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Stop supporting terror or face annihilation: PM Modi to Pakistan

No tolerance for nuclear blackmail: India will not be intimidated by nuclear threats. Any terrorist safe haven operating under this pretext will face precise and decisive strikes



JALANDHAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday sharpened India's new anti-terror doctrine, saying Pakistan had the choice of stopping support to its terror proxies or facing annihilation. Referring to the serious damage caused to Pakistan's crucial air bases, the PM said, "Patrons of terrorism must have got it now that harbouring evil designs against India can have only one consequence: their annihilation. Killing of innocent Indians can have only one consequence: ruination and complete ruination."Addressing IAF, Army and BSF personnel at Adampur airbase, one of the important installations targeted by Pakistan but which escaped lasting damage, PM Modi also said India would consider a Pakistani

regime that backs terror a legitimate target for military retaliation. He reiterated that Operation Sindoor was only paused and India would respond strongly to any terror attack or military misadventure. **'No corner in Pak where terrorists can breathe easy': PM** Speaking against the backdrop of alleged concern in global capitals over a possible escalation and purported offers to mediate, PM Modi reiterated that Operation Sindoor had only been paused and that India would respond strongly to a terror attack or a military misadventure by deciding the manner of retaliation. He said India's successful strikes against Pakistan had shattered the assumption that

terror groups could hit India with impunity since they worked under the security umbrella of Pakistan army. "By routing the Pakistan army, our Army, IAF, Navy... there is no corner in Pakistan where terrorists can breathe easy. We will hit them in their home and will leave no room for them to survive," he added. "India's Lakshman Rekha against terror is now unambiguously clear: If there is a terror attack again, India will respond, it will respond for sure. We saw it at the time of surgical strikes (2016) and air strikes (2019). And now, Operation Sindoor is the 'new normal'. We have now decided three things. First, India will retaliate against any terror attack and it will unilaterally determine

the manner of its response and its timing. Second, India will not succumb to nuclear blackmail. Third, we will not differentiate between heads of terror groups and a govt that patronises them," said the PM who once again stressed that his govt's policy to retaliate militarily against terrorism and military misadventure was not in conflict with the "this is not the time for war" stance he had articulated to appeal for cessation of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine. "India is not only the land of Buddha, it is also the land of Guru Gobind Singh who called for befitting reply to be given to adversaries. Even our scriptures have sanctioned the use of force against evil," the PM said as he referred to the killing of innocent tourists in front their wives in . Significantly, he stressed that the world has gradually been coming to terms with India's 'new normal' towards terror. The choice of Adampur airbase, close to the border which Pakistan targeted with drones and missiles on the night of May 9, was itself a statement. Batteries of S-400 Triumf surface-to-air defence system formed a defiant backdrop, belying Pakistan's claim of having destroyed them.



PM Modi Adampur Airbase Live: Aatank ke aakao ko samajh aa gaya hai ki Bharat ki ore nazar uthane ka ek hi anjaam hoga- tabaahi aur mahavinaash.

Operation Sindoor: PM Modi has kept women at centre of India's retaliation

NEW DELHI: From naming 'Operation Sindoor' to deploying women officers to present India's perspective to the world and dedicating the success of the Indian armed forces in destroying terror hubs in Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has kept women at the centre of India's retaliation against the hostile neighbour. Calling the Pahalgam terror attack a personal tragedy, PM Modi on Monday had dedicated

the bravery and courage of the armed forces involved in 'Operation Sindoor' to every mother, sister and daughter of the nation.PM Modi said the barbarity displayed by terrorists in Pahalgam had shocked the entire country and the world. Stating that more than 100 dreaded terrorists were killed in the strikes by India, PM Modi said not only were the buildings of terrorist organisations destroyed, but their courage was also badly shaken.

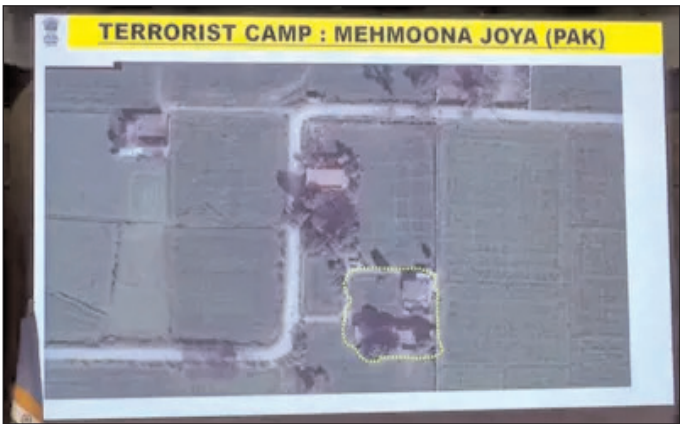
Mark Carney in trouble: Nearly 1.6 million out of job in Canada,

NEW DELHI:

It appears to be Tough-Tough time for Canada's new Prime Minister Mark Carney as unemployment soars and job cuts rise. Going by the numbers, a global economic powerhouse known for its vast natural resources and high living standards, Canada added a mere 7,400 jobs in April 2025. The unemployment rate surged to 6.9% -- the highest since November 2023.

Operation Sindoor: As India hit Pakistan, 6 nations fired cyber missiles

HYDERABAD: It's not just the country's western border that took heavy enemy fire during Operation Sindoor. India was attacked in cyberspace, too, by state-backed hackers and hacktivists from Pakistan, Turkiye, Bangladesh, Malaysia, and Indonesia, with backing from China, according to cybersecurity experts.Apart from defence PSUs and their MSME vendors, critical infrastructure like ports, airports, power grids, transportation services like Indian Railways and airlines, telecom players like BSNL, fintech platforms like UPI, digital wallets, stock exchanges, and major Indian conglomerates with investments in infrastructure too came under attack, sources said. The attempt



was to both embarrass India and also extract sensitive information about its defence systems, including its missiles, they said.According to Interpol trainer and cyber forensic expert Pendyala Krishna Shastry, the attacks were part of a broader campaign waged by Pakistani actors against Indian digital assets. These groups reportedly

deployed malware, conducted phishing attacks, and launched denial-of-service operations targeting critical sectors such as finance, telecom, energy, and public services.Zone-H, a website that tracks defacements, reported incidents involving Indian govt domains. The website of National Institute of Water Sports.

NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday reiterated its rejection of US President Donald Trump's offer to mediate in the dispute with Pakistan over J&K, and said India had a long-standing national position that any issue pertaining to the Union Territory would be addressed by India and Pakistan bilaterally. "That stated policy has not changed. As you are aware, the outstanding matter is the vacation of illegally occupied Indian territory by Pakistan," MEA said when asked about Trump's offer.Government also rejected the US president's claim that he had threatened to stop trade with India and Pakistan to get



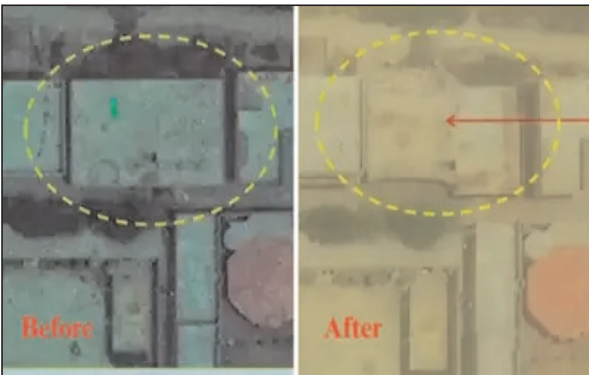
them to agree to a "cease-fire".From the time Op Sindoor started on May 7 till the understanding on cessation of military action on May 10, there were conversations between Indian and US leaders on the evolving military situation. The issue of trade did not come up in any of these discussions," MEA

said. Also, with Trump claiming that he had averted a nuclear war, govt said India's military action was entirely in the conventional domain and warned other countries not to get carried away by Pakistan's nuclear bluff.While there were reports that Pakistan's National Command Authority, which is respon-

sible for the country's nuclear arsenal, would meet on May 10, govt recalled that Islamabad had later on record denied any "nuclear angle". May 10 was the day India pounded 8-10 airbases in Pakistan, forcing Pakistan to seek a DGMO-level dialogue.India's armed forces have denied they hit a nuclear site at Kirana Hills, debunking reports about a radioactive leak there. PM Narendra Modi had said on Monday that India would not tolerate any nuclear blackmail by Pakistan. "India has a firm stance that it will not give in to nuclear blackmail or allow cross-border terrorism to be conducted invoking it. In conversations.

Operation Sindoor: Pakistan cradled terror, no escaping fallout, says India

NEW DELHI: India slammed Pakistan again on Tuesday for supporting cross-border terrorism, saying a nation which had nurtured terrorism on an industrial scale thinking that it could escape the consequences was fooling itself. Government was responding to a statement by the Pakistan foreign ministry which described PM Narendra Modi's address to the nation as "inflammato-



ry". "The terrorist infrastructure sites that India destroyed were responsible not only for the deaths of Indians

but of many other innocents around the world. There is now a new normal. The sooner Pakistan gets used to it, the better," MEA

spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. Government also denied that there has been any India-Pakistan hyphenation, going by the statements coming out of the US. On the contrary, government said, there was widespread understanding in the world that Indian tourists were the victims of terrorism in Pahalgam and that the epicentre of terrorism was across the border in Pakistan.

"A number of foreign leaders, in their conversations with Indian counterparts, recognised India's right to defend itself and protect its people," Jaiswal said, recalling the UNSC condemnation of the reprehensible act of terrorism.He also said India would continue to pursue the UN listing of The Resistance Front, an LeT proxy which claimed responsibility for Pahalgam, as a terror group.

Amit Shah, JP Nadda hail big BJP win in Assam panchayat polls

NEW DELHI: Home minister Amit Shah and other senior BJP functionaries on Tuesday hailed NDA's victory in Assam panchayat elections, calling it a historic mandate and a clear endorsement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development-focused governance. Shah expressed gratitude to the people of Assam for their overwhelming support and attributed the win to the transformative impact of the PM's "people-centric policies."In a post on X,



Shah posted,"My heartfelt congratulations to CM Himanta Sarma, Assam BJP president Dilip Saikia and BJP Assam for their dedicated efforts to carry PM Modi's message of development door to door. Together, we will build a developed Assam for all." BJP-led NDA registered a

massive victory in the panchayat polls in Assam after BJP and its ally party Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) won 300 zila parishad seats and 1,436 Anchalik panchayat seats. Expressing gratitude to the people of Assam for trusting NDA, BJP president J P Nadda said, "This mandate is a testament to the people's confidence in the development-oriented policies and the remarkable progress Assam is witnessing under the visionary leadership of PM Narendra Modi .

Production of Nano DAP (liquid) started in IFFCO Phulpur unit

Prayagraj: IFFCO Phulpur unit has successfully started the production of Nano DAP (liquid) in its Phulpur unit, achieving another important achievement. This step is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to promote self-reliant India and biological agricultural.

