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

"Not only the world's eyes but also its trust is on India"

- Indian talent and Japanese technology are made for each other: Japanese PM
- Indian talent can lead global change: Modi
- Modi urged Japanese companies to join the Make in India



India and Japan committed to a peaceful, prosperous Indo-Pacific region: Modi

PM Modi said that India and Japan are fully committed to a free, open, peaceful, prosperous and rule-based Indo-Pacific region. We have similar concerns about terrorism and cyber security.

India. In the last two years alone, private investment of \$ 13 billion has been made. Describing the future direction, the Prime Minister emphasized on five areas - manufac-

turing, technology and innovation, green energy transition, next generation infrastructure and skill development. He said that Japan's excellence and India's scale together will

'Our joint credit mechanism for energy is a big win'

PM Modi said that our joint loan mechanism for energy is a big win. It shows that our green partnership is as strong as our economic partnership. In this direction, we are also launching sustainable fuel initiative and battery supply chain partnership. We are launching economic security cooperation initiative. We will move forward in important and strategic areas with a comprehensive approach. He said that cooperation in the high technology sector is a priority for both of us. In this regard, work is being done on Digital Partnership 2.0 and AI cooperation initiative. Semiconductors and rare earth minerals will be at the top.

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New Delhi. Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He has been appointed for three years. Now he will represent India in the IMF. According to a government notification issued by the Ministry of Personnel on August 28, the Appointments Committee.



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Kharge questions the government on America's tariff hike

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New Delhi: Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign policy over the imposition of additional tariffs of up to 25 per cent on Indian products by US President Donald

Trump. He said that India's national interest is paramount and any country that arbitrarily punishes our strategic autonomy does not understand India's strength. From threats of the Seventh Fleet to restrictions on nuclear

tests, we have maintained our relations with America with self-respect and dignity. Kharge alleged that the Modi government's diplomacy is faltering due to America's threats. Kharge said that despite knowing about Trump's reciprocal tariff plan, the Indian government did not make any concrete strategy to provide relief to sectors like MSME, agriculture, engineering, electronics, gems and jewellery, medicine, organic products, petroleum and textiles in the Union Budget. The President said that India's exports to the US were around Rs 7.51 lakh crore in 2024, in such a situation, the imposition of 50 percent tariff will put a direct economic burden.

CPSEs will play an important role : Murmu

New Delhi. President Draupadi Murmu has said that Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) will play an important role in achieving the national goal of building a developed India by the year 2047. She emphasized that Public Sector Enterprises (PSUs) are not limited to only economic and financial contribution

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presented SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises) Eminence Awards for the year 2022-23 at a function here on Friday. On this occasion, she said that these are a celebration of the multi-faceted contribution.

Harmanpreet's hat-trick helped India beat China



Rajgir: Hockey Asia Cup has started with a bang in Rajgir, Bihar. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the trophy. The Indian hockey team faced China in its first match which the hosts won 4-3. In this match, captain Harmanpreet Singh scored three goals and played an important role in India's victory. Apart from him, Jugraj Singh scored one goal. On the other hand, Chen Benhai, Gao Jiasheng and Du Shihao scored goals from China's side. China scored the opening goal in the first quarter and took a 1-0 lead against India. India made a comeback in the second

quarter and took a 2-1 lead with goals from Harmanpreet and Jugraj. In the third quarter, India scored one goal and China scored two goals and equalized the score to 3-3. In the fourth quarter, the Indian captain scored another goal to ensure victory. All seven goals were scored from drag flicks. India and China have been placed in Pool A along with Japan and Kazakhstan.

ED cannot act like a 'thug': Supreme Court

Rogue

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New Delhi. The Supreme Court has said that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) cannot act like a rogue and it has to remain within the ambit



of the law. The bench headed by Justice Suryakant said that the conviction rate in the case

of investigation being conducted by the ED is very low. The Supreme Court said that we are concerned about the image of the ED. Actually, the Supreme Court is hearing a review petition filed against the Supreme Court's order regarding the powers of the ED in the money laundering case. During the hearing, ASG SV Raju, appearing on behalf of the Center, questioned the suitability of the petition. He

said that the reason for the low conviction rate is that influential accused adopt a strategy to delay the hearing. He said that influential accused keep a large army of lawyers and file different applications at different stages. This disrupts the trial. During the hearing, Justice Ujjwal Bhuiyan mentioned one of his decisions in which five thousand cases were registered by the ED in five years.



Shobha Karandlaje said that the unemployment rate in India is continuously declining and it is

now in a better position than the international level. The minister said that the unemployment

rate as per usual status for persons aged 15 years and above was 6 percent in 2017-18, which has come down to only 3.2 percent in 2023-24. In particular, the unemployment rate among youth (15-29 years) was 17.8 percent in 2017-18, which has now come down to 10.2 percent, while according to the International Labor Organization, the

global youth unemployment rate is 13.3 percent. This shows that the situation of youth unemployment in India is better than the global average. He informed that the government has launched several schemes to provide employment to the youth and enhance their skill capabilities, which include Pradhan Mantri Employment

Handloom was a weapon of the non-violent movement for independence

New Delhi. Union Rural Development and Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Thursday held a virtual dialogue with lakhs of sisters of self-help groups across the country from Krishi Bhawan on National



Handloom Day. On this occasion, Shivraj Singh said that women are a form of power and a

unique example of creativity. He said that handloom is a symbol of self-reliance. Handloom was also a weapon of the non-violent movement for independence. Thousands of years ago, the amazing art of our rural artisans established its identity.

DM reviewed the arrangements and facilities available in cow protection centers

The District Magistrate directed to run a campaign once a week and protect the stray cows in cow protection centers



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Prayagraj. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma reviewed the arrangements and facilities available in cow protection centers in Sangam Auditorium on Friday and directed to keep all the necessary arrangements in order. He said that 100% CCTV cameras should be installed in

Reviewed

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all the cow shelters and there should not be any problem of shortage of green fodder, straw etc. anywhere. Along with this, he also directed that there should not be any

waterlogging and mud in the cow shelters. He has instructed all the Block Development Officers to visit the cow shelters regularly and maintain the arrangements properly. He has also instructed the concerned Sub-District Magistrates to inspect the arrangements and facilities available in the cow shelters and ensure them.

Major Dhyan Chand has increased the pride of the country by winning the Olympic gold medal in hockey - Durga Gupta

Sports competition organized in Sirsa's ML Public School on the birth anniversary of the great hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, children participated enthusiastically

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Meja. On the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, various sports competitions were organized in ML Public School located in Sirsa Bagh, in which the children of the school participated enthusiastically in running, kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, badminton. During this, a lot of enthusiasm was seen among the children. School chairman Durga Prasad Gupta, while encouraging the children, said that Major Dhyan Chand's birth anniversary is celebrated as National



good hockey player. He brought glory to India by winning three Olympic gold medals. In the same sequence, the school's principal Satish Upadhyay said that there was a time when hockey used to dominate the game, due to which India's name was heard all over the world. Major Dhyan Chand's birth anniversary is celebrated as National

Sports Day. On this occasion Neha Gupta, Savita Shukla, Puja Tripathi, Meenakshi Yadav, Iiti Singh, Reena Yadav, Manoj, Vijay Kumar, Kuldeep, Vipul, Navdeep, Rishi, Avinash, Abhiranjan, Kamlesh Madan Lal, Mohish Mishra, Kamlesh and Gaurav Pandey etc. along with many other teachers were prominently present.

