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Bangladesh minorities' body expresses concern over safety ahead of puja

DHAKA: Amid a number of incidents of attacks, the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council has said there is growing concern and anxiety among devotees regarding the Sharidya Durga Puja celebrations that begin on Sunday. The organisation said that though devotees are being assured by the highest levels of the govt, including the chief adviser, army chief and home affairs adviser, about the smooth conduct of the Sharidya Durga Puja festivities, the overall situation on the eve of the festival has only fed their apprehensions and anxiety. A statement of the central committee, signed by Manindra Kumar Nath, acting general secretary of the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, on Friday highlighted attacks on at least nine puja mandap and temples and vandalism of idols from Sept 2 to Sept 23. Muhammad Yunus, who is now in New York, on Saturday conveyed his greetings to the Hindu community of Bangladesh. Emphasising Bangladesh's tradition of communal harmony, he said, "This country belongs to all of us. It is a safe abode for all people." He noted that the destruction of evil forces and the triumph of truth.

Wankhede sues Aryan Khan's show for defamation

NEW DELHI: IRS officer and former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede has filed a defamation suit in Delhi high court against the makers of the Netflix drama series 'The Ba***ds of Bollywood'. The suit filed on Thursday seeks an injunction and Rs 2 crore in damages for misleading and negative portrayal of anti-drug enforcement agencies and maligning his reputation. The series, directed by Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan, was released on Sept 18. Wankhede is known for arresting Aryan Khan in a drug case in 2021.

Tilak and crafty Kuldeep help India beat Pakistan in thriller

India clinched the 2025 Asia Cup with a five-wicket win over Pakistan in Dubai

Asia Cup

India versus Pakistan match is not for the faint-hearted

Dubai: Amidst all the drama off the pitch, cricket finally had the last laugh on the last day of the Asia Cup as the final between India and Pakistan went down to the wire. There is a saying that an India versus Pakistan match is not for the faint-hearted, and Sunday's contest proved that belief. Go Beyond The Boundary with our YouTube channel. SUBSCRIBE NOW! Riding on the crafty



bowling of Kuldeep Yadav (4/30) and a gritty unbeaten knock by Tilak Varma (69 off 53), India beat Pakistan by five wickets to win the 2025 Asia Cup at the Dubai International Stadium. India started as favourites, while Pakistan were cornered as underdogs. But Pakistan put on a spirited performance and, at mul-

tle stages, had the match in their grasp. As it happened: India vs Pakistan Asia Cup Final Sahibzada Farhan's blistering 38-ball 57 gave them a flying start, but they collapsed like a pack of cards, losing nine wickets for just 33 runs. Pakistan also had an ideal start with the ball, removing the in-form Abhishek Sharma,

The reigning T20 world champions held their nerves

The reigning T20 world champions held their nerves and registered another gritty win in this tournament. Chasing a tricky target, India overcame a shaky start to finish the powerplay at 36/3 before Tilak Varma's composure, Sanju Samson's important cameo, and Shivam Dube silencing his critics first with the ball.

Shubman Gill, and the out-of-form Suryakumar Yadav inside the powerplay, leaving India reeling at 20/3. It was a two-paced surface, and as Pakistan head back to Lahore on Monday.

Illegal betting: ED may attach assets of celebs



NEW DELHI: With some celebrities, including former cricketers and filmstars, not appearing despite summonses being issued to them in connection with alleged laundering of illegal proceeds of 1xBet online betting platform, ED is considering attaching properties of those linked to cases in which money trails have been established. ED is also likely to soon file a chargesheet in the case, wherein these celebrities may also be named as accused for endorsing illegal activities, sources said. On Sept 24, actor Sonu Sood had appeared before ED at its headquarters for questioning in

connection with his alleged association with the 1xBet online betting syndicate. Earlier, cricketers Suresh Raina, Shikhar Dhawan, Robin Uthappa and Yuvraj Singh, and actor and ex-TMC MP Mimi Chakraborty had appeared before the agency and recorded their statements regarding fees received for endorsing illegal betting activities. Actor Urvashi Rautela, who missed the summons issued to her, has been asked to appear for questioning in the same case. The agency is probing the promoters and associates of 1xBet for illegally running a betting.

HIV jab for 115 nations rests on Indian regulators

Mumbai: There will be a dramatic shift in how the world prevents HIV and the timelines depend on how quickly Indian drug regulators act. A US-based pharma giant has granted royalty-free licences to four Indian generic manufacturers to produce lenacapavir, which prevents transmission by almost 100%, at \$40 per per-



son per year, roughly 0.1% of the original cost. Lenacapavir is an injectable drug whose

protection from one jab lasts six months. The licensed manufacturers by Gilead Sciences include Dr Reddy's, Hetero, Emcure and Mylan. The first two have announced their pricing. The drugs are estimated to roll out in 2027. But, it could be much sooner or delayed, and what happens in India will impact local access.

The International Trade Show is proving to be a boon for youth, entrepreneurs

Global

Uttar Pradesh food processing products are also gaining global recognition- Keshav



Lucknow: Following the instructions of Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya the Horticulture and Food Processing Department has selected the best products from food processing units established in various districts of Uttar Pradesh and set up stalls for them at the International Trade Show in Greater Noida. The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the stalls set up at this trade show are also gaining global recognition for Uttar Pradesh food pro-

cessing products. The International Trade Show is proving to be a boon for youth and entrepreneurs. Uttar Pradesh is getting a significant opportunity to emerge as an important hub of international trade. The growing food processing industries will greatly help the state of Uttar Pradesh achieve a one trillion dollar economy.

The stalls of the Horticulture and Food Processing Department reflect the vision of entrepreneurship and building a better state.

The Uttar Pradesh India Expo International Trade Show in Greater Noida has attracted visitors from across the country and abroad. Following the directives of Deputy Chief Minister Maurya the Horticulture and Food Processing Department has set up stalls showcasing unique and high-quality food processing products from food processing units located in various districts of Uttar Pradesh at the UP International Trade Show in Greater Noida.

Congress writes to home minister over 'death threat' to Rahul

NEW DELHI: Congress general secretary K C Venugopal Sunday wrote to home minister Amit Shah drawing his attention to what he referred to as a "chilling and heinous" death threat issued to leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi by Printu Mahadev - "a spokesper-



son of BJP" - during a televised debate. Venugopal demanded immediate, exemplary action by the state

Demand

Venugopal claimed Mahadev is a spokesman for BJP and made the remarks against Gandhi during a televised debate

police, "so that justice is swift, visible and severe". Venugopal said

"as such, any failure by you to act swiftly, decisively and publicly will be judged as complicity - a de facto licence for the legitimisation of complicity and normalisation of violence against the leader of opposition in Lok Sabha and a grave breach of your oath as the Union home minister." Venugopal claimed

Mahadev is a spokesman for BJP and made the remarks against Gandhi during a televised debate on a Malayalam channel. "In a brazen act of incitement of violence, Mahadev openly declared 'Rahul Gandhi will be shot in the chest,'" Venugopal said. "That such poisonous words.

EC to deploy 470 officers for Bihar election, bypolls

Fairness

EC will be holding a briefing for the officers here on Oct 3 on their responsibilities



and expenditure observers for the simultaneous exercises. In a statement issued on Sunday, EC said the 470 officers, including 320 from IAS, 60 from IPS and 90 from IRS/IRAS/ICAS, will watch over the Bihar

assembly election and bypolls to the Budgam and Nagrota assembly constituency (AC) in J&K, Anta AC in Rajasthan, Ghatsila AC in Jharkhand, Jubilee Hills AC in Telangana, Tarn Taran AC in Punjab, Dampa AC in Mizoram and Nuapada AC in Odisha. EC will be holding a briefing for the 470 officers here on Oct 3 on their responsibilities and duties that cover ensuring fairness.

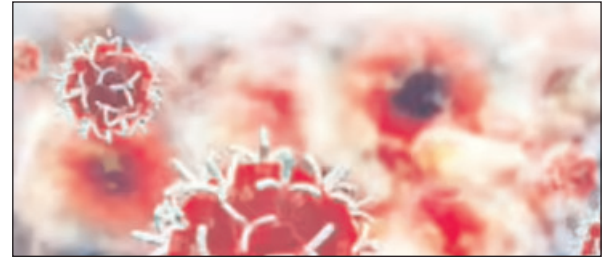
Nitish goes off script; 'reveals' what led to JD(U)-BJP split

NEW DELHI: Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar on Monday pinned the blame for his exit from the alliance with Bharatiya Janata Party in 2022 on "some leader" from his party. While speaking at a rally in Bihar's Purnea, Nitish Kumar said that some of the leaders who created rift between JD(U) and BJP are present on the stage. He also vowed that he will never break alliance with BJP.

Cancer cases in India up by 26%, deaths 21% since 1990

Population

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NEW DELHI: The incidence of cancer in India has gone up by 26%, from 84.8 per 1 lakh population in 1990 to 107.2 in 2023, according to a new study. Published in The Lancet, it shows deaths

due to cancer increased by 21% during this period, despite advances in treatment. In comparison, both incidence and mortality have declined significantly in US and China over the 33-year period.

The reason behind this is strong tobacco control, universal vaccination and organised screening in these two countries, Dr Abhishek Shankar, radiation-oncologist at AIIMS Delhi, said.

India, he added, continues to fare poorly on both counts because of persisting risk factors such as high use of tobacco, obesity and infections, coupled with limited access to early detection. Evidence-based strategies like HPV and Hepatitis-B vaccination, mammography, lung cancer screening with low-dose CT, and colonoscopy screening, and timely treatment remain uneven.

Man roped in teen son to kill property dealer over 9-yr feud

NEW DELHI: It was an almost decade-long vendetta that led to the murder of 56-year-old property dealer Lakhpat Singh Kataria in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar, police said on Sunday. A father-son duo has

been nabbed for the crime after a 48-hour manhunt aided by CCTV analysis, technical surveillance and human intelligence, cops said. The man arrested for Kataria's murder has

criminal antecedents, special commissioner (law and order) Ravindra Yadav said. He had filed an FIR against Kataria in 2016 following a brawl that he claimed left him bedridden for nine

months. The son was just nine at the time. They nurtured the grudge for nine long years and finally attacked Kataria last week. The suspect, 47, roped in his 17-year-old son for the murder,

deliberately timing the act a day before the boy's 18th birthday so that he could benefit from juvenile laws. On the day of incident, the father-son duo first attacked the victim with a cricket bat.

'Satyameva Jayate': Sameer Wankhede reacts amid 'Ba***ds of Bollywood' row

NEW DELHI: Former Mumbai zonal director of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Sameer Wankhede, on Saturday declined to

comment on the "Ba***ds of Bollywood"* series, offering only a cryptic response. Also Read | Ba***ds of Bollywood row: Ex-

NCB officer Sameer Wankhede files defamation case against Shahrukh Khan production company Red Chillies Entertainment.

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Awareness Campaign by RPF at New Delhi Railway Station.