This nano dyc- ammonium phosphate developed by IFFCO will provide a durable, environmentally friendly and cost-skilled option to farmers. Nano DAP is also able to give better results even if the Nano DAP is compared to the traditional DAP, causing soil health and also reduces production costs.

The introduction of Nano DAP production in Phulpur unit will benefit millions of farmers from Uttar Pradesh and surrounding states. IFFCO has ensured that the quality of the product is in line with international standards using state

of the art technology and research in the production of nano DAP. On this occasion, IFFCO Phulpur Senior Executive Director (Unit Head) Sanjay Kudesia said: "Nano DAP is a revolutionary initiative towards Indian agriculture. IFFCO aims to give better and sustainable solutions to farmers, which leads to increase in their yield and reduce costs."

This initiative shows IFFCO's innovation, quality and commitment to farmers' service.

During this, General Manager Nano A.P. Rajendran, Arun Kumar, Vicky, Shailesh Sherkar, PC Mishra, Arvind Chauhan, IFFCO Officers Association President Anurag Tiwari and General Secretary Swayam Prakash, IFFCO Employees Sangh President Pankaj Pandey and General Secretary Vijay Kumar Yadav and employees of IFFCO Nano were present.

Mother's Day celebrated at Ashutosh Memorial School

Prayagraj: A grand program was organized on the occasion of Mother's Day on Saturday at Ashutosh Memorial School located in Dhanicha- Malkhanpur, Hanumanganj. A large number of mothers were present on



the program. In this function organized in the school premises, children gave colorful cultural presentations in honor of their mothers. The program began with a welcome song, after which the children presented heart-touching programs and poems. Dance performances and various sports competitions were organized especially for mothers, in which they participated with great enthusiasm. In his address, the manager of the school described the role of mothers as paramount and said that "Mother is not just the axis of the family but also the backbone of the society". The program was conducted by the coordinator Ms. Shreya Pandey and the vote of thanks was given by coordinator Vatendra Singh. In the end, trustee Mrs. Mamta Pandey honored all the mothers by giving them gifts. The event created a festive atmosphere in the school and everyone called this day memorable.

Campus Activewear hosts distributor meet Shoecase 2025

Varanasi: Campus Activewear, one of India's leading Sports and Athleisure footwear brands, hosted its grandest distributor gathering-Shoecase 2025. The two-day event brought together over 180 distributor partners from across India, celebrating over two decades of shared growth, entrepreneurial spirit, and enduring collaboration under the unifying theme: Move Together and Grow Together. "Shoecase 2025 wasn't just a milestone event-it was a reaffirmation of our purpose and our partnerships," said Mr. Nikhil Aggarwal, Whole-Time Director and CEO, Campus Activewear Ltd. "Our distributors are more than just business partners-they are co-creators of our journey. As we step into a future shaped by design, innovation, and youth's culture, we remain rooted in the legacy



of trust and shared ambition that brought us here. We are proud to grow with them, and to move ahead-together."

Rooted in Campus' philosophy of Move Your Way, the event served as a powerful expression of the brand's belief in individuality, transformation, and progress- anchored in the strength of a shared collective spirit. Whether it was a first step into business or a resurgence after setbacks, every story celebrated during the event was a testament to resilience-and to moving forward, together.

A centerpiece of the event was a deeply emotional film conceptualised by Ogilvy, bringing to life real stories from Campus' distributor family. From salesmen who rose to become successful entrepreneurs, to those who rebuilt their businesses after personal and financial hardships, the film honoured journeys marked by courage, belief, and shared success. A recurring sentiment through each testimony was the pivotal role played by the Chairman of Campus Activewear Ltd. Mr. H.K. Agarwal, whose mentorship, support, and faith transformed not just businesses-but lives.

Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar did unprecedented work for the renovation of ancient temples: Pooja Pal

MLA Pooja Pal inspected the construction work of the statue site of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar at Daraganj Ghat

Prayagraj: Chail Kaushambi MLA Puja Pal on Tuesday inspected the ongoing construction work for the statue site of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar at Daraganj Ghat in Prayagraj. During this, she gave necessary guidelines regarding the construction work going on there. Also, she gave instructions to complete this work on time. MLA Puja Pal said that beyond the royal splendor, Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar was a living embodiment of Dharma Karma Nyaya. Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar did unprecedented work for the renovation of ancient temples. In such a situation, the work of installing her life-size statue is going on at Daraganj Ghat in Prayagraj. Our future generations will take inspira-



scriptures. Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar, abandoning the false allure of self-respect, always tried to do justice.

Sai Brothers of Prayagraj released soulful song dedicated to Army Song created to encourage valour and courage of Army Feeling of patriotism not dependent on age: Dy Commr

Prayagraj: To encourage the valour and courage of the Indian Army in the ongoing war like situation between India and Pakistan, an inspirational song "Mission Sindoor Ki Shapath Liye" has been composed by young child artist Sai Brothers of Prayagraj. This song is dedicated to the valour, dedication and sacrifice of the soldiers of the Indian Army.

This song was released in a grand manner by Rajesh Mishra (Deputy Commissioner). In a special conversation, Deputy Labor Commissioner Rajesh Mishra said that the song created by such young children is very special and different.



Through this song, Sai Brothers have proved that the feeling of patriotism is not dependent on age. This effort of this young talent of Prayagraj fills the coun-

trymen with pride.

The song has been composed and sung by Sai Brothers, while the music has been composed by Ashit Sai. The special thing

about this song is that it has been composed, sung and sung by very young children. 13-year-old Ashit and 7-year-old Aarav Sai have created this song in just two days and have sung it in their own voices. The song also makes a special mention of the valour of the brave girls Sofia Qureshi and Byomika Singh, which inspires future generations to serve the nation. The song "Mission Sindoor Ki Shapath Liye" is a symbol of respect, reverence and support for the Indian Army. This song is not only a musical composition but also an emotional message that touches the heart of every Indian.

Expansion of Akil Bhartiya Vyapaar Mandal organization conducted

Prayagraj: In the course of the organisation expansion campaign, a programme for the new office bearers to take charge was organised. District President Lalu Mittal gave the recommendation of Ganga Paar President Rajendra Kesarwani, regional in-charge Vipin Gupta, and Phaphamau Ganga Paar President Ajay Jaiswal strongly approved.

From Soraon Bazaar, President Satyendra Kumar Jaiswal, Vice President Vikas Soni, Rambabu Jaiswal, General Secretary Akash Kesharwani, Sonu Agarwal, Pankaj Agarwal, Mithilesh Kesarwani and senior businessman Gulab Jaiswal were made the co-ordinator, including one president, two general secretaries, 5 ministers, 5 vice presidents, publication minister, organization minister, treasurer, and were made aware of their duties. Everyone praised the

activism of Ajay Jaiswal and Dahiava Market President Pushpendra Jaiswal in the Ganga Par area and appreciated their efficient working style and tireless ef-



forts. Prominently present in the program were Metropolitan President Animesh Agarwal, Patron of Fafamau Market Shyamababu Keshwani, General Secretary Sonu Jaiswal, Youth President Mihir Baranwal, General Secretary Ravi Sharma, General Secretary Yogesh Bhargava, Senior Vice President Ajay Awasthi and many other officials. District President Lalu

Mittal said that to protect the interests of traders, a program of organization expansion is being run on a large scale in the entire district. To unite the traders, to

protect their interests, to get them respect like DM, Commissioner, to stop exploitation, harassment, threats, hooliganism and insults of goons at any cost.

This will not be tolerated under any circumstances and they will be given a befitting reply in every way. The traders will not be allowed to be exploited by the Inspector Raj, ensuring the respect of the

traders is the main objective of the organization. Ganga Paar President Rajendra Kesarwani and Ajay Jaiswal expressed their views on the master plan and outline for the formation of markets in the Ganga Paar area. Soon All the markets of the Ganga Paar region will be organised. Regional in-charge Vipin Gupta congratulated all the traders on India's victory over Pakistan and saluted the valour of our army. Due to the efforts of the organisation, many schemes are being run by the central and state governments in the interest of traders. Ganga Paar President Rajendra Kesarwani said that this type of brokerage and dishonesty will not be tolerated in the organisation.

Coordination of the program: The vote of thanks was presented by Gulab Jaiswal and the vote of thanks was presented by Akash K Sarwani.

Yoga and Pranayam done to stay healthy

Five day bone disease prevention camp concluded at Indian Yoga Institute Jagannath Puri Kachhari Marg Center

Prayagraj: The five-day bone disease prevention camp concluded on Tuesday at the Indian Yoga Institute Jagannath Puri Kachhari Marg Prayagraj Center. The camp ran from May 9 to May 13. The center's annual festival was also celebrated with great pomp on Tuesday. The program was inaugurated by lighting a lamp. On this occasion, District Head Jai Prakash Srivastava shared information on bone disease prevention. Also, Rajesh Jaiswal recited the Gayatri Mantra along with Asana. Laughter Asana was conducted by Umesh Sarvesh Pandey and Vandana Tiwari. Pranayam was conducted by Vinod Sachdeva and meditation by Kalra and everyone was benefited. RR Shukla of the Indian Yoga Institute said that Health Awareness Day

was celebrated in the camp organized by the Hindu Spiritual and Service Institute in the Maha Kumbh. During the Maha Kumbh, many important programs were organized by the Hindu Spiritual and Service Institute. Which was appreciated by everyone. The coordinator of these programs was Vandana Tiwari. The Indian Yoga Institute was made proud by organizing this program. Manju Shrivastava, Vandana Shrivastava, Alka Rachna, Archana Gupta, Sudha Soni, Savita Jaiswal etc. sang Saraswati Vandana. Dr. U.C. Dwivedi, Vijay Shankar, Gopal Agrawal, Vandana Tiwari etc. were present in the event. The program was conducted by Vandana Tiwari, the center head and the vote of thanks was given by Kiran Tripathi, the deputy center head.

IFFCO continues to hold Kisan Chaupal for farmers betterment



Prayagraj: A comprehensive Kisan Chaupal was organized yesterday at Karuadih, Pratappur (Prayagraj) in which farmers of the area participated enthusiastically. The event was organized by IFFCO in collaboration with KL Foundation with the aim of making farmers aware of the latest nanotechnology based fertilizers like Nano Urea Plus and Nano DAP and to promote the spirit of cooperation in agriculture.

The keynote speaker of the program, Shri Valmiki Tripathi, Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (UPPCF) said that revolutionary changes in the agriculture sector are possible with the use of advanced fertilizers. He appealed to the farmers to adopt technology and work in an organized manner through cooperation. IFFCO Phulpur unit head Mr. Sanjay Kudesia

elaborated on the features of Nano Urea Plus and Nano DAP. He said that these fertilizers show more effect in less quantity, protect the health of the soil and reduce the cost of farmers.