Inter-state criminal injured, arrested in encounter

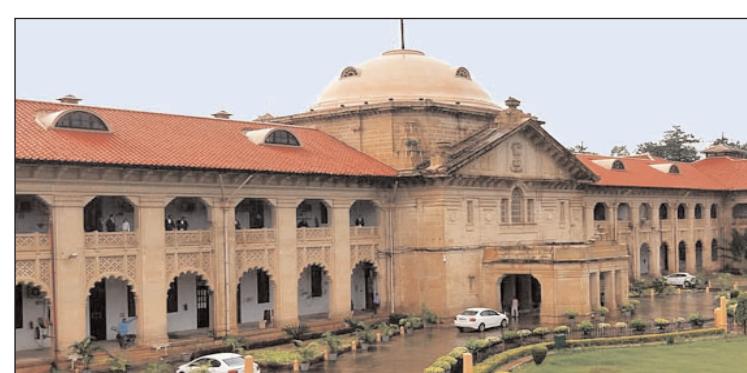
Mirzapur. An inter-state criminal wanted in the thefts that took place in several houses including a jewellery shop in Lalganj police station area recently, was injured in a police encounter on Friday night. In the retaliatory action of the police, the criminal was shot in the leg. A pistol, cartridges and a new Pulsar bike

were recovered from the spot. The injured criminal has been admitted to the hospital by the police for treatment. The encounter took place in the forest near Chitang turn. The police were checking suspicious vehicles at Chitang Tiraha, when two suspects riding a Pulsar bike were seen. When they tried to stop them, they opened fire on

Challenge in High Court on adjustment of teachers in council schools

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Prayagraj. The adjustment of teachers done by the Basic Education Council in council schools has been challenged in the Allahabad High Court. It is alleged that in the process of adjustment, the school has been allotted arbitrarily ignoring the rules. In the petition, a demand has been made to cancel the government order issued on 23 May and the transfer list of 1 July. The court of Justice Manju Rani Chauhan has directed the council and the state government to file a reply and counter-reply affidavit in this matter within eight weeks. Advocate Agnihotri Kumar



Tripathi, on behalf of petitioner Anil Kumar and others, argued that according to Rule 21 of the Right to Education Rules, the District Magistrate has the right to adjust in primary and upper primary schools, but this work was done by the Secretary, Basic

Education Council, which is outside the jurisdiction. It was said in the petition that—The Secretary arbitrarily declared the schools as surplus and having less number of students. There are also errors in the student-teacher ratio shown on the U-Dias portal

and it is not clear which session the figures belong to. Many schools which had a student strength of up to 60 were declared 'single schools'. The headmasters of schools with a student strength of 150 were also declared surplus, while this has been stayed by the Lucknow Bench. In schools with a student strength of 100, subject teachers were not taken care of and many teachers of the same subject were accommodated in the same school. The petitioners say that this adjustment process is against the education system and the interest of the students, hence the government order should be cancelled.

Distribution of relief material in Gram Panchayat Alhawa Koraon

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Koraon. Prayagraj. On Friday, with the efforts of Gram Panchayat Alhawa Gram Pradhan Srivastava, Anup Kumar, Saurabh Pandey, Surabhi, Virendra, Sardar Sukhwant Singh etc. of HCL Foundation. Pradhan said that those who help the poor are loved by God. All the guests were welcomed. Project Manager Sanjay Jaiswal, Ravi Shankar Shahzad Akhtar and the entire team of the said

institution provided assistance in the distribution work. Many people were present in the distribution ceremony. The village headman greeted all the officials and beneficiaries of the organization. Panchayat operator Nagendra Vishwakarma, employment servant Surya Din Singh, teachers, Anganwadi staff, sanitation workers, general public, headman representative Anas Ahmed etc. provided support.

62 devotees from Barabanki trapped in Vaishno Devi landslide, eating in langar

Barabanki. About 62 devotees from Barabanki are trapped due to landslide during Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra. 30 people led by BJP Mandal President Pawan Verma and 32 people led by BJP Mandal General Secretary Deepak Verma are included in this Yatra. As the situation worsened, the devotees have appealed to the administration for help. A group of 30 people from Gagauli village of Tehsil Sirauli Gauspur left from Lucknow on 25 August. These people reached Katra on 26 August and stayed in the hotel. The pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi was stopped due to landslide on the Yatra route. The devotees led by BJP Mandal President Pawan Verma are staying in the hotel since then. He told that they are eating food from the langar



set up by the sevadars. The stranded devotees have released a video on social media and appealed to the administration for help. These include members of many families including Sarwan Kumar Verma, Brijesh Kumar Verma, Kewal Rawat, Ajay Verma, Motakau Kaka, Akhilesh Verma, Vinay Verma. Group of 32 people also stuck in Jammu. These people have taken shelter in a temple. Due to lack of money, people of the village and BJP are sending help. This group also includes 9 women and 4 children. The devotees are currently taking shelter in Shri Banke Bihari Gorkha Temple, Shivaji Chowk Nanak Yatra team reached Katra on 24 August and visited Mata. During the return, a sudden landslide occurred at around 3 noon. Devotees told that before reaching Katra.

History-sheeter with a reward of Rs 25,000 arrested in encounter

Noida. Phase-1 police station arrested a history-sheeter with a reward of Rs 25,000 from near the drain of Sector 14-A during a police encounter late on Friday night. The bullet fired by the police hit his leg. Police recovered two mobile phones, country-made pistol, cartridges and motorcycle etc.



looted from various places

Yeida approves Film City layout

Deli: The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (Yeida) approved the layout design for the projected Film City in Sector 21, allowing filmmaker Boney Kapoor-led Bayview Bhutani Film City Private Limited to begin building. On December 24, 2024, Bayview Bhutani submitted the layout plan for clearance because work cannot begin without it. Yeida officials approved the layout plan following a thorough planning and high-level committee assessment.

from him. One of his associates fled from the spot taking advantage of the darkness.

Deputy Commissioner of Police - Zone I Yamuna Prasad said that Phase-1 police station was checking by putting up a barrier near Sector 14A late on Friday night, when two miscreants were seen coming on a

motorcycle. When the police signaled them to stop, instead of stopping, they started running by firing at the police team with the intention of killing them. He told that the police fired in retaliation. The bullet fired by the police hit the leg of a miscreant Danish son Manzoor Ali.

High Court seeks information on non-revision of pension of 85-year-old widow Petition

Information

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Prayagraj. Allahabad High Court has directed to obtain information from the permanent advocate on the petition filed against the Chief Treasurer Agra for not reviewing the family pension of Shashi Srivastava, the widow of Dr Prem Prakash Srivastava, who was the



Principal of Mufidayam Inter College, who is more than 85 years old. This order has been given by Justice Chandradhari Singh after hearing the advocate of the petitioner.

As per the rules, pension is re-determined at the age of 80 years and there are rules for re-revision of pension after every five years. But despite the repeated requests of the petitioner for re-inspection of his family pension, no action was taken by the Chief Treasurer Agra. Whereas in this regard, Additional Commissioner Agra and Additional Director Pension and Treasury Agra had issued several instructions to Chief Treasury Officer Agra. Aggrieved by this, he filed a petition.

CAPSULES

Encroachment in Khajura village: Court seeks response from Shahganj Tehsildar

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Prayagraj. Allahabad High Court has summoned a personal affidavit from Shahganj Tehsildar of Jaunpur district. The court has asked whether any appeal is pending against its order to remove encroachment from the Bhita and Chakroad of Khajura village. If an appeal is filed, it has to be told before which officer it is pending. At the same time, if no appeal is pending, then the Tehsildar will have to clarify why the eviction order has not been followed till now. The next hearing of the petition is scheduled on September 1. This order was given by Justice J.J. Munir while hearing the PIL of Sukhu Vishwakarma and others. Advocate Abhishek Yadav presented his side on the petition. He said that the Tehsildar had passed an order to evict the opponents number 6 and 7 from the land of the village assembly, but it was not complied with. On this, the court has issued a notice to the encroachers and sought a reply from the opponents including the state government.

