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## PM Modi accepts Putin's invite to attend Brics summit in Russia

NEW DELHI:

**Prime Minister** Narendra Modi will join the 16th BRICS Summit in Russia on October 22-23, 2024, to discuss global political and economic issues. The summit, **t h e m e d** 'Strengthening multi-lateralism for just global development and security,' includes leaders from the newly expanded BRICS bloc with countries like Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the UAE. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the 16th Brics Summit in Kazan, Russia, from October 22-23, 2024, at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the ministry of external affairs announced on Friday. The summit, **t h e m e d** 'Strengthening multi-lateralism for just global development and security,' will bring together leaders from the expand-



### Eknath Shinde's son gets backlash after entering Ujjain's Mahakaleshwar Temple's sanctum

**Maharashtra** chief minister Eknath Shinde's son, Shrikant Shinde, is facing controversy after entering the sanctum sanctorum of the Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Despite a ban in place for nearly a year, Shinde, his wife, and two others entered the restricted area on Thursday evening, causing uproar when a video of the incident went viral. The opposition

Congress party criticised the incident, emphasising that while common citizens wait in long queues for hours, VIPs are given special privileges. Congress MLA Mahesh Parmar was quoted by PTI saying, "While a common devotee has to stand in long queues and wait for hours for the darshan of Lord Mahakaleshwar, the VIPs were allowed to enter the garbha griha despite a ban on entering it."

ed Brics bloc, which now includes Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab

Emirates alongside the original members:

Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

The summit aims to provide a crucial platform for discussions on global political and economic issues. Russian President Putin is looking to position Brics as a significant counterweight to Western influence in global affairs.

Prime Minister Modi's participation is expected to further strengthen India's ties within the bloc and explore new opportunities for cooperation. PM Modi is also expected to engage in bilateral talks with his Brics counterparts during the summit to address key regional and global concerns. The event offer a to review ongoing Brics initiatives and explore future collaborative efforts among the member nations.

## Retired IAS Rajesh Khullar given important responsibility as Chief Principal Secretary in Naib Singh Saini Government Part 2

**Khullar's style of giving full respect to MLAs and ministers and efficiency in administrative work is a part of his excellent working style**

**Retired** IAS Rajesh Khullar has been given the important responsibility of Chief Principal Secretary in Nayab Singh Saini Government Part 2 late on Friday evening. Khullar was in the same position in Saini Part 1 and before that in Manohar Part 2. Rajesh Khullar, who was seen in the role of Chanakya for the then Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal, has also been in the role of Chanakya for the newly appointed Chief Minister Nayab Saini since March 13, 2024. Nayab Saini has appointed Khullar as CPS and has also got the order issued from the Chief Secretary Office. After BJP's victory in the 15th Vidhan Sabha results and the government to be formed under the leadership of CM Naib Singh Saini, which was announced by the central leadership even before the elections, the responsibility of handling the administrative system will



remain with Rajesh Khullar, the top officer who is considered Chanakya, like in the past. Khullar is working on top posts like Chief Principal Secretary in Manohar Part 2 and Naib Cabinet. Rajesh Khullar, who plays the role of Chanakya for Naib Saini, has a strategy Kaushal has taken a hat-trick in Haryana. Rajesh Khullar, who gave the mantra of victory to BJP in elections, knows the temperament of every political party of Haryana very well. The skilful politics of BJP's return on its own in Mission 2024, which may have come to the public through the Delhi BJP high com-

mand, but Rajesh Khullar played an important role in the research of that skilful politics and in giving meaning to its results. The year 2024 was an election year in Haryana. Lok Sabha elections were held before the assembly elections. Considering the election year, the way retired Rajesh Khullar was appointed to the post of Chief Principal Secretary in the former Manohar Lal government, it was clear that Rajesh Khullar would have to play the role of Chanakya. Rajesh Khullar was one of the closest and closest IAS officers of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal. Rajesh Khullar obtained a master's degree in Physics

from Punjab University in 1984.

Rajesh Khullar, after returning from the US World Bank, was the SCS of Haryana Education Department and Haryana Public Relations Department as well as the FCR. Rajesh Khullar had an illustrious career and was

appointed as the Executive Director in the Washington DC office of the World Bank in September 2020 for a period of three years

Khullar has served in many important positions in Haryana and the Central Government. Rajesh Khullar has also worked in the Union Finance Ministry.

### Salim Khan dismisses links between Salman and Siddique's murder amid rising threats



**NEW DELHI:** Salman Khan's father and veteran screenwriter Salim Khan has firmly dismissed any connection between the killing of NCP leader Baba Siddique and the Bollywood superstar. Salim Khan shared the family's perspective on the heightened security concerns surrounding Salman, addressing the implications of Siddique's recent assassination. Over the past year, Salman has faced growing death threats from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, a situation that has worsened since Siddique's murder. The killers of Baba Siddique have reportedly claimed affiliations with the Bishnoi gang, intensifying concerns for Salman's safety. During the interview, Salim Khan was asked about reports linking Baba Siddique's death to his closeness with Salman Khan. He expressed the family's disbelief in such claims, stating that they do not see any connection between the two. He explained that, even if Lawrence Bishnoi's gang is involved in the murder, it likely stems from a separate issue, specifically a property dispute, and has nothing to do with Salman. The veteran screenwriter emphasized the family's confusion over how this connection was drawn. In response to the ongoing threats, security around Salman Khan's residence has been significantly tightened. The actor's family is under immense stress due to the growing restrictions on Salman's movements. Earlier today, a fresh threat added to the tension when the Mumbai Traffic Police received a message demanding Rs 5 crore from Salman, triggering a Crime Branch investigation.

## Bahraich violence: Demolition notice pasted on house of main accused

**Bahraich :**

**Public** works department on Friday issued a demolition notice to the main accused in Bahraich violence Abdul Hameed's house over the 'illegal' construction. It has asked for the removal of the illegally built part of the house within three days to avoid any action by the police or the administration. A notice put up at Abdul Hameed's residence indicated that the



PWD deemed the construction "illegal" because it was located within 60 feet of the central point of the road in rural areas, which is prohibited. "Additionally, you are required to remove the said illegal

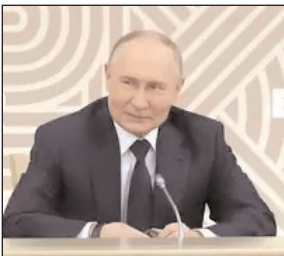
construction within three days. Otherwise, the illegal construction will be removed with the assistance of the police and administration, and the expenses incurred for this action will be recovered from you through revenue

means," the notice said. Commenting on this, BJP MLA Sureshwar Singh said, "The administration has pasted a demolition notice on the illegally constructed house of the main accused Abdul Hameed, the next action will be seen very soon." "Every year routine action is taken to demolish houses built on the intersections, S curves or junction points of the road.

## 'Not anti-western but ...': Putin borrows PM Modi's words to describe Brics

**NEW DELHI:**

**Russian** President Vladimir Putin on Friday quoted PM Modi and said that the Brics is not "anti-West", but is just "non-West", just days before the 16th Brics Summit scheduled in his country. "BRICS was never meant to be against anyone. The Indian Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) said that BRICS is not an anti-western group, it is a non-western group," said Putin. Prime Minister



Narendra Modi will be in Russia's Kazan from October 22-23 to participate in the 16th BRICS Summit. Putin also said that Brics is open to accepting new members and that even countries that are not part of the group will experience

economic advantages as it continues to grow and develop during a meeting with international journalists in Russia. President also expressed uncertainty regarding the timeline for Russia's win over Ukraine in the ongoing conflict, however, he said that the Russian forces are ready to fight till the victory. The Russian president further said that the Russian soldiers are also getting equipped with technologically.