On this occasion, IFFCO also informed that the year 2025 is being celebrated as the International Year of Cooperation. On this occasion, farmers were urged to adopt cooperative principles in agricultural work - such as group buying and selling, shared use of resources and collective decision-making - so that they can effectively solve economic challenges.

During the programme, farmers also discussed practical problems faced in using nano products, such as unavailability of spray equipment, lack of training, and deeply ingrained habits towards conventional fertilizers. IFFCO took all these issues seriously and assured full support.

Resentment brewing over insult to holy Kalma, Afsar meets PC

Prayagraj: There is a lot of anger over the lack of arrests against Hindu organizations who spoiled the atmosphere by trampling the holy Kalma Taiba under their feet in the name of Pakistan. Prayagraj. Under the guise of countrywide protest against Operation Sindoor Pakistan, some miscreants tried to spoil the atmosphere in Prayagraj's Rajrupur police station Dhoomanganj yesterday in which a poster with the most sacred Kalma Tayyaba of Muslims written on it along with the flag of Pakistan was trampled under feet, which went viral on social media very fast. This happened. In which the feelings of Muslims were hurt due to which there is a lot of anger in the Muslim

community. Regarding this, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen.

A delegation of AIMIM led by Mahanagar President Afsar Mahmood met the Police Commissioner of Prayagraj on 9th May, Friday and handed over a memorandum to him demanding strict action on this issue and immediate arrest of the culprits and imposition of serious sections like NSA on them, but till now Prayagraj Police has not arrested them. Afsar Mahmood has asked the police administration to identify the guilty Hindu organizations and immediately arrest them and impose serious sections on them, otherwise we will be forced to launch a big movement on this issue.

MPVM Gangagurukulam students rejoicing in the pleasure of accomplishment

Prayagraj: It is a proud moment for MPVM Gangagurukulam, Phaphamau for its excellent result in Class 10th and 12th CBSE Board Examinations, which was declared on Tuesday.

The school Toppers for the session 2024-2025 are:- CLASS-XII - KIRTIKA KESARWANI 87.4%, VAIBHAV SINGH 85.6%, PALAK SHUKLA, 85%, HARSH PAL 91%, SHREYA SAROJ 89.4%, VIDISHA YADAV 81.4%, VAIBHAV MISHRA 93.6%, VISHAL MISHRA 91.8%, GAURAV KUMAR 87.6% MPVM, VANCHHA GUPTA 97%, PRIYANSHI 96%, AARADHYA YADAV 94.4%.

CLASS-X: ARYA -97.4 %, SHUBHANGI MISHRA 96.6 %, VAISHNAVI SRIVASTAVA 96.4%, KRITI SINGH 96.4%, PRACHI MISHRA 96.4%, ARADHYA S 96.4 %, SHIVANSH MISHRA 96%, SHIVENDRA SINGH 96%, KARTIKEY SINGH 95.8%, RUDRA TRIPATHI 95.4%, NAICY PANDEY 95%.

The Honorary Secretary, Dr Krishna Gupta blessed the students for their marvellous performance. Senior members of the governing body Smt. Rekha Baid and Sri Yashovardhan congratulated the students and the teachers on the commendable efforts put in by them. The Principal felicitated the students for their outstanding performance and wished them a bright future.



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Tiranga Yatra to be taken out on success of Op Sindoor

Prayagraj: A huge Tiranga Yatra will be taken out on Thursday, May 15, to celebrate the success of Operation Sindoor and to salute the valor of the Indian Army. In a meeting with the officials and divisional presidents of Prayagraj city at the BJP office in Civil Lines on Tuesday, BJP Metropolitan President Sanjay Gupta made a plan for the Tiranga Yatra. The Metropolitan President said that a huge Tiranga Yatra has been organized from the protest site Patthar Church to Subhash Chauraha at 5 pm on Thurs-



day, May 15. The Metropolitan President said that the whole country is proud of our brave warriors standing tall on the country's border. The Tiranga will be taken out to salute those brave sons. The success of Operation Sindoor has introduced the power of the Indian Army to the whole world. The metropolitan president has appealed to all national, state, region and district, division, power center and booth committee, front, cell, officials, councilors, corporation, board, council members and Vichar Parivar and citizens to make the program successful by showing their unity by attending the program and shouting Bharat Mata ki Jai. Kunj Bihari Mishra, Dr. Shailesh Pandey, Devesh Singh, Pramod Modi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Rajan Shukla, Raghavendra Kushwaha, Anil Kesarwani Jhallar, Girijesh Mishra, Vivek Agarwal, Shobhita Shrivastava, Abha Singh, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra, Vijay Srivastava, Vijay Patel, Sujit Kushwaha, Ajay Singh, Vishal Agarwal and other workers were present.

Op Sindoor: Vijay Maha Yagya performed

Prayagraj: Gau Sevak Parivar organised a grand yagya at Khushal Parvat Malviya Nagar office to celebrate the victory of Indian Army in successfully taking revenge of Pahalgam terrorism incident from Pakistani terrorists through Operation Sindoor. On this occasion, the coordinator of the program Yogi Omprakash Ji congratulated



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the country for the success of Vijay Abhiyan by defeating Pakistan through this Sindoor Operation.

He said that the government should now launch a surgical strike on the Pakistani Bangladeshi infiltrators living inside the country and drive them out of the country. On this occasion Dr. PC Kesari, Rajesh Kesarwani, Atul Khanna and all the members of Gau Sevak family were present.

Water problem in old wards of City South will be solved: Mayor

Prayagraj: Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani inaugurated four big tube wells on Tuesday, which provided relief to about 90 thousand houses from the problem of water. The mayor inaugurated four big tube wells near Bahadurganj Lohia Pandey Ka Hata, Mutthiganj Kashiraj Nagar, Atrasuiya and Mirapur Lalita Devi Temple. On this occasion, the mayor said that this project is an impor-

tant step for the residents of the city and it will solve the problem of water shortage in the area.

By inaugurating the tubewell the mayor also said that increase in water availability four new tubewells will increase water availability in the city and residents will get adequate water, solution of water problem the water problem in 90 thousand houses will be solved and



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project will also help in development of the area and

Honouring new leaders at grand GHS Installation Ceremony 2025

Leader is the one who knows the way, goes way and shows the way - John C Maxwell

Prayagraj: The Installation Ceremony for the new office bearers of Girls' High School and College for the academic session 2025 - 2026 was organised on Tuesday. The eminent chief guest for this special event was Abhishek Bharti, IPS, DCP (City), Police Commissionerate, Prayagraj. The ceremony commenced with the Lord's Prayer and scripture reading invoking the divine presence. The Principal Rev. Dr. Vinita Eusebius introduced and welcomed the chief guest. She encouraged the newly elected leaders to uphold the values and ethos of the school. She exhorted them to dream big, work hard and stay humble as they were called to serve

with love and dedication.

In a grand procession, the badge holders, led by



the Head Girl, Ananya, made their way onto the stage. The distinguished guests and the Principal proceeded to light the ceremonial lamp to symbolise the start of the auspicious

ceremony. Badges and sashes were then presented to the Head Girl, house cap-

Lamp of light to the Head Girl representing the dispelling of darkness and the illumination of knowledge. Each office bearer lit the lamp from the Head Girl's, signifying unity and shared vision.

The chief guest administered the oath and the leaders pledged to uphold the standards of GHS and promised to faithfully execute the office they had been elected to and work in cooperation to the best of their abilities. The chief guest congratulated the office bearers and emphasized on the importance of leadership, discipline and teamwork. The ceremony concluded with a Prayer of Dedication and Benediction by the Principal.

BJGS secures 100% result in CBSE 10th board exam

Prayagraj: CBSE board results were released on Tuesday in which the tenth result of Bishop Johnson Girls College was 100%. On this occasion, the school's principal Shirley Masih congratulated all the students. She said that the result of the hard work of the students and teachers is that the school's result was 100% this year. School manager Alan Dan congratulated all the students and said that the future of the students and providing high quality education is a priority in which there will be no compromise. Academic coordinator Sandeep Balfour informed that tenth class student Saman Zohra

secured first position by scoring 96 percent marks, while Priyanshi Singh secured second position by scoring 95.2 percent and Jagriti Singh secured third position by scoring 94.8 percent marks. There was a gathering of students and parents in the school throughout the day to see the result and happiness was seen on everyone's face.

On this occasion, the school's chairman Bishop Morris Edgar Dan met the parents and students and congratulated them and wished them a bright future. This information was given through media in-charge Sunil Kumar.

Jyoti Sahu and Kanishka Singh became Khelgaon toppers

Prayagraj: CBSE declared the results of Intermediate and High School examinations. Under which, Jyoti Sahu, a student of class 12th, secured first position in the school with 97.2% marks. The subject wise marks obtained by Jyoti Sahu are as follows:- English - 100, His-



tory - 99, Political Science - 97, Geography-98, Physical Education-92, Total marks - 486/500. Kashish Mishra (96.4%) secured second position, Sagarika Pandey (95.4%) secured third position, Sanskriti Sunarya (94%) secured fourth position and Aliya Fatima (92.6%) secured fifth position.

Similarly, Class 10th student Kanishka Singh (96.17%) and Diya Singh (96.17%) secured first position in the school with the highest marks. Vanshika Mishra (96.00%) secured second position, Atharva Singh (95.00%) secured third position, Yogyata Sagar (93.83%) and Jahnavi Yadav (93.83%) secured fourth position and Akshay Kumar (93.67%) secured fifth position.



The school's chairman Dr. U.K. Mishra, vice chairman Mr. Anil Mishra, director Mr. C.P. Yadav and academic head Dr. Ram Poojan Tiwari along with the teachers congratulated the students for their remarkable success in the examination and wished them all the best for doing better in life.

CLASS - XII: JYOTI SAHU (97.20%), KASHISH MISHRA (96.40%), SAGARIKA PANDEY (95.40%), SUNARYA SANSKRITI (94.20%), ALIYA FATIMAH (92.60%),

SHRISHTI SINGH (91.40%), SUMIT YADAV (91.40%), ISHAN SINGH (91%), SHIVANGI JAISWAL (90.80%), ANGEL TRIPATHI (90.60%), ARYAMAN TRIPATHI

(90.60%) and SHREYANSH GUPTA (90.40%) CLASS-X: AKSHITA SINGH (90.40%), KANISHK SINGH (96.17%), DIYA SINGH (96.17%), VANSHIKA MISHRA (96.00%), ATHARVA SINGH (95.00%), JAHNAVI YADAV (93.83%) and YOGYATA SAGAR (93.83%).



