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UNIQUE GIFT OF KRIYAYOGA ASHRAM AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO GIVE IMPETUS TO WORLD BUILDING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

PM inaugurated the newly built 'Kartavya Bhawan'

New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the newly built 'Kartavya Bhawan' in the capital Delhi and said that this building is not just a government building, but a symbol of building a developed India and it will become a center to decide the direction of nation building. Addressing a grand public function organized on Kartavya Path, the Prime Minister said that the word duty in Indian cul-

The direction of the country will be decided from Kartavya Bhawan

PM said that whatever decisions related to nation building will be taken in Amritkal, they will now be operated from these new buildings. He said that memorials like Kartavya Path, New Parliament House, Bharat Mandapam,



Yashobhoomi, National War Memorial and the statue of Netaji Subhash

Chandra Bose are symbols of modern India. The Prime Minister clarified that the government is not only building buildings in this era of development, but is laying the foundation of new thinking, new direction and new

ture is not limited to only duties and responsibilities. It is the basic soul of Indian culture, which reflects the karma pradhan philosophy. Referring to the Bhagavad

Gita, he said that Lord Krishna has also considered duty as paramount. He said,

Trump imposed 25 percent extra tariff on India

In this way, India will now have a 50 per cent tariff. India called America's 25 percent additional tariff 'unfair'

Trade

United States President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed an executive order



Will take all necessary steps in national interest: India

India termed the 25 percent additional tariff imposed by the US as unfair and said that the country will take all necessary steps to safeguard its national interests. India says that other countries are also importing from Russia in their national interests.

How will India be out of the competition?

Before April this year, there was an 8% duty on Indian footwear, but now 50% and 8% i.e. 58% duty will be levied on footwear exported to the US. Exporters say that it will now be very difficult to compete with the rival country in the US.

US President Trump had said that India has not been a good trading partner.

He had announced that he would increase tariffs on New Delhi "substantially" in the next 24 hours because it is buying oil from Russia. According to the order signed by

Trump, this tariff will come into effect within 21 days, which will be applicable on goods sent from India to America from August 27, 2025. However, goods that have left before this date and reach the US before 17 September 2025 will be exempted from this

duty. The order clarifies that this tariff will be in addition to all other duties and taxes, while exemptions can also be given in certain cases. President Trump announced tariffs on countries around the world in the joint session of the US Parliament.

New Delhi: US President Donald Trump has announced an additional 25 percent tariff on Indian goods. This will be in addition to the 25 percent tariff imposed earlier. In this way, India will now have a 50 percent tariff. Further intensifying trade tensions with India, United States President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed an executive order to impose an additional 25 percent tariff on India, increasing it to a total of 50 percent. Earlier on July 30, Trump had announced a 25 percent tariff on India. Earlier on Tuesday,

Seven officers including Mathura Deputy Commissioner

Kamlesh Pandey suspended for sexual harassment

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Lucknow: Deputy Commissioner Kamlesh Kumar Pandey posted in the State Tax Department, Mathura was accused of sexual harassment and unethical behavior by a subordinate female officer. The allegations were found to be prima facie true in the investigation, after which he has been suspended and attached to the Joint Commissioner, Banda office. The investigation of the case was handed over to the Internal Grievance Committee (Vishakha), but the committee is accused of trying to save the accused officer and not fulfilling its responsibilities. Due to this, six members of the committee have also been suspended.

These include Assistant Commissioner Komal Chhabra (Mobile

Allegations

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Squad Unit-2, Mathura), Deputy Commissioner Pratibha (Special Investigation Branch, Mathura), Assistant

Commissioner Pooja Gautam (State Tax Section-2, Mathura), Deputy Commissioner Sanjeev Kumar (State Tax Section-5, Mathura), State Tax Officer Sunita Devi (Section-3, Mathura) and Deputy

Commissioner Virendra Kumar (Section-3, Mathura). The State Tax Department has appointed Special Secretary Kritika Jyotsna as the investigating officer to investigate against all the officials.

Opposition uproar continues in Parliament

Uproar

The functioning of both the Houses was affected due to uproar over the issue of SIR

New Delhi. On Wednesday, the 13th consecutive working day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, the functioning of both the



Houses was affected due to uproar over the issue of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter list in Bihar. During this, one bill each was passed in both the Houses after

a brief discussion. Due to the disruption in both the Houses, the proceedings were interrupted several times and later adjourned for the day.

In the Lok

Sabha this morning, the victims of the Hiroshima atomic bomb on 6 August were remembered. Later, due to the uproar, the proceedings were adjourned till 12 o'clock and then till 2 o'clock. When the House resumed at 2 o'clock, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju appealed to the opposition to let the House function.

"He said that those who came to power by doing appeasement politics are neither here nor there today"

Today UP is proud of its heritage, development and education: Yogi

Moradabad: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the opposition while inaugurating the Atal Residential School built at a cost of Rs 79 crore in Moradabad. He said that those who came to power by doing appeasement politics are neither here nor there today. Such people could neither stand with the society nor with the future generation. CM Yogi clearly



said that the schemes of BJP are not based on appeasement but on satisfaction which reaches every person without any discrimination.

Attacking the opposition, he said that there was a time when power was just a shop for those doing appeasement politics. They had made education a den of copying, anarchy and casteism.

But today the same people are worried about satisfaction. Our government does not follow appease-

Dharali: Govt put its strength into relief and rescue work



New Delhi: There is no news about the missing Indian Army personnel from a camp in the lower Harshil area after the cloudburst incident in Uttarkashi. Despite this, the Indian Army personnel have intensified the relief work.

Army personnel have intensified the relief work, 70 people have been rescued

nel are reported missing from a camp in the lower Harshil area. Despite the disappearance of their own people in this incident, the Indian Army personnel are engaged in relief work. The Army said in a statement on Wednesday that so far more than 70 people have been rescued. Two additional rescue and relief teams have been deployed in Gangotri and Dharali. Soil removal equipment has been deployed to open the road from Harshil to Dharali. The help of drones and rescue dogs is being taken to locate the trapped civilians. Indian Army officials said that 8-10 Indian Army personnel

RBI maintains GDP growth forecast at 6.50 percent



(MPC) for the current financial year 2025-26 that better than normal south and west monsoon, low inflation, increase in capacity utilization and favorable financial conditions are supporting domestic economic activities. He said that keeping all these in mind, the real GDP growth rate for the financial year 2025-26 is estimated to be 6.5.



Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath dedicated this education center to the children and workers' families of Moradabad division just before the festival of Raksha Bandhan, Shri Krishna Janmashtami and Independence Day and announced that on 8, 9, 10 August, all the sisters of the state will be given free travel facility in roadways buses. The distribution of workers' money has stopped

Consider Aadhaar, other IDs in Bihar drive: Supreme Court

Delhi: The Supreme Court asked the Election Commission of India (ECI) to also consider Aadhaar cards, voter IDs and ration cards, as acceptable proof of eligibility for inclusion in electoral rolls in its ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of the list in Bihar, even as it agreed to examine whether the poll body's exercise violated legal provisions or could potentially lead to mass disenfranchisement ahead of assembly elections due later this year. Underlining that the matter "goes to the root of the functioning of the democratic republic" and involves "the right to vote," a bench of justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Joymalya Bagchi said it would examine three key questions -- ECI's powers to conduct such an exercise, the manner in which the SIR is being conducted, and its timing, and



EC: 3 out of 4 Bihar voters have filed enumeration forms

Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) press notice states that three out of four Bihar electors have submitted their enumeration forms for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Since the SIR directives were released on June 24, 5.87 crore (58.7 million) forms (74.39% of total) had been collected. The EC stated around 77,000 Booth Level Officers (BLOs),

fixed the matter for next hearing on July 28. The court also directed the poll body to file its counter affidavit within a week

20,603 newly appointed BLOs, election officials, and over 400,000 volunteers are working to collect and digitize forms for the Bihar assembly elections later this year. With a new verification module, BLO is digitizing and uploading 3.73 crore (37.3 million) forms. An EC official said the new "real time" in ECINet AERO/EROS to verify against the EPIC number who has uploaded.

and noted that no interim order was being passed at this stage since, by ECI's own schedule, the draft electoral rolls.