Delhi: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) conducted an awareness campaign at New Delhi Railway Station focusing on the safety of passengers, especially women. During the campaign women passengers were informed about the Railway Helpline Number 139 which can be used in emergency situations. As part of the drive, RPF personnel distributed pamphlets and explained in detail that in case of any crisis or emergency, passengers can dial 139 for immediate assistance. This helpline can be used to report safety-related complaints, missing children, theft incidents, or other issues. In addition, women passengers were also made aware of other safety services such as the women's help desk at the station, RPF patrolling teams, and mobile applications provided by the Railways. RPF officials stated that their aim is to reassure passengers that the Railway Protection Force is always ready to provide assistance in any situation.

Husband and two others arrested in wife's murder case

NEW DELHI: A shocking case has come to light in Mehrauli area of South District. Here a husband murdered his wife and buried the body in the cemetery. Police recovered the body from the grave after 13 days. In this case, the police have arrested three accused including the husband. The deceased was the mother of two children. South District DCP Ankit Chauhan told in a press conference that on August 10, a woman had lodged a missing report of her 30-year-old friend in Mehrauli police station. The woman had expressed apprehension that her friend was being held captive somewhere. On this basis, the police registered a case.

The electricity problem in the border village of Jamunaha is severe, and the SDO is deceiving them

Bahraich: Residents of Jamunaha Village Ward No. 6 of the Rupaidiha Nagar Panchayat, located near the India-Nepal border are not receiving electricity as per the scheduled power supply. Despite the population of this locality, which has around 1200 are facing a serious power problem. Power lines in the village break every other day, causing power outages for six to eight hours and low voltage is causing significant inconvenience to the villagers. Troubled by the power problem, residents of the village came out of their homes on Sunday and protested on the main road, shouting slogans against the electricity



department. Bhimsen Mishra a resident and BJP Kisan Morcha Mandal President, says that the transformer is installed 800 meters away. This causes wires to heat up and break frequently. Low voltage prevents LED bulbs from working and fans from working. The situation is even more severe during the summer season. Children's education is being affected and life

in the entire village has been disrupted. Ward No.6 councillor Manoj Kumar Prajapati said that the voltage often remains at 60 or 70 volts, never exceeding that. Previously, the SDO of the Nanpara Electricity Department had assured a peace committee meeting that the problem would be resolved soon, but even after a month the situation remains the same. Social worker and

Ramjanaki Nagar councillor Guddu Madeshiya says that Jamunaha village is located zero kilometers from the Nepal border, requiring maximum electricity so that villagers can keep an eye on intruders and smugglers. While Indian soldiers are on alert to protect the border, when electricity is out, miscreants, smugglers and those with suspicious activities take advantage of the darkness to carry out illegal activities. Smuggling and other activities also increase during the dark hours. Village residents Mahesh Singh, Arjun, Govind Gautam, Guddu Jaiswal, Kishan Singh, Durgesh Sharma, Nikesh Sharma.

A lecture was organized on the role of veterinarians in a developed India



Mathura: The Uttar Pradesh Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Science University and the Animal Research Institute Mathura organized a lecture on the role of veterinarians in a developed India, chaired by the university's Vice Chancellor Dr. Abhijit Mitra. In his presidential address, Dr. Mitra stated that various livestock products, such as milk, yogurt, ghee, butter and cheese, are essential for human health. Animal husbandry in our country is primarily performed by

women. We need to promote the rearing and breeding of indigenous breeds of animals with high productivity and quality, so that livestock farmers can become economically strong and self-reliant. The chief guest, Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma, President of the Veterinary Council of India New Delhi stated in his address that our country has been rich in livestock since history. Previously we used to import milk powder from abroad but today India ranks first in milk production.

A journalist's alertness saved the life of a retired soldier

Mathura: On Sunday morning, an elderly man, distressed by domestic discord was hanging himself from the Yamuna Bridge in the Laxmi Nagar area of the Yamuna Par police station area. Meanwhile, journalist Nitin Chauhan and locals passing by rescued him by pulling him down. A large crowd gathered



on the bridge at the time of the incident. A passerby filmed the incident and uploaded it to social media which is now rapidly going viral. According to reports, the elderly man a resi-

dent of the Raya area of Mathura is a retired soldier. He stated that he had been suffering from family discord for a long time. Fed up with the daily fights with his wife and the neglect of his children, he left home unannounced on Sunday morning and attempted to end his life by jumping off the Yamuna Bridge.

Thieves are openly challenging the police by pasting notices on houses in villages and cities leaving the police empty-handed

Bahraich: Thieves are openly challenging the police by pasting notices in villages. This trend began in two villages under the Rupaidiha police station area and spread to the city Kotwali Dehat. Thieves then posted notices in other police stations, openly challenging them to commit crimes. Now a new incident has occurred in Pujari village under the Rupaidiha police station area. Last night, notices were pasted on the walls of two houses, mentioning the date and time of the thefts, leaving the villagers terrified. In Mahanand Purva and Sorhiya villages under the Rupaidiha police station area thieves had formally pasted notices threatening to carry out thefts. Although no untoward incident occurred in these two villages, villagers

Reacted

□ Difference of opinion and protest is acceptable in a democratic system but no place for violence

lived in fear for several days. The fear of drones flying has disturbed the sleep of residents of several police stations in the district. Meanwhile, when police from Risia police station investigated the rumor in a village, they discovered it was a toy helicopter. Police took action against the head of the family in this case, but they have yet to eradicate public superstition. Thieves then went to the Kashipur locality in the rural area and pasted notices on the walls of two houses, declaring that no

matter how tight security is, they will carry out the attack. Terrified, the residents informed the police, though the police have increased their presence in the area since that day. However, on Saturday night, another notice of theft was posted on the walls of two houses in Pujari village, under the Rupaidiha police station area. The villagers are worried. The police have been informed. The police have assured them that no incident will occur. Meanwhile, people say that thieves do not commit crimes in villages where they post notices. Thieves do this to divert police movement and then commit the theft in another village. The incidents of theft and drone flying are so frequent that villagers are staying awake at night and keeping vigil.

Awareness was created through Mission Shakti Abhiyan Phase 5

Mathura: Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's ambitious scheme "Mission Shakti Abhiyan Phase 5.0," a special campaign for women's empowerment, the district police conducted visits/chaupals in villages/towns/mohallas/educational institutions, etc., and provided information to



students/girls and women about their rights, the Women Power Helpline-1090, UP-112, and various

Serving

□ Awareness was created at temples around Rupam Tiraha on the occasion of Navratri

human society, and to the safety, respect, upliftment, and empowerment of women.

Women praised Mission Shakti Abhiyan Phase 5. Mission Shakti Abhiyan, Mathura, conducted awareness campaigns at Rupam Tiraha and nearby temples on the auspicious occasion of Navratri by Sub-Inspector Soni Yadav, Lady Constable Bhanu, Head Constable Anuj Baghel, and team.

Arunachal Moran Community Issues: Key Meeting of Moran Leadership with Tinsukia District Commissioner

Assam: A crucial meeting was held on Saturday between the Tinsukia district administration and representatives of the Moran tribe. The meeting took place in the conference hall of the District Commissioner office under the chairmanship of District Commissioner Swapnil Paul. In the meeting, detailed discussions were held on various works to be carried out at the district level for the Moran community.



Special emphasis was given to establishing a strong administrative framework to provide Permanent Resident Certificates, Other Backward Class (OBC) Certificates and Non-Creamy Layer Certificates to members of the Moran community.

ty living both in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Land rights issues of the Moran community were also discussed and consensus was reached on several important subjects. In this context the District Commissioner instructed all Co. .

MCD team assaulted in Rohini Sector-16, case registered

NEW DELHI: A case of assault on the team of MCD's Veterinary Department came to light in Rohini Sector-16 of Delhi. The team had gone to catch a stray dog from a government school, but the dog lovers protested and not only freed the dog but also pushed and assaulted the MCD officials. They also damaged the MCD dog catching vehicle. The police have registered a case in the matter and started investigation.

Chandra Mohan Dixit becomes District President of National Journalist Security Council, Mathura

Mathura: The Brij Traffic and Environment Public Awareness Committee Regd. Uttar Pradesh welcomed Chandra Mohan Dixit a dynamic and experienced journalist from Mathura district after he was appointed District President of the Council by National President Devendra Kumar Mishra. Vinod Dixit, Founder President of



the Committee, said that the National Journalist Security Council is rapidly emerging as a trusted organization for journalists in the country and therefore our State General Secretary

Chandra Mohan Dixit has been appointed District President in Mathura district as well. This is a matter of pride for us. He congratulated the new District President Chandra Mohan Dixit and gave

him a warm welcome. Committee State Secretary Deepak Saraswat said that the organization's National President Devendra Kumar Mishra is consistently committed to protecting the interests, security, and respecting journalists. As a result, the National Journalist Security Council has emerged as a strong organization from the Uttar Pradesh

An encounter took place between Mathura Nauhjheel police and interstate cow smugglers

A large quantity of arms and cow slaughter equipment was recovered during the police encounter



Mathura: On the night of 28.09.2025 the Nauhjheel Police team received information from an informant that some people were planning to commit a crime. On the said information the station

in-charge along with his force laid a siege on Ahmedpur Road. When the accused surrounded the cow, tied it in a field and were prepar-

ing to slaughter it, the criminals opened fire on the police with the intention of killing them. In this the police fired in self-defense

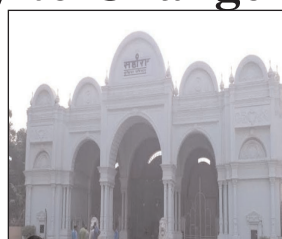
and the accused were injured by bullets in their legs.

The accused were sent to CHC Nauhjheel for first aid. The field unit was called on the spot. Necessary legal action was taken against the accused. Details. The accused have a gang of cow slaughter/cow slaughter in which they make the cows roaming in deserted forests and

pasture lands unconscious by giving them narcotic injections and then kill them by throwing them in some deserted field and earn illegal money by selling the cow meat illegally in Aligarh district, Shilampur Delhi. Many cases are registered against the accused and their associates in Aligarh district and other places also.

Iconic Properties in Lucknow Likely to Change Hands

Lucknow: For decades, Sahara was not merely a business entity in Lucknow—it was an empire. Its influence stretched across the city's economy, employment, and even the cultural fabric. From luxury hospitals and shopping malls to large-scale real estate ventures, Sahara's imprint was visible in nearly every aspect of urban life. But with the Adani Group's imminent entry, Lucknow



stands at the threshold of transformation. This acquisition marks the end of an era— and the beginning of a new chapter in the city development. Observers note that while the fall of Sahara marks a significant shift the arrival

of Adani brings the promise of renewed investment, modern infrastructure and potentially, thousands of new jobs. However it also raises questions about corporate consolidation and the changing face of legacy businesses in India. As the deal progresses all eyes will be on how this transition unfolds— not just in terms of ownership, but in its broader impact on the city and its people.

