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CBSE removed the option of additional subjects without notice

New Delhi: Private candidates appearing for class 12 exams from CBSE in 2026 will no longer have the option of additional subject. This decision of CBSE has come without any prior notice. With this move, about 1.5 lakh private candidates will no longer be able to choose multi-career

No longer

"The form for private candidates was released on 13th September

options. For many students, additional subject was not just an option, but also a necessary eligibility for



entry into JEE, NEET and other higher educational courses. In the year 2024, about 1.5

lakh candidates had given class 12 exam from CBSE board as private candidates. Students are angry about this move of CBSE. A user wrote on the social media platform Reddit - The board did not give any information about this step earlier. I am from Dhuhi i.e. Physics, Chemistry and Biology

background. I had thought that I will take Maths as an additional subject, so that if I fail in the exam, I will have the backup option of engineering. This same student further wrote, "The form for private candidates was released on 13th September and the option of additional subject is missing in it.

Congress again raised questions on Great Nicobar Project



Demand

He said that the environmental clearance has been challenged

Administration had issued certificates of settlement and consent of forest rights for the project, but retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Meena Gupta has challenged it in the Calcutta High Court, alleging violation of the Forest Rights Act. Ramesh said that on February 19, 2025, the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs had requested to remove itself from the matter, while on September 8, 2025, the same ministry has sought a report from the local administration, which shows ambiguity on the issue. He said that the environmental clearance has been challenged.

New Delhi. Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh has once again targeted the Center over Great Nicobar. He has claimed that the provisions of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA) have not been followed in this project, which may violate the environment and the rights of tribal communities. Jairam Ramesh said in his post that on August 18, 2022, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

I am a Shiv bhakt, I swallow poison: Modi

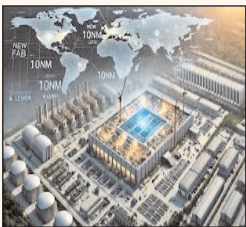
Uproar

Congress gave only violence, conflict and politics of separation to North-East and



Construction of semiconductor factory is going on rapidly

PM said that Assam is also playing an important role in the semiconductor mission. The construction of a semiconductor factory in Morigaon is going on at a fast pace, on which Rs 27 thousand crore is being spent. He said that electronic chips are the soul of every sector today - from mobile phones to airplanes and space missions - and Assam will play an important role in making India self-reliant. Modi said that the fertile soil and hardworking people of Assam have made Assam tea a global brand.



gifted development projects worth more than Rs 18 thousand crore to Assam. The Prime Minister said that

the Congress gave wounds to Assam and the North-East, encouraged infiltration for vote bank politics and allot-

ted lands to infiltrators. He said that the Congress played with the demography of the state and the people of Assam had to pay the price for it. Our government has resolved to deal with this problem of infiltration and people's lands are being returned. He also reminded that during the Congress rule, there was a ban on cutting bamboo and people of the tribal society, whose daily life depended on bamboo, were sent to jail. Modi said that our government gave relief to the tribals and the people of the Northeast by removing this ban and today people are benefiting from this decision. The Prime Minister said that the BJP government recognized the cultural importance of Assamese language by giving it the status of classical language and respected the legacy of Lachit Borphukan. He said that the double engine government is starting a new era.

BJP creates a record, becomes the largest party with 14 crore members

New Delhi. BJP national president JP Nadda on Sunday said that the saffron party has become the world's largest political party with 14 crore members, of which two crore are active members. He said that the party has 240 Lok Sabha members, about 1,500 MLAs and more than 170 Legislative Council members across the country. He said that the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done the politics of work and accountable government in the last 11 years, whereas the previous governments had the politics of not working and did not do development work. They also forgot the promises made in the manifesto. They only did the politics of nepotism, corruption and appeasement. Addressing a party rally here, the BJP president said, "There are NDA governments in 20 states in India and BJP governments in 13 states. We are the largest representative party in the country."



BJP claims Tamil Nadu liquor fraud worth Rs 1,000 crore

Delhi: The BJP has accused the Tamil Nadu government, led by Chief Minister MK Stalin, of a Rs 1,000-crore liquor fraud through the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation. The ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam DMK denies the BJP's assertions that

Enforcement Directorate raids have revealed massive financial irregularities. The BJP further claimed that CM Stalin is spreading falsehoods regarding the three-language policy and other national problems to distract from the fraud. DMK presented the Tamil Nadu Budget

2025-26 in the state Assembly on the same day as the claims. Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu announced welfare investments in women's bus fare-free travel, job creation, and infrastructure. The Opposition All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam

AIADMK and BJP have increased their demand for an official explanation of the ED's findings. BJP leader Amit Malaviya accused CM Stalin of spreading rumors regarding the three-language scheme and the National Education scheme to detract attention.

Cleanliness is service campaign will run across the country from September 17: Manohar Lal

Chandigarh: Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal held a meeting on Seva Pakhwada at the Bharatiya Janata Party office Karna Kamal in Kamal on Sunday. After this, while talking to the journalists, he said that Seva Pakhwada will be celebrated across the country from 17 September to 2 October. During this, 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign will be run by his department Urban Development.

Under this, the cleanliness of the cities will be done and the MLAs and public representatives themselves will also take charge of some places. Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal said that 17 September is the birthday of the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and 2 October is also the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. Along with this, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's birthday also falls on 25 September.

Opposition to Maratha reservation intensifies

The organizations say that the protest will be held

Protest

OBC-Banjara and Adivasi organizations have prepared for a protest

Jalna: The protest against Maratha reservation has intensified in Maharashtra. OBC-Banjara and Adivasi organizations have prepared for a protest in Jalna district against the government order issued to grant reserva-



tion to Marathas. The organizations say that the protest will be held until the state government withdraws the Maratha reservation GR. The implementation of the Hyderabad gazette allowing mem-

bers of the Maratha community to obtain Kunbi caste certificate and quota will have a profound impact on scheduled castes, tribes and other backward classes. Kunbi, an agrarian communi-

ty, is part of the OBC category in Maharashtra. Sandesh Chavan, president of Banjara organization Gor Sena, said that we were classified as Scheduled Tribes and received reservation in Hyderabad state. We want our equal rights to be restored. A 32-year-old Banjara graduate resident of Dharashiv committed suicide on Saturday. He left behind a note demanding ST reservation.

Maha has a two-year farm loan forgiveness ban

Delhi: In light of Maharashtra's financial problems, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar claimed his administration cannot waive farmers' loans. Farmers should repay without the waiver, he said. The Maharashtra government rejected to increase Ladli Bahena cash support for poor women from Rs 1500 to Rs 2,000. Agriculture debt waivers should not be delayed, according to Finance Minister Pawar. We can't waive farmer loans since

money is needed to do anything. Farm loans should be repaid immediately. "I never pledged to waive the farmer loan after taking office. Our party election manifesto didn't include it. The finance minister said farm loan waiver is impossible. The Ladli Bahena project will enhance financial aid for poor women, but not quickly, according to Ajit Pawar. We can raise funds anytime since we're elected for five years. We're employing numerous resources.

Govt. is committed to make the state a leader in the field of education: Saini

Education system has been strengthened to fulfill the vision of a developed nation by the year 2047: CM

Employment

10 new IMTs will be established, lakhs of youth will get employment: CM Saini



state government is committed to make Haryana a leading state in the field of education. The target has been set to fully implement the new National Education Policy in the state by the year 2025. The government will establish 10 new IMTs in the state,

which will provide employment opportunities to lakhs of youth of the state. During the last ten and a half years, the government has given government employment to one lakh 80 thousand youth on the basis of merit without any slip or expenditure.

Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini was addressing the gathering as the chief guest in the program organized on the occasion of the 75th foundation year of the local Saini Educational Institution. He congratulated and wished the educational institution for its commendable contribution in the field of education with dedication. He said that the educational institution has completed 75 glorious years of spreading the light of education.

Rupee closed with a weakness of 11 paise against the dollar

New Delhi. After showing gains for two consecutive days, the Indian currency rupee today weakened against the dollar. It is believed that due to the rise in the price of crude oil and the increase in the demand for the dollar, the pressure on the rupee increased today. After facing fluctuations in the currency market throughout the day, the Indian currency today closed at 87.07.

Heavy rain in Himachal, National Highway collapsed in Chamba

Shimla. The monsoon's devastating rains in Himachal Pradesh are not stopping. Heavy rainfall was recorded in some places of the state from Sunday night to morning. Dharamshala in Kangra district recorded the highest rainfall of 232 mm. Palampur recorded 126 mm, Murari Devi area of 79 mm and Sundarnagar and Jogindernagar recorded 77 mm rainfall. The cap-



ital Shimla also received heavy rainfall at night and clouds have been camping since morning. Due to continuous rain, rivers and streams are overflowing and incidents of landslides are increasing. The Meteorological Department has also

issued a yellow alert for heavy rainfall in seven districts Hamirpur, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmour on Sunday. The department has warned that there is a possibility of thunderstorms and lightning along with heavy rains in these districts. However, it is predicted that the speed of monsoon will slow down from 15 to 20 September and light to moderate rainfall is expected in most parts.

India-Pakistan match draws ire: Opposition terms it betrayal

NEW DELHI: The India-Pakistan Asia Cup match in Dubai has become a political battlefield even before the first ball is bowled, with opposition parties condemning the match while the government defending it as a sporting necessity. Shiv Sena (UBT) workers staged "sindoor" protests in Maharashtra and urged citizens to boycott the game, calling it an insult to soldiers and victims of the Pahalgam terror attack. Former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal questioned whether the match was "also being done under Trump's pressure." Meanwhile, Shiv Sena Shinde-faction defended the match pointing to Congress-era when "international cricket matches were played between India and Pakistan even when relations were tense." Cricket fans, however, remain divided over the issue, as some believe that the match shouldn't take place given that "such a big incident took place in our country." The Opposition is



VB accuses Majithia in 40,000-page chargesheet

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

against India's participation in the Asia Cup match against Pakistan

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

primarily because they view it as a betrayal of national sentiment.