DU will discuss the Viksit Bharat curriculum and Gita-based courses

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 centered around the Bhagavad Gita. Based on Karmayoga, Jnayayoga, 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 thematic applications of Gita's teachings to leadership, sustainability, and life's prob-

lems. 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, the proposed chapters will address the role of technology, infrastructure, agriculture, and sustainability, he said. A VAC titled "The Science of Happiness" is also on the schedule. The Centre for Hindu Studies has also suggested starting a PhD program in Hindu Studies, which is anticipated to begin.

LJP (RV) chairman and cabinet minister Chirag denies becoming a future CM

Delhi: The declaration that LJP (RV) chairman and union cabinet minister Chirag Paswan would run in the Bihar assembly elections later this year surprised everyone. His Lok Janshakti Party would form a pre-poll coalition with the ruling Janata Dal United for the

first time. Paswan's party won all five seats in last year's general elections, but it's not in the legislature. The 42-year-old son of LJP founder and former minister Ram Vilas has spoken out contrary to his coalition partner BJP. He told why he wants to fight, the Waqf

law, and the constitution preamble amendment. Haven't spoken to them.

This is my third term as a member of Parliament, and over the previous 11 years, I have realized that my vision for my state—Bihar first, Bihari first.

Telangana Cabinet to implement 42% quota for BC



before making the decision, according to Srinivas Reddy. As per the directives from the Telangana High Court, the state of Telangana must conduct its local body elections no later than three months from now. The Telangana Backward Classes (Reservation of seats in urban

and rural local bodies) Bill, 2025 and the Telangana Backward Classes (Reservation of seats in educational institutions and of appointments for posts in services under the state) Bill, 2025 were the bills that were passed by the Telangana Assembly in March.

Police in Noida will design a 4-kilometer Kanwar Yatra route

Delhi: In Noida, devotees will embark on a four-kilometer journey that begins at Mayur Vihar, continues past the Shani Temple and the Okhla Bird Sanctuary, and ends at Kalindi Kunj. According to the police, in preparation for next week's Kanwar Yatra, they have devised a strategy for traffic control to ease the journey of Kanwar pilgrims via Noida on their route to Delhi and Faridabad. The four-kilometer journey that pilgrims will take in Noida begins at Mayur Vihar and ends at Kalindi Kunj, stopping at Shani Temple and the Okhla Bird Sanctuary.

A 2,200-crore expansion is planned: BITS Pilani chancellor



Delhi: Aditya Birla Group chairman and Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS) Pilani chancellor Kumar Mangalam Birla announced major expansion plans for the prestigious educational institution, including AI adoption, ed-tech ventures, and Indian campus capacity increases. Birla spoke at BITS Pilani's 2025 convocation, where 17,041 students graduated while former chief justice DY Chandrachud was chief guest. The rich industrialist invested around ₹2,200 crore in three

projects to expand the university. The institute will invest 1,000 crore in a state-of-the-art AI+ campus in Amaravati, 1,219 crore in expanding and modernizing its three Indian campuses in Pilani, Goa, and Hyderabad under 'project vistaar', and ₹35 crore in launching BITS Pilani Digital, its dedicated EdTech platform. The 35-acre AI+ cam-

pus in Amaravati will provide undergraduate twinning programs, cotutelle doctoral degrees with leading worldwide schools, and master's programs in AI/ML, innovation, and strategy. Undergraduate twinning programs allow students to split their four-year degree program between an Indian institution and a foreign partner univer-

IIT Kharagpur teachers petition governors. Restore HoD positions



Government issues Waqf Act rules

Delhi: The Union government issued the guidelines to operationalize the disputed Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, focusing on the central portal where Islamic charitable endowments will be registered and leaving other details to the states. The 32-page minority affairs ministry document will be presented to Parliament on July 21 during the monsoon session. A senior ministry official said the rules will be republished in the gazette if Parliament modifies them. The act was elaborate, thus the rules are short and focused on the portal. The ministry's task is complete, and Parliament will set the rules.

and disciplined them sent to 86 academic members who signed within seven days, tensions rose. Show cause notices were

Mohan Bhagwat suggests leaders retire at 75, sparking Opposition suspicion.

Delhi: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) president Mohan Bhagwat's comment about resigning at 75 has opposition lawmakers wondering how it will affect Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who turns 75

this September. At the Nagpur book presentation for RSS ideologue Moropant Pingle, Bhagwat stated, "When you turn 75, it means you should stop now and make way for others." Bhagwat also remem-

bered Pingle's humor. In his lecture, Mohan Bhagwat recalled that Moropant Pingle once said that if you are honored with a shawl after 75, you should quit now, you are old; stand aside and let others

come in. He said Moropant, despite his dedication to national duty, believed in gracefully retiring at age. Many the remark as a hidden message to PM Modi, sparking a political controversy.

Dolly Chaiwala's franchise gets 1,609 requests 'despite hate'



rain, through good and bad times, hoping things would change. I persevered. I'm lucky, but more proud, today." He called the franchise announcement "a symbol of possibility for the millions who start life with

nothing but a dream." "People can laugh at me or call me names," Dolly said. He announced the franchise on social media, stating that it is India's first viral street brand and now a commercial opportunity.

नाम संशोधन सूचना
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Meeting concluded regarding the organization of Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan under the chairmanship of DM

● District Magistrate gave necessary guidelines to all concerned officials regarding the successful implementation of Har Ghar Tiranga program

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Instructions for preparing the flag

Prayagraj. Prayagraj. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma held a meeting regarding the successful organization of Har Ghar Tiranga program in Sangam Auditorium on Wednesday and gave important guidelines to all concerned officials. In the meeting, the District Magistrate said that instructions have been received from the government to organize the Har Ghar Tiranga program in three phases to highlight the feeling of patriotism, respect for the symbols of independence and freedom fighters among the citizens and school children of the district. Under the Ghar Tiranga pro-

gram, various programs will be organized in the first phase till 08 August

front, white and green should be used in the flag. The ratio of its length and width should be 3:2. For example, if the length of the flag is 3 feet, then the width should be 2 feet. The material used to make the flag should be Khadi or hand spun cloth, machine made cloth/cotton/polyester/woolen/silk etc. Three colours sa-

gram, second phase from 09 to 12 August 2025 and third phase from 13 to 15

Rules for hoisting the flag

Every citizen has to hoist/install the flag in his residence/school and government offices with respect and following the flag code. While hoisting the flag, the saffron colored strip should always be on the top of the flag. If the flag is hoisted on a government occasion, it should be hoisted after sunrise and taken down with respect at sunset.

August 2025. The District Magistrate said that the main objective of the program is to awaken the respect for independence and national spirit of every person, student and the coming young generation. He has asked to ensure flag collection by setting department-wise

Flags hoisted at private residences and establishments should be taken down and kept with respect after that. After taking down the flag, no one should throw it away, it should be folded and kept with respect. The flag should be hoisted in a proper manner at someone's house. It will be prohibited to hoist a half bent, torn or cut flag.

targets. He has also asked to include the officials of self-help organizations and trade boards in this event. On this occasion, the District Magistrate gave necessary guidelines regarding the grand celebration of 15 August 2025 Independence Day in the district.

Ignoring Administrative Warning Proves Fatal

Man Drowns in FloodWaters



Drowning

55-year-old Visheshwar Ram lost his life after drowning in floodwaters

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Ghazipur: In a tragic incident in Hariharpur village under the jurisdiction of Muhammadabad Police Station in Ghazipur district, 55-year-old Visheshwar Ram lost his life after drowning in floodwaters. On Wednesday, he had gone to bathe near the Bhagda area of the village, where the overflowing Ganga River had inundated the surroundings. Notably, the district administration had already issued a warning urging people to stay away from flood-affected areas.

