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'Pakistan has list of terrorists that needs to be handed over': Jaishankar

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NEW DELHI:

External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Thursday reiterated India's stance on Pakistan, categorically stating that talks between the two nations could only take place regarding dismantling of terror infrastructure and vacating PoK. He further said that the Indus Waters Treaty would "continue to be held in abeyance until the cross-border terrorism" issue was resolved.

Talking about cessation of military operations by both nations, Jaishankar said, "It is clear who wanted cessation of firing."

He also addressed ongoing talks with the US on a trade deal and said it "has to be mutually beneficial".

What Jaishankar said on Pakistan's terrorism

The EAM took a strong

stance against Pakistan's terror infrastructure and said the country had "a list of terrorists" that needed to be handed over."Our relations and dealings with Pakistan will be strictly bilateral. That is a national consensus for years, and there is absolutely no change in that. The prime minister made it very clear that talks with Pakistan will be only on terror," he said.

"Pakistan has a list of terrorists that needs to be handed over, and they have to shut down the terrorists' infrastructure. They know what to do. We are prepared to discuss with them what is to be done about terrorism. Those are the talks which are feasible," he added.

What EAM said on Indus Waters Treaty

Jaishankar reiterated that the Treaty would remain "in abeyance" until the neighbouring nation took actions against "the cross-border terrorism".

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The only thing which remains to be discussed on Kashmir is the vacating of illegally occupied Indian territory in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir; we are open to that discussion," he said.This came after Pakistan signaled its willingness to discuss the treaty after New Delhi suspended it in retaliation to the Pahalgam attack that killed 25 Indians

and one Nepalese citizen on April 22.

What Jaishankar said on trade talks with US

Jaishankar said that the tariff negotiation and trade talks with the States was ongoing and "any judgment on it would be premature".

"Between India and the US, trade talks have been going on. These are complicated negotiations. Nothing is decided till everything is. Any trade deal has to be mutually beneficial; it has to work for both countries. That would be our expectation from the trade deal. Until that is done, any judgment on it would be premature," he said.

This came after US President Donald Trump said that India had agreed to bring down tariffs to nothing. "They've offered us a deal where basically they're willing to—literally—they charge us no tariff. We go from the highest tariff—you couldn't do business in India, we're not even in the top 30 in India because the tariff is so high—to a point where they have actually told us (I assume you too, Scott, you were working on that also) that there will be no tariff. Would you say that's the difference? They were the highest, and now they're saying no tariff," he said.



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi reached the City Centre cinema hall to watch the film Mahatma Phule.

The real reason India's getting tough on Donald Trump's trade terms

NEW DELHI:

India has been projecting itself as a cautious player in US President Donald Trump's global tariff war-measured, diplomatic, and reluctant to escalate. But that script is changing fast. This week, New Delhi lodged a formal complaint against the United States at the World Trade Organization, challenging what it described as "arbitrary and discriminatory" tariffs on Indian pharmaceutical and auto exports. It's a rare move for India.

More than a technical trade dispute, the WTO filing is a signal: India is no longer playing defense in its economic relationship with Washington. India is now willing to take the fight to the global stage, and in doing so, it is borrowing directly from China's playbook, a Bloomberg report said. The timing isn't coincidental. Just days earlier, the US and China announced a dramatic de-escalation after playing tit-for-tat in the tariff war.

Bar council clears path for foreign lawyers, firms to practice in India

NEW DELHI: The Bar Council of India (BCI) has announced revised regulations permitting foreign lawyers and law firms to practice foreign and international law within India, under clearly defined conditions.Under the amended rules, foreign legal professionals may advise on foreign law and participate in international commercial arbitration conducted in India, provided such matters involve foreign.

IPL : RCB captain Rajat Patidar dispels injury concerns ahead of KKR clash

Bengaluru: The break in the IPL this season seems to have worked in Rajat Patidar's favour. The Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain, who suffered a right ring finger injury against Chennai Super Kings in a home game on May 3, got some time to recover for the remainder of the season, which resumes here on Saturday. With his availability a talking point ahead of RCB's match against Kolkata Knight Riders here, the stylish right-hander made a statement on match eve on Thursday. On Thursday, Virat Kohli and Phil Salt were the first batters to start proceedings in the team's first full training session after the break. As the opening duo showcased their range of shots, Patidar focused on basic fitness



routines near the boundary line. The 31-year-old played shadow shots before heading towards the nets. To begin with, Patidar, who strapped his finger, took some low throw-downs. It was evident that the player was trying to test his finger, which was taped. Once Patidar felt comfortable, he walked towards the main nets and got down to business. Initially, he lacked power in his shots, even miscuing a few.

Patidar, who was watched closely by batting coach and mentor Dinesh Karthik, pushed a few balls to either side of the wicket before unleashing his big hits. Most of it landed in the stands, with his timing being a standout feature. With every shot, Patidar grew in confidence and brought out his trademark aerial cover drives. While Patidar's show during training is a huge relief, for the team, it also

NEW DELHI: In one of the most daring and technologically advanced operations, the Indian Air Force (IAF) used BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to devastating effect during retaliatory strikes on Pakistani airbases in Round 2 of Operation Sindoor on May 10. According to sources quoted by ANI, approximately 15 BrahMos missiles were launched in precision attacks that targeted critical infrastructure across 11 of 12 key Pakistani Air Force bases, effectively paralysing its air defence and strike capabilities.The missile strikes came as part of Round 2 of India's counter-offensive following the terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, which was carried



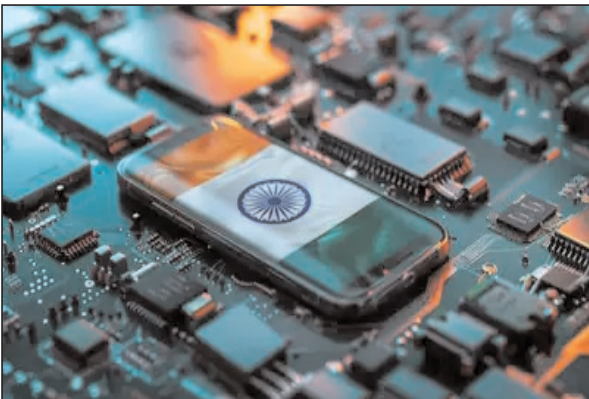
out by Pakistan-backed groups. On the night of May 9–10, as Pakistan tried to target civilian and military infrastructures in India, New Delhi escalated military response under the broader Operation Sindoor with the BrahMos missiles spearheading the IAF's multi-layered assault strategy."This was the first time

the BrahMos missile system was used in an active conflict," sources in the defence establishment told ANI. "Its performance exceeded expectations, delivering high-precision strikes that crippled key Pakistani air assets and defence networks," they said. The IAF's plan began with the launch of dummy aircraft, designed

to simulate an incoming fighter threat. This decoy tactic prompted Pakistan to activate its radar and air defence systems, including the HQ-9 missile batteries. Once these systems were exposed, Indian forces launched loitering munitions, such as the Israeli Harop drones, to neutralise the air defence grid. With the Pakistani radar network compromised, the IAF then followed up with long-range precision strikes. The BrahMos cruise missiles, alongside Scalp, Crystal Maze, and Rampage munitions, were used to devastating effect. These were launched from fighter aircraft operating under the Western and Southwestern Air Commands.

India is a competitive hub for smartphone manufacturing': Commerce secretary

NEW DELHI: After US President Donald Trump claimed he had advised Apple CEO Tim Cook against manufacturing in India, commerce secretary Sunil Barthwal on Thursday pushed back, saying that companies will decide based on where the advantage lies, and India, he emphasized, is now a competitive global hub for smartphone production. "Companies will see competitive advantage



while deciding their manufacturing strategy. India has emerged as a competitive hub for smartphone manufacturing," Barthwal told reporters. Asked directly about the US President's remarks, Barthwal

responded, "We don't comment on what the President (of another country) says." His remarks come days after reports emerged that Trump had privately suggested to the Apple boss that the company should steer clear of manufacturing in India. The tech giant, however, has already made major inroads into India's manufacturing ecosystem. Apple currently assembles iPhones in Tamil

Nadu and Karnataka, partnering with contract manufacturers like Foxconn and Tata Group to set up large-scale production units. Zero-tariff trade deal? India says negotiations still on Barthwal also weighed in on a separate claim made by the US president during a recent appearance in Doha, that India had offered the United States a trade deal with zero tariffs.