CHENNAI: A Pocol court in Chennai has sentenced a 48-year-old hotel worker to 20 years in prison for repeatedly sexually assaulting his 15-year-old stepdaughter, relying on medical evidence and a tuition teacher's testimony even after the survivor and her mother retracted their statements. At trial, the survivor told the court she had misunderstood her stepfather and her mother supported that claim. The accused denied the charges, casting doubt on whether the case could be proved. Special public prosecutor S Anitha pressed ahead, presenting the

survivor's earlier statement along with the examining doctor's report attesting injuries consistent with her allegations. The tutor stood by his testimony. Anitha cited a recent Supreme Court ruling that in Pocol cases, courts are not bound to insist on direct testimony when corroborative medical evidence exists. The court found the man guilty of abusing the girl over at least two years, starting when she was 13. On the day of the assault that triggered the case, he attacked her after school while her younger sister was at home. Her mother was

working at an exhibition. During Pongal holidays in Jan 2021, the girl told her mother she was in pain and disclosed the abuse. When confronted, the stepfather abandoned the family and never returned. With no income and witnessing her mother crying often, the girl stopped talking about what had happened. Her silence ended when she confided in her tutor, who held free evening classes for local children. He reported the case to Childline, which alerted police. The girl was placed in a govt home for children in need of protection until she

It is like rubbing salt on our wounds'

BHUBANESWAR: On April 22, Priyadarshini Satpathy from Odisha's Balasore lost her husband, Prashant, to terrorists' bullets in Pahalgam. Less than five months later, India taking on Pakistan in Dubai Sunday felt like salt in her wounds, she said. "If not for us, the match should have been cancelled in memory of

jawns who are sacrificing their lives on the border." Social media was awash with hashtags like #BoycottIndVsPak and #NationFirst, as many fans decided not to watch the match in solidarity with the Pahalgam victims. Odisha Congress president Bhakta Charan Das said on X, "I boycott

today's #IndiaVsPakistan cricket match in solidarity with the families of Pahalgam terror attack victims." Motivational speaker Vivekananda Mohapatra said, "The question that resonates across Odisha and beyond is whether blood and cricket can flow together. The question reflects the deep intertwining of cricket.

India moves towards record Rs 2 lakh crore deal for 114 Rafale

The defence ministry has begun examining a proposal from the Indian Air Force (IAF) to procure 114 "Made in India" Rafale fighter jets in collaboration with French manufacturer Dassault Aviation and Indian aerospace firms. Estimated to be worth over Rs 2 lakh crore, with more than 60 percent indigenous content, the mega deal is expected to be taken up by the Defence Procurement Board, headed by the Defence Secretary, in the coming weeks, officials told ANI. Once cleared, the proposal will move to the Defence Acquisition Council for final approval. The new acquisition would take the number of Rafales in India's arsenal to 176, adding to the



36 already inducted by the IAF and 36 ordered for the Indian Navy under separate government-to-government agreements. Officials noted that the move follows the Rafale's strong performance during Operation Sindoor, where the aircraft reportedly outclassed Chinese PL-15 air-

to-air missiles using its advanced Spectra electronic warfare suite. The Indian-built jets are expected to feature longer-range air-to-ground missiles than the Scalp used in Pakistan strikes. Dassault plans to establish a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility for

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

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

Rafale's M-88 engines in Hyderabad, complementing an existing maintenance.

Woman killed by leopard in Bijnor, 4th victim in 12 days

BIJNOR: A 36-year-old woman, Meera Devi, was killed in a leopard attack at Issepur village near Najibabad town here Sunday. This is the fourth fatal attack suspected by the same animal in the past 12 days, and the 36th in the last two-and-a-half years in the district. Angry villagers took the body to the office of Najibabad divisional forest officer (DFO) and held a protest, demanding immediate capture of the felines. Police swiftly arrived and pacified the crowd. Meera Devi was collecting fodder in her



field when the leopard emerged from a nearby sugarcane field and pounced on her. Her husband and children, who were working nearby, rushed to her rescue, but by the time they arrived, Meera succumbed to her injuries, and the leopard

disappeared. Sub-divisional forest officer Gyan Singh confirmed the incident, stating, "We have found pug-marks of the leopard. We are trying to track it down. This is the fourth such incident within a radius of 3km."

Man abducted in road rage incident, rescued from Khedkar's home

NAVI MUMBAI: Rabale police have filed an FIR following a road rage case in which the helper of a cement mixer was kidnapped by a person driving an SUV which brushed past the vehicle on Mulund-Airoli road on Saturday evening. DCP (Zone 1) Pankaj Dahane said the SUV was in the name of Puja Automobiles, which is registered at the address of suspended IAS officer Puja Khedkar's bungalow in Pune. The helper was rescued from Khedkar's Aundh Road bungalow, said Rabale senior inspector Balkrushna Sawant. However, when police later went to the bungalow, they found it locked, said senior inspector Uttam Bhajnwale of Chaturungi police station. The driver of the SUV is on the run.



"We have summoned the SUV owner," Sawant said. The complainant, Vilas Dhengre (53), who owns the cement mixer, told police that his driver Chandkumar Chavan had told him that the SUV had grazed his vehicle at a traffic signal on Mulund-Airoli bridge. Following an argument, the SUV driver told the truck's cleaner, Prahlad Kumar (22), to accompany him to Rabale police station. Around 8.30pm on Saturday, Chavan contacted.

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.

Some mysteries need to be actively cracked, but some solve themselves with time. There has been constant speculation about Agatha Christie's India connection. One question has recurred over the years, but has never really been accurately answered: did Agatha Christie ever visit India? The internet and popular belief will state that she did not. I, too, had often puzzled over how Christie, a world traveller, had never actually been to India. In fact, in a video in 2021, I had even concluded that



she indeed hadn't. Until one cool but sunny Easter day in Wales. In March 2024, I met Christie's grandson, Mathew Prichard, and his lovely wife Lucy, at their charming home in Wales. Prichard, now in his 80s, had been

very close to his grandmother. It was a memorable day, but it turned momentous when Mathew showed me Christie's personal memorabilia — her passports, her first typed and edited manuscripts, rare photos,

her camera, and her last portrait painting, which hung on one of the walls of his house. When Mathew signed and gifted me a copy of his grandmother's latest biography, I also realised what a mammoth task he had been entrusted with — to preserve her legacy, and how he had upheld that trust: a proud grandson of the Queen of Crime. It was when I mentioned how strange it was that Christie had never visited India, that he glanced at me with a twinkle in his blue eyes, and said, "Oh, but she

did!" I was startled. This was contrary to all that we believed. A few minutes later, as I skimmed through the numerous black-and-white, well-preserved photos, I found some that made my heart race — pictures of Christie with a garland, descending from an Indian Airlines plane.

Here, finally, was the missing link to a long-standing puzzle. Mathew Prichard (also in photo right), who's settled the India question once and for all, with his grandmother Agatha Christie.

Mystery of Agatha Christie's India story finally solved

Road crash: BMW rams motorcycle near Delhi Cantt; finance ministry official

NEW DELHI: A senior official of the Union finance ministry died and three others, including his wife, were injured after a BMW allegedly rammed into his motorcycle near Delhi Cantonment metro station on Ring Road on Sunday, police said, PTI reported. The deceased was identified



as Navjot Singh, deputy secretary in the department of economic affairs and a resident of Hari Nagar. According to police, Singh was riding the motorcycle with his wife on the pillar when the luxury car hit them from behind. Police said they received multiple PCR calls in the after-

noon about a traffic jam near metro pillar number 67 on the Dhola Kuan-Delhi Cantt stretch. On reaching the spot, they found a BMW lying sideways and the motorcycle near the divider. Eyewitnesses told police a woman was driving the car at the time of the crash.

UP will get global recognition through AI biotech, green energy and agritech based industries

Lucknow. The Uttar Pradesh government under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is preparing a concrete action plan to realize the 'Developed Uttar Pradesh-Samartha Uttar Pradesh @2047' vision. In this framework, emphasis has been laid on three missions - holistic development, economic leadership and cultural renaissance and three themes - economic power, creation power and life power. The Chief Minister is of the clear opinion that Uttar Pradesh's global identity cannot be achieved in the next 22 years without focusing on future-oriented industries. For this, the government's special focus is on AI, biotech, green energy and agritech based industries. Along with this, the government is busy preparing the outline of the future industries through 12 major sectors of the state (agriculture, industrial development, IT and emerging tech, health, education, social welfare, urban and rural development, sustainable development, livestock, tourism, infrastructure and security-good governance). The economic goal of this comprehensive blueprint is to make the state an economy of 1 trillion dollars by 2030 and 6 trillion dollars by 2047. Challenges before 2017.



Out of this, investments worth Rs 15 lakh crore have already been implemented.2017-2025

This had a direct impact on industry and trade and the state could become a safe haven for investment. This is the reason why in the UP Global Investors Summit held in 2023, renowned companies from India and abroad have proposed to invest more than Rs 45 lakh crore in UP. Out of this, investments worth Rs 15 lakh crore have already been implemented.2017-2025: Global Capability Centres and Tech InvestmentUP has taken the initiative to make cities like Noida and Lucknow the new hub of international companies by implementing the Global Capability Centre (GCC) policy. The policy aims to attract Fortune 500 companies to develop high-paying jobs, high-value services like R&D, data analytics and cybersecurity in the state. The land, tax exemptions and infrastructure facilities provided by the state government have further strengthened the confidence of domestic and foreign investors.Industries of the future: New economic arteries of UPThe state is now making future industries like artificial intelligence (AI), biotech, renewable energy, agritech.

UP was counted among the sick and backward states in the race of development.