## RG Kar case: Agitating doctors demand action, threaten to go on strike on Oct 22

**NEW DELHI:**

The agitating doctors in West Bengal, seeking justice for their deceased colleague at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, have threatened to hold a state-wide strike on October 22 if their demands are not met. The medics, who are in talks with their colleagues in other states, have also hinted at the possibility of a nationwide strike on Tuesday. The junior doctors, along with their senior counterparts, have given the state government a deadline of October 21 to fulfil their demands. 1x1 polls Debasish Halder, one of the agitating junior doctors, said,



"We want the chief minister (Mamata Banerjee) to sit for a discussion and implement all our demands." Halder emphasised that the doctors are not against the interest of the people and had withdrawn their earlier ceased work for the same reason. However, he warned that if the chief minister does not act by Monday, they will be forced to go on strike on Tuesday. The fast-

unto-death by the agitating medics in West Bengal has entered its 14th day, with six fasting junior doctors already hospitalised due to deteriorating health conditions. After a meeting between the junior doctors and their seniors, Halder said, "Unless this is done, all the junior and senior doctors of both government and private health-care facilities will be forced to go on strike on Tuesday."

The protesting doctors are demanding justice for the deceased woman medic, who was allegedly raped and murdered in August, and the immediate removal of state health secretary N S Nigam. They are also calling for the establishment of a centralised referral system for all hospitals and medical colleges in the state, the implementation of a bed vacancy monitoring system, and the formation of task forces to ensure essential provisions such as CCTV, on-call rooms, and washrooms their junior doctors had previously gone on a cease work following the rape-murder.

### Mumbai's infrastructure development will be transformational

**NEW DELHI:**

**The Maha Infra Town Hall**, a special conclave organized by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) in partnership with The Times of India, took place on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at Mumbai's National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA). The event brought together key policymakers, stakeholders, and industry experts to discuss the rapid infrastructure growth in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). The conclave provided insights into the latest development projects and investment opportunities in Maharashtra through three panel discussions.

### Putin expresses interest in promoting Indian films in Russia

**NEW DELHI:**

**Russian** President Vladimir Putin expressed plans to enhance distribution of Indian films in Russia, acknowledging their popularity and ongoing cultural exchanges. Mentioning cooperation in other sectors like pharmaceuticals, Putin voiced optimism about finding mutual ground with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote Indian cinema. Putin expresses interest in promoting Indian films in Russia. Putin emphasized the strong cultural ties between Russia and India. Russian President Vladimir Putin indicated that discussions may soon take place to promote the distribution of Indian films in Russia. Speaking about the popularity of Indian cinema within the country, Putin empha-

sized the strong cultural ties between Russia and India, noting the success of Indian films among Russian audiences.

"If we look at BRICS member states, I think in this country Indian films are most popular. We have a special TV channel with Indian movies being shown on it round the clock," Putin said, highlighting the enthusiasm for Indian cinema in Russia. He also mentioned ongoing cultural exchanges, including the BRICS film festival and the inclusion of films from BRICS nations in the Moscow International Film Festival this year. Putin expressed optimism about finding common ground with India to promote their films further in Russia. , adding that he is open to discussing the matter with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



## Dettol Banega Swasth India reaches 30 mn children nationwide

Varanasi: Reckitt's flagship campaign, Dettol Banega Swasth India (BSI), celebrated Global Handwashing Day 2024, educating 30 million children across India on the importance of handwashing for a healthier future. Themed 'Clean Hands for All: Advancing Health Equity through Hygiene,' the event highlighted Dettol BSI's commitment to ensuring that children from all backgrounds have access to essential hygiene knowledge, leaving no one behind.

On the occasion of Global Handwashing Day 2024, Dettol School Hygiene Education programme, under BSI, engaged 30 million children across 29 states and 7 union territories with the support of 100+ partners. The campaign promoted proper handwashing techniques through participation from schools across the public, private, government aided and unaided sectors, including Sarvodaya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, Army Schools and Kendriya Vidyalayas across India.



As part of the initiative's continued innovation, Dettol BSI launched the Dettol Hygiene chatbot, Hygieia For Good Hygiene, inspired by Hygieia, the Greek-goddess of Health, Cleanliness and Hygiene. This AI-powered, WhatsApp-enabled Chatbot offers critical hygiene knowledge in 7 languages - Hindi, English, Tamil, Kannada, Odia, Gujarati and Telugu - with plans to expand to all 22 official Indian languages. The chatbot underscores the growing need for self-learning, self-help tools and interactive platforms that foster greater engagement and awareness.

Speaking on the occasion, Ravi Bhatnagar, Director of External Affairs and Partnerships, Reckitt South Asia, stated, "At Reckitt, we are committed to breaking barriers to hygiene education and creating a healthier future for every child. Our long-standing commitment to hygiene equity is aligned with Government of India's Clean India movement for over a decade, focused on ensuring that every child no matter where they are can learn the life-saving practice of handwashing. As we recently stepped into the 11th year of the initiative, our focus on hygiene equity is stronger than ever, supporting our broader mission of 'leaving no one behind'." In 2023 alone, the campaign facilitated over 34 billion handwashing occasions, reinforcing its dedication to promoting good hygiene habits nationwide. The campaign educates children on six critical occasions for handwashing, including after using the toilet, before eating, before preparing food, and after coughing or sneezing, under its ongoing theme of 'One World Hygiene'.

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## 400 Students of Samsung Innovation Campus Certified in Future-Tech Skills at Gautam Buddha University

\* Students have the opportunity to gain expertise in AI, IoT, Big Data and Coding through Samsung's flagship CSR programme

\* Toppers from each domain will receive a cash prize of INR 1 Lakh along with Samsung products at conclusion of programme

New Delhi: Samsung India's flagship CSR programme, Samsung Innovation Campus, concluded the Artificial Intelligence (AI) course for 400 students of Gautam Buddha University in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, reiterating the brand's commitment to being a strong partner of the country and working alongside the Government in its mission of skilling the country's youth and powering #DigitalIndia. The students were certified at a felicitation ceremony attended by Prof. R.K. Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University, alongside officials from Samsung and the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI). At the conclusion of the entire programme for the year, the toppers from each domain will be awarded a cash prize of INR 1 lakh and will get a chance to visit Samsung's facilities in Delhi/NCR. During these visits, they will have the opportunity to engage with Samsung's leadership team. Not just that, the national course toppers will receive exciting Samsung products.

"Educating the nation's youth in future-tech skills such as AI, IoT, Big Data and Coding is part of a larger plan at Samsung to contribute to the nation's growth story and drive the Digital India initiative. The second season of Samsung Innovation Campus, Samsung's flagship CSR programme, has taken a step further in that direction by imparting valuable knowledge and training to youngsters across the country to boost their employability," said SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung South West Asia.

Samsung Innovation Campus offers in-depth training across four key technology areas-AI, IoT, Big Data, and Coding & Programming. Students gain hands-on experience through capstone projects and soft skills training aimed at boosting their employability. The AI course participants undergo 270 hours of theory training followed by 80 hours of project work, while those enrolled in IoT and Big Data courses receive 160 hours of theory training and complete 80 hours of project work. Participants in the Coding & Programming course complete 80 hours of training and take part in a hackathon. Samsung will train 3,500 students across India as part of this programme.

The programme covers eight educational institutions across four states. In the northern region, training centres are established in Lucknow and Gorakhpur, besides two in Delhi NCR. In the southern region, which includes Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, training centres are located in Chennai and Sriperumbudur, in addition to two in Bengaluru. During the programme, participants will continue to receive instructor-led blended classroom and online training through approved training and education partners of ESSCI across the country. Youth enrolled for the programme will undergo classroom and online training and complete their hands-on capstone project work in their selected technology areas in AI, IoT, Big Data and Coding & Programming.