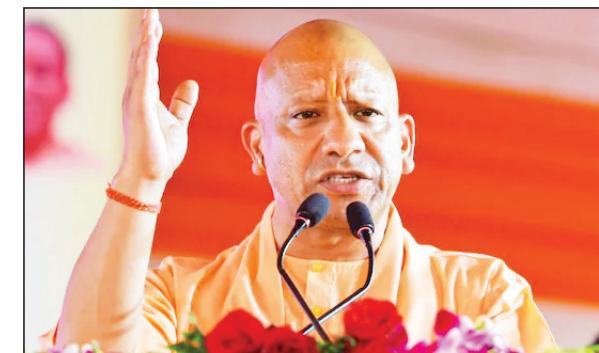
However, ignoring this advisory, Visheshwar Ram entered the water-logged region. While bathing, he was suddenly caught in a strong current and began to drift away. Local residents attempted to rescue him from the water and eventually succeeded, but by then he was already unconscious. Family members and police quickly reached the scene and rushed him to the Ghazipur Trauma Center, where he succumbed during treatment. The police have taken possession of the body and sent it for post-mortem. Following the incident, the administration has reiterated its appeal to the public to avoid flood-hit areas and strictly adhere to all safety guidelines to prevent such tragic occurrences in the future.

Yogi govt extends festive gift to destitute women

ahead of Raksha Bandhan and Janmashtami

Transferred

Over 1,115.64 crore transferred to 36.75 lakh destitute women's bank accounts



Lucknow: In a compassionate move ahead of the festivals of Raksha Bandhan and Shri Krishna Janmashtami, the Yogi Adityanath-led government has extended a financial gift to support destitute women across Uttar Pradesh. In line with the Chief Minister's vision, the Department of Women Welfare has disbursed 1,115.64 crore for the second quarter (July–September) of the 2025–26 financial year under the Nirashrit Mahila Pension Yojana. The funds were directly transferred to the Aadhaar-linked

bank accounts of 36,75,623 eligible women via the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) in the first week of August.

This timely financial support ensures that beneficiaries can celebrate the upcoming festivals without any economic hardship. The scheme, operated by the Women Welfare Department, is a significant initiative aimed at providing social and economic empowerment to

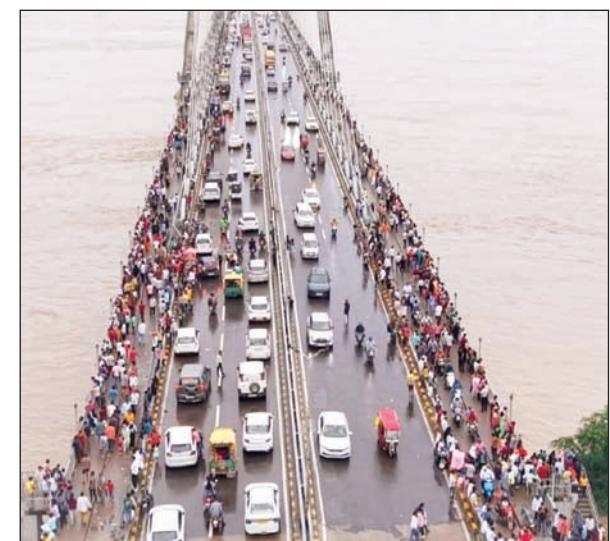
women who have lost their husbands. Women above the age of 18, who are permanent residents of Uttar Pradesh and whose annual family income does not exceed 2 lakh, are eligible for a monthly pension of 1,000 under the scheme. To ensure transparency and timely delivery, the pension amount is deposited directly into beneficiaries' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts through PFMS. In the first quarter of the

2025–26 financial year (April–June), the Uttar Pradesh government provided 1,062.15 crore in pension support to 35,78,111 widowed women. Showing increased commitment, the government transferred 1,115.64 crore to 36,75,623 women beneficiaries in the first week of August—well ahead of Raksha Bandhan and Janmashtami. This proactive move ensures that women can celebrate the festivals with financial ease and joy along with their families.

According to Sandeep Kaur, Director of the Department, the early transfer of pension funds was made on the instructions of CM Yogi, who wanted to make sure that no eligible woman misses out on the benefits of the scheme during the festive season.

camps. Ban on taking selfie and parking vehicle on the bridge. The police has banned taking selfie and parking vehicle on Naini Naya Yamuna Bridge, Shastri Bridge and Phaphamau Bridge. Action will be taken against those who do this and instructions have also been given for patrolling on the bridges. The bridges have already been declared no parking zone. In such a situation, if anyone parks a vehicle, legal action will be taken against him.

Challan will be issued for taking selfie and parking vehicle on the new bridge



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Prayagraj. The water level of Ganga and Yamuna has started decreasing in Sangamnagar.

However, both the rivers are still flowing above the danger mark. The water level is decreasing at the rate of two centimeters per hour. If this situation remains, the situation will become normal in two days. Relief and rescue work has been intensified by the administration. At present people are staying in relief

Yogi govt to provide subsidized agricultural equipment to farmers



Lucknow: In a bid to promote transparency and boost farm productivity, the Uttar Pradesh government headed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, is set to provide subsidized agricultural equipment to farmers through an e-lottery system. The Agriculture Department will conduct the lottery under the supervision of District Magistrates across all 75 districts on

including Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for In-situ Management of Crop Residue and Sub-Mission on Agricultural

Mechanization. Bookings for Mini Oil Mill Extraction Unit and Tarpaulin have been made under National Mission on Edible (Oilseed) scheme. According to the Agriculture Department, the e-lottery process will be conducted across all 75 districts on August 7 and 8. To ensure smooth execution, District Deputy Agriculture Directors

have informed the selected farmers and members of the District Level Executive Committee. Details of the DLSC members, headed by the District Magistrate, must be uploaded to the departmental portal by Wednesday. The PDF file of the office memorandum of the committee will also be uploaded to the departmental portal. The

Department of Agriculture has issued instructions that a spacious location must be earmarked at district level to accommodate the maximum number of farmers who can witness the e-lottery. The process will take place with the utmost transparency as per the wish of CM. Arrangements for installing large screens will also be made at the e-lottery.

Families affected by the flood are being relocated to safer locations

Flood Tragedy: Administration Becomes Lifeline – Displaced Receive Shelter, Food, and Medical Aid

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provided with essential facilities in tempo-

rary shelters. Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Harshita Tiwari informed that currently three relief centers are actively functioning. At the primary school in Semra, around 15 families have found safe refuge. Regular meals, breakfast, and necessary healthcare services are being provided to the victims here. At Sherpur Inter College, nearly 80 displaced

families from the Nai Basti area have been accommodated. The SDM also stated that the administration is on high alert and will not tolerate any negligence in relief operations. In this time of severe natural disaster, the administration's prompt response and dedication stand as a strong testament to its sensitivity and sense of duty towards the public.

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Kala Utsav 2025 program organized

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Prayagraj. District School Inspector P N Singh said that the Kala Utsav 2025 competition will be organized on the theme of India's vision of developed India 2047 under the aegis of the Indian Art and Cultural Department. Twelve categories have been set in it. In which students and girls have been given equal participation opportunities. There will be group and solo competitions in singing, playing, dancing and visual arts. There will be group competitions in

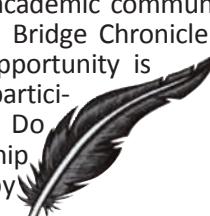
drama and story reading. Students securing first position at the school level will participate at the district level on August 21 at the Government Inter College Prayagraj. Provide the information of selection from the school level to the nodal of the program by August 15.