Wanted accused of cow slaughter arrested in police encounter

Encounter

Given the seriousness of the incident, teams were formed and directed to quickly arrest the accused. The teams formed

Kaushambi. At midnight, Dial 112 received information that some people had committed cow slaughter in the village of Krishna Doli, under the Charwa police station. Upon receiving the information, the Charwa police force immediately arrived at the scene and found a dead

cow. The caller reported that Bhawar Singh Yadav, a resident of Krishna Doli, had committed the crime with two other associates. When the police searched for him, he was found absconding from his home. A case was registered at the Charwa police station under the Cow Slaughter Prevention Act. Given the seriousness of the incident, teams were formed and directed to quickly arrest the accused. The teams formed in the above sequence were searching for the accused by raiding possible locations. Meanwhile, a special informant informed the Charwa police station that Bhawar Singh



Yadav, accused of the cow slaughter incident that night, was hiding with his accomplice in the Gunga Ki Bagh the police team arrived at the

scene to apprehend him, the accused opened fire on the police team with the intent to kill. When the police team took cover behind trees and asked them to surrender, they fled and fired again with the intent to kill. The police team retaliated in self-defense, hitting the accused in the leg. The injured accused was immediately taken into police custody and sent to the Manjhanpur District Hospital for treatment. One pistol of 315 bore, two live cartridges, two empty cartridges, one stick, one big knife, a rope and Rs 620 were recovered from the spot.

Mission Shakti is dedicated to the respect and safety of women



Phulpur. Under the government's fifth phase of the campaign, on Sunday, in Kodapur, Hemapur, Lilhat, and Bhamai Husamganj villages of the Phulpur area, Lady Sub-Inspector Jyoti Rawat held a meeting with schoolgirls and women and listened to their problems. While raising awareness among the students, Lady Sub-Inspector Jyoti Rawat said that girls are making their mark in every field today. Therefore, do not underestimate yourself or tolerate any criminal activity against you. Hiding small incidents out of fear of social stigma can lead to major crimes tomorrow. Therefore, in case of any problem, fearlessly inform the police. The police are deployed 24 hours a day to protect girls and women. During the program, they made women aware of the toll-free numbers 1090, 181, 1098, 1930, 1076, 108, 112, and 102. Sub-Inspector Kajal Patel explained that by calling the above numbers, students can protect themselves in emergency situations and

Fearlessly

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will also receive necessary assistance from the police, free of charge. Students were also informed about the concept of "good touch" and "bad touch." The anti-Romeo team encouraged students to fearlessly confront criminals, saying that the police are always ready to protect their honor and safety. In case of any emergency, please inform the police without hesitation, and effective action will be taken immediately. The police stated that the purpose of such programs is to raise awareness about the safety of women and girls. The village head and other female villagers expressed their gratitude to the police for the work done by the female sub-inspectors of the police department in raising awareness among female students and women and inspiring them to give a befitting reply to criminals.

44 tricycles distributed to persons with disabilities

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Prayagraj. Under the "Seva Pakhwada Abhiyan" (Service Fortnight Campaign), under the Artificial Limb and Assistive Devices Scheme run by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 44 tricycles were distributed to persons with orthopedic disabilities at the premises of Meja Development Block, Prayagraj, under the chairmanship of Rajesh Shukla, District President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Yamunapur Prayagraj, and by Neeraj Tripathi, former Lok Sabha candi-



date. On this occasion, the Chief Guest stated in his address that the Uttar Pradesh government is running the Seva Pakhwada Abhiyan from September 17th to October 2nd, 2025, with the aim of empowering and self-reliant the vulnerable and underprivileged sections of society by benefiting them from

government schemes. On this occasion, Honorable Block Chief Representative Ganga Prasad Mishra, Block Development Officer, Meja Amit Singh, A.D.O. Social Welfare Sushantu Pandey, District General Secretary, Pushpraj Patel, District Vice President, Rajeshwar Tiwari, Santosh

Tripathi, Jaisingh District Minister, Rajesh Dhankad, Nathu Gupta, Prachand Shukla, Mandal President, Shailish Pandey, Subba Lal Prajapati Ashish Patel, Mandal Meja Vice President, Himanshu Shukla, Sirsa Mandal Incharge, Amresh Tiwari, Youth Front District President, Sudhakar Pandey, Office Minister Manoj Gupta, IT Cell Satish Vishwakarma, and Sandeep Kumar Shukla, Sanjay Kumar, Ashish Verma, etc. from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities were present.

Roshni Solanki assumes charge as Bara Tehsildar

Prayagraj. Roshni Solanki assumed charge as Bara Tehsildar on Sunday. Upon assuming office, she held a courtesy meeting with revenue officials and discussed work priorities. It's worth noting that the post had been vacant since the transfer of the previous Tehsildar, leaving residents waiting for a new officer for a long time. Roshni Solanki, a resident of Kanpur Nagar, is a Naib Tehsildar of the 2020 batch. She performed excellently in Lalitpur Tehsil and Jhansi, and after her promotion, served as Tehsildar in Meja Tehsil, Prayagraj. Her honest



work style and impeccable image have been praised. Upon assuming office, she stated that timely disposal of revenue matters will be her top priority. With everyone's cooperation, she will strive to ensure justice for litigants by working with transparency, integrity, and honesty. The appointment has created an atmosphere of excitement and hope in the area.

Based on a false information about a bomb on a train, the GRP arrested a criminal and sent him to jail



resident of Bettiah, Padrauna Police Station, Kushinagar, aged approximately 23 years, was arrested after con-

tinuous and tireless efforts near the Delhi-bound gate of Platform No. 6 of Prayagraj Railway Station at 1:10

pm. According to the police, the accused, Suraj Gaur, is a very cunning criminal whom the GRP police had been searching for for quite some time. He reported a false report claiming that a woman on board train No. 22103 Ayodhya Superfast Express was Pakistani and carrying a bomb in her bag, threatening to

blow up the train. Based on the information, the state and central government's bomb disposal squads, dog squads, and all missionaries conducted a thorough search at Prayagraj Junction, which was found to be false. He had been evading detection for several days by disguising himself and changing locations.

However, the GRP police team, led by Inspector-in-Charge Aklesh Singh, successfully apprehended him through technical means. After the formalities, the police sent him to jail. Inset: Insert in a different color GRP recovers 200 stolen and lost mobile phones and returns them to their owners.

Police administration should show sensitivity: Talat

Kaushambi. Former District President and Congress Party candidate for Chail Assembly constituency, Talat Azim, has raised serious questions about the continued police

action in the district regarding the recent Prophet Mohammad poster controversy. Talat Azim said that everyone in the country has the freedom to practice their religion, and the

way the police are conducting door-to-door raids and arresting people at night and detaining them in police stations over mere flags and placards is extremely unfortunate

and worrying. He said that in a democracy, every citizen has the right to express their views and express their feelings peacefully. However, this police action.

We must pledge to build the India of his dreams. Everyone, including the chief guest, paid floral tributes

NUJ remembers and pays tribute to immortal martyr Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary

Prayagraj. The National Union of Journalists (NUJ) Prayagraj district unit organized a grand celebration at the DIET auditorium, Civil Lines, on Sunday to commemorate the birth anniversary of immortal martyr Bhagat Singh, the brave son of Mother India who sacrificed his life for freedom. The chief guest of the program was Amrendra Nath Singh (former President of the High Court Bar and former Chairman of the Bar Council of Uttar Pradesh), while Sunil



Shukla (former Deputy Director, Doordarshan) presided over it. Special guests included Dr. Hari Prakash Yadav (teacher leader) and Rajiv Mishra (senior social worker). Speakers included Kundan Srivastava (District President), Pawan Divedi (District Patron),

and Parvez Alam (District Patron), while Umesh Srivastava, Senior Vice President, conducted the proceedings. Speakers on this occasion stated that Sardar Bhagat Singh's sacrifice is not only a saga of the freedom struggle, but also an inspiration for genera-

tions to come. We must pledge to build the India of his dreams. Everyone, including the chief guest, paid floral tributes to the portrait of the immortal martyr Bhagat Singh. Senior Advocate Amrendra Nath Singh, former President of the High Court Bar, said, "I salute Sardar Bhagat Singh because of the martyrs, we gained independence and freedom of speech." Mr. Singh stated that media was the foundation stone before independence. It is the foundation of the established democracy

of India. Senior journalist Sunil Shukla, who presided over the program, gave a detailed address and discussed the sacrifice and dedication of the immortal martyr Bhagat Singh for the country. He said that Sardar Bhagat Singh's principles always fought against the imperialist system and communalism. The celebration of the birth anniversary of the immortal martyr Bhagat Singh by NUJ Prayagraj will prove to be a milestone. Keynote speaker Dr. Hariprakash Yadav, a teacher leader,

said that we should learn from Sardar Bhagat Singh's patriotism. Social worker Rajiv Mishra said that the celebration of the birth anniversary of the great patriot, Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh, by NUJ Prayagraj is a commendable step. NUJ District President Kundan Srivastava demanded that the Government of India declare the Samadhis of immortal martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru located at Hussainiwalla as national monuments.



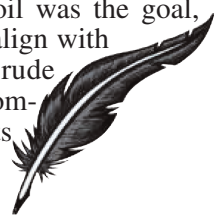
Prayagraj. If you want to witness bullying, come to Lediaari. Bullies are exercising their dominance, but the Kheri police are not obeying the SDM's orders. One family is suffering from the bullies, while the Kheri police are not listening. In Lediaari, under the Kheri police station area, a family's inhabited land is being forcibly occupied. A complaint was made to SDM Koraon, who then wrote

to the Kheri police to resolve the matter. Given the sensitivity of the matter, the police are seeking a stay order from the aggrieved party instead of sitting the two parties together for a dialogue. Meanwhile, the bullies are carrying out construction. Radhey Shyam Dubey, a resident of Lediaari, says that he owns a house on inhabited plot number 178, which predates the consolidation of land.