# Traders angry over demolition notices, ready to embark on war path

- \* To refrain from painting work unless solution resolved
- \* To apprise CM about conspiracy to defame government

Prayagraj: The necessary meeting of the officials of the City West Traders Federation was held in Sulem Sarai, in the meeting there is tremendous anger among the traders over the demolition notice given by Prayagraj Development Authority to the traders of Sulem Sarai, Pritam Nagar, Dhumanganj, Transport Nagar, Mundera, Bamrauli. Traders say that when in the past there was a meeting of trade board officials with the PDA zonal officer, the traders were requested to voluntarily get the paint painted with the color prescribed by the PDA, but only after the meeting, the traders were informed about the demolition by the PDA. They are being intimidated by sending notices and threatening them with demolition. Due to which there is tremendous anger among the traders of Dhumanganj area. The traders

held a meeting with Zonal Officer Sanjeev Upadhyay on Friday and expressed their anger. In the meeting, the traders said that until the demolition

Traders Federation will go to meet the Vice President of Prayagraj Development Authority. If the Vice President of PDA Even after meeting the demolition no-

are conspiring to defame will inform the state government. The president of the federation said that harassment of traders will not be tolerated at any cost. A



notice sent by the PDA is not cancelled, the traders will not do the painting work.

The traders have taken a unanimous decision in the meeting that unless the notice is cancelled, no trader will do the painting work. Also, on Saturday at 11 am, officials of the City West

tice, if the demolition notice is not canceled in writing, then a delegation of 21 traders from the City West Traders Federation will go to Lucknow on Monday to meet Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the entire sequence of events will be informed to the Chief Minister about how the officials

large number of businessmen including Atul Kesarwani, Dhanjay Singh, Rajesh Gupta, Narendra Kheda, Gyan Kesarwani, Rakesh Jain, Piyush Jaiswal, Sonu Gupta, Pradeep Kesarwani, Nirankar Sahu, Sachin, Sharad, Sunil, Hari Gupta were present in the meeting.

## Learn discipline from sports: Kshama Shankar Pandey

### Block level sports competition concluded in Kaudihar

### Fatehpur Kayasthan dominated, Uthgi winner in inaugural session of block level sports competition

Prayagraj: Block Education Officer Kshama

Shankar Pandey said that we should learn discipline through sports. There is a need to learn discipline. The sports competition of development block Kaudihar was concluded in the courtyard of RP Rastogi Inter College, Shivpur. On this occasion, Principal of Rastogi Inter College, Dr. Lalji Yadav, Rakesh Kumar, Sudarshan Yadav, Sunil Kumar, along with instructors Harindra Pratap Yadav, Raghuvansh Mani Tripathi were in the jury. Dinesh, Sarita Singh, Naurez Alam, Anupam, Sandeep, Smriti Mishra, Kiran Saroj, Agni

Vela, Krishna Kumar, Deepak Kumar etc.

The program was coordinated by Radhekrishna,



President Primary Teachers Association, while sports in-charge Vineet Kumar along with Jai Singh, Prabhaskar Sharma, Vishnu Kumar Mishra, Ajmal Amin Ansari, Anil Pandey, Vinay Kumar

Tripathi, Anita Sonkar, Kamal Kumar, Anupam Singh, Sudhir Kumar, Nishad, Balendra Pandey,

Kshama Shankar Pandey and Principal Dr. Lalji Yadav. Anoop from Higher Primary School Fatehpur Kayasthan got first place in 200 meter, 400 meter race and second place in 100 meter race respectively. The team of the same school was also the winner in Kabaddi. In the girls category, at the upper primary level, the team of Upper Primary School Uthagi won in Kho-Kho and Kabaddi. This boy Karan Kumar got first place in hammer throw. Rasoolpur silver team was the winner in primary level Kabaddi competition and Vikas Yadav of the same school won in 100 meter race.

## DM asked businessmen to cooperate in preventing food adulteration



Asked entrepreneurs and businessmen to cooperate in making Maha Kumbh plastic-free, green and clean Kumbh

Prayagraj: While holding an introductory meeting with Vyapar Bandhu and District Udyog Bandhu Committee at Sangam Auditorium on Friday under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar Mandat, he asked the businessmen and industry brothers to make Mahakumbh Mela-2025 and the district polythene free and to make Mahakumbh Mela a green, clean Kumbh. Asked to provide cooperation. He said that Maha Kumbh Mela is a very big event and cooperation is expected from all

the people. Said that single use plastic should not be used under any circumstances. He said that people should be made aware from now on to use paper bags, dona pattal, kulhad and bags made of cloth. The District Magistrate asked businessmen to cooperate in preventing adulteration of food items in view of festivals. He said that this is a crime against people's health and society. The ongoing checking campaign against food adulteration will be carried out on a larger scale. He said that through all of you this message should also be sent to other businessmen that food items should not be adulterated in any way.

In the meeting, when the

entrepreneurs pointed out the issue related to cutting of overgrown branches/twigs of Eucalyptus trees in the industrial area of Naini, the Regional Manager UPSIDA informed that the tender process for its cutting has been done. The District Magistrate has directed to ensure action within 10 days. In the meeting, the entrepreneurs asked to arrange a fire brigade vehicle at Jhansi police station to deal with the fire incidents, on which the District Magistrate has directed the Chief Fire Officer to take necessary action in this regard. In the meeting, Rajeev Ratan Aggarwal - Director M/s Optical Fiber Cable Accessories Pvt. Ltd., in the matter of not starting

the industrial unit in shed no. 1 and 2 in Phulpur, the District Magistrate asked the Assistant Commissioner of Industries to go to the site and verify the work related to starting the unit and report. Have been asked to present. When asked by the entrepreneurs to repair the potholes on the roads in the industrial area of Naini, the District Magistrate has instructed the officials of the Municipal Corporation and the concerned department to repair the potholes within two days and send photos. On this occasion, officials of the concerned departments including Murari Lal Agarwal, Natwar Lal and other entrepreneurs were present.

## Folk songs & dances regale audiences at NCZCC's Diwali Mela

Prayagraj: "Eri Sakhi Mangal Gao Re, Dharti Ambar Decorate The Earth". In the 12-day Diwali Crafts Fair organized by North Central Region Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, artisans from every corner of the country have set up handmade stalls. On the other hand, the people of Prayag are getting to see the presentation of sumag mu-

ing the presentation of "Mangal Gaao Re, Dharti Ambar Sajao Re". Deepak Sharma, who came from Mathura, presented Brij Vandana "Char Dham in Brij Chaurasi Kos Mein Char Dham, Nij Gaon Vrindavan" and "Ek Din Shri Kumar Radhika Mor Kuti Aayi Mayuran Ko". Artists got a lot of applause by performing peacock dance on the song "Dekhan". The accompaniment artistes in-



sic, singing, instruments and folk dances under one umbrella. The second evening of cultural evening on Mukதாகashi stage on Friday was dedicated to the folk dances of Braj.

The cultural program started with the singing of Birha by Faguni Devi and her fellow artistes who came from Mirzapur. "Sundar Shughar Suhavan Mirzapur Sikhiya Chalkat Ba", "Ramayana Se Godiya Lakhani Ke Uthai Dular Karein Ram Raghurai". After this, Nitin Singh and team presented "Ram Hai Jeevan Karma Hai Shyam Mat Kar Tu Abhiman Re Bande" and "Eri Sakhi". He received a lot of applause from the audience by giving

cluded Mohit Kumar on chorus, Kuldeep Prakash on harmonium, Mithai Vishwakarma on dholak, Ramjatan Verma on manjira. The program was conducted by Abha Madhur. People were enthralled during Crafts Mela: 114 stalls in Deepawali craft fair are attracting people with dry fruits from Kashmir, Bhagalpuri Kalamkari, Madhubani sarees and suits, herbs from Haridwar, toys from Karnataka, handicrafts from Delhi and German silver-copper. There was a huge crowd at the artificial jewelry stall. Along with eating and drinking, people were enjoying the art of the field artists of Haryana and Rajasthan.

## Vishal Mega Mart files updated IPO papers with SEBI

Varanasi: Kedaara promoted supermart major Vishal Mega Mart filed its updated draft papers with capital markets regulator SEBI for an initial public offering (IPO) of equity shares of face value of Rs. 10 each aggregating up to Rs. 8,000-crore through an Offer for Sale (OFS) by promoter Samayit Services LLP. At present, Samayit Services LLP holds 96.55 per cent stake in the Gurugram-based supermart major.