Imp day of Pratap's grace of Lord Hanuman: Pawan Srivastava

Prayagraj: It is a tradition to worship Lord Hanuman on every Tuesday of the month of Jeth and receive his blessings along with spiritual benefits. According to religious scriptures, the importance of the first day of meeting and communication between Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram and his devoted devotee Shri Hanuman Ji Maharaj is told, which is celebrated by the Hindu society with full devotion and emotion. Today, in the Samay Devi temple complex located in Katghar, a grand Aarti of Shri Hanuman Ji Maharaj was performed and laddus were offered as prasad and distributed. Thereafter Bundi Prasad was distributed in front of the hotel located in Civil Lines, and addressing the workers and public on the occasion, former spokesperson and former



councilor Pawan Srivastava said that this year there will be 5 Bada Mangal, in which worship, aarti and prasad distribution will be done at many places in Prayagraj. He further said that today

is the most important day of the grace of Lord Hanuman Ji. Giving information, he said that today after taking bath and meditation in the morning, the workers performed aarti of Hanuman Ji like every year and fed prasad to the Ragiros. He also urged all Hindu people to do special puja and aarti on the five big Tuesdays. On this occasion, councilor Neeraj Gupta, former councilor Umesh Dwivedi, VHP leader Vinod Sonkar, Gaurish Ahuja, Alok Srivastava, Shailendra Srivastava, Kushagra Srivastava, Sarvesh Dubey, Amit Rai Chaudhary, Sanjay Bharatiya along with others were present.

Bharat Vikas Parishad's Tejaswini branch distributed sherbet

Prayagraj: Bharat Vikas Parishad's Tejaswini branch distributed sherbet and biscuits to quench the thirst of passersby in this scorching heat at S Lal & Sons Medical Store, 18b Mayar Road, near Jahaj Chauraha, in front of Samvilian Vidyalaya. The brothers and sisters of the branch



reached on time and offered their services. About 500 people benefited from this service work. Many thanks and thanks to all the brothers and sisters of Tejaswini branch for this work, remarked by Manjula Shrivastava President, who accompanied Rajesh Kumar Singh Secretary and Dr Jayl Khare Treasurer in the noble initiative.

KPUC hostel inmates allegedly assaulted by shop owner

Inmates claim police inaction against the accused

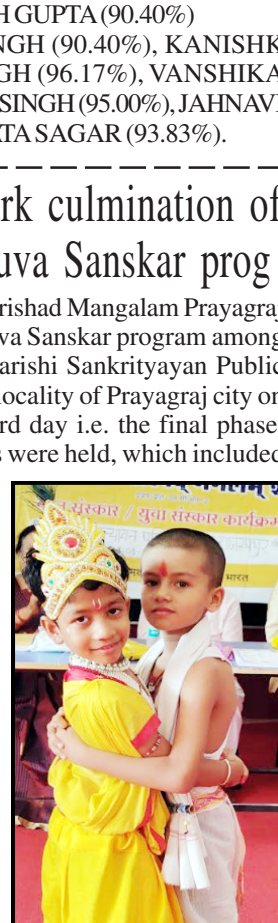
Prayagraj: Indu Prakash Gupta, who has a shop in front of KPUC hostel, his brother Pankaj Gupta and two boys with him tried to kill a resident of KPUC hostel with a sharp weapon, in which resident Anurag Chauhan's head got injured and his condition is critical. Apart from this, many inmates were also attacked with sticks, due to which many people got seriously injured. Yesterday afternoon, the boys of the culprit were forbidden from plucking mangoes in the hostel premises but those boys started throwing stones and abusing and said that I live here and do whatever you want. Saying this, they went to their father near their shop outside KPUC. When some inmates of the hostel took this matter to his father Indu Prakash Gupta, he started abusing the inmates and threatening them that I am a local here and you guys will not be able to stay in the hostel. And after some time, he called his brother and 1-2 unknown people from outside. Around 6 pm in the evening, as per the pre-planned plan, some inmates who were standing outside the hostel were attacked with sharp weapons and iron chains due to which inmate Anurag Chauhan's head was broken and he suffered serious injuries. By the time the inmates of the hostel came out, those people had fled. An application was made by the hostel residents to register a case in this regard at the Colonelganj police station yesterday evening and despite such a serious injury, till now neither the culprit has been arrested nor has any section been imposed according to this serious injury.

Array of events mark culmination of Bal Sanskar and Yuva Sanskar prog

Prayagraj: Bharat Vikas Parishad Mangalam Prayagraj organized Bal Sanskar and Yuva Sanskar program among the students studying in Maharishi Sankritayan Public School located in Rajrooppur locality of Prayagraj city on Tuesday at 9 AM. On the third day i.e. the final phase, many competitions and events were held, which included costume competition i.e. fancy

dress competition, group singing competition, chanting competition etc. Apart from this, some presentations held on 09th May, 2025 were also re-presented and reviewed. In the presented programs, children presented charming programs in the costumes of freedom fighters of India like Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhhar Azad, Maharani Lakshmi Bai etc. They also gave elegant presentations in the costumes of Radha-Krishna, Ram-Sita-Hanuman, Sudama-Krishna etc. related to spiritual and mythological background. The students sang melodious songs full of national sentiments under the National Group Song Competition and also presented various other programs like Shiv Tandava dance and collective musical singing of the complete Hanuman Chalisa by all the students etc. They also took a pledge to remain dedicated to the nation.

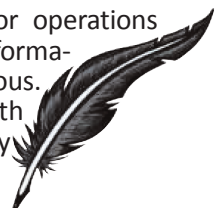
At the end of the programme, Mangalam presented the winning students with mementos, Bhagavad Gita, etc., while the school management and the principal were honoured with mementos and angavastram, while all the approximately 100 students who participated in the competition were given certificates.



Editorial

What Pakistan Really Wanted
From The Pahalgam Attack

Pakistan, the globally acknowledged epicentre of terrorism, once again and successfully carried out a major terror strike on April 22, 2025, in the beautiful Pahalgam meadows of the Anantnag district in Jammu & Kashmir, killing in cold blood 26 innocent unarmed tourists and injuring many more. These tourists were first asked about their religion, and subsequently, all those who were non-Muslims were slaughtered with their wives and children wailing and helplessly looking on. That such an inhuman act of targeting civilians and on the basis of their religion was perpetrated for the first time in Jammu & Kashmir in decades is a cause of great concern for the entire nation. Though Jammu & Kashmir has been the victim of Pak-sponsored terror for decades, this massacre also points clearly to a serious intelligence-cum-security failure. It just goes to show that security is a 24/7 responsibility and one's guard can never be down. The Modi government's Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has, reportedly, given freedom of action to the Indian Armed Forces to exercise whatever option they deem fit to answer Pakistan's dastardly terror act. It's been nearly two weeks since the incident, and India has unleashed varied multi pronged non-kinetic actions in reprisal against Pakistan, which surely would hurt the country diplomatically, economically, and, to some extent, politically. The "holding in abeyance" of the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), the ceasing of trade with Pakistan, the stoppage of visas to visit Pakistan, the closure of the Indian air space to Pakistani civil flights, the suspension of important Pakistani internet connections, the ban on their ships to enter Indian ports, the closure of the Attari-Wagah border posts, the reduction of High Commission staff, and many other restrictions, are among the array of non-kinetic measures enforced against Pakistan's highly condemnable behaviour. However, it also appears from reliable media sources that a major punitive reprisal from India is in the offing. India has done well to sensitise the global community about Pakistan's evil act and has since then drawn virtually total globe support in the counter-terror actions being contemplated. On the other hand, Pakistan's recent actions have been supported to some extent only by China, Turkey and Azerbaijan. That China never misses an opportunity to stand by its all-weather friend Pakistan to embarrass India is a foregone conclusion. As the Indian Armed Forces would certainly be putting the finishing touches to their contingency plans, coordinating additional security measures and vigilance on the ground, all the three services would be, in all likelihood, getting ready for any major kinetic initiative to be taken by them. The entire nation, including all political parties, populations from all religions, and, especially, Muslims, including locals from Jammu & Kashmir, have vociferously condemned Pakistan's inhuman perfidy. Over the last many days, the media has been brimming with many strategic analysts voicing their thoughts and suggestions for the best options for India to teach the Pakistanis a lesson they will not quite forget. Those responsible for India's security should naturally not be carried away by media-provoked jingoism and other unrealistic ambitions. The armed forces, once employed, will carry out their operations when fully ready and select their targets with care at a time and place of their own choosing. It goes without saying that the fortunes of India's armed forces impact the entire peace and stability of the South Asian region. The Indian armed forces, easily one of the best and most professional in the world, will soon decide on its modus operandi for this crisis. To stress how the contours of warfare and even counter-terror operations are undergoing a rapid transformation will be stating the obvious. Thus, India must also, with alacrity and supplemented by adequate resources.



What Operation Sindoor Has Taught Us About War And 'Information'

Saariq
The Modi government's decision to go in for caste enumeration in the next population census is not entirely unexpected. Although it marks a major ideological shift away from the Hindutva vision of crafting a united Hindu family undivided by caste, there were enough indications that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was preparing to bite the bullet in the aftermath of its below par performance in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Not only did an important National Democratic Alliance (NDA) ally - Chirag Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party - speak out in favour of a caste headcount

soon after the Modi government 3.0 assumed office, but the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) also put its stamp of approval on the proposal as far back as last September at the end of a three-day conclave in Kerala's Palakkad. Overturning the Sangh's historic resistance to a caste headcount, a spokesperson said the organisation had no objection provided the results are used for the welfare of society, not as a political tool. It was left to the Modi government to make a formal announcement at a time of its choosing. On the face of it, the immediate impetus for the decision seems to be the

upcoming assembly polls in Bihar's caste-driven electoral landscape. However, a closer analysis reveals concerns beyond Bihar. Poll losses in 2024 have spurred deep fears within the BJP about possible attrition in the party's OBC (Other Backward Classes) vote. This base forms the bedrock of the BJP's rise to power and its unshakeable grip over the election system. The outcome showed some erosion across northern and western India. But it was the collapse in Uttar Pradesh that shook them.

In this most critical of all BJP strongholds, the party's seat tally plunged to 31 last year

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Why India must keep an eye on Bangladesh too

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In the last 54 years, Bangladesh, birthed by the training of its ragtag guerrilla resistance movement and the active support of the Indian Army, has pulled down statues of its founding father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and become hostile to the country that liberated it from West Pakistan. In the period after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government, powerful voices within the Bangladeshi political and military establishment have expressed open support to Pakistan and hostility toward India. As India carries out targeted retaliatory attacks within Pakistan, Delhi should keep a keen eye on Dhaka. A highly-placed source in the intelligence agencies told ThePrint that amid escalating military tensions between India and Pakistan, Bangladesh has undertaken a series of rather unusual strategic measures. One such measure was the military drill Akash Bijoy 2025, conducted by the Bangladesh Air Force in April.