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India and Pakistan agree to continue confidence-building measures

New Delhi:

India has decided to continue confidence-building measures along the border to reduce alertness levels, the Indian Army said on Thursday, following talks between the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan."Further to the understanding between the two DGMOs on 10th of May 2025, it has been decided to continue the confidence building measures so as to reduce the alertness level," an Indian Army official said, as reported by ANI.Earlier in the day, Pakistan foreign minister Ishaq Dar told the Senate that Pakistan's DGMO Maj Gen Kashif Abdullah and his counterpart Lt Gen Rajiv



Ghai spoke over a hotline on Wednesday afternoon. According to Dar, the ceasefire has now been extended until May 18.Geo News quoted Dar as saying, "During the DGMOs' conversation (on May 10), the ceasefire was extended until May 12. When the DGMOs spoke again on May 12, the ceasefire was extended until May 14. Further talks on May 14 led to the ceasefire being extended until May 18."

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Meditation prog organised by Heartfulness team for teachers of MP Group of Schools

Prayagraj: A meditation program was organized by the Heartfulness team at the RK Hall for the teachers of MP Group of schools. The program focused on relaxation and meditation techniques, and value-based

teachers. She conveyed that anyone can reach the state of satisfaction, peace of mind, ignite the memory power and live the life skillfully through meditation.

In the two days program, they conducted fruit-



life skills. The program garnered a positive feedback from the teachers. The Heartfulness dignitaries present included Mrs Jyoti Mishra, a Certified Trainer and UP Coordinator of College Campus Program for Heartfulness; Dr Anuradha Agarwal, a Heartfulness practitioner since 1997; Mrs Lata Dwivedi, a Heartfulness Volunteer from 2008 and Heartfulness Brighter Minds from - 2019 and Ms Radha Saxena, a trainer in Heartfulness Institute since 1989. They explained the true meaning of spirituality with the help of some videos to connect the

ful sessions on meditation, which were refreshing and revitalizing for the teachers. The sessions had an active participation of the teachers, there by delivering the message of self-realization and mindfulness.

The heart winning program was concluded with the gifts as tokens of love and a vote of thanks and appreciation given to the dignitaries by honorable Dr Krishna Madam and the Principal, Alpona Dey. This Heartfulness program was a holistic approach towards education focusing on well-being and personal growth with promising results.

Rajat Dalal's culinary debut on COLORS'

Varanasi: Just when you think the kitchen's hot enough, COLORS' 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment' turns up the flame! The show never misses a chance to bring unexpected twists and shocks to the table. With the OG gang back in action, audiences are left wondering: who's entering next to bring spice? Just as the celebrity contestants begin to catch their breath and get into the cooking groove, in walks Rajat Dalal, igniting a fiery wave of excitement. He makes an entrance on comedy-culinary cross-over to team up with his friend Elvish Yadav, and his pow-



erful energy sparks the competitive heat on set. And with a powerlifting champion in the mix, the show's about to get even more unpredictable-will he flex

his muscles or dish out a culinary knockout? Rajat Dalal says, "I have zero experience when it comes to cooking. I'm the guy who struggles with chai proportions and thinks it is a big achievement to prepare the perfect chai. So when this offer came my way, my first reaction was doubt. But what sealed the deal was teaming up with Elvish, who's my brother and I was ready to face any number of cooking storms with him in my corner. The vibe of Laughter Chefs is unlike anything I've done before. One moment you're figuring out how to adjust the flame, the next you're being judged for your presentation by actual chefs. It's a pressure cooker of chaos and learning on the go. But don't get me wrong-I may be new to cooking, but I'm competitive to the core. I play to win. So even with all the confusion, I made sure the other celebrity contestants felt the heat."

PW Pathshala student Parth Sarthi scores 98% in 10th CBSE 2025 Exam

Jaunpur: Education company, PhysicsWallah's (PW) tech-enabled hybrid centre, PW Pathshala - powered by Vidyaapeeth, celebrated the achievement of their student Parth Sarthi, who scored an impressive 98% in the Class 10th CBSE Board Examination 2025. A resident of Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, Parth's journey is compelling. Speaking on his success, Parth Sarthi said, "For me, staying optimistic was key, and consistency mattered more than any shortcut. I didn't follow any unique strategy; I simply made sure to give equal importance to every subject, focusing on revision and practice after completing the syllabus. Stress is real, but I've learned it can be understood and managed by focusing on the process and staying healthy. I wasn't active on social media, choosing instead to prioritise my goals. My biggest motivation came from my father, who always believed in me without adding pressure. That belief, along with my self-motivation, kept me moving forward. Physics is my favourite subject because it helps me understand the natural world around me. I was interested in the concepts of the subject and have completed the syllabus by approximately the end of October with the support of the PW faculty. I've now set my sights on preparing for the JEE and securing admission to a top IIT." Alakh Pandey, Teacher, Founder and CEO of PW, said, "Parth's result is an example of the value of regular effort and the right resources. At PW, we try to support students from various backgrounds in preparation for their academic goals." This year, over 23 lakh students appeared for the CBSE Class 10 examination. Parth's performance places him among the students who secured high scores and is also an example of the role of hybrid learning in academic preparation.

History-Sheeteer Criminal Injured and Arrested in Police Encounter

PRADEEP KUMAR PANDEY

Ghazipur, Bureau: A notorious criminal, known for spreading fear in the Rampur Manjha area by firing openly, was injured and arrested during a police encounter conducted by the Rampur Manjha police. A .32 bore pistol, one spent cartridge, two live cartridges, and a magazine were recovered from his possession.

As part of the ongoing campaign against crime and criminals, on the morning of May 15, 2025, the Station House Officer (SHO) of Rampur Manjha, along with his team, apprehended accused Karmveer Singh alias Sunny Singh, son of Late Nagina Singh, a resident of Devchandpur village under Rampur Manjha police station, Ghazipur district. The accused had a pending case under Case No. 51/2025, Sections 288, 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and the Arms Act 3/25.

On May 14, 2025, he was brought to Devchandpur



village for recovery of the illegal weapon used in the crime, based on his own disclosure. During the recovery operation, the accused attempted to flee by firing at the police team. In self-defense, the police responded with controlled retaliatory fire, during which the criminal sustained a gunshot injury to his right leg. He was immediately taken to the nearby PHC in Devkali for primary treatment.

During interrogation, the accused admitted that he fired at the police to escape and maintain his dominance and instill fear in the local area. It is noteworthy that the accused is a history-sheeteer of Rampur Manjha police station. Further legal proceedings are underway.

The arresting police team included SHO Bind Kumar of Rampur Manjha, Sub-Inspector Ajay Kumar Yadav, and Chowki In-charge of Paikvali, along with their respective teams.

Fake Minister's Son Arrested for Pressuring Officials - Police Action in Ghazipur

PRADEEP KUMAR PANDEY

Ghazipur, Bureau: A man impersonating a minister's son and pressuring government officials over the phone has been arrested by the police. Under the ongoing campaign against crime and criminals in the Dullahpur police station area of the district, a case was registered on May 14, 2025, based on a written complaint by Savitri Devi, wife of late Ashok Chauhan, a resident of Dullahpur. The case was filed at Dullahpur police station under case number 107/25, Sections 308(7), 351(3) BNS, against the accused Vinay Chauhan, son of Ram Karan Chauhan, resident of Devaribari village under Dullahpur police station, Ghazipur district. Acting promptly, Station Officer Sanjay Kumar Singh and his team arrested the accused on May 14, 2025, near the temple close to Dullahpur Railway Station. A light purple-colored Oppo mobile phone was recovered from him.

During interrogation, the accused confessed that he wanted to portray himself as an influential person. To gain financial benefits, he used to call police and administrative officers, pressuring them regarding various fabricated

and real issues. He claimed to be the son of Hon'ble Minister Mr. Dara Singh Chauhan, and would introduce himself as either Vinay Singh Chauhan or Atul Chauhan, claiming to reside in Lucknow. He edited call recordings and uploaded them to social media to appear influential and attract followers. This act brought him significant financial gains and allowed him to live a comfortable life. He even planned to contest the upcoming District Panchayat elections and used such tactics to assert dominance over people. Upon learning about his activities, another case was registered against him at Dullahpur police station under case number 106/2025, Sections 319(2), 318(4) BNS, and Section 72 of the IT Act.

Legal proceedings are underway against the arrested accused.

The police team responsible for the arrest included: Station Officer Mr. Krishna Pratap Singh and his team from Dullahpur Police Station.

Sub-Inspector Sanjay Kumar Singh and his team from Dullahpur Police Station.