Editorial

T Kharagpur wants students to run to mommy. 'Campus Mothers' is regression not innovation

At a time when gender equity discussions are taking centre stage, IIT Kharagpur's reductive framing of women through the 'Campus Mothers' initiative as default caregivers is tragically regressive. Reinforcing outdated gender norms under the guise of support, it sidelines efforts for gender parity and ultimately does a disservice to all genders. The urgent need to expand mental health support on college campuses and create multiple avenues of care and intervention is not under debate here. What merits scathing scrutiny is the blatant gender stereotyping disguised as an innovative initiative. The core idea of community-based health-care initiatives like 'Campus Mothers' is not new. One of the earliest examples is Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), developed in the US in the 1970s, which includes Peer Support Specialists to provide mental health support. From India, Atmiyata is a community-based mental health initiative that has shown evidence-based success in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Similar community mental health models in Japan and other countries have also shown encouraging rates of success. However, in their decades-long global history, community mental health support has never been the exclusive domain or responsibility of women. Framing caregiving as inherently feminine erases the contributions of others and reinforces regressive gender norms that hinder gender equitable participation in both caregiving and mental health advocacy. By soliciting the active participation of women as 'Campus Mothers', the initiative is likely to exclude other genders, especially men from this important mental health initiative, undermining the very equity that such programmes should strive to promote. "Many of these women have experienced motherhood themselves—some have grown up children who may now be living abroad or otherwise independent. Having gone through motherhood, they understand the unique challenges children face," said the director of IIT Kharagpur, Suman Chakraborty. We find this quote especially problematic.

The notion that experiencing motherhood inherently grants women a magical capacity for empathy is both reductive and exclusionary. By that logic, men—having never experienced motherhood—are naturally disqualified from being empathetic. But empathy is not biologically bestowed through motherhood; it is cultivated through a range of life experiences, self-awareness, and emotional engagement. The best counsellors and therapists, or psychiatrists are not defined by their gender or parental status. A nurturing environment requires participation from all genders. Since 'Campus Mothers' involves training, why not train all genders? This initiative deliberately propagates the surrogate maternal figure, reinforcing the "run-to-mommy-when-hurt" stereotype. Equally troubling is the assumption that older women, having completed their primary caregiving roles, now need something to "fill their time". And 'Campus Mothers' is supposed to be a productive way to keep them occupied. This framing is deeply patriarchal and condescending, reducing women's identities to domestic roles and positioning them as permanent caregivers for other people's children once their own have left home. Audaciously enough, the 'Campus Mothers' initiative has also been called a leadership opportunity for women. "By involving women as key emotional anchors on campus, the initiative also promotes women's participation and leadership in the academic community," reads an article on The Bridge Chronicle. What kind of leadership opportunity is envisaged for women who participate in this programme? Do they get visibility for leadership roles traditionally held by men in the administrative .



Can Musk And His American Party Rely On 'Vibes'?

The American Party. Is it the birth of a new political force of disruption and even hope in the United States, or just another Independence Day startup with a flag? While most Americans were busy enjoying fireworks and patriotic ballads on July 4, Elon Musk was hunched over his phone, obsessing not over liberty but over the results of a poll he posted on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, now moonlighting as his personal megaphone and emotional weather vane. The question was, should he launch a new political party? The answer, to his delight, was a resounding yes, with nearly two-thirds of

1.2 million respondents cheering him on. Musk took this as nothing short of divine instruction, promptly declaring the birth of the America Party. Until recently, billionaires busied themselves buying sports teams or building vanity rockets. But that looks old-school. Starting your own political party? That's the new superyacht. Musk insists this isn't just a passing whim but a much-needed emancipation from what he calls the "Uniparty", his term for the interchangeable swamp monsters that allegedly populate both the Republican and Democratic machines. "Do you want independence from the two-party

RJD has an EBC dream in Bihar. It'll take more than tickets & tokenism

As Bihar gears up for the assembly elections later this year, the opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal has appointed Mangani Lal Mandal as its new state president—the first time it has chosen someone who belongs to the Extremely Backward Classes, or EBCs, a voting bloc that comprises 113 castes and makes up 36 per cent of the state's population. So far, though, EBCs have shown an aversion toward the RJD. Instead, they have gravitated toward the JDU, now in alliance with the BJP, which mobilised its election machinery in Bihar immediately after winning the Delhi assembly election. The question now arises whether the RJD will succeed in its efforts to attract EBCs through the appointment of Mandal. Based on an analysis of caste-wise candidate nominations by the RJD and JDU, and their respective victories in the 2020 Bihar assembly election, I argue that the RJD needs to move beyond political appointments for the mobilisation of such communities. It also needs to focus on exclusive policies intended to empower EBCs. Otherwise, it will be extremely difficult to break the scepticism of the EBCs. Bihar is well known for caste-based political mobilisation. The caste background of can-



didates is an important indicator of how parties build their social coalitions. It also helps us to understand the support of different castes for various political parties. Let's take a look at the caste-wise candidate nominations and wins of the RJD and JDU in the 2020 Bihar assembly election. This analysis examines the caste composition of nominees and elected representatives from the RJD and JDU in the 2020 Bihar Assembly election, based on candidate data from media reports. The graph below shows that the RJD's highest number of candidates came from the Yadav community (58). After them, only three other groups—EBCs (19), Scheduled Castes (19), and Muslims (18)—had candidates in double digits. Seen as a whole, the RJD focused primarily on its traditional MY (Muslim-Yadav) base, followed by an attempt to bring in EBCs. However, its EBC candidates performed badly. Out of 19 nominated, only four won. In con-

trast, JDU's EBC candidates performed impressively. It nominated 17 EBC candidates, out of which 12 won. The party's overall ticket distribution was also not concentrated on any one social group. Seven social groups—Yadav (18), EBC (17), SC (16), Kurmi (15), Kushwaha (15), Muslim (11), and Bhumihar (10)—had candidates in double digits. It's worth noting, though, that the highest number of JDU candidates also came from the Yadavs. This nomination profile might be symbolic, but it also conveys a message that the party is not against the legitimate representation of any particular social group. Here, the RJD did not appear as above board, as it had nominated only one candidate from the Kurmi caste, which is the support base of the JDU. In short, the above comparative analysis reveals EBCs have largely steered clear of the RJD.

Despite nominating a larger number of candidates from the

group, only four of its 19 EBC candidates won, compared to 12 of JDU's 17. It is often stated that Nitish Kumar has created a constituency of women, MBCs, and Mahadalits, and these social groups have gradually become a strong support base of the JDU. To break the social base of any political party, a rival typically deploys two strategies: ticket splitting and policy changes. The former means nominating candidates from those castes and communities, while the latter involves promising policies that benefit them. The RJD relied on the first strategy, nominating a high number of EBC candidates in the 2020 election. One may counter that the RJD also adopted the strategy of policy change by promising 10 lakh government jobs, from which EBCs would also potentially benefit. So why did EBCs not respond to such promises?

One answer could be low educational attainment among EBCs and their limited ability to benefit from reservation policies. Across North Indian states, EBCs have demanded a sub-categorisation within OBC reservations, arguing that they are unable to compete with politically dominant OBC groups such as Yadavs and Kurmis. The BJP responded by

appointing the Justice Rohini Committee to examine this demand. At the same time, welfare schemes introduced by the Narendra Modi government have also reached these communities. Because of its alliance with the BJP, the JDU has benefited from both strategies—ticket splitting and policy response—while opposition parties like the RJD have remained stuck on the former. This could partly explain the aversion of EBCs toward the RJD. In the upcoming election, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav is promising to extend the limit of reservation, along with the introduction of a domicile policy for government jobs. However, none of these policies are specifically targeted to address the grievances of EBCs. Unless the party does that, it would be a herculean task to break the aversion. To sum up, the RJD's attempt to expand its social coalition by adding EBCs to its MY base did not deliver encouraging results in the last election. Relying on ticket-splitting alone to mobilise these communities hasn't worked. The party now needs to explore mechanisms beyond candidate nomination. Offering specific welfare schemes could be one of them. Otherwise, it may just be staring at a repeat of 2020.