Before 2017, Uttar Pradesh was counted among the sick and backward states in the race of development. The confidence of investors was low due to the weakness of the security system, unsafe environment for investment, lack of high-tech infrastructure and absence of skill development. Due to the lack of police empowerment and smart monitoring structure, control over crime was loose. This was the reason that both employment and industry had stagnated at a limited level. Even most of the entrepreneurs had migrated to other states.2017-2025: A new era of good governance and securityThe Yogi government has brought about massive reforms in law and order since 2017. Police recruitment and modernisation, smart surveillance networks, command-and-control centres and stringent action against criminals have completely transformed the security environment of the state. Initiatives like 'Operation Conviction' have increased the conviction rate.

Dragged from home and beaten for refusing to make corrections in Aadhaar card

Prayagraj. A case has come to light in Daraganj police station area of dragging from home and beating for refusing to make corrections in Aadhaar card in Jan Seva Kendra. Not only this, he was threatened with a gun and knife that if he complains to the police, he will have to lose his life. The incident is of 24 May.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji holding a review meeting of the Cooperative Department at his official residence.

Student dies of electric shock while plugging inverter in industrial area

Prayagraj: A 23-year-old competitive student died of electric shock on Sunday in Yadav Basti of Mungari village located in Naini industrial area. When the family members rushed to the spot, the young man had already died. The family members



cremated the body without informing the police. The death of the

young man created a ruckus in the house. Arjun Yadav, a resident of Yadav Basti in Mungari village of Industrial Police Station area, has three sons. Father Arjun is a farmer. The eldest son Ashwani Yadav, 23, was preparing for competitive

exams. In the morning, he started plugging in the inverter at home. At that very moment, he got caught in the electric shock. Due to which he died. When he fell on the ground, the family members heard the sound of something falling.

Bharatendra Tripathi honored with Best Teacher Award



Award

□ All the teachers congratulated him on being honored with the Best Teacher

Prayagraj. Assistant Teacher Bharatendra Kumar Tripathi of Upper Primary School Sujona Jasra Prayagraj was honored in the Dr. Radhakrishnan Best Teacher Award Ceremony organized by Non-Government Self-Financed School Federation Uttar Pradesh at BBS Inter College Gohari Phaphamau Prayagraj. Teacher MLA Dr. Babulal Tiwari honored him by garlanding him, putting a shawl on him and giving him a certificate. He praised his efforts

in the school and encouraged him to do excellent work in the field of continuous education. On this occasion, Joint Director of Education Secondary RN Vishwakarma, District School Inspector Prayagraj PN Singh, Co-convenor of BJP Training Campaign Uttar Pradesh Dr. Shailesh Kumar Pandey along with hundreds of teachers were present as special guests. District President of Junior High School Teachers Association Vinod Kumar Pandey and General Secretary Rajendra Anuragi along with all the teachers congratulated and wished him on being honored with the Best Teacher Award.

Minister Dr. Sanjay Kumar Nishad reviewed the schemes by meeting with the officials

Developed

□ He threw light on the outline and objectives of Developed India, 2047'

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Gazipur. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Nishad, Minister, Fisheries Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, National President, Nishad Party's district tour program and meeting with officials and press conference with media representatives was completed. This program reached the

guest house of Public Works Department and conducted departmental review by meeting the officers union and directed the officials to provide the government schemes to every eligible person who is at the lower level of the society. He said that no eligible person should be deprived of the impor-

tant schemes of the government.

Everyone should be given benefits. He threw light on the outline and objectives of Developed India, Capable Uttar Pradesh-Developed Uttar Pradesh 2047 and said that suggestions are expected from every area on how to make Uttar

Pradesh a developed state. When the state develops, the country will develop. Suggestions have been invited by the government through various online mediums. He appealed to the people of the district that they can register their suggestions by scanning the QR code. Chief Development Officer Santosh Kumar Vaishya, Additional District Magistrate Finance Revenue Dinesh Kumar, Sub-District Magistrate Sadar, Area Officer Sadar and other officials and media friends were present in the meeting.

Plastic surgery of the student who cut his private part, condition out of danger



Prayagraj. The competitive student who cut his private part in the desire to become a girl was operated in the plastic surgery department on Saturday. During this, the damaged part was repaired. The teenager is now completely out of danger, but the psychiatry department will counsel him about what thoughts are going on in his mind about changing his gender. No one can even dream of causing such a big

harm to oneself in the desire to change gender, but this teenager has crossed all limits. Due to which now the doctors are also taking every step forward very

cautiously. On Friday, this case was referred to the plastic surgery department from the surgery department of Swaroopnani Nehru Hospital. Where the

head of the department Mohit Jain first saved the life of the teenager by performing surgery on the injured part of the private part on Saturday. This operation lasted for two hours. In which the work of healing the wound was done by taking flesh from the boy's thigh. After this operation, the risk of bleeding and infection at the wound site has ended, but now the teenager has to decide in which gender he wants to

spend his life ahead. For this, the teenager will be counseled in several stages by the psychiatry department. Only after which the further process will be done. The teenager's counseling will last for about 15 days. The teenager's life was saved by doing plastic surgery at the wound in his private part. After this surgery, the risk of bleeding and infection has reduced. Now counseling will be done for which gender the

teenager has to spend his life ahead. Only after which something can be said. - Dr. Mohit Jain, Head of Department, Plastic Surgery Department, Moti Lal Nehru Medical College. The student writhing in pain said - I want to remain a boy. After cutting his private part in the desire to become a girl, the student now writhing in pain says that let me remain a boy. I do not want to become a girl.

Lunar eclipse :Three hours and 28 minutes, it will be visible in entire India

It is mandatory to install CCTV cameras in Durga Puja pandals

Kaushambi: A meeting was called on Sunday evening at Kada Dham police station regarding the upcoming Sharadiya Navratri and Dussehra festival. In the meeting held under the chairmanship of Sub-District Magistrate Sirathu Yogesh Kumar Gaur and Area Magistrate Sirathu Satyendra Prasad Tiwari, many important instructions were given regarding security during the festival. Instructions were given to change the time of



opening and closing of the doors of Shaktipeeth Kada Dham Mata Temple on the festival of Navratri, to install cameras on the Kaleshwar Ghat to Temple road, Sharifabad to Kada Dham road, Mandi Samiti Barrier road and

other places. Executive Officer Dinesh Kumar Singh was also directed to keep the cleanliness system in the Dham premises in order during the festival. In the meeting, it was made mandatory to install CCTV cameras in all the 73 Durga Puja pan-

dals of the police station area. Also, each committee was directed to appoint five volunteers who will work in coordination with the police from idol installation to immersion. Clear instructions were given regarding DJ that only two sound boxes will be allowed to be used. There will be a complete ban on provocative songs and idol immersion will take place only at designated places. Strictest action has been ordered against idol immersion

in the Ganga river. SHO Dharendra Singh said that the committees which do not have permission should take permission from the SDM. In case of dispute, instructions were given to immediately inform the police station. If the road is bad in the area or there are problems related to electricity, then the administration was asked to be informed. In the meeting, detailed discussions were also held about the historic Dussehra fair and

Kuppi war to be held in Daranagar and the Ramlila to be staged in Alipurjita and Sultanpur Kasar villages. In this meeting, chairman representative Arun Kesharwani, Panda Samaj President Tinku Panda, former president Uday Narayan Pandey, Pradhan Sangh President Kada Anil Sharma, Jugesh Panda, Jagdish Yadav, Siyambar Panda, Shyamu Agrahari, Atul Srivastava, Anoop Panda, Dirgaj.

Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel will be in the city today

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Prayagraj. Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel will attend the Prayagraj program today on Monday. After that she will attend

the convocation program organized at Professor Rajendra Singh University. The Governor will go to the residence of Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi in Bahadurganj.

Change of Name

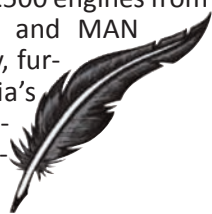
I, Anju Lata, R/o- Village: Mandore, Jagatpur, Prayagraj, U.P.-221505. My daughter's date of birth is wrongly written as 20-10-2009 and my name is also written as Anju Lata in the school records (Central Academy, Sarai Inayat Prayagraj). Her correct date of birth is 05-04-2012 and my correct name is Anju Lata. Therefore, my daughter's date of birth and my name in the pass certificate of class 10 should be revised in this manner.

Editorial

Emphasising India's reliance on imported technology

It delivered two Ming-class submarines to Bangladesh in 2017, gifted a P625 frigate to Sri Lanka in 2019, and committed to exporting Yuan-class submarines to Thailand. Although the Thai deal encountered difficulties when Germany refused to supply key propulsion components.