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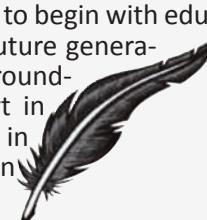
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Editorial

Together, these beliefs have created a culture

Our collective disconnect from public cleanliness, even as the country spends massive resources on cleanup efforts, underscores the gap between our pride in 'Swachh Bharat' and our behaviour in public spaces. Globally, cultures like Japan's have woven cleanliness into their social fabric through spiritual and cultural practices. For instance, Japanese fans at the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar gained worldwide admiration for cleaning the stadium after they won the World Cup. This wasn't a publicity stunt but a practice embedded in Japanese customs through the teachings of Shintoism and Buddhism, which view cleanliness as both a spiritual duty and a social obligation. Buddhist teachings, with their emphasis on purity and respect for the natural world, view cleanliness as essential to honouring the 'spirit', believed to inhabit every aspect of nature. Meanwhile, Zen Buddhism teaches mindful cleaning as an act of humility and self-discipline. Together, these beliefs have created a culture where maintaining cleanliness is as much an act of respect as it is of personal discipline. In India, we already practice similar values within the sanctuaries of our religious spaces. Gurudwaras around the world are exemplary in their commitment to cleanliness as a form of service, humility, and communal respect. Inside a gurudwara, volunteers of all backgrounds and ages perform 'sewa', including tasks such as washing used plates in the langar (community kitchen), cleaning the floors, and even cleaning the shoes of visitors. This devotion to cleanliness extends to the practice of washing hands and feet before entering the main prayer hall, ensuring both physical and spiritual purity. The ethos of cleanliness at religious places demonstrates that when society connects cleanliness with values of service, humility, and respect, it becomes a powerful practice. The care and respect people show in these spaces reflect values that can and should transcend religious contexts. The reverence with which people approach cleanliness in gurudwaras, where they freely clean for others as a form of humility and selfless service, could also extend to broader public spaces. By bringing these values from religious spaces into daily life, society can foster a shared sense of responsibility and pride in maintaining public cleanliness. In Japan, the commitment to cleanliness is nurtured from a young age, embedded in the education system itself. In Japanese schools, 'osouji' or cleaning time, is a daily activity where students, alongside their teachers, clean their classrooms, hallways, and even toilets. This practice, seen as integral to a student's development, teaches responsibility, respect for shared spaces, and the value of hard work. Unlike in many parts of the world where cleaning is seen as menial labour, in Japan, it is a way to build character and instill pride in maintaining a clean environment. Through 'osouji', students learn to respect others and being mindful of one's surroundings. By actively participating in cleaning from an early age, they understand that keeping spaces clean is everyone's duty, not just the responsibility of janitorial staff. This daily practice has led to a culture where respecting public spaces becomes second nature, as children grow up viewing cleanliness as part of their civic duty and self-respect. If India's education system were to adopt similar practices, we could see a generation raised to treat public spaces with the same reverence as private ones, paving the way for a culture that supports the Swachh Bharat mission at every level. For this cultural shift to happen, it's essential to begin with education. If we want to raise future generations who respect their surroundings, the journey must start in schools. By placing a broom in each child's hand, schools can cultivate an understanding.



Why India Needs Public-Private Partnerships In Healthcare

FDCs at private healthcare facilities, and patient counselling. However, the PPSA faces challenges in coordination, data management, patient tracking, resistance from private providers, and low uptake of FDCs. Recently, a collaboration between the PPSA and a for-profit organisation showed promise. These companies provide services such as drug delivery, sample collection, patient counselling, and online consultations. For instance, a pilot project, assessed by the Indian School of Business's Max Institute of Healthcare Management, explored the impact of this collaboration on FDC uptake

in Surat and Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Under the pilot, PPSA services remained intact, while the for-profit partner delivered FDCs directly to patients' homes. Patients uploaded their prescriptions online and received monthly refills, along with reminder calls. The results were encouraging: patients reported a preference for the convenience and privacy of home delivery, leading to a significant rise in FDC uptake. The willingness of private providers to share e-prescriptions reduced the need for monthly travel to clinics, ensuring continuous medication use. According to a report by the Indian School

of Business, the percentage of patients prescribed FDCs by private providers increased from 42.46 percent to 55.89 percent during the pilot. Public health workers employed by the PPSA played a critical role in educating patients, ensuring medication adherence, reducing stigma, and coordinating care. This example highlights the importance of generating more evidence on the impact of existing private sector engagement models, while also exploring novel approaches to healthcare delivery. As India undergoes an epidemiological shift from acute, communicable diseases to NCDs and chronic

conditions, new models for private sector engagement are essential. These models should focus on population health management, care continuity, and value-based approaches to healthcare financing and delivery. Moreover, technological advancements in artificial intelligence and data science can enhance the effectiveness and reach of these partnerships.

As of today, India's healthcare system stands at a crossroads; by fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors, it can build a more robust, responsive system that benefits both patients and providers.

A period of transformational change, depending on who is asked



People stood in long queues to cast their vote in an Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir after a gap of ten long years. PM Modi called it Naya Kashmir as he aimed his dart at the 'teen khandan', the three dynasties—Congress, JKNC and PDP. It's been a long ten years in the Valley. There have been other decades marked by turbulence. But none like the past decade—a period of transformational change, depending on who is asked. The ten years carry a lot of weight and significance. On 18 September, Kashmiris, for the first time, voted not for a state but a Union Territory. The region's status changed in 2019, following the abrogation of Article 370 by the Modi government. Many other firsts are also taking place during these keenly watched elections: Established political parties being pitched against several Independent candidates, who are backed by organisations like the banned Jamaat-e-Islami; the entry of Engineer Abdul Rashid; and the absence of stalwarts such as Mehbooba Mufti. It led to the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir becoming fiercely competitive, which is why the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are ThePrint's Newsmaker Of The Week. The main parties in the fray are the INDIA bloc's National Conference (NC) and Congress, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and the Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP). During the last election BJP and PDP had entered into an alliance. This election also has the second-highest number of Independent candidates since 2008. These elections carry a lot of political weight for the BJP, even beyond the region. The Modi government has been showcasing the abrogation of Article 370 as one of its key achievements. After the recent delimitation exercise, Kashmir has 47 seats and Jammu has 43. Twenty-four Assembly seats in seven districts went to polls on Wednesday. Delimitation led to an increase in seats in Hindu-dominated Jammu and nine seats being reserved for the Scheduled Tribe community, the BJP is

hoping to be a formidable force in Jammu even as it continues to face several challenges in the region. When it comes to the Kashmir valley, BJP has very little influence. For the National Conference too, these elections carry a lot of importance. Former CM of Kashmir and chairperson of NC, Omar Abdullah, lost to Engineer Rashid during the Lok Sabha elections. After making several statements about not contesting elections unless statehood is restored to J&K, he has decided to take the plunge. BJP has also brought up statehood multiple times. On 7 March this year, while launching an 'Integrated Development of Hazratbal Shrine' in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi made a strong emotional pitch to the people of J&K. He guaranteed to his "family in J&K" that "under no circumstances would development grind to a halt" in the UT. Modi continued the same rhetoric on Thursday at the rally in support of BJP candidates in Srinagar's Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium. He spoke about BJP's promise to restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, empowerment and development. The withdrawal of Article 370 and statehood have emerged as major issues in these elections. Employment is also another significant concern. Quite naturally, the people in the region are divided regarding Article 370. There is deep dissatisfaction in some cir-

cles regarding its abrogation.