Bombay HC has left women advocates without a PoSH shield

The Bombay High Court recently rejected a petition asking it to order the Maharashtra-Goa Bar Council and the Bar Council of India to set up permanent committees for handling sexual harassment complaints under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013. Every woman advocate in India is now outside the PoSH net. The Division Bench of the Bombay High Court concluded that no employer-employee relationship exists between advocates and Bar Councils. That nexus is the linchpin of the PoSH Act. The Act's architecture presupposes an employer capable of setting up an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), enforcing penalties, and supervising compliance. Since Bar Councils are not "employers" and advocates are not "employees", the judges held, PoSH's machinery simply has nothing to attach itself to. Hence, there is no obligation to set up ICCs at state or national Bar Councils. The Court noted that victims of sexual harassment could

instead use the avenue of filing a complaint of misconduct under the Advocates Act. The Bombay High Court order reopens the faultline that has shadowed the PoSH Act since its birth. The Act traces back to the 1992 gang rape of Bhanwari Devi, a government field worker who was attacked by dominant-caste men while campaigning against child marriage. Although the Supreme Court invoked constitutional guarantees to establish guidelines on redressing sexual harassment at work, it confined those safeguards to a model that required a formal employer. When Parliament finally codified PoSH in 2013, that structure was embedded in the Act. The duty to constitute ICCs, train staff and committee members, and create a safe working environment was placed wholly on an identifiable employer. The Bombay High Court Bench relied squarely on that design architecture to reject the current plea.

Paradox of India's S-400 deal—key asset delayed when country needs it most

On the sidelines of the otherwise contentious Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Qingdao, a quiet yet significant development unfolded. India was once again assured by Russia of the timely delivery of the remaining two S-400 Triumf air defence systems. Russian defence minister Andrei Belousov himself communicated this to his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh, offering some comfort to New Delhi's strategic planners. Indian media outlets covered the commitment with cautious relief. The S-400 systems, which form the outermost layer of India's integrated air defence shield, have proven particularly effective during Operation Sindo. They successfully integrated with domestically developed platforms like the Akash surface-to-air missiles, L-70 anti-aircraft guns, and indigenous drones. Unsurprisingly, there is a growing consensus within India's strategic community that New Delhi must not only complete the current S-400 procurement but also explore future acquisitions, possibly including the more advanced S-500 systems. However, this optimism belies the long and complicated journey of the S-400 deal. Signed in 2018 at a value of \$5.43 billion, the agreement was initially hailed as a bold assertion of India's strategic autonomy, especially during the Trump administration. In 2020, NATO ally Turkey faced sanctions under CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act) for pursuing the same system. India had escaped US sanctions, a testament to its rising importance in the evolving Indo-Pacific calculus. Yet, what was once a symbol of defiance and diplomatic balance has now become a victim of President Putin's protracted war in Ukraine. Originally scheduled for delivery between 2021 and 2023, the first three S-400 systems did arrive by late 2021. The remaining two, how-

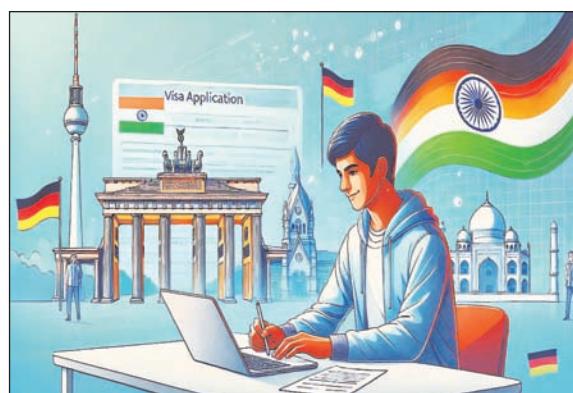
ever, remain undelivered as Russia's war in Ukraine enters its fourth year, with no clear end in sight. The timeline has repeatedly slipped. There are at least four critical factors behind these delays, which highlight both vulnerabilities and priorities of the Russian defence sector, as well as the geopolitical complexities surrounding Moscow's partnerships. Russia has suffered significant material losses in Ukraine. While propaganda from both sides makes verification difficult, independent monitoring groups like Oryx have documented that at least 12 S-400 systems have been partially or completely destroyed. This is significant, given the S-400's role as the backbone of Russia's long-range air defence, with more than 30 regiments reportedly in service. The S-400 is vital for safeguarding Russia's expansive territory—particularly as its military posture faces new threats from NATO's rejuvenated eastern flank. If Russia is short on operational systems, it is far more likely to divert new production toward replenishing its own arsenals than fulfilling export obligations. To understand how important the S-400 programme is for Russia,

we must look back at its roots. Revitalised around 2000 under President Putin, the programme was part of a broader effort to restore Russia's defence industrial base and resuscitate its economy. A state-backed investment drive led to the expansion of three major production hubs: Obukhov Plant in St Petersburg, the Avitek Plant in Kirov, and the NMP Plant in Nizhny Novgorod. These efforts bore fruit by 2016, enabling large-scale production of the S-400 as well as newer systems like the S-300V4 and S-500. In January 2023, Putin even visited the Obukhovsky Plant, publicly claiming that Russia's surface-to-air missile production exceeded the combined output of the rest.

Global visa concerns boost Indian student interest in Germany

Delhi : As immigration restrictions increase in the US and UK, Indian students are choosing Germany for a safe and transparent academic path. German officials have reaffirmed their commitment to creating a stable, open environment for overseas learners, citing a 35% increase in Indian applications.

German Ambassador Dr. Philipp Ackermann said "In the context of the difficulties Indian students face in other countries, we have seen a sharp rise in interest for German universities and research institutions. Applications are up over 35% in the last several months." German institutions have 50,000 Indian students, ranking fifth after the US, UK, Canada, and



The PM SHRI Institute

Australia. The ambassador said, "We are a very reliable partner," reaffirming Germany's transparent education policy. German education is affordable, attracting students. Most public institutions have no tuition or low tuition compared to Western universities. "We believe education is a public good, not a business opportunity," Ambassador Ackermann said. The majority of German public universities do not use agents. Our system is open.

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

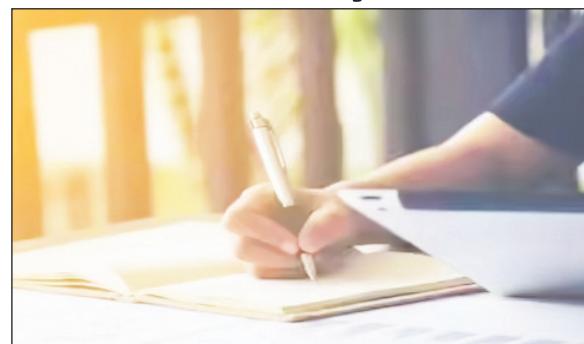
Presently, 30% of CAs are women, up from 8% in 2000



all top scorers were female; and in 2020, there were more women overall. Within two years, female candidates had accomplished the same thing they had in 2021. The last decade has seen 75 female candidates succeed at various levels of the chartered accountant test. In line with

the National Education Policy, 2020, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India launched a new course in 2023. The head of the ICAI, Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, "Participation of women in this profession in accountancy, tax and finance is increasing phenomenally."

Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2025 exam on one day



Indian students in Canada have reported receiving emails to resubmit study permits, visas

Delhi: This time, the Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2025 exam will be one shift. The National Testing Agency (NTA) announced a single-day exam on July 28. The exam was originally set for July 26, 27, and 28. Multiple days would have required normalization, but the new choice eliminates that. To eliminate normalization, NIA insiders said the agency is trying to run tests in one shift if possible. Candidates requested a change to the three-day program, according to the notification. Many candidates noted that the Haryana Teacher Eligibility Test (HTET) is also on July 26 and 27, and several applied for both. In response, the NTA scheduled exams for all five CSIR-UGC NET disciplines on one day. The CSIR-UGC NET covers Mathematical, Earth, Chemical, Life, and Physical Sciences.