Thailand decided to proceed with the acquisition, underscoring China's persistence in maintaining its naval export commitments. Additionally, Pakistan is set to acquire at least eight Hangor-class submarines and other naval equipment from Beijing, further enhancing China's presence in the region. India has increasingly aligned itself with Western naval powers to address maritime challenges through collaborative efforts. France was among its earliest Western partners, and the countries' cooperation has grown stronger over time. India also participates in joint maritime missions with European nations and European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) initiatives such as Operation Atlanta and Aspides. Furthermore, India contributes to significant maritime security dialogues such as the Coordinated Maritime Presence (CMP) and Enhancing Security Cooperation In And With Asia (ESIWA). India's 2023 inclusion in the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), led by the US Central Command, underscores its dedication to enhancing collaborative security in the western Indian Ocean. The IFC-IOR exemplifies India's commitment to collective security, even though it remains a preliminary step toward a more robust maritime security framework. Advancing to the next level will require India to engage in the technically complex task of real-time information sharing through secure legal frameworks beyond Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT). The Quad's Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) initiative highlights the challenges in achieving seamless data-sharing capabilities. To counter hybrid threats and protect critical infrastructure, India must prioritise sharing vital intelligence and deploying unmanned systems for coordinated surveillance. Strengthening such partnerships will bolster India's naval capabilities and contribute to broader maritime security across the Indian Ocean Region. The commissioning of new naval platforms marks a significant milestone for India but also highlights persistent challenges, particularly in achieving technological self-reliance in engine manufacturing. Although the INS Surat, INS Nilgiri, and INS Vagsheer were designed by India's Warship Design Bureau and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, their engines were procured from foreign manufacturers, exposing a critical dependence on external sources. INS Surat, the fourth and final ship of the P15B Guided Missile Destroyer Project, employs a Combined Gas Turbine and Gas Turbine (COGAG) propulsion system. This system uses Me6E and DT-59 reversible engines sourced from Ukraine's Zorya Mashproekt, a key supplier for India's frontline warships. Despite the ongoing war in Ukraine, India has continued to rely on Zorya, underscoring the critical nature of this dependence. To secure the supply chain, Bharat Forge acquired a 51 per cent stake in Zorya's India arm in 2023. Similarly, INS Nilgiri, the first ship of the P17A Stealth Frigate Project, launched in 2019, uses a Combined Diesel and Gas (CODAG) propulsion system. This system incorporates LM2500 engines from General Electric in the US and MAN diesel engines from Germany, further emphasising India's reliance on imported technology despite its strong indigenous design capabilities.



Russia's growing dependence on China and US

Russia's growing dependence on China would leave it open to pressure from the latter to withhold arms supplies and spares to India in the event of a wider India-China conflict in the future. Some commentators in India have argued that Russia is a declining power with an uncertain future and that India should therefore strengthen its ties with the West where its true interests lie in terms of economic growth, foreign investment, access to advanced technologies, defence modernisation, democracy links, educational opportunities, diasporic connections, and so on. In this view, India should give up fence-sitting and choose sides more openly. Our media and think tanks generally promote this thinking. Our business community, which is obviously much more linked to the West than to Russia, is not active enough in promoting stronger economic ties with Russia. The reality is that Russia is important to us bilaterally, regionally and internationally. It has stood by us since the mid-1950s when we were under great pressure by the West politically and economically, and indeed, strategically. It provided us with real defence muscle, participated in laying the foundations of our heavy industry, and engaged in space and nuclear cooperation with us. Russia has shared sensitive technologies with us, unlike the West which has imposed technology denial sanctions on us for decades. Russia has never sanctioned us, unlike the Western countries. Russia is the only country which is collaborating with us currently



in setting up nuclear power plants. Expanding our nuclear power sector is becoming more pressing in light of climate change issues. Cooperation in the area of nuclear modular reactors could well be considered. Russia, even after the collapse of the Soviet Union, remains the world's biggest country, with enormous natural resources, self-sufficient in hydrocarbons and food, a formidable nuclear power with powerful delivery systems, a permanent member of the Security Council, with a great tradition of diplomacy, and so on. How many countries in the world have such assets? Should we distance ourselves from such a country? What is our gain in doing that? Russia may have been weakened after the collapse of the Soviet Union, but it still is a formidable international player. As part of broadening the base of our diplomacy to increase our global profile and influence, we are reaching out to a whole host of countries which individually do not play any significant international role, do not possess an

array of resources, are not a source of technologies or major investments. What would be the logic then to draw away from Russia? It is wrong to describe our ties with Russia as "legacy" ties. The sense in which this word is used is equivocal. In reality, these ties continue to serve our interests in many important ways. Russia remains our biggest defence partner even as we diversify. (In fact, even in Soviet times, we procured major defence items from the West, excluding the US, and so diversity in defence supplies is not a new policy). With the end of the Cold War, geopolitical changes, a major reversal of US policies on India, the emergence of Israel as a defence partner, French readiness to engage us in sensitive defence cooperation, many platforms or niche technologies that Russia cannot supply, diversification has been a pragmatic process. In any case, overdependence in any context is not a good option. PM Modi's Moscow visit will be an occasion to take stock of our existing and future defence cooperation in the

context of Russia's preoccupation with the proxy war in Ukraine. Lack of contiguity, inadequate connectivity, transportation handicaps, lack of knowledge of each other's markets and even relative lack.

of interest, institutional handicaps, and the Westward orientation of Russian business until now explain why trade between the two countries has been limited. Today, with Russia under financial sanctions, and its trade ties with the West largely collapsing, including oil and gas trade, Russia has turned eastwards, towards China in a major way but also towards India. Russia has now become the biggest supplier of oil to India and its fertiliser exports to India have grown manifold. Indian exports to Russia have also registered some increase. These positive gains have to be consolidated. Payment issues have to be addressed because of the West's financial sanctions. Connectivity has to be improved with a fuller operation of the International North-South Transport Corridor. These issues will obviously be on the agenda of Putin-Modi talks. In the regional context, India and Russia have reason to coordinate thinking and approaches to Afghanistan under the Taliban. Russia is opening up more to the Taliban than India. As part of consolidating countries in this region, including Pakistan, in formats that would weaken US influence, Russia's approach may not be identical to ours, especially with regard to Pakistan. In a broader geopolitical context, India and

Russia need to harmonise thinking on BRICS expansion. Too large an expansion may give the impression of fostering multipolarity but it can risk making the grouping ineffectual. India and Russia support multipolarity, but Russia's objectives are more directly anti-US than those of India. Russia is locked in a very major confrontation with the US, whereas India's ties with the US have greatly improved. But India too wants a dilution of the West's hegemony, as without it the reform of international institutions and India and other non-Western powers playing a greater role in global governance will not be possible. India also has to manage the Russia-India-China triangle which is now tilted against India with the phenomenal increase in China's power, especially economic, and the Russia-China so-called "no limits" partnership. This partnership is not directed at India but India has to take cognisance of it. Russia, in a bow to China, is against the Indo-Pacific concept and the Quad, which it sees as bloc politics pursued by the US. India, with China's territorial expansionism and its policies in our neighbourhood in mind, calls Quad a public good and is invested in the Indo-Pacific concept. These different perceptions of India and Russia are part of the geopolitical conflicts and power shifts that are occurring and are not fundamental to their ties. If India would have a need for strategic room vis-à-vis the US in preserving its traditional ties with Russia, the same consideration would give it similar room vis-à-vis China t.

The deal will also enable the return of displaced people

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The deal will also enable the return of displaced people in Gaza to return to whatever is left of their homes, and daily delivery of food and other supplies by hundreds of trucks. But things can still go wrong. There can be accidents or attacks from either side, which could break the truce. But even if the guns in Gaza do go silent on Sunday and the ceasefire holds for its intended period, the real challenge will come in the second stage of the agreement, when negotiations for ending the war and return of all remaining hostages would begin. Is Israel ready for a permanent end to the war? And what will stop a Palestinian activist from firing at Israel, given the bitterness in the community after Israel's campaign? There is not a single Palestinian left in Gaza who has not lost a friend or relative at the hands of Israel in this war. The third and final phase will involve the reconstruction of Gaza, whose infrastructure has been destroyed by

the Israeli bombardments. The Arab countries that funded reconstruction in the past will be reluctant to do it this time unless they are sure that Israel will not destroy it again. It is also not clear who will govern Gaza now, as Hamas, even in its much-weakened form, will be unacceptable to both Israel and the United States. How Trump will react in the second and third phases is not possible to predict given his nature. In office, he may act differently. But both Israel and Hamas know that things have dramatically changed over the past 15 months when the current war began with the attack on Israel by the militant group on October 7, 2023. Israel's military response was swift and massive. One by one, it eliminated all the top leaders of Hamas and its ally Hezbollah and destroyed their military infrastructure. This also led to a regime change in Syria, where Bashar Assad was forced to flee the country and seek refuge in Russia. Hezbollah's primary backer.

Decisive increase in funding to accelerate the green energy transition

Abhinav

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

We would also like to see a reduction on GST for engineering equipment and a reduction in import duties on chemicals in India," said Umesh Sood, CEO Simon India Ltd. Sunil Singhvi, President, Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association noted that there is a need for strong policy support to foster growth, drive innovation, and enhance sustainability in the power sector. "One of the main requests is to expand the PLI scheme, which aims to increase domestic production of crucial electrical components necessary for large and essential power projects, such as the advanced High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) systems," he said.

Extension of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for solar energy value chain, increased allocation towards PM Suryaghar Muft Bijlee Yojana, and greater thrust to distribution and transmission infrastructure are likely to be the key features of the upcoming Budget, as far as the energy sector is concerned. Sources said these proposals figured not only in the budget wish lists of the industry, but also in the respective recommendations from the ministries of power and renewable energy to the finance ministry, ahead of the Budget. "Given the success of PM Suryaghar scheme with almost 600,000 installations in just nine months since its launch, one could probably see additional allocation to target more households," said Ashwin Jacob, partner at Deloitte India. "As far as evacuation of power from offshore wind projects is concerned, we would want to see the VGF or budgetary support to continue or get enhanced," he added. "We hope to see a decisive increase in funding to accelerate the green energy transition. Priorities must include scaling renewable energy by addressing grid and transmission challenges, advancing Battery Energy.

The tragedy for the daughter of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Radhika Singh

But some of the mud will stick. That's the tragedy for the daughter of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—even her staunchest supporters admit her chances of ever returning to her motherland look very slim. Not just her niece, several other members of Sheikh Hasina's family are also under investigation for corruption that, some estimates say, totals a mind-boggling \$5 billion. The corruption case is linked to an alleged land grab in Dhaka and, more infamous-

ly, to a Russian-funded nuclear power plant. In 2013, Sheikh Hasina travelled to Moscow to seal the deal and was photographed standing beside President Vladimir Putin, Siddiq, and other members of her family. When questioned about her presence in Moscow, Siddiq tried to explain it as a family event, but the photo was impossible to dismiss. Apart from family, powerful ministers and industry leaders—allegedly with Sheikh Hasina's blessings or blind eye—also cost Bangladesh billions. A white

paper on the economy, presented in Dhaka by a specially appointed finance committee in December, put the cost of corruption across public and private sectors at a staggering sum. Perhaps the most striking was the claim that "illicit financial outflows averaged \$16 billion annually from 2009 to 2023—more than double the combined foreign aid and FDI inflows."