This exercise was meant to demonstrate the Air Force's operational readiness and strategic capability. Under directives from the Bangladesh Air Force Headquarters, all bases and units participated in this drill with combat aircraft, transport planes, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles, radar systems, and various air defence platforms. Led by the Air Force, the exercise saw active participation of selected representatives from the Bangladesh Army, Navy, Border Guard Bangladesh, Bangladesh Police, Fire Service and Civil Defence, and the Bangladesh National Cadet Corps. The Chief Adviser



of Bangladesh's interim government, Muhammad Yunus, was at the drill and gave a diplomatically phrased statement: "We live in a world where the threat of war looms constantly. India and Pakistan remain on the brink of conflict—rumors even suggest war could break out at any moment. In such a context, to remain unprepared is nothing short of suicidal." Yunus also spoke about the need for swift modernisation of the Lalmonirhat airbase and instructed the Air Force to expedite its operational readiness. The airbase holds significant strategic and national security importance due to its geographic proximity to the 'Chicken's Neck'—India's Siliguri Corridor—which is only 160 kilometres away. The corridor, just 21 km wide and 60 km long, borders China, Bhutan, and Nepal. Aircraft operations from the base would occur near this highly sensitive region.

Sharing minutes of a confidential meeting, the intel source quoted Air Vice Marshal Md Manzur Kabir Bhuiyan, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, as saying, "The reconstruction of the Lalmonirhat airbase remains one of our national priority projects. The Chief of Air Force and relevant authorities are well aware of this. This initiative is not based on any other country's interests, but rather, it stems from our own national needs." But much before the Pahalgam terror attack, a high-level delegation comprising four senior members of the Pakistan Army and intelligence services visited Bangladesh on 23 January under strict confidentiality. The delegation was led by Pakistan's newly appointed NSA Lt Gen Muhammad Asim Malik. Accompanying him were ISI's director general of analysis Major General Shahid Amir Afsar, Major General

Alam Amir Awan, and Special Service Group (SSG) officer Muhammad Usman Latif. They arrived at Dhaka Airport around 5 pm and were received by a senior official from Bangladesh's military intelligence agency, DGFI, Brigadier General Mehdi. The delegation is said to have toured several air bases and military facilities and held meetings with high-ranking officials of the Bangladesh government. Before this visit, a Bangladeshi delegation led by Lieutenant General SM Kamrul Hasan, principal staff officer of the Armed Forces Division of Bangladesh, had visited Pakistan between 13 and 17 January with other senior officers. The delegation is said to have met with several high-ranking Pakistani officials, including Army chief General Asim Munir and Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza. The delegation also held confidential

meetings with Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Defence Minister, and Deputy Prime Minister. The Bangladeshi delegation reportedly expressed significant interest in acquiring Pakistan's advanced military equipment, particularly the JF-17 Thunder fighter jets. Lieutenant General SM Kamrul Hasan also commended the Pakistan Air Force's modern initiatives, cutting-edge technology, and locally developed technological frameworks. Munir is said to have expressed an interest in the production of JF-17 Thunder jets and other modern military hardware. The meeting reiterated both countries' commitment to enhancing military cooperation and strengthening bilateral relations. Following the fall of the Hasina government, Indian intel agencies noted a major reshuffle in the higher ranks of the Bangladesh military. Islamist officers were promoted to general ranks, with many of them directly endorsing what India sees as "terrorist ideologies and Pakistan's influence". Popular Bangladeshi YouTuber Azam Khan, who keeps a keen eye on political and strategic affairs in the country, told ThePrint that Bangladesh's military ranks have been reshuffled to promote radicalism, particularly hatred for India and Hindus. "We need to remember that the Bangladesh Army is the offspring of the Pakistan Army. You can see Pakistani army patterns in their activities such as working as freelancers in foreign soil, killing politicians, and top generals clandestinely running big business enterprises which might be up to 5-10 per cent of the Bangladesh economy."

After rosogolla, Odias and Bengalis fight
over Mamata's Jagannath Dham

Lipi Singh

In the season of Conclave, what if a church suddenly decided to call itself Vatican — not just a tribute, but a claim to spiritual status? That's what the Mamata Banerjee government effectively did, as far as Odias are concerned, when it named the new Jagannath temple in Digha after Jagannath Dham in Puri, Odisha. For the Odias, this 'appropriation' was the last straw and has put them eyeball to eyeball with the Bengalis like never before. Why did Banerjee tread this path? If a temple was her big trip, why a Puri Jagannath lookalike and not something in the tradition of Bengal's own terracotta temples that dot Bishnupur in Bankura district? Alternatively, it could have opted for something original. Bengalis, it seems, have a peculiar fondness for replicas. During Durga Pujas, Buckingham Palaces, Golden Temples and the Pyramids pop up all over the state — pandals built with bamboo and tarpaulin to house the

goddess in the festive season. But those are temporary structures, dismantled once the pujas end. The Jagannath Temple in Digha is permanent, a silent testimony to the Bengalis' copycat gene. A few months after becoming the chief minister in 2011, Banerjee was on her way home via Newtown, parts of which today resemble Gurgaon from 50 years ago, when she suddenly halted her vehicle, got off, and stood to survey 480 acres of green dotted with waterbodies. On the spot, she declared it a park — and the next thing we know, in 2013, she was inaugurating Eco Park, a brand-new destination in Kolkata — a la Victoria Memorial, or the historic Botanical Gardens with the centuries-old Banyan Tree. That wasn't the end of it. Past the tree-lined boundary came up the Pyramids of Giza, an Eiffel Tower, a Taj Mahal, a Colosseum, and even a towering Christ the Redeemer — all of them exact replicas of the originals.

For the Pakistan Army, war is the
performance of its nationhood

Suman Sharma

The stage was carefully set, and the actors perfectly costumed for the performance of their nationhood: soldiers in their creased uniforms, armed police in bright maroon sweaters, a man in a blue business suit, and a black-robed cleric. To them, General Asim Munir said: "Those who fight Allah and his Prophet and bring strife to the land will be punished in this life as well as the afterlife. This is your law. And this is Allah's law. And because you are enforcing Allah's law, you are his soldiers. There is no force on earth which can defeat you." Less than two hours after President Donald Trump announced an immediate ceasefire between India and Pakistan on Saturday, Srinagar and Jammu began to be targeted by drones. "This is no ceasefire," Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said. There are stories, possibly apocryphal, that the missiles fired were inscribed with the names of Masood Azhar Alvi's slain kin, a gesture of support for the internationally proscribed terrorist's loss. The unravelling of the ceasefire—or the belief of some Pakistani commanders that it does not apply to the Line of Control—showed at least some in the

Pakistan Army had taken the words of General Asim earnestly. They answer only to the law of God. To India, it ought to be an education on the real reasons why punitive retaliation to secure deterrence against terrorism hasn't worked. For many in Pakistan's armed forces, as well as influential forces in its civil society and politics, the use of violence in India isn't a means to an end. Instead, it is the inexorable outcome of a state of irreducible hatred, which can only be requited with a final war of annihilation. Listening in to the Pakistan Army when it talks to itself, the scholar C. Christine Fair taught us that religious millenarianism was core to the institution's idea of itself. Through the Green Books, compilations of essays by mid-level officers published by the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi since at least 1990, Fair revealed a Pakistan Army stripped of its veneer of modernisation. It was an institution riven with anxieties over religious identity, hatred of India, and a driving desire to reinvent Pakistan as a theocratic state.

Tariq Majid, a naval officer writing in the 1990 Green Book, thus argued that "the Islamic state, apart from the standing forces,

keeps a volunteer force of the people and employs the other lot of able-bodied manpower to strengthen the other elements of the military system during wartime." This volunteer force, of course, comprised the jihadist proxies Pakistan used in Kashmir and had used against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. In the 1994 Green Book, Brigadier Saifi Ahmad Naqvi proposed that it was critical to remember that Pakistan "is an ideological state, based on the ideology of Islam." Therefore, "the existence and survival of Pakistan depend upon the complete implementation of Islamic ideology in true sense." This, he went on, meant that the Army was responsible not just for guarding Pakistan's territorial integrity but "the ideological frontiers to which the country owes its existence." Following the events of 9/11, this belief congealed into a kind of maniacal conspiratorialism. Even as his forces fought alongside the United States against the Taliban in Afghanistan, Brigadier Muneer Mahmood warned in the 2002 Green Book that Pakistan was being cast as the "torch-bearer of the Muslim ummah [global community] by the biased Western media and Jewish lobby."

Delhi Plans Artificial Rain To Fight Pollution

Delhi : Due to Delhi's poor air quality and increased pollution, the government is using innovative technology. To alleviate air pollution in Delhi, Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa ordered an experiment of artificial rain by May.Cloud seeding uses aircraft to spray chemicals into clouds to generate rain. The trial is planned with IIT Kanpur.Experts say artificial rain helps pollution settle on the ground, cleaning the air. Two flights above Delhi-NCR will sow clouds under the project. Each flight lasts 1.5 hours and covers 100 km. From 500 meters to 5 kilometers, the plane will fly. Monitoring stations at 80 places will measure the impact of artificial rain on air quality.Some are concerned about this approach, yet many applaud it. Environmentalist and Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) member Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta questioned this move. He claimed



Govt. cancels employee leaves amid India-Pak tensions

Delhi : Delhi administration cancelled employee leave due to escalating tensions between India and Pakistan and emergency readiness. Punjab closed all schools, colleges, and institutions for three days, as did Panchkula in Haryana. Gurugram's

school shutdown was expected but not yet notified. The Services Department issued an order late tonight stating that no Delhi government officer will be granted leave until further orders due to the current scenario and emergency preparedness.

cloud seeding in India is still being tested and has limited outcomes. He warned that altering natural processes could be dangerous. He thinks fixing pollution's underlying causes is more vital than using technology.Dr.

Anil Kumar Gupta advised the administration to design a long-term pollution control strategy. He advised regular road cleaning to decrease dust and controlling the growing number of vehicles.

Install sprinklers and smog guns: Govt. to departments

Delhi : All

departments in Delhi have been ordered to deploy mist or water sprinklers on power poles and anti-smog cannons along central verges and roads in pollution hotspots. Environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said DDA and NDMC have piloted such pollution control methods, and duplicating them on a large scale would help control particle pollutants, especially in winter. The government recommends micro or mist-type jets with 50-100 micron droplets and 0.45–0.65 units of operating pressure. "Electric



poles in the central verge of roadways could provide structurally suitable and geographically distributed places for mist spraying systems without extra roadside infrastructure. Sirsa said the move aims to reduce road dust, a major contributor to Delhi's PM2.5 and PM10 levels. Delhi's air pollu-

tion campaign requires daily strategy and execution. We use science and accountability. We intend to reduce particulate matter emissions at the source using equipment and enforcement "said the minister. Delhi has 13 air pollution hotspots. "In view of the deteriorating air quality levels and high levels of particulate matter in the ambient air in Delhi, there is an urgent need to take innovative control measures," it said. The departments must submit a 15-day action plan to install such sprays or comparable systems on power poles outside the hotspots

Delhi authorities target unlawful encroachments on highways to improve public areas

Delhi : The authorities have found illegal encroachments on over 100 major highways, including Outer Ring Road, Mathura Road, Mehrauli-Badarpur Road, and Okhla Estate. PWD minister Parvesh Verma, district magistrates, and civic body officials

assessed the problem and identified some of these portions as persistently problematic. Rao Tularam Marg, Ring Road between Hyatt Regency and Moti Bagh, Bhikaji Cama Place-Ber Sarai intersection, and Vasant Vihar metro station area are also affected. Many

of these encroachment lawsuits include illegal car parking and street vendors. Temporary flower and fruit shops have appeared on footpaths, open spaces, even over sewers. Furniture businesses, tyre repair shops, and mechanics have too.