These topics are Sciences receiving the applied for, with Life most.

60% of DU Students Are Planning to Stay for Graduate School

Delhi : Despite ongoing concerns regarding the program's implementation and sustainability, vice chancellor Yogesh Singh announced that more than 60% of undergraduates at Delhi University will participate in the FYUP's optional fourth year. "DU is ready for the fourth year," Singh announced during the university's executive council (EC) meeting, which also saw the approval of other academic and administrative proposals. He went on to say that the school is ready for the launch and that they are working on



solutions for institutions that are having trouble implementing it. "In colleges which have a shortage of faculty, provision will be made for engaging some guest faculty as well as regular teachers from the same college or other colleges to take additional classes," added Singh.

He did, however, emphasize that only regular faculty members, and not guest teachers, will be assigned to educate fourth-year students. Additionally, he assured everyone that both teaching and non-teaching staff members who work overtime would be well compensated.

No Class 11 students in 300 Maharashtra colleges, yet the government spends crores on staff

Delhi: Nearly 300 junior colleges in the state had no first-round enrollment. These colleges receive crores in government funding for wages. This has left many wondering if another scam has been discovered where children were registered "on paper" to keep staff

positions. After FYJC admissions were moved online this year, the government revealed in the legislative council on Wednesday that institutions failed to get even one Class 11 admission.

Minister of state for school education Pankaj Bhoyar men-

tioned the data in one sentence during a debate on the online common admission procedure (CAP), which began this year. However, the government did not identify these institutes. MLC Abhijeet Wanjarri advised to investigate this data.

Dubai's ambitious education reforms



Delhi : Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Deputy Prime Minister, chaired a crucial Executive Council meeting that approved a comprehensive set of new policies to transform Dubai's education, environment, legal framework, and infrastructure governance. The bold initiatives include expanded student visas, employment pathways for 90% of graduates, clean air targets, and the launch of an international mediation centre to achieve Dubai's 2030 and 2033 strategic goals for innovation, sustainability, and global competitiveness. Dubai has implemented ground-breaking education and development strategies. "Youth are the architects of the future, shaping it with their awareness, optimism, and openness to the world," stated Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Deputy Prime Minister. Dubai gives young people world-class academic, practical, and research opportunities. Dubai should attract top students from around the world and foster innovation. "By 2033, the emirate wants 50% of its university students to be international. Dubai currently has 37 international university branches and aspires to have over 70 by that year, including 11 top 200 universities."

DU accepts curriculum modifications despite resistance

Delhi: The Delhi University Executive Council accepted controversial curriculum modifications and other academic and infrastructure initiatives. The Academic Council approved the elimination of papers on Pakistan, Islam, and China from the post-graduate Political Science syllabus on June 5, despite internal objections. Executive Council member Mithuraj Dhusiya criticized the syllabus modifica-



tions' implementation. He claimed that several courses were revised before reaching the Academic Council, circumventing academic process and endangering openness. Vice Chancellor Professor Yogesh Singh led the meeting, which con-

IITs introduce new, more adaptable multidisciplinary courses while discontinuing older dual degrees

Delhi: The classic five-year dual degree programs are being replaced by more adaptable, interdisciplinary options at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). Students' goals and the needs of employers are changing, therefore universities are rethinking the traditional dual degree model, which was once seen as a practical way for students to get a Bachelor's and Master's degree in the same academic year. The BTech pool is growing, and several IITs are absorbing students from five-year integrated programs. Higher student turnout as a result of more inclusive reservation policies and lower enthusiasm from prominent politicians are factors propelling this change. A growing number of students

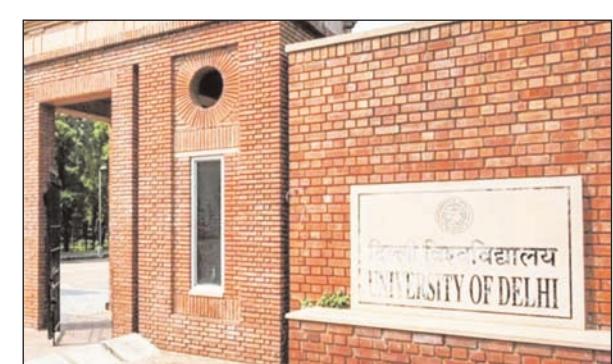


Samsung may make India a US hub amid rising tariffs

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

are opting for stand-alone BTech programs rather than dual degree programs because of the many benefits that students in the former receive, including hands-on experience in the field, internships, and early access to placement prospects by the third year.

DU Raises Prices Again, This Time By More Than 20%



Delhi : Key funding at Delhi University has seen substantial increases since 2022, and the university-wide fee structure has been rising gradually over the past three years. University Facilities and Services Charges have increased dramatically by 200%, whereas the University Development Fund has increased by about 67%. The Economically Weaker Section Welfare Fund, meanwhile, has grown by 150% throughout that time, demonstrating that student fees have been steadily on the rise. In keeping with previous years, the institution has adjusted tuition for the 2025-26 school year. Although Delhi University has established a yearly price raise policy of 10%, this year's hikes surpass 20% in some critical components. The University Development Fund saw a 25% increase, going from Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,500, while the University Facilities and Services Charges saw a 20% increase, going from Rs 1,250 to Rs 1,500. Additionally, the Economically Weaker Section Welfare Fund saw a 25% boost in just one year, going from Rs 200 to Rs 250.

Over 60% of June three-wheeler sales are EVs

Delhi: The Federation of Indian Automobile Dealers Associations reported that over 60% of three-wheeler retail sales in June 2025 were electric, indicating a strong increase in green mobility. From 55.5% in the same month last year, electric three-wheelers jumped to 60.2%. From little under 6% in June 2024, two-wheeler EV sales rose to 7.3%. The penetration of passenger electric vehicles—cars and SUVs—rose to 4.4% from 2.5% a year earlier. EVs made up 1.6% of truck and bus sales and 0.1% of construction equipment sales in the business sector.

June car retail sales reached 2 million, up 5% year-over-year. Construction equipment sales rose 55% due to infrastructure



spending. Tractor sales grew 9%, passenger vehicles 2.5%, commercial vehicles 6.6%, and two-wheelers 4.7%. FADA president C.S. Vigneshwar said early monsoon rains and the rise in electric vehicle options had influenced customer purchase decisions, especially for two-wheelers.

He noted that incentives and fresh bookings helped passenger vehicle sales, but liquidity and geopolitical concerns remain. According to experts, EV penetration across several industries is nearing an inflection point.

8th Pay Commission Could Hike Salaries 30–34%



fitment factor, a multiplier for revised pay. Ambit Capital expects a higher fitment factor than the 7th Pay Commission 2.57. One important point: A new Pay Commission eliminates the Dearness Allowance (DA), which is currently 55% of

the basic wage. Even if nominal basic pay rises dramatically, salary calculation is recalculated. For example, the 6th Pay Commission made Rs 7,000 a take-home wage of Rs15,750.

Even if the visa is approved, the individual may still face deportation proceedings



Priya Nair will replace Rohit Jawa as HUL's first female CEO

Delhi: American officials have reiterated their stance that visitors must adhere to all regulations or face deportation. Screening for US visas continues even after the visa has been awarded. We make sure that visa holders respect all US laws and immigration rules by checking them constantly. According to the US embassy in India, if they do not comply, their visas will be revoked and they will be deported. Representational picture. The visa process has become more stringent under the Trump administration. After halting processing of student visas at the end of May due to social media screening, it has only now begun processing them again for this fall. "Effective immediate-

ly, all individuals applying for an F, M, or J nonimmigrant visa are requested to adjust the privacy settings on all of their social media accounts to public to facilitate vetting necessary to establish their identity and admissibility to the United States under US law," the embassy stated.

