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SC: Not every failed treatment is a case of medical negligence

NEW DELHI:

Reiterating that a doctor cannot be charged with medical negligence simply because a patient does not respond favourably to treatment, the Supreme Court has granted relief to a doctor who was held responsible for death of a woman post childbirth. A bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and Satish Chandra Sharma said a patient's not responding favourably to the treatment provided by a physician or the failure of surgery cannot be a ground to hold the doctor liable per se by applying the doctrine of res ipsa loquitur ("the thing speaks for itself"). "This edict was reiterated in Martin F. D'Souza vs. Mohd. Ishfaq wherein, it was pointed out that no sensible professional would intentionally commit an act or omission which would result in harm or injury to a patient as the reputation of that professional would be at stake and a single failure may cost him or her dear in that lapse. It was also pointed out that sometimes, despite best efforts, the treatment by a doctor may fail but that does not mean that the doctor or surgeon must be held guilty of medical negligence, unless there is some strong evidence to suggest that he or she is," the bench said.

If illegality found, entire exercise will be struck down: SC on Bihar SIR

NEW DELHI:

The Supreme Court on Monday said that if any illegality is found in the methodology adopted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, the entire exercise will be struck down. The bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi also fixed October 7 for the final hearing on pleas challenging the validity of the Bihar SIR. Presuming the ECI was acting as per law, top court said that the exercise would be invalidated if constitutional safeguards were compromised.

No stay on waqf law but SC puts in guardrails

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed a few of the key provision of the law

Stayed

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed a few of the key provision of the recently passed Waqf (Amendment) Act, but held the constitutionality of the law. A bench of CJI BR Gavai and justice Augustine George Masih, in its 128-page interim order said, "Presumption is always in favour of constitutionality of a statute and intervention (can be done) only in the rarest of rare cases."

"We do not find that any



case is made to stay the provisions of the entire statute. The prayer for stay of the impugned Act is, therefore, rejected," it added. The orders comes after a flurry of PILs were submitted in the apex court challenging the amended law which was notified by the Centre on April 8 after receiving President Droupadi Murmu's

assent on April 5. The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 itself had cleared the Lok Sabha on April 3 and the Rajya Sabha a day later, setting the stage for the current legal challenge. Provisions which were stayed by the top court in order to "protect the interest of parties" and "balancing the equities", the top court stayed

We played chess during Operation Sindoor: Army Chief

"The following part of clause (r) of Section 3 of the Amended Waqf Act 'any person showing or demonstrating that he is professing Islam for at least five years' shall stand stayed until the rules are framed by the State Government for providing a mechanism for determining the question as to whether a person has been practicing Islam for at least five

some of the provisions of the law.

This includes: The apex court put a hold on a clause that only those practising Islam for the last five years could create Waqf.

Achieve greater integration among forces: PM to defence minister



KOLKATA: PM Narendra Modi on Monday directed the defence ministry to 'swiftly implement concrete steps' to achieve greater jointness, atmanirbharta and innovation to meet future challenges, amid the continuing differences among the Army, Navy and IAF over the creation of theatre commands for an integrated and cost-effective war-fighting machinery. Inaugurating the biennial three-day combined commanders conference (CCC) at Kolkata,

the PM also reviewed the security situation and operational readiness of the armed forces in the context of the "new normal" created by Operation Sindoor, while being briefed on the future of warfare in the backdrop of emerging technology and tactics. As per the "new normal" laid down by PM Modi after the strikes against Pakistan during the May 7-10 hostilities, any act of cross-border terror will be treated as an act of war and be met with a decisive response.

India-Russia ties restraining us: Supreme Court on kidnapping

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday noted the alleged involvement of Russian embassy officials in Delhi in the kidnapping of a child from the SC's custody by the mother and fleeing via Kathmandu-Sharjah to Moscow and said the strong relations between India and Russia is restraining it from

commenting harshly on the handling of the case.

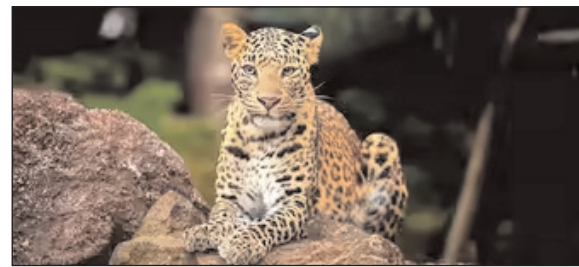
A bench of justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said this after additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bahti presented the status reports by ministry of external affairs and Delhi Police on the case relating to Russian woman Viktoriia Basu, who kidnapped the child

from India during a pending matrimonial dispute in SC over his custody between her and his Indian father. The bench said it is now a diplomatic challenge for the MEA, Indian embassy in Moscow and Russian embassy in Delhi to find a resolution of the issue and take steps to restore the child to SC custody.

SC accepts SIT report, gives Vantara clean chit

Accepting

The court has no hesitation in accepting the conclusion drawn in the report



NEW DELHI: Based on the finding of an SC-appointed SIT headed by its retired judge J Chelameswar who told the court there had been no violation of law in the running of Vantara (Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre) at Jamnagar in Gujarat, the apex court on Monday not only closed the case against it but also directed that no further complaint upon same allegations shall be entertained before any judicial statutory or

administrative forum. A bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and Prasanna B Varale said the SIT, whose inquiry covered the entire range of allegations - acquisition of animals, smuggling, laundering, welfare and husbandry, conservation and breeding, climatic and location issues, and financial and trade improprieties etc, did not find any wrongdoing. It said the court has no hesitation in accepting the conclusion drawn in the report, which said there

was no contravention of law and there is no merit in the allegations of animal smuggling or laundering. "On the basis of the report of the SIT, the court is of the opinion that the receipt of animals by Vantara by rescuing them from various situations and housing them in the rescue centre for conservation, and breeding programmes have gone through a complex multi-layered/multi-jurisdictional statutory approvals, procedure and documentation.

Woman driving BMW that killed finance ministry official held

NEW DELHI:

Gaganpreet Makkad (38), who was allegedly behind the wheel of the BMW that fatally struck senior finance ministry official Navjot Singh (57) and critically injured his wife Sandeep Kaur (50) in Dhaula Kuan Sunday, was arrested after being discharged from hospital Monday. Sections



related to culpable homicide and destruction of evidence have now been added to charges of rash and

negligent in the FIR. Police said they are probing why the victim was taken to Nulife Multi-Specialty

Arrested

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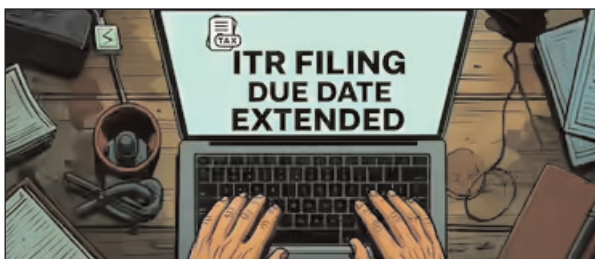
Hospital, a small facility 22km away in GTB Nagar, instead of one nearby, and also if the

hospital belonged to Makkad's relatives or acquaintances, as alleged by the victim's family. DCP (Southwest) Amit Goel said during questioning, Makkad could not recall the cause of the accident, only that bystanders helped her and her husband Parikshit out of the car after it overturned.

Income Tax Department announces new deadline for tax return filing

Extended

Tax Department announced the new ITR filing due date



NEW DELHI: In a big relief for taxpayers, the Income Tax Department has extended the due date or deadline for filing Income Tax Returns (ITR) for AY 2025-26 by a day. The original deadline of July 31, 2025 had

previously been extended to September 15, 2025. This has now been extended again to September 16, 2025, the Income Tax Department said. The extension in due date for filing ITR comes on the back of several taxpayers com-

plaining of glitches on the income tax e-filing portal website incometax.gov.in. The Income Tax Department announced the new ITR filing due date for FY 2024-25 (AY 2025-26) just minutes before the original deadline.

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.

Only 45% of students feel ready for life beyond school: Study

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI:

Less than half of students, including those in India, felt well prepared for their next educational step, and only 45% felt ready for life beyond school, according to a global survey. Conducted by Cambridge University Press and Assessment, the survey - Preparing Learners to Thrive in a Changing World: The View from International



Education - will be released on Tuesday and drew responses from 3,021 teachers and 3,840 students across

150 countries, including a weighted sample of South-Asian participants. Subject knowledge,

once the undisputed passport to success, now looks more like a short-term currency. Though teachers and students still see it as vital for clearing exams, it was the least-selected priority for life after school, according to the report. Teachers are more optimistic: more than two-thirds say their students are ready for the next step and many stress leadership and self-management skills.

Political parties not workplace, can't be under POSH Act: SC

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a petition seeking to bring registered political parties under the ambit of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace



(Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013. "Subjecting political parties to the POSH Act would open a Pandora's box and become a tool for blackmail," it said. Appearing for petitioner

G, senior advocate Shobha told a CJI Gavai-led bench that though many women are active members of political parties, CPM has set up an internal complaint committee (ICC) with external members.

Gram Pradhan, area and district Panchayat members will get training: CM Dhami

Dehradun. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has directed to provide training to the newly elected village heads, area panchayat and district panchayat

members on modern technology, financial management and governance system. Chief Minister said that everyone will have to make integrated efforts

towards fulfilling the resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India a developed nation by 2047. Development of the state and the country.

Beggars and transgender people are ordered off crossroads

Delhi: The Delhi Traffic Police have issued a directive to all employees stating that they must prevent transgender people, vagrants, hawkers, and beggars from obstructing traffic flow at crossings. According to sources, this action is being taken since there has been a growing awareness that these types of gatherings at high-traffic areas greatly slow down traffic and cause congestion. According to law enforcement officials, field workers have been directed to enforce strict regulations that prohibit these groups from loitering, gathering, or engaging in any behavior that could impede traffic flow or inconvenience commuters. On top of that, staff members have been instructed to carefully record the places where these types of meetings often take place. The next step is to gather all of this data and send it to the social welfare nodal officer in the area as



In Mahagathbandhan, Congress might gain more than 50 seats, while the RJD would keep the same amount in 2020

Delhi: Members of the Mahagathbandhan coalition in Bihar informed The Indian Express that the two parties are getting close to an agreement on who will share seats in the state assembly in the upcoming elections. The Congress has been demanding 70 seats, the same amount it sought in the 2020 elections, but the RJD is unwilling to allocate more

well as the social welfare department of the Delhi government.

than 50 or 55 seats. According to insiders, a compromise could be struck in the end, with the Congress gaining 58-60 seats. Assembly seats in Bihar number 243. The Congress, CPI(ML), CPI, and CPI(M) were all members of the Mahagathbandhan alliance in the 2020 elections, which was led by the RJD. The Congress party contested in 70 seats, the RJD in 144.

Compliance with the directions will be monitored by the officers.

Eye consult just a call away from anywhere in India, and it's for free

Delhi: Millions of Indians who have bad eyesight but can't afford to see a professional can now get the care they need with the simple phone call. The best eye doctors in Delhi have joined together to create the National Eye Helpline, 9990-666-872, where people may get free consultations over the phone or via video chat. Beginning under the auspices of the non-profit Sight Sarthi India Foundation, the project has as its overarching goal the elimination of geographical, financial, and accessibility obstacles for all citizens of India. Getting to the



proper doctor in a timely manner shouldn't lead anyone in India to go blind. "We are erasing those boundaries with the helpline," stated Dr. Ikeda Lal, medical director and cornea, cataract, and refractive surgeon at Delhi Eye Centre, who is headed the project.

You may now reach some of the best oph-

thalmologists in Delhi with just one phone call. Families that are trying to get a better understanding of treatment options can also call this hotline. By providing second opinions, patients can save money and gain confidence by sharing their findings through video consultations and receiving clear answers.

RLJP and JMM are expected to join the INDIA group in the state

Delhi : The Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) under Pashupati Kumar Paras and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha under Jharkhand Chief Minister Soren are expected to join the opposition alliance "soon" to contest the upcoming assembly elections in Bihar, poten-

tially extending the INDIA bloc. Held at the official residence of RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, the issue was discussed during a crucial meeting of INDIA bloc leaders. "Two more parties are expected to be part of the INDIA bloc soon and we all have to sacrifice

our share of seats to accommodate the new partners." He went on to say that the 243 constituencies were all being worked on by the coalition. The bloc's initial gathering following the successful two-week Voter Adhikar Yatra. was this meeting.

Promotes IPS officials from 1994 to position of special director

Delhi: The Centre has made a major shakeup by elevating Manoj Shashidhar and Sampat Meena, two IPS officers from the 1994 batch, to the position of special director in the CBI. They were both acting as additional directors and had important responsibilities. Following a scuffle in which then-CBI chief Ranjit Sinha supported Archana Sundaram's candidacy over others shortlisted, Meena becomes the agency's second female special director, following in the footsteps of Sundaram. Archana was an officer from the 1980 batch. After being appointed joint director in January 2020, Shashidhar, a Gujarat cadre officer, has served with the CBI ever since.



He has presided over the Special Investigation Team (SIT) that looked into the murder of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput, among other high-profile cases, and is known for his honesty and straightforwardness.

Critical investigations

and improving the agency's operational efficiency are now within his purview in his new position.

The son of Kerala parents, Shashidhar has held the positions of commissioner of police in Vadodara and inspector general of police in the Gandhinagar Range.

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

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

Gift of 1,200 MT of hilsa from B'desh to Bengal

Delhi: The Bangladesh interim administration has agreed to send 1,200 MT of hilsa to India in the lead-up to the Durga Puja celebration, which will please the fish-loving Bengalis of West Bengal. Although India had requested 2,420 MT of Padma silver fish from Bangladesh last year, only 577 MT actually made it.

In a notice inviting its exporters to apply to the ministry for exporting the freshwater fish to its



neighboring countries, the commerce ministry of the interim administration cut the quantity by more than half. If exporters fail to submit the necessary paperwork to the Dhaka commerce ministry's export division by 5 p.m. on September 11, the

ministry will not accept any applications submitted beyond that time. The commerce ministry of Bangladesh approved the sale of 1,200 metric tons of Hilsa to India in response to petitions from Indian fish importers' associations.

Beer drinking age could be lowered from 25 to 21 by Delhi government

Delhi: Reportedly, in an effort to bring Delhi in line with other states, the government is contemplating reducing the legal drinking age for beer from 25 to 21. Private merchants might also be able to take use of it. Ministers, government officials, and private liquor vendors met to debate the plan, which is part of an assessment of the excise policy. All liquor in Noida, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, and Faridabad requires a minimum age of 21. Stakeholders argued that a synchronized drinking age would reduce sales on the underground market and safeguard tax income for the state. The Delhi Excise Act of 2009 makes it a crime to drink alcohol before the legal drinking age. While the



policy is still in the works, government officials have disclosed that during the first round of high-level committee meetings with stakeholders from the liquor business, PWD Minister Parvesh Verma and other officials examined other critical structural adjustments as well. Members of the committee include senior excise department officials, home minister Ashish Sood, and industries minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa.

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

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

It's possible that the BJP and the JD(U) would vie for about 100 seats in the 2018 Bihar elections

Delhi: According to reports, the precise terms of the agreement still need to be worked out, but the BJP and the Janata Dal (United) have agreed to compete an equal number of seats—between 100 and 105 seats each—in the upcoming Bihar elections. The JD(U) was adamant about obtaining an extra seat compared to the BJP, which is why this happened. While alliance members and top officials will be in New Delhi for a training course pertaining to voting in the Vice-



Presidential elections set for September 9, discussions over the final seat-sharing deal are expected to occur next week, according to NDA sources. The leaders will also be hosted by the BJP's upper echelons at other city func-

tions. From what we can tell, the JD(U) is hoping to gain more seats than the BJP, if only by one, to cement the support for (Bihar CM) Nitish Kumarji and the faith of the BJP leadership in his abilities.

Himachal Pradesh Becomes Fourth Fully Literate State

Delhi: Himachal Pradesh has become the fifth fully literate State/Union Territory after Tripura, Mizoram, Goa and Ladakh, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said highlighting that the achievement reaffirms the power of collective effort by the government, society and volunteers. In a virtual



address at an event to mark the

International Literacy Day, Mr Pradhan reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of education as the foundation of civilisation and called for renewed commitment to building a literate, self-reliant and developed India. The theme for this year's celebration was "Promoting Literacy in the

Digital Era", highlighting the pivotal role of digital technology in enabling reading, writing, numeracy, and lifelong learning skills across the country. Himachal Pradesh has become the fourth state to achieve full functional literacy, joining Tripura, Mizoram, and Goa in this significant milestone.

Open University's role is important in achieving the goal of higher education: Governor

Convocation

□ Uma Yadav got Chancellor's Gold Medal in the convocation of Open University, More than 28 thousand students got the degree



Phaphamau. The 20th convocation of UP Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj was held on Monday at Atal Auditorium located in Saraswati Campus. The convocation was presided over by Uttar Pradesh Governor and Chancellor Smt. Anandiben Patel. Governor Anandiben Patel said in her presidential address that the role of Open University is important in achieving the goal of higher education. At least 50% of the youth of the society should have access to higher education. Open University needs to make extra efforts in this. The university can complete this task through its regional centers. Online facilities should be used as much as

possible for the quality of distance education. On this occasion, the Governor expressed his concern over the deteriorating environment and said that environmental protection is our collective responsibility. On this occasion, he appreciated the presentation given by the children of Upper Primary School Berui on environmental protection. Governor Smt. Patel appealed for public participation in the campaign of HPV vaccination to prevent increasing cervical

cancer in women. The Governor stressed that the administrative officers should provide their cooperation in the campaign launched by her to protect the women of the state from cancer. Chief Guest Professor Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, while delivering the convocation address virtually, said that at this time only the youth can build a developed India. For this, the youth should use all



their energy for the development of the country. Professor Kanjilal said that in this era, India is achieving remarkable achievements in many fields of space science, agriculture, security and science and technology. We also have to contribute to this. At present, effective and important mediums are available to ensure the expansion and reach of education like ODDL, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Online Teaching Learning. By using these mediums, we can

play an important role in achieving the goals of the National Education Policy. This policy encourages modernity and innovation along with the inclusion of Indian values, cultural heritage and traditional knowledge. Special guest Yogendra Upadhyay, Minister of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh told the degree and gold medal winners that in this era of globalization, they will have to acquire knowledge of modern science and technology.

Facilities like online education, digital library, virtual labs and smart classrooms are changing the form of education. Mr. Upadhyay said that the importance of the Open University has increased even more because it is providing education to those students through distance education. The Higher Education Minister said that in the coming times, we will face many challenges like climate change, unemployment, population growth, environmental crisis and social inequality, for the solution of which educated, alert and responsible citizens are needed. Special guest Mrs. Rajni Tiwari, Minister of State for Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh said that the real meaning of education is to connect knowledge with life. Congratulating the degree winners, she said that they should imbibe values and culture and make their personality such that it is useful for the society.

One accused in police custody with pistol and cartridges



Arrested

□ Gazipur Police team of Bahriabad police station arrested one accused

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Gazipur Police team of Bahriabad police station arrested one accused with one country made illegal pistol of .315 bore and one live cartridge of .315 bore. Under the campaign being run for effective control over crime and criminals, today on 15.09.2025, U.N. Rajesh Kumar Singh along with his companions, while searching wanted/warrantee, night patrol checking suspicious person, during the area visit,

saw a person standing 50 meters before Hajipur culvert. On suspicion, the police stopped the jeep and reached the standing person with fast steps and searched his clothes. One country made illegal pistol of .315 bore and one live cartridge of .315 bore were recovered from the suspect. On asking the name and address of the arrested accused, he told his name as Sanjeev Shukla, son of Kripashankar Shukla, resident of Rampur Motalke Ganpatpur, police station Atraulia, district Azamgarh, age about 35 years. Against the arrested accused, FIR No. 160/2025 under section 3/25 Arms Act has been registered and further legal action has been taken.

Daughters again won, salute to parents: Governor Anandiben

Awarded

□ Governor Anandiben Patel awarded degrees and medals to the students

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Prayagraj. Governor Anandiben Patel awarded degrees and medals to the students at the eighth convocation of Prof. Rajendra Singh 'Rajju Bhaiya' University in Prayagraj. Giving credit for the success of the students to their parents, she said that she salutes the parents who make the dreams



of their children come true. In the convocation held on Monday, a total of 92,109 students were awarded degrees and 191 were

awarded medals. These included 129 girl students and 62 boy students. The Governor said that degrees earned with hard work

and dedication are a lifelong asset. The biggest role behind this is of the parents, who encourage the children despite difficulties. The Governor said that this time also daughters have received more medals than sons. This is a proof of the progress of Nari Shakti. He said that the society is changing rapidly and the participation of women is constantly increasing. The Governor called upon the youth to play an active role in nation building. He said that the coming 25 years will be dedicated to making India a developed nation.

Once again the traffic system collapsed on the Phaphamau bridge, a kilometer long queue of bikes

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Prayagraj. Once again the traffic system collapsed on the Phaphamau Ganga bridge. On Monday, a long queue of bikes was formed on the bridge for about a kilometer. Soon the entire bridge was filled with



bikes. The drivers had to complete the jour-

ney of just 10 minutes in one hour. Bike riders had to face problems due to heavy traffic jam. Due to less space in the barricading near the Phaphamau bridge, a procession of bikes started from around 10 am. Soon a long queue of bikes was formed from the Teliyanganj and Phaphamau

bridge. The deployed policemen made all efforts to clear the jam but they were not successful. Seeing the condition of the jam, a large number of people coming from Phaphamau towards the city returned to their homes. People in the jam were also seen cursing the traffic sys-

tem. The jam continued till about 12 o'clock. Phaphamau bridge has been closed for 15 days from September 10 due to repair work. Traffic has been allowed for two-wheelers, while for other vehicles the route has been diverted from Sahason, Andawa, Jhunsu.

Rozgar Mission meeting concluded in Ghazipur

Emphasis on providing more employment to the youth"



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Ghazipur. The meeting of the District Executive Committee under Uttar Pradesh Rozgar Mission was concluded in the Collectorate Auditorium under the chairmanship of Chief Development Officer Santosh Kumar Vaishya. All the respected officers of the District Executive Committee including the District

Employment Officer / representatives of the major industry organizations of the district were present in the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to organize employment generation programs being run by the state government and to make efforts to provide maximum employment / self-employment to the youth at the district level.

This Yatra will be taken out under the banner of Lokbharati organization

'Ramraj Yatra' will start from Shringverpur Dham to Ayodhya Dham

Prayagraj. 'Ram Raj Yatra' will be started from Shringverpur Dham, which was the Tapabhoomi of Shringi Rishi in Treta Yuga, to Ayodhya Dham from 12th October. Preparations for 'Ramraj Yatra' have started. This Yatra will be taken out under the banner of Lokbharati organization. The strategy was decided in the review meeting of preparations in Shringverpur. Former BJP MLA Prabhshankar Pandey,



who was chairing the meeting, said that Ram Raj Yatra will depart from Shringverpur on the morning of 12th October and will reach Ayodhya Dham on 14th

October via Bhagwatipur, the border of Pratapgarh district Barna via Kaleva Tara, Bedhan Gopalpur, Nagarhan Ka Pura, Jetwara route.

Yatra chief Subhash Ojha said that Lokbharati organization is dedicated to water conservation, plantation, poison-free farming and Indian val-

Culture

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ues. The purpose of this yatra is to make people aware of Indian culture. Hundreds of people will participate in the yatra. Peepal, fig, banyan, Shankari etc. plants will also be planted at various places on the way. Ramraj Yatra will be

welcomed with Hanuman Chalisa on the way. National Ramayana Fair Organizing Committee General Secretary Umesh Dwivedi, former divisional president Umesh Shukla Chandan, Kamalakant Dwivedi, Ved Prakash Mishra, former district panchayat member Guddu Sharma, Umashankar, Monu Shukla, Sanjay Gupta, Amit Ojha, Premchand Ambedkar etc. were prominently present in the meeting.

Police team arrested four accused

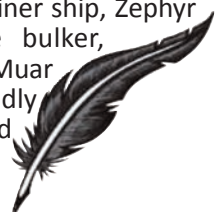
Prayagraj. A joint team of Airport Police Station, District SOG, Surveillance Cell has arrested four wanted miscreants. Police said that these four are vicious criminals. Many criminal cases are registered against them. The arrested accused include Jaiprakash Dubey resident Shaha alias Pipalgaon police station Airport district Prayagraj, Vikas Pasi resident Shaha alias Pipalgaon police station Airport district Prayagraj, Sunil Pasi resident Shaha alias

Pipalgaon police station Airport district Prayagraj and Sanjay Pasi resident Shaha alias Pipalgaon police station Airport district Prayagraj. They were arrested from Chowki Pipalgaon police station area Airport. Police said that Sonu Kumar resident of village Bajha police station Airport district Prayagraj informed that these accused have quarreled and assaulted the plaintiff. On receiving the information, the Airport Police Station took action.

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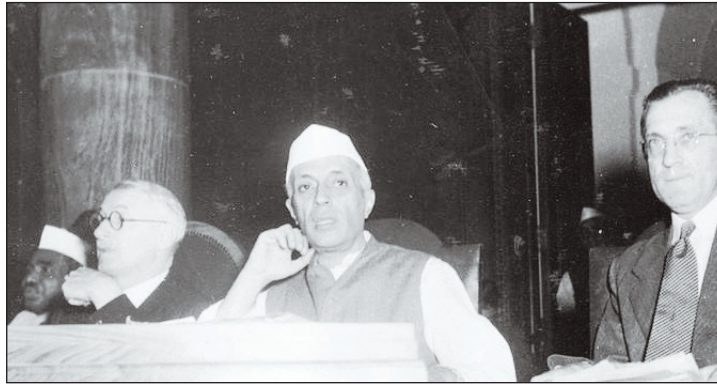
Great Nicobar Project is a trade game-changer for India

It is surprising that the strategic islands of Andaman, Car Nicobar, and Great Nicobar have not been developed all these years into ports and military bases to enhance trade and security in India's maritime zone. Nicobar offers excellent connectivity to at least five countries to the east—Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka—as well as Indian ports on the eastern coast. Some islands in Nicobar and Lakshadweep are out of bounds for outsiders, as these are inhabited by tribes that have not had any contact with the outside world. The scenic Barren Island is also out of bounds, as it is the only active volcano in India. There can be no two opinions as far as the need to protect the privacy of the tribes inhabiting some of these islands. There are reports of earlier attempts to establish contact with them and draw them into the civilisational mainstream, which were unsuccessful. Rules and regulations were made considering their resistance and respecting their right to continue with their unique lifestyle. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, designates tribal reserves and restricts entry for outsiders. The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, provides a legal framework against exploitation, while the Forest Rights Act, 2006, recognises their land rights. The Ministry of Home Affairs has put in place several restrictions and announced specific policies for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) such as the Jarawas and Shompen. So, several laws and restrictions are already available to protect and preserve the identity of the tribal communities. In this scenario, there is hardly any need to shelve strategically important projects and infrastructure development schemes that will boost trade and commerce, tourism and maritime economy, and connectivity. Out of the 10 busiest container terminal ports in the world, six are in China, and one each in Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). These account for as much as 60 to 70 per cent of the 20-foot and 40-foot (1 TEU and 2 TEU) containers transshipment. Apparently, nearly all these container terminals and other ports in Asia and the Indian subcontinent, as well as in China and the Far East, depend on the shipping lanes through the Malacca Strait, which accounts for nearly \$3.5 trillion in global trade. The Strait of Malacca is also an important maritime highway for the stakeholders of Indo-Pacific as it connects the Indian and Pacific Oceans. For the Quad and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), this sea lane of communication, accounting for nearly 60 per cent of the global GDP, becomes the lifeline to trade, commerce, and connectivity. There is no reason why India should not have a technologically equipped, functional, state-of-the-art port in Nicobar to tap into the trade happening through its precincts. Besides the economic uplift, a port facility in Nicobar and on other islands in the Indian Ocean can help India resolve other challenges too. By virtue of the gigantic number of ships—about 90,000—passing through a narrow Strait, the sea lanes of communication and the ports have become choke points in the Indian Ocean. Interestingly, in spite of the vast expanse of the sea, ships follow a designated route guided by navigation software, GPS, and Electronic Charting System (ECS), very much like the flight path in the sky. This often results in ships cruising very close and colliding due to massive waves, ocean currents, or simply not following the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS). In 2021, a container ship, Zephyr Lumos, collided with the bulkier, Galapagos, off the port of Muar in the Strait of Malacca, badly damaging the Galapagos and resulting in a huge oil spill.



Russian-style socialism dominated Nehru's imagination. It was disastrous

Hemingway has a short story set in the Spanish Civil War context in which an old man leaving his town on the approach of rebel armies sits on the outskirts and shows concern, to a questioner (a foreign correspondent) with the fate of his old cat that he was obliged to leave behind than with the tragedy of the people involved in the horrors of the unusually savage civil war! We know that all through the long national liberation movement in India the British could find quite a number of Indian collaborators at the expense of their own countrymen. They did not feel the passion for freedom to any marked extent. They could not imagine how the country could manage without the British to govern them! To the large majority of people everywhere the status quo and the customary round seem to be as much part of nature as the stars, the sun and the moon. They cannot imagine a different state of affairs. In moral experience we are keenly aware that people have the greatest difficulty in realising in imagination the inward feelings and attitudes of their own neighbours. A great writer has a short story showing how the heads of husband and wife on adjacent pillows entertain widely different thoughts that seem to belong to separate worlds! The great problem of human life is this one of increasing understanding of men of each other's inward life by means of a more sensitive imagination. Socialist (communist) propaganda takes full advantage of this failing



of human beings. It depicts the ideal state of affairs under their Utopia in such a complete fashion that nothing is left to the imagination of those who are carried away by the promises of socialism regarding its new heaven and new earth, regarding its abolition of poverty, its reign of equality, its opportunity for self-realisation for all and so on. No schemes of logical criticism of the economics, psychology and philosophy of communism can have any effect on the believer and the fellow traveller. He comes to believe in the Marxist Gospel as in a new Bible or Koran as an infallible revelation for the scientific age of the present and future. The picture presented by the propaganda of the communist-socialists occupies the imagination of the intelligentsia of the present age, by and large, by reiteration, emphasis and appeal to humanitarianism as the only way of redeeming the under-dog. It benumbs the critical faculties. Moreover, criticism presupposes knowledge of alternatives. The greatest service that philosophy as a systematic science of reflection on ultimate reality and ultimate values renders

to civilisation, as pointed out so impressively by Dr. A. N. Whitehead, is the suggestion of alternative vision of society and natural relations or structure. Such alternative ideas release the mind from the stranglehold of custom or dogma, new or old and create an attitude of mind more open and hospitable to new ideas and rival hypotheses. It is therefore necessary to break the spell of socialist dogma on the imagination of fellow travellers and those attracted by its dogma on travellers and those attracted by its Utopia as the only way of progress based on science. This can be done by showing alternatives. Professor Bauer (specialist in the economy of backward peoples in the University of London) has said after a study of Indian Plans and Policies that the Indian Government seems more interested in realising socialism than in economic development itself! He has recorded his deliberate opinion that in the absence of the elaborate structure of controls and regulations, cribbing, cabinning and confining Indian enterprise in the private field, a faster and more many-sided progress in development would result.

That is to say, his special knowledge of economic facts and ideas enabled him to see other alternative possibilities in the Indian scene at present blocked by official programmes and policies and their acceptance as good and inevitable by the public. Even the opposition parties have failed to present sufficiently well-informed and comprehensive schemes of development making for better results without curbing individual initiative, repressing capital formation and freezing investment in the private sector. Another reason for this state of affairs, that is, for the failure of imagination on the part of critics and the general public to visualise their own schemes of development inspired by their own principles, views of social ideals and economic well-being and to present them to the electorate in rivalry to the official policy is their inability to think of alternatives. There was an opportunity before Indian leaders at the advent of independence in August 1947. But unfortunately India had a leader, sold body and soul to socialism at the moment of national self-government. Even before the first Five-Year Plan was launched under the auspices of the Planning Commission in perfect imitation of the Soviets, Parliament was enacting the Industrial Policy Resolution (1949) which laid down the outline of socialist policy reserving the commanding heights of the economy, as the phrase goes (in British Socialist parlance) meaning nationalisation or otherwise taking control of

the key industries, transport, insurance, railways, communications, mines, steel and other heavy industries for government ownership and management. The imagination of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru was completely dominated by the socialist programme of centralised economy after the pattern of Soviet Russia. The other members of Parliament had not the imagination to visualise the deleterious consequences for production and liberty, price levels, tax levels, misery depths and so on of such socialism as was realised through the years. They did not think out the rationale of the policies of socialism afresh. They took the European programmes for granted. They betrayed slave mentality in the intellectual and temporal field to an astonishing extent, for which the country is suffering even today. For one thing, the policies have not been reviewed from a rationalist and experiential point of view in the light of Indian conditions. The results of the Plans in terms of actual effects on the economy—prices, taxes, production, redistribution, national income, prosperity all round etc. have not been assessed from an independent point of view even yet. The founding of the Swatantra party is one sign of the awakening on the part of the intelligentsia that an alternative policy is possible and necessary. The work of the Libertarian Social Institute of Mr. Lotvala has been earliest in the field with its own independent and critical rethinking of Marx and communist programmes.

Qatar played all sides, peacemaker to Islamist safe haven. Now there's no place to hide

There, standing in a grey puddle of light under the glass-domed lounge at the Bayerischer Hof in Munich, Germany, former Afghan spymaster Amarullah Saleh understood the nation he had given his life to build was about to die. For almost a decade, the Taliban had enjoyed safe haven in Doha, operating a de facto embassy there with diplomatic protections. They received funds, drew up combat plans, and travelled to meet their top leaders in Karachi and Peshawar. The killing in Afghanistan, however, had continued without interruption—and President Ashraf Ghani wanted the jihadists gone. He said as much to the Emir of Qatar during the Munich Security Conference in 2020. A smile on his face, the Emir replied: "Well, we have only permitted them to stay in Qatar. Everything else, including their expenses, is managed and overseen by the Central Intelligence Agency. If you want this to end, ask the CIA to stop." This week, Qatar's

role as peacemaker in the Middle East came under assault, as a squadron of Israeli combat jets targeted terrorist group Hamas' headquarters, not far from Doha's famous Corniche. The bombing took place just as Hamas was discussing a Gaza ceasefire proposal made by US President Donald Trump. There was no reaction from the formidable air defences at Al-Udeid air base, home to the Qatar Emiri Air Force, the United States Air Force, and the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force. For decades, Qatar has sought security and prestige as the mediator between the United States and nations in conflict across the Middle East—sending billions of dollars to Hamas with the complete approval of the Israeli Prime Minister, funnelling cash to Benjamin Netanyahu's aides, helping the Islamists who seized power in Syria, and exerting influence from Egypt to Libya and Tunisia. As the world order threatens to buckle under new strains.

The key difference between India and China's response to Gen-Z protests in Nepal

The Generation Z-led protests in Nepal have caught the global attention, and international agencies as well as countries have come forward to condole the loss of around 30 lives and hundreds who were injured. While the United Nations noted, "We are shocked by the killings and injury of protesters in Nepal today and urge a prompt and transparent investigation." How did Nepal's closest neighbours, India and China, respond? A day after the protests began in Nepal on 8 September, India stated the next day that it was "closely monitoring the developments in Nepal... (and) our thoughts and prayers are with the families and deceased. India also added that "as a close friend and neighbour, we hope that all concerned will exercise restraint." The same evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "The violence in Nepal is heart-rending. I am anguished that many young people have lost their lives. The stability, peace and prosperity of Nepal are of utmost importance to us. I humbly appeal to all my brothers and sisters in Nepal to support peace." There was a divided crowd on social media about India's approach, whether it was helpful

and friendly or interventionist, but this came as no surprise, as the so-called border blockade of 2015 had already set the social media toolkit on India with hashtags like #BackoffIndia and #GoBackIndia. It would not be an exaggeration to say that small-state syndrome became an intense public mood in Nepal as it approached relations with India, especially after Nepal promulgated the constitution in 2015. In a carefully worded statement, India added that it had 'noted' the new constitution and avoided using words like "welcome" to acknowledge the promulgation. In the same statement, India had urged that "issues on which there are differences should be resolved through dialogue in an atmosphere free from violence and intimidation and institutionalised in a manner that would enable broad-based ownership and acceptance" as it was deemed as external interference. However, these hashtags often resurfaced. While India quickly reacted to current developments, some in Nepal eagerly awaited a statement from China—its northern neighbour. Interestingly, China's response to Gen Z to the current political development

appeared cautious and calculated, reflecting its broader regional strategic interests. After 2008, Beijing has carefully treaded with the Communist leadership in Nepal to deepen its diplomatic ties and goodwill in Nepal. The move has been viewed as a key element for strategic influence over the region. Leaders like KP Oli and Pushpa Kamal Dahal alias Prachanda did not hesitate to use the China card to stoke the nationalistic sentiments in Nepal. Finally, on 10 September, the Chinese Ministry.

of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson issued a statement saying, "China and Nepal are each other's traditional friends and neighbours. Hope the various sectors in Nepal will approach the domestic issues properly and restore order and stability in the country soon." This was a typical Chinese statement—deliberately vague, refraining from specifying the events or parties involved, and notably omitting any reference to the human cost of the unrest. The carefully crafted words reflect China's preference for cautious diplomacy and projects that they do not comment on any country's internal matters. A hashtag before Nepal in the statement.

Lifting night shift ban increased female employment in India—only among big firms

Do laws designed to protect women from unsafe working conditions constrain the demand for their labour? This question sits at the centre of global debates about protective legislation in labour markets. Our recent research (Gupta et al. 2025) examines what happened when Indian states lifted long-standing bans that prevented women from working night shifts in factories. Our findings offer important lessons for policymakers seeking to expand female employment, particularly considering the significant labour reforms that

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particularly considering the significant labour reforms that have been recently initiated by many state governments. This "paternalistic discrimination" (Buchmann et al. 2023) reflects a global pattern. At least 20 countries still prohibit women from working at night, while 45 countries ban women from sectors deemed "unsafe" by lawmakers (World Bank, 2024). These restrictions, however well-intentioned, assume women lack agency to make their own employment choices and that employers are unable to provide safe workplaces for

all workers. India's experience is particularly important given its strikingly low female labour force participation rates and the potential for manufacturing to provide formal employment opportunities for women. In the early 2000s, a series of High Court judgements held that prohibitions against women working at night were unconstitutional because they deprived women of economic opportunities. Following these judgements, between 2014 and 2017, seven Indian states—Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh.

Citywide development projects to receive about Rs 800 crore

Delhi: Various development projects in the city of Delhi were funded by the government and allocated to civic organizations. The sum total was Rs 820 crore for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Rs 8 crore for the NDMC, and Rs 5.5 crore for the Cantonment Board. Biomining operations at three Delhi garbage sites were sanctioned with Rs 50.8 crore as part of the first tranche of the basic tax assignment for the fiscal year 2025-26. The rapid biomining at these places and the subsequent decrease in rubbish mounds will be made possible by this amount, according to MCD. The dump sites in Okhla, Bhalswa, and Ghazipur each received releases of Rs 20.3 crore, Rs 20.8 crore, and Rs 9.7 crore, respectively. The Delhi government is dedicated to promptly paying its fair part to local bodies, according to chief minister Rekha Gupta. "Local bodies play a key role in that journey to transform



Free electricity up to 1,200 units for Ramleela and Durga Puja committees

Delhi : The Delhi government will provide free electricity up to 1,200 units to Ramleela and Durga Puja committees and meters for the same will be installed on just 25% security deposit, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said.

Moreover, to ease administrative hurdles, the government will issue no-objectionable certificates (NOC) for various services through a single-window system, eliminating the need for

these organising committees to approach multiple departments, the CM said. Gupta added that public amenities such as toilets, security arrangements, healthcare services, ambulances and fire brigades will also be ensured at the venues of Ramleela and Durga Puja. She made the announcements after meeting representatives of Ramleela and Durga Puja committees at the Delhi Secretariat.

Delhi into a modern and developed capital," she said. Considering this, our

government disbursed the initial funding of 820 crore rupees. to the MCD, 8 crore

Lawyers end strike after Delhi Police chief's notice on court

Delhi: Following Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena's ruling allowing police officials to virtually present evidence from police stations, advocates across all seven district courts in the capital had declared the strike. On August 13, the L-G was asked by senior officers to permit depositions using videoconferencing in order to "save time and resources," and the result was the notification. The head of the New Delhi Bar Association would be Nagendra Kumar. The fact that police personnel designated as witnesses are required to



physically attend in court for the purposes of evidence, examination, and cross-examination was our primary concern.

We fought for the right to a fair trial, which requires the physical presence of law enforcement. Mr. Kumar continued, "Our purpose has been

served" because the government has approved and confirmed this through the circular released from the police headquarters. The New Delhi Bar Association's secretary, Tarun Rana, stated that the attorneys are content with the chief of police's directive.

NDMC approves night food bazar at Connaught Place & India Gate

Delhi : NDMC approved 16 major proposals aimed at improving civic infrastructure, enhancing public services and promoting citizen welfare. Among the key initiatives that received the nod was a 'night food bazar' at Connaught Place and India Gate. The project

will see 50-60 food trucks operating daily between 10.30pm and 1am, offering a wide range of food and enriching the night-time experience for locals and tourists. The concept was proposed by Delhi minister and NDMC ex officio member Parvesh Verma. He

said the project will be developed along the lines of successful night markets in other parts of India. "Indore's Sarafa Bazaar, a jewellery market by day, transforms into a night street food market, serving a wide variety of local delicacies late into the night.



MCD to set up 1,000 dog feeding spots across Delhi localities



Delhi: According to Satya Sharma, who also heads the dog sub-committee meetings, the standing committee chairperson, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has ordered all zonal deputy commissioners to begin designating feeding spots for stray dogs across Delhi. There will be around 1,000 spots set aside in the first run. We will designate three or four feeding areas in each ward. Depending on the area, we will have anything from 500 to 1,000 feeding sites spread out over 250 wards. "Sanitation inspectors, RWAs, and councillors will all be involved," Sharma announced. These feeding stations will not be situated in more populated areas, according to Sharma. This includes places like marketplaces and intersections. "It would be wise to locate these points away from houses," she emphasized. This follows the Supreme Court's modification of its order pertaining to stray dogs, which prohibited public feeding of dogs except at specific locations, authorized the release of vaccinated and sterilised non-aggressive canines, and so on.

Govt to involve corporates to clean up the river

Delhi: The government of Delhi has reached out to corporations in an effort to clean up the Yamuna River, level trash dumps, and reduce air pollution, among other environmental issues. Attendees at the "Revival of Yamuna and Delhi, A CSR Dialogue" event at Raj Niwas included VK Saxena, the lieutenant governor, Rekha Gupta, the chief minister, and Pravesh ma, the minister of water. Had conversations with top executives, government officials, and trade group representatives. Delhi Jal Board senior officials laid out a plan for how corporate social responsibility funds could be used. According to Gupta, businesses can help with sewage treatment by installing drains and tiny STPs



along the banks, as well as by contributing technological solutions. She proposed establishing a corpus fund as part of CSR. She went on to say that DJB will be the one to supply the list of projects eligible to receive the funding. The environmental problems in Delhi can only be solved if the government, businesses, and

citizens all pull together, and maintaining the Yamuna's purity is one of my government's top priorities.

The LG stated that the contamination of rivers, garbage mounds, and air had brought "international disrepute" to the city and were issues that the new government had inherited.

Paharganj hotels fined by DPCC for unlawful groundwater extraction

Delhi: For unlawfully using groundwater without paying for it, 441 Paharganj hotels and guesthouses have been fined Rs 1 lakh apiece by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). By August, out of the total, these establishments had yielded 4.28 crore rupees. According to the chief secretary's statement before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), 555 hotels and guesthouses had their groundwater use rates calculated by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) from 2014 to 2015.

Delhi: With an inventive proposal to have them handled by evening courts starting, traffic challans—of which a backlog of more than two crore has accumulated in the district courts—may now be more easily resolved.

The courts will meet on all working days from 5-7 PM in all district courts under the name Evening Courts for Traffic Challans (ECTC). Beginning on December 20, 11 night-time courts in Saket, Rohini, Dwarka, Karkardooma, Tis



Hazari, and Patiala House will work to resolve 2,200 cases per day. With the exception of those marked as "contested challan," "sent to digital court challan," and "cognizance declined challan," all traffic challans

displayed on the Delhi traffic police webpage that are pending on or before December will be handled. Direct downloads of the challan slips are available <https://traffic.delhipolice.gov.in/vecourtddc>.

BJP, AAP spar over Delhi CM's husband's 'role in governance'

Delhi: Held meetings in a way that violated the constitution, while the BJP used Sunita Kejriwal's previous involvement to call the controversy "hollow politics." Allegations regarding the "role" of the chief minister's spouse in Delhi's governance have sparked a new political slugfest between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). In a statement, the AAP claimed that the husband of chief minister Rekha Gupta had "unconstitutionally" attended government meetings, inspected government projects, and ordered official action. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) retaliated by highlighting what they saw as Sunita Kejriwal's (a "Super CM" in the previous government) possible participation.

Gupta's husband, according to AAP Delhi president Saurabh



Bharadwaj, is being portrayed as an unelected power center during a news conference that took place on Monday. The fact that the CM has shared videos of her husband directing officers and contractors shows that she believes he is in charge of the government. What legal framework does CM Rekha Gupta's spouse use when he meets with officers, conducts inspections, and gives them orders? "Has the BJP appointed a chief minister who is incapable of leading Delhi" Bhardwaj said.

MCD gets nod to invite agencies for Phase-III biomining at Delhi landfills

Delhi: The mayor of Delhi has given the MCD the green light to ask agencies to participate in the Phase-III bio-remediation of trash at the Ghazipur, Bhalswa, and Okhla landfills. In order to finalize the rate and agency, a proposal will be presented to the standing committee. We anticipate that construction will begin shortly, and the method to grant anticipatory approval has been implemented.

A 20-kilometer section of the Munak Canal will be maintained by the Delhi government

Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta said that the maintenance of a 20-kilometer section of the Munak Canal, which runs from Bawana to Inderlok, will now be handled by the Delhi government instead of Haryana. This move is part of an effort to strengthen control over the canal, which is an important water lifeline for Delhi, and to address growing safety concerns. Two days prior to this decision, two boys, Aniket, nine years old, and Krishna, thirteen years old, drowned in the



canal. This tragedy renewed previous worries about safety along the waterway and sparked requests for more preventative

measures. Built between 2003 and 2012 as a section of the Western Yamuna Canal system, the 102-km Munak Canal provides

MCD committees fail to show up for meetings, prompting BJP leader to submit an appeal

Delhi: There has been a request for improved participation to aid progress in Delhi's Municipal Corporation, as councillor attendance at newly constituted committees is minimal. After almost two years of political uncertainty, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has finally



formed many committees.

However, authorities are now reporting that they are facing a new challenge: an alarming number of councillors are failing to attend meetings. Parvesh Wahi, the head of the house, wrote to all of the municipal councillors on Monday, urging them to "ensure their presence on scheduled

times" and to "understand the importance of the meetings." Oversight of topics such as public health, education, sanitation, horticulture, licensing, and disciplinary proceedings are supervised by around twenty statutory, ad hoc, and special committees within the company.

Age of retirement for Tata Trusts trustees is something to think about

Delhi: One day after stepping down as a director, Vijay Singh, vice chair of Tata Trusts, was present at the Tata Sons board meeting. Tata Sons welcomed him attend the meeting as a token of their thanks for his time on the board, but since he had already resigned, he was unable to vote on any matters on the agenda. Despite his status as a nominated director of Tata Trusts—the parent company of Tata Sons—Singh did not have any additional authority during board meetings. Nominee directors of Tata Trusts have far more clout than other directors at Tata Sons; they can veto acquisitions or capital expenditure programs worth more than Rs 100 crore, for example. But they still need the majority vote of the Tata Trusts trustees to make decisions. The only item on the agenda that did not pass was an investment plan that did not receive approval from Tata Trusts; all the others included Air India,



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

Tata International, and Tata Capital. After the approval of the biggest shareholder is obtained, the proposal would be reviewed again at the subsequent board meeting

region. According to a White House source, President Volodymyr Zelenskiy 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.

of Tata Sons. After Singh left, the two remaining nominee directors at Tata Sons are Noel Tata, chairman of Tata Trusts, and Venu Srinivasan, vice-chairman.

Adani group bans sanctioned ships at ports

Delhi: India's largest private port operator, Adani Group, has banned entry of tankers that are sanctioned by Western countries at all of its ports - sources said and documents show move that could hit Russian oil supplies for two Indian refiners that regularly get Russian oil delivered at Adani's Mundra Port in Gujarat. India is the biggest buyer of Russian seaborne oil, mostly shipped on tankers that are



sanctioned by the European Union, the US and Britain.

HPCL-Mittal Energy, which operates a 226,000-barrels per day Bathinda refinery in northern Punjab, gets all of its crude supplies at the Mundra Port. The

port is also used by Indian Oil Corp, the country's biggest refiner, for oil imports. IOC gets crude supplies for its 10 refineries at multiple ports in India.

Adani, IOC and HREL had no immediate comment when reached out.

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.



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.

India resists full crypto framework, fears systemic risks

Delhi: A government paper reveals that India is considering not regulating cryptocurrencies but rather maintaining partial monitoring, due to concerns that integrating digital assets into the country's mainstream financial system could pose systemic dangers. According to the memo reviewed by Reuters, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) believes that it would be impossible to regulate cryptocurrencies in a way that effectively limits their dangers. The inauguration of U.S. President Donald Trump



has coincided with a rise in the price of bitcoin, the most valuable cryptocurrency by market capitalization, and a general improvement in the worldwide acceptability of cryptocurrencies. Stablecoins, a type of cryptocur-

rency that is backed by fiat currency and hence less susceptible to violent swings, have also been legalized in the US. Despite China's ongoing cryptocurrency ban, Reuters reported last month that the country is looking into a stablecoin.

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 packs of items. But before the end of the

gesting that the demand for residential credit is still high and that the category is expanding. Tata Capital

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. The government has

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.

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 por-



tions 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 monitor in place for the next three years.

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 com-

pared 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. The government's decision to streamline the registration process for the new Goods and Services Tax (GST) system is a "game change."

IIM-A tops global pay metric for 3rd yr in row

Delhi: Seven of the world's top 10 B-schools in terms of weighted salary (average alumni pay three years post-graduation, adjusted across industries) are from India-up from six last year with IIM-Ahmedabad - (\$181,239) leading the pack, followed by IIM-Bangalore (\$173,707) and IIM-Calcutta (\$164,383). IIM-A has topped the salary metric for the third straight year. However, in overall rankings, Indian B-schools remain far from the benchmark set over a decade ago when multiple IIMs regularly featured in the global top 20 of the Financial Times Masters in Management (FT MIM) list. The number of Indian schools in the top 100 dropped from 14 in 2024 to 11 in the latest 2025 edition. IIM-Bangalore, at 28th and tied with the University of Mannheim, Germany, re-entered the top 30 for the first time since 2021. The 2025 tally of 11 institutions matches 2023 and is the second best in the past decade.



Grade two through eighteen public schools will implement a daily literacy and numeracy block

Delhi: Nipun Sankalp, a program that will introduce a daily period on literacy and numeracy, baseline tests for classes II to VIII, and peer-learning methods like buddy pairs to ensure all children acquire basic reading, writing, and math skills, is set to roll out in Delhi govt schools. This will cause a major shift in the classroom environment. Baseline tests in Hindi, English, and Mathematics will be administered till September 19th, in accordance with new

criteria released by the Directorate of Education (DOE). Instructors will grade the exams and electronically submit the results, with logistical support provided by DIET trainees to the schools. Which pupils require supplementary instruction will be decided by the results. Every school is required to include a set foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) session in the schedule once the examinations are finished. Classes II-V will have whole-class activities.

IIM-Ahmedabad campus opens in Dubai, its first in any foreign country

Delhi: The first international campus of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) was launched by Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum of Dubai, marking a major milestone in the growth plan of India's leading management institute. In attendance were Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan and Abdulrahman Abdulmannan Al Awar, the acting Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the United Arab Emirates. Her Highness Sheikh Hamdan has stat-



ed that the "deep-rooted ties and growing partnership" between India and the United Arab Emirates are reflected in the launch of the IIM-A Dubai campus. "The energy and ambition of our youth are the driving forces of Dubai's future, and by equipping them with the knowledge,

skills, and values to succeed in a rapidly changing international environment, we are empowering them to lead with confidence," added the governor. Pradhan praised the gathering, calling it a "glorious leaf in India-UAE knowledge collaboration."

Class IX students' Vigyan Pratibha test

Delhi: As a way to recognize and reward exceptional ninth graders in the city, the Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha will be held by the Directorate of Education (DoE). The purpose of the annual test is to pique students' interest in research-oriented professions by assessing their conceptu-

al knowledge, analytical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Along with merit awards, the top 1,000 rank holders will each receive a one-time scholarship of 5,000. Students in the ninth grade at NDMC, DCB, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, or any other publicly or privately fund-

ed school are eligible to take the exam. Class VIII qualifying requirements for students belonging to restricted categories (SC/ST/PH) are 55%, while students in the General and OBC categories need to secure 60%. A minimum of 15% of the seats are set aside for students from Scheduled Castes.

Over tin-shed schools, Delhi HC scolds the state govt.



Delhi: In hearing a petition by the non-governmental organisation Social Jurist, a bench comprising Chief Justice DK Upadhyay and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela voiced their dismay at the state of the schools. Students at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Kamla Market and the Government Boys and Girls Secondary Schools in Ashok Nagar are being compelled to study in makeshift classrooms made of tin that lack proper desks, walls, and other necessary facilities; the Delhi High Court scolded the Delhi government for this neglect on Wednesday. During a hearing, a bench comprising of chief justice DK Upadhyay and justice Tushar Rao Gedela voiced their dismay at the schools' terrible state. The petitioner, an NGO called Social Jurist, had asked the court to tell the Delhi government to tear down the tin-shed buildings and replace them with modern ones. Ashok Agarwal, an attorney for the NGO, submitted a petition in which he claimed that the government's refusal to fund essential infrastructure violated the right to education since it was capricious, unfair, and arbitrary.

NAAC adopts e-inspections for new accreditation

Delhi: To eradicate corruption and speed up accreditation, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has stopped physical college inspections. Accreditation teams will now perform evaluations exclusively online, replacing on-cams visits with virtual examinations.

Unacceptable amount of driving in DU elections

Delhi: The high court in Delhi condemned the DUSU election campaign's heavy reliance on motorized vehicles, calling it "unacceptable" for causing traffic jams and making pedestrians' lives more difficult. Additionally, the bench was unhappy with what it called Delhi University's "inadequate actions" against campaigners and their allies who used unlicensed vehicles to canvas. At the hearing, counsel Prashant Manchanda brought attention to the "blatant use of muscle and money power" leading up to the September 18 polls, including canvassing through lux-



ury automobiles. The bench, which consisted of chief judge DK Upadhyay and justice Tushar Rao Gedela, was hearing the case.

The petition demanded that the university and the Delhi Police punish candidates severely for

failing to attend. Rupal Mohinder, the lawyer for DU, stated during the court that the administration had issued show-cause notices to those who had violated the order and was "taking all necessary precautions" to keep the peace.

SC calls Punjab's NRI quota a 'fraud' on medical education

Delhi: The Supreme Court called Punjab's medical colleges' extension of the non-resident Indian (NRI) quota a "fraud" that excludes meritorious candidates. Bench dismissed petitions challenging a Punjab and Haryana high court ruling that invalidated the Punjab government's proposal to widen the NRI quota criteria to include distant relatives. We must end NRI quotas today! The bench, which included Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said the NRI quota was being used to circumvent merit-based admissions. The bench called such a broad interpretation of NRI eligibility.

Returning fourth-year students at 72% under NEP 2020's FYUP can opt out

Delhi: Nearly 72% of eligible students have opted to continue with the fourth year of Delhi University's Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) under NEP 2020, according to Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh. Up to the start of the new academic session on August 1, the university has allowed students to choose not to complete the fourth year. Out of more than 72,000 pupils, 20,221 have chosen not to



continue, leaving more than 50,000. The fact that students are willing to opt out of the third year demonstrates their value, which is quite encouraging, Singh told the media. All institutions affiliated with Delhi University will begin

the fourth year on August 1. As part of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the FYUP provides several ways out: a certificate after the first year, a diploma after the second, and a degree after the third.

Updated DUSU candidate list made public by Delhi University

Delhi: On September 18, the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) will hold its elections for president, and a total of twenty-one individuals have been deemed eligible to run for the position. Fifteen people are vying for the position of vice president, twenty for the position of secretary, and seventeen for the position of joint secretary, as per the preliminary list of candidates that was released by the office of the chief election officer. The candidates were deemed eligible after a thor-



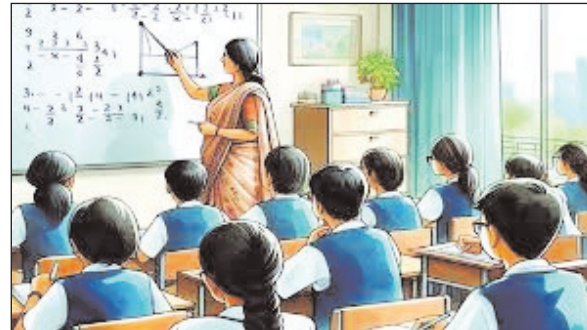
ough examination of their papers, according to Chief Election Officer Raj Kishor Sharma. Nominations were closed, and after reviewing them, the preliminary list was announced. At 5 pm on the same day, the final list would be published.

Officials reported no incidents as supporters flocked to DU's North Campus to

support their candidates. "No instances of wrongdoing occurred. Nominees could only submit their paperwork in a solitary fashion. In addition, a group of watchers was assembled to look for signs of vandalism in the surrounding areas. So far, Sharma has not received any reports of this nature.

A group of educators is against UGC's plan to hold admissions twice a year

Delhi: A group representing educators has spoken out against the University Grants Commission's plan to hold undergraduate and graduate admissions twice a year. The idea was criticized as "impractical and destabilising" in a lengthy letter sent to the UGC chairperson by the Indian National Teachers' Congress (INTEC). "No serious consultation was held with universities or colleges," the letter adds. "What looks like flexibility on paper will, in practice, deeply disrupt the academic framework of higher education institutions," according to it. A single admission cycle is already a significant challenge for many institutions.



"The teachers' union voiced concerns that having admissions twice a year would disrupt class schedules, make evaluations more difficult, and put too much administrative work on teachers and staff all year long"

Classes did not begin in July as usual due to the Common University Entrance Test's implementation, which notably pushed back the start of the academic year to September or October. Professor Pankaj Garg, chair of the INTEC, stated that adding a second cycle will further

complicate existing delays and disrupt the entire academic year. The teachers' union voiced concerns that having admissions twice a year would disrupt class schedules, make evaluations more difficult, and put too much administrative work on teachers and staff all year long.

Tech and sports: IIT will support SAI



Delhi: A partnership has been formed between the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) and the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) National Centre of Sports Science Research (NCSSR) to improve cooperation in the fields of sports sciences, cutting-edge technology, and indigenous innovation. Union sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya stated, "This partnership reflects the ministry's commitment to integrating science and technology with sports to empower Indian athletes to compete at the highest international levels." "Our institute has significant competence in biomechanics, sensors, assistive technologies and AI and hope to create an impact in sports science and technology," stated Rangan Banerjee, head of IIT Delhi. The partnership is anticipated to pave the way for top-notch research in the fields of sports science and engineering, encourage initiatives driven by innovation to boost athletes' performance, facilitate the exchange of information, and make a substantial impact on the prevention of injuries and the overall health of athletes.

Handshake row takes ugly turn as Pakistan threaten to withdraw from Asia Cup 2025

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

Controversy

□ Naqvi has warned. understands that the latest warning of withdrawal

Dubai: Pakistan are highly likely to withdraw from the remaining matches of the Asia Cup if match referee Andy Pycroft is not removed from the tournament's panel, PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi has warned. understands that the latest warning of withdrawal is the result of the controversy over the missing handshakes in the high-voltage Asia Cup clash between India and Pakistan on Sunday evening. The situation has escalated into a full-blown row, with the



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The situation worsened after India's emphatic seven-wicket win, when Suryakumar shook hands only with batting partner Shivam Dube and walked off without acknowledging the Pakistani players. Pakistan coach Mike Hesson voiced his dis-

appointment. "Obviously, we were ready to shake hands at the end of the game. We were disappointed that our opposition didn't do that. We sort of went over there to shake hands and they were already going to the changing room.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) formally lodging

a complaint with the International Cricket

Agha and Suryakumar avoided the customary handshake

The flashpoint occurred at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium during the toss when Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha and Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav avoided the customary handshake. According to the PCB, Pycroft had specifically instructed Salman to refrain from

shaking hands.