The updated draft filing (UDRHP-I) comes after Vishal Mega Mart's confidential offer document was approved by Sebi on September 25, 2024. The company filed its offer document in July through the confidential pre-filing route. Finally, after incorporating the changes due to public comments, the company is required to update the DRHP-II (UDRHP-II). Vishal Mega Mart is a one-stop destination catering to middle- and lower-middle-income consumers in India. The product range includes both in-house and third-party brands, covering three key categories -- apparel, general merchandise, and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG). As of June 30, 2024, it operates 626 Vishal Mega Mart stores across India, along with a mobile app and website. Vishal Mega Mart was ranked among the three leading offline-first diversified retailers in India, based on retail space as of March 31, 2024 (Source: RedSeer Report).

## Godavari Biorefineries Limited IPO on Oct 23

Varanasi: The Offer comprises of fresh issue of such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ? 3,250 million ("Fresh Issue") and offer for sale of up to 6,526,983 Equity Shares ("Offer for Sale", together with the Fresh Issue, "Total Offer Size") The price band of the Offer has been fixed at ? 334 to ? 352 per Equity Share ("Price Band"). Bids can be made for a minimum of 42 Equity Shares and in multiples of 42 Equity Shares thereafter ("Bid Size"). The Company intends to utilize the Net Proceeds towards repayment/pre-payment, in full or in part, of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the Company, estimated to be ? 2,400 million and balance amount of the Net Proceeds towards general corporate purposes (collectively, "Objects of the Offer"). The Offer for Sale comprises of up to 500,000 Equity Shares by Somaiya Agencies Private Limited, up to 500,000 Equity Shares by Samir Shantilal Somaiya, up to 200,000 Equity Shares by Lakshmiwadi Mines and Minerals Private Limited; up to 300,000 Equity Shares by Filmidea Communication Systems Private Limited, up to 100,000 Equity Shares by Somiya Properties Investment Private Limited and up to 4,926,983 Equity Shares by Mandala Capital AG Limited.

The Offer is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended (the "SCRR"), read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in accordance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") (the "QIB Portion"), provided that our Company in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with SEBI ICDR Regulations.



# Cabinet Minister Nandi once again hosting 800 slum kids for Diwali splash & splurge

Prayagraj: This is a great way to share happiness among the children of those families whose children are unable to go out of their homes, cannot go shopping in shopping malls or big shops, cannot reach water parks or big hotels, and make their Diwali better. To make their Diwali memorable, Cabinet Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government and Prayagraj City South MLA Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi has made complete preparations. Nandi, Cabinet Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, who celebrates the festival of Diwali every year under the Har Ghar Roshni, Har Ghar Diwali campaign by making children living in Dalit settlements and slums of his Prayagraj city South As-

sembly constituency go shopping and distributing happiness in their homes. Nandi will celebrate the festival of Diwali with children this time also. More than 800 children living in various slums of Prayagraj city south assembly constituency will be the guests of Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi along with their families for two nights and three days stay. They will travel from Prayagraj to Lucknow by Vande Bharat Express and along with shopping in a big shopping mall in Lucknow, they will enjoy a wonderful party along with a picnic in Anandi Water Park. Complete preparations for which have been done by Minister Nandi. In Vande Bharat Express, where more than

800 tickets have been booked for up and down route. Cabinet Minister of

assembly constituency shopping in the mall. Last year, about 900 people, in-



Uttar Pradesh Government and Prayagraj City South MLA Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi has been celebrating the festival of Diwali for the last several years by taking children living in Dalit settlements and slums of his

cluding children and their parents from 209 families of Prayagraj city, became the guests of Governor Anandiben Patel at Raj Bhavan. They traveled from Prayagraj to Lucknow by luxury buses and enjoyed

shopping in the mall as well as Anandi Water Park. They returned to Prayagraj after having lunch with the Governor at Raj Bhavan. Like every year, this time also Diwali will be very special for the children living in Dalit settlements and slums. Because more than 800 children living in these settlements will travel with their parents from Prayagraj to Lucknow by the country's first semi-high speed train Vande Bharat Express.

Children living in various settlements and slums will depart for Lucknow by Vande Bharat Express from Prayagraj Junction in the afternoon on 25th October. They will reach Lucknow station in the evening on 25th October and proceed towards Anandi Water Park

located on Kanpur Road by buses and small vehicles, where complete arrangements have been made for the accommodation and food as well as entertainment of the children. After enjoying dinner and concert at Anandi Water Park on 25th October, children will also enjoy various sports events at Anandi Water Park the next morning on 26th October. After this, in the afternoon they will do Diwali shopping in a big shopping mall of Lucknow. After shopping, after overnight stay at Anandi Water Park, they will reach Lucknow station after having breakfast on the morning of 27th October and afterwards will reach Prayagraj by boarding Vande Bharat Express.

## Illegal construction halted in commercial building already sealed by PDA

### PDA forced to file case after matter reached higher officials

Prayagraj: Even after sealing by Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA), illegal construction was carried out on the disputed commercial building in Naini.

When the matter reached the higher authorities, the PDA came into action and lodged a complaint at Naini police station on Friday. In this case, an FIR has been lodged against the accused of illegal construction under section 447 of the Indian Penal Code. According to the information received from PDA, Reetu Sharma, accused of

illegal construction, has been given show cause under Section 27 of Plot No. 15/12, Zone 4. 4A, Naini, Town Planning and Development Act 1973 and construction work has been stopped under Section 28. The notice was issued on 27 June 2024, whose case number PDA/ANI/2024/0006920 has been filed. Nevertheless, illegal construction continued by the accused secretly and intermittently at night.

Taking cognizance of this, Prayagraj Development Authority, Administration issued the sealing or-

der on 27 June 2024 under the Town Planning and Development Act 1973 and it was issued on 28 June 2024. After this, the unauthorized construction and related facilities were sealed as per the prescribed procedure and Naini police station in charge was informed about the action.

After being sealed, construction work was started again overnight and a high boundary and room were constructed. When the plaintiff party came to know about this, they informed it in writing to the Chairman, Divisional Commissioner

and Vice Chairman of Prayagraj Development Authority. It was also complained that this construction work was done with the connivance of Naini Inspector and Zonal Officer.

When the victim made the video viral in the name of both, the higher officials took the matter seriously and took action. Today, when the Secretary Prayagraj Development Authority took cognizance of the matter, the administration was ordered to register a case against the accused Ritu Sharma and wife Shiv Shant Dixit.

## Shagun, Mohak bagged Gariba Queen- King Titles, Abhinav Varshney felicitated

Prayagraj: Shagun and Mohak won the Garba night queen and king titles organized by Sri Katra Durga Pooja Barwari at Mosanic temple. The event was sponsored by Kangaroo Kids .The enthusiastic grand finale was main attraction of the city , over six hundred participants participated the event of

which jury announced the results today on Friday. According to the convener, Diti Benerjee the bustling evening winded up with prize distribution by principal Mehar Mala and member Leena Varshney jointly, beside this best dressup winners and over hundred Consolation prizes also awarded. On this occasion the Secretary of Barwari, Abhinav Varshney felicitated for his hard core performance during his five long years tenure successfully. He was awarded a shawl, memento with cash Rs.1001. Sangeeta Benerji paid vote of thanks to all those were presented while Konica Shaha conducted the proceedings.



## Seminar & Mushaira on Ghalib & Iqbal today at Hindustani Academy

Prayagraj: Famous poets will gather in the Mushaira on the poetry of Ghalib and Iqbal at Hindustani Academy. Under the joint auspices of Universal Human Welfare Society Prayagraj and Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Memorial Committee, on Saturday at 3 pm, poetry of Ghalib and Iqbal will be recited at Hindustani Academy, Civil Lines. Famous poets of the country will participate in the Mushaira and Seminar. According to the organizer Shafqat Abbas Pasha, the Mushaira and seminar will be based on national



unity in which more than a dozen famous poets will gather. For national integration Universal Human Welfare Society and Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Memorial Committee invite you to Seminar

& Mushaira on Ghalib & Iqbal on Saturday at Hindustani Academy, Civil Lines, Prayagraj. Chief Guest Prof. Shabnam Hameed (Head, Urdu Deptt. AU) and Guests of Honour Qamrul

Hasan Siddiqui (Former Addnl. Adv. General, UP), Acharya Pt. Shivendra Saraswat (Shibuji), Mohammed Shariq, M.A. Ansari (Adv.), Dr. Nayab Baliyavi, Jalal Phulpuri, Rustam Sabri, Huma Akseer, Misbah Allahabadi, Neelima Misra, Vandana Shukla, Anas Bijnori, Anam Bijnori, Bakhtiyar Yusuf, Natiq Ghazipuri, Hasan Jaunpuri, Shakir Husain Tashna, Aslam Aaris, Ashraf Unnabi will grace the occasion with their august presence.