Elon Musk says Tesla will ask shareholders about investing in xAI

Delhi: Elon Musk says Tesla will ask shareholders about investing in xAI. After the Wall Street Journal reported that SpaceX would invest \$2 billion in xAI, the billionaire spoke. Musk wrote on X that shareholders decide whether to invest in xAI. Musk also asked X users last year if Tesla should invest \$5 billion in xAI, saying he was testing the waters. It's not my call. To my mind, Tesla should have invested in xAI long ago. Musk replied to a post that a shareholder vote will be held. In reaction to



ChatGPT's popularity, Elon Musk founded xAI in early 2023. Since then, the company has released its Grok AI chatbot, which was updated to Grok 4 models. The chatbot rivals ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude. Musk merged xAI and X earlier this year, image.png

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund to sell 10% of Rs 10k crore IPO

Delhi: Another huge IPO is anticipated for this year. Prudential Corp of UK, ICICI Bank's joint venture partner in ICICI Prudential Asset Management, is selling 10% of the company through an IPO worth roughly Rs 10,000 crore. ICICI Bank, the

fund house's primary owner, said AMC filed the filings with Sebi. Two IPOs over Rs 5,000 crore have occurred this year: HDB Financial Services, an HDFC bank unit, completed its 12,500-crore IPO last month. February saw Hexaware Tech raise

valuing the AI startup at \$80 billion and X at \$33 billion. Musk wants \$200 billion in investments in the combined business, Bloomberg reports. Tesla investing in xAI looks to be part of his aim to integrate his corporate empire.

roughly Rs 8,760 crore. ICICI Prudential AMC manages I-Pru MF, which manages over Rs 9.5 lakh crore in investors' assets (AMFI data for April-June quarter). ICICI Bank owns 51% of the fund firm and the UK financial giant 49%. As countries like Vietnam adopt crypto, following America's example in the global digital economy, the timing is perfect. These bills may give Wall Street's top players the confidence to invest after waiting for clearer rules. There's significant emphasis on safeguarding average investors from frauds and dubious activities, not just luring big money. Instead of distrusting crypto, politicians are helping it grow and remain transparent. This amazing turnaround could change our understanding of digital assets and blockchain.

All EU and Mexico imports will be subject to 30% tariffs as imposed

Delhi: President Trump of the United States has decided to levy a 30% tariff on goods imported from Mexico and the European Union, with the duty going into effect on August 1. The new tariffs on two of the US's most important trading partners were announced by Trump in separate letters uploaded to his Truth Social platform. He blamed a trade imbalance with the European Union and

what he saw as Mexico's involvement in illegal immigration and drug trafficking into the United States. Trump levied a 50% tariff on copper and more tariff announcements for over 20 nations earlier this week. These nations include Brazil, South Korea, Japan, and South Korea. The tariffs are more severe than the 25% tax that Trump levied on Mexican imports earlier this year, with the exception of items that enter the US through the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement.



Tesla May Start Indian Deliveries in August

Delhi: Tesla Inc. will open its first showroom in India and begin deliveries next month, according to sources, as the Elon Musk-led electric vehicle maker seeks to capitalize on demand in the third-largest auto market to offset slowing sales elsewhere. The Mumbai showroom will mark



Tesla's formal market entry, giving prospective customers access to pricing, variants, and trim

options, according to one person, who requested anonymity, and Bloomberg News documents. Last month, Bloomberg News claimed that the Mumbai store was opening in mid-July and that the first Model Y rear-wheel drive SUVs from Tesla's China factory had arrived. People

say a second Tesla showroom in New Delhi would open in late July. Tesla's highly anticipated foray into the Indian market comes at a vital time for the EV maker, which suffered a drop in global sales in the second quarter despite Musk's claims that business.

JPMorgan may reduce EM Bond Index China, India shares

Delhi: JPMorgan Chase & Co. may reduce the weight of China and India, the major bond issuers in its flagship emerging-market index, to reflect more developing-nation debt. According to Bloomberg documents, the Wall Street bank is seeking customer opinion on changes to its GBI-EM Global Diversified Index, which tracks local-currency developing-nation debt by more than \$200 billion of assets. According to the documents, cutting a cap on individual countries

from 10% to 8.5% might increase the benchmark rate if nations with higher borrowing costs gain a larger position. Bigger yields represent bigger risks and returns. The documents indicate that the revisions are tentative and may not be implemented. At a consultation last year, JPMorgan proposed a methodology adjustment that would have reduced China's index contribution to 6%, but then withdrew it. The latest modifications will reduce weighting for the major bond sellers in emerging countries like Indonesia, Mexico, Malaysia, China, and India, according to the documents.

Trump's latest announcements raise trade concerns for textile exporters

Delhi: Trump's newest tariff announcements have raised uncertainty, and purchasers are anticipated to postpone new orders. Textile exporters seem to have an advantage over Bangladesh, which Trump has slapped with 35% duty, but industry is watching India's bilateral trade deal with the US because Trump claims the agreement with Vietnam allows him to impose a 20% tariff, although there may be exceptions. As

usual, countries like Bangladesh are racing to Washington to equalize tariffs in the coming weeks. We must monitor tariffs. Buyers are confused, "SNQS International managing director V Elangovan said from Tirupur. "Retailers must stock shelves.

Since the Chinese were offering greater prices this year, our merchandisers in Shanghai last week could not compete. How they can do so



Bitcoin first reaches \$121,000: What drives the rally?

Delhi: Bitcoin crossed \$121,000 for the first time, rising over 3%. In one year, the world's largest cryptocurrency doubled investors' wealth, rising almost 103%. Bitcoin traded at \$121,068. One bitcoin would be worth around Rs 1.04 lakh in Indian rupees. Ethereum and other cryptocurrencies rose over 3% to \$3,046 (approximately Rs 2.62 lakh each). Solana rose about 3.5 percent to \$167 (Rs 14,352). 'Crypto week' confidence has boosted cryptocurrencies in recent days. The US House of Representatives will discuss the 'Clarity Act' this week to regulate the crypto business. A bill to regulate stablecoins, U.S.-dollar-pegged cryptocurrency tokens, will be considered by the lower house of Congress. Bitcoin has risen about 30% in 2025 on Trump's pro-crypto stance. The cryptocurrency has risen 1,414 percent in five years. The crypto fear and greed index is 70, signaling an overheated market. Crypto funds received \$1.23 billion in one day on July 11 (latest statistics), with Bitcoin ETFs contributing approximately \$1.03 billion. This large institutional money inflow and frenzy around US 'Crypto Week', which begins today, are driving the crypto boom "Sivam Thakral, BuyUcoin CEO. As countries like Vietnam adopt crypto, following America's example in the global digital economy, the timing is perfect. These bills may give Wall Street's top players the confidence to invest after waiting for clearer rules. There's significant emphasis on safeguarding average investors from frauds and dubious activities, not just luring big money. Instead of distrusting crypto, politicians are helping it grow and remain transparent. This amazing turnaround could change our understanding of digital assets and blockchain.

Appeal to overturn BNS parts rejected by HC

Delhi: The Delhi high court rejected a request to have sections of the new penal code, Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), dealing with crimes against the state and public tranquillity removed because it did not have the authority to do so. Offenses against the state are addressed in Sections 147 to 158 and include, among other things, acts that threaten the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of the country, assaults on the President or Governor, and attempts to compel or restrain the exercise of any lawful power. July 1, 2017, was the effective date of the new law that superseded the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Crimes against public tranquility are addressed under Sections 189–197 and include acts such as unlawful assembly, rioting, affray, and wanting to intentionally provoke a disturbance. Justice Anish Dayal and Chief



DJB served with a notice by NGT

Delhi: National Green Tribunal (NGT) has served notice on the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) following a petition alleging that private developers had unlawfully dug borewells and were drawing groundwater without authorization. According to the petitioner, Arun Kumar Tomar, nothing happened after he complained to the DJB chairman. According to Tomar, 19 private builders in Delhi had allegedly dug illegal borewells. The charges necessitate confirmation by means of a spot examination by the DJB, as pointed out Prakash Shrivastava. It further stated that the relevant SDM should subsequently take the required measures.