Editorial

Buying Russian oil, misreading Trump—3 points will define India's next energy strategy

India's crude oil trade has evolved from a purely economic exchange into both a geopolitical test of strategic autonomy and a measure of the constraints in its energy policy. Over the past three years, India has gone from being a marginal buyer of Russian crude to one of its largest importers, carefully balancing ties with the US, Europe, and shifting global energy markets. That balance is now under pressure from Donald Trump's 50 per cent tariff offensive, aimed selectively at India and leaving little ambiguity about his objectives—and in Trump's world, what he wants, he usually gets. Yet the national debate has taken too many assumptions for granted. It is worth applying a deconstruction approach to India's famous oil bargains with Russia—a decision once hailed as tactical brilliance, but one now risking entanglement in overlapping economic and diplomatic challenges. While public commentary has focused heavily on Trump, tariffs, and New Delhi's indignation, the more pressing task is to interrogate the rationale behind these choices. To navigate the road ahead, India must revisit three fundamentals: why it embraced Russian oil, how it misread Trump's European recalibration, and where future India-Russia energy engagement should head. Clarity on these three points may well define the next chapter of India's energy strategy. Despite close political ties and deep defence cooperation, India and Russia were never bound by energy dependence. Even with India's heavy reliance on imports—currently 88 per cent of its daily crude requirement of 5.5 million barrels—its primary suppliers have traditionally been Gulf countries. The earlier chapter of India capitulating to Trump 1.0's sanctions on Iran and Venezuela is well known; today, however, the challenge is starker. Russia entered India's energy equation only after the geopolitical earthquake of President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. That act shattered the European order painstakingly built since the Second World War and crystallised after the Soviet Union's collapse. Central to this upheaval was Putin's weaponization of energy: Europe's decades-long dependence on cheap Russian oil and gas became a vulnerability. In response, Europe diversified away from Russia, while the G7 imposed a \$60 per-barrel price cap on Russian crude in December 2022. The logic was clear: as one of the world's top three oil producers, Russia could not be cut off overnight. The aim was instead to squeeze Moscow's revenues, which were funding its war machine, while keeping prices stable and securing alternative supplies for Europe. India saw opportunity in this upheaval. With vast import needs, it began rerouting Russian oil at supposedly lower prices, rejecting G7 sanctions and arranging direct and indirect deals through intermediaries. Early reports spoke of a “free on board” discount of 30 per cent, though never confirmed. Brent crude fell from \$86.51 in January 2022 to \$80.92 in December, peaking briefly at about \$90 in June 2023 before sliding again. While some credit India's purchases with stabilising prices, Russian oil for India almost always remained way above the \$60 price cap. The critical question is whether India ever bought below that threshold. Reports suggest an average discount of only \$5 per barrel—hardly transformative—and potentially offset by hidden costs and surcharges. Even so, large volumes (peaking at over 2 million barrels per day before dropping to 1.5 million) meant cumulative savings. But if cheap oil was the goal, why not join or informally align with the price cap, securing crude closer to \$60 without the complications of shadow fleets and sanctions risks?



Restoring J&K's statehood won't be enough. Kashmiris need to be treated like other Indians

Late one night in 1978, in a nation illuminated by the end of the Emergency, police dragged Ghulam Nabi Patel out of his home in Srinagar's Batamaloo, and into the city's Central Jail. Leviathan still cast a long shadow in this corner of the republic, it became clear. The head of the Kashmir Motor Drivers Association, it later emerged, had campaigned for the Janata Party in the just-concluded elections. This action enraged then-Prime Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah enough to make the trade union leader the first victim of Kashmir's just-legislated preventive detention law, the Public Safety Act. The High Court ordered Ghulam Nabi's release, but that wasn't quite the end of the story. In 2018, the elderly politician, battling cancer and on a trip home to arrange his daughter's wedding, was shot dead by terrorists. This time, the parties he'd served for decades — the Congress and the People's Democratic Party — denied their association with him, so they would not have to condemn the assassins. A last bit of the story remains. In 2020, Ghulam Nabi's children were served notice by the government, ordering them to vacate the premises they were provided to protect them from terrorist attack. This week, the Supreme Court is scheduled to resume hearing petitions seeking the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, an issue it elided over after 32 paragraphs of elegant prose, in return for a promise from the Solicitor General. The decision to hear the issue is an important one,



but it also evades a critical issue. The demotion of Kashmir to a Union territory isn't the only issue that needs to be discussed, as India moves forward to reimagine its constitutional relationship with the once-was-a-state. Kashmir has never been, in any sense of the world, allowed to be a normal state, with normal politicians and normal citizens. The state might have been the first to get rural radio sets, scholar Navnita Chadha Behera notes, but authorities were careful to disable their tuners with wire, so as to ensure only Radio Kashmir could be heard. There were elections to a constituent Assembly in 1951, true, but politician Syed Mir Qasim observed notices posted on walls, ordering people not to discuss politics. Thus, Kashmir was bound to the republic with terror and blood, not ideas or culture. For this, the long jihad Pakistan unleashed against Kashmir in 1947-1948, and has since continued without interruption, must be held responsible. Like many other regions in India, from the adivasi heartlands in central India to parts of the Northeast, democracy has struggled to grow in excep-

tionally harsh conditions. All blame, though, does not lie across the Line of Control. Elections that served to undermine democracy, the state-enabled subversion of the political system through corruption, the use of coercion unconstrained by law: All these, the story of Ghulam Nabi Patel should remind us, were Indian inventions. Today, the challenge isn't just to restore statehood in Kashmir. The task Indians need to embrace is to build a state that is Indian, an unremarkable part of our republic. Eighty years ago, Prime Minister Abdullah had promised that a utopia would be built from the ruins of Partition and war. The Naya Kashmir manifesto — which, Andrew Whitehead reminds us, liberally helped itself to text from the 1936 constitution of the Soviet Union — held out promises to redistribute feudal landholdings to the peasants, to uphold the rights of women, and introduce universal access to healthcare and education. The communist couple Freda Houlston and her husband Baba Pyare Lal Bedi wrote the manifesto with Abdullah's encouragement, though it is unclear if his commitment to commu-

nism was ever serious. To the great Kashmiri poet Ghulam Ahmad Mahjoor, it seemed Abdullah was leading the region out of the darkness: “The ranges of the mountains shall yield gold,” he gushed, “Pearls shall emerge out of the Wular lake.” Less than five years after Independence, though, the poet had encountered disillusionment. The reality of ‘New Kashmir’, it turned out, was one-party authoritarianism, electoral malpractice, and communalism. “Freedom being of heavenly birth, can't move from door to door,” he avidly wrote, “You'll find her camping in the homes of a chosen few alone.” How did this come about? The story has something to do with bad luck, scholar Aijaz Ashraf Wani has written, in an excellent survey of the roots of misadministration in Kashmir. Two successive bad harvests, in 1949-1950 and 1950-1951, created enormous rural discontent. Forced levies of crops from farmers, imposed in a desperate effort to stave off famine, sharpened the resentment, while shortages of food in the cities grew to alarming levels. The National Conference succeeded in dominating the Constituent Assembly, winning all 75 seats in the 1951 elections. This was only possible, though, because 45 out of 49 candidates of the Hindu-nationalist Praja Parishad party were barred from contesting, mainly on frivolous technical grounds, Behera has observed. The media was muzzled, and opponents were intimidated and imprisoned. Less than

five years later, though, the relationship between Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Abdullah had begun to break down. The Praja Parishad, denied electoral space, started a mass movement seeking the full integration of Kashmir into India. Abdullah, in a 10 April 1952 speech in RS Pura, suggested it was becoming impossible to “convince the Muslims of Kashmir that India does not intend to swallow them up.” The threat of war with Pakistan was alive, Nehru could not countenance this rebellion. “I am afraid Kashmir is heading in an adverse direction,” Nehru warned in a 28 June 1953 letter. The new regime of Prime Minister Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad came to power on the back of a unanimous vote of confidence from Jammu & Kashmir's Constituent Assembly, many of whose members were released from prison that very day. Early in 1954, the Union government restricted Kashmir's special status by passing constitutional amendments that cut back the state's autonomy. Long before Kashmir's special status ended, 260 of the 395 Articles in the Indian Constitution were already applicable in Jammu & Kashmir; the remaining 135 were identical provisions found in the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. Like his predecessor and incarcerated friend Abdullah, Bakshi hoped development would subsume the urge for political agency and dialogue. The plan failed. In 1963, mass protests which followed the disappearance. .

Good politician, bad statesman — what Muhammad Yunus' one year in power reveals

If Sheikh Hasina had her way, Muhammad Yunus would have been dunked into the Padma River by now. Not once but twice. But it has been a year since the ousted Bangladeshi prime minister hasn't had her way. In that time, not only has Yunus avoided a plunge into the Padma, but also dashed Hasina's dreams of returning to Bangladesh, all while sitting pretty in the chair she was forced to vacate. In the one year since Yunus took over as the caretaker to the interim government of Bangladesh on 8 August 2024, the accidental politician has proved himself a consummate one. Detractors who had claimed he won't last three months are now worried if he will even vacate his chair. Not only has Yunus deftly navigated the choppy waters of Bangladeshi politics, he has even turned foes into friends. Plunged into chaos after Hasina's hasty exit on 5 August 2024, Bangladesh, though, is in desperate need of a statesman. There has been no love

lost between Sheikh Hasina and Muhammad Yunus, much before the latter replaced the former as Bangladesh's premier last year. On 18 May 2022, Hasina had allegedly said, “He (Yunus) stopped funding for a project like the Padma Bridge because of one managing director post. He should be given two dunks in the Padma River, but lifted up so he doesn't die. Then maybe he will learn a lesson.” Hasina had said this while blaming Nobel Peace Prize winner, economist Dr Muhammad Yunus, for blocking the World Bank's funding of the Padma bridge project. That's not all. As recently as 1 January 2024, a court in Bangladesh had sentenced the Nobel laureate to six months in jail for violating Bangladesh's labour laws. Yunus' supporters said the case was politically motivated. The acclaimed economist and three colleagues from Grameen Telecom—one of the firms Yunus founded—were found guilty of failing to create a welfare fund for their workers.

Dharali floods a wake-up call for IMD, NDMA to buck up

The deadly flash floods and landslides in Uttarkashi on 5 August, in which 16 people were killed, highlight the problems of illegal river-bank constructions and inadequate warning systems. Videos of submerged villages, ravaging floods sweeping up buildings and cars in their tide, and stranded people have become an almost annual occurrence now in the Himalayan region. Dharali's floods struck in the absence of any weather warning, and authorities are still confused about the actual cause. While the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority called it a cloudburst, the India Meteorological Department could not confirm it with the available data. Uttarkashi district recorded 12.7 cm of rain in 8 hours on 5 August; it is still lower than districts such as Haridwar and Dehradun, which got 15-30 cm of rain on the same day. In a state that sees frequent cloudbursts and floods during the monsoon, and has been explicitly marked as a ‘high vulnerability zone’ for landslides by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the damage from the Dharali floods is not merely nature's fault. The blame also rests squarely on building norms, mass road construction and mining projects, and other anthropogenic activities that have exacerbated Uttarakhand's fragility. The floods should be another wake-up call for the IMD and the NDMA to buck up and ensure the safety of people and ecology in the Himalayas. Dharali is a small hamlet 2,680 metres above sea level, situated 18 km from Gangotri, and is a common stopover for tourists and pilgrims going to one of the Char Dhams of Uttarakhand. It is dotted with hotels, restaurants, and homes built precariously close to the banks of the Kheerganga River that runs through the village. On Tuesday afternoon, a barrage of



water descended upon the village and damaged houses, roads, and the one bridge connecting Dharali and Hershil, another area affected by the landslide. Satellite images from ISRO now show that deposits of mud and sediments from the floods cover all of the village. Alongside civilian settlements, an Army camp near Hershil too was impacted by the floods, although the number of people missing there hasn't been reported. The IMD had issued warnings of heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in all of Uttarakhand, including the Uttarkashi district, from 1 August onwards. But compared to other districts, Uttarkashi's rainfall during this monsoon was still pretty low. From 1 to 5 August, Uttarkashi's recorded rainfall was 6 percent lower than the average rainfall it gets during this period. Over the monsoon season so far this year in the state, Uttarkashi has recorded 7 per cent lower rainfall than average. If there was indeed a cloudburst—100 mm of rain falling in one hour in a small area—then the IMD is not aware of it. The closest Automatic Weather System (AWS) station that could record this cloudburst is 7 km from Dharali, and it did not catch a cloudburst. But experts say that even without a cloudburst, the possibility of heavy rainfall causing this disaster is not unfounded. Dharali's location and slope explain it. “The ‘cloudburst’ may have happened much higher at 12,000 ft above sea level, and Dharali is at 8,000 ft. Even this slope of 4,000 ft makes a huge difference to the intensity of the water flow,” Mahesh Palawat, vice president of meteorology.