And as candidates canvas the region, a sense of fear lingers in the air. Dressed in a beige suit with a floral print and an off-white dupatta around her head, 36-year-old PDP leader Iltija Mufti waves to a group of women in a small village in Anantnag. An old woman holds her hands and tells her she wants to whisper something in her ears—her family member is languishing in jail due to a UAPA charge. Most political parties have promised to look into the issue of 'innocent Kashmiris' imprisoned under UAPA and PSA. This air of dissatisfaction has played a significant role in connecting people with the election process. There was a 61.38 per cent turnout of voters in Jammu and Kashmir for the first phase of polling. It overtook the record-breaking turnout for the Lok Sabha elections this year, which was 58.46 per cent. The fact that scores of people are coming out to vote shows how voting itself has become an act of resistance and solidarity. This is in contrast to the last 30 to 40 years. Earlier, such discontent was used to support separatism and extremism, which led to appeals, threats and warnings to boycott the elections. But this time the long queues of voters did not allow that to. But the most important feature of these elections is that they have been quite peaceful.

Are flight bomb threats pranks or conspiracy? Cost of 'hoax' to Indian aviation is real

Indian aviation is going through serious turbulence. In about two weeks, more than 510 domestic and international flights have been hit by hoax bomb threats, causing delays, emergency landings, soaring costs for airlines, and panic in the skies. Indian carriers such as Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, and Vistara have taken the brunt, with a peak when over 100 flights were targeted. That's why these hoax threats on flights are Newsmaker of the Week. Since the threats started in mid-October, the government and law enforcement agencies have been working urgently to identify the perpetrators and to stop further incidents. Despite various leads, a few arrests, and suspicions of Sikh radicals being involved, they have yet to find conclusive answers. In the meantime, airlines are following strict protocols to handle such threats. An airline source said that when a bomb threat is reported, it is immediately relayed to designated security agencies as well as the air-

line's security team. Following protocol, the aircraft in question is directed to an isolation bay, where security officials take over. "Passengers and crew are evacuated, after which the aircraft undergoes a thorough inspection by their (security agency) teams. These checks are conducted on the aircraft, luggage, and cargo to ensure complete safety," the source added. Just days after the threats started, central intelligence agencies traced some of them to IP addresses in London and Germany. A few arrests have been made, too. On 16 October, Mumbai Police detained a 17-year-old school dropout from Chhattisgarh who allegedly issued threats to four flights on 14 October to frame a friend over a money dispute. Last week, a 25-year-old unemployed man from Delhi was also arrested for making similar threats. Delhi Police officials claimed the man admitted to making the threats just to draw attention to himself.

Film stars get a headstart like no other when it comes to public

The event attracted nearly three lakh supporters as well as eyeballs—if the large number of TV viewers are considered—and Vijay made it clear he has his eyes set on the 2026 assembly elections. Laying down the contours of his party's political values, he invoked the likes of Periyar, Ambedkar, Kamaraj, Anjalai Ammal, and Velu Nachiar. He implied that the BJP is his ideological enemy and the DMK, his political adversary. But he tied himself in knots by idolising Periyar, arguably the greatest iconoclast ever in terms of smashing and disfiguring Hindu gods, and in the same breath, swearing by respect for all religions and castes. Be that as it may. Film stars get a headstart like no other when it comes to public engagement. Directors allow them the latitude to tailor scripts, accommodating one-liners intended to hint at their views on the ruling dispensation, even if some of these lines are inane or incoherent. A doctor or lawyer, for example, may be equally successful.

Yet, he doesn't have the kind of mass reach and appeal that an actor enjoys. Indeed, cinema pans out to a very large audience. Karl Marx said religion is the opium of the masses. What he said has over the years come to be extended to cinema and cricket in the Indian context. But then, despite the head start and natural advantage over other wannabes, not all film stars are successful in the rough and tumble of politics. If MGR, and Jayalalithaa who inherited his mantle, were successful, Vijay Kant, Kamal Hassan and Rajnikant either turned out to be damp squibs or got cold reception from the masses in the political arena. Which testifies to the fact that politics is a different ball game. Regional parties in India have had a chequered history and record. Only the Trinamool Congress, founded by

the firebrand as a breakaway faction of the Congress party, has enjoyed unalloyed success in West Bengal. Mamata Banerjee hasn't allowed any other regional party to spring up, much less take roots in West Bengal in the last more than 15 years. In Bihar, the two major regional parties, the JDU and RJD, take turns to rule and sometimes join hands to rule. In Maharashtra, which is going to polls soon, there were two principal regional parties, the NCP and Shiv Sena. Both of them have split amoeba-like, through a process called binary fission, to spawn two more political parties claiming to be the original with the parent being the clone. The point is that having more than one regional political party leads to them fighting each other, thereby yielding space to the mainstream political party. In Tamil Nadu, the DMK and its breakaway group the AIADMK have been ruling the state for more than half a century now.

It is a unique state in that where the Dravidian movement, at loggerheads with the mainstream Hindu worldview, still holds sway over the masses. Rajinikanth, perhaps, saw the writing on the wall and quietly wriggled out of his commitment to enter politics at the appropriate time. Vijay is much younger and maybe made of sterner stuff. He might not adhere to the adage that if you can't beat them, join them. Time alone will tell. The upcoming 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly elections would see two stormy petrels, Annamalai of the BJP and Vijay, trying to rock the deep-rooted Dravidian parties. To BJP's credit, it has a distinct economic and social vision for the nation for good or bad, which while making a favourable impact in other parts of the country, falls flat in Tamil Nadu. Vijay is an unknown quantity.

Production of Samsung Laptops in India Commences at Greater Noida Factory



Delhi : Adding to its already substantial local production portfolio, Samsung reportedly broke new ground at its Greater Noida plant and began making laptops in India. Samsung has been making phones, tablets, wearables, and other gadgets in India for a long time, but this move adds a new dimension to their activities there. Reports indicate that Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, met with high-ranking Samsung officials, including SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, and JB Park, President and CEO of Samsung Southwest Asia. Following the gathering, Vaishnaw made the following statement: "Samsung continues to expand manufacturing of its advanced technology devices in Bharat, driven by talent and innovation." Among the first global electronics manufacturing facilities in the country, the Greater Noida facility of Samsung was founded in 1996 and presently acts as a hub for a varied range of products. In addition to being the country's number two exporter of handsets, behind only Apple, Samsung also has its second-largest mobile phone manufacturing operation in India. When it comes to smartphone market share and value, Samsung is ranked second by Counterpoint Research.

Reduced minimum account balance requirement at ICICI Bank from Rs 50,000 to Rs 15,000



Delhi : The monthly average balance (MAB) requirement for new savings accounts established after August 1 has been withdrawn by ICICI Bank and replaced with a new barrier of Rs 15,000. The higher balance requirement was criticized for restricting access to banking, leading to a social media reaction that prompted this modification. After hearing from customers, the bank stated it has adjusted its pricing schedule and MAB criteria. Salary accounts, accounts for seniors over 60, basic accounts/PM Jan Dhan Yojana accounts, and accounts created prior to July 31, 2025 are exempt

from the modifications. The news that HDFC Bank has increased the MAB threshold to Rs 25,000 has been disputed by the bank. The bank clarified that

UPI connection boosts RuPay credit cards

Delhi : UPI (Unified Payments Interface) integration has boosted RuPay credit cards, with 75% of 'Credit Cards (CC) on UPI' transactions happening at small businesses, according to a Thursday report. Kiwi found that 'Credit Cards on UPI' was most popular among young folks under 40. CC on UPI is the main payment method, with consumers spending over Rs 22,000 monthly. UPI CCs average 21 transactions each month, four times more than real credit cards.