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which has not been done thus far. The judge ordered the DJB to look into the allegation and make sure the borewells were sealed and seized properly.

Justice DK Upadhyay ruled that the bench did not have the authority to issue such a directive because doing so would constitute legislation.

How Delhi's Delivery Boys Got Involuntary Into Drug Dealing?



retailer. He needed the extra cash. He ended himself in police custody after running afoul of the law as a result of this decision. Both incidents show how the bootlegging industry takes advantage of those who work in the gig economy by hiding behind the image of a nice delivery boy. In the southeast Delhi neighborhood of Govindpuri, 25-year-old Khurshid was apprehended in an abnormally large e-cart bag containing 400 quarters of booze that was stamped "For sale in Haryana only."

Delhi: Dashrath Kumar appeared to be just another delivery kid going about his business at first look. He was able to blend in with the crowd while wearing a red t-shirt donated by one corporation and carrying an orange bag from another. While onlookers were oblivious to it, authorities had been keeping tabs on Kumar while they investigated a bootlegging business. He was taken into custody and a significant amount of illegal alcohol was confiscated. The narrative of Sourabh is remarkably similar. He gave in to his vices and started delivering alcohol on the side while working as a delivery boy for an online

Govt plans 20km elevated corridor over Munak Canal



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.

MCD outsourcing 300 community centers

Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) plans to outsource management of over 300 community centers and halls to improve user services. Singh said that the evaluation addressed community centre maintenance and planned to run them on public-private partnership (PPP) while maintaining discounted booking rates. We plan to run them on a PPP basis to improve service. Singh said booking rates would not rise. Community centers and halls offer subsidized space for weddings, parties, and other events. Despite increasing demand in Delhi, many



corporation-run community centers are underutilized. MCD has 299 community halls, 21 of which are unusable due to maintenance and repair. All eight community centers are closed since the corporation's activities aren't popular. The audit of community hall operations also showed the human resource shortage. A senior MCD official claimed community centers need staff. The community services department relies on community workers. These individuals will assist with water tanker bookings, operational issues, and maintenance.

The new Delhi drainage plan is due in 15 days

Delhi: Public Works Department (PWD) minister Parvesh Verma said a draft of Delhi's new drainage master plan will be ready in 15 days. It will include survey findings and expert recommendations from a year ago. After reviewing the draft, work will begin to overhaul the Capital's 50-year-old drainage infrastructure. "We received

the Najafgarh basin report and will receive the Barapullah and Trans-Yamuna basin reports in 15 days. After receiving all three findings, we will redesign Delhi's drainage network. We saw that drains need urgent repair and upgrading. Verma stated we will begin with urgent intervention areas. The PWD ultimately hired a consultant to

create a drainage master plan for Delhi's largest basin, Najafgarh, in May 2023. The consultant has one year to finish the recently filed project. Officials said PWD will examine feasibility and generate estimates based on consultant recommendations before sending them to the government for approval before work begins.

A New Blood Donor App Is Coming Soon to Delhi

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

Q1 FY26 liquor sales bring in Rs 2,662 crore for the Delhi

Delhi: According to officials, in the first quarter of 2025–26, the government corporations of Delhi sold almost 16.96 crore bottles of liquor, generating more than Rs 2,662 crore. In the period between April and June of 2025, DSIIDC sold 5.29 crore bottles of various alcoholic beverages, which was the biggest sales volume in the country. The following three companies, according to official statistics, sold 5 crore bottles: DTTDC, DSCSC, and Delhi State Civil Supplies

Corporation (DSCSC), and Delhi Consumer's Cooperative Wholesale Store (DCCWS). Under the present excise policy, the government of Delhi runs more than 700 vends for retail liquor sales through four agencies: DSIIDC, DTTDC, DSCSC, and DCCWS. The four companies made Rs 2,403 crore from 15.93 crore bottles sold in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year. This year's sales have brought in an additional Rs 259 crore, according to officials. Government excise tax collection goal for 2025–26 is Rs 7,000 crore.

L-G extends and raises 410 vocational instructors' compensation until 2026



36 crore for PTVT pay and vocational education. Saxena allowed two contractual part-time vocational teachers in the Hospitality and Tourism vocational stream to prolong their contracts from March 1, 2025, to February 28,

2026. The proposal also maintains nine PTVTs in four Delhi government-aided senior secondary schools for 2025–26. Delhi schools have employed contingent or contractual part-time vocational teachers from the late 1970s

The Posh Act also applies to online sexual harassment.

Delhi: Adapting the legal framework to evolving digital work environments is of utmost importance, according to Delhi High Court judge Justice Prathiba M. Singh. She emphasized that the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) must cover incidents of sexual harassment of women during online meetings. Justice Singh argued that the term "workplace" should be properly broadened to encompass digital, virtual, and electronic platforms.

and early 2000s. Since the CBSE replaced the vocational stream with the National Skills Qualifications Framework, they have continued to offer vocational subjects.

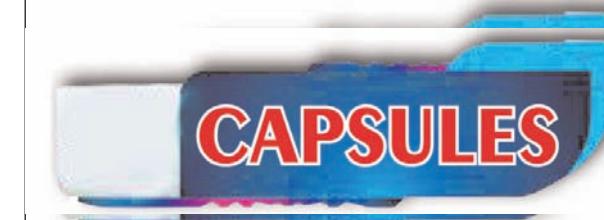
E-auction of 177 apartments approved under housing project



Delhi: The Housing Scheme 2025, which will provide 177 apartments for sale through online auction to those in the middle class and below, has received approval from the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). Some of the most desirable locations for these apartments include Vasant Kunj, Ashoka, Pahari, Rohini,

Pitampura, Jasola, and Dwarka. Additionally, it gave its stamp of approval to a package of measures meant to reinvigorate the commercial real estate sector of the city and entice massive investments to the area. A meeting of the DDA, presided over by Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena, was held

on July 11 to make these determinations. The government has slashed amalgamation fees for commercial properties from 10% of the circular rate to a pitiful 1%. The statement claimed that the move is made to make it more financially viable for developers to consolidate property.



Muslims are the religion with the most rapid global expansion



Delhi: From 2010 to 2020, Muslims became the world's fastest-growing religious group, according to a Pew Research Centre report. At the same time, the number of Christians, the largest religious group in the world, decreased by 1.8 percentage points to 28.8%. Reaching 1.2 billion in 2020, with 95% residing in India, the Hindu population increased at a pace comparable to that of the global population. In 2020, 79% of India's population identified as Hindu, up from 80% in 2010. 'How the Global Religious Landscape Changed From 2010 to 2020' shed light on the increase in the Muslim proportion, which went up from 14.3% in 2010 to 15.2% in 2020. Of all the world's population categories, only those who do not identify with any religion (also termed "nones") increased in percentage terms, adding 270 million to reach 1.9 billion. Muslims were the only other group to see this growth. To 24.2%, the proportion of "nones" increased by nearly a full percentage point.

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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 20 to 22—a three-day celebration featuring academic, cultural, and healthcare-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 Specialty 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,

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

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, Pharmacognosy, 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.

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UN chief to visit Bangladesh



UN chief to visit Bangladesh in March UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres, who is scheduled to visit Dhaka on 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

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.

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. The delinquent med-

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



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 de facto 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 buyout 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 memo. Some senior members of Trump's administration were surprised by a Saturday.

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 register, give fingerprints and provide an address, the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement. It cited a section of the Immigration and 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 asylum-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

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.

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.



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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 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 centers 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.