Reservation: The Corrupted Mindset of Political Analysts and Arguers

Before you read it, I want to inform you that this article is not about political analysis or the despicable misdeeds of corrupted minds of those who argue, but rather a small initiative to bring to light the current plight of society. Friends! These days, we often hear from some scholars that reservation is a framework of our Constitution to achieve equality in society. Before discussing the above, let me give you a literal explanation of reservation, which seems almost accurate in today's times. The literal meaning of reservation is: “A” means increasing mutual differences. “R” means suppressing the nation's talent and progress. “Ksha” means eroding the nation's integrity. “N” means an inexhaustible political weapon. That is, in today's times, by increasing mutual differences, suppressing the nation's consciousness, talent,

and progress, under some conspiracy, the integrity of the country is eroded, and ultimately, under the influence of political prejudice, it is used like a never-ending double-edged sword. Reservation rekindles ideological and caste discrimination between two individuals because, due to belonging to a particular caste, a person, no matter how talented, is deprived of his or her goal, which naturally leads to a decline in the revival of the nation's progress. According to the Constitution, the reservation policy was implemented for a few years, but political wolves made it a weapon for their petty caste politics. When it was deemed necessary to bring the deprived and exploited people of society on an equal footing for the integrity and development of the country, its creators and visionaries failed to foresee that in

the future, educated Indians in white robes, driven by political frustration, would misuse it and ruthlessly murder unimaginable, unprecedented talents. Friends, I am not against reservation because I belong to the general category, but more importantly, for our nation, it is important to propel those talented, virtuous, and knowledgeable individuals towards social, economic, and religious heights through their prowess. I want to ask a question to those scholars who say that reservation is necessary. Question? A general category candidate and a reserved category candidate study together at the same institution. Meanwhile, they both take the sub-inspector exam. The general category candidate scores 80% and fails, while the reserved category candidate scores 45%. Later, the poor general category candidate, driven

by unemployment, takes the wrong path and becomes a dangerous terrorist. Coincidentally, the reserved category sub-inspector is tasked with apprehending him. The question now arises: will he be able to teach the law to someone who scored 35% more than him? Probably not, because he will always use his extra 35% brainpower, thus fueling corruption even more. This was a small, hypothetical incident, demonstrating how our country's talents are being completely destroyed and ruined. For the integrity of this country, for its honour and pride, for social harmony, for the unique talents of Karmayogis, not just one person but all patriots will have to come forward and raise their voice in one voice for the future of their future generations and ultimately eliminate it completely.

Strict action will be taken against those creating an atmosphere of terror: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

Bahraich: Currently in various rural areas of the district, some anti-social elements are spreading rumors about drones, robbery notices, thefts and the arrival of thieves. These rumors are creating an atmosphere of fear and insecurity among the villagers. Additionally, some miscreants are attempting to disrupt the atmosphere by flying toy drones. To curb

these activities and raise public awareness about rumors, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched a campaign in the villages. Addressing a gathering in the district, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath emphasized his responsibility stating that some people are creating an atmosphere of fear in the name of rumors, drones and theft. "Everyone needs to be vigilant," he



said. He added that a village security committee has been

formed in every gram panchayat. Police patrols have been intensified. He added that action has already been taken under the Gangster Act against those creating fear and panic in the name of drones and orders have been issued to confiscate the property of those spreading fear in the name of theft. He said, "If someone is creating terror in your village, town, neighborhood

or surrounding area, first stop them and explain things to them. If they don't listen, then inform the administration, they will deal with them. You just tell us quietly, we will take care of the rest. We must remain vigilant against elements involved in love jihad, religious conversion, anti-national activities, cow slaughter, and cow smuggling."

Congress will not allow even a single house to be demolished at 300-year-old Village East Mehram Nagar- Devender Yadav

Touch With World Editor Sachin Delhi: Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee President Devender Yadav said that after uprooting lakhs of people from the JJ clusters with merciless demolition drives the BJP Government was now targeting the villagers of Delhi as the sword of demolition was now hanging over the residents of the 300-year old East Mehram Nagar village, near the IG Airport, which the Congress party will not allow to succeed. He said that BJP sole aim was to uproot the poor to hand over their land to Adani and Ambani. He said that Rahul Gandhi has been fighting to protect the rights of the Dalits and the poor and whenever and wherever he stood up to get them justice they got it as the BJP Government was forced to change the laws and bend down to protect the interest of the poor. He said that the villagers of Delhi will not be scared of the lathis of the BJP Government and they will stand up and fight



against the injustice being done to them. He warned that Delhi Congress will not allow even a single house to be demolished at 300-year-old East Mehram Nagar and the bulldozers would have to go past the bodies of the people if the BJP Government dares to deploy them to demolish the houses at East Mehram Nagar. Addressing a Mahapanchayat of 36 communities from 360 villages at East Mehram Nagar organised by the Yuva Gram Sudhar Sangthan today Devender Yadav said that the BJP Government was anti-Dalit, anti-poor and Congress will take the fight of the residents of

East Mehram Nagar to its logical end to protect their interest as the temporary relief they got from the court was not enough. He said that the pro-rich Rekha Gupta Government has neglected the villages of Delhi without any development or civic facilities, as he himself hailed from a village and was a victim of BJP anti-poor, anti-village policies. He said that the BJP Government focus has been city-centric as it had neglected the urban villages and rural areas of the Capital though Delhi was developed on the farm lands acquired from them at throw away prices but now the villagers of Delhi have become strangers in

their own lands. Devender Yadav said that it was not a mere coincidence that today was Shaheed Bhagat Singh birthday who had sacrificed his life for the country by fighting against the atrocities of the British, and we need to fight like him as the BJP Government was also behaving like the British to uproot the residents of a 300-year old village of Delhi. The Mahapanchayat was addressed by Devender Yadav, AICC Secretary Abhishek Dutt, former MLA Hari Shankar Gupta, Harnam Singh. Those who were present in the panchayat included Ex MLA Vijay Lochav, Delhi Cantt. Congress Assembly Candidate Brig. Pradeep Upmanyu, Youth Congress President Akshay Lakra, DCC president Madan Khorwal, from Tihar Village (28) Advocate Sunil Kumar, Ex Cantt. Board Members Nand Kishore Beniwal, Sandeep Tanwar, Vinit Yadav, Naresh Sharma, Ch. Sunil Kumar and Sunil Sersia.

Are there hazardous category industries and residential colonies in Sitapura Industrial Area: Court

Jaipur. Rajasthan High Court has asked the Chief Secretary to submit an affidavit in the case related to shifting of IOCL's LPG bottling plant located in Sitapura Industrial Area of Jaipur to another place. The court has asked the Chief Secretary whether JDA and Municipal Corporation have developed residential colonies in this industrial area. The division bench of Justice

Sanjeev Prakash Sharma and Justice Sanjit Purohit gave this order on the public interest petition of Om Prakash Tank. The court has asked RIICO to tell whether such other establishments or industries are operating in the industrial area, which come under the purview of hazardous activities. At the same time, the court has also asked to present information about the industrial, commercial.

Woman shot dead inside her house

East Champaran. Criminals entered a 55-year-old woman's house and shot her dead near Nimuiya turn in Turkaulia police station area of the district. The deceased woman is Chanda Devi, wife of Umashankar Prasad of Nimuiya village. The incident is said to have taken place late on Tuesday night.

The villagers came to know about the incident on Wednesday morning.

Urban development touching new dimensions: Sharma

Jaipur. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, the state government is continuously working in the field of urban development and this sector is touching new heights of development. Urban development in the state shows a unique confluence of modern aesthetics, cultural expression and public facilities. The new development jour-



ney of the capital Jaipur also has a unique combination of modern infrastructure with its traditional and cultural iden-

tity. The state government has given an unforgettable gift to the common people in the form of the Fountain Square project. Nestled between VT Road and Aravali Marg in the Mansarovar area of Jaipur city and adjacent to the lush green City Park, this world-class project is spread over an area of 16 bigha (40 thousand square meters).

MP: Girl missing from train found near Nepal border in UP after 12 days

Bhopal. 29-year-old Archana Tiwari, who went missing from the AC coach of Narmada Express train between Indore and Katni in Madhya Pradesh on 7, has been found in UP after 12 days. Bhopal GRP recovered her from Lakhimpur Kheri in UP on Tuesday. Bhopal GRP Superintendent of Police Rahul Kumar Lodha said that Archana Tiwari has been recovered from Lakhimpur Kheri in UP near the Nepal border. The team has left with her. She was being searched in the forest of Mid Ghat and other places for the last 12 days. Success was achieved in recovering her on Tuesday. He said that on Tuesday morning Archana contacted her family. The police came to know that she had called her mother and told her that she was fine. After talking to Archana's mother, the police started tracing the location of the student. It is worth noting that 22-year-old Archana, a resident of Katni, was preparing for civil judge from Indore. She boarded the AC coach B-3 of Narmada Express train from Indore to Katni on

Recovered

Archana has been recovered from Lakhimpur Kheri in UP near the Nepal border

Information was collected from constable Ram Tomar posted

Information was collected from constable Ram Tomar posted at Bhanwarpura police station in Gwalior regarding the disappearance of the student. The student and the constable were in contact for two years. It is being told that the constable had also booked a ticket from Indore to Katni for Archana from his own mobile using his ID. During interrogation, Ram Tomar told that Archana was in touch with him for 2 years.

7. She disappeared from the train midway. When the train reached Katni, only the bag was found on the seat, but she was not there. After this, teams of Indore, Bhopal, Katni GRP, district police force as well as forest department were also searching.

CM inaugurated the payment of ex-gratia relief

Survey

We took stock of the situation by conducting an aerial survey of the flood-affected areas

Patna. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on inaugurated the payment of ex-gratia relief amount to flood affected families in the year

People angry after finding severed head of cow in Kullu

Kullu. Hindu organizations have been deeply angered after the severed head of a cow calf was found in Banjar subdivision of district Kullu. As soon as the information about this barbaric incident found on the roadside was received, many organizations including Dev Bhoomi Jagran Manch have reacted sharply and demanded strict action against the culprits. The incident came to light when the severed head of a cow calf was found lying on the road in Banjar area. A video went viral on social media in this regard, which created a sensation in the area and enraged Hindu organizations. SP and demanded strict legal action against the accused.