Over 5,600 Delhi government employees on ration subsidy list

Delhi : The Delhi government's Information Technology (IT) department has written to the services department recommending action against over 5,600 employees who received subsidised food under the National Food Security Act. After reviewing ration card records, the IT department uncovered more than 3,000 cases where beneficiaries received heavily subsidized rations despite receiving revenue department income certifications stating yearly incomes of over Rs 1 lakh. The revenue department has been asked to investigate these data by IT. The discrepancies were found following a preliminary



study of food and supply, Delhi PAO, and revenue data. Officials said the IT department is creating a Unified Data Hub to centralize data across divisions. Data analytics, cross-referencing, real-time updates, and better governance will result. For this project, Delhi government depart-

ments like food and supplies, PAO, and revenue have exchanged records with IT. Preliminary research showed that 5,621 food and supply beneficiaries match Delhi government employee PAO data. According to an official, 395 recipients were placed as family heads in ration cards.

DTC will launch e buses connecting three Delhi ISBTs with Noida

Delhi ; Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) have announced that electric bus services will begin connecting the capital to the soon-to-be-built Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar. Despite the airport's probable failure to meet the May operational deadline, buses will depart from three Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBTs) in Delhi: Maharana Pratap ISBT at Kashmere Gate, Swami Vivekanand ISBT at Anand Vihar, and Veer Hakikat Rai ISBT at Sarai Kale Khan.

Hospitals in Delhi must be prepared for emergencies

Delhi : The Delhi government has ordered all government hospitals and health facilities to increase emergency preparedness, including painting a Red Cross sign on hospital rooftops to signal medical facilities from the air amid the growing military tension with Pakistan. In light of recent events, the guidelines require immediate action to ensure patient care and emergency readiness. require immediate action to maintain patient care and emergency preparation. Government officials



have ordered hospitals to hold another disaster readiness mock practice. They must also stockpile important drugs and consumables, maintain generator sets with fuel backup, and test emergency services including ICUS, oxygen delivery systems, and ventilators.

To enable 24-hour trauma care, hospitals must cancel surgeon, orthopaedic, and burn care specialist leaves. In addition, institutions must update ICU bed and equipment data on the ICU portal, secure hospital websites, and keep canteens and mess services stocked with food.

IGIA raises app-based cab pickup cost

Delhi : According to sources, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has raised pick-up prices by 40% for app-based cab aggregator passengers from Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. The increased fees apply to Ola and Uber rides from all three airport terminals. The amended collection fee is Rs 245 + 18% GST = Rs 289. Previous fees were Rs 173, excluding GST. From Delhi airport capital, Ola and Uber make four lakh monthly journeys. "Airport pick-up cost in Delhi is already among the highest in India and comes to roughly 25% of the rider's total average ticket," a source said. "With the new increase, Riders will pay around 40%. The substantial increase does not provide new rider facilities." Pick-up fees are revised. The insider stated the pick-up will be



among the most expensive in the country after the increase. Rider airport charge includes airport pick-up fee, toll tax, driver profits, and commission. Riders will pay more due to the airport fee hike. The toll tax and airport pick-up fee will average 50% of the entire fare and go to the airport, not the driver or aggregator. DIAL did not respond immediately. Uber said that all airport trips on the cab aggregator include a pick-up cost as part of our commercial agreements with airports. This cost goes to the airport.

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

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

Delhi's new EV policy aims to create 20,000 jobs; targets 95% electric vehicle registrations

Delhi : Manjinder Singh Sirsa, the environment minister of Delhi, stated that the new electric vehicle policy might generate 20,000 employment through the construction of a citywide network of charging and interchangeable battery stations.

To lessen environmental damage, this strategy promotes the use of electric vehicles. The goal is to convert mass categories to electric vehicles, which includes two-wheelers, buses, three-wheelers, and cargo carriers. He



announced that during the policy time, the Delhi government will strive to create 20,000 jobs related to electric vehicles.To drastically cut down on pollution, the government has set a goal of having 95% of new car registrations

be electric by 2027. It is our intention to make charging and battery changing infrastructure widely available to the public. Our goal is to have charging stations available at all times by the year 2030," he added.

Delhi golfers seek DGC practice rights, threaten Jantar Mantar protest

Delhi: Two-time Asian Tour winner Rashid Khan and numerous Delhi caddie-professional golfers will sit-in at Jantar Mantar on May 5 to win the right to practice at the Delhi Golf Club (DGC). Delhi caddie-pros and the DGC have been at odds for years. Long-running conflict has prompted



many pros to go to other courses or quit the sport, damaging their livelihoods. The affected golfers are seeking DGC practice authorization in the Delhi High Court. The case has been listed 30 times since February 4, 2020, without a hearing. Eight years before the contract expired,

the government renewed the DGC lease until 2050 in September 2012. DGC stopped allowing caddie-pros to practice in 2012. The protesting golfers argue that the club is on government land and serves to promote and advance golf, thus they should be allowed to practice there.

Apple will source and manufacture all of its mobile devices in India

Delhi : While stating that Apple "has decided to source and produce all its mobile phones in India in the years to come," telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia made the claim that India has become a dependable and cost-effective manufacturing partner for smartphone manufacturers worldwide. At the Bharat Telecom event, Scindia stated that investing in India right now is not only a gesture of goodwill but also economically prudent for all original equipment manufacturers. Thanks to the government's production-linked incentive program, the minister noted, the telecom equipment industry has grown multiple times.

Sales of Rs 80,000 crore, exports of Rs 16,000 crore, and the creation of 25,000 jobs were all outcomes of an investment of Rs 4,000 crore—half a billion dollars in and of



itself.

With that in mind, he went on to say that India's telecom equipment business has also expanded tremendously. According to him, India is currently at the forefront of technological innovation and has not only caught up to the rest of the world in areas such as 4G and 5G, but is also forging its own future through massive reforms. A recent announcement by Apple CEO Tim Cook stated that for the June quarter, the bulk of iPhones sold in the US will be sourced from India, while the majority of smartphones for other markets will be produced in China.

Bank to buy 20% stake

Delhi : The Japanese Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. (SMBC) will buy a 20% share in Yes Bank for 13,482 crore, marking the highest cross-border investment in the Indian banking sector. SMBC will buy Yes Bank shares from State Bank of India and other shareholders for ₹21.50, valuing the Mumbai-based lender at \$7.9 billion. "SMBC has entered into a definitive agreement on 9 May 2025 to acquire 20% stake in YES Bank through a secondary stake purchase of 13.19% from SBI and 6.81% aggregate stake from other bank shareholders.

Indian Department of Telecom Approves Starlink to Roll Out Satellite Internet

Delhi : A major milestone in India's developing satellite broadband scene has been reached: Elon Musk's Starlink has received crucial regulatory approval to operate in the country. After Starlink agreed to meet India's updated security standards, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) granted the business licenses for GMPCS, VSAT, and Internet service provider (ISP) operations. To corroborate the news, a government official informed MoneyControl, "Yes, Starlink has been issued a LoI by the DoT... the LoI came after it gave an



undertaking to meet license conditions and security protocols under the new revised security guidelines." Once the company has fulfilled all license responsibilities, final approval is anticipated. A greater crackdown on satellite internet companies in India followed the licensing process of Starlink. The

government revised the standards for lawful interception, data localization, gateway security clearance, and local manufacturing compliance the day before the LoI was announced. Starlink will soon receive In-SPACE authorization, according to a source.

Govt is considering expanding US fertiliser imports to address US President concerns

Delhi: After LNG, the government is considering expanding US fertiliser imports to address US President Donald Trump's concerns over India's trade surplus. India will also become less dependent on China and Russia, its key shipping partners.

After the Ukraine war, sanctions on Moscow increased Russian fertiliser imports, like oil. India's trade deficit with Russia grew. Indian fertiliser imports totaled \$8.3 billion in the past financial year, with the US contributing \$300,000. India import-

ed \$86.5 billion in commodities from the US last year and had a \$41 billion trade surplus. The planned bilateral trade agreement with the US will cut tariffs to close the trade gap, but the government also wants to buy more American defense .

BluSmart hoping to acquire Ja's stake and seize control

Delhi : Sources familiar with the matter have revealed that BluSmart investors are attempting to resurrect the ride-hailing company by discussing the possibility of buying out promoter Anmol Singh Jaggi. According to those in the know, the appraisal and due diligence processes are almost finished, and the legal issues surrounding the Jaggis' share transfer are being resolved. The deal, if finalized, would safeguard investors' funds, save drivers' jobs, and reintroduce BluSmart's electric taxis to the roads. The departure of Jaggis, who established the firm six years ago,



would also be a consequence of this. Investors were spearheaded by Jaggis's other company, BP Ventures Engineering Ltd. As of February 2025, investors such as Softbank Mayfield India Fund, 100 Unicorns, Responsibility

Investments, and celebrities like Deepika Padukone and M.S. Dhoni owned the remaining 70.9 percent of BluSmart, according to Tracxn. The promoters held 23.98% of the company.

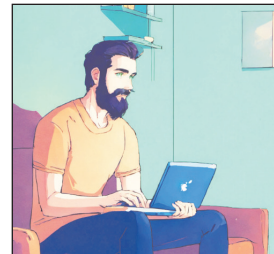
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Another setback causes Oyo to postpone IPO plans

Delhi: Due to pushback from SoftBank and the unpredictable stock market this year, Oyo Hotels has decided to postpone its October IPO. Sources close to the situation say that SoftBank has expressed concerns about the planned timeframe and has asked Oyo to delay an IPO until its earnings are more stable. With investor appetite for risk dwindling due to Trump's trade policies, Oyo encounters a bleak market in its third attempt to go public since 2021. While Oyo founder Ritesh Agarwal indeed owns more than 30% of the company.

HR issues Some work from home during travel advisories

Delhi: Many organizations have adopted safety protocols, business continuity plans, and flexible work regulations amid escalating border tensions. EY Global Delivery Services (EYGDS) informed staff that their crisis response unit and management are monitoring the situation. American Express reportedly banned employee transportation this week and asked them to work from home. American Express



and EY GDS didn't respond to an email until press time. Panasonic India has encouraged border-state employees to work from home, and AXA Global Business Services has enabled remote working. "We have issued travel advisory to border states in line

with the government directive," said Panasonic Life Solutions India CHRO Adarsh Mishra. Travel recommendations from HDFC Life advise employees to be vigilant, especially near borders. The company has told its teams to postpone or cancel off-site meetings until the situation improves.