"RuPay Credit Cards' market share rose from 3% in FY23 to 10% in FY24. "UPI's success is



largely responsible," stated Kiwi Co-founder Mohit Bedi. Virtual credit cards are growing rapidly. He stated that about 20% of credit cards issued in the country are virtual. The survey found that UPI CC transactions average

Rs 1,125, compared to Rs 4,000 for standard credit cards. The survey also found that supermarket and Kirana stores used CC on UPI the most (33%), followed by clothes and electronics (15%) and food and dining (7%).

Claims of wrongdoing in duty-free import system made by GTRI

Delhi : Unsavory characters allegedly used the duty-free import-authorization (DFIA) scheme to bring in saffron, walnuts, and lithium ion batteries to make biscuits, pickles, and tractors, according to think tank GTRI's allegations. The process was being abused

because licenses could be traded, and some of these commodities are subject to significant charges. Honestly, they were never even considered for a production role. As authorities turn a blind eye, a group of dealers has been able to drain the government coffers thanks to a concoction of ill-defined policies, slack enforcement, and unrealistic legal interpretations. It said that what should have been a lifeline for exporters had instead become a path for legalized smuggling. Upon inquiry, the commerce department clarified that the plan solely.

Anil Ambani's Settlement Proposal in the Investment Matter Rejected



The moment to invest in India is now, according to Jefferies' Wood.

Delhi : India should resist US President Trump's efforts to increase tariffs, according to Christopher Wood, a prominent developing markets analyst at global brokerage giant Jefferies. Given the current global circumstances, he urged Jefferies' customers to purchase India instead of selling. According to Wood, if Trump continues to oppose major economies, de-dollarization of the Brics bloc—which includes South Africa, Brazil, Russia, India, and China—could be expedited.

The costs relate to the time prior to the 2019 sale of the mutual fund business to Nippon Life Insurance. Based on SEBI's findings, the investments were associated with loans made by Yes Bank to

other Anil Ambani group firms. The fund's activities, according to a regulator, resulted in 1,828 crore in investor losses and had a "market-wide impact."

Google makes a minority investment of \$350 million in Flipkart

Delhi : According to reports, Google contributed roughly \$350 million to Flipkart's almost \$1 billion fundraising round, which was spearheaded by parent company Walmart. Flipkart declined to comment on the funding's details, but sources informed that the internet giant has contributed roughly \$350 million for a minority interest in the company. The investment round has concluded with Google joining, increasing Flipkart's worth to much beyond \$35 billion, according to sources. Walmart contributed approximately \$600 million to Flipkart during the investment round that concluded in December of last year. In 2021, Flipkart completed its largest funding round, raising \$3.6 billion at a valuation of \$37.6 billion from

Boost For Quick Commerce Foray

- Google has been ramping up its India investments and may look at extending its partnership with Flipkart to other areas as well, according to market advisors
- With Google on board, the \$1bn investment round has been closed, taking Flipkart's valuation to over \$35bn. The funding comes in handy for

Flipkart as it looks to enter the quick commerce space

- Flipkart has been in a partnership with Google Cloud since 2022
- The company, which competes with players like Amazon and SoftBank-backed Meesho to cater to customers who are increasingly going digital, has been leveraging Google's cloud stack to widen tech capabilities and reach more users

investors in a deal led by Walmart. It is believed that the company's valuation was modified to \$33 billion following the 2022 separation of fintech PhonePe from the group. Flipkart stated that regulatory permissions are a prerequisite for the investment. "Google's proposed investment and its cloud collaboration will help Flipkart expand its business and advance the modernisation of its digital infrastructure to serve customers across the country,"

the company said in a statement. Google Cloud and Flipkart have been partnered since 2022. Flipkart has been using Google's cloud stack to expand its IT capabilities and reach more consumers. Flipkart competes with players like Amazon and Meesho, which is sponsored by SoftBank, to cater to clients who are increasingly turning digital. In a \$1.4 billion investment round in 2017, Flipkart received backing from Tencent, Microsoft, and other competitors of Google.

Looking beyond textiles for India sourcing, Ikea



Delhi : CEO of the Swedish retailer's India unit, who assumed control earlier this month, companies are being compelled to diversify their supply chains in response to global trade wars. India will play a crucial role in this strategy, as Ikea is expanding its sourcing capabilities beyond textiles to include plastic, metals, and furniture. Importing goods (mostly textiles) from India to the US would drive up retail costs for Americans, but in India, Ikea might increase its overall exports and lower prices for locals by increasing its use of local suppliers. Despite Europe and Asia being Ikea's largest supplier regions, the business has been mum on the topic of whether it will move US sourcing away from India. The majority of Ikea's US sales are made in other nations.

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Results for Hindalco Industries' first quarter: 4,004 crore net profit, a 30% increase

Delhi : Despite a 30% increase in net profit for the June quarter, metals major Hindalco Industries cautioned that its subsidiary Novelis will be affected by the 50% tariff that has been placed on aluminum shipments to the US. The Canadian factory of Novelis is responsible for the export of aluminum products. Hindalco's managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO), Satish Pai, stated that the tariff imposed by the US could damage demand in India, even though demand for its goods remained high. While Hindalco's exports from India to nations in the Southeast are unaffected, Pai did say that the demand would be affected by the tariff's increase from 25% to 50%. According to him, demand from American car manufacturers was strong, while demand from the housing and aluminum can industries was slow. For the first three months of fiscal year (FY) 26, Novelis reported a net income of \$96 million, a decrease of 36% year over year.

Sign in to shop high-end labels like Bvlgari and Sabyasachi use e-tail

Delhi : People usually picture massive physical stores when they think of high-end labels. But new entrants, such as the Indian luxury label Sabyasachi and international powerhouses Bvlgari, Chanel, and Rado, are shaking up the industry standard by moving their operations online.

Aadhaar, PAN, and voter ID are not evidence of citizenship

Delhi :

Aadhaar, PAN, voter ID, or passport alone does not constitute sufficient proof of Indian citizenship, according to a 12 August ruling by the Bombay High Court. An alleged man from Bangladesh was denied bail while facing charges of unlawfully entering India and obtaining fraudulent credentials. The responsibility of providing evidence of citizenship rests on the individual, as stated by the bench in Section 9 of the Citizenship Act, 1955. The accused did not present proper identification, such as a passport or a certificate issued under Indian law, despite their claim to be an Indian citizen. The decision emphasizes once again that having widely used identification documents does not negate the need to provide proof of nationality. His phone apparently had birth certificates



All 226 police stations in Delhi notified for court depositions via video conference

Delhi : In an effort to streamline procedures and cut down on travel time, officials informed us that Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena authorized a notification designating all 226 police stations in Delhi to have their personnel participate in virtual court appearances by submitting evidence through videoconferencing. The move will allow police personnel to depose before courts without traveling, freeing up significant manpower and resources, according to a senior member of the LG secretariat. This is in accordance with the draft model guidelines of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. No one other than law enforcement officers will be able to use the facility; there will be no interrogation of witnesses conducted there. In the past, these types of facilities were exclusively found in certain government offices, prisons, hospitals, the Forensic Science Laboratory, and the Delhi High Court and district courts.

The officer, who asked to remain anonymous,

DDA plans to unveil the premium housing concept

Delhi : End of August will see the debut of the Delhi Development Authority's Premium Housing Scheme 2025. In Jahangirpuri, Nand Nagri, Pitampura, Ashok Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Jasola, Rohini, and Shalimar Bagh, approximately 250 apartments and garages for cars and scooters would be up for grabs through online bidding under the scheme.