2025 at the rate of Rs 7000 per family directly in their bank account through DBT from 'Sankalp' located at 1 Anne Marg. Today, Rs 456 crore 12 lakh was

paid to 6 lakh 51 thousand 602 affected families of 12 districts at the rate of Rs 7000 per family. During the program, the Chief Minister said, "We had a review meet-

ing with the officials of the flood-affected districts on 13 and on 14, we took stock of the situation by conducting an aerial survey of the flood-affected areas of Patna, Vaishali, Begusarai and Munger districts. We had instructed the officials to carry out relief and rescue operations in the flood-affected areas.

356 roads blocked due to landslides, Life in the state is badly affected due to continuous rain

Yellow alert for heavy rain in Himachal till 25

Havoc

Bhuntar in Kullu received 50 mm and Shimla and Bilaspur received 40 mm

Shimla. Monsoon havoc continues in Himachal Pradesh.



Heavy rains also occurred in most parts of the state including the capital Shimla.

Meteorological Center Shimla has issued a yellow alert for heavy rains till 25. During

Hearing on irregularities in Panchayat elections in High Court

Nainital. Hearing was held in the High Court on the petition seeking re-polls after alleged irregularities during the election of District Panchayat President and Vice President. The matter will also be heard on Wednesday. In



the hearing held before Chief Justice G.

Narender and Justice Subhash Upadhyay, the District Magistrate, who was present through video conferencing, presented his report on the counting process in the court in the form of an affidavit.

Himcare scheme was made for the care of the poor: CM



Shimla. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu made it clear that the Himcare scheme was started to help the poor and common man of the state, but the previous BJP government made it a scheme to benefit its close ones. He said that his government has so far spent Rs 550 crore on this scheme and the treatment of any patient will not stop due to the Himcare scheme. He said that this scheme will not be closed, but it will be improved so that the eligible people get its benefit. During the question hour, BJP member Vinod Kumar raised the question that the Himcare scheme has

Scheme

He told that 25 private health institutions have been registered for dialysis

been closed and the patients are not getting its benefits. To this, Health Minister Dr. Dhaniram Shandil replied that the scheme is still running, but a liability of more than Rs 364.20 crore is pending. He told that 25 private health institutions have been registered for dialysis. However, due to irregularities in private hospitals, Himcare facility was stopped there for some time.



HAL will increase the production of LCA Mark-1A, needs to get engines from America.

this period, there is a possibility of thunderstorms, thunderstorms and lightning in many districts. According to the Meteorological Department, there will be a yellow alert for lightning in Una, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla and Sirmour districts. An alert has been issued in Kangra, Mandi,

Shimla, Solan and Sirmour districts on 21. At the same time, a warning of heavy rain has been issued in Una, Chamba, Kangra, Mandi and Sirmour districts on 22 and 23. In the last 24 hours, the highest rainfall of 70 mm was recorded.

'Amrit Bharat Train' will run from Gaya Ji in Bihar to

Patna. 'Amrit Bharat Train' will run from Gaya Ji, the land of knowledge and salvation in Bihar, to New Delhi from 22. Its operation will provide passengers a new option for affordable and convenient travel. This train will

be specially flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This train will also stop at two major stations of Bihar, Sasaram and Dehri-on-Sone, which will provide direct and comfortable travel to the capital.

RBI Governor at MPC meet says economy shows strength and stability

● The Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday released the minutes of the MPC meeting held from August 4 to 6, where Malhotra and five other members voted

NEW DELHI: The Indian economy presents a picture of strength, stability and opportunity, Reserve Bank Governor Sanjay Malhotra said at the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting earlier this month, while cautioning that monetary policy must remain vigilant amid evolving uncertainties around US tariffs. The Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday released the minutes of the MPC meeting held from August 4 to 6, where Malhotra and five other members voted to keep the short-term lending rate unchanged at 5.5 per cent, PTI reported.



"The uncertainties of tariffs are still evolving"

The uncertainties of tariffs are still evolving," he said, stressing the need for a watchful policy approach. The Governor also noted that the cash reserve ratio (CRR) cut, which will come into effect from next month, would aid monetary transmis-

sion and support economic activity. Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta backed a status quo on rates, stating: "Taking into account the growth-inflation outlook, past actions, the state of the domestic economy, and the global dynamics,

strong fundamentals, growth-inducing policies, and forward-looking economic activity. Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta backed a status quo on rates, stating: "Taking into account the growth-inflation outlook, past actions, the state of the domestic economy, and the global dynamics,

ing economic strategy clearly place it in a strong position," Malhotra said, as per the minutes. He added that while growth has been steady, inflation outcomes have turned more benign on the back of food price

She favoured a neutral stance so that future actions remain data-driven

I do not see the scope or rationale for a further policy rate cut at this point." She favoured a neutral stance so that future actions remain data-driven. Executive Director Rajiv Ranjan observed that while growth remains resilient on the back of public capex, rural demand and steady services

industry continues to show uneven performance. "An additional rate cut at the current juncture could also reduce our policy space should global or domestic risks materialise," he said. External members also supported the pause. Ram Singh stressed the importance of policy flexibility in a volatile

moderation. "Although we are likely to see inflation undershooting the target in the near term, with a likelihood of monthly numbers even crossing the lower tolerance band of 2 per cent, headline inflation.

China next to feel US' secondary tariffs over Russian oil?

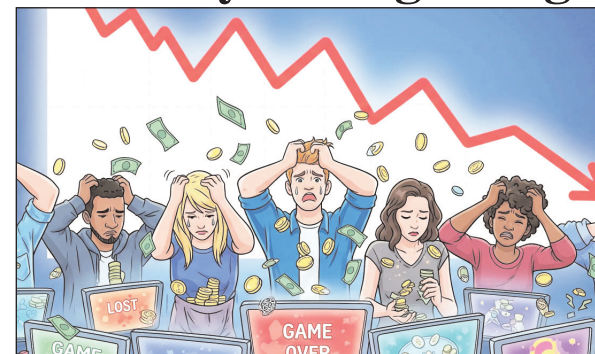


Air Canada strike: Restart plan suspended as union defies return-to-work order; prolonged standoff deepens travel chaos.

China next to feel US' secondary tariffs over Russian oil?

NEW DELHI: After the US imposed a 50% tariff on India, including a 25% duty for buying Russian oil, many are questioning why China was spared such action despite being one of Russia's biggest oil buyers. US President Donald Trump said on Friday.

As many as 45 cr people lose about Rs 20,000 cr annually from gaming



eSports

□ The Bill, which was passed by the Lok Sabha, proposes to promote eSports

NEW DELHI: Much against the arguments spelt out by gaming companies against the ban on real-money gaming, Govt estimates that around 45 crore people lose close to Rs 20,000 crore every year in online real-money gaming, according to data provided by an official source on Wednesday. The source said the govt believes that online real-money gaming is turning into a "major problem for the society", and thus it decided to opt for revenue loss in preference to people's welfare. "There is a rough esti-

mate that 45 crore people lose money every year. The total impact of the loss is estimated to be tentatively around Rs 20,000 crore," the source said, just as the Govt tabled the "Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025" in the Lok Sabha. The Bill, which was passed by the Lok Sabha, proposes to promote eSports and online social gaming while banning money gaming in any form. "Online gaming involving money has become a major problem for society. Every Parliamentarian has raised concerns about its ill effects. Between revenue from one-third of the industry segment and society welfare, the govt has chosen welfare of society," the source said.

Starlink to use Aadhaar for customer verification; UIDAI tie-up



Synergy

□ "Starlink's onboarding with Aadhaar authentication signifies a powerful synergy"

NEW DELHI: Elon Musk-led Starlink will use Aadhaar authentication for customer verification before onboarding subscribers in India, an official statement said on Wednesday. The development comes after the government's approval for the company to start offering satellite-based broadband services in the country, according to PTI. "The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has onboarded satellite-based internet provider Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd. Starlink will use Aadhaar

Authentication for customer verification, which will make the entire process smooth, secure and very easy," the statement said. According to official estimates, Starlink has the capacity to onboard around 20 lakh customers in India at present. "Starlink's onboarding with Aadhaar authentication signifies a powerful synergy: India's trusted digital identity joining hands with global satellite technology. Aadhaar e-KYC will facilitate the onboarding of users seamlessly, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements while delivering high-speed internet to households, businesses, and institutions," the statement added. The appointment of Starlink Satellite Communication as a sub-authentication

Shipments up 5.37% in July despite global headwinds; April-July exports rise to \$12.18 bn

Exports

□ Instructions given to dispose of 89 cases pending at the level of District Steering

NEW DELHI: India's textile and apparel sector posted steady growth in July 2025, with exports of major commodities rising 5.37 per cent to \$3.10 billion from \$2.94 billion a year ago, the government said on Wednesday. According to the Textile Ministry, the industry has demonstrated resilience despite global uncertainties, reaffirming its role as a key driver of employment, exports, and economic growth,



PTI reported. As per quick estimates released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS), cumulative textile exports for April-July 2025 rose 3.87 per cent to \$12.18 billion against \$11.73 billion last year. The six major textile commodity groups together crossed \$3.1 billion in shipments

during July, supported by sustained demand for ready-made garments, jute, carpets, and handicrafts. Ready-made garment exports rose 4.75 per cent year-on-year to \$1.34 billion in July, while cumulative exports for April-July stood at \$5.53 billion, up 7.87 per cent from \$5.13 billion in the same period last year.

The ministry said the

China's exports jump 75% in July to 6-month high

China's exports of rare earth magnets bounced back strongly in July, climbing to a six-month high and signalling that trade flows of the critical minerals essential for electric vehicles have returned to levels seen before Beijing tightened export controls. Data released by the General Administration of Customs on showed that exports from the world's supplier

performance highlights India's diversified product strength.

FinMin holds Q1 meeting with bank chiefs; SBI leads sector with Rs 44,218 crore

NEW DELHI: The finance ministry on Wednesday held a meeting with the heads of public sector banks (PSBs) to review their financial performance in the first quarter of FY26. The three-hour session was chaired by Financial Services Secretary M Nagaraju. According to PTI report citing sources, the secretary urged the MDs and CEOs of state-



owned banks to step up lending towards the productive sectors of the economy. The review covered the collective results of all 12

PSBs for April-June 2025.