"Our administration team and travel desk have been instructed to prioritize cancellations," said HDFC Life CHRO Vibhash Naik.

The UK and India close key trade deal in 'new age' of Trump tariffs

Delhi : Britain and India signed a long-awaited free trade agreement as tariff upheaval caused by U.S. President Donald Trump accelerated commerce in whisky, cars, and food. After three years of stop-start negotiations, the world's fifth and sixth largest economies reached a deal to boost bilateral commerce by 25.5 billion pounds (\$34 billion) by 2040. The Reuters Tariff Watch newsletter provides daily global trade and tariff updates. Join here. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the trade accord "ambitious and mutually beneficial". British PM Keir Starmer said the enhanced partnership would lower trade obstacles in a "new era for trade". Nations are



seeking new trade partners and UK-savvy individuals because of Trump's tariffs. India discussions claimed the turbulence had heightened the desire to reach an agreement. The accord will decrease whisky tariffs, allow British enterprises to compete for Indian contracts, and make it easier for Indian workers to work in Britain, benefiting both economies. It shows India opening its long-guarded markets, notably automobiles,

providing an early model for its anticipated approach to major Western countries like the U.S. and the EU. It is Britain's biggest trade deal since leaving the EU in 2020, but its predicted economic production rise of 4.8 billion pounds a year by 2040 is tiny compared to its 2.6 trillion pounds GDP in 2024. The pact will reduce tariffs on 90% of Britain's tariff lines and zero charge on 99% of Indian goods, including textiles.

For 2025-26, I-T Department notifies ITR forms 1, 4

Delhi: Individuals and companies with income up to Rs 50 lakh must file ITR forms 1 and 4 for assessment year (AY) 2025-26 with the income tax department. Anyone with long-term capital gains up to Rs 1.25 lakh in a fiscal year can submit ITR-1. Previously, they had to file ITR-



2. With the notification, individuals, HUFs, corporations with income up to Rs 50 lakh, and

those with business and professional incomes in 2024-25 (April-March) can file I-T returns. ITR Form 1 (Sahaj) and ITR Form 4 (Sugam) are easier forms for many small and medium taxpayers. Sahaj can be filed by a resident with an annual income of up to Rs 50 lakh from

salary, one residential property, other sources (interest), and agricultural income up to Rs 5,000. Individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), and firms (other than LLPs) with yearly income up to Rs 50 lakh and business and profession revenue can file sugam.

PM Narendra Modi's resolve made India a digital leader: Jyotiraditya Scindia

Delhi : Union Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bold vision and unrelenting resolve had changed India from a digital follower to a global digital leader, converting dreams into infrastructure and policy into progress. The minister told more than 130 foreign delegates from 35 countries at the launch of 'Bharat Telecom 2025' in the national capital that the conference is a declaration of India's intent to shape



global connectivity through innovation, collaboration, and inclusive growth. "When ideas, innovation, and intent come together in harmony, they create not a cacophony but a symphony, and 'Bharat Telecom' is that symphony of global collaboration and opportunity," the minister told the

audience, underlining India's export potential. The Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) organize the event, which helps India become a global telecom manufacturing, services, and export

Get ready to travel the world with Indian Ports Global!

Delhi: The consortium plans to buy and run twenty ports in various parts of the world, including India, Africa, and Asia. The Indian government-owned Indian Ports Global Ltd is spearheading a consortium that plans to buy and administer

hub. This is about connecting futures, not just villages. Every tower we build, every byte we send, provides 1.4 billion people opportunity, said

twenty ports across Asia, Africa, and India, according to two sources familiar with the situation. The Iranian firm that runs the famous Chabahar terminal is looking to expand into other ports in the Indian subcontinent.

Scindia. We deployed 470,000 towers to connect 99 percent of our villages and 82% of our population to 5G in 22 months.

DU academic panel approves syllabus rewrite despite opposition

Delhi : The Delhi University (DU) Academic Council (AC) accepted revisions to numerous departments' syllabi based on recommendations from its standing committee on academic affairs, despite opposition from several elected council members. The university's main academic body, the AC, approved the revisions. "The department's Committee of Courses (CoC) must receive standing committee recommendations. Subject specialists in CoCs create or amend syllabi. Despite concerns from department heads and AC members, the procedure was short-circuited," said one academic council member who signed a dissent note. At least eight elected AC members sent disagreement notes, according to one dissenter. The council can have 166 members, 26 of whom are elected. Departments must get the departmental CoC's approval before creating their syllabi at



DU. The standing committee may advise on CoC proposals. These non-binding recommendations should be returned to the CoC for approval or rejection. The syllabus goes to the AC for final approval after CoC approval. One dissent note stated that the standing committee can evaluate the course for structure and credit requirements but not academic content. These included Psychology, Sociology, History, and Political Science courses. Sexual orientation, dating apps, caste and religious identity, Kashmir, and the Israel-Palestine conflict were recommended for elimination.

Hindu University establishes public policy institute

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

A group at DU has proposed removing classes on sexual orientation

Delhi : Students at Delhi University are not encouraged to research or write about sensitive social issues including sexual orientation, religion, or caste. The university standing committee suggested removing sections on sexual orientation, religion, caste, and an entire elective paper called "Psychology of Sexuality" from the psychology department's syllabus after a meeting in which the committee discussed the department's planned adjustments. The university's standing committee has recommended that any references to Pakistan, Bangladesh, or Kashmir



be omitted from the course outline as well. Under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework, the institution is revamping its undergraduate fourth-year curriculum, which includes the suggested revisions. The committee has been pushing to have Indian epics added to the curriculum in addition to

having these subjects removed. "The paper on 'Psychology of Peace' must be revamped with examples from the Mahabharata on mediation and negotiation," according to a government official. In order to investigate "concepts of peace and conflict resolution," the committee recommended reading the Bhagavad Gita.

Simplified visa requirements for visitors

Delhi: As part of the trade agreement, the UK will ease its visa requirements for certain Indian professionals, including those working in technology, management, engineering, and research and development. Among them are 1,800 yearly visas for artists, cooks, and yoga teachers. An important part of

the trade deal that was unveiled is the relaxation of regulations around mobility, as well as other service sectors that target Indian enterprises who are looking to set up shop in the UK. Suppliers from India in the fields of architecture, engineering, telecom, and information technology have received substantial

promises from the United Kingdom for digitally provided services. Workers on short-term visas were able to save almost Rs 4,000 crore in social security payments over the course of three years thanks to the Double Contributions Convention, which government officials highlighted as a significant benefit.

Decree authorizing 5 IITs to expand by Rs 11,828 cr

Delhi : Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh; Bhilai, Chhattisgarh; Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir; Dharwad, Karnataka; and Palakkad, Kerala, would be able to expand their academic and infrastructure capacities, according to Delhi's reporting from the Union cabinet. The goal of the expansion is to make it possible for these schools to educate almost 6,500 more students. To further improve cooperation between businesses and universities, five brand new, cutting-edge research parks are also in the works. With an estimated total expenditure of Rs 11,828.7 crore over four years, from 2025-26 to



2028-29, the cabinet has approved Phase-B building for these IITs. These schools will be able to increase their undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate student bodies from 7,111 to 13,687 thanks to the program. The authorized plan calls for the creation of 130 new profes-

sorial jobs (level 14 and above). In the first year, 1,364 students will be admitted; in the second year, 1,738; in the third year, 1,767; and in the fourth year, 1,707 students will be admitted across all academic programs.

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

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

Delhi will provide 100 schools with free computer labs

Delhi : Delhi will install free computer labs at 100 government schools. An MoU signed on March 28 between the Directorate of Education and Ladli Foundation Trust is being implemented. According to a statement, the MoU established a pro-bono collaboration to improve digital education and technical accessibility for economically disadvantaged children. After careful consideration, 100 schools will participate in the project. The statement added Ladli Foundation staff did a field study to see if these



schools could have labs. The deal requires the Directorate of Education to provide classrooms, electricity, lighting, fans, furniture, and power backup.

It added that schools will appoint a teacher or coordinator to run the lab and ensure its longevity. The registered non-profit Ladli Foundation Trust will supply 20 PCs per lab,

hardware and software maintenance, and monitoring and assessment. The non-governmental organization would also provide free CUET mock tests to up to 1 lakh students and skill-building seminars through its partners. On April 28, the Additional Director of Education (IT) conducted a video conference with district and zonal deputy directors of education and school heads to streamline the rollout. The statement stated authorities were informed on their duties in project implementation during the meeting.

2 Australian and UK universities to open in Navi Mumbai

Delhi: CM Devendra Fadnavis said two top Australian and UK universities struck an agreement with the state government to open campuses at Cidco's Navi Mumbai education center, Edcity. The projects invest Rs 1,500 crore per campus. He stated 10-12 top-100 universities will build campuses at Edcity. "...MoUs were signed with the University of Western Australia and University of York (in UK) to set up their campuses in Edcity," he said. Three more foreign universities have agreed to open campuses in the education cluster, he said. Fadnavis praised NSE for establishing Nifty Waves Index, which covers 43 AVGC (animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics) media and entertainment companies. These changes will



improve the financial ecology in this area, he said. Upon University Grants Commission permission, the University of York campus will offer undergraduate and postgraduate programs in computer science with AI and cybersecurity, business, economics, and the creative industries in 2026. York's declaration joins the growing trend of international universities opening in India under the National Education Policy.

DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

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

Two new PR routes for skilled workers, including Indians, in Canada

Delhi : Good news for French-speaking Indians wishing to move permanently in Canada. Canada launched two new immigration programs to entice talented workers to rural and Francophone minority areas. Immigration Minister Marc Miller unveiled the Rural Community Immigration Pilot (RCIP) and Francophone Community Immigration Pilot (FCIP), which allow critical workers in 18 communities to become permanent residents. As the government attempts to permanentize the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot, these pilots are launched. RCIP matches local firms with trained workers to aid rural regions



with labor shortages. Smaller communities struggle to attract and retain labor, hurting economic growth. This experiment promotes immigration in worker-intensive areas. Francophone community immigration pilot (FCIP) aims to increase French-speaking immigrants in Francophone minority areas outside Quebec. Canada seeks to preserve these tribes' languages and cultures by increasing their numbers.

Local economic development organizations in 18 selected communities will collaborate with IRCC to identify labor shortages, designate safe employers for newcomers, and recommend permanent residence candidates. According to a news release, IRCC has begun training these organizations, and each community will shortly share more information about when employer and worker applications will open image.