Whether investigations into this immense corruption have yielded documentary evidence or not is open to debate. But for now,

Chief Adviser Mohammed Yunus has made his administration's objective clear. "The theft of billions of dollars in public funds has left Bangladesh with a significant financial deficit," Yunus said in a statement this week. "The funds stolen from Bangladesh belong to its people. We will continue to work with our international partners to ensure that justice is done." Bangladesh's current dispensation has also moved court against Sheikh Hasina on charges of "crimes against humanity."

The highest-paid Indian IT CEO is Vijayakumar of HCLTech

Delhi:

Vijayakumar, CEO of HCLTech, has surpassed \$10 million in pay to become the highest-paid IT CEO in India. For the fiscal year 2024-25, Vijayakumar, who is located in the United States, earned Rs 94.6 crore. This sum included Rs 15.8 crore in base salary, Rs 13.9 crore in performance-linked incentive, Rs 56.9 crore in long-term RSUs, and Rs 1.7 crore in bonus. Among Vijayakumar's contemporaries is K. Krithivasan, CEO of TCS, who, in the fiscal year of 2023-24, received Rs26.5 crore, a rise of 4.6% from the prior year. Salil Parekh, CEO of Infosys, saw a 22% increase to his salary, bringing it to Rs 80.6 crore. Srinivas Pallia, who became CEO of Wipro in April of last year, received Rs 53.6 crore; however, there is no historical data to draw from due to this being his first full year in the position. The company's annual report states



that Vijayakumar's compensation was increased by 7.9% over the previous year. Nonetheless, in the most recent fiscal year, employees (not including managers) saw a 3.1% average compensation increase.

The 2024-25 fiscal year saw Vijayakumar's pay exceeding 662.5 times the median employee compensation. Following the NRC's recommendations, the Board of Directors has renewed Vijayakumar's appointment as Chief Executive Officer and Member of the Board of HCLTech effective September 1, 2018, until March 31, 2030.

Chinese giant Ant to leave Paytm for 3.8k cr

Delhi: A term sheet stated that China's Ant Group will sell its 5.8% share in Paytm in one or more block agreements worth at least Rs 3,800 crore (approximately \$434 million). Alibaba Group's Ant Group (previously Ant Financial) invested in Noida's fintech early on. This deal eliminates Chinese ownership of Paytm. Ant Group would offer 3.7 crore Paytm shares at a floor price of Rs 1,020, a 5.4% discount to NSE closing price of Rs 1,078. Paytm wouldn't comment.

Indian chatGPT market would soon surpass that of the US

Delhi: Users of ChatGPT, whether paid or free, and developers have access to OpenAI's newest AI mode, GPT-5, through the API. The business boasted that GPT-5 boosts reasoning, speed, accuracy, and mathematical prowess. Sam Altman, CEO, spoke at the inauguration about how the Indian market is becoming increasingly important. Among the world's greatest markets, India is second only to the United States, and it has the potential to overtake it, he declared. "The things that people in India are doing with AI are absolutely



astounding." Altman elaborated by saying that OpenAI is collaborating with Indian organizations to make AI more accessible and affordable. His intentions to visit the nation were also confirmed by him. According to OpenAI, GPT-5 is their top model for autonomous coding and

other coding-related tasks. With three sizes to select from—GPT-5, GPT-5-mini, and GPT-5-nano—developers may find the perfect balance between price and performance. The reasoning model in the API is GPT-5, and there is also a lighter, non-reasoning form called GPT-5-chat-latest.

The pilot retirement age of Air India will be raised from 58 to 65 years

Delhi: Those in the know say that Air India has chosen to raise the retirement age for pilots to 65 and for non-flying employees to 60. The airline's current retirement age is 58 years for both pilots and non-flying staff. According to the sources, CEO and MD

Campbell Wilson made the announcement regarding raising the superannuation age during the airline's town hall. A change is being considered to elevate the retirement age of Air India pilots to 65 years and non-flying workers to 60 years. This will

bring their superannuation age in line with that of former Vistara. Air India has not issued any formal statement on the matter. Among the approximately 24,000 employees at Tata Group-owned Air India are approximately 3,600 pilots.

The first universal banking license in ten years has been awarded to India's AU Small Finance Bank

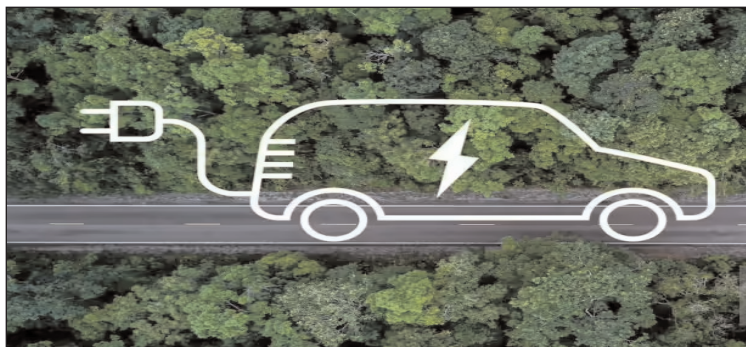


Delhi : India's AU Small Finance Bank (AUFI.NS), The first full-fledged banking license to be issued in nearly a decade was granted 'in-principle' clearance to transition into a universal bank by the banking regulator. The licence will enable AU Small Finance Bank to extend its operations beyond what is now possible for small finance banks, including taking on additional customers, forming subsidiaries, and offering larger loans. In 2014, the country's banking regulator, the Reserve Bank of India, published initial criteria for small financing institutions to become full-fledged banks.

In 2015, the rules were revised to include more specific requirements. These included a net worth of 10 billion rupees (\$114 million), a satisfactory performance history spanning five years, meeting capital requirements, being profitable recently, and having limited non-performing assets. Bandhan Bank, a microfinance institution based in Kolkata, was the last entity to receive such a license from the RBI in 2015. Net profit for the quarter came to 5.81 billion rupees, an increase of 16% year-on-year for AU Small Finance Bank. Gross bad loans as a percentage of total loans were 2.47%, up from 1.78% in the previous year.

The PM E-Drive Scheme Will Be Continued By The Government Until 2028

Delhi : The PM E-DRIVE program, which aims to improve innovative vehicles with electric drive technology, has been given a two-year extension by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI). Due to particular difficulties encountered by e-trucks, e-buses, and testing agencies, the PM E-DRIVE initiative has had to extend its deadline. High starting prices, a lack of charging infrastructure, concerns about range, sluggish charging speeds, and the requirement for professional maintenance and operating skills are all obstacles. Originally scheduled to conclude in March 2026, this program was introduced in 2024. Some time ago, the govern-



ment announced that it would be extended until March 31, 2028. On the other hand, the program's subsidies for electric two- and three-wheelers are set to expire on March 31, 2026. To increase the production, distribution, and use of electric vehicles, as well as their charging infrastructure, the Indian government's

heavy industries ministry unveiled PM E-DRIVE with a budget of INR 10,900 Cr. The Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS-2024) was superseded by it. According to the notice, March 31, 2026, will be the last day for registered e-2W, registered e-rickshaws and e-cart, and registered e-3W.

Amazon shuts down Wondery podcast studio, lays off employees

Delhi: As reported by Bloomberg News, Amazon is reportedly reorganizing its audio division and will close its Wondery podcast studio, resulting in the loss of around 110 positions. This shift away from the internet giant's initial podcasting goals is a strategic move in response to industry-wide difficulties. As the Wondery team reorganizes to concentrate on personality-driven content (like the hit Jason and Travis podcast) and a new "creator services" group.

Delhi : According to US President Donald Trump, Apple has pledged to invest a total of \$600 billion in the US over the next four years, with an extra \$100 billion already committed. This, according to Trump, is "the greatest investment Apple has made in America," and he made the announcement at the White House with Apple CEO Tim Cook. Trump further by saying, "Apple will significantly boost spending on its domestic supply chain," referring to a new glass manufacturing plant in Kentucky that will be



utilized to create iPhone screens. Trump wasted little time claiming credit for Apple's February announcement that it would invest over \$500 billion in the US and employ 20,000 people. It expands upon previous announcements made in 2021, when Steve Jobs's business

stated its intention to invest \$430 billion in the nation and create 20,000 new jobs within the next five years. "In 24 factories across 12 states, American manufacturers are on track to make 19 billion chips for Apple this year alone," Cook stated in the Oval Office. The investment

US duty hike hurts JLR, Tata Motors Q1 profit

Delhi: Tata Motors' cash cow, Jaguar Land Rover, suffered a 30% drop in earnings due to US President Donald Trump's tariffs.

Outgoing JLR CEO Adrian Mardell expects new trade deals signed between the US and the UK, effective June 30, and between the EU and US, announced July 27, reducing tariffs on UK- and EU-made vehicles exported to America from 27.5% to 10% and 15%, respectively, to reduce the financial impact of US tariffs in subsequent quarters. JLR operating profit fell 49% to 351 million pounds or Rs 4,130 crore in Q1FY26. JLR, purchased by Tata Motors in June 2008, reduced revenue by 10% to 6.6 billion pounds or Rs 77,662 crore in April after halting exports to the US for nearly a month in reaction to Trump's tariffs and phasing out older Jaguar models



Mahindra to give Rs 400-500 cr ESOPs to 23,000 employees

Delhi: The group CEO and MD of Mahindra & Mahindra, Anish Shah, announced a first for the industry: a one-time Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) for about 23,000 employees, including factory floor workers. This is a reward for their role in the company's growth journey. Shah announced that the effort would encompass all three of Mahindra's main subsidiaries: Mahindra & Mahindra (car and agriculture industries), Mahindra Electric Automobile, and Mahindra Last Mile Mobility. For a huge Indian corporation to offer ESOPs to factory employees is unprecedented, if not unprecedented altogether. Restricted stock units (RSUs) will be used to distribute the shares. Since these ESOPs are open to all employees, it is something of which I am both pleased and proud of our company's culture.

built in the UK. With revenues roughly 25% of JLR's, the US is its biggest

Minimum balance for savings accounts at ICICI Bank increased

Delhi : The average minimum balance for new savings accounts created after August 1st, 2018 at ICICI Bank is now Rs 50,000, up from Rs 10,000. The majority of public sector banks are removing the minimum balance requirement, which coincides with this five-fold growth. The move by the second-largest private bank in the nation has been heavily criticized. Though it chose not to comment, ICICI Bank has updated its qualifying criteria and posted them on its website. The remaining balance is Rs 25,000 in semi-urban areas and Rs 10,000 in rural areas. The minimum balance requirement was last increased by the bank more than ten years ago. The income per capita has increased by over 100% since that time. Failure to maintain the minimum



Samsung may make India a US hub amid rising tariffs

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

amount will result in a penalty of Rs 500, which is equivalent to 6% of the difference between the required and actual balance. The action by ICICI

Bank, which many bankers found puzzling, seemed, at first glance, to be an attempt to weed out low-value customers. Multinational banks

Demand for jobs in rural areas plummets as rain sends many people back to the fields

Delhi : July saw a 10-month drop in demand for rural jobs under India's flagship state employment program. This could be due to seasonal swings or early indications of



economic resiliency in rural areas, as the monsoon season sent millions of workers back to the fields. Statistics from the Ministry of Rural Development show that in July, around 16.6 million families applied for jobs through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Following June's 27.56 million, May's 28.38 million, and April's 20.12 million, that's a precipitous decline.

Agricultural activity associated with kharif sowing temporarily draws manpower from public works, causing a normal mid-year dip, which is reflected in the July decline. The seasonality of farm output is reflected in the demand for government-backed jobs in rural areas, which is further highlighted by the fall. However, there are significant regional differences and certain states' persistent dependence on MGNREGA that are not reflected in the national headline figures.

Clinic workers in Mohalla seek help from High Court

Delhi : A writ suit has been filed in the Delhi High Court by staff members of Delhi's Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinics (AAMCs) seeking relief from their ongoing job instability and inconsistent salary payments. In their petition, the healthcare initiative's doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and paramedics detail the difficulties they encounter on the job. The staffers have asked the court to rule against the "arbitrary removal" of current employees and to make sure that salaries are paid on time and consistently. Many employees are in emotional and financial pain because their salaries have been postponed for months, according to the petition. The AAMC staff is becoming increasingly dissatisfied with their employment security and the lack of openness from the administration, and this high court appeal arrives days before a similar file before the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT). Healthcare Workers



Soon, borewells will be regulated, the assembly was informed.

Delhi : The minister of water in Delhi, Parvesh Verma, recently said that the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) is forming an enforcement squad to bring an end to the city's widespread illegal borewells and will shortly unveil a lucid and realistic plan to regularize them. Water supply difficulties in unlicensed colonies, borewell sealing, and the water crisis as a whole will

be handled by the strategy, he claimed. During his speech in the Delhi assembly, Singh mentioned that borewells are now being sealed according to standards set by the NGT. He also mentioned that the proposed policy would make it possible to regularize them when necessary. In response to BJP MLA Jitendra Mahajan's worries over declining groundwater levels. Mohalla Clinics, both confirmed that many staff members have been effectively driven into forced unemployment.

By the end of 2027, the PM's residential complex will be completed

Delhi : The Prime Minister's Residential Complex (Executive Enclave-2), which is now under development as part of the Central Vista rejuvenation project, is expected to be completed by the end of 2027, according to authorities from the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). Originally scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024, the project was one of several Central Vista projects that were tender-issued in August 2022. Undoubtedly, the new V-P enclave and Parliament building, which are also components of the Central Vista renovation, were postponed by over a year.



The "sensitive nature" of the Executive Enclave-2 project was the reason MoHUA authorities would not disclose its development cost. The Control Room. Someone in a position of authority has confirmed that a command and control center will be established to oversee the safety and accessibility of the Central Vista Boulevard, which encompasses the Kartavya Path, the C-Hexagon surrounding the India Gate, and the Yuga Yugeen Museum (the latter of which will take the place of the North and South block buildings).

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

Delhi: The Delhi government may soon eliminate the need for a health trade license from the civic body to build restaurants and cafés in the city to enhance the hospitality sector. At the "Expresso" Lt Governor V K Saxena announced the city's

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

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

At DDA's 'luxury' residences in Dwarka, residents deal with dripping pipes and crumbling walls

Delhi : Resident expectations for the comfort and amenities promised by a luxury building were high when they moved into their new flats at Golf View Condos, a premium Delhi building Authority (DDA) housing complex in Dwarka, around nine months ago. Leaky plumbing, crumbling plaster, defective wiring, and unfinished construction quickly ruined that promise. Even though they paid more than ₹2 crore for the houses, the buyers claim they are now spending even more money to make their apartments habitable. A resident who bought a flat for ₹3 crore three months ago and moved in three months ago



said that troubles started the day he took ownership. Seepage in the walls, malfunctioning wiring, and missing doors were all issues. In order to convert the property into what it was intended to be, he had to spend an additional ₹30 lakh on repairs and upgrades. Citing an absence of supervision, he also paid

for private security cameras to be installed in his building. According to another tenant, the redoing of the wiring and plumbing makes it practically impossible to move in without investing an additional 20 lakh. You need to dismantle the walls and replace the fundamental fixtures.

A New Blood Donor App Is Coming Soon to Delhi

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

Promotion of legal services using social media platforms through a lens

Delhi : Lawyers promoting their legal services on social media have been "cautioned" by the Bar Council of Delhi, who recently issued a warning claiming that this activity violates professional ethics and devalues the legal profession. "Bar Council of Delhi has observed that many lawyers are indulging in posting content and videos to solicit work by way of advertisement, either directly or indirectly, through circulars advertising personal interactions,



interviews and producing their photographs to publish in connection with the cases, etc." according to the BCD notice. Section 36 of the Bar Council of India Rules forbids the practices described in the notice, which highlight the proliferation of unqualified legal influencers who are disseminating false information on important legal matters.

According to this part of the code of ethics, lawyers are not allowed to advertise or solicit clients in any way, shape, or form. The notice cautioned that the rule in question constitutes serious misconduct, and that advocates who violate it may face disciplinary proceedings . under section 35 of the Advocates Act, which authorizes the suspension or revocation of their license to practice law.

DTC revives Shadipur housing project, submits layout

Delhi: The Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) has submitted the layout plan for the long-delayed redevelopment of its Shadipur staff housing society to the Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC) for approval, reviving a project that had been stalled for over two years due to bureaucratic delays. The Shadipur redevelopment is one of two DTC land monetisation projects, together with a Hari Nagar housing society, to generate cash from underutilized land assets. The Shadipur layout has been submitted and should be approved soon. Previously delayed financial approvals will also come in, said a DTC official. Both projects were delayed due to the non-formation of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) standing committee, an 18-



member body that approves layout designs and finances. Officials stated the body has not met in almost 30 months, blocking hundreds of citywide redevelopment and infrastructure ideas. As required by the Delhi Master Plan 2021, the redeveloped Shadipur colony will have five high-rise residential towers with 427 flats and 228 flats for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS). One tower has 4BHK apartments with ground plus 30 storeys and four towers.

Lease over 35,000 sqm of DMRC office space to generate non-fare earnings

Delhi: Officials stated the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is leasing more than 35,000 square metres of office space across various unoccupied premises. Officials said the walk-in, first-come-first-served space is part of a larger push to boost non-fare revenue. The DMRC's IT Park near Shastri Park Metro station on the Red Line houses.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi will seek pvt companies in an effort to expand tax base

Delhi : In an effort to increase its property tax collection, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is reportedly planning to hire private operators to help it find homes that are not yet included in its tax database. An RFP is almost ready to be released in the next few weeks to select agencies that want the lowest share of revenue, according to a senior official from the MCD. Civic agencies in Odisha and Jodhpur have tested this concept, according to the official, and it is now



being adjusted for Delhi's specific circumstances. Private companies will scour the city for properties that are not subject to taxes, according to the proposed concept. The operator will receive a share of the tax revenue from these units once they are identified by the civic authority. The request for proposals is nearly complete. Increased revenue collection while strict adherence to regulations is the goal. The official stated that

although private agencies will be responsible for property identification, the accessor and collector department of MCD is the sole authority to issue tax notices.

Shops and commercial establishments in Delhi are now able to hire women for night shifts

Delhi: With the government lifting long-standing prohibitions under the Delhi shops and Establishments Act, women in Delhi can now lawfully work night shifts in stores and commercial establishments. The initiative, according to Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, would increase the number of women working and broaden the city's potential as an economy that works around the clock. The government intends to change the 1954 Act's Sections 14, 15, and 16, which ban women from working during night hours (summer: 9 pm to 7 am, winter: 8 pm to 8 am). Businesses will be able to hire women for 24/7 operations.

although private agencies will be responsible for property identification, the accessor and collector department of MCD is the sole authority to issue tax notices.

MCD panel to include NGOs in expedited dog sterilization efforts

Delhi: After its inaugural meeting, the community dog subcommittee announced its intention to examine current regulations that are impeding sterilization efforts and to approach the Delhi and central governments for assistance in removing these procedural barriers. The group



will convene again to discuss

strategies and tactics with the help of non-governmental organizations and those who feed animals. Its objective is to deliver its final recommendations in a month's time. According to Satya Sharma, chair of the standing committee, the MCD is determined to find long-term, compassionate

ate solutions to the problems caused by community dogs. With the help of other competent organizations, we will begin a new discourse with NGOs that are currently involved in sterilization. She promised to look into the rules that are causing delays.

