Tendulkar made amends with the ball, claiming Goa's lone wicket before stumps on Day 2. The 26-year-old last played a first-class match for Goa in November 2024 against Arunachal Pradesh, and his most recent List A appearance was in

Shams: 'My job is to perform, selection will take its own

Srinagar: Shams Mulani has been one of the most consistent performers on the domestic circuit over the last four seasons and he has numbers to prove it: 170 wickets and 1,248 runs in Ranji Trophy. But when it comes to rewarding the left-arm spinner, he sits down the pecking order. Despite enjoying a fruitful 2024-25 season where he took 44 wickets—third best in the most wickets list — and scored 365 runs, he was overlooked for the multi-day games against

Australia 'A' last month. No wonder then the Mumbai lad is disappointed but he would rather let his skills do the talking than go on cribbing about it. On Thursday, he showed what he is made of when he scored a patient 161-ball 91 to play a crucial role in Mumbai reaching 386 on Day Two of their Ranji match against Jammu & Kashmir. Since the 2021-22 Ranji season, Mulani has been consistent in both departments. That season he topped .