**PuraMufti Police Station went to "Upper Primary School Bamrauli" under "Mission Shakti Abhiyan Phase-05" and made girls/students aware**

Prayagraj: On 18.10.2024, under the direction of Mr. Police Commissioner and Mr. Additional Police Commissioner and under the able supervision of Deputy Commissioner of Police Nagar, under the campaign "Mission Shakti Phase-05", the Anti Romeo Squad and Women Beat Officers constituted in Police Station PuraMufti went to "Upper Primary School Bamrauli" under Police Station PuraMufti area and made girls/students aware about women safety and women empowerment, good-touch, bad-touch, women help desk, anti-Romeo Squad, Shakti Didi Abhiyan and self-defense related tips and various helplines - Women Power Line-1090, Emergency Service UP-112, Child Helpline-1098, Chief Minister Awareness was created by giving detailed information about Helpline-1076 etc.

## Inauguration ceremony of "Shankha Sanstha" today

Prayagraj: SHANKH initiatives invite you to the inaugural event of Society for Hindu academics, narrative (de) construction, knowledge & heritage (An Initiative for Cultural Resurgence of Bharat) & a Samvaad Session on 'Concept of Bharat in 2024 A.D.' Presidential Address to be delivered by Praveen Kumar Giri, Addl Advocate General Allahabad High Court at 04.00 PM on Saturday. Guest-of-honour includes Keynote Speaker Ramashish Singh, Member of Central Committee Prajna Pravah, Bharat, Dr. Kirtika Agrawal Sr. Gynecologist and Director, Vatsalya Hospital. Distinguished Speaker Prof. Rishi Kant Pandey Head, Department of Philosophy & Coordinator, Centre of Media Studies University of Allahabad. Session Moderator will be Dr. Mrityunjay Rao, Department of English and Modern European Languages, University of Allahabad sat Hotel Vitthal International, beside Indian Coffee House, Civil Lines, Prayagraj.

The program will be presided over by Additional Advocate General, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Praveen Kumar Giri. Senior campaigner of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and national executive member of Pragra Pravah, Ramashish Ji Bhaisaheb will be present as the main speaker. Professor of Philosophy at Allahabad University Rishi Kant Pandey and other scholars from Prayagraj will also be present in the programme.

## Railway Protection Force arrested two liquor smugglers

Prayagraj: Railway Protection Force/Prayagraj keeps running continuous campaigns for the pleasant and safe journey of the passengers. Railway Protection Force runs a campaign against liquor smugglers through Operation Vigilant. Railway Protection Force of Prayagraj Division registered 24 cases of liquor smuggling in the financial year 2024-25 and seized liquor worth Rs 7,72,010/- from 30 liquor smugglers. On October 18, 2024, Railway Protection

Force/Prayagraj Sub Inspector TP Saroj and Government Railway Police Sub Inspector Pankaj Kumar Singh, along with the staff, arrested the criminals involved in illegal liquor smuggling and committing other crimes through the Railways. In the operation being conducted to nab liquor smuggler Prabhakar Singh son of Anil Singh, age 32 years, Chamruppur Nandaut, Phulpur Prayagraj and Janardan Singh son of Anil Singh, age 26 years, Chamruppur Nandaut, Phulpur, Prayagraj, from platform number 4/5 of Prayagraj Junction. They were arrested with a huge quantity of illegal English liquor. 121 Officer's Choice sachets containing 180 ml each were recovered from both the smugglers. The estimated value of the recovered liquor is Rs 14520/-. The said liquor smugglers were engaged in the illegal business of smuggling liquor through trains and taking it to Bihar state and selling it at high prices. A case has been registered against the said liquor smugglers and legal action is being taken.



## Kartik fair inaugurated at Banyan Ghat with Maha Aarti of 51 Peeths

Prayagraj: On Friday, under the auspices of Maa Yamuna Maitya Aarti Committee, at Shri Hanuman Temple Banyan Ghat, Committee Chairman Dinesh Kanaujia and General Secretary Abhishek Thakur and all the officials of the committee, along with chanting of mantras by the pundits, worshiped Maa Yamuna Ji. After worshipping, Maha Aarti of 51 Peethas was performed. General Sec-



retary of the committee, Abhishek Thakur said that a special Maha Aarti has been organized every day in the month of Kartik in which many distinguished citizens of the city, social service organizations, administrative officers, leaders of many political parties will participate. Along with this, 21000 lamps will be donated by the committee on the day of Devotthan Ekadashi. Mainly present at the inauguration of the fair are Rajesh Kesarwani, Rajesh Srivastava, Pratap Narayan Malviya, Chandra Shiromani Gupta, Akhilesh Srivastava, Ashish Srivastava, Dinesh Chandra Srivastava, Harimohan Malviya, RK Sharma. Women like Jagmohan Mehrotra, Ramesh Srivastava, Rachana Verma, Amita Shukla, Manjusha Singh, Ravi Pandey, Sarvesh Kumar Dwivedi, Vineeta Kesarwani, Poonam Chaurasia, Sanjana Saxena, Taru Yadav, Sunita Yadav etc. were present.

### NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my son Ashutosh Dhangar should be Ashutosh Dhangar instead of Ashutosh Dhangar as per Aadhar Card, both the names are same, father's name is Ashok Kumar Pal and mother's name is Amalesha. Amalesha and Amalesha Pal in Aadhar Card, both names are the same which is true. Hence, in my son's school admission form, father's name is Ashok Kumar Pal and mother's name is Amalesha Pal and child's name is Ashutosh Dhanagar. It should be considered true and correct.

**Ashok Kumar Pal, son of Late Ram Awadh Pal, resident of Ward No. 50 Katka Police Station Jhunsi Prayagraj 211019 UP**

## Plastic flood: India surpassing China to generate highest plastic pollution

Prayagraj: World famous scientist Padmashree honored Dr Ajai Kumar Sonkar told that every year 7 million tons of plastic waste was being imported into China from western countries, in which America alone's share is 7 lakh tons. China made many plastic products from this highly polluted and carcinogenic plastic wastes and returned it to the world, due to the availability of plastic products made from this disgusting waste at a very cheap price, the consumption is the highest in low cost countries like India. And in this way India became the world's largest producer of plastic waste. This was discussed all over the world last month but the real reason behind it was hidden somewhere. Dr Ajai told that since 2018, China has refused to accept this

disease causing environmentally destructive wastes coming from all over the world in its country. In 2017, the Chinese government began cutting down on imports of plastic wastes. Then came the big bang: In January 2018, it banned almost all imports. Last year, China imported less than 1 percent of its total imports of 2016. That means a huge amount of plastic is looking for somewhere to go. Dr Ajai explains why new ways to dispose of plastic waste are suddenly being explored since 2018, with the project to build roads using plastic waste being prominent. While working on tissue culture in her laboratory six years ago, Dr Ajai found some micron-sized plastic particles in the mantle tissue of a marine oyster. He was surprised that anything can enter the tissue only

through the blood, and into the blood only through food. Thus began Dr Ajai's study of the horrific form of plastics. During the study, while tracking the source of microscopic plastic particles that reached the food chain, he found that plastic is ev-



erywhere. Microscopic plastic particles are present everywhere - in the air we breathe, in drinking water, in our food. He said that microscopic plastic particles floating in the atmosphere are so light that by evaporation they reach the clouds and through rain they reach every pore of the Earth; plastic has reached our oceans, riv-

ers, glaciers, mountains, forests everywhere. Today, from all over the world, news is continuously coming about microscopic plastic particles being found in human blood and various organs and about its ill effects. In fact, when the plastic disaster is discussed, only the disposal of plastic waste is presented as a big problem. Whereas the real destruction is due to the use of plastic. Today, all our food, beverages, medicines, everything is packed in plastic. The water tank on the roof, the water pipes are all made of plastic. Even the blood in blood banks is stored and used in plastic pouches. All these plastics are made from petroleum sources, which contain countless carcinogenic chemical compounds that have become a huge threat to the existence of humans and the environ-

ment today. In 2008, Rwanda became the world's first 'plastic-free' nation, 10 years after it introduced a ban on all plastic bags and plastic packaging. Unlike many other countries, the African nation is strict at enforcing its ban. Anyone caught with a plastic item in the country faces a jail sentence of up to six months. Looking at the seriousness of the issue, the United Nations has proposed an 80% reduction in plastic production and pollution by 2040. These strict international laws are to be made and passed in 2024 itself, for which the next UN meeting in South Korea in November 2024 is the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) on plastic pollution. Although many oil exporting countries do not agree with this proposal, 175 countries have expressed their agreement.



## Editorial

### Bloody stalemate, no signs of breakthrough

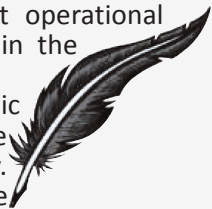
In the book 'The Fathomless Caves', Kate Forsyth, the author, describes war as, "An unpredictable beast. Once unleashed, it runs like a rabid dog, ravaging friends and foes alike. It can drag on for years, a slow attrition of nerve and fortitude, or be over in one brilliant flash, an extravagant configuration of flame and blood and sweat." The Russian-Ukraine War fits well into the above description.

When President Putin launched 'special military operations' to 'demilitarise and denazify' Ukraine on February 24, 2022, it was universally given that the war would be over in a few days, with Russia inflicting a crushing defeat on Ukraine. Ironically, two years later, the conflict rages on, degenerating into a state of stalemate with little change in the ground situation. Although a classic limited war, its politico-economic impact has been felt far and wide, with serious geo-strategic ramifications. Militarily, it has gone on to redefine the very nature of warfare. The Russian offensive commenced as a typical military campaign, preceded by missiles and airstrikes, followed by a large-scale ground invasion along multiple fronts. The northern thrust was launched from Belarus towards Kyiv, the southern one was from Crimea, and the south-eastern push was from Luhansk-Donetsk towards Kharkiv.

In the wake of heavy losses and stiff Ukrainian resistance on the outskirts of Kyiv, the Russian Northern thrust stalled within a month, towards the end of March. By April, the Russian Army had retreated to consolidate gains around the Luhansk and Donetsk areas. However, the Russians did succeed in capturing Mariupol in May after a prolonged siege. Having stabilised the situation, in August, the Ukrainian forces launched a limited counterattack in the south and a month later in the north-east, succeeding in recapturing Kharkiv and Kherson by November, thus forcing the Russians to withdraw east of the Dnieper River. With winters setting in, the pace of operations had slowed down. The Ukrainians resorted to launching a number of drone strikes against the Russian bases. A period of lull was used by the belligerents to consolidate their positions and gear up for the next phase. By the end of 2022, around 8 million refugees had fled Ukraine. Both sides had suffered heavy casualties; more than half a million Russian and Ukrainian soldiers were killed or wounded, besides over 10,000 civilian fatalities. Towards early 2023, Ukraine launched a major counter-offensive on a wide front. However, it soon went awry. The frontal assaults by the Ukrainian mechanised forces against the Russian multi-layered field fortifications complemented with minefields made no headway, and the offensive soon petered out. On the other hand, the Russian Army achieved a major success in May 2023 with the capture of the strategically important city of Bakhmut after months of fighting, with Prigozhin's Wagner militia making a major contribution. In 2024, Russia is prepared for a grand offensive to gain an upper hand, sensing exhaustion amongst the Ukrainian ranks and Kyiv's depleting manpower, equipment, and resources.

Russia has revived its defence industry and also revamped its warfighting potential with military supplies, particularly ammunition, missiles, and drones from North Korea and Iran. The recent seizure of Avdiivka, an important town 20 kilometres east of Donetsk, will definitely offer a significant operational advantage to the Russians in the region.

Additionally, it is a symbolic victory and a huge morale booster for the Russian Army. The state of stalemate notwithstanding, the scope of conflict has enlarged.



## Facing political persecution with resilience

After Maharani Jind Kaur, Maryam Nawaz Sharif will rule the Takht-e-Lahore. Jind Kaur, popular as Rani Jindan, took over as queen regent in 1843, ruling on behalf of her five-year-old son Duleep Singh, who ascended the throne after the death of his father Maharaja Ranjit Singh. She remained queen until the end of the First Anglo-Sikh War in 1846. Nearly 180 years later, Pakistan Punjab is finally getting its first female chief minister. No mean achievement in a male-dominated political setup where women are often relegated to the sidelines. And certainly not a small feat in a family where every third per-

son has been or wants to be the chief minister of Punjab province. Maryam's first prominent appearance was in a BBC interview, where she detailed her father's incarceration by General Pervez Musharraf in the October 1999 coup. While Nawaz and other male members of the family were imprisoned, his fearless wife Kulsoom and daughter Maryam rallied for public support. "I can smell the danger, but who is on the wrong side? Ultimately Gen Musharraf is going to be in trouble," Maryam had said. First lesson learnt – dictators die politically, but civilian leaders live through generations. Facing political

persecution with resilience and defiance made Maryam Nawaz a political force long before she began her parliamentary career. The 'How to Become a Successful Politician in Pakistan' guide will have one chapter, really — let thyself be persecuted at the hands of the real rulers of this land. In the case of Maryam, this persecution began years before she fought her first provincial and national election in 2024. If Nawaz was targeted by the Pakistan Army, Maryam was hounded with trumped-up political court cases that only served to enhance her popularity. Let's rewind to July 2018, when hundreds of paramilitary

soldiers apprehended the father and daughter at Lahore airport, taking them into custody just days before the general election that year. The imagery of a defiant daughter, standing next to her father and willingly accepting arrest, is what catapulted Maryam to where she is today. Going to jail before getting a political launch is the best start to the career for any Pakistani politician. In the next four years of Imran Khan's Army-backed hybrid government, Maryam continued to be hounded with arrests, court cases, harassment and even death threats. In 2021, the government threatened.

# People's health will be benefited by pure eating habits



sumption of the produce will ensure better health.

In fact, in view of this problem in the state, CM Yogi had already released the Bio Energy Policy 2022 to encourage bio energy. Under this policy a target of large scale investment was set. In which many big investors of the country had signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the state government in the Global Investors Summit, which is now going to come to fruition. The Yogi government had set a target of biogas plant in every tehsil, some of which are ready to start soon. Among the plants which are ready to start is Buland Biogas of Bulandshahr district, which is being established in village Lauhgala tehsil. Buland Biogas had signed an MoU worth Rs 18 crore 75 lakh with the state government, the price of which has now increased to around Rs 21 crore. According

to government representatives, this plant will start its production in December. This plant will produce 3 tonnes of CNG per day, which will reduce the dependence on petrol and diesel in the state. 80 to 100 people will also get employment. In these, both skilled and unskilled people will get employment. While talking to Dainik Bhaskar, owner of Buland Bio Gas, Athar Ahmed said that the plant produces not only stubble but also compressed biogas from degradable waste like straw, cow dung, chaff, sugarcane dung, municipal waste or a mixture of all the gases.

Is made. With the help of this technology, CNG is purified. License for this plant has been obtained from PSU Indian Oil of the Ministry of Petroleum, Government of India. However, the government and the people running the institute believe that the

best thing about this project is that it will produce organic fertilizer in large quantities. The waste generated in the production of compressed gas will be 100 percent organic. This waste will be solid as well as liquid. The liquid organic fertilizer produced by the plant will be given to the farmers free of cost for 3 years. These farmers will be identified by the DM or CDO of the districts. This will benefit those farmers who are not able to buy fertilizer, DAP, urea. The advantage of organic fertilizers and liquid fertilizers is that a thick layer of fertilizers has been spread in the fertile lands. It takes time to reach the roots of trees and plants. At the same time, if organic fertilizer is added to it, it will reach the roots in 2 to 3 hours.