Led by State Bank of India (SBI), the state-owned lenders posted a record profit of Rs

Notably

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44,218 crore in the first quarter, marking an 11 per cent year-on-year growth. In comparison, the PSBs had together earned Rs 39,974 crore in Q1 FY25, reflecting

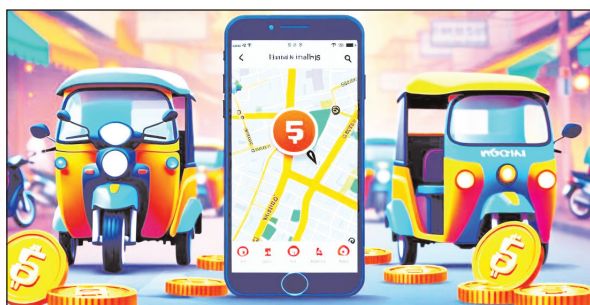
an increase of Rs 4,244 crore. SBI accounted for 43 per cent of the total earnings, reporting a net profit of Rs 19,160 crore, up 12 per cent over the same quarter last fiscal. The country's largest lender continues to dominate the sector in both size and profitability. Among smaller lenders, Indian Overseas Bank reported the highest growth in percentage terms with a

76 per cent jump in net profit to Rs 1,111 crore. Punjab & Sind Bank followed with a 48 per cent rise to Rs 269 crore. Notably, Punjab National Bank was the only state-run lender to post a decline in profit, with net earnings falling 48 per cent to Rs 1,675 crore against Rs 3,252 crore a year earlier. Other major performers included Central Bank of India.

The action was taken suo motu by the authority following investigation into the company

Consumer authority slaps Rs 10 lakh fine on Rapido for misleading ads, unfair trade practices

NEW DELHI: The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on ride-hailing platform Rapido for disseminating misleading advertisements and engaging in unfair trade practices. The action was taken suo motu by the authority following investigation into the company's advertisement claim: "Guaranteed Auto. Auto in 5 mins or get Rs 50".



The CCPA, in its order issued on Wednesday, directed Rapido to immediately discontinue the misleading advertisements and compensate consumers

who were not provided the promised cashback. Each affected consumer is to be paid Rs 50, as originally advertised. It also instructed the company to file a compli-

Discontinue

□ The CCPA, in its order issued on directed Rapido to immediately discontinue

ance report within 15 days. According to CCPA, Rapido's misleading advertisement ran for over 18 months in multiple regional languages and across more than 120 cities.

"Therefore, the CCPA finds it necessary to impose a penalty to safeguard the interests of consumers," it said. As per the order, between April 2023 and May 2024, 575 complaints were filed against Rapido on the National Consumer Helpline and these covered issues such as non-refund of amounts, overcharging, service deficiency, and failure to provide promised

benefits. Of these, five complaints were directly related to the misleading "guaranteed auto" claim, which could only be redeemed against bike rides and expired within seven days. The authority found that these terms were neither clearly stated nor prominently displayed. In its defence, the company submitted that the terms and conditions were clear that customer.

AU\$90 million penalty: Qantas Airways fined for illegal sackings

Qantas: A judge in Australia fined Qantas Airways 90 million Australian dollars (\$59 million) for unlawfully dismissing more than 1,800 ground staff during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic. The penalty is in addition to the AU\$120 million (\$78 million) compensation the airline had already agreed to pay dismissed employees. Justice Michael Lee of the Australian Federal Court ruled that the dismissal of 1,820 baggage handlers and cleaners at

airports in late 2020 was the most serious breach of Australian labour laws in their 120-year history, according to the Associated Press. After Qantas's appeal was unanimously rejected by seven High Court judges last December, the airline confirmed its wrongdoing and agreed to pay AU\$120 million in compensation. The Transport Workers Union (TWU), which initiated the case, had sought the maximum penalty of AU\$121 million.

JLR gets UK govt's guarantee for \$2 billion loan after cyber hit



When oil prices drop every month, US stocks go up

Delhi: Wall Street indexes rose in choppy rises as in-line European markets ended flat, continuing their 10-week winning streak. The Federal Reserve is expected to decrease interest rates twice this year, according to U.S. inflation figures. Crude prices fell 1%, the first monthly decline since November, as markets braced for fresh levies from Washington and crude exports from Iraq's Kurdistan

Finance, will be repaid over five years, the UK govt said on Saturday. It comes after the Range Rover maker idled

region. According to a White House source, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine will depart the Oval Office early Friday after a contentious meeting with Trump. Following reports of falling yearly inflation and sluggish consumer spending in the latest statistics tracked by the Federal Reserve, U.S. Treasury rates hit multi-month lows. A drop of 2.93 points, or 0.34%, was recorded by MSCI's global stock index.

plants in the UK, Slovakia, Brazil and India as a result of the attack earlier this month, derailing the wider supply chain.

Jaguar Land Rover will get backing from the UK govt for a 1.5-billion-pound (\$2 billion) loan aimed at easing the strain on suppliers hit by a production halt at the carmaker that was triggered by a cyberattack. The loan, to be provided by a commercial bank and guaranteed by UK Export

RBI cracks down on 'buy now, pay later'



MUMBAI/BENGALURU: RBI has ordered Simpl, a Bengaluru-based buy-now-pay-later (BNPL) firm, to shut its payments operations with immediate effect.

The platform, which works with 26,000 merchants and lets shoppers defer payments at checkout, had been running a payments system without the central bank's blessing. Under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act of 2007,

no company can operate such a system without explicit authorisation.

The order is the latest salvo in the RBI's campaign to tame the fast-growing world of digital credit. BNPL schemes have proliferated in recent years, entic-

ing consumers with instant credit lines and merchants with seamless sales. According to industry sources, the regulator's concerns are around unsecured lending, weak oversight and poor consumer safeguards. In 2022,

Gadkari says Mercedes-Benz wants to export 'made in India' cars

Delhi: According to Nitin Gadkari, India's minister of road transport and highways, Mercedes-Benz has told the government that it plans to increase production at its plant outside of Pune in order to fulfill its goal of exporting "Made in India" automobiles to

markets worldwide. The chairman of Mercedes, according to Gadkari, informed him that the production quality in India is strong, which has led the company to consider increasing manufacturing in the nation to fulfill the demands of worldwide

markets. "The chairman of Mercedes was telling me that they are going to look at increasing the productivity of Mercedes in India... and they want to export Mercedes from here to (markets) all over the world," Gadkari said. at the Auto Retail

Dalal Street eyes comeback after 6-day slide, FPIs hold

MUMBAI: After six sessions of continuous selling that wiped off nearly 2,600 points or 3.1% from the sensex, and investors left poorer by nearly Rs 15 lakh crore through a slide in market cap, traders on Dalal Street feel there is a chance of a bounce-back on Monday. But they feel the underlying weak trend would continue with the US-India trade-related uncertainties continuing to weigh on investor sentiment. In addition, trading by foreign funds that were major sellers in the mar-



ket since July, would be one of the trend-deciders for Dalal Street, market players said. Since a day before the US hiked the H-1B visa fees, the foreign funds have net sold Indian stocks worth nearly Rs 15,700 crore, NSDL and BSE data showed.

Market players would also look at RBI for its policy decision and its commentary on the economy and inflation. In the last 10 days, the US President had hiked fees for new H-1B visa that allow skilled workers into the US by about 100 times.

India, UAE set \$100 bn non-oil trade goal by 2030

Delhi : India and the United Arab Emirates are targeting \$100 billion in trade by 2030, excluding oil and precious metals, India's commerce ministry said in a statement. The target was decided during a meeting between Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal and the UAE's minister of foreign trade, Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, in New Delhi last week. They were reviewing bilateral trade between the two countries under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that came into effect in 2022. Both leaders stressed deeper cooperation in emerging sectors renewable energy.

Adani will spend 70,000 crore in Maha; govt. inks five MoUs for 1.08 lakh

Delhi: Adani Enterprises Limited would invest 70,000 crore in Nagpur, Maharashtra, to establish a coal gasification and downstream derivatives complex. This MoU was signed with the state government. Project is projected to enhance state energy and industrial output and create 30,000 jobs. The Maharashtra government signed five MoUs worth 1.08 lakh crore. Adani's investment tops. The com-



pany develops high-growth enterprises and spins them off as independent companies in mining, infrastructure (airports, roads, data centres, water management), solar manufacturing, defence, and edible oils. Adani Enterprises

would invest ₹70,000 crore in the Integrated Surface Coal Gasification and Downstream Derivatives Project in Linga, Kamleshwar, Nagpur to provide next-generation energy solutions for Maharashtra.

Tata Capital's home financing records substantial growth

Delhi: Housing financing has been a consistent area of growth for Tata Capital, and the company sees this as a key component of its overall retail growth plan. Tata Capital Housing Finance is well-positioned to take advantage of structural opportunities in India's underdeveloped housing finance sector, as its portfolio expanded at a robust 33 percent compounded annual growth rate between FY23 and FY25. With an increase from ₹30,850 crore in FY24 and ₹22,100 crore in FY23, the home loan segment of the firm now accounts for ₹38,400 crore, or 17 percent, of Tata Capital's consolidated gross loan book as of March-end. This represents a gain of 74% over the past two years and a 24% increase over the past year, sug-



Govt allows companies to display revised MRP on old unsold packs

Delhi: As a comfort to packaged goods makers who were waiting for labelling and packaging clarity to figure out how to pass the GST gains on to customers, the government has authorized them to display revised MRPs on unsold old packets of items. But before the gesting that the demand for residential credit is still high and that the category is expanding. Tata Capital

end of the year, businesses must sell off their old inventory. The consumer affairs ministry announced on Tuesday that until December 31 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first, makers, packers, or importers of pre-packaged goods can show amended MRPs.

continues to cater to a diverse range of clients, including salaried individuals, entrepreneurs.

EU to Give a Hand to India's Seafood Exports Following US Tariff

Delhi: After suffering under the US's harsh tariff regime, Indian seafood exporters are about to receive a vital lifeline in the EU. Shrimp exports, which were struck particularly hard by Washington's recent 50% tariff on Indian goods, could see an immediate 20%



increase, according to the Commerce Ministry. The European Union (EU) cleared

102 new Indian fishing operations for export this month, effectively eliminating all pending permissions, marking a significant milestone. With the listings in place, which encompass aquaculture units, sea-caught processing factories, and cold storage facilities,

all of India's main seafood exporters can now begin shipping to the EU. India sent \$1.1 billion worth of seafood to the European Union in FY24, making it the country's second-biggest seafood export market. The ministry anticipates that

Ad exchange sues Google for monopolistic violations

Delhi: The advertising exchange PubMatic Inc. is suing Alphabet Inc.'s Google, claiming that Google has unlawfully monopolized the ad technology market and is seeking billions of dollars in damages. This is the second lawsuit that an advertising exchange has filed against Google in as many months. In April, a federal judge found that Google had unlawfully monopolized two important technology markets, namely ad exchanges and the tools used by websites to sell ad space, called ad servers. The lawsuit was filed in a federal court in Virginia. Another trial to determine whether



Google must divest portions of its advertising business to fix the unlawful behavior is scheduled to take place this month before the same Virginia judge who agreed with the Justice Department and a few states in April. The US Department of Justice has demanded that the

corporation sell its AdX advertising exchange and enable its technology to communicate with competitors' systems without delay. Instead of selling off its assets, Google plans to integrate its advertising exchange with other technologies. and put a compliance

Amazon eyes bumper sales

Delhi: Amazon is preparing for an even greater surge in festive sales this year as a result of the reorganization of GST slabs, which would lower the prices of many consumer goods. This will increase spending by the salaried class, many of whom look for online offers when purchasing products, especially for expensive ones. Outside of ethnic clothing, which is the norm for festivals, the most purchased items during festivals tend to be smartphones, gadgets,

and durables. We anticipate a greater increase in holiday sales compared to previous year. Regardless, consumers typically wait for sales to begin before making large purchases; however, this time around, the trend has quickened thanks to the GST cuts. Customers can expect to save a ton of money this holiday season because to merchants' enticing bargains and a drop in GST on millions of products, according to Saurabh Srivastava, VP of categories at Amazon India.