IFFCO Farmer's chaupal boosting crop quality and production

Prayagraj: Farmer's chaupal was held in Thanapur village by IFFCO Phulpur unit. The purpose of this program was to inform farmers about the use, benefits and technical aspects of the latest Nano fertilizers like "Nano Urea

Plus" and "Nano DAP". In the program, IFFCO Phulpur Senior Executive Director (Unit Head), Sanjay Kudesia, who addressed the farmers, saying that Nano fertilizers are not only environmentally friendly, but are able to give better results in small quan-



tities. He announced this year to make free spraying through drones on the paddy crop on behalf of IFFCO, which saw special enthusiasm among the farmers.

Dr. Harishchandra (Principal CORDET) shared sci-

such as declining soil fertility, increase in costs, and water pollution. Describing Nano fertilizers as a more sustainable option. In Chaupal, village head Vijay Laxmi Singh, while addressing the farmers, appealed to adopt scientific farming and appreciated the efforts being made by IFFCO. Rajesh Singh also encouraged the farmers and shared information about IFFCO's plans. A large number of farmers were present in the program and showed deep interest in nano technology-based fertilizers. At the end of Chaupal, farmers described this initiative of IFFCO as "revolutionary step in agriculture". Farmers Ram Bahadur Singh, Tribhuvan Nath Bind, Bhai Lal Yadav, Shakuntala Devi, Shiva Gound were present in Kisan Chaupal.

Anant Rice Mill to be inaugurated on May 18

Actress Akshara Singh and Bhajan singer Manoj Tiwari to perform

Prayagraj: M/s Agro Food Industries Pvt. Ltd. organized a grand launching procession before the inauguration of its Anant Rice Mill in which hundreds of eminent businessmen of the city participated. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani and Managing Director Dr Uday Pratap Singh flagged off the procession. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani said that Anant Rice Mill is going to write a new chapter in the industrial area, which will provide employment opportunities to the local people and Managing Director Dr Uday Pratap Singh said that it is a happy occasion for Prayagraj that the country's largest modern Anant Rice Mill is going to be inaugurated in Naribari, whose inauguration ceremony will be held on May 18 at 1:00 pm, whose chief guests will be Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief

Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya and Cabinet Minister Honourable Swatantra Dev Singh.

In the inaugural ceremony, famous film actress

through Atrasuiya, Rani Mandi, Kotwali, Nakhas Corner, Leader Road, Johnsonganji, Ghantaghar, Loknath, Bahadurganj, Ram Bhawan Mutthiganj, Arya



and Bhajan singer Akshara Singh and MP and Bhajan singer Manoj Tiwari will give a wonderful presentation of Bhajans

Media incharge Rajesh Kesarwani told that Anant Rice Mill launching procession started from Lalita Devi Temple Mirapur and passed

Kanya Square and ended at Punjabi Dharamshala located in Sweet Ganj. On this occasion, Engineer Vinay Pratap Singh, Jitendra Pratap Singh, Abhishek Thakur, RJ Nivesh Rajesh Kesarwani, Abhilash Kesarwani and hundreds of businessmen were present.

Huge tricolor procession taken out to celebrate success of Op Sindoor

Prayagraj: A huge Tiranga Yatra was taken out on Thursday to salute the success of Operation Sindoor and the valour of the Indian Army. The Yatra was taken out from All Saint's Cathedral Church to Subhash Chauraha. Thousands of people gathered with the tricolour in their hands raised loud slogans of Hindustan Zindabad, Pakistan Mardabad, Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Indian Army Ki Jai. The patriotic songs playing on the DJ doubled the enthusiasm and zeal for patriotism in the atmosphere. The people involved in the Yatra thanked these brave

daughters of India for playing an important role in teaching a lesson to the enemy by holding the picture of Colonel Sophia Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh. People said that the country is proud of these brave daughters of India. Leading the Tiranga Yatra, BJP Prayagraj Metropolitan President Sanjay Gupta said that the brave warriors of our Indian Army gave a tough fight to Pakistan. The whole world has seen the valour of the Indian Army on the success of Operation Sindoor. No one can show an eye to the country's bor-

der as long as the brave sons of Mother India are there. This huge Tiranga

who was part of the Yatra, said that every Indian is proud of the success of

ter Narendra Modi, India is today giving a befitting reply to terrorism and the



Yatra has been taken out to salute such brave sons and the valour of the Indian Army. Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi,

Operation Sindoor. The army punished Pakistan for its deeds by entering its home. Under the strong leadership of Prime Minis-

country that fosters it. Mayor G a n e s h Kesarwani said that the Jai Hind army has defeated the enemy with its valour. Pakistan started pleading for a ceasefire. Every child of India is ready to die for the honour and pride of the tricolour. Our army has avenged the daughters whose vermilion was snatched by the terrorists

by making Operation Sindoor a success. A large number of workers including Abhilasha Gupta Nandi, Kavita Yadav Tripathi, Rajendra Mishra, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Navratna Katyal, Murari Lal Agarwal, Neeraj Tripathi, Malayaj Sharma, Upendra Singh, Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Pappu Pandey, Sanjay Rajan, Manoj Kushwaha, Rajesh Sonkar, Anand Jaiswal, Nawab Khan, Kiran Jaiswal, Vijay Patel, Vijay Srivastava, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra, Sujit Kushwaha, Ajay Singh, Anand Vaishya Sudarshan, Pooja Jogi were present.

NCZCC's Tiranga Yatra today

Prayagraj: North Central Zone Cultural Center, Ministry of Culture, Government of India will organize a Tiranga Yatra on Friday at 8 am to celebrate the success of Operation Sindoor. Center's in-charge director Ashish Giri said that with the help of Jwala Devi Saraswati Vidya Mandir Inter College, the center's officers, employees and city residents will leave the center premises at 8 am carrying the tricolor. The Yatra will end at the center via Indira Chauraha.

Celebration of Int'l Labour Day by REWWO

Prayagraj: To encourage and honor the hard work and dedication of the working class, Rail Vidyutkaran Mahila Kalyan Sangathan (Rail Electrical Women Welfare Organisation), CORE (REWWO), Prayagraj honors the workers every year on the occasion of Labor Day. In this



series, REWWO organized an attractive game among all the workers on the occasion of "International Labor Day" on 14/05/2025 at Maitri Club Civil Lines Prayagraj under the chairmanship of Honorable President, REWWO. Prayagraj and entertained them. Thereafter, a total of 43 contract employees were honored by the Honorable President by giving awards and certificates. On this occasion, Honorable President of the organization - Mrs. Vandana Shrivastava, Secretary - Mrs. Anita Nanda, Joint Executive Secretary - Archana Shrivastava and Member Mrs. Mamta Shrivastava along with other office bearers and members were present.

Fraud Detection Solution launched

Prayagraj: In continuation of its fight against spam, Airtel unveiled a new cutting-edge solution that will detect and block malicious websites across all communication Over-The-Top (OTT) apps and platforms including emails, browsers, OTTs like WhatsApp, Telegram, Facebook, Instagram, SMSes etc., in real time. This safe service will be seamlessly integrated with, and auto-enabled for, all Airtel mobile and broadband customers at no additional cost. When a customer tries to access a website flagged as malicious by Airtel's advanced security system, the page load is blocked, and customers are redirected to a page explaining the reason for the block. The threat of online fraud is growing everyday as a result of digital platforms becoming increasingly ubiquitous across the country and posing a serious risk to consumers. There is an alarming surge in such threats in the last few days. Fraudulent schemes have evolved far beyond mere OTP frauds and deceptive calls, with recent reports indicating that millions of individuals have fallen victim to malicious online scams. Recognizing the gravity of this situation, Airtel has implemented an AI-powered, multi-tiered intelligence

platform designed to safeguard customers from the full spectrum of scams and fraud. It intends to do so by introducing a state-of-the-art threat detection platform that will conduct domain filtering across all platforms and block the link across devices.

Commenting on the initiative Gopal Vittal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Bharti Airtel, said, "Over the last few years, we have come across several instances where unsuspecting customers have been defrauded by ingenious criminals of their hard-earned money. Our engineers have tried to solve this problem through the launch of our Fraud Detection Solution. We believe this will provide our customers total peace of mind without browsing the internet while the worry of getting scammed. Our AI based tool scans internet traffic, checks with global repositories and our own database of threat actors in real-time and blocks fraudulent websites. Our solution has already reached a remarkable level of accuracy in the 6 months of trials. We will continue working relentlessly until we have made our networks completely safe from spam and scam." The service is currently available in Haryana circle, with a nationwide rollout planned soon.

Illegal occupation of property, victim appeals to police for justice

Prayagraj: Mohammad Firoz, a resident of Karaili area, has alleged that some land mafia type people have forcibly occupied his property. The applicant told that he had got a legal deed of land number 28, area 87.05 square meters located in Ainuddinpur from Ali Akbar son Mohammad Mustafa on 1 September 2021. On this land, he had got house number 32P/22/1W allotted from the Municipal Corporation and had also completed the construction of the house. According to Firoz, the work of painting the

house was going on when persons named Ahmed Faiz and Fakhruddin along with their associates forcibly occupied it. On protest, they cited the court order, while Firoz claims that he is the only legal right over the property. The victim has given an application to the Police Commissioner Prayagraj and demanded the Karaili police station in-charge to investigate and register an FIR and free the possession. He has expressed apprehension that if action is not taken soon, he will suffer irreparable loss.

Nod to half dozen companies including JK Cement Ltd Prayagraj to invest in UP: Nandi

Investing units will benefit from exemptions, grants, and financial facilities

Prayagraj: In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held in Lok Bhavan on Thursday under the chairmanship of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the proposal to issue Letter of Comfort was approved, approving half a dozen companies for investment at various places in the state under the Uttar Pradesh Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy 2022. After which Letter of Comfort will be issued to all the companies soon. With the start of projects of various companies, a large number of youth will get employment.

Talking to reporters with Finance Minister Suresh Khanna after the meeting of the Council of Ministers, Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government

Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi said that to establish Uttar Pradesh as a competitive investment destination at national and international level, there is a provision to provide exemptions, grants and financial facilities to the units investing in the state by implementing the Uttar Pradesh Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy 2022. Under which Letter of Comfort is provided to the companies.

Minister Nandi informed that in the meeting of the Council of Ministers on Thursday, a proposal was made to issue Letter of Comfort to half a dozen companies for investment at various places in the state, which was approved by the Council of Ministers. These include JK Cement Limited Prayagraj worth 450.92

crores, Moon Beverages Limited Hapur worth 469.61 crores, Silvertown Pulp and Papers Private Limited Muzaaffarnagar worth 403.88



crores, Globus Spirits Limited Lakhimpur Kheri worth 399.74 crores, Chandpur Enterprises Limited Bijnor worth 273.9 crores. Approval was given to change the name of the firm mentioned in the previously issued LOC of Shri Cement

North Private Limited.

A cement plant with a capacity of 20 lakh tonnes has been established at a cost of Rs 380 crore from

of Rs 71 crore. The preparations for which have almost been completed. Production will start from the paint plant in the month of July or August. Through which more than 150 people will get employment.

Moon Beverages Limited Hapur has started commercial production from 19 December 2023 with an actual investment of Rs 469.61 crore. After receiving the Letter of Comfort, it will start getting exemptions, grants and financial facilities of industrial investment and incentives.

The proposal of Silvertown Pulp & Papers Pvt. Ltd. to complete Phase III by 30.09.2025 and Phase IV by 30.10.2027 with an investment of Rs. 30.93 crore in Phase I & II was approved.

An investment pro-

posal of Rs 399.74 crore in three phases for liquor, country liquor grain-based distillery Madhyanchal by Globus Spirits Limited Lakhimpur Kheri was approved. Under which the first phase investment has been made. The second phase is to be completed by October 2025 and the third phase by September 2027.

The first phase of a variety of paper production plant has been set up in Bijnor with a proposed investment of Rs 273.9 crore by Chandpur Enterprises Limited, Bijnor.

The proposal for Letter of Comfort was approved for completion of the second and third phases. At the same time, approval was given to change the name of the firm mentioned in the LOC issued earlier to Shree Cement North.

India adopts American-Israel policy towards rouge nations: Nandi

Prayagraj: After the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, in which the brutal killing of innocent people by asking their religion was done, saluting the valor and courage of the soldiers, the success of Operation Sindoor, launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to teach a lesson to the terrorists and their patrons, the Bharatiya Janata Party organised Bharat Shaurya Tiranga Yatra from All Saint's Cathedral Church to Subhash Chowraha on Thursday. Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi participated in it as the chief guest. A large number of BJP officials, workers and public representatives also participated in the Bharat Shaurya Tiranga Yatra.

Minister Nandi said that till a few years ago, America and Israel were the only two countries in the world that

were known for taking revenge from their enemies and teaching them a lesson. But under the leadership of the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has now declared that this is a new India, if any enemy raises his eyes towards the



country, then India will not only give a befitting reply to its enemies, but will also attack them inside their homes. It will teach them a lesson and will also bury them in the dust.

Minister Nandi said that

this Tiranga Yatra is dedicated to those brave soldiers who set an example of valour to protect the nation. The grand success of Operation Sindoor is a symbol of India's military power, strategic prowess and our unwavering resolve against

Shaurya Tiranga Yatra is dedicated to the honor of brave soldiers and glory of Mother India. Our soldiers set an example of valor to protect the nation. Today every Indian is proud of the decisive and bold action taken by the Indian Army against terrorism by conducting Operation Sindoor. The tremendous success of Operation Sindoor is a symbol of India's military power, strategic skills and our unwavering resolve against terrorism. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, BJP city president Sanjay Gupta, city vice president Anil Kesarwani Jhallar, A w a d h e s h

Chandra Gupta, divisional president Sumit Kumar Vaishya, Parmanand Verma, Gaya Prasad Nishad, Kabir Jaiswal, Rajat Dubey, Swati Gupta and a large number of BJP officials and workers participated in the Tiranga Yatra.

Cong fumes over derogatory remark on Col Sofia, demands action

Prayagraj: Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah's controversial remarks on Air Force officer Colonel Sofia Qureshi have angered Congressmen. They raised slogans and demanded the arrest of the minister. Along with this, they have also demanded the government to expel the minister from the cabinet. On Thursday, Congressmen, who reached the Collectorate under the leadership of City Congress Committee President Fuzail Hashmi, protested against the minister's statement. During this, a letter addressed to the President was handed over to the Additional City Magistrate and demanded the arrest of the minister. President Fuzail Hashmi said that Vijay Shah, a minister in the

MP government, has made a disgusting and shameful statement.

The insult of the pride of the country, our brave officer Colonel Sofia



Qureshi is an insult to the women power of the entire India and the Indian Army. At the same time, Deputy Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Pramod Tiwari, who reached the city, said that this is not only an insult to Colonel Sofia, but also an insult to our armed forces. He alleged that a

conspiracy is being hatched by the BJP leader to incite anarchy and riots in the country. He said that India's sovereignty, unity, integrity and harmony have been

hurt by the statement of the BJP minister. His statement is a threat to the country's republic. MP Pramod Tiwari said that the country was united during Operation Sindoor. He said that PM Narendra Modi should immediately dismiss such a minister. He said that the absurd statement of the

minister should be raised in the Rajya Sabha session.

On this occasion: city president Fujail Hashmi, Sudhakar Tiwari, Mukund Tiwari, Harikesh Tripathi, Kishore Varshney, Parvez Siddiqui, Hasib Ahmed, Vivekanand Pathak, Sanjay Tiwari, Manas Shukla, Arshad Ali, Anoop Tripathi, Ram Manorath Saroj, Mohd. Farhan, Pratima Tripathi, Mohd. Haseen, Sartaj Ahmed, Rajkumar Shukla, Mukhtar Ahmed, Pradeep Narayan Dwivedi, Laik Ahmed, Anil Chaudhary, Daraksha Qureshi, Nishat Fatima, Ishrat Ali, Naseem Hashmi, Mohd. Shariq, Kamal Ali, Irshad Ullah, Mohd. Javed, Rajkumar Shukla, Vishal Sonkar, Mohd. Zahid, Ashok Pasi, Ahmed Ullah and others were present.

Traders met new Police Commr

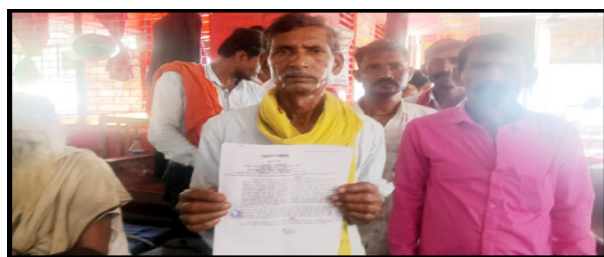


Prayagraj: A delegation of Civil Lines Vyapar Mandal met the new Police Commissioner Jogendra Kumar on Thursday. He was presented with a bouquet and a memento. President Sushil Kharbanda, Senior General Secretary Ashish Arora suggested that the local police should ensure a meeting with traders every month. Senior Vice President of Vyapar Mandal Mohammad Qadir said that there are big jewellery showrooms in Civil Lines and regular police monitoring and patrol-

ling is necessary around them. Sardar Ranbir Singh assured that the traders of Civil Lines fully cooperate with the police administration in traffic and police management. General Secretary Shiv Shankar Singh, Senior Vice President Ashish Arora, Dr. Subhash Yadav, Harshit Agarwal, Dinesh Singh, Rahul Agarwal, Devarshi Agarwal, Piyush Ranjan Agarwal, Ritesh Singh, Sheikh Dabur, lawyer Ankit Kesarwani, Rajkamal Jaiswal, Anil Suneja, Sanjeev Kapoor, Sikandar Ali etc were present.

Dalits receive house demolition order, urge DM for justice

Prayagraj. Dalit families have been living in Roop Patti Bedouli village of Meja tehsil for many generations. Dalits also got the benefit of Pradhan Mantri Awas and CM Awas because they were poor. But their sleep was lost when the Tehsildar issued an order that the house will be demolished and a time limit was set for it. It is alleged that the said order has been passed by misleading the village bullies. The pond that is being talked about was beautified from where the Dalits have built it at a distance. And it is on loose land. Dalits Suresh Kumar Banarasi Lal, Nebu Lal etc. who reached the DM office today said that on the



wrong report of Lakhpal, the Tehsildar of Meja has issued a notice to vacate the Nera. Whereas the government has

allotted Pradhan Mantri Awas, Chief Minister Awas to hundreds of Dalit families living here and got their houses constructed and all are settled on the spot. It is noteworthy that the pond is located at its place on the spot, in which beautification has also been done by the Gram Panchayat. They have no concern with the pond at the place. The Dalits said that if they are evicted, hundreds of people including their children will be left under the open sky. All of them have pleaded to the DM for justice. They said that they will come again on Friday and meet the DM and plead for justice.

Precision herbicides use essential for cotton protection – Godrej Agrovet

Bhatinda/ Mansa/ Fazilka: Cotton, a cornerstone of India's agricultural landscape, plays a pivotal role in the nation's economy. Contributing significantly to agriculture and industrial development, it also aids in employment generation. However, it faces a significant threat from weeds, causing substantial yield losses ranging from 40% to 85% thereby impacting the quality and increasing production costs. "To effectively manage weeds in cotton, it is imperative use both pre and early post and emergence herbicides smartly, especially during the crucial period when the crop and weeds compete. Hence using right herbicide at the right time and in right quantity aid control the weeds effectively. and at the right time knowing when weeds can be problematic is the foundation for sustainable and resilient farming," said Rajavelu NK, CEO- Crop Protection Business, Godrej Agrovet Limited. Highlighting the techniques that can aid reduce weed competition he said that manual weeding and frequent inter-cultivation, like hand hoeing have shown effective results. Farmers practicing hand weeding twice during critical growth stages observe a significant increase in cotton yield. Mechanical methods such as power weeding offer cost-effective weed control and improved soil aeration.



However, challenges arise from labor shortages and excess soil moisture, especially during frequent irrigation or heavy rains in the kharif season, hindering timely cultural practices. To overcome these, adopting herbicides during critical periods becomes essential for effective weed control, ensuring higher yields. "Identifying the critical period of weed competition is crucial for effective weed management in cotton. As a long-duration crop, cotton faces a critical weed competition period of up to 45 Days After Sowing (DAS), during which maintaining a weed-free condition is imperative for optimal results. This makes the need to protect cotton crop during early post-emergent phase viz. 5-15 DAS extremely crucial," added Rajavelu. Due to the varied weather patterns the weed emergence and type of weeds are changing. With effective weed management becoming a critical issue due to this, it is advisable.

Delhi high court orders parents to pay for school AC

Delhi: The Delhi High Court recently ruled that parents must pay for school air conditioning, just like laboratory costs. While dismissing a public interest litigation, the division bench of acting chief judge Manmohan and justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora made the comment. The petition asked the Delhi government's DoE to restrict a private school from charging for classroom air conditioning. Air conditioning is a school facility, thus parents must pay for it like lab and smart class fees. When choosing a school, parents must consider the facilities and expenses for their children. The bench ruled on May 2 that school management cannot bear the cost of such facilities. Manish Goel filed the PIL because his child's Delhi private school charged Rs 2,000 per month for AC.

The petitioner said the school management should give AC to kids with its own funds. The bench heard from the DoE that it was investigating and asking for an action-taken report after



Children under 12 must sit with parents on flights

Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered airlines to seat children under 12 with a parent or guardian. This change follows many complaints from consumers, particularly group travelers, who were seated separated from their children after opting out of extra seat selection expenses. Under the new rule, airlines must seat children under 12.

many complaints. "This petition includes respondent No. 5 school's 2023-24 fee receipt for air-conditioner charges in annexure P-2. Thus, after informing the DoE of the fee and charge schedule, the rates were likely raised. The court said there was no impro-

priety in the school's fee because the petitioner admitted that kids have air conditioning in their classrooms. Bench ruled the plea unmaintainable. "The DoE is investigating and awaiting the action report. The judge dismissed the PIL.

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Canada will limit international students' job dreams to 24 hours per week.

Delhi: The Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship of Canada has announced that international students can only work 24 hours per week. Marc Miller announced on social media X. "We removed the 20-hour/week work requirement for international students to aid post-pandemic rehabilitation. I stated today that this provision would be lifted and that off-campus student employment hours will be limited to 24 hours/week starting this autumn "on his official X account. International students might work more than 20 hours per week off campus under the old rule. The rule expired April 30, 2024. Miller added that kids on academic break can work unlimited hours. According to Miller, this adjustment will let students focus on their studies instead of working lengthy hours. International students come to Canada to study first. Students can work while focusing on class with this improvement. He claimed the program will remain strong while protecting youngsters. According to the Canadian government, recent US and Canadian studies have shown that students working more than 28 hours per week perform worse academically and are more likely to drop out. Most nations that accept international students have limited their working hours while studying. Australia now allows students to work 48 hours within two weeks.

US students must also meet additional standards before working off campus.

Axis Mutual Launches 'Axis Nifty500

GURUGRAM : Axis Mutual Fund, one of India's fastest-growing fund houses, has introduced the Axis Nifty500 Momentum 50 Index Fund—an open-ended Index Fund tracking the Nifty500 Momentum 50 TRI. The New Fund Offer (NFO) period will be open from January 24 to February 7, 2025 and the fund is benchmarked against the NIFTY500 Momentum 50 TRI. This new offering reflects Indian investors' increasing interest in passive strategies within India's investment landscape, as investors look to capitalize on stocks that are in momentum with a more simplified and cost-effective solution. The investment objective of the scheme is to provide returns before expenses that correspond to the Nifty500



Momentum 50 TRI subject to tracking error. However, there is no assurance that the investment objective of the scheme will be achieved. Speaking about the launch, Mr. B Gopkumar, MD & CEO, of Axis Mutual Fund said, "We are excited to launch the Axis Nifty500 Momentum 50 Index Fund as part of our ongoing commitment to providing investors with innovative investment solution. With passive strategies continuing to gain popularity, we believe

that this fund will offer a unique opportunity to invest in India's most promising momentum-driven stocks, all while keeping costs low and ensuring broad diversification. It is an ideal product for investors looking to benefit from market trends without having to make stock-picking decisions." Momentum investing, which capitalizes on the continuation of existing price trends, has historically proven to be a powerful strategy in global markets, and

India is no exception. The Nifty500 Momentum 50 Index is designed to measure performance of stocks demonstrating strong momentum. The momentum is measured based on stocks last 6 month and 12 months returns adjusted for volatility. By focusing on high-performing stocks, this index fund offers investors an opportunity to ride the stocks that have performed well in recent history, potentially enhancing future returns.

The Axis Nifty500 Momentum 50 Index Fund aims to tap into this opportunity by providing investors with exposure to a top 50 stocks exhibiting high momentum. The key feature of Nifty500 Momentum 50 Index is that it selects stocks across large, mid and small caps.

Boyce will have exclusive construction rights

Delhi:

According to sources and regulatory filings, Jamshyd Naoroji Godrej and his sister Smita Crishna Godrej-controlled Godrej & Boyce will have exclusive construction rights over a vast land bank, including a prime 3,000-acre property in Mumbai, they received as part of the family agreement that split the Godrej empire. Deal

splits the 127-year-old organization into two groups commanded by Adi Godrej and his brother Nadir and their cousins Jamshyd and Smita. The former would oversee Godrej Industries Group, which includes listed firms Godrej Industries Ltd, Godrej Consumer Products Ltd, Godrej Properties Ltd, Godrej Agrovet Ltd, and Astec

Lifesciences Ltd. Jamshyd Godrej, 75, will manage Godrej Enterprises, which includes Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co., which operates in aerospace, aviation, defense, energy, construction, IT, and software. His niece Nyrika Holkar will be executive director. Both groups will use the Godrej brand, but they have a six-year non-compete arrangement.

IIT grads are earning under Rs 10 lakh this year

Delhi: High-paying jobs at top Indian Institutes of Technology have been difficult to get this recruitment season. With corporations cutting employment and paying lesser salaries, tail-end students are getting annual packages below Rs 10 lakh. Colleges must contact additional companies since companies that would normally pick six students only chose two. Many pay Rs 10-15 lakh annually. Students who have taken college employment at lesser pay rates are still searching job sites and traveling to career fairs and interviews for better opportunities. "The global economic slowdown has hurt IIT Indore 2024 campus placements. The placement season has been difficult due to fewer recruiters than last year. IIT Indore

has sought alumni support and expanded its employer base, including PSUs, to mitigate the impact. "Professor Suhas Joshi, director, IIT Indore. IIT Bombay student: "Last year, companies hired 5-8 students; this year, 1-2. Not all are hired. Some were selected for phase 2 remuneration packages of Rs 60,000 to Rs 80,000 from coaching programs and start-ups." Spectrum Technologies offered trainee engineers Rs 3.6 lakh and trainee design engineers Rs 6 lakh," stated another IIT-Kharagpur student. Gem Machinery and Startoon Labs gave Rs 5.5 lakh yearly. Skyroot bid Rs 5 lakh. Sri Chaitanya and Next Education pay Rs 4.8-6 lakh annually." "The scenario now is that many students are taking up jobs

offering the bare minimum threshold salary of Rs 6 lakh a year but are looking for other jobs," said a source. Students and placement office workers are marketing to employers, negotiating with NGOs, contacting employment portals, and advising seniors. Praveen Tyagi, owner of IITians' Pace, an entrance exam tutorial, stated, "AI has lowered jobs and multinational FANG businesses didn't come to campus, but we saw this as an opportunity to recruit talent. Our IITian hiring test had hundreds of candidates. Good communicators were chosen for simulated online lectures. We've offered 25 kids Rs 12 lakh annually." Many IIT Delhi students still use the Office of Career Services to find work.

Canada is reducing the number of start-up visas it will accept, this year

Delhi: Although Canada attempted to improve the attractiveness of its start-up visa program in July of last year, an announcement tonight will terminate the aspirations of prospective immigrant entrepreneurs. In reality, a number of them who received early investment or assistance from business incubators can wind up in a limbo. Beginning on April 30, Canada will only accept petitions for permanent residency linked to ten or fewer startups per approved organization for processing each year. The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) released a statement stating that this action was taken to expedite application processing and minimize backlogs. To put it simply, there are currently about 82 of these



approved organizations, which include company incubators, angel investors, and venture capital funds (VCFs). It follows that, if the number of these organizations stays the same, no more than 820 applications will be approved. Furthermore, as per the release, entrepreneurs whose start-up is backed by Canadian funding or a business incubator that is affiliated with Canada's Tech Network will be eligible for priority processing. In order to be eligible for permanent residence, entrepreneurs must demonstrate that they

have sufficient means to support themselves and their family upon arrival in Canada. The Startup Visa (SUV) program does not require applicants to invest any of their funds or have a minimum net worth. It's essential to have support from one or more of the approved partners, such as venture capital funds (VCF), angel investor groups (who must invest a minimum of CAD 200,000 and 75,000, respectively), or be accepted into a program offered by a business incubator. Under this policy, the goals for immigration

Centre considering NIFT overseas campus



Delhi: Two officials said the central government is considering opening a foreign campus of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) soon, citing alliances with UK, Australia, Mauritius, Bangladesh, Finland, Sweden, and Nepal universities. Officials said NIFT may open an abroad campus in a place where the institute already has a relationship. The authorities added New Delhi is also in negotiations to collaborate with a Tashkent institute. Officials said NIFT's abroad initiatives are being coordinated by the textiles and commerce ministries under Piyush Goyal. "Textile ministry and other government ministries, especially commerce, are aiming to make NIFT an internationally recognized educational institute. It's ongoing "said one. The second official said NIFT has inked MoUs with universities in Mauritius, the UK, Bangladesh, and Nepal for semester and short-term student exchange programs. Bharat TEX 2024 in February saw NIFT sign 12 MoUs with international universities, which might lead to dual-degree arrangements. They declined to name NIFT's 19th campus in Varanasi, which will open this year. "NIFT has 13,698 students and 680 professors on 18 sites. The second official stated Varanasi campus will open this year.

Delhi Plans Artificial Rain To Fight Pollution

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



Govt. cancels employee leaves amid India-Pak tensions

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

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

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

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

Install sprinklers and smog guns: Govt. to departments

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



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

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

Delhi authorities target unlawful encroachments on highways to improve public areas

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

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

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

Over 5,600 Delhi government employees on ration subsidy list

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



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

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

DTC will launch e buses connecting three Delhi ISBTs with Noida

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

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



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

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

IGIA raises app-based cab pickup cost

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



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

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

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

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

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

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



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

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

Delhi golfers seek DGC practice rights, threaten Jantar Mantar protest

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



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

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

One helpline for all rain problems in Delhi is 311

Delhi : The Delhi government will launch a unified helpline (311) and establish a central command center at Palika Kendra, the New Delhi Municipal Council headquarters, to handle monsoon-related concerns such as waterlogging and tree collapses. Delhi PWD minister Parvesh Verma stated this after seeing the NDMC's integrated command and control centre (ICCC) on Monday. All three Delhi governments are from the same party and coordinate well. "No blame game," Verma stressed. The rains four days ago swamped each department's complaint center with calls. The Smart City-created NDMC command center is functioning. We want to unite NDMC, MCD, PWD, DDA, the flood department, and the Jal Board under one command center. A single number for reporting waterlogging cases will follow. Verma noted that residents are confused about departmental jurisdictions, saying, "People don't know whether a street falls under PWD, MCD or DDA. With this new approach, they'll phone 311 and the complaint will be immediately forwarded to the right department. The chief minister should be able to access live camera feeds from across Delhi to identify waterlogged areas during an inspection. This was a step toward "One Delhi, One Number," said Verma. He stated, "Citizens won't need to worry about who's responsible—they'll just call 311, and action will follow.

RSS asks for 'one nation-one culture' amid Aurangzeb issue

Delhi: Rashtriya

Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) stressed its commitment to "one nation-one culture" and advised people to choose idols "wisely" by questioning if they wanted a "invader" like Aurangzeb or his brother Dara Shikoh, who "loved the spirit of Indian After the Sangh's three-day Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha ABPS, RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale told reporters that "one nation-one culture" aims to correct a "distorted narrative in written history" and create "a harmonious and organised Bharat". He claimed RSS will reach mandals and basthis (small pockets with less than 10,000 people) through a series of programs. The project will help the organization celebrate its centenary on Oct. 2, Vijayadashami. RSS was started by Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar on Vijayadashami Day



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

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

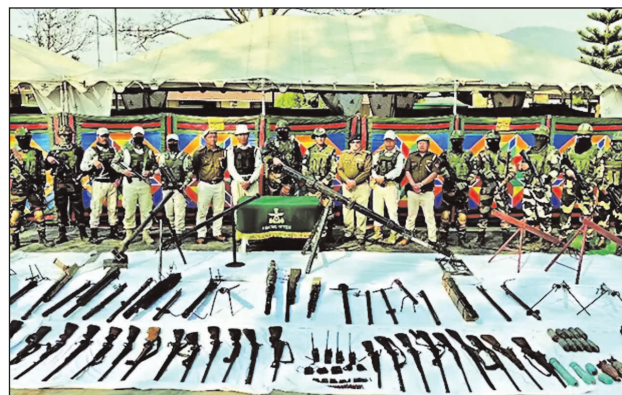
1925. Hosabale responded to Nagpur riots: "Independence in 1947 gave the country liberty, but mental decolonization is still needed.

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.

Before Independence, Rana Pratap Singh fought for freedom. If someone changes the story based on Aurangzeb, we will battle it.

70% of Manipur firearms surrendered after governor call

Delhi: In response to governor Ajay Bhalla's call last month, about 70% of Manipur's guns surrendered came from four Valley districts: Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, and Bishnupur. CRPF sources reported that 991 guns were surrendered between February 20 and the governor's deadline to voluntarily return weapons looted after ethnic unrest in Manipur in May 2023. This period saw rebels and protests across the state surrender 11,526 ammo, 366 hand grenades, 230 explosives, and 10 IEDs. Rebels in Imphal West surrendered 349 arms,



2,460 ammunition, 115 grenades, 2 explosives, and 1 IED. The authorities retrieved 204 guns, 5,764 rounds, 109 grenades, and 45 bombs from Imphal West. Over 15 days, Thoubal and Bishnupur surrendered 124 firearms, 1,329 ammo, 58 grenades, 9 explosives, and 2 IEDs.

Fewer surrenders occurred in Valley and hill districts. Sources say 4,500 guns were found in Manipur since ethnic conflict began, 1,050 of which were surrendered. The rest were taken by police and security during raids and searches.

Gzb fast rail station may provide co-working spaces

Delhi: NCR opened a co-working space at Ghaziabad's Namo Bharat station concourse. The area will serve 42 people and 11 organizations with 42 open workstations, 11 private cabins, and two meeting spaces. An NCRTC spokesman said

video conferencing, wireless screen sharing, and high-speed fiber-optic internet are available. "IoT-enabled workspaces will have smart lighting, climate control, and meeting room scheduling. QR scan-and-use hot desks, vending machines, and feed-

back gathering will be available. The official stated that integrating these technologies will give professionals a future-ready, connected, and efficient co-working experience. This cost-effective strategy will allow startups, small enterprises.

DU will discuss the Viksit Bharat curriculum

Delhi: According to officials, the standing committee of Delhi University (DU) will meet to evaluate suggestions for a number of value addition courses (VAC), including four that are centered on the Bhagavad Gita and one called An Introduction to Viksit Bharat. The committee's emphasis on incorporating modern applications of Indian philosophy and development topics into the curriculum is highlighted in the agenda, which was made public on Wednesday.

With themes like "Gita for Holistic Life," "Gita and Leadership Excellence," "Gita for Sustainable Universe," and "Gita for Navigating Life Challenges," four of the six VACs that are being considered are cen-



tered around the Bhagavad Gita. Based on Karmayoga, Jnanayoga, and Bhaktiyoga, the Gita for Holistic Life syllabus suggests teachings on self-management, resolving problems in modern life, and methods of action, knowledge, and devotion. The course will also include practical components. The other courses will cover similar the-

matic applications of Gita's teachings to leadership, sustainability, and life's problems. Gita may undoubtedly be able to offer us some direction, but it seems ridiculous to introduce so many VACs on Gita. In addition to practical elements like field trips to communities, self-help groups, and farmers' organizations.

Supreme Court verdict will simplify government land acquisition

Delhi: Out of frustration with land acquisition litigation that delays projects for decades, the Supreme Court declared that a government cannot be hindered by third-party rights after acquiring land for public use. A bench of CJI Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar ruled that only the government can rescind acquisition for the full land or a portion of it, hence even a public organization that acquired land cannot surrender it to someone privately. Litigation over purchased land, mostly due to third-party rights, has delayed numerous projects.

India's servers will host DeepSeek's AI models for security

Delhi :The Indian government said it will host Chinese startup DeepSeek's AI models on its computers to monitor security and safety. The country increased its efforts to give computers to entrepreneurs and researchers to accelerate the development of localized AI 'foundational models' or tech solutions to offset US and Chinese AI developments. IT and electronics minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the government is buying 18,693 GPUs to provide "affordable

compute" to large and growing IT enterprises and AI researchers. Foundation models are AI solutions educated on large datasets to fulfill several tasks. The models are adaptable and can be customized for special uses. Vaishnaw noted that DeepSeek was constructed with 2,000 GPUs, therefore the Rs 10,372 crore IndiaAI mission's high-tech GPUs are enough to power India's AI quest. He dismissed concerns about India being late in its AI quest, saying it has US assistance as a valued

partner. We are punctual. Computer access is most vital. This is now accessible. We are fit. Getting the computer facility was crucial to the goal." He added India is optimistic Nvidia will provide GPUs regularly despite US government limitations on some countries. "I'm reiterating that we are seen as a trusted country, we're seen as a country which respects IP rights, (and) we're seen as a country which understands the technological development prospects .

Fadnavis details 2014 Shiv Sena-BJP split 'Yuvraj reluctant to compromise'

Delhi: BJP-Shiv Sena partnership collapsed in 2014, as Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis admitted for the first time. The CM blamed seat-sharing disputes with Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena for the split. "When alliance talks began, the Shiv Sena had agreed to fight only 151 seats. We proposed contesting 127 seats and Shiv Sena 147 seats, and giving the rest to our minor alliance partners "said. Fadnavis spoke at Sikkim Governor Om Prakash Mathur's felicitation. The coalition ended when Shiv Sena refused to compromise on seat demands, the CM stated. After BJP leaders like Om Prakash Mathur escalated the situation to the central leadership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah made the deci-



Aadhaar verification has raised concerns among online gaming operators

In a number of cases challenging the restrictions placed by the Tamil Nadu Online Gaming Authority (TNOGA) that real money games (RMG) could not be played between midnight and 5 a.m. Indian Standard Time (IST) or without Aadhaar verification through one-time passwords (OTPs), the Madras High Court chose not to issue an interim order. Justices S.M. Subramaniam and K. Rajasekar of the Division Bench expressed their preference to hear the writ petitions submitted.

sions, he said. "Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to the Prime Minister, and it was decided that the alliance could continue only if the formula was

127 for BJP and 147 for Shiv Sena," he claimed. "I trusted Amit Shah and Om Prakash Mathur. We believed we could win, but the party did not.

Stage productions cannot depict Sikh Gurus, Sahibzadas

Delhi: The Punjab Directorate of School Education has ordered all District Education Officers (DEOs) and school heads to stop students from playing Guru Gobind Singh's "Sahibzadas" (sons) and their families in plays and dramas. After National Commission for



Minorities chairman Iqbal Singh Lalpura wrote to the state's Chief Secretary, the directive was issued. The

Commission received a complaint that certain schools across the country had misconstrued the instructions by producing plays that depicted the Sahibzadas being bricked alive. To prevent anyone from misrepresenting the Sahibzadas and their families, the Commission has created a

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The SOP specifies that no one, especially kids, may mimic Sikh Gurus or their families on stage. The Commission stressed the cultural and theological value of portraying historical personalities, particularly Guru Gobind Singh's Sahibzadas.

New UPSC PwBD guidelines avoid misconduct and fraudulent certifications

Delhi: The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)'s CSE 2025 requires online submission of certificates and documents at the preliminary stage of the exam, which includes submitting the necessary information and supporting documents for various claims, such as date of birth, category (SC/ST/OBC/ EWS/PwBD/Ex -Servicemen), educational qualification, and Service preferences, with the Online A



Examination candidature will be canceled if the registration and online application form lack the relevant information/documents. "All of these changes should be explicitly stated in

the notification, or the exam-conducting authority can create an educational video for specially abled candidates," he says. They appear puzzled and unable to complete the Prelims application form (due

February 11, 2025). Candidates must also write about their interests, hobbies, achievements, and NCC Scout participation in the Prelims, which were previously announced after the Mains. "The goal is to get the best candidate profile information before the Prelims," Kottaram explains (IRS) officers were recruited under PwBD reservation advantages. UPSC must examine claims and papers if aspirants submit fraudulent documents.

DU academic panel approves syllabus rewrite despite opposition

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



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

Hindu University establishes public policy institute

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

A group at DU has proposed removing classes on sexual orientation

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



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

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

Simplified visa requirements for visitors

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Delhi will provide 100 schools with free computer labs

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



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

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

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

2 Australian and UK universities to open in Navi Mumbai

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



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

DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

SDACH to Host 'Samvaya 2025' Celebrating Golden Jubilee

Chandigarh: Shri Dhanwantry Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Sector 46, will mark its Golden Jubilee with 'Samvaya 2025' from April 20 to 22—a three-day celebration featuring academic, cultural, and health-care-centered events. Dr. Naresh Mittal, General Secretary, Shri Dhanwantry Educational Society, announced that the event will open with the foundation stone laying of a 250-bedded Ayurvedic Super Speciality Hospital by His Excellency Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator. The day will also witness the inauguration of a Centre of Excellence for Chronic Spine Disorders and the launch of key health programs, including a NICU, Free Delivery Program, Anti-Rabies Centre, and Geriatric Care Services. Dr. Koustubh Upadhyaya, Advisor (Ayurveda), Ministry of Ayush, will attend as Guest of Honour. The Convocation Ceremony will follow,

presided over by MP (Rajya Sabha) Satnam Singh Sandhu. Degrees will be conferred upon 135 students, and the day will conclude with an Alumni Meet. Day two features scientific sessions on Integrative Diagnostics, Pharmacogenosy, Nutrition, and Public Health, while the final day will host a Valedictory Ceremony led by Prof. (Dr.) A.K. Attri, Director Principal, GMCH-32, continuing the dialogue in Ayurvedic science.

NTA returns to NEET UG format

Delhi: To do well on the NEET UG 2025 exam, candidates must answer 180 questions in 180 minutes. The NTA has reverted to its pre-Covid exam design, which is expected to increase competition in the May 2025 exam. As per the modified pattern, section B which consisted of optional questions have been removed which has decreased the exam time from 200 minutes to 180 minutes. The NTA declaration made candidates and experts anxious, as it may reduce the overall competition. Health

Ministry officials say question paper difficulty will determine competition levels. The NTA cut the extra 20 minutes and optional questions to restore regularity in the exam schedule. Because the pandemic is finished, candidates must return to the original exam format. The adjustment isn't frightening as the syllabus is unchanged. Additionally, we need to enhance our time management abilities to complete the exam within 180 minutes, which is already challenging," says a NEET

UN chief to visit Bangladesh in March

UN chief to visit Bangladesh in March UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres, who is scheduled to visit Dhaka on March 13-16, has assured that the UN will continue to mobilise the international community to support Bangladesh as a host to the forcibly displaced Rohingya. The UN chief reiterated the UN's strong solidarity with Bangladesh and its support for the transition process under Yunus' leadership. Guterres, in a his letter shared by the



chief adviser office on Wednesday, said, "I will continue to exercise my good offices, including through my special envoy on the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to work closely with regional actors,

Asean and other stakeholders, towards a political solution to the crisis in the state of Myanmar, including creating conditions conducive to safe and voluntary return of Rohingya to Rakhine."

Shooting, hockey out of 2026 Youth oly

Delhi : For the long-awaited 2026 Youth Olympics in Dakar, Senegal, the executive body of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) removed shooting, weightlifting, and hockey from the list of medal sports, severely hurting India's medal hopes.



Among the ten non-medal sports that will comprise the YOG's "engagement

programme" are shooting, weightlifting, and hockey. With four medals from shooting (two gold and two silver), two from hockey (two silver each), and one from weightlifting, India brought home thirteen medals from the 2018 Youth Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Musk takes centre stage at Trump's first cabinet meet as prez backs layoff spree

New York Donald Trump's administration Wednesday laid the groundwork for more large-scale layoffs, as downsizing czar Elon Musk pledged that he would move quickly to slash spending. At the first meeting of Trump's cabinet, Musk said he aims to cut the \$6.7 trillion budget by \$1 trillion this year, an ambitious target that could entail significant disruption of govt programmes. Trump reiterated his promise to refrain from cutting popular health and retirement benefits that account for nearly half of that total. "We're not going to touch it," said Trump, whose unprecedented govt overhaul has so far fired more than



20,000 workers, frozen foreign aid, and disrupted construction projects and scientific research. But it has not slowed spending so far. According to a Reuters analysis, the govt spent 13% more during Trump's first month in office than during the same time last year, largely due to higher

interest payments on the debt and rising health and retirement costs incurred by an aging population. "If this continues, the country will go defacto bankrupt," Musk said at the cabinet meeting, where he wore a black "Make America Great Again" baseball cap and a t-shirt that read

"tech support". The layoffs so far have focused on probationary workers who lack full employment protections. Trump's administration is preparing for deeper cuts targeting career employees. A memo released ahead of the cabinet meeting called for a "significant reduction" but did not specify how many workers should be laid off, beyond the 100,000 of the nation's 2.3 million civilian federal workers who have already taken a buy-out or been fired. Agencies would have to submit plans by March 13, a day before current government funding is due to expire, according to the mem. Some senior members of Trump's administration were surprised by a Saturday.

NMC will penalize colleges who refuse stipends and reduce seats

Delhi: The National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued a show-cause notice to medical colleges that have not submitted intern/resident stipend details. Deans and principals of 115 government and 83 private medical institutions received the notice recently. Maulana Azad Medical College, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. RML Hospital, and Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College is Delhi government college. The Commission



inquired why erring institutes should not be penalized in its notice. The NMC provided a list of government and private colleges without stipend details. The official NMC notification reads, "Many universities have yet to supply the required data on the above email

addresses. These medical colleges' failure to submit information reg. [regarding] resident stipend payment is taken seriously, and those who have not submitted the necessary information are directed to show cause why they should not be penalized."

Trump administration creates registry for immigrants who are in the US illegally

New York The Trump administration is creating a registry for all people who are in the United States illegally, and those who don't self-report could face fines or prosecution, immigration officials announced Tuesday. Everyone who is in the U.S. illegally must reg-



ister, give fingerprints and provide an address, the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement. It cited a section of the Immigration Act - the Nationality Act - the complex immigration law - as justification for the registration process, which would apply to anyone 14 and older. The announcement comes as the administration seeks to make good on campaign promises to carry out mass deportations of people in the country illegally and seal the border to future asy-

lum-seekers. "An alien's failure to register is a crime that could result in a fine, imprisonment, or both," the statement said. "For decades, this law has been ignored - not anymore." On its website, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service said it would soon create a form and process for registration. In one of his 10 inauguration day executive orders related to immigration, President Donald Trump initially outlined plans for creating a registry. and required that

IIT-D placements rise 25%, 53% of students get jobs in last drive

Delhi: A recent IIT Delhi departure poll reveals the diverse career prospects of its 2024 graduates. The poll of August graduates shows a shift toward off-campus placements. The survey found 53.1% of students (1,411) got jobs. Meanwhile, 8.4% (224 students) self-employed, 1.7% (45 students) joined startups, and 2.5% (66 students) started businesses. Many graduates pursue intellectual or competitive goals. About 13.5% (359 students) have chosen higher education, and 1.8% (47 PhD holders) are awaiting postdoctoral research or faculty employment. 12.1% (321 students) are preparing for civil services, engineering, and government career exams. The institute's August 10 convocation event



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awarded 2,656 degrees and emphasized these tendencies. This includes 481 PhD and dual PhD degrees, 1,001 BTech degrees, 529 MTech degrees, and others from MBA, MSc, MS (Research), and PG Diploma programs. The institute praised its students for pursuing entrepreneurial and administrative careers in a state-

ment. "Our graduates are keen to explore multiple opportunities, including startups, entrepreneurship, higher studies, post-doctoral research, and civil services," the group added. These data show that many IIT Delhi graduates are choosing unorthodox careers that match their goals.

Exam centers to get CCTVs from NIOS to reduce malpractices

Delhi: To ensure transparent and seamless assessments, the Board of Secondary Education (BSE) will use AI-powered CCTV cameras and webcasting of the annual High School Certificate (HSC) exam 2024. Pauses, violations of rules, such as logistical issues in storing or distributing question papers, cheating, malpractice, invigilator incompetence, or cell phone use in HSC exam centers, can now be identified quickly. The board has strategically placed AI-supported CCTV cameras and webcasting for real-time test hall surveillance. Advanced features in these cameras can detect strange behavior in the medical room. "The annual matric examination 2024 will be completely hi-tech and technology-enabled to make the process transparent and error-free," stated BSE secretary Nihar Ranjan Mohanty.



Over 5.5 lakh students will take the yearly HSC exam from February 20 to March 4, 2024. More than 2,990 centers will host the exam this year. Hypersensitive and sensitive test centers, strong rooms where question papers will be maintained, and district education officers will have AI-enabled CCTV cameras. "We are working on identifying the centres based on the reports of DEOs," he said. The BSE sends a three-tier squad of 160 persons to examination centers to check for wrongdoing and ensure smooth board exams.