This will not only benefit the farmers but also the common people will be able to get pure organic food. People's health will be benefited by pure eating habits. It is believed that considering the need of the hour, the Yogi government of the state has taken this project forward very rapidly and brought Bio Energy Policy-2022 for it. The government provided all the facilities in this. The first facility is that those who have received a LOI license can apply for it. Apart from this, along with the Central Government, the State Government is also providing

a maximum subsidy ranging from Rs 75 lakh to Rs 20 crore. Not only this, the surcharge on electricity has been exempted for 10 years. Stamp duty has also been exempted for 10 years and land development charges have also been made free for 10 years. Apart from this, a discount of 50 plus 30 i.e. total 80 percent is being given on machinery. Not only this, arrangements are also being made for raw material i.e. degradable waste. For this, long term agreements have been made with sugar mills for sugarcane flour. The Animal Husbandry Department has been asked to make agreements with all the government cowsheds for cow dung. Not only this, if the project is worth Rs 50 crore or more then the government is providing a 5 km road. The Yogi government has deployed entrepreneur friends to help investors. Looking at the spell and desire of the government, it seems that soon the paddy producing farmers in Uttar Pradesh will get relief and till now those who were being harassed by the administration in the name of stubble burning will get relief and this type of plants will be set up in Uttar Pradesh. By starting in the state, his income will increase and he will be happy.

## The Third Eye: Intelligence is a prime security weapon

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime, aided by a brilliant National Security Advisor, has boosted the confidence of national Intelligence agencies about doing their job of protecting the security and integrity of India on a proactive, apolitical and professional note. Intelligence Bureau (IB), the 'mother' organisation that fostered the family of Intelligence entities including SSB, ARC and R&AW, traced its origins in the Central CID established by the British some 135 years ago and the fact that it saw an essential continuity of its functioning after Independence, is an affirmation of its belief that by and large its goal had been to safeguard the country against the doings of its perceived 'adversaries'

at any point of time. IB's charter multiplied a great deal with the emergence of India as a sovereign nation and as the largest democracy that happened also to inherit the destabilising legacy of a religion-based Partition accompanying its freedom. The Bureau derives strength from three basic principles of its working. First is the freedom it exercises in the matter of covering an activity or an entity that - in its 'own judgement' - amounted to a threat to national security. Secondly, the government at the Centre can task the IB which is only appropriate but it never influences its findings - IB may be the only reliable agency to tell the government what is adverse in the public environment disproving the notions that

Intelligence only reported what the political masters 'liked to hear'. Thirdly, the IB's communications with the government are not only confidential but are marked as 'unofficial' notes meant only for the benefit of the recipients and not available for scrutiny by an outsider. Working of India's Intelligence agencies is in line with the principle that they are not police organisations. The IB is led by IPS officers who join the organisation giving up on the 'glamour' of uniform and accepting 'anonymity' by choice in lieu of the rare satisfaction they had of directly working for the national cause - with full confidence that good work was always given credit for and with a belief that the nation acknowledged.

## Manipur has been burning for many months due to the hatred and bitterness

In India, people of more castes and religions live together than in any other country in the world. If we look at history, we will find that people from all over the world came to India and most of them stayed here. But today, Manipur has been burning for many months due to the hatred and bitterness that is prevalent among people of different religions in India. The leaders of the ruling party, especially the Prime Minister, are silent about this violence. Meanwhile, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (Sangh) chief Mohan Bhagwat, expressing concern over the Manipur violence, has taught the country to live with unity and love. But the Sangh chief's statement about living in unity in the country is being interpreted in different ways. The reason for this is that apart from the Manipur violence, Mohan Bhagwat has said many other things which need to be considered at this time. In fact, the Sangh chief gave a big message of unity in the Nagpur parade on the day of Vijaydashami regarding the increasing tension between Hindus and Muslims. The way the Sangh chief said in a questioning tone, how did people living in the same country become so alien? Political people, intellectuals, journal-

ists and political analysts are trying to find out the meaning of everything Mohan Bhagwat says from this question. No one is able to understand its true meaning? The simple meaning of this question of Bhagwat is that hatred towards the people of one's own country is not a good thing. But the question is arising for whom did Mohan Bhagwat say this? But before this it is important to understand that the Sangh chief also said that there should not be indiscretion and imbalance. There is a need to take our mind seriously and bind the country in the threads of unity. Because I believe that by expressing concern over the violence in Manipur, the Sangh chief has also hinted at Prime Minister Narendra Modi not speaking on Manipur. However, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat also said that we have to be cautious in elections and we have to accept everyone as our own and keep everyone's influence cool. This is the call of belonging, whoever listens to it will be benefited. It will not be known what will happen to those who still do not listen. Many analysts have their own views on this statement of the Sangh chief, some are saying that he is threatening the government, some

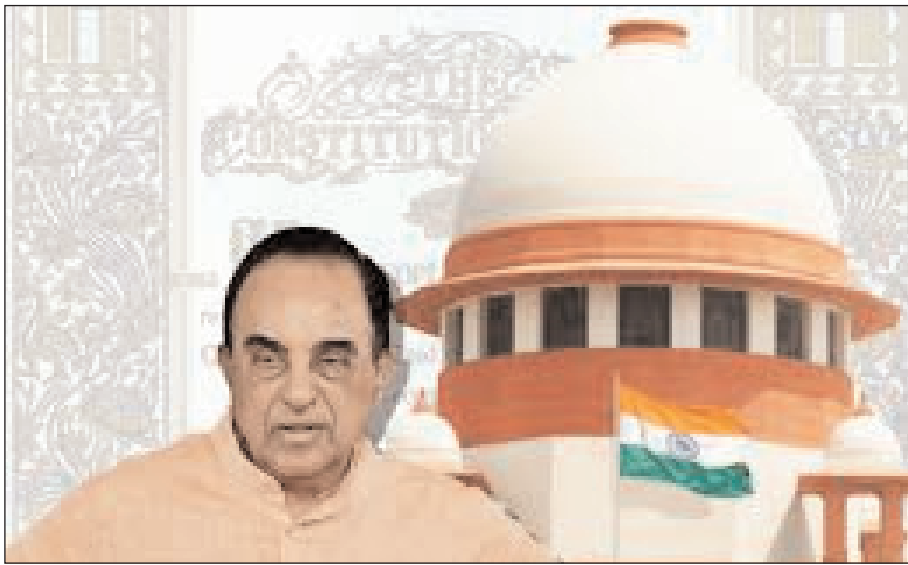
are saying that he is warning the opposition, some are saying that he is giving advice to Muslims. So some are saying that they are giving advice to Hindus. At the same time, some are saying that Mohan Bhagwat is calling extremist people, no matter which religion they belong to. At the same time, some people are also saying that this statement of Mohan Bhagwat is just politics, which is for vote bank politics under the guise of religion. Its Indian meaning is also that Mohan Bhagwat has been accused of supporting the Janata Party. Is. However, I believe that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat has been talking about unity in the country for the last several years. He is the first Sangh chief who went to mosques as well as madrassas and gave a big message of unity and brotherhood to the country. Before this, no Sangh chief had shown the courage to take such an initiative. In such a situation, instead of doing politics on the statement of the Sangh chief, do not come and vote for his statement. We have to vote for who is better. Along with this, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat also praised some of the works of the government. It is clear from this that he has not spoken against the government.