CAPSULES

Samsung partners with India R&D for next-gen phone speech AI



Delhi : Samsung is counting on its India research hub to drive a global push toward voice-first AI, putting its engineers at the center of the Galaxy AI ecosystem. At a media roundtable, Samsung R&D Institute India - Bengaluru (SRI-B) representative Mohan Rao said India is one of the company's main AI locations outside Korea. "When it will be voice-first relies on research discoveries. Current research is extensive," Rao stated. "We faced numerous hurdles in making AI models run in the gadget. Native platforms must develop and operate natural language ASRs well. We can then consider voice-only phones." Multiple ecosystem stakeholders say voice will be the main way consumers connect with AI. In an interview, IndiaAI Mission CEO Abhishek Singh said the organization was creating voice-first AI models for Indian languages. Tech companies like Google and OpenAI will favor voice interfaces globally. Voice-first AI could help Samsung's phones stand out from competitors, as it sells its AI directly in consumer hardware.

Suryakumar lashes out at ACC for withholding Asia Cup trophy, donates match fees

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Unbeaten

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Dubai: India captain Suryakumar Yadav made a heartfelt gesture after leading his side to the Asia Cup 2025 title, announcing that he would donate his entire match fees from the tournament to the Indian armed forces. The skipper also did not mince words in expressing his disappointment with the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) for denying the champions their trophy despite a hard-fought campaign. “I think this is one thing I have never seen. Since I started playing and fol-

lowing cricket, a champion team being denied a trophy. That too a hard-earned one,” Suryakumar said after India’s five-wicket win over Pakistan in the final at the Dubai International Stadium. India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, defeating Pakistan thrice, including in the final. But the absence of the trophy presentation left a sour note amid the celebra-

tions. “For me, the real trophies are sitting in the dressing room — my 14 teammates and the support staff. They are the reason we won this title. Still, a team winning a hard-fought tournament and not getting a trophy is something I have never seen,” he added. On the off-field developments, the Indian captain said it did not affect his captaincy. “I feel it was not that

difficult. The boys took it in their stride. They were really happy with the way the campaign was going. “Since day one I have been telling them only one thing: Let’s just focus on cricket on the ground. And when we go to the practice sessions, let’s enjoy what we are doing. Do the same things that we want to do in the game. “I think the boys took it in a positive way. I feel unbeaten in the tournament, the boys stepped up whenever needed. I think those are the small moments, small trophies, which we won going forward into the World Cup year. “And as I said earlier also, I have never seen this — a team winning a hard-earned tournament and not getting a trophy.

We can’t say we were disappointed. But if you see, we had a lot of smiles on our faces as we were on the ground enjoying the moment on the podium,” he said. The India skipper also opened up about his own batting form, brushing aside talk of being “out of form.” “I don’t think I am out of form; I am out of runs. I believe in my preparations. In matches, things go on autopilot. God is watching, and if you keep doing well, everything comes on time,” he said. Capping off his press conference with a surprise announcement, Suryakumar revealed: “As a gesture, I want to donate my match fees from all the games in this tournament to the Indian Army.

Ugly scenes in Dubai as PCB chief runs away with Asia Cup trophy

Ban on real money gaming



Dubai: The Asia Cup 2025 final between India and Pakistan ended in ugly drama on Sunday night in Dubai, after Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman and ACC president Mohsin Naqvi allegedly walked away with the winners’ trophy, leaving the presentation ceremony in complete disarray. Go Beyond The Boundary with our YouTube channel. SUBSCRIBE NOW! India, who defeated Pakistan by five wickets to clinch a record-extending ninth Asia Cup title, flatly refused to accept the silverware from Naqvi. The players stood firm at a distance from the stage, reportedly informing the organisers that they would not participate in the presentation if the PCB chief attempted to hand over the trophy. READ ALSO: Rs 21 crore bonanza! BCCI rewards Team India after

record 9th Asia Cup win The standoff brought the ceremony to a grinding halt. As Naqvi waited awkwardly on the dais, Indian fans inside the stadium booed loudly, chanting “Bharat Mata Ki Jai”, making the atmosphere even more hostile. It was quite apparent that Naqvi didn’t want to see India getting photographed with the trophy, with organisers eventually whisking it away into the dressing room after prolonged delays. Sources revealed that the Indian team had already informed the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) that Naqvi, also Pakistan’s interior minister, was an unacceptable figure to present the cup. The refusal followed a series of frosty exchanges during the tournament — from no handshakes between players, to the absence of the traditional pre-toss photoshoot.

Rs 21 crore bonanza! BCCI rewards Team India after record 9th Asia Cup win

Prize

Dubai roared in blue on Sunday night as India clinched their record-extending

NEW DELHI: Dubai roared in blue on Sunday night as India clinched their record-extending ninth Asia Cup title with a five-wicket victory over arch-rivals Pakistan — and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) wasted no time in rewarding the champions. Soon after the win, the board announced a massive Rs 21 crore prize money for the players and support staff, celebrating yet another milestone in



Indian cricket’s glittering history. “3 blows. 0 response. Asia Cup Champions. Message delivered. 21 crores prize money for the team and support staff,” the BCCI posted on X, underlining both the dominance and the significance of the triumph. On the field, it was Tilak Varma who starred with an unbeaten 69 off 53 balls. Calm under pressure,

the 22-year-old anchored India’s chase of 147 with a match-winning 60-run stand alongside Shivam Dube. Despite India slipping to 20/3 and later 77/4, Varma held his nerve, striking three fours and four sixes before finishing the game in style with Rinku Singh, who hit the winning boundary. BCCI rewards Team India

Football : Isak breaks silence over stalled move to Liverpool

Newcastle: Newcastle striker Alexander Isak has broken his silence regarding his potential transfer to Liverpool, stating his departure would be “in the best interests of everyone” amid speculation of a £110 million bid from the Merseyside club. The Swedish international, who has not played in pre-season or Newcastle’s opening game, expressed his frustration over broken



promises and lost trust through an Instagram post on Tuesday. Liverpool’s reported £110 million bid for the 25-year-old striker was rejected by Newcastle,

who are demanding a British transfer record fee of up to £150 million. Isak chose not to attend the Professional Footballers’ Association awards ceremony despite being named in the Premier League 2024/25 team of the year. Alexander Isak’s Instagram Story on his desired move out of Newcastle United. “I’ve kept quiet for a long time while others have spoken.

Carlos Alcaraz wins Cincinnati Open

CINCINNATI: Carlos Alcaraz won the ATP Cincinnati Open title on Monday after defending champion Sinner retired due to illness in the first set. World number one Sinner came into the final feeling unwell and lost the first seven points of the match before throwing in the towel at 5-0 down in a game played.

Big setback for S.Africa! Bowler reported for suspect action on ODI debut vs Australia



NEW DELHI: South Africa’s convincing start to the ODI series in Australia was overshadowed by an unexpected setback, as off-spinner Prenelan Subrayen was reported for a suspect bowling action following the opening match in Cairns on Tuesday. The match officials expressed concerns about the legality of Subrayen’s action in their post-match report, prompting the ICC’s standard protocol.

The 31-year-old will now undergo an Independent Assessment at an ICC-accredited testing facility, where his action will be scrutinised. Yes, they have the momentum, No, Australia will bounce back! It’s too close to call. The development came on what was otherwise a memorable day for Subrayen. Making his 50-over debut, he bowled a full quota of

Setback

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ten overs and dismissed the dangerous Travis Head, who was stumped after a failed attempt to charge down the track. Subrayen had earlier made his Test debut against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo this year, where he impressed by taking four wickets in the first innings. His report is a blow to South Africa’s balance, particularly with Kagiso Rabada already sidelined through injury for the three-match series. The Proteas, who edged out Australia in the series opener, are aiming to build on their momentum after narrowly losing the preceding T20I series 1-2.

World No.1 Jannik Sinner withdraws from mixed doubles

Illness

Danielle Collins and Harrison will replace Sinner and Siniakova



The 24-year-old Sinner had to concede the Cincinnati final to Alcaraz after falling behind 5-0 in the first set due to an illness that

began the day before the match. “I’m disappointed, I didn’t feel great from yesterday,” Sinner said on court. “During the night, I

thought I would recover a bit better, but it was not the case.” Following his withdrawal from the Cincinnati final, Sinner did not attend the post-match press conference

but issued a statement confirming his participation in the US Open singles tournament, which begins on Sunday. “I love Grand Slams a lot, they are the main tournaments for, for my season and my career,” said Sinner, the reigning US Open champion. “The US Open is going to be a tough tournament, but in the same time, I’m looking forward to it if

I’m ready, physically and mentally.” The mixed doubles event, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, features a new shortened format designed to bring together the world’s top singles players. Sinner’s statement did not address his participation in the mixed doubles competition, leading to speculation about his ability to compete.

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Abhishek hails Gautam Gambhir and Suryakumar Yadav for confidence boost, jabs ACC over trophy snub



Dubai: India opener Abhishek Sharma credited head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Suryakumar Yadav for backing him through the highs and lows of

his early international career, saying their constant support allowed him to play fearless cricket in the Asia Cup 2025. Abhishek finished the tournament as

the leading run-getter and won the Player of the Tournament award. He amassed 314 runs in seven innings with an explosive strike rate of 200. It was his six-hitting prowess that caught everyone’s attention. The southpaw smoked 19 sixes in the tournament, the most by any batter. India lifted the Asia Cup with a five-wicket win over Pakistan in the final, but the celebrations were tinged with

controversy after the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) failed to present the champions with a trophy. Abhishek, however, brushed off the disappointment with a cheeky remark. “Obviously everyone has a plan to win a trophy. And we actually got one — Surya bhai brought it! We felt it, we knew its weight. The smiles in the dressing room and the atmosphere after the

win matter more than anything else,” Abhishek said with a grin. Reflecting on his role in the tournament, Abhishek underlined the influence of Gambhir and Suryakumar in helping him develop the confidence to take risks at the top of the order. “I feel Surya bhai and Gautam sir have given me immense confidence. When you play with high risk.

Ian James pens farewell letter to fans

NEW DELHI: Team Principal Ian James of the departing Formula E team NEOM McLaren has penned an open letter to the fans of the team, marking their departure from the electric motorsport format. Addressing the Papaya Army, James thanked them for their trust and support as the team went on to win two Drivers’ World Championships and two Teams’ World Championships over 103 races in seven seasons. McLaren team principal Ian James pens open letter to fans



Ian James began the letter saying that he wrote it with “a huge amount of pride, as well as with more than a hint of sadness,” as the team closed the final chapter after seven years of competing in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship.