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Sitharaman expressed gratitude to the states for GST reforms

New Delhi. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has written a letter to the Finance Minister of the states and expressed gratitude for their support to the GST reform. She said that all the states came together to give relief to the common man through reduction in GST rates. Unanimous decision taken on 3 September. On September 3, there was a consensus on the proposal of GST reform in the GST Council meeting. This panel is headed

Council rose to the occasion and provided relief

I said that no matter how intense discussions and arguments you can have, but ultimately the Council rose to the occasion and provided relief to all the people of India. And I am grateful for this goodwill. That's why I wrote this letter. He said that the work of the



Council is really remarkable. Sitharaman said that therefore the feeling of the House was

that this is a proposal that will undoubtedly benefit the common man. There is no point in standing against it, ultimately everyone came together for a good cause and I am really very grateful. He said that the Council has patiently listened to every comment.

meeting. The GST Council has given the green signal to bring all products except harmful items under the rate of 5 percent and 18 percent. It was decided to make tax zero on many essential items. These changes will come into effect from the first day of Navratri on September 22. People of India got relief. The Finance Minister said that yesterday I wrote a letter to every Finance Minister and thanked them.

by Sitharaman and it included representatives from all the states and union territories.

The panel was to meet for two days from September 3 to discuss the proposal presented by

the Center, but it was approved on the very first day after a one-day marathon

People get relief from GST reduction in cooperative sector



New Delhi. The decision of the Central Government to reduce the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to promote cooperative institutions, farmers and rural enterprises in the cooperative sector will directly benefit more than 10 crore dairy farmers. The concessions given by the government in the dairy sector will reduce the cost of all things like milk production, tractors and their parts, third-party insurance and logistics, which will promote rural entrepreneurship and provide relief to the common people from expensive prices. According to the information received from the Union Ministry of Cooperation, GST on

Benefit

❑ The cost of milk production, tractors and their parts, third-party insurance etc.

milk and cheese has been completely abolished. While GST on butter, ghee and milk cans has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent. GST on food items like cheese, namkeen, pasta, jam, jelly and juice has also been reduced from 18 percent to 5 percent. Apart from this, GST has also been reduced on tractors, fertilizers, bio-pesticides and cargo vehicles, which will reduce the cost of farming, milk production and logistics.

Will the ice in India-US relations melt?

rump said- ready to reset relations with India: said- will always be a friend of Prime Minister Modi

Relations

❑ Trump also said that he does not like some of the steps taken by Prime Minister

New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised the positive attitude of US President Donald J. Trump. He said on X-post that President Trump's sentiments and positive assessment of the relations between the two countries are commendable. Prime Minister Modi wrote on X, he wholeheartedly appreciates and fully supports President Trump's sentiments and positive assessment of relations.

India and the US have a very positive and visionary comprehensive and global strategic partnership. According to a news



India values its friendship with the US: Jaishankar

India has responded positively to US President Donald Trump's efforts to remove the bitterness and said that it attaches great importance to its partnership with America. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar said here on Saturday that India attaches.

88 postal services stopped

Geneva. International postal services have been affected after the implementation of new tariffs in the US. The United Nations postal cooperation organization Universal Postal Union (UPU) informed on September 6 that postal operators of 88 countries have partially or fully suspended.

broadcast earlier, US President Donald Trump described the India-US relationship as a very special relationship. He openly said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will always be his friend. He assured that no one needs to worry about the rela-

tions between India and the US.

However, Trump also said that he does not like some of the steps taken by Prime Minister Modi at this time. Despite this, there is no rift in the relations between the two countries. He also said that he is

always ready to strengthen relations with India again. Trump said that Modi is a great Prime Minister. I just do not like what he is doing at this time, but the India-US relationship is very special. There is nothing to worry about in this.

Gujarat: Goods ropeway breaks in Shaktipeeth, 6 dead

Ahmedabad: 6 people died on Saturday due to the breakage of a goods ropeway at Mahakali Mandir Shaktipeeth in Pavagadh of Panchmahal district of Gujarat. As soon as the information of the incident was received, the local police and fire brigade team immediately reached the spot. Rescue operation is going on. According to the information, the trolley fell from a height to the ground due to the breakage of



the ropeway wire. There are also reports of many people being injured in the accident. At the same time, the dead include 2 lift operators, 2 laborers and two other people. The bodies have been sent to the hospital for post-mortem.

Will Nirav Modi and Mehul Chowkshi be brought back?

New Delhi. The Indian government is constantly trying to bring back the big economic criminals and accused who have fled from the country. As part of these efforts, a team of Britain's Crown Prosecution Service recently inspected Delhi's Tihar Jail. Its purpose was to see whether the fugitive criminals brought to India will get a safe environment.

Big relief to 140 crore countrymen: Ashwini Vaishnav

New Delhi. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has described the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms as a big relief for 140 crore countrymen. Vaishnav said, the Prime Minister has a lot of devotion towards the middle class, which is visible to all of us from time to time. By making major reforms in



taxes, giving exemption to middle class families with income up to Rs 12 lakh and now by reforming GST on a

large scale, a big relief and gift has been given to the middle class families. " He said that the kind of reforms that have been done in GST have given great relief to 140 crore countrymen of the country. Targeting Congress, Vaishnav said that before 2014, a web of taxes was spread due to which a big burden was put on a simple family,

China will not get involved in the Lipulekh dispute



New Delhi/Beijing

China has refused to get involved in the Lipulekh dispute between India and Nepal. According to Nepal's Foreign Secretary Amrit Bahadur Rai, Jinping has said that Lipulekh is a traditional pass. China respects Nepal's claim, but this dispute is a bilateral issue between India and Nepal. Both countries should resolve it through mutual dialogue. Nepali PM KP Sharma Oli had reached China to attend the Rud Summit from 31 August to 1 September. During this, he raised the issue of Lipulekh in front of

Raised

❑ Nepali PM Oli raised the issue. Jinping said- it is your mutual matter

the Chinese President. Oli had said that this area is part of Nepal and Nepal has objected to the recent agreement between India and China. In fact, on August 19, India and China decided to reopen the Lipulekh Pass as a trade route. Nepal had protested. Nepal has released a new map in 2020 and declared Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura.

Water level of Yamuna river drops in Delhi

New Delhi. The flow of Yamuna river in the national capital Delhi has decreased further. The water level of Yamuna at Purana Railway Bridge (Old Railway Bridge) reached 206.43 meters at 10 am on Saturday. The water level of Yamuna at Purana Railway Bridge was 207.33 meters at 7 am on Friday. Purana Railway Bridge in Delhi is also known as Loha

Flood

❑ Many states of North India including Delhi, Punjab and Haryana are flooded.

Pul. At present, many states of North India including Delhi, Punjab and Haryana are flooded. Punjab has suffered the most damage due to



floods. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will soon visit the flood affected areas. Yamuna river, which has affected the life of people in many parts of the national capi-

tal Delhi, is still above the danger mark of 205.33 meters. The warning mark in Delhi is 204.50 meters. The work of evacuating people from the coastal areas of Yamuna starts from 206 meters. ORB serves as a major observation point to monitor the flow of the river and the risks of potential floods. It is worth mentioning that Purana Railway Bridge .



Himachal Pradesh is likely to get relief from heavy monsoon rains for the next few days. There is a possibility of light to moderate rainfall.

Chief Minister launched and digitally inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various services of the Transport Department

" Transport department will become the charioteer of developed UP"



Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday launched and digitally inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various services of the Transport Department at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow. Congratulating the department, he said that the Transport Department is the largest means of public transport in the state and it will have to become the charioteer of the vision of a devel-

oped India. The Chief Minister said that the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation has the largest fleet in the country. Providing such a large number of services is an achievement in itself, but the chal-

enges are also not less. He described the initiative of providing free bus travel to sisters for three days on Raksha Bandhan as commendable and said that the department should promote such services in a more effective manner

in future. It is important to keep pace with the speed of time. The Chief Minister said that if any person, society or nation goes behind the speed of time, then it remains behind forever. But if it has the ability to move two steps ahead of the speed of time, then the flag of Vijayshree flies. He called upon the Transport Department to prepare short-term (3 years), medium-term (10 years) and long-term (22 years) plans.

He strictly instructed that the habit of hanging files will have to be stopped. Public hearing will have to be taken forward rapidly. If team work in the department has to be strengthened, then the results will not take long to come. The Transport Department remained a reliable partner even in times of crisis. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the Transport Department has set an example with its services from time to time.

Spend Rs 400 crore in two years to restore grounded planes

Delhi: Sources reported that SpiceJet informed the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that it will spend Rs 400 crore in two years to restore 36 grounded planes. The regulator met with the carrier last to discuss restoring grounded jets. Sources said this followed the airline's Rs 3,000 crore qualifying institutional placement from global investors and mutual funds. The airline did not respond to Business Standard's request for comment. At the QIP, the airline identified 36 grounded aircraft out of 58. This was mostly due to lesser payment defaults, aircraft maintenance financial issues, and component shortages. The airline informed the regulator that seven of the 36 grounded planes would return by year's end, sources added. The remaining 29 aircraft should be reactivated in 15-21 months. "Overall, the



airline anticipates it will take 18-24 months to bring all grounded planes back to service," source said. SpiceJet announced that it will lease seven planes to improve flying operations immediately while repairing grounded planes. It said the seven leased planes will join the fleet by November 15. Sources say the carrier's grounded jets will undergo Airbus and Boeing-mandated return-to-service (RTS) procedures. The DGCA will allow commercial passenger flights after the RTS process.

RTS is the procedure of restarting a grounded aircraft. Maintenance, repairs, inspections, and regu-

latory compliance are required.

Change in rules marks discount broker turning point

Delhi: Domestic rating agency Crisil said discount brokerages like Zerodha and Groww will be most affected by recent regulatory changes to curtail investors' derivatives activity. Narayanan claimed derivative trades account for up to 80% of bargain brokers' revenue and under a third of full-service brokerages'. Largest impact, with new customer acquisition .

Govt. lists Ola Electric's 'consumer rights infractions' to ARAI

Delhi: The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) instructed vehicle testing agency ARAI to investigate whether Ola Electric violated consumer rights as a recipient of the government's EV incentive scheme. After the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) issued Ola Electric a show cause notice for consumer rights violations, misleading advertising, and unfair trade practices, MHI took action. Charges during free service period or warranty, car delivery delays, and service/repair delays are additional cited infractions. Old Electric is a FAME-II and PM E-DRIVE



beneficiary under ARAI's eligibility requirements. Thus, MHI must get your opinions on the issue promptly "The ministry's letter to the testing centre stated. It further stated that under two EV incentive schemes, all OEMs, including Ola Electric, must maintain service centres to address consumer issues and provide warranties. Earlier, Union consumer

affairs secretary and CCPA chief commissioner Nidhi Khare confirmed that the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) has been receiving complaints for about a year. The company didn't answer problems effectively." CCPA can open a "class action" under the Consumer Protection Act if comparable complaints affect a 'class' of customers.'

Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder Festival Edition Launched

Delhi: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) launched the Urban Cruiser Hyryder 'Festival Limited Edition' packed with Toyota Genuine Accessories (TGA) Package .The Festival Limited Edition of Urban Cruiser Hyryder adds 13 specially designed TGA. On the exterior, it has chrome and ornamental accessories on the mud-

flap, door visor (premium with SS insert), front and rear bumper garnish, head lamp garnish, hood emblem, body cladding, fender garnish, rear door lid garnish and door chrome handle. On the interior, the Festival Edition comes with an all-weather 3D floor mat, leg room lamp, and a digital video recorder.As part of this

special launch, TKM is offering a complimentary package worth ₹50,817 for the customers opting for Urban Cruiser Hyryder Festival Limited Edition made available at dealerships across India until 31st October .This exclusive package is available for the V and G grades of both the Neo Drive and Hybrid variants.

Raptee.HV Launches T 30 High-Voltage Electric Motorcycle In India - Details

Delhi : Raptee.HV, the Chennai-based EV startup, launched India's first high-voltage electric motorcycle, which is developed with the technology being used in Electric cars across the world. Called the Raptee T 30, it is the first of its kind to use universal charging standards that are used by cars. In simple words, it uses a CCS2 charging port. The motorcycle is priced at ₹ 2.39 lakhs, ex-showroom.The Raptee.HV Motorcycle has an IDC Est range of around 200 km and a real-world range of over 150 km on a single charge. The company claims that it can accelerate from 0 to 60 kmph in under 3.5 seconds.The 5.4 kWh battery pack is IP67-rated, and it takes 60 minutes for a 20-80 per cent juice-up via a 3.3 kW charger. Through a fast charger, the same can be done in just 30 minutes. Also, the brand is offering a warranty of 8 years of 80,000 km on the battery pack.The T 30 rides on a set of 17-inch rims with a 110-section tyre on the front and a 150-section tyre at the rear. Moreover, the suspension includes 37 mm USD forks on the front and a telescopic shock absorber at the rear. Braking duties are performed by a 320 mm rotor at the front and a 230 mm disc at the rear.The motorcycle has advanced software features for an enhanced riding experience, including 3 riding modes and a 7-inch LCD instrument cluster. It comes equipped with connected features as well. There are four colours on offer - Horizon Red, Arctic White, Mercury Grey and Eclipse Black.

Tata Consultancy Services mcap cross Rs 15 lakh crore mark as shares soar

NEW DELHI: Shares of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) jumped 4% on Tuesday, taking its market valuation to above Rs 15 lakh crore mark. The stock of the country's second most valued firm by market valuation jumped 4.05% to settle at Rs 4,133.45 apiece on the BSE.

The Indian Real Estate Sector Expects Equity Investments of Rs 74,815 Crore

Delhi : According to a survey by CBRE South Asia, the real estate sector registered equity investments of \$8.9 billion (Rs 74,815 crore) in the first nine months of , surpassing the increase of \$7.4 billion (Rs 62,210 crore) in 2023 and demonstrating a year-over-year rise of 46%.The Indian real estate market has experienced a massive boom, reaching its highest point since 2018. A significant quarterly equity investment totaling \$2.6 billion (Rs 21,857 crore) between July and September is highlighted in the report.

Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai drove this expansion, contributing 66 percent of equity inflows in Q3 with



their respective subscriptions of \$0.96 billion (Rs 8,070 crore), \$0.40 billion (Rs 3,362 crore), and \$0.34 billion (Rs 2,858 crore).With capital inflows of \$0.31 billion (Rs 2,605 crore), \$0.27 billion (Rs 2,269 crore), and \$0.02 billion (Rs 1,681 crore), respectively, Delhi-NCR, Pune, and Hyderabad also

saw a sizable portion of investments.Domestic investors, especially construction businesses, who accounted for roughly 79% of equity inflows during the July-September quarter, were the main drivers of the increase in investment momentum. Of the overall inflows of for-

New Income Tax Return e-filing portal in the works? What taxpayers can expect

The Income Tax Department is set to revamp the e-filing ITR portal with substantial changes aimed at making it more user-friendly for taxpayers. Internal circular from the tax department dated October 8, , which is not publicly available,"The operations phase of the existing Integrated e-filing and Centralised Processing Centre (IEC) 2.0 is coming to an end and the process of bringing in a new Project. , Project IEC 3.0 (that shall

The Tata Group is set to expand the fleet of its budget airline, Air India Express, by transferring all-economy configuration planes from its full-service carriers, Air India and Vistara. This move is part of the group's strategy to better compete with Indigo, the market leader in the Indian aviation industry.Sources familiar with the plan told that the first phase will involve the transfer of 17 Airbus A320 Neo aircraft from Air India to Air India Express. mAdditionally, 10 of



Vistara's all-economy A320 Neo aircraft will join Air India Express once the merger between Vistara and Air India is finalized. The entire transfer process is expected to be completed by mid-2025. Experience significant capacity expansion, with the addition of 17 planes from Air India and 15

Boeing 737 Max planes from its own order by the middle of next year. Over the past 10 months, the airline has already added 26 new Boeing 737-8 aircraft to its fleet. The Tata Group is currently restructuring its aviation business, which will result in the consolidation of four airlines into two.

Solar panel maker Waaree Energies is gearing up to float its initial share

Delhi: Solar panel maker Waaree Energies is gearing up to float its initial share sale involving fresh issue of shares worth Rs 3,600 crore. The Mumbai-based company's Initial Public Offering (IPO) will conclude on 23 and the bidding for anchor investors will open for a day on October 18, according to the Red Herring Prospectus (RHP).As per the documents, the IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating to Rs 3,600 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of 48 lakh equity shares by a promoter and existing shareholders, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP). Those selling shares in the OFS are -- promoter Waaree Sustainable Finance Private Ltd and shareholder Chandurkar Investments Private



Ltd. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for setting up the 6GW (gigawatt) of Ingot Wafer, Solar Cell and Solar PV module manufacturing facility in Odisha. Besides, a portion will be used for general corporate purposes. Waaree Energies, one of the major players in the solar energy industry in India, is focused on PV module manufacturing with an aggregate installed capacity of 12 GW as of June 30, 2023.It operates five manufacturing facilities. with one factory each,

Globe Civil Projects files draft papers with Sebi for IPO

NEW DELHI: Engineering, procurement and construction company Globe Civil Projects Ltd on Tuesday said it has filed preliminary papers with markets regulator Sebi to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO) is entirely a fresh issue of 1.9 crore equity shares with no offer-for-sale component, according to the DRHP filed with Sebi.The company plans to list the shares on BS.

India's first high-speed 280 kmph trains soon! ICF awards contract for new trainsets to BEML

Delhi: India is set to launch its first indigenous high-speed trains, built by BEML with a test speed of 280 kmph. Featuring modern amenities, these trainsets will consist of 8 cars each, costing Rs 27.86 crores per car, and to be delivered by the end of 2026. The rainsets will be the first indigenously designed and manufactured in India, with a test speed of 280 kmph. (AI image) India's first indigenous high-speed train soon! In a big boost for Indian Railways' dreams of offering high-speed rail connectivity, the national transporter has awarded the contract for manufacturing high-speed trainsets to BEML.These trainsets will be the first indigenously designed and manufactured in India, with a test speed of



280 kmph, marking a significant step forward in the country's high-speed rail journey.The trains will feature a fully air-conditioned, Chair Car configuration, offering modern passenger amenities such as reclining and rotatable seats, special provisions for passengers with restricted mobility, and onboard infotainment systems, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable travel experience. BEML Limited has secured a contract from Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, for the design, manufacturing, and commis-

sioning of two high-speed trainsets. Each trainset will consist of 8 cars, with a price of Rs 27.86 crores per car, resulting in a total contract value of Rs 866.87 crores. This contract value includes design cost, one-time development cost, non-recurring charges, and a one-time cost for jigs, fixtures, tooling, and testing facilities, which will be utilized for all future high-speed projects in India. BEML's Bengaluru rail coach complex will be responsible for the construction of these trainsets, with a scheduled delivery by the end of 2026.

Gurugram Rate Soars 160%, Housing Prices in Top 10 Cities Soar 88% in 5 Years

Delhi : In the last five years, the average cost of newly constructed residential properties in India's top ten cities has increased by an astounding 88%, per a report released on Monday by real estate data analytics company PropEquity.The greatest increase in prices was seen in Gurugram, where average prices shot up 160% from Rs 7,500 per square foot in 2019 to Rs 19,500 per sq foot



in . Mumbai, on the other hand, saw the least gain over the same period, going from Rs 25,820 per sq ft to Rs 35,500 per sq ft, or 37%.Noida (146%), Bengaluru (98%), Hyderabad (81%), Chennai (80%), Pune (73%), Navi Mumbai (69%), Kolkata (68%), Thane (66%), and Mumbai are the next cities in terms of price growth after Gurugram.In the top 10 cities—Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Noida, and Gurugram—the survey examined 15,000 new launch projects that included flats, floors, and villas. In the past five years, real estate prices have increased dramatically in all major cities, The factors that have contributed to such a steep rise include the massive infrastructure development, the growing interest from NRIs, HNIs/UHNIs, and stock market gainers looking to create wealth and generate income through real estate investment, rising sentiments towards homeownership, and the general shift towards luxury/super luxury homes as a result of rising aspiration and affluence.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Conducts Ward Inspection, Issues Strict Instructions on Sanitation and Infection Control

● During the inspection, she interacted with local residents, listened to their concerns, and gathered detailed information about the current state of cleanliness

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Ghazipur : In view of the rising risk of infections during the monsoon season, the municipal administration has stepped up preventive measures. On Saturday, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Harshita Tiwari inspected Ward No. 3 under the jurisdiction of Kotwali Police Station, Muhammadabad, to review the sanitation system and infection control



arrangements. During the inspection, she interacted with local residents, listened to their concerns, and gathered detailed information about the current state of cleanliness,

drain maintenance, and the regular spraying of insecticides. Issuing directions to the Municipal Council, SDM Harshita Tiwari emphasized that the risk of infections increases signif-

icantly during the rainy season, and therefore sanitation drives must be conducted regularly. She strictly instructed that no negligence should be shown in insecticide spraying. She further stated that timely cleaning of drains and proper water drainage systems can effectively prevent seasonal diseases such as dengue, malaria, and diarrhea. Public AwarenessThe SDM also appealed to local residents to immediately report any problems related to waterlogging or suspected infection outbreaks to the Municipal Council control room or the concerned department, so that prompt action can be taken. She assured citizens that the administration is giving top priority to public health and civic amenities, and that any form of negligence will not be tolerated. Municipal Council staff were also present during the inspection.



UP T20 League is better for youth, new stadiums being built across state: CM Yogi. CM Yogi rings the bell to kick off UP T20 League Final

Married woman dies in suspicious condition, in-laws accused of murder

Kaushambi. A married woman died inside the house in suspicious condition in Gulampur village of Saini Kotwali. Her parents have filed a complaint accusing her of murder over dowry. Police say that action will be taken after the postmortem report gives the correct information.

Newly appointed AD Basic Sanjay Kushwaha took charge



Prayagraj: Newly appointed AD Basic Sanjay Kumar Kushwaha of Prayagraj division has taken charge today. He reviewed the work in the office with subordinate employees, pending IGRS and other works and gave necessary directions. Newly appointed AD BasicSanjay Kumar Kushwaha is a resident of Ghazipur. After receiving education from Allahabad University, Allahabad, he was selected in PES cadre in the year 2005. The first posting was on the post of ADIOS Prayagraj. He has worked efficiently on the posts of BSA Prayagraj,

Reviewed

Newly appointed AD Basic Sanjay Kumar is a resident of Ghazipur

BSA Fatehpur, AD Basic Saharanpur and DIET Pacharya Fatehpur. Newly appointed AD Basic Sanjay Kumar Kushwaha is simple, soft-spoken and of simple nature. District Education Officer Devbat Singh and Deputy Ideological Teachers Welfare Association State President Dr. Gyanprakash Singh welcomed the newly appointed AD Basic Sanjay Kumar Kushwaha by giving him a bouquet.

Illegal detention case: High Court directs to present Mahmood Beg, summons SSP Bareilly

Prayagraj. Allahabad High Court has ordered to present 65-year-old Mahmood Beg in the court, who is being tortured by keeping him in alleged illegal detention since August

20. The court has issued instructions in this regard to ADGP, IG and SSP Bareilly. The case will be heard on Monday, September 8, on which SSP Bareilly has been sum-

moned to appear in person. The division bench of Justice Salil Kumar Rai and Justice Zafar Ahmed passed this order on the habeas corpus petition filed by Mahmood Beg's.

CO sent the investigators to the orderly room

Kaushambi: On Saturday, Circle Officer Manjhanpur Shivank Singh gathered all the investigators of Police Station Manjhanpur and Police Station Mohabbatpur Painsa in the Durga Bhabhi Auditorium of the Police Office and sent them to the orderly room, in which the pending investigations at the police station were reviewed.

DM conducted the preliminary eligibility test successfully



Inspection

The DM conducted a surprise inspection of Meri Wana Maker Girls Inter College

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Prayagraj. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma inspected various centers of the district on Saturday with a view to conducting the preliminary eligibility test of Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission successfully and kept giving necessary instructions to the concerned. The District Magistrate conducted a surprise inspection of Meri Wana Maker Girls Inter College, Dwarika Prasad Girls Intermediate College, DP Public School and other examination cen-

ters. He inspected the control room set up for monitoring the preliminary eligibility test in the examination centers and tested the functioning of CCTV cameras there and the monitoring being done through it. The District Magistrate enquired from the static magistrate, principal and other concerned at each examination center about the total number of candidates enrolled at the examination center and in comparison to that how many candidates have appeared in today's examination and in how many rooms the examination is being conducted in the concerned center and gave necessary instructions while obtaining information about their seating arrangement and other arrangements. Every examination room of the centre was inspected by the District Magistrate.

PET-2025 Examination Successfully Conducted in Ghazipur, Officials Inspected Centers

Exam

The officials directed the center administrators to ensure a malpractice-free exam

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Ghazipur. The Preliminary Eligibility Test (PET)-2025, organized by the Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission, was scheduled for 6th and 7th September 2025. In this regard, on 6th September 2025, the examination was conducted smoothly, without malpractice, and in a fair manner. To ensure the same,



District Magistrate Avinash Kumar and Superintendent of Police Dr. Iraj Raja conducted on-site inspections of various examination centers established in the district. During the first shift, they inspected Swami Sahajanand P.G. College, Pirnagar, and Inter College, Karanda, Ghazipur. The officials directed the center administrators to ensure a malpractice-free examination and warned that if any case of cheating was reported, the respective center administrator would be held responsible. For the PET-2025 examination organized by the UP Subordinate Services

Selection Commission, Lucknow, 19 examination centers were set up in the district where the written test was conducted in two shifts peacefully and successfully. In the first shift, out of 8,280 candidates, 1,923 were absent, while in the second shift, out of 8,280 candidates, 1,902 were absent. To maintain the sanctity of the examination, 05 Zonal Magistrates, 19 Sector Magistrates, 19 Static Magistrates, along with adequate police force, were deployed. The authorities ensured that the examination was conducted in a peaceful and transparent manner.

Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas was organized in Tehsil under the chairmanship of DM SP

Chitrakoot: Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas was organized in Tehsil Auditorium Karvi under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Shivsharanappa GN and Superintendent of Police Arun Kumar Singh for quick resolution of public problems.

The District Magistrate and Superintendent of



Police told the officers related to the complaints/applications received in the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas to ensure quali-

Samadhan

The DM and SP told the officers related to the complaints/applications received

ty and in accordance with the intention of the government by conducting quick on-site inspection within the time limit prescribed by the govern-

ment. The District Magistrate also said that the problems related to land, drain, chak road, pond, electricity, Jal Jeevan Mission that come up in the public hearing should be resolved with quality. The District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police said that the land related problem should be resolved quickly on priority basis by forming a joint team of police and revenue and conducting on-site inspection. Sub-District Magistrate Sadar Ms. Pooja Sahu, Area Officer Nagar Arvind Kumar Verma, In-charge Inspector Kotwali Karvi Upendra Pratap Singh, PRO Pradeep Pal were present in the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas.

Regarding the incident, the police said that further legal action is being taken and the accused may be arrested

A youth was shot in firing between groups, attacked with bricks and stones

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Prayagraj. In Govindpur area of Shivkuti police station area, a dispute between two groups on Friday evening in Kabadi Wali Gali suddenly led to firing. A youth was seriously injured in this incident. According to the people present at the spot, after the firing, bricks and stones were also thrown at the



injured youth, due to which his condition worsened. The injured youth was immediately

sent to the hospital by Shivkuti police station police, who reached the spot, where his treat-

ment is going on. The injured youth told the police that he is completely innocent and was not involved in the dispute. However, some local people claimed that the injured youth was also involved in the fight. Local people said that the firing and the situation of fighting seem to be the result of some old rivalry. Seeing the serious condition of the injured youth, the police have taken the

matter seriously. The police inspected the spot and have started searching for other youths involved in the case. Regarding the incident, the police said that further legal action is being taken and the accused may be arrested soon. There is tension in the area around the incident. Local people are demanding increased police security. The Kabadi Wali

Gali of Govindpur is often known for petty fights, but this time the incident has spread panic in the entire area. Police officials have appealed to the people to maintain peace and said that no person can escape the law in such incidents. The condition of the injured youth is critical and information about his exact condition can be given only after treatment.

Three friends who went to take bath in Prayagraj died by drowning in Ganga

Prayagraj . Three children who went to take bath in Ganga in Bamrauli Rasulpur of Puramufti police station area on Saturday morning drowned. As soon as the information of the incident was received, the water police and NDRF team reached the spot and started searching for the children. It is said that while bathing, all three children were swept away in the strong current of Ganga. After several hours of hard work, the NDRF team recovered the bodies of

all three children. After receiving the information, the police started the search operation with the help of NDRF team and water police. Even after a long time, the children could not be traced. On getting information about the incident, the family members also reached the spot crying. During the search operation, the police recovered the bodies of two children. The deceased children have been identified as Shaurya, Naman and Manish.

Editorial

Beijing might claim that packing the plateau

Therefore, the frontier highway will also be an economic asset, apart from being a strategic masterstroke. This will also develop a connectivity conduit by interlinking the East-West Industrial Corridor Highway and the Trans-Arunachal Highway. It will also discourage migration from the border space to urban areas. The development will become more distributive than concentric. Pressure on the urban space will be primarily eased. The volatilities of the border space and Chinese hegemonic gravity will be minimised because of India's fully prepared, vigilant presence in the region.

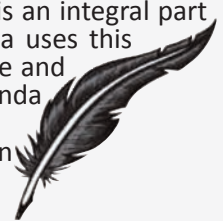
The Myanmar chapter is currently in the doldrums. The Chinese alleged involvement in derailing democratic government there disturbs the geopolitics in the region, which imposes a cloud of uncertainty around India's infrastructure projects in Myanmar. Given the geopolitical complexity in the region, India makes measured strategic progress and anchors its hold firmly and irreplaceably. Building tunnels, bridges, airports, railroads, highways, etc, has become part of the process that systematically ensures India's strength and resilience. On the contrary, China's determined efforts in building highways, tunnels, bridges, railways, etc, on the Tibetan Plateau explain its preparedness. The skirmishes it indulges in along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) indicate its ulterior motive. Though Beijing might claim that packing the plateau with high-tech infrastructure is mainly for the economic development of Tibet, the territorial desires embedded in this exercise cannot be ignored. The Nyingchi-Lhasa rail line and highway that Beijing has built, as well as some sections that remain under construction, come close to the McMahon Line. Its concept of reconstituting border villages and a host of other things are symptoms of the region's complex geopolitics. Chinese brinkmanship has been primarily responsible for the disturbed geopolitics of the region. Much of these crises is expected to be resolved by the frontier highway. Therefore, India puts the required effort in the right direction to ease these tensions in the region.

West Siang, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, and Changlang in Arunachal Pradesh adjoining

Tibet and Myanmar is a geostrategic milestone. It was conceived in 2016 and is expected to be completed in 2027. Work in this direction has started at a quick pace. This shows the urgency and importance India gives to its territorial integrity.

The infrastructural development that China has brought along the McMahon Line is quite extensive. The frontier highway is a precise and direct response to this and to curb China's irrationality. The highway will become an all-weather road to handle any geopolitical and geostrategic pressure likely to emanate from the other side of the border. From Tawang to Vijayanagar, which covers the entire border space in Arunachal Pradesh, the frontier highway is a milestone in India's robust preparedness in the eastern Himalayas. The dragon finds a fitting competitor. The scale with which China develops its infrastructural might, both at the border and in the hinterland, the frontier highway is a geostrategic imperative. The risk these complex infrastructures present leaves no scope for a second thought but to act urgently to protect the territorial integrity of India. The frontier highway manifests India's right intent and seriousness in addressing the possible dangers that the enemy constantly poses. The frontier highway will present the required checkmate to Chinese bullying attitudes in the region. Beijing's reaction to these infrastructural initiatives is not new. It always does this to keep itself relevant in the thick of things. However, it has no business in making any comment as Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of the sovereign India. China uses this drama to keep the issue alive and effectively uses its propaganda machinery to develop.

some geopolitical weight in the region.



Well-functioning market requires a suitable regulatory role of the state

Deepesh Sharma

The Modi government's main move in the Union Budget 2025 has been to cut personal income tax. As finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her speech, it is meant to boost demand in the economy. However, the government doesn't expect a higher-than-usual increase in other non-debt receipts and has budgeted a decline in the deficit. The budgeted capital expenditure is the same as the revised estimates for 2024-25. The tax cut should be seen in the context of other fiscal policy moves the Modi government has made in the last decade to boost growth. Since 2016, the Indian economy has struggled to sustain rapid growth. From 2016 to 2019, it was in a relentless showdown, with GDP growth falling to 3.9 per cent in 2019-20. The GDP then fell sharply in 2020-21 due to the pandemic. After this sharp decline, high GDP growth numbers created a false sense of complacency, but the compound annual growth rate between 2019-20 and 2024-25 is only 4.8 per cent. The latest GDP estimates suggest that the economy is slowing down again—with growth clocking at 5.4 per cent in the July-September quarter of 2024. Even if we set aside the critiques of GDP estimation in India, growth remains a topic of concern in policy conversations. The government's response to an economic challenge depends on what it considers to be the root cause. The Modi government's actions over the past



decade suggest that it seeks to address India's economic growth pangs through fiscal policy. Consequently, fiscal policy has done much of the heavy lifting in the government's growth strategy over the past decade. In the economic slowdown from 2016-17 to 2019-20, the government sought to maintain its expenditure. To do so without increasing the reported fiscal deficit, from 2017-18 to 2019-20, it transformed a significant part of its on-budget expenditure into off-budget expenditure done by public enterprises. It also sharply raised cesses and surcharges on petroleum products, which are not shared with the states. These unusual tactics allowed the government to spend more, and expenditure continued to outpace GDP growth. These tactics also allowed the government to introduce new cash transfer schemes such as PM KISAN and increase allocations to existing schemes. In 2019, in an effort to stimulate investment, the government announced major tax breaks for corporates, especially in manufacturing. At the time, corporate tax collection had

been growing rapidly while other taxes were struggling to deliver the budgeted increase. The tax cut led to a sharp reduction in the corporate tax to GDP ratio in the subsequent years. As the pandemic hit, fiscal policy became even more central. The pandemic allowed the government to suspend its concern for deficits and bring the off-budget expenditure to the Budget in 2020-21. For a few years, revenue expenditure as a percentage of GDP was higher than its pre-pandemic levels. Among other things, this allowed the government to increase subsidies and cash transfers, and introduce production-linked incentives for manufacturing in India. Total subsidies as a percentage of GDP have now gone back to their pre-pandemic levels. The most important change in expenditure since the pandemic has been in its composition. Of the Union government's total expenditure, the share of capital expenditure has increased. Its share rose from 12.5 per cent of total expenditure in 2019-20 to 22.2 per cent in 2023-24. In 2019-20, capital expenditure was 1.67 per cent of GDP. It

rose to 3.21 per cent.

in 2023-24, before moderating to 3.14 per cent in 2024-25 (revised estimates). It is again budgeted to be 3.14 per cent of GDP in 2025-26. At the same time, there was a reduction in capital expenditure by public enterprises in these years. If we consider the combined capital expenditure by the Union government and its public enterprises from the pre-pandemic years, there has been a decline. Between 2017-18 and 2019-20, the combined capital expenditure was 4.94 per cent of GDP, while it has been only 4.32 per cent of GDP between 2022-23 and 2024-25. This probably shows the limitations of implementation capacity that a capital expenditure strategy tends to run into. So, in the last decade, the government has tried a variety of fiscal tactics—from increasing expenditure by “creatively” easing the Budget constraints, to giving generous corporate tax cuts, to introducing new welfare schemes, to increasing on-budget capital expenditure. The cut in the personal income tax is the latest in this series of measures. If this does not work, there are other arrows in the fiscal quiver—cut in GST, for instance. The fiscal policy landscape in India is such that there are always some instruments at the government's disposal, especially because it borrows domestically for the most part, that too, through financial institutions it controls. All this tells us something about the government's explanation of

how the economy works and what the challenges are. The government probably does not see deeper problems in the political economy. Now that it has made so many fiscal policy interventions, perhaps it should consider whether these can truly address the growth pangs of the Indian economy. The fundamental challenge for the Indian economy for over a decade has been the lack of revival of private investment and the lackadaisical performance of merchandise exports. While the latter performed well for about six quarters in the post-pandemic period, this was due to temporary opportunities created at that time—the exports are now back to low growth. Similarly, there have been a few quarters of better private investment activity in recent years, but we are not yet in a period of revival. On the other hand, some high-productivity services sectors continue to be the silver lining. The IT services exports have continued to grow and export services such as business and management consultancy as well as public relations have doubled from the pre-pandemic years. The FM's Budget speech and Economic Survey 2024-25 hinted at actions beyond fiscal policy—deregulation and tax code simplification. Depending on what reforms will follow, these can be steps in the right direction. However, two points are worth considering.

First, mere deregulation is not enough—a well-functioning market requires a suitable regulatory role.

It shouldn't take anybody that much time to explain the applicable tax rates

Swati

While this may seem like a trivialisation of GST, it actually lays bare how the system has now rebounded on its initial promise of bringing ease of doing business in the country. The Finance Minister's four-minute explanation on the taxation of popcorn highlighted how complex the system has become. It shouldn't take anybody that much time to explain the applicable tax rates on a single product. Since then, GST has been ridiculed, derided, lamented about, and generally panned by laypeople and even former government officials who worked on its implementation. That is why India's Goods and Services Tax is ThePrint's Newsmaker of the Week. So, what is the issue behind GST on popcorn? You see, as per the taxman, depending on your taste preferences, popcorn can either be a namkeen (salty) or a

mithai (sweet) — forget that those two terms have never been used by anyone to refer to popcorn. Ready-to-eat popcorn, salted and spiced for taste, and sold loosely attracts a GST rate of 5 per cent. That same popcorn, if packaged and labelled, attracts a rate of 12 per cent. One wonders what happens if the vendor tears open the packet and sells loose popcorn to the customer. Perhaps the universe will explode, who knows? Things get even trickier when you talk about caramel popcorn. Those who prefer this flavour will have to shell out 18 per cent GST, regardless of whether it is packaged or sold loose. Then some head to the movie hall and ask for salted and caramel popcorn mixed together. What happens to them? Over the week, one particular meme stood out among the lot. It was a picture of salted caramel popcorn.

The fourth anniversary of the notorious fatwa of the late Imam Khomeini

Abhimanyu Sharma

To stand in this house is to be reminded of what is most beautiful about religious faith: its ability to give solace and to inspire, its aspiration to these great and lovely heights, in which strength and delicacy are so perfectly conjoined. In addition, to be asked to speak here on this day, the fourth anniversary of the notorious fatwa of the late Imam Khomeini, is a particular honour. When I was an undergraduate at this college, between 1965 and 1968, the years of flower-power and student power, I would have found the notion of delivering an address in King's Chapel pretty far-out, as we used to say; and yet, such are the journeys of one's life that here I stand. I am grateful to the Chapel and the college for extending this invitation, which I take as a gesture of solidarity and support, support not merely for one individual but, much more importantly, for the high moral principles of human rights and human freedoms that the Khomeini edict seeks so brutally to attack. For just as King's Chapel may be taken as a symbol of what is best about religion, so the fatwa has become a symbol of what is worst. It feels all the more appropriate to be speaking here because it was while in my final year of reading history at Cambridge that I came across the story of the so-called satanic verses or temptation of the Prophet Muhammad, and of his rejection of that temptation. That year, I had chosen as one of my special subjects a paper on Muhammad, the rise of Islam, and the caliphate. So few students chose this option that the lectures were cancelled. The other students switched to different special subjects. However, I was anxious to continue, and Arthur Hibbert, one of the King's history dons, agreed to supervise me. So as it happened I was, I think, the only student in Cambridge who took the paper. The

next year, I'm told, it was not offered again. This is the kind of thing that almost leads one to believe in the workings of a hidden hand. The story of the 'satanic verses' can be found, among other places, in the canonical writings of the classical writer al-Tabari. He tells us that on one occasion the Prophet was given verses which seemed to accept the divinity of the three most popular pagan goddesses of Mecca, thus compromising Islam's rigid monotheism. Later he rejected these verses as being a trick of the devil saying that Satan had appeared to him in the guise of the Archangel Gabriel and spoken 'satanic verses.' Historians have long speculated about this incident, wondering if perhaps the nascent religion had been offered a sort of deal by the pagan authorities of the city, which was flirted with and then refused. I felt the story humanized the Prophet, and, therefore made him more accessible, more easily comprehensible to a modern reader, for whom the presence of doubt in a human mind, and human imperfections in a great man's personality, can only make that mind, that personality, more attractive. Indeed, according to the traditions of the Prophet, even the Archangel Gabriel was understanding about the incident, assuring him that such things had befallen all the prophets, and that he need not worry about what had happened. It seems that the Archangel Gabriel, and the God in whose name he spoke, was rather more tolerant than some of those who presently affect to speak in the name of God. Khomeini's fatwa itself may be seen as a set of modern satanic verses. In the fatwa, once again, evil takes on the guise of virtue; and the faithful are deceived. It's important to remember what the fatwa is. One cannot properly call it a sentence, since it far exceeds its author's jurisdiction; since it contravenes fundamental principles.

A hundred and twenty years later, historians remain sceptical

Suman Singh

Circa 1900: Rudyard Kipling wrote Kim, placing the eponymous hero at the centre of the Great Game of espionage between the British Empire and Russia in the 19th century. The book is set after the Second Anglo-Afghan War, which ended in 1881, but before the Third, likely in the period 1893-98. Kim, short for Kimball O'Hara, is an impoverished Irish orphan who lives on the streets of Lahore and works for Mahbub Ali, a Pashtun horse trader. He later befriends an aged Tibetan lama, accompanies him on his journey along the Grand Trunk Road, learns

about the Great Game, and is eventually recruited by Mahbub Ali, who works for the British Secret Service in their quest to extend influence in both Afghanistan and Tibet. Whether or not the Great Game—the expression used by British imperialists to describe the perceived expansion of Russian influence in Afghanistan, Central Asia, and Tibet—actually existed, the fact remains that surveys were undertaken, expeditions mounted, spymasters recruited, and novels written, even as soldiers lost their lives. Taking a cue from Viceroy George Curzon, all pro-establishment papers—from the

Civil and Military Gazette of Lahore to The Pioneer of Lucknow, The Statesman of Calcutta (now Kolkata), and The Times of India of Bombay (now Mumbai)—concurred that Tsarist Russia posed a real threat to the jewel in Britain's crown. A hundred and twenty years later, historians remain sceptical of Curzon's assertions. Is the hue and cry about the Deep State similar to the Great Game? Whether or not it exists, whether it operates in all countries, and whether the 'deep state' of one country is connected with others through the dark web or entrenched corporate inter-

ests remains unclear, as the discourse is more ideological than empirical. Sometimes, those who claim to be part of the deep state ascribe to themselves a larger-than-life role in state affairs—for example, AS Dulat and Asad Durrani in their 2018 book The Spy Chronicles: RAW, ISI and the Illusion of Peace. Their claim to be arbiters of one of the most tense and difficult relationships in the region has been widely critiqued by reviewers. The term first gained wide currency in the context of Türkiye as derin devlet, which literally translates to “deep state” in English.

Global visa concerns boost Indian student interest in Germany

Delhi : As immigration restrictions increase in the US and UK, Indian students are choosing Germany for a safe and transparent academic path. German officials have reaffirmed their commitment to creating a stable, open environment for overseas learners, citing a 35% increase in Indian applications. German Ambassador Dr. Philipp Ackermann said "In the context of the difficulties Indian students face in other countries, we have seen a sharp rise in interest for German universities and research institutions. Applications are up over 35% in the last several months." German institutions have 50,000 Indian students, ranking fifth after the US, UK, Canada, and



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

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

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

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



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

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

Indian Army to host Spiti Marathon 2025 from Aug 22–24

, The Indian Army will host the second edition of the Surya Spiti Challenge – Spiti Marathon 2025 from August 22–24 in Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul & Spiti district. Held under Operation Sadbhavana, the high-altitude event offers four race categories -

77?km Kunzum La Ultra, 42?km Full Marathon, 21?km Half Marathon and 10?km run. The event aims to promote adventure sports, foster civil-military ties and highlight the region's strategic and cultural significance.

With ?30 lakh in prize money, it is open to civilians, athletes and defence personnel.

Supported by the HP Government, local administration, Himachal Tourism and other stakeholders, runners can register at www.spitimarathon.co

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

Delhi: Not only are women doing very well on various Chartered Accountancy exams, but they currently make up an unprecedented 48% of the candidates who qualify or pass the exams. Women certified public accountants now make about 30% of the field, a significant increase from 8% in the year 2000. Among the 8.63 lakh students, 43% are female. The attractiveness of accounting and auditing in India stems from a number of factors, including the country's low tuition rates, the abundance of available jobs, and the attractive starting wage of Rs 12.5 lakh for a fresh graduate. In 2020, four out of six top scorers were female; in 2021,



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

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

IT-Delhi rose 255 places to 171st globally

Delhi: Among Indian universities for sustainability, IIT-Delhi rose 255 places to 171st globally, according to 2025 QS Rankings released. The QS Sustainability Rankings include 78 Indian universities, with nine of the top 10 improving and 21 new institutions entering. Two IITs—Delhi and Kanpur—are in the world's top 100 for impact. With 177 and 67 rank improvements, each became fourth and fifth in India. Bangalore's IISc is among the world's top 50 environmental education schools.

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

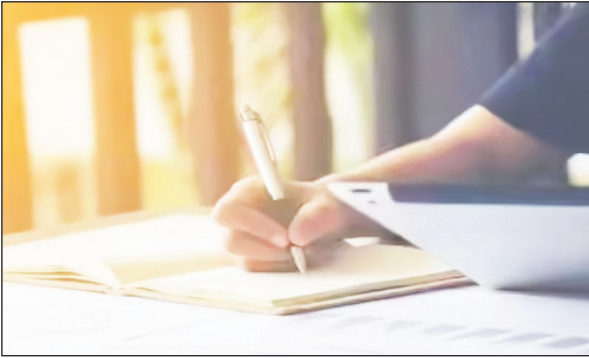


tions' implementation. He claimed that several courses were revised before reaching the Academic Council, circumventing academic process and endangering openness. Vice Chancellor Professor Yogesh Singh led the meeting, which con-

firmed Professor Rajni Abbi's appointment as Delhi University's South Campus director. The vice chancellor said the university is "fully prepared" for the National Education Policy 2020's fourth year of undergraduate study in 2025-26.

Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2025 exam on one day

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



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

Delhi: Indian students in Canada have reported receiving emails to resubmit study permits, visas, and educational records, including marks and attendance. IRCC, a federal department that handles foreign students, issued a request that panicked international students, many of whom have two-year visas. In response to the inflow of overseas students, IRCC is tightening its financial criteria and considering limitations on admissions. I was surprised by the email. My visa is valid till 2026, however I was requested to resubmit all my documentation "Avinash Kaushik, "They even want proof of attendance, marks, where we are working part-time, etc.," he said. Punjabi students reported a similar increase in emails .

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

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

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



Samsung may make India a US hub amid rising tariffs

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

are opting for stand-alone BTech programs rather than dual degree programs because of the many benefits that students in the former receive,

including hands-on experience in the field, internships, and early access to placement prospects by the third year.

The Indian Army to host Spiti Marathon 2025 at 10,000–14,000 ft from August 22–24

New Delhi: The Indian Army is organising the second edition of Surya Spiti Challenge - Spiti Marathon 2025 which is scheduled for August 22–24, 2025 at the Lahaul & Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh. This marathon is offering runners from around



the world an extraordinary opportunity to compete in one of the highest altitude marathons on the planet. With four race categories—including the 77?km Kunzum La Ultra, 42?km Full Marathon, 21?km Half Marathon and 10?km run as the event blends endurance, adventure and Himalayan panoramas in the quaint valley of Spiti. Organised under Operation Sadbhavana by the Indian Army, Spiti Marathon 2025 represents a mission to showcase the power of sport, community and India's Himalayan frontier. This year's event builds on the legacy of the inaugural High Altitude Marathon in Spiti which was first held on September 28–29, 2024 with the similar objectives A total of Rs 30 lakh prize money will be on stake across all categories. Registration is now open to athletes, civilians and defense personnel. A required medical examination during Bib collection ensures all runners are fit for high altitude.

TN should appeal SC ruling on domicile quota

Delhi: A day after the Supreme Court banned domicile-based reservation in specialized and higher education including PG medical courses, MK Stalin's Tamil Nadu government declared it would file a review petition to vindicate its rights and uphold social justice. Health minister Ma Subramanian said the SC order would affect the state's 69% reservation and quotas for in-service applicants in government medical colleges and minorities in self-financing medical colleges. He said that the order would violate state rights. The Union government receives 15% of undergraduate medical seats and 50% of postgraduate medical and super speciality seats through the state quota each year. "All super spe-



cialty seats were lost. "TN gave government doctors a quota for super speciality courses after a court battle," he told reporters. He stated the Centre takes seats unfilled due to a lack of candidates. He said states invest fully in PG and super speciality medical education but share 50% of all-India quota seats. "Now, the judgment deprives us of all seats," Subramanian told reporters. According to him, the verdict will have a major impact on 2025-26 admissions but not 2024.

BBL: Melbourne Stars sign Adam Milne

Melbourne: The Melbourne Stars have signed New Zealand fast bowler Adam Milne to play in the Big Bash League (BBL) before Christmas. He will replace Pakistan leg-spinner Osama Mir, who will not be able to play in the first three matches of this season. The Stars are set to announce a new captain this week after Glenn Maxwell became captain at the end of last season. Maxwell is unlikely to be fit for the first match against the Perth Scorchers on December 15.

This IIM Got Rs 54 Lakh Highest Salary, Rs 5 Lakh Summer

Delhi: IIMs and other premier management institutes are conducting their final placement drives. Final placement season at IIM Mumbai began on November 25 and ended. Microsoft offered the highest remuneration, Rs 54 lakh per year. Coca-Cola paid a record Rs 5 lakh for a two-month summer internship. This year, 78 firms offered 373 jobs at IIM Mumbai's final placement season. Popular brands include Amazon, Microsoft, and Coca-Cola. IIM Mumbai placements saw a 15% boost in average stipend, according to a report. Top 10% of the



cohort received an average pay of Rs 48 lakh in job placements. Additionally, the top 50% of the batch received an average remuneration of Rs 35 lakh. IIM Mumbai ranks sixth in NIRF 2024. After being known as NITIE

Mumbai and then NIIE, it became the Indian Institute of Management in 2023, becoming the 21st IIM in the country. MBA registration at IIM Mumbai began on November 4. Registration ends January 31, 2025.

Fewer dropouts, but school retention issues

Delhi: The Economic Survey 2024-25 released in Parliament shows that less than half of Indian students complete higher secondary education, despite declining dropout rates across all levels. Dropout rates were 1.9% for primary (Classes I to V), 5.2% for upper primary (Classes VI to VIII), and 14.1% for secondary. Retention rates—the percentage of children who stayed enrolled since first grade—were 85.4% for primary, 78% for elementary, 63.8% for secondary, and 45.6% for higher secondary.



According to the education ministry's Unified District Information System for Education-Plus (UDISE+ 2023-24) report, India's enormous educational system serves 248 million students in 1.5 million schools with 9.8 million instructors. Government schools make up 69% of schools, enroll 50% of pupils, and employ 51% of teachers. The research showed 22.5% private schools, 32.6% student enrollment, and 38% teachers. Digital infrastructure has improved. Computers in schools rose from 38.5% in 2019-20 to 57.2% in 2023-2024, while internet connectivity rose from 22.3% to 53.9%. The poll said the NEP 2020 is based on the idea that "education and human capital development are among the foundational pillars of development." The union government introduced NEP on July 29, 2020, to modernize the education system from school to higher education while maintaining it "rooted in Indianness". Higher education enrollment rose 26.5% to 43.3 million in 2021-22 from 3.42 crore in 2014-15, according to the poll. The poll found that tripling educational infrastructure would be needed to meet the government's 2035 goal of 50% GER in higher education.

Hartek Foundation and Narayan Seva Sansthan join hands to empower 50 disabled with prosthetic limbs

Chandigarh: In a meaningful step towards fostering an inclusive society, Hartek Foundation under the leadership of CEO Harkirat Kaur has partnered with Narayan Seva Sansthan (NSS) to provide prosthetic limbs to 50 differently-abled individuals. The collaboration marks a shared commitment to empower and uplift those with physical disabilities, enabling them to regain mobility, self-reliance and dignity. On this occasion, Palak Agarwal, Director, Narayan Seva Sansthan met Harkirat Kaur in Mohali and discussed the organisation's four-decade-long journey of humanitarian service which includes free surgeries, dis-



tribution of prosthetic limbs, assistive devices and skill development programs for lakhs of people across India. Inspired by NSS's impactful work, Hartek Foundation extended its support to help

50 individuals receive prosthetic limbs, giving them a new lease on life. Speaking on the occasion, Harkirat Kaur said that Narayan Seva Sansthan is not only working to uplift the differently abled

but also those overlooked by society. During a meeting in Mohali, NSS Director Palak Agarwal shared the organization's four-decade journey of humanitarian work, which includes free surgeries, distribution of prosthetic limbs, assistive devices, and

skill development programs benefiting lakhs across India. Inspired by NSS's impactful initiatives, Hartek Foundation pledged support to help restore mobility, self-reliance, and dignity to 50 individuals.

Kerala cuts minority scholarships due to financial difficulties

Delhi: Kerala's government has cut minority community scholarships by 50%, putting thousands of students' education at risk, citing the financial crisis. Nine of the 11 minority welfare scholarship programs originally allotted Rs 13.6 crore are affected by the decision.

The Government says the plan size reduction is a priority, but the disproportionate cut to minority student educational support raises questions about governmental priorities and social justice. Twitter shares The Prof Joseph Mundassery Scholarship, which received Rs 5.2 crore this



year, suffered most. It has saved Muslim, Sikh, Jain, and Parsi high-achieving children by paying Rs 10,000 to those who scored A-Plus in all SSLC subjects and Rs 15,000 to those who scored 80% in upper secondary or 75% in vocational higher secondary. It ensured that bright students from underprivileged backgrounds were not forced to drop

out due to financial constraints by prioritizing BPL students and providing provisions to economically weaker APL students. The crucial APJ Abdul Kalam Scholarship for minority students has also been cut in half. Those admitted to government-approved colleges on merit, with priority for BPL families, receive the Rs 6,000 grant.

The government of Maharashtra says it would not pay for eggs for the midday meal

Delhi: The opposition vehemently criticized the decision, as Maharashtra became the latest BJP-ruled state to ban eggs from midday meals for students in grades 1 through 8. The school education department changed the list of foods served during midday meals in a government resolution this week, eliminating the inclusion of sugar and eggs. Rather, it instructed schools to serve nachni sattv and "egg pulao" as optional meals. Nonetheless, it stated that these things, as well as sugar for desserts, had to be organized by the general public without the need for further government support. The state has changed the list to adhere to the meal items prescribed by the Center, accord-



ing to an official who defended the action. While some states use their own resources to offer eggs, the federal government, which provides 60% of the funding for midday meals, does not include them in its list. Goa and Madhya Pradesh recently banned eggs due to criticism from some groups. Aaditya Thackeray, a Sena (UBT) MLA, criticized the move and questioned why the government chose to substitute rice kheer and nachni sattv for eggs and sugar.

Adani cancels \$533mn US port loan in Sri Lanka

Delhi: After US securities and wire fraud allegations, Gautam Adani's Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone withdrew from a finance deal with a US agency for a Sri Lankan port terminal project and used its own resources. After the US indictment, American loans are harder to get. The US International Development Finance Corporation (IDFC) agreed to lend \$553 million to Sri Lanka. 's

Indian students in Canada panic as Ottawa requests docus again

Delhi: Indian students in Canada have reported receiving emails to resubmit study permits, visas, and educational records, including marks and attendance. IRCC, a federal department that handles foreign students, issued a request that panicked international students, many of whom have two-year visas. In response to the inflow of overseas students, IRCC is tightening its financial criteria and considering limitations on admissions. I was surprised by the email. My visa is valid till 2026, however I was requested to resubmit all my documentation. "Avinash Kaushik, "They even want proof of attendance, marks, where we are working part-time, etc.," he said. Punjabi students reported a similar increase in emails last week. Some were



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required to verify their credentials at IRCC headquarters in person. "Many students are confused and worried," Indian students have made up a large portion of Canada's rising international student enrollment. The ministry of external affairs reports that Canada has 4.2 lakh Indian students, followed by the US with 3.3 lakh. The sudden

email flood left pupils unsure about their future. "We chose Canada for its welcoming environment, but this unfair," said Adilabad-based business management student in British Columbia. Students want IRCC to clarify and resolve their concerns. For now, urge students to submit documents quickly to avoid difficulties. "

IIT Kharagpur teachers petition governors. Restore HoD positions

Delhi: The IIT Kharagpur Teachers' Association (IITTA) urged the institute's board of governors to expunge show-cause notices issued to 86 faculty members, restore their administrative positions, and protect the association's office bearers from arbitrary or retaliatory actions amid the faculty-administration dispute. In September, the IIT Kharagpur teachers' association accused director Virendra Kumar Tewari of "nepotism" and "arbitrary faculty recruitment" in a letter to the Union Ministry of Education, sparking a confrontation. They wanted an academically qualified, inclusive governance-experienced successor. When the administration sent show-cause notices to IITTA office bearers and disciplined them for not answering within seven days, tensions rose. Show cause notices were sent to 86 academic members who signed a petition supporting also said people who answered or apologized body meeting the IITTA approached the board of governors. They worry the administration may act fast and deny office bearers a fair hearing, further undermining trust.

Tiranga Yatra Pays Tribute to Armed Forces

Chandigarh: Nearly 500 people especially from the Sikh community, participated in the Tiranga Yatra organised by Dr. Jagmohan Singh Raju (Retd. IAS) with blessings from Sant Baba Pritpal Singh Ji. Beginning at Gurdwara GurSagar Sahib near Sukhna Lake and ending at Gurudwara Sahib, Sector 7, the procession celebrated patriotism and communal harmony. Participants carried the Indian Flag and Nishan Sahib, accompanied by a live band playing patriotic tunes. Leaders from Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian communities joined in. Dr. Raju called the Yatra a tribute to the Armed Forces and a symbol of India's strength and unity.

Appeal to overturn BNS parts rejected by HC

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



DJB served with a notice by NGT

Delhi: National Green Tribunal (NGT) has served notice on the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) following a petition alleging that private developers had unlawfully dug borewells and were drawing groundwater without authorization. According to the petitioner, Arun Kumar Tomar, nothing happened after he complained to the DJB chairman. According to Tomar, 19 private builders in Delhi had alleged-

Justice DK Upadhyay ruled that the bench did not have the authority to issue such

ly dug illegal borewells. The charges necessitate confirmation by means of a spot examination by the DJB, as pointed out Prakash Shrivastava. It further stated that the relevant SDM should subsequently take the required measures.

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

a directive because doing so would constitute legislation.

MCD outsourcing 300 community centers

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



corporation-run community centers are underutilized. MCD has 299 community halls, 21 of which are unusable due to maintenance and repair. All eight community centers are closed since the corporation's activities aren't popular. The audit of community hall operations also

showed the human resource shortage. A senior MCD official claimed community centers need staff. The community services department relies on community workers. These individuals will assist with water tanker bookings, operational issues, and maintenance.

The new Delhi drainage plan is due in 15 days

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

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

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



Muslims are the religion with the most rapid global expansion



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

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

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



retailer. He needed the extra cash. He ended himself in police custody after running afoul of the law as a result of this decision. Both incidents show how the bootlegging industry takes advantage of those who work in the gig economy by hiding behind the

image of a nice delivery boy. In the southeast Delhi neighborhood of Govindpuri, 25-year-old Khurshid was apprehended in an abnormally large e-cart bag containing 400 quarters of booze that was stamped "For sale in Haryana only."

A New Blood Donor App Is Coming Soon to Delhi

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

Delhi :

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



Corporation (DSCSC), and Delhi Consumer's Cooperative Wholesale Store (DCCWS). Under the present excise policy, the government of Delhi runs more than 700 vends for retail liquor sales through four agencies: DSIIDC, DTTDC, DSCSC, and DCCWS. The four com-

panies made Rs 2,403 crore from 15.93 crore bottles sold in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year. This year's sales have brought in an additional Rs 259 crore, according to officials. Government excise tax collection goal for 2025–26 is Rs 7,000 crore.

Govt plans 20km elevated corridor over Munak Canal

Delhi: Aiming to boost the city's transport infrastructure, Delhi govt, along with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), plans to construct a 20k-long elevated road over Munak canal, connecting Inderlok to Bawana in northwest Delhi. Chief minister Rekha Gupta has also said Delhi govt wants to undertake the maintenance of the canal and will take up the issue with her Haryana counterpart soon. Munak canal serves as a vital waterway connecting Haryana and Delhi, constructed with the primary purpose of minimising water wastage in the Western Yamuna Canal while ensuring reliable water delivery to the national capital. Authorities now plan to utilise the road infrastructure along the canal as the foun-



dation for an elevated corridor, in a move intended to reduce traffic congestion and enhance commuting efficiency throughout the area. Officials said the decision was taken during a high-level meeting between chief minister Gupta and minister Parvesh Verma. The project will be executed by NHAI while the Public Works Department (PWD) will oversee funding, land clearance and local coordination. The estimated cost of the project is about 3,000 crore.

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.

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

Delhi: Raj Niwas officials announced that Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena has authorized the continuation and increased pay of 410 part-time vocational teachers (PTVTs) in government and government-aided schools until March 2026. The Delhi education department requested that 402 qualified and eight non-qualified PTVTs continue services from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. LG approved the plan, they claimed. An official said the government has approved Rs



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

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

The Posh Act also applies to online sexual harassment.

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

and early 2000s. Since the CBSE replaced the vocational stream with the National Skills

Qualifications Framework, they have continued to offer vocational subjects.

E-auction of 177 apartments approved under housing project

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



Ashoka Pahari, Rohini,

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

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

'Physical, technical external interference': Azerbaijan Airlines

Azerbaijan Airlines on Friday revealed that initial investigation into the crash of its aircraft in Kazakhstan that killed 38 was likely due to "external interference of a physical and technical nature", fuelling discussions about potential involvement of Russian air defence systems. The airline has also halted operations to 10 airports in Russia, stating their decision was "based on the preliminary results of the investigation into the crash of the Embraer 190 aircraft operating the Baku-Grozny flight J2-8243 of Azerbaijan Airlines due to physical and technical external interference". This comes after, Russia, earlier in the day, put the blame on Ukraine, claiming that Ukrainian drones were attacking the city of Grozny as the Azerbaijani Airlines plane attempted to land, before its subsequent crash in Kazakhstan. "Ukrainian military



drones were carrying out terrorist attacks on civilian infrastructure... at the time," Chief of Russia's civil aviation authority Dmitry Yadrov said, adding that the plane made two unsuccessful attempts to land. "The pilot was offered alternative airports. He took the decision to go to Aktau airport" in Kazakhstan, he said. Also read: 'Ukrainian military was carrying out terrorist attacks when Azerbaijani flight tried to land,' claims Russia However, Ukraine has put the blame on Russia and said, "Russia must be held responsible for the downing of the Azerbaijan Airlines .

Balaji's mother opens up on his death: 'It doesn't look normal'

Balaji, who played a key role in organising data for OpenAI's models, resigned in August, calling its practices unfair. By November, The New York Times' lawyers named him as a key figure in their copyright case against OpenAI. However, on November 26, shortly after his 26th birthday, Balaji was found dead in his San apartment. Authorities ruled his death a suicide, yet his family remains unconvinced, pushing for a deeper investigation.

Elon criticises Bezos' ex-wife Scott for \$16 billion donation

Tech mogul Elon Musk described the philanthropic efforts of MacKenzie Scott, the ex-wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, as "concerning." His comment came in response to a social media post scrutinising Scott's extensive donations, alleging that her initiatives primarily fund non-profits promoting divisive ideologies rather than addressing pressing global issues. The post highlighted Scott's "trust-based philanthropy," which involves providing no-strings-attached grants to over 2,500 non-profits. It alleged that her focus on causes such as racial



equity, immigrant rights, and LGBTQ justice feeds what the post described as an "NGO/non-profit complex," creating jobs for individuals seeking to validate their expensive degrees. The post further detailed Scott's \$16 billion in donations over

five years, noting her wealth remains substantial at \$36 billion, boosted by Amazon's rising stock price. Scott, the ex-wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, has become one of the most prolific philanthropists in recent years.

MAGA Civil War: Why Indian-Americans, the new Jews, are irking Donald Trump supporters

There's a theory out there—wild, audacious, but surprisingly hard to dismiss—that just about everything worth celebrating in Western civilization was dreamed up, built, or perfected by Jews. From splitting the atom to decoding life itself, from rewriting the

rules of music to redefining what it means to be human, Jewish brilliance turned the world into their intellectual playground. Let's take a stroll down the hall of fame: J. Robert Oppenheimer, the "father of the atomic bomb," quite literally blew the lid off 20th-

century science. Albert Einstein, the cosmic poet, bent time and space to his will. Jonas Salk saved millions from polio, and Rosalind Franklin cracked the code of life itself with her DNA discoveries. And that's just the lab coats.

CNN's Scott Jennings mocks Vivek for 'prom queen' dig: 'Someone got stuffed in a locker'

CNN's Scott Jennings made fun of Vivek Ramaswamy's rant against the American culture over the H-1B row and without naming the DOGE co-chief, Jennings said someone got stuffed in a locker. "I'm not going to say who. Look, I think there's a way to talk about this that doesn't denigrate all of American culture," Jennings said without covering his feelings of hurt caused by Ramaswamy's strong words against America's prom queen culture. "I'm now understanding more and more how he got 100 votes in Iowa or whatever it was he got during the Iowa caucus," Jennings said taking another dig at Ramaswamy who had challenged Donald Trump in the



Republican primaries but got a very poor electoral support in Iowa which prompted him to end his campaign following which he endorsed Trump. After Trump's win in the election, Trump made Vivek Ramaswamy the co-chief of the Department of Government Efficiency along with Elon Musk.

The row goes back to Sriram Krishnan's advocacy

for removing the visa cam for countries.

Sriram Krishnan will work for artificial intelligence at the White House but the Indian-American's lobbying for more Indians in America by removing the cap on H-1B visas ruffled many feathers of Make America Great Again activists. But Elon Musk, Vivek Ramaswamy supported Sriram Krishnan's idea.

'Settle issues' of 1971, Yunus urges Pakistan PM, but mum on apology

Bangladesh's chief adviser, Muhammad Yunus, urged Pakistani PM Shehbaz Sharif to resolve outstanding issues from 1971 to improve bilateral relations. While Sharif highlighted the 1974 tripartite agreement, Yunus emphasized the importance of a SAARC summit. Both leaders agreed to strengthen ties through trade, cultural exchanges, and cooperation in areas like sugar industry and dengue management.

ISLAMABAD: A Pakistani minister on Wednesday defended the military trial of civilians, saying that such courts were competent to deal with the cases related to attacks on army facilities. Information minister Attaullah Tarar also urged the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) led by Imran to refrain from politicising or disputing the issue of military trials. "When an attack is carried out on a defence institution or its property is set ablaze, it becomes the responsibility of the relevant authorities to



apprehend the culprits. Just as railway police handle crimes on railway premises, military courts address offences targeting assets. So, when attacks on military assets occur, the Military Act is enforced," he said while addressing a press conference. Tarar criticised Khan's party for using military courts as a political

tool, aiming to create controversy around them. He clarified that military courts only handle cases involving attacks on defence establishments, citing incidents such as the attack on the Corps Commander's House in Lahore. The minister also criticised the PTI for changing its stance regarding trials of civilians in the military courts, recalling that during Khan's tenure, military court trials were praised. "The statements praising the military courts from PTI's leadership are still available on social media.

Rice shipment from India, first for Yunus government, to arrive today

DHAKA: Bangladesh is set to receive its first consignment of rice imported from India since the formation of the new interim govt even as it looks to be drawing closer to Pakistan than to its immediate neighbour India, which stood beside Bangladesh in 1971 through shared sacrifices. Bangladesh



had witnessed ships coming from Karachi twice in recent days. On Nov 13, for the first time since independence, a container-carrying ship sailing directly from Karachi had docked at Chhattogram (Chittagong). This time the ship "MV Tanais Dream", carrying 24,690 metric tonnes of parboiled rice imported from India under the open tender agreement, will arrive at Chaudagram port at 5.30am on Thursday. This is also the first consignment of parboiled rice imported from India

under the Nov 11 agreement. The unloading of the rice will start soon after samples of the rice are collected and after physical examination, said a senior Bangladesh food ministry official. Talking to diplomatic correspondents in Dhaka recently, Indian high commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma had said he was optimistic about Dhaka-Delhi relationship despite changes happening around. "This we look at the relationship. We have so many things to offer each other with our

Pak military court sentence 60 more civilians, including Imran's nephew

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's military courts sentenced another 60 civilians on Thursday to prison terms ranging from two to 10 years for their alleged involvement in violent attacks on military installations during the nationwide protests on May 9, 2023 following the brief arrest of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan on graft charges. The latest sentences were announced just days after the same courts handed prison terms ranging from two to 10 years to 25 civilians on similar allegations. Imran's nephew Hassan Khan Niazi, who was taken into military custody in Aug 2023, was one of two people sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment. The convictions followed a Supreme Court constitution bench order that had



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conditionally allowed military courts to pronounce verdicts on 85 under-custody civilians in cases related to the May 9 riots. "The Field General Court Martial has promulgated the punishments to the following remaining 60 culprits after examining all evidence, ensuring the provision of all legal rights to the convicts, completion of due process and the

appropriate legal proceedings," Inter-Services Public Relations, the army's media wing, said. "All convicts retain the right to appeal and other legal recourses, as guaranteed by the constitution and law.

"it stated. "The nation, govt, and the armed forces remain steadfast in their commitment to upholding justice and

Vietnam's restrictive internet law comes into force

A new internet law in Vietnam, Decree 147, gives the government increased control over internet access and content in the name of national security and social order. It mandates tech companies to store user data, verify accounts, and remove deemed illegal content within 24 hours. Critics argue this suppresses free speech and impacts livelihoods. A new internet law that gives the Vietnamese government expanded powers over internet services and people using them is set to officially take effect Wednesday. Decree 147 expands government control over access to information on the internet for reasons of "national security" and "social order." The law requires social media platforms providing services to users in Vietnam to store user data and provide it to authorities on demand. The government issued the decree this November, and it requires organizations to take down anything the authorities consider "illegal content" within 24 hours. Decree 147 has sparked concerns, with researchers and experts tracking the country saying that the law is part of a growing crackdown on civil society. "Because the Vietnamese police treat any criticism of the Communist Party of Vietnam as a national security matter, this decree will provide them with yet another tool to suppress dissent," said Patricia Gossman, associate Asia director at Human Rights Watch. The decree requires tech giants like Facebook and TikTok among other organizations,