HC grants Delhi 10 weeks to address EWS fee violations

Delhi: Delhi High Court ordered the Directorate of Education (DoE) to determine within 10 weeks on a case against various private schools for allegedly charging EWS and DG pupils fees. A panel of chief judge DK Upadhyay and justice Tushar Rao Gedela noticed that the Wazirpur JJ Colony Association had previously sent a representation to DoE on the subject, but the department had not acted on it. The court dismissed the petition and ordered the group to file a new, full representation within four weeks. It further ordered DoE to investigate and respond within 10 weeks of receiving the new representation. In its suit, the group accused numerous Delhi private schools of violating the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, by charging EWS/DG pupils and expelling those who couldn't pay. The RTE Act and Article 21A of the Constitution guar-



Fees will be regulated for all Delhi private schools

Delhi: The minister predicted the passage of the Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Bill, 2025, during the Delhi Assembly's Monsoon Session. He said the bill's largest benefit is halting a "decade of unchecked profiteering" by private institutions through equitable application. A toothless, reactive framework is replaced by a proactive, empowered, and transparent one by this bill. Previously, the DoE could only approve school fee increases under the land clause, but hundreds of smaller private schools raise tuition unchecked. Although parents of larger schools may object, a fee rise of ₹1,000 to ₹1,500 for a small private school in Najafgarh is a 50% increase. This is a significant hardship for that school's parents, yet they rarely complain, Sood added. He claimed that the land clause applies to 350 of 1,443 schools and that the Department of Education .

Aiming for Defacement-Free DUSU Elections with a Rs 1 Lakh Bond

Delhi: In order to enforce order and avoid property damage during the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) election campaigns, the University of Delhi (DU) has released stringent regulations. A fair and disciplined election process is ensured by these new guidelines, which also seek to maintain the cleanliness and decency of the campus atmosphere. A Rs 1 lakh anti-defacement bond is required of all candidates nominated for any position in the DUSU. By posting this bond, the candidate promises that while campaigning, he or she will not engage in any behavior that could cause harm to or vandal-



ize college or university property. The amount of the bond will be lost if it is determined that the candidate or their supporters have violated these restrictions. This technique highlights the gravity of enforcing discipline on campus, much like the anti-ragging affidavit that students sign when they enroll. All academic units are

required by the university to hold orientation and sensitization workshops where students will learn about campus environmental preservation and the electoral code of conduct. By educating the public on the consequences of vandalism and promoting civil protest, these initiatives hope to counteract the problem.

Academics fear FYUP may dilute relevance of UG in DU

Delhi : The academic community in India is concerned that the New Education Policy's (NEP) proposed four-year undergraduate program, FYUP, contains flaws that will lower the bar for higher education in the country. Professor Seema Das of Political Science at Hindu College, Delhi

University, believes that removing four required courses from the three-year bachelor's degree program would significantly water down the curriculum. "Reduction in core papers would not allow a graduating student to master the respective subject," according to Das. When picking up elec-

tives or research papers, it's likely that a select few fields will be favoured. Some classes might end up being scrapped entirely as a result of this, rendering the instructors obsolete. Rajesh Jha, a professor of political science at Rajdhani College, has stated that this might go against the NEP's principles.

With an improved score, Delhi University achieves NAAC's top A++ grade



Delhi : In its most recent round of institutional assessment and accreditation, the University of Delhi was declared to have achieved the highest possible grade of A++ by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) on August 8. The accreditation is effective for five years, until 2029, according to the varsity's statement. The school achieved a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.55. Following DU's A+ rating and 3.28 cumulative grade point average in 2018, Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh extended congratulations to the university's staff, students, alumni, and other stakeholders. He stated that the dramatic uptick was evidence of the university's dedication to excellent teaching, ground-breaking research, and responsible administration. Singh expressed enormous pride for the entire fraternity, stating that obtaining the NAAC A++ grade is a landmark moment in the university's history. Our faculty, students, non-teaching staff, alumni, and all stakeholders have worked tirelessly, and their unfaltering dedication has paid off. He spoke about how it will inspire them to "expand the horizons of excellence in teaching, research, and service to society" by setting even higher standards.

Mid-Entry Window Opens Until August 10; More Than 9,000 Undergraduate Spots Remain Available at Delhi

Delhi : According to the list of open seats issued by the university's admissions division, there are over 9,000 undergraduate seats that are still vacant, thus students who have not yet obtained admission to colleges at Delhi University still have a chance. The institution has opened the mid-entry window for the 2025–26 academic session, giving applicants another chance to apply for undergraduate admissions using the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS). A one thousand rupee (Rs.) non-refundable application fee is due



when submitted via the university portal. Before submitting their applications, students can use this window to see which seats are available, revise their course and college choices, and more. It is important to note that during the mid-entry

window, only candidates who were denied in Round 1 or Round 2 owing to faulty subject mapping, non-fulfillment of program-specific eligibility, or invalid documents will be allowed to fix their subject mapping and edit their preferences.

Irish education minister invites Indians for education, research

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

Test formats between the NEP and the SEP in Tamil Nadu

Delhi : The state of Tamil Nadu has defied the federal government's National Education Policy (NEP) by releasing its own policy on education, which is called the State Education Policy (SEP). When Chief Minister MK Stalin introduced the new strategy, he made it plain: Tamil Nadu's educational system will go its own way. Under Justice Murugesan's leadership, a fourteen-person group developed the Tamil Nadu SEP. This strategy upholds the two-language policy, rejects important NEP provi-



sions, and gives English, science, and artificial intelligence top priority. Up to the tenth grade, Tamil is a requirement for all students, regardless of whether they attend a state-run school or adhere to the CBSE, ICSE, or any other national board. It is quite evident that the state is against impos-

ing any language on its citizens. The NEET is strongly opposed by this person. Concerned about stress and inequity, Tamil Nadu has fought against it for a long time. As a result of the state's insistence on using NEP and NEET, the federal government allegedly withheld Rs 2,152 crore (Samagra Shiksha).

Legislation to Regulate School Fees Adopted by the Delhi Assembly

Delhi : The 2025 School Fee Regulation Bill was approved by the Delhi State Assembly. A parent can now veto a decision to increase school fees, thanks to a recently passed bill. This prevents school administrations from making the decision to increase fees all at once. Even if just one parent objects to the proposed fee increase, it will not be authorized, according to Ashish Sood, Delhi's minister of education. The decision cannot be enforced by management, and parents will have the power to veto it. In addition, the measure specifies that institutions that are determined to have imposed excessive fees may be subject to fines or even the revocation of their future ability to submit fee modifications.

The extra payment must be returned with-



CBSE loosens regulations on adding new sections

Diviya Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has revised its affiliation rules to permit section growth based on built-up carpet area instead of land size, in an effort to alleviate space restrictions caused by the increasing demand for school admissions. The board took this action in response to comments made by schools that are having trouble meeting the demand for new admissions despite having more sections than allowed. According to CBSE's circular, children's health, social and psychological development, and sense of belonging could be negatively affected if they had to travel significant distances to attend school because there aren't enough seats in their neighborhood. Officials and school administrators stated that the decision will alleviate admission pressure.

in 20 business days if more than the allowed the school's fees are limit.

J&K bans 25 books for 'false narrative' and 'glorification of terrorism'

Delhi: In an unprecedented action, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has ordered the seizure and prohibition of 25 books, stating they promote secessionism, glorify terrorism, and threaten national integrity and public order. On August 5, the Home Department issued S.O.203 to declare the books "forfeited," noting their "false narrative" and involvement in "misguiding the youth" of Jammu and Kashmir. Azadi by writer-activist Arundhati Roy, The Kashmir Dispute 1947–2012 by constitutional expert A.G. Noorani, and Kashmir at the Crossroads by political scientist Sumantra Bose are prohibited. David Devadas, Hafsa Kanjwal, Ather Zia, Anuradha Bhasin, and Tariq Ali all have novels on the list. After a thorough investigation, officials decided the content was "objec-



IGNOU July 2025 registration deadline extended again

Delhi: The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has extended the deadline for admission and re-registration for the July 2025 session. Students now have until August 15, 2025, to complete the process. The applies to both new admissions and re-registration for continuing students. IGNOU offers courses in both distance learning (ODL) and online mode, and the application must be completed through its websites.

tionable" and "potentially harmful to public peace and the unity of the nation." The Home Department reported

that investigations and intelligence inputs showed that these publications radicalized adolescents.

Controversy over the Maratha map prompts NCERT commission to review content

Delhi : A group of specialists was assembled by the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to review comments made regarding the subject matter of many textbooks. According to officials, the group consisting of



esteemed faculty members and domain specialists from prestigious universities would be chaired by Ranjana Arora, head of NCERT's Curriculum Studies and Development (DCSD). Several textbooks' instructional content has recently been reviewed and provided feedback to NCERT. Therefore, in keeping with previous procedure, a Committee consisting of prominent specialists is being formed. In a statement, NCERT stated that the committee will review the feedback based on the evidence that is currently available and will deliver its report as soon as practicable. Three days prior to NCERT's announcement, former Jaisalmer royal family leader Chaitanya Raj Singh voiced his disapproval of one of the organization's recently published textbooks, citing what he saw as historical mistakes. In an X post, Singh took issue with a social studies map for eighth grade that showed Jaisalmer as an outpost of the Maratha Empire. Due to the lack of "any Maratha dominance, invasion, taxation, or authority" mentioned in "any authentic historical sources," he asserted.

A perfect demolition job: No handshakes, no contest with bat or ball, mighty India crush Pakistan

● Want to dedicate the win to all our armed forces who showed a lot of bravery," he said in the press conference: India captain Suryakumar Yadav

High-voltage

□ They have a good team and must win," Kapil Dev told reporters

Dubai: A few days ago, R Ashwin cheekily suggested that South Africa be thrown into the Asia Cup mix and the event be rechristened the Afro-Asia Cup, just to inject some real competition. After Sunday, he may have had a point. On Sunday, under the sweltering Dubai heat, the so-called "arch-rivalry", once again, felt like a damp squib. The only real drama came when India captain Suryakumar Yadav refused the customary handshake at the toss



India won the match comprehensively by seven wickets

India, with Suryakumar Yadav and Shivam Dube in the middle, marched back to their dressing room the moment the game ended. The Indian pairing exchanged handshakes with teammates in the

with his counterpart Salman Ali Agha.

dugout, before the entire squad disappeared upstairs. The door shut firmly, echoing Suryakumar Yadav's snub at the toss, as the Indian cricket team once again refused to shake hands with Pakistan.

Beyond that, Pakistan barely showed up,

SKY dedicated the win to the armed forces

Caught in the middle, Salman Ali Agha's men stopped mid-way after head coach Mike Hesson ordered them towards their dressing room. But not a single Indian player emerged. A visibly miffed Hesson then stormed to India's dressing room, found no response, and was later spotted in a heated discussion with match referee Andy Pycroft.

reduced to mere spectators in what was once cricket's fiercest duel. Suryakumar Yadav on no handshake with Pakistan: 'Some things in life are ahead of sportsmanship' Go Beyond The Boundary with our YouTube channel. SUBSCRIBE NOW!

Later, SKY dedicated the win to the armed forces and expressed solidarity with the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack. "We stand by the victims of the families of the Pahalgam terror attack. We express our solidarity. Want to dedicate the win to all our armed forces who showed a lot of bravery," he said in the press conference.

After opting to bat first, Pakistan batters looked rattled against pace and were all at sea against India's quality spinners. Shaheen Afridi's unbeaten 33 off 16 balls, laced with four sixes—including a brutal assault on Hardik Pandya in the final over — dragged Pakistan to 127/9.

'If it's about Pahalgam, then fight a war, don't bring it to cricket'

Dubai: The handshake row between India and Pakistan has taken yet another fiery turn, with former Pakistan captain Rashid Latif urging his country's cricket board to lodge an official complaint. In an explosive reaction, Latif said India's stance at the Asia Cup match in Dubai left "a wrong impression" and brought politics onto the field. "Wars have happened before too, but we have always



shaken hands. These things will remain a blot for a lifetime," Latif told TimesofIndia.com in an exclusive interview from Karachi. Suryakumar Yadav on

no handshake with Pakistan: 'Some things in life are ahead of sportsmanship,' Sunil Gavaskar talks about Javed Miandad, but he never says they didn't shake hands. We represent our countries, but I personally think what happened was not right." India defeated Pakistan by seven wickets in the Asia Cup on Sunday with 25 balls remaining.

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

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

We stand with the victims of the Pahalgam attack' – Gambhir dedicates win to armed forces



India's victory over Pakistan in the Asia Cup carried more meaning than just cricket. Head coach Gautam Gambhir praised his team's performance and expressed solidarity with the families of those affected by the Pahalgam terror attack. He also lauded the Indian Armed Forces for their successful Operation Sindoor.

After the seven-wicket win, Gambhir spoke to the broadcasters with visible pride. "Good win. There is still a lot of cricket left in this tournament. This match was important as we wanted to show solidarity with the victims and families and what they went through during that Pahalgam attack. More importantly, we want to thank the Indian Army for their successful Operation Sindoor. We will try to make our country proud and happy," he said. How

Solidarity

□ Gambhir praised his team's performance and expressed solidarity

India trained hard for Asia Cup match vs Pakistan in Dubai | Exclusive visuals This was the first India-Pakistan clash since the April terror attack and the launch of Operation Sindoor. The Indian team, led by Suryakumar Yadav, played under heavy scrutiny and pressure but held their nerve to dominate from the start. Pakistan, after choosing to bat, struggled at 6 for 2 before a small partnership between Sahibzada Farhan and Fakhar Zaman steadied them. Kuldeep Yadav was the star with the ball, taking three wickets for just 18 runs, while Shaheen Shah

Nawaz makes a mess of easy catch during IND vs PAK Asia Cup match



Tumbled

□ For Pakistan, Nawaz's comical drop only added to the frustration of a night

To make matters worse, he even made a desperate fourth attempt as the ball tumbled out of his hands. Tilak could only manage a wry smile, while Nawaz cursed himself in frustration, the clip quickly going viral on social media. That lapse summed up Pakistan's night in Dubai, where their batting had already collapsed against India's spinners. Earlier, Kuldeep Yadav (3/18), Axar Patel (2/18), and Varun Chakaravorthy (1/24) turned the screws with relentless accuracy, delivering a combined 40 dot balls. Jasprit Bumrah added 15 more dot deliveries in his inci-

sive spell of 2/28, leaving Pakistan's batters suffocated and searching for answers. Only Shaheen Shah Afridi's late blitz, an unbeaten 33 off 16 balls with four sixes, gave Pakistan's innings some respectability as they limped to 127/9. Without him, the total might not have touched 125. India's bowlers had seized control from the very first ball, with Hardik Pandya removing Saim Ayub for a duck and then holding a fine catch to help Bumrah dismiss Mohammad Haris. Sahibzada Farhan top-scored with 40 but was shackled by spin, while Fakhar Zaman's attempted counterattack ended in Tilak Varma's safe hands at long-on. For Pakistan, Nawaz's comical drop only added to the frustration of a night where nothing went right.

'Jai Hind': Shubman Gill dedicates India's big Asia Cup win over Pakistan to Pahalgam victims

Cruise

□ Kuldeep starred with figures of 3-18, while Axar chipped in with 2-18

NEW DELHI: An emotionally charged Asia Cup clash in Dubai on Sunday saw India cruise to a seven-wicket victory over arch-rivals Pakistan, but the match carried meaning far beyond the scoreboard. Vice-captain Shubman Gill's heartfelt social media post dedicating the win to the victims of the April Pahalgam attack and India's armed forces became the defining note of the night. "Today's win is dedicated to the victims of Pahalgam and to our



brave armed forces who continue to safeguard us. The spirit of India lives on both on and off the field. Jai Hind," Gill wrote on Instagram, posting pictures of the Indian team in a huddle and other celebratory images from the match. His words struck a chord with fans back home, underscoring the tense backdrop against which the neighbours resumed cricketing hostilities. Shubman Gill injury

update, who came for optional nets and mood before Pakistan match 'The two sides were meeting for the first time since a deadly military conflict in May, triggered by the Pahalgam incident in Kashmir. On the field, spinners set the tone for India's dominance. Kuldeep Yadav starred with figures of 3-18, while Axar Patel chipped in with 2-18 to restrict Pakistan to 127/9.

Pakistan's national anthem blunder! Hilarious mishap stuns everyone

Mistakenly

□ Organisers played a different song instead of Pakistan's national anthem



played moments later. The incident has already sparked criticism, given the high-profile nature of the fixture and the charged political context

around the match. As per videos on social media, the song that was initially played appears to be the intro of "Jalebi Baby" by Jason Derulo.

Earlier, Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha had won the toss and elected to bat first on what looked like a dry pitch. Both sides went in with unchanged lineups, hav-

ing registered dominant wins in their opening group matches. Pakistan had thrashed Oman by 93 runs after bowling them out for 67, while India dismissed UAE for 57 and chased down the target in just 4.3 overs. Similar to the early confusion for the Pakistan anthem, the game got underway dramatically. Hardik Pandya created history by striking with his very first legitimate

delivery, dismissing Saim Ayub for a duck. The opener pushed at a ball going away and picked out Jasprit Bumrah at point. With that, Pandya became only the second Indian bowler to claim a wicket with his first legitimate ball in T20Is. Arshdeep Singh, who achieved the milestone against the USA in New York in 2024, remains the only other Indian on the list.

Phoebe Litchfield scored 88 runs off 80 balls after being dropped twice. Beth Mooney remained unbeaten with 77 runs

India vs Australia: Butter-fingered India drop catches as Australia clinch first Women's ODI



India dropped four crucial catches as Australia Women secured an eight-wicket victory in the first ODI.

Australia successfully chased down India's total of 281 for seven in 44.1 overs on Sunday. Phoebe Litchfield

Litchfield capitalised on her chances, scoring 88 runs with 14 boundaries

India had set a competitive target of 282 runs, relying on their spin bowling attack. However, their fielding let them down when opportunities arose. Litchfield capitalised on her chances, scoring 88 runs with 14 boundaries throughout the ground. Her innings provided a solid foundation.

scored 88 runs off 80 balls after being dropped twice. Beth Mooney

remained unbeaten with 77 runs from 74 balls, and Ellyse Perry scored 30

before retiring hurt, each benefiting from a dropped catch. Mooney and Annabel Sutherland formed a strong partnership, contributing 116 runs for the third wicket. Mooney, who was dropped by Deepti Sharma at 56, hit nine boundaries.

How India all-rounder created history vs Pakistan in Dubai

Hardik etched his name into the record books by claiming a wicket with his very first delivery in the Asia Cup Group A clash against Pakistan on Sunday. He became only the second Indian bowler to achieve the feat in T20Is. The landmark moment came in the opening over of the match. After starting with a wide down the leg side, Pandya adjusted his line and struck immediately with the next ball. Saim Ayub, looking to punch the outswinger through the

off side, could only find Jasprit Bumrah at point. The opener departed without scoring a single run. With this, Pandya joined Arshdeep Singh in a rare club. Arshdeep was the first Indian to claim a wicket off his first legitimate ball in a T20I, dismissing USA's Shayan Jahangir in New York during the 2024 T20 World Cup. However, the left-arm pacer has yet to feature in this Asia Cup, having also been left out of India's opening game against the UAE.