Board exam results for ISC Class 12 and ICSE Class 10 have been announced by CISCE



Delhi: The results for the Class 12 Indian School Certificate (ISC) and Class 10 Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) tests for the year 2025 have been announced by the Council for the Indian School Certificate tests (CISCE). The overall pass rate for the ISC test was 99.02 percent. There were 99,551 people who took the ISC test, and 98,578 of them were successful. When broken down by gender, the ISC test passed rate for girls was 99.45% and for boys it was 98.64%. The trend of girls achieving higher success rates in the ISC and ICSE tests continues from prior years. The overall pass percentage for the ICSE Class 10 exams was 99.09%. A pass percentage of 99.37% was achieved by the girls and 98.84% by the boys. The findings show that the applicants maintained their excellent level of performance on both exams. Overall, 98,088 applicants passed the ISC examination in 2024, an increase over the previous year's 98.19 percent. The pass percentage for the ICSE examination in 2024 was 99.47%, with 2,42,328 students achieving this feat. Additionally, in July 2025, the CISCE will administer. improvement

The Lawrence School, Sanawar Hosts CBSE Training Program for Teachers



Chandigarh: Aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, The Lawrence School, Sanawar organised CBSE Capacity Building Training Program in three phases. Over 130 teachers participated to enhance teaching skills in key areas which covered the subjects hailing from classroom management, experiential learning and gender sensitivity.

The first session focused on Classroom Management which was led by expert trainers Neetu Jhatta

and Sangeeta as teachers learned practical strategies to maintain a positive and productive classroom environment. The session covered student engagement, behavior management and inclusive learning spaces.

The second session emphasized Experiential Learning based on Kolb's Model. Trainers Gosha Liberhan and Ram Kumar Sharma guided through interactive discussions, group activities, and hands-on exercises to integrate experiential learning techniques

into their classrooms. The final session addressed Gender Sensitivity as experts Vega Sharma and Manu Tanwar Rohil led discussions on gender roles, discrimination, and equality. Commenting on the success of the training, Headmaster Himmat Singh Dhillon said "Such training programs will go a long way in equipping the teachers with invaluable tools and strategies to create more engaging, hands-on learning experiences for their students."

3 delivery men killed in blaze



RAJKOT: Rajkot witnessed another fire tragedy Friday when three delivery men died during a blaze inside a 12-storey upscale residential building that had not renewed its fire NOC for a decade. Sources suspect an electrical short circuit in an unoccupied sixth-floor flat of the Atlantis

building where furniture work was underway and a lot of wood had been piled inside, possibly fuelling the flames.

Although Rajkot Municipal Corporation had issued two notices to Atlantis for NOC renewals, the tragedy raised questions about its "aggressive" fire

safety enforcement measures in the wake of the May 2024 TRP Game Zone blaze that had claimed 27 lives in the Gujarat city. RMC fire officer Ashoksinh Jhala contended that no coercive action was taken against the management of Atlantis "since it was a residential premises".

In North India, short winter doesn't always lead to searing summer

NEW DELHI: Winter has ended early in north India and February in Delhi is set to be among the three warmest in the last 15 years. So, does the early conclusion of winter indicate a long and scorching summer ahead? Contrary to the general view, data from

past years shows that a warm Feb doesn't necessarily lead to a searing summer in north India. TOI analysed monthly average maximum temperatures in north India since 1971 and picked the 10 warmest months of Feb during this period. In five of these years,

the corresponding months of April were indeed warmer or significantly warmer than normal but in the other five, April temperatures were either close to normal (four years) or below normal (one year). These two months were chosen for the analysis.

Delhi woman duped of Rs 7 lakh in fake Italy work visa scam

NEW DELHI: A woman was duped of Rs 7 lakh under the pretext of securing an Italy work visa for her brother. The woman claimed that she was tricked by an agent and his two associates into believing they could facilitate a work visa for her brother in Italy. According to the FIR, the woman was initially approached by the agent on June 15, 2023. He promised her that he could easily secure a work visa for her brother and assured her of a successful outcome in exchange for a substantial payment. He claimed that his partners were involved in a joint operation to send people abroad, with her brother being one of their clients. Trusting the agent, she made an initial payment of Rs 2 lakh on June 20, 2023. She was then asked to send her brother's original passport to an address in Punjab. Over the course of several months, she made multiple payments totalling Rs 7 lakh, including an additional sum of Rs 3 lakh in December 2023, to expedite the process. Despite repeated assurances, the promised work visa never materialised, and her attempts to contact the agent and his associates were met with empty promises. The situation took a darker turn when she and her family began receiving threats from the suspects, who allegedly warned them against contacting authorities. The fraudsters even mocked the family, claiming they would not face any repercussions for their actions. The complainant said that on June 20, 2024, she and her family visited the office of the visa application centre in Delhi, where they were informed that the documents provided to them were fake, and they were victims of a scam. Subsequently, the agent admitted to the woman's uncle over the phone that the visa application was not processed but promised to return the money and documents by June 25, 2024. However, no payments were made, and further threats were issued against the family. A thorough investigation was launched after the woman filed an official complaint at the Tilak Marg Police Station in the first week of February this year.

No deadline for J&K quota review panel: Minister

SRINAGAR: J&K's reservation policy is back on the boil with the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference (NC) government telling the assembly that it had not set a timeline for a ministerial review panel to submit its report. "The cabinet sub-committee stands constituted to examine grievances regarding reservation rules. However, no specific timeline has been fixed for submitting the report," social welfare minister Sakeena Itoo said in response to a question from opposition People's Conference MLA Sajad Lone. Itoo heads the panel constituted after quota protests in Dec 2024 with cabinet colleagues Satish Sharma and Javed Rana as the other members. Reservations in J&K are as high as 60%, making it a hot-button



issue following the Centre's decision to add more communities and expand quotas since the 2019 abrogation of special status under Article 370 and its conversion into a Union Territory. Many fear the quotas will be hiked to 70%. Lone cited data and flagged stark regional disparities, alleging the quotas favoured Jammu

areas and were "rigged" against Kashmir -- a Muslim-majority region. Itoo said 5.39 lakh people -- 4.59 lakh in Jammu (85.3%) and 79,813 in Kashmir (14.7%) -- had been issued Scheduled Tribe (ST) certificates in the past two years. During the same period, 67,112 Scheduled Caste (SC) certificates had been issued in

Jammu. Lone seized on the numbers to highlight the disparity, calling the data a "shocker". "Kashmir as a region is far behind. The net loss of quotas to Kashmiri-speaking population is of a much higher scale than we had thought," the MLA argued. According to Lone, Kashmiris, including Pandits are "victims" of the reservation policy. He cited data for other categories such as Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Reserved Backward Areas, Actual Line of Control category to allege similar biases against Kashmir. "ST category showed Jammu issuing 4.59 lakh certificates (85.3%) while Kashmir only 79,813 (14.7%). Similar imbalances exist for EWS. -- 92.3% in Jammu and 7.7% in

Tata Group to step up competition with Indigo!



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

Vistara's all-economy A320 Neo aircraft will join Air India Express once the merger between Vistara and Air India is finalized. The entire transfer process is expected to be completed by mid-2025. Experience significant capacity expansion, with the addition of 17 planes from Air India and 15

Boeing 737 Max planes from its own order by the middle of next year. Over the past 10 months, the airline has already added 26 new Boeing 737-8 aircraft to its fleet. The Tata Group is currently restructuring its aviation business, which will result in the consolidation of four airlines into two.

Fire breaks out at private bank in Delhi's Daryaganj

NEW DELHI: A fire broke out at a private bank in the Daryaganj area of the capital, prompting an immediate response from the Delhi Fire Service (DFS). According to officials, a call reporting the fire was received, and multiple fire tenders were dispatched to the scene.



As of now, the extent of the damage and the cause of the fire remain unclear. Firefighters are currently working to bring the situation under control. Warmer February keeps Delhi firefighters busier than last year. Delhi witnessed a significant rise in fire-related incidents in February, marking a 12% increase compared to the same period last year. According to the fire department, the primary reason for this surge was the rising

temperatures. Data from the fire department, covering February 1 to February 24, revealed 932 fire incidents, including 240 cases of garbage and rubbish fires. In contrast, during the same period last year, 834 fire incidents were recorded, with 148 involving garbage and rubbish. The report also highlighted the human toll of these incidents. This February, 42 people were injured and rescued, while two lost their lives. Last year, the fatalities were significantly.

Blast at temple in Amritsar, cops suspect ISI involvement

AMRITSAR: A blast rocked Thakurdwara temple in Amritsar's Khandwala early after two attackers on a bike hurled an explosive device at the building. The explosion occurred around 12.35am, damaging a portion of the Vaishnava shrine dedicated to Laddoo Gopal, a form of Krishna. No injuries were reported. The attack follows a series of similar explosions in Punjab's border areas. Since Nov 2024, at least 12 grenade attacks have targeted police stations and cops, but this marks the first such assault on a temple. CCTV footage captured the two assailants carrying a flag before they threw the object at the temple's first floor and escaped. The temple priest was sleeping inside and narrowly escaped harm. Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann blamed the attack on "fissiparous forces" trying



ing to disrupt peace, while the opposition accused his govt of failing to maintain law and order. Amritsar police commissioner Gurpreet Bhullar said Pakistani spy agency ISI could be involved, citing its alleged role in previous attacks in the region. "ISI often exploits economically disadvantaged youth for such activities," he said, adding that police are actively tracking the assailants on the basis of CCTV footage. He declined to disclose details about the flag seen in the footage, while assuring residents that security per-

sonnel had been deployed around the temple to restore confidence. Opposition parties seized on the blast as evidence of a deteriorating security situation under AAP govt. BJP's Tarun Chugh called for a CBI probe. "First police stations were targeted, now temples. This is a deliberate attempt to create social divisions," Chugh said, criticising the AAP govt for what he called prioritising party politics over security. Congress's Partap Singh Bajwa demanded CM Mann's resignation, accusing him of failing to protect the state.

TMC's urges Christian institutions to engage alumni as their voice

NEW DELHI: Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Derek O'Brien has called on Christian-run educational institutions in India to reconnect with their alumni, stating that they could be the strongest advocates for the community. Speaking at the 'Speak Up' dialogue in Bengaluru on Sunday, he highlighted the significant role these institutions have played in nation-building. The Bengaluru event was the second in the 'Speak Up' dialogue series, with the first one held in Ahmedabad on January 9. As per PTI, O'Brien said that about 70% of students in Christian-run schools and colleges are non-Christians, amounting to nearly 4.5 crore students at any given time. He urged Christian institutions to "reorient" their alumni associations to serve as spokespersons for their contributions to society, ensuring that the community is in the news for positive reasons. "Around 70 percent of the students are non-Christians. If you do the calculation, it comes to 4.5 crore. Think about the alumni associations of all these schools. Reorient those alumni associations. They should become spokespersons for these institutions," he said. The TMC leader also questioned the government over issues such as declaring December 25 as 'Good Governance Day', the cancellation of foreign contribution (regulation) act (FCRA) registrations for Christian NGOs, the ongoing violence in Manipur and anti-conversion laws. He pointed out that there are around 54,000 such institutions in India with an alumni base of 22 to 25 crore, which includes several top leaders from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), such as party president JP Nadda and Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Nirmala Sitharaman.