"The match referee Andy Pycroft had asked captain Salman Ali Agha, at the time of the toss, not to shake hands with his Indian counterpart. The Pakistan team management has lodged a protest, calling the behaviour against the spirit of sports," the board said.

Council (ICC). Naqvi confirmed on Monday that the board has demanded "an immediate removal of the Match Referee from the Asia Cup" over alleged violations of the ICC Code of Conduct and MCC Laws pertaining to the Spirit of Cricket. "The PCB has lodged a

complaint with the ICC regarding violations by the Match Referee of the ICC Code of Conduct and the MCC Laws pertaining to the Spirit of Cricket. The PCB has demanded an immediate removal of the Match Referee from the Asia Cup," Naqvi posted on X.

Clinical UAE beat Oman by 42 runs to keep Super 4s hopes alive

NEW DELHI: Skipper Muhammad Waseem and Alishan Sharafu hammered brisk half-centuries before a fine 4/23 spell from Junaid Siddique as United Arab Emirates (UAE) thrashed Oman by 42 runs to keep their Asia Cup Super Four hopes alive on Monday. Waseem anchored the innings with a 69 off 54 balls, falling only in the final over, while opening partner Sharafu shook



off a scratchy start to blaze 51 from 38 balls. Their 94-run stand powered UAE to 172/5 after being sent in. The total proved well beyond Oman's reach as they folded for 130 in 18.4

overs. A win over Pakistan on could now take UAE into the next stage, provided India beat Oman in the final group game. Siddique struck early, removing openers Aamir.

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

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

Massive blow! Afghanistan star cricketer ruled out of Asia Cup 2025; replacement named



Afghanistan's T20 squad has suffered a setback as seamer Naveen-ul-Haq will miss the remainder of the Asia Cup 2025 due to a shoulder injury. The Afghanistan Cricket Board medical

Injury
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team has not cleared him for participation while he continues his treatment and rehabilitation.

Abdullah Ahmadzai, who recently made his international debut and was previously in the reserves, has been promoted to the main squad as Naveen's replacement. This announcement came through ACB's official post on X. Naveen-ul-Haq's T20 International career for Afghanistan includes 48 matches with impressive statistics. He has claimed 67 wickets at an average of 18.73, maintaining an economy rate of 7.79, with his best

bowling figures being 4/20. Afghanistan kicked off their Asia Cup campaign with a convincing 94-run victory over Hong Kong in Group B at Abu Dhabi. The team's batting performance was highlighted by half-centuries from Sediquallah Atal and Azmatullah Omarzai in the final overs. The team's next challenge is against Bangladesh in the ninth match of the Asia Cup 2025 at Dubai International Stadium on September 16. This match is crucial for Bangladesh, who must win to stay in contention for a Super Four spot.

Abhishek posts two-word message after going after Shaheen and India win



"Jai Hind"

□ Abhishek took to social media with a simple two-word message: "Jai Hind"

NEW DELHI: After Kuldeep Yadav's three-wicket burst, supported by two wickets each from Axar Patel and Jasprit Bumrah, restricted Pakistan to 127/9 in 20 overs in their Asia Cup 2025 clash in Dubai, it was Abhishek Sharma who lit up the stadium with a dazzling batting display. Opening alongside Shubman Gill, Abhishek walked out for the chase, exchanged fist bumps, and took his guard. Shaheen Afridi, who had earlier struck a few towering sixes to drag

Pakistan to a respectable total, was expected to unleash his trademark thunderbolts with the new ball. He cracked Shaheen's very first delivery through the covers for four and followed it up by launching him over long-off for a six, giving India a flying start. When Shaheen returned for his second over, Abhishek attacked again—driving the first ball for four and then clearing the mid-wicket fence on the third delivery. Abhishek's blistering cameo ended on 31 off just 13 balls, decorated with four boundaries and two sixes, before he was dismissed by Saim Ayub. After the match, Abhishek took to social media with a simple two-word message: "Jai Hind".

Asia Cup: Why Team India picked Shivam Dube over Arshdeep Singh?

Transformation

□ The 2026 T20 World Cup, co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, is set to amplify this

Cricket's shortest format is undergoing a breathtaking transformation, evolving from a format of calculated risks to a high-octane battle where colossal totals of 250+ and even 300+ are no longer outliers but plausible targets. The 2026 T20 World Cup, co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, is set to amplify this trend, with India's strategy of building a batting line-up that extends to No. 8 reflecting the game's relentless pursuit of runs at a



frenetic pace. This approach, evident in India's team selections over time, including the ongoing Asia Cup in the UAE, where power-hitter Shivam Dube secures a spot in the XI while specialist bowler Arshdeep Singh often warms the bench, underscores their intent to prioritise batting depth to match the global scoring surge. How India trained hard for Asia Cup match vs

Pakistan in Dubai | Venues like Mumbai's Wankhede, Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy, and Colombo's Premadasa, with their short boundaries and batting-friendly surfaces, will likely fuel this run-fest, making India's strategy a blueprint for success. The IPL's recent seasons have showcased this evolution, with teams regularly posting 250+ totals, driven by aggressive intent and

"We want to try and get to 250-260 regularly"

India's head coach Gautam Gambhir has embraced this high-risk, high-reward philosophy and made his intentions clear earlier this year: "We want to try and get to 250-260 regularly. In trying to do that, there will be games where we will get bundled out for 120-130, and that is what T20 cricket is all about.

innovative strokeplay. England's record-breaking 304/2 against South Africa last week (Sept 12) in a T20I further highlights how T20 cricket is rewriting its own boundaries.

'Bachey the bachey hi reh gaye': Pakistan face backlash after humiliating loss



Fans of Team India erupted in celebrations after the win, brimming with confidence in the side's all-round performance. "Pakistan

should have practised a little more, bachey the bachey hi reh gye (kids stayed the same). They won the toss and batted first. It was a spinning

Confidence

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track and chasing was easier. That is where Pakistan made a mistake," said one fan. Suryakumar Yadav on no handshake with Pakistan: 'Some things

in life are ahead of sportsmanship' "A lot of missed catches, they could have stopped some boundaries. Indian batting was good... I think it was an overall team effort by Team India. Abhishek Sharma was really good. I came here from the USA," said another cricket enthusiast. Put in to bat first, Pakistan collapsed early to 6/2. A 39-run stand between

Sahibzada Farhan (40) and Fakhar Zaman (17) offered brief resistance, but regular strikes left them reeling at 97/8. A late flourish from Shaheen Shah Afridi (33*), however, helped them push to 127/9 in their 20 overs. India's bowlers delivered a clinical performance — Kuldeep bagged three wickets, while Axar Patel and Bumrah took two each.

Instead of Pakistan's national anthem, Teshar and Jason Derulo's popular track Jalebi Baby played for about six seconds

'Jalebi Baby' hits Pakistan hard! After anthem blunder, artist Teshar says 'shout out to the sound guy'



NEW DELHI: The Asia Cup 2025 Group A clash between India and Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium sparked controversy after the pre-match

national anthem ceremony was disrupted by the accidental playing of the song Jalebi Baby, and no post-match handshakes took place between the two teams.

The Pakistan Cricket Board has since lodged a complaint with the International Cricket Council, seeking the removal of match referee Andy Pycroft. During the pre-match ceremony, instead of Pakistan's national anthem, Teshar and Jason Derulo's popular track Jalebi Baby played for about six seconds before the correct anthem resumed. Mike Hesson on India's

handshake snub: 'We were disappointed that our opposition didn't do that' Reacting to the incident, Teshar posted on his Instagram Stories: "Shout out to the sound guy for messing up the anthem and making this an absolutely hilarious day for me. Accidents happen to the best of us, God bless u whoever you are." It was an embarrassing mistake. It added humor to the

match. The artist further engaged with the episode by sharing a video captioned "Jalebi Baby is always the right anthem." In the clip, he remarked: "When I said Jalebi Baby was an anthem, this is not what I had in mind." The anthem mishap has generated widespread attention on social media, with reactions continuing to pour in from fans and commentators.

'Best thing that could have happened to Brevis is to play domestic cricket'

NEW DELHI: Dewald Brevis earned the biggest bid during the auction for the fourth season of the SA20. As one franchise after another lifted their paddle, taking the bid up by multiple increments, it was the Proterea Capitals who acquired him for R16.5 million (Rs 8.31 crore). In the process, he became the most expensive player in SA20 history, just moments after Aiden Markram had urged the franchises to break the bank with R14 million. The previous most expensive player was

Tristan Stubbs who was brought in by Sunrisers Eastern Cape for R9.2 million in 2022. Brevis, who had played the first three seasons for MI Cape Town, struck 676 runs in 32 matches and 29 innings at an average of 29.39 and a strike rate of over 145, with four half-centuries and a top score of an unbeaten 73 runs. During MI Cape Town's maiden title win last season, Brevis had a breakout season, scoring 291 runs in 10 matches at an average of 48.50 and a strike rate of 184.17, with two half-centuries.