The plan, which was greenlit at the July 11 meeting of the authority presided over by LG VK Saxena, comprises of the following: 39 apartments for the high-income group in



Vasant Kunj, Pocket 9B in Jasola, and Sector 19B in Dwarka; 48 apartments for the middle-income group in Jahangirpuri, Nand Nagri, Dwarka, and Pitampura; and 22 apartments for the low-income group in Rohini.

"The scheme also

includes 16 car garages in Pitampura and 51 scooter garages across Mall Road and Ashok Vihar, offering comprehensive options for both housing and parking in some of Delhi's most prominent localities," the government said.

Indian nationals living abroad face stricter regulations from the govt.

Delhi : Some restrictions have been imposed on Indian nationals living abroad by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Any person found guilty of a crime carrying a seven-year prison term or a two-year prison sentence would have their OCI reg-

istration revoked, according to the ministry. According to the Akashvani correspondent, Indian nationals and their spouses can apply for OCI cards, which grant them perpetual, multi-entry visas and specific economic and educational

privileges. This rule is applicable regardless of where the conviction took place, so long as the crime is recognized under Indian law. Foreign nationals of Indian origin are eligible for special rights and privileges as OCIs.

The DDA has allotted 55 r for a 5-star hotel on land in Nehru Place



needed funds for DDA while also bolstering the hospitality sector. "It was on the directions of lieutenant governor VK Saxena that DDA decided to move

away from the existing freehold and perpetual lease models and chose a 'special licence property' mode to offer lands for prominent projects on annual incre-

In Just Two Years, E-rickshaws Have Tripled the Number of Violations Seen on City Roads

Delhi : E-rickshaws invade the exits, block roadways, and willfully disobey traffic regulations every day, especially during peak hours. This causes metro stations, prominent markets, and even important arteries across Delhi to become battlefields. Day after day, things deteriorate. They may have twice as many people on the ground as their official registration figure of about 1.2 lakh. As



a result, e-rickshaws from the eastern city of Laxmi Nagar to the southern city of Chittaranjan Park overcrowd, park in an erratic manner, and squeeze past larger

cars, frequently using the incorrect side of the road, due to their diminutive size. They have upset the traffic rhythm by repeatedly honking, abruptly stopping, making irregular turns, and jumping red lights. From January to July of this year, the number of challans against these electric vehicles increased from 89,551 in 2023 to 2,69,612, which is more than double the number from July of the previous year, at 1,30,284. These tricycles used to be a lifesaver for the city's public transportation system's last-mile link, but today they're just a nuisance.

ELV owners seek Supreme Court redress as it reviews its 2018 ruling



Delhi: The Supreme Court has effectively stayed the implementation of its own October 2018 order that signed off on a 2014 National Green Tribunal order to keep polluting vehicles off the roads in an attempt to combat the Capital's noxious air, by directing no coercive action to be taken against those driving diesel and gasoline vehicles in Delhi that are 10 and 15 years old, respectively. The orders from 2014 and 2018 were never strictly enforced, but in April 2025, the newly elected Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Union territory attempted to do so by refusing fuel to

Anjaria, and Chief Justice Bhushan R. Gavai of India's bench ruled that, "In the meantime, no coercive steps shall be taken against the owners of cars on the ground that they are 10 years old in respect of diesel and 15 years in respect of petrol vehicles." After four weeks, the Delhi government's application was noticed by the court, and the matter was postponed.

Justices K Vinod Chandran, NV

A daily expenditure of 110 per dog could be imposed by SC on MCD



Delhi : The early assessment by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) indicates that relocating the city's around one million stray canines to permanent shelters could cost the financially challenged organization almost 11 crore per day. The enormous financial ramifications of the recent Supreme Court judgment on stray dog relocation are highlighted by the fact that officials estimated a daily cost of at least 110 per dog, which would include expenses such as feeding, transportation, cleaning, medical treatment, personnel, and utilities. Elderly members of the community

made the statement. Efforts to determine costs and possible shelter locations began with preliminary talks, which were postponed until an official Supreme Court order could be obtained. Feeding, boarding, cleaning, medical

treatment, personnel, and operational costs like water and energy add up to an estimated daily cost of one dog based on inputs from shelter operators and officials. According to a senior civic official, the daily expense of relocating all one

Record bank earnings benefit poor, MSME loans

Delhi: Modi said record bank profits in FY24 would enhance credit to the poor, farmers, and MSMEs, celebrating the revival of financial institutions that were plagued by bad loans. Modi posted on X that the banking sector had a remarkable comeback in the last 10 years' with net profit topping Rs 3 lakh crore in FY24. Due to UPA's phone-banking policies, our banks had large NPAs and losses when we took power. The underprivileged were denied bank accounts "Modi remarked. "This improvement in the health of banks will help improve credit availability to our poor, farmers and MSMEs," he said. Modi's X comments on the banking sector's FY24 milestone earnings. Public sector banks made a record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in net profit in FY24, up 34% from Rs 1.05 lakh crore. Private banks grew 42% faster, raising their net profit to Rs 1.7 lakh crore from Rs 1.2 lakh crore a year earlier.

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Tihar Jail extortion racket: nine officers sent on administrative leave

Delhi: Nine personnel at Tihar Jail are facing disciplinary procedures after the Delhi government informed the High Court that they were involved in a suspected extortion racket involving inmates. The petitioner, a former prisoner who claimed extortion and security breaches, made the submission at the hearing. A bench consisting of Justice Tushar Rao Gedela and Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyaya set a date for October 28 and gave the Delhi administration and the CBI eight weeks to provide progress reports. "Nine jail officials have been suspended," stated the Delhi government's attorney. Allegations of an extortion ring operating within Tihar were mandated by the court to register a FIR by the CBI.

The Delhi Metro is facing a notice from the Court

Delhi : Women riders in Delhi have been complaining to the Delhi High Court about the malfunctioning or broken sanitary pad vending machines at metro stations around the city. The court has now requested a response from the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). Notifications were issued to DMRC, the Delhi government, and other relevant authorities by a bench consisting of chief judge D K Upadhyaya and justice Tushar Rao Gedela following a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Nikhil Goyal. The court ordered DMRC to furnish information regarding the quantity and status of operating vending machines and disposal units situated throughout metro stations.

UPSC raises concerns about understaffing, while aviation regulator seeks independence



Delhi : Citing internal projections showing that only 294 new hires are probable in the next six months due to bureaucratic delays, India's aviation safety body seeks more autonomy from government recruiting processes. Concerns about safety are on the rise in the industry.

Despite these additions, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) informed the government that it will only be able to function with 847 personnel out of 1,063 sanctioned positions. This shows that conventional recruitment strategies are not enough to meet the demands of the world's fastest-growing aviation business. The DGCA has proposed extensive changes, according to internal documents.

These include autonomy in technical recruiting, the ability to hire directly from prestigious technical institutes like IITs and NITs for a maximum of five years, and a pool of advisors composed of former aviation workers. Recruiting for the UPSC

takes more than a year, as pointed out by the DGCA. An official from the ministry claimed that the shortage restricts the number of qualified individuals who may be posted to sector deputation positions. This is just one example of how the regulator is utilizing recruitment failures as grounds to demand autonomy from the Union Public Service Commission. Regulatory gaps are crucial because the aviation industry in India carries 376 million passengers per year. As of July 1, 2025, 553 of the DGCA's openings had been filled; this left 48% of the technical posts vacant, and 216 of those positions are expected to remain unfilled after recruitment.

Colleges are advised by DU to adhere to the notified syllabi



Delhi : College administrators are being instructed by Delhi University to adhere strictly to the registered syllabi, following the university's contentious removal of Manusmriti from the Sanskrit curriculum. The university was made aware of "several instances where the colleges have taught either the wrong courses or unapproved or unnotified syllabi of courses to students due to which students are put at unnecessary inconveniences" in the August 5 communication from the registrar about the university. "All are hereby informed that the students must be offered and taught only the syllabi notified on the website of the universi-

ty," according to the document. "Therefore, all are requested to kindly rely on the syllabi notified on the website of the university," it said, stressing that course

Assam agri university's Rs 30 crore guest-house turns luxury hotel, sparks row

Delhi : Rohika AAU-International

Guesthouse came up in Khanapara here at a veterinary college affiliated to Jorhat-based AAU. It was inaugurated in 2023 by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma with the promise of advancing academic and research collaboration. However, within a year of its inauguration, the state-of-the-art guesthouse was leased out to a private firm for a five-year term, subject to renewal every 11 months. The decision, taken by AAU's board of management, was attributed to a lack of trained manpower to manage the facility of such scale, officials said. It boasts 12 VIP rooms, 43 executive rooms, a 40-seat VIP dining area, an eight-seat private dining space, and a conference hall, among other amenities. "Before construction, it was not decided that the property would be leased out. But after construction was completed, it was decided it would be leased out on rent as staff members could not go there (Guwahati) to manage



How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

Delhi : NCERT textbooks dominate Indian education. These texts have underpinned Indian education for decades. The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across. In this post, we will discuss the benefits of NCERT textbooks, their broad use, and how NCERT Solutions for Class 6 and other courses improve learning.

the guest house," said AAU registrar Tapan Kumar Gohain. Student and teacher bodies have

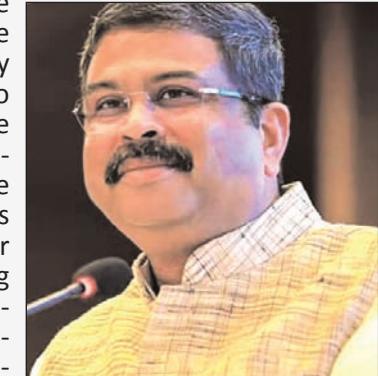
One reason NCERT textbooks are so popular is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. These textbooks are accessible and inclusive for various pupils. Experts curate the information to ensure accuracy and relevancy, meeting current educational requirements. NCERT textbooks guarantee national curricular uniformity.

decried the handover, arguing that university property should remain in public control.

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Pradhan urges IIT students to lead innovation journey in India

Delhi : Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day message of national independence, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan urged students at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi to spearhead the country's innovation drive towards "Atmanirbhar Bharat." During his time interacting with the institute's undergraduates, graduate students, and doctorate researchers, Pradhan spoke about the "unique opportunity" to advance national priorities and realize the goal of a Samridh Bharat by 2047. In an address to the student body, he said, "keep hustling until we achieve self-reliance in every sphere" and promised that the government will back their efforts to turn their theories into practical, internationally applicable solutions. "Our youth's talent, determination, and self-reliance will empower Bharat's capabilities and strengthen her technological and economic sovereignty," the minister stated, stating that the IITs are the "bedrock" of this goal. To cement India's position as a world leader in technology, he emphasized the importance of the country's innovators and researchers.



BCCI introduces 'serious injury replacement substitute' rule in multi-day competitions



Delhi : To ensure that wounded players do not put themselves in danger any more during domestic cricket matches, the BCCI has implemented a "serious injury replacement substitute" regulation. With the Duleep Trophy, which kicks off the 2025-26 season on August 28, this rule will be in place for multi-day games. It will also be involved in India's most prestigious first-class cricket tournament, the Ranji trophy. After both sides have medical reports that

highlight the extent of the injured player's injury, the match referee will need to approve a like-for-like replacement from within the non-playing squad. An exterior injury, like a severe cut or fracture, must have occurred during the game, as opposed to an interior injury, such as a hamstring strain, for the injury to be considered. This change has been quickly implemented into the rules of the game after some discussion within the BCCI following Rishabh Pant's broken foot.

DU delays Savarkar College opening as approval pending



Delhi : The commencement of the newly constructed Veer Savarkar College is contingent on the education ministry's financial permission, since Delhi University has decided without conducting a separate admission exercise for the college. "If approval does not come by the end of the month, the college will not open this year. Instead, it will take its first batch of students in 2026," vice chancellor Yogesh Singh said. As a first for the institution, the college will reserve thousands of extra seats for local students. Officials have stated that there is no room for a late entrant because the admission cycle for current DU colleges is almost over. "Unless the proposal is cleared this month, admissions will not happen this

Disagreement sparked by NCERT accusation of Jinnah and Congress

Delhi : The recently published Partition Horrors Remembrance Day modules by NCERT have caused a political uproar due to their clear designation of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Congress, and then-viceroy Lord Mountbatten as "culpits" in the 1947 partition of India. Not included in standard textbooks, the additional modules are intended for use in class discussions, debates, and projects; there are separate versions for classes VI-VIII and IX-XII. The first is a message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021 designating August 14 as the Remembrance Day for the Partition Horrors.

The anguish of Partition will always be remembered. A great number of our brethren perished as a result of senseless acts of violence and hatred,



India gets its first privately funded institute for maths research

Delhi : Bhargava, Canadian by nationality but of Indian origin, believes classrooms need an overhaul—"experimental, playful," he said, with teachers "trained" to spark curiosity. Speaking on the sidelines of the launch of the Lodha Mathematical Sciences Institute (LMSI), he added: "I'm happy with the new textbooks and the changes brought in them. But they will only show impact in a few years." On the scientific advisory council of LMSI, Bhargava will lead sessions on arithmetic statistics, its new developments, and future directions.

and millions more were forced to flee their homes. The secondary-stage module's "Who Was Responsible for Partition?" portion explains that historically, three people were accountable for the partition: 1. Jinnah, who called for it. Second, Congress, which took it up. 3. It was formalized and put into action by Mountbatten.



All new law schools in India are subject to a three-year ban by the Bar Council

Delhi : The Bar Council of India (BCI) has declared a three-year statewide embargo on the creation of new centers of legal education. This is part of a larger regulatory effort to address the proliferation of substandard law colleges across India. The announcement was made on August 13, 2025. According to the regulatory agency, no new centers would be approved or set up in India during the moratorium. Additionally, it was stated that no current center can add a new section, course, or batch without the BCI's explicit written consent. "To arrest the decline in quality across segments of legal education, evidenced by the unchecked mushrooming of substandard institutions, routine issuance of no objection certificates (NOCs) by State governments and affiliations by universities without proper inspection," the council stated, explaining its decision to take this maneuver. An additional goal of this measure was to forestall "the commercialization of legal education, widespread academic malpractice, and persistent shortages of qualified faculty," according to the notification.

BIS raids Amazon warehouses for dangerous, non-certified products

Delhi: Amazon, BigBasket, and Flipkart have been warned by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for breaking certification requirements. BIS, part of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, visited Amazon and Flipkart warehouses and seized uncertified merchandise. BIS issued responsible parties under the BIS Act 2016 after material was seized.

BIS sued the entities twice for violations. Amazon mandates compliance with laws, rules, and policies for all merchants. "We build unique technologies to prevent harmful products from being listed and ensure our selection matches industry standards. We remove noncompliant products and contact sellers, producers, and government organizations for more information to keep our clients safe."

At an Amazon warehouse in Lucknow, BIS



seized 215 toys and 24 hand blenders without BIS certification. At the e-commerce giant's Gurugram factory, BIS uncovered 58 aluminum foils, 34 metallic water bottles, 25 toys, 20 hand blenders, seven PVC cables, two food mixers, and 1 speaker without certification. At a Flipkart warehouse in Gurugram run by Instakart Services Pvt Ltd., authorities seized 534 stainless steel vacuum-insulated bottles, 134 toys, and 41 speakers that did not fulfill regulations. BIS investigations linked various non-certified products to Techvision International Pvt Ltd.

For a long time, Lifebuoy was a germ-fighter

Delhi: Lifebuoy, one of the top-selling soap brands in India that is worth more than 2,000 crore in sales, is getting a makeover. Citing declining sales in the 'hygiene soap' segment, a top executive at HUL said that Lifebuoy will now be positioned within the broader 'skin protection' category, moving beyond its traditional 'germ protection' focus. "It is a big transformation that we are doing on the brand and that entails pivoting the brand from the world of germ protection to the world of skin protection along with a change in packaging and new communication."

Patanjali and DS Group acquired Magma Insurance for 4,500cr

Delhi: Patanjali Ayurved and other foundations will acquire a controlling stake in Magma General Insurance after the board approved a share purchase deal. Patanjali Ayurved and DS Group would buy the insurance for Rs 4,500 crore, pending regulatory permission. Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved is a renowned manufacturer and marketer of herbal, nature-based, medicinal, and FMCG items. The Dharmpal Satyapal Group DS Group, founded in 1929, is a major Indian conglomerate that operates in food and beverages, confectionery, mouth fresheners, hospitality, dairy,



luxury retail, and agriculture. Patanjali Group's first major financial action. The purchase requires clearance from Irdai, the Competition Commission of India, the company's debt holders, and other regulators. After completion, the buyers will invest further in the company. Sanofi

Properties LLP, owned by Adar Poonawalla 90% and Rising Sun Holdings 10%, owns 72.5%. Poonawalla's Rising Sun Holdings bought 60% of Magma Fincorp, an NBFC with a German insurer, in 2021. "Magma General Insurance has methodically established its retail and corporate business, with over 18,000 agents, 2,000 corporates, 14 OEMs, including all the main OEMs, and 80 financial services firms. Patanjali Ayurved and the DS Group, we are optimistic it will continue to contribute to the general insurance business."

Prior to the wedding season, gold reaches an all-time high of Rs 91,000/10g

Delhi: According to Abhilash Botekar, the price of gold surpassed a historic level, reaching Rs 91,000 per 10 gm, just in time for the wedding season. Nashik and Jalgaon traders in Maharashtra are bracing for more price increases in the days ahead. Because of its stellar reputation for guaranteeing the purity of gold and outstanding craftsmanship, Jalgaon remains a popular destination for purchasers from all over Maharashtra, Gujarat, and MP. "The market rate for 10 gm gold was Rs 91,052, including tax," stated Sushil Bafana, a jeweller headquartered in Jalgaon. What was it Rs 91,600. The market price is reacting to news from around the world, particularly the US government's trade policies. Many individuals still think gold is the greatest investment opportunity today. Customers in Jalgaon benefit from the jewellers' cutthroat competition, which guarantees affordable, high-quality products.

Women own almost 50% of small manufacturing businesses.

Delhi: A survey found that 58% of manufacturing businesses were owned by women in 2023-24, up 4% from the previous year. The Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2023-24 found that 28.1% of workers were women. More than one-third (33.7%) of OAES' workforce is female in OAES (owned account enterprises). Female-owned businesses rose to 26.2% in 2023-24 from 22.9% in 2022-23 and 9.7% to 14.2% in other services.

TRAI will limit satellite permits to five years



intended.

According to public submissions, Starlink wants spectrum for 20 years to focus on "affordable pricing and longer-term business plans" and Reliance wants it for three years to review the market. Indian telco Bharti Airtel also

wants a 3-5-year license. Like Reliance, Airtel and Musk have a Starlink distribution deal. According to a licensing source, New Delhi can alter spectrum costs after five years as the market grows due to the shorter timeframe.

tainable logistics solutions. Under this agreement, Blue Dart will use metro train capacity to transfer time-sensitive freight faster and more reliably during off-peak hours. This novel approach decreases road traffic and pollution.

Delhi: A DMRC spokeswoman said the Delhi Metro will include urban freight cargo services. "The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and Blue Dart, a leading Indian express logistics service provider, have signed an urban logistics MoU.

First deep-seated mineral exploration license sale in India

Delhi: Goa hosted India's first exploration licence auction, a major change to unlock the nation's untapped mineral resources. Union Minister G Kishan Reddy and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant auctioned 13 exploration licence blocks for important minerals such as REE, Zinc, Diamond, Copper, and PGE. "This initiative, facilitated through a transparent online bidding process, is set to accelerate systematic mineral exploration. Mines Ministry in a release. Create a self-reliant, future-ready mineral ecosystem aligned with India's clean energy.

Delhi: LG Electronics' domestic unit has received regulatory approval for a Rs 15,000-crore public float and offer for sale, making it the second Korean company to go public after Hyundai.

Hyundai Motor India was the first Korean business to launch a Rs 27,870.2-crore share sale on Dalal Street, the largest ever. The huge issue comes as over 45 Sebi-approved issuers have called off or delayed their issues due to the market collapse that began last October and contin-

Sebi approves LG Electronics'

Rs 15,000-crore share sale



ues. The indexes are down more than 18% since September 27, with investors losing almost Rs 70 trillion in share value and the market cap falling over Rs 112 trillion. The company has not specified the issue size, but a source said it is expected to be Rs 15,000 crore.

Last month,

the company began IPO roadshows. LG India will not receive any money from the public issuance, which is simply an OFS. Instead, the earnings will go to LG Life's Good. LG submitted preliminary paperwork with Sebi in December to sell 10.18 crore shares, or 15%, of its ownership.

"Speculative reports" should be avoided, warns RBI of IndusInd Bank's stability

Delhi: After IndusInd Bank disclosed inconsistencies in its derivatives portfolio and cautioned of a one-time impact to its net worth last week, the Reserve Bank of India reassured depositors that the bank's financial situation



The lender's board and management to finish fixing the problem

"remains satisfactory," putting their money at ease. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a press release stating that the bank is "well-capitalised" and that its financial health is being continuously watched.

The message emphasised that the bank is not vulnerable to

"speculative reports at this juncture" and encouraged depositors to have patience. According to the central bank, the bank has already hired an outside auditing firm to look over its systems and determine how serious any problems are based on what is already known to the public.

European wine and spirits to face a retaliatory tariff of 200%

Delhi: If the European Union follows through on its intention to levy a tax on American whiskey, U.S. President Donald Trump has threatened to slap a 200 percent tariff on wine, champagne, and other alcoholic products from EU countries. Following the imposition of tariffs on steel and



aluminum imports by the United States the day before, the European Union (EU)

levied tariffs on \$28 billion worth of US goods, including a 50% tax on US bourbon whiskey. In response to the statement by the EU, Trump warned on his Truth Social platform that a 200% tariff would be imposed on all alcoholic beverages, wines, and champagnes imported from

France and other countries represented in the EU unless the tariff is lifted immediately. He criticized the European Union's tariffs and taxes, calling them "nasty," and said that the organization had been created with "the sole purpose of taking advantage of the United States".

Bitcoin will not be added to the Korean Central Bank's foreign exchange reserves



that it "has neither discussed nor reviewed the possible inclusion of bitcoin in foreign exchange reserves" and that "a cautious approach is needed" regarding the issue, according to Rep. Cha Gyu-geun of the tiny Rebuilding Korea Party. According to Yonhap, a South Korean news

Clusters for electronics production in Tamil Nadu to receive 1,112 crore rupees

Delhi: Two electronics manufacturing clusters, totaling Rs 1,112 crore, would be set up in Tamil Nadu, according to the Union government. To establish Tamil Nadu as a key node in the local and global electronics markets, these clusters will be built at, Kancheepuram district, and Manalur, Thiruvallur district. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) for exchange reserves are not met by cryptocurrencies.