# Delhi HC to treat Swamy's plea on Rahul Gandhi's citizenship as PIL

**Delhi:**The Delhi high court on said that the plea filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy regarding the citizenship of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will be treated as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

Subramanian Swamy, in his plea, had requested that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) be directed to take action on his representation, which seeks the cancellation of Rahul Gandhi's Indian citizenship. During the hearing, the court clarified,



"We have not commented on the merits of the case." Swamy's plea also called for the MHA to provide a status report on the representation he had sub-

mitted against Rahul Gandhi, who is the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha. The petition, filed by advocate Satya Sabharwal, mentioned that Swamy

had written to the ministry on August 6, 2019, alleging "violations" by Gandhi. Specifically, Swamy claimed that Gandhi had "voluntarily disclosed" to the British

government that he was a British citizen, which would require holding a British passport. Swamy argued that, as an Indian citizen, Gandhi's actions violated Article 9 of the Constitution, in conjunction with the Indian Citizenship Act, and that this would result in the loss of his Indian citizenship. Swamy further stated that he had repeatedly inquired with the ministry regarding the status of his complaint, but no action had been taken, nor had he received any communication on the matter.

## Congress makes significant changes to the party's units

**Delhi :** The Congress named Tariq Hameed Karra as the president of its Jammu and Kashmir branch and Keshav Mahto Kamlesh as the leader of the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee in a significant reorganization ahead of the Assembly Elections. In Jammu and Kashmir, Karra succeeds Vikar Rasool Wani, while Kamlesh succeeds Rajesh Thakur. As the party gets ready for the Assembly Elections in the Union Territory, Congress President Mallikarjun



Kharge named Tara Chand and Raman Bhalla as the party's working presidents for Jammu and Kashmir.

The dates for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections were released by the Indian Election

Commission. Addition ally, Wani has been immediately named by Kharge as a special invitee to the Congress Working Committee (CWC). The party released a statement announcing Karra's resignation as a permanent invitee to the CWC.

## Cong workers seize Amt collectorate MP office

**Delhi :** Congress workers headed by Teosa MLA Yashomati Thakur and Amravati MP Balwant Wankhade smashed the lock of an MP's district collectorate office after not receiving keys. Taking over the local MP's office was discussed during a meeting led by guardian minister Chandrakant Patil. Thakur is furious and

asks Patil questions in a viral video from the meet. Patil stated that the divisional commissioner does not have the keys. Thakur says in the popular video that it's wrong that Wankhade, the new MP, didn't get the keys. "After waiting, we'll break the office lock. If you want to sue us, fine," Thakur replied before

Congress staffers smashed the office lock. The spouse of former MP Navneet, Ravi Rana, told a Marathi news channel, "We had handed over the keys of the office to the collector last week itself, hence we have no connection to this incident." Wankhade, who beat Navneet Rana in Lok Sabha elections, remarked.

## HC seeks stand of govt, agencies on plea over child's drowning in drain



**New Delhi:** Delhi High Court has sought the stand of Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Delhi govt and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on a plea by parents of a two-year-old who drowned last year in an open, unbarricaded drain in the city. Pointing out that the matter required "deeper examination," Justice Dharmesh Sharma issued notice to civic authorities last week. The plea, apart from seeking Rs 10 lakh compensation from DDA, also blamed other govt agencies for criminal negligence for their failure to barricade the open drain in Shastri Park, leading to the death of the child. "The present writ petition is directed against criminal negligence on the part of Delhi govt, DDA, and MCD for not

barricading the open drain near Khatta Park, Kabristan, Shastri Park, leading to the death of a two-year-old child, Arman, by drowning in the open drain," said the plea filed through advocate Ashok Aggarwal. The parents have also challenged the refusal of authorities to compensate the family for Arman's death, arguing that it is "violative of the fundamental right to life of the petitioner's son as guaranteed under the Constitution of India". Informing the court about the fateful day, the plea said Arman fell into the open drain at 5.30 pm on Nov 6 last year. Locals were alerted to his cry for help and pulled the child out of the drain. However, by the time he was taken to Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital, he was declared dead on arrival.

## Nod to two airports and three cities' Metro projects

### THREE METRO PROJECTS

#### Bangalore Metro Rail Project

Phase-3 of the project, with an estimated cost of ₹15,611 crore, will add two new elevated corridors totaling 44.65 km, comprising 31 stations.

#### Thane Integral Ring Metro Rail Project

The 29-km ring corridor, with a budget of ₹12,200 crore, will feature 22 stations, connecting key areas such as Naupada, Wagale Estate, Hiranandani Estate, and Kolshet.

#### Pune Metro Phase-1 project

The project will extend further south, with the Cabinet approving the Swargate to Katraj underground line extension. This 5.46 km stretch, known as Line-1B, will include three underground stations, connecting key areas like Market Yard, Bibwewadi, and Katraj, and has an estimated cost of ₹2,954.53 crore.

### TWO NEW AIRPORTS

#### In Bihar

The New Civil Enclave at Bihta will be developed at an estimated cost of ₹1,413 crore. The proposed New Integrated Terminal Building at Bihta Airport spans 66,000 sqm and is designed to handle 3000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP) and annually cater to 5 million passengers.

#### In West Bengal

The Cabinet has approved the proposal for the development of a new civil enclave at Bagdogra Airport, Siliguri, with an estimated cost of ₹1,549 crore. The new terminal building will cover 70,390 sqm and is designed to handle 3,000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP), with an annual capacity of 10 million passengers.

**Delhi :** The Center authorized two airports for Patna in Bihar and Bagdora in West Bengal, which are now handling commercial aircraft, principally defense facilities, and three major metro projects for well-known cities: Bengaluru, Pune, and Thane. The projects would cost a combined Rs 30,765 crore. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presided over the Cabinet meeting where the decision was made. Union Minister for Information and

Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnav briefed the media on the choices, stating that two elevated corridors totaling 44.65 km with 31 stations will be part of the Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase-III, which was authorized on Friday. Bengaluru will have an operating metro rail network of 220.20 kilometers upon the completion of Phase 3. The project would cost a total of Rs 15,611 crore to complete. Additionally, the Pune Metro Phase-I project's Swargate to Katraj Underground

Line Extension of the PCCM-Swargate Metro Line was authorized by the Cabinet. The 5.46 km long Line-I B extension would connect important locations including Market Yard, Bibwewadi, Balaji Nagar, and the Katraj suburbs.

It will also have three suburban stops. The project is scheduled for completion in February 2029 and aims to provide seamless connectivity in Pune. The project is expected to cost Rs 2,954.53 crore.

## Numerous birds were wounded after being struck by kite strings

**Delhi :** Numerous birds were killed during Uttarayan in various areas of the state when they struck kite strings. Among them were three painted storks and a white-rumped vulture. During the festival, hundreds of birds were injured, including foreign migratory species like pigeons, geese, ducks, storks, flamingos, kites, eagles, owls, egrets, and peacocks. These injuries were reported by nonprofit organizations that collaborated with the state government in the Karuna Abhiyan campaign to rescue and treat birds. 540 birds who were hurt when they struck kites were treated at the Jivdaya Charitable Trust (JCT), an Ahmedabad NGO dedicated to the welfare of animals and birds. These include migratory birds that travel internationally, such as bar-headed and grey-lag geese, as well as other species.



## Haryana polls: How the BJP is planning to take on resurgent Congress

**Delhi:** With the Election Commission announcing October 1 as the date of polls for Haryana assembly, the stage is set for an interesting electoral battle between a resurgent and aggressive Congress and the incumbent BJP which has seen its popularity ebb in the state after two consecutive governments, not least due to farmer protests which have alienated the farming community. While the Congress under veteran leader and former chief minister Bhupinder Hooda is confident of winning back the state after two terms, the BJP is in an overdrive to consolidate its voter base. While the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) of Dushyant Chautala, a former BJP ally, and the INLD-BSP alliance are other contestants, the fight is seen to be between the BJP and the Congress.

## Delhi nursing student found dead with cannula in hand

**Delhi ::** A nursing student was found dead in her locked room in Delhi's New Ashok Nagar, leading to suspicions of suicide. The authorities were alerted through a PCR call about the girl's unconscious state behind the locked door. Upon gaining entry, the police and fire department personnel discovered the girl with "a cannula in her hand and two drips hanging from a ceiling fan." The Centralised Accident and Trauma Services (CATS) medical staff declared her dead, and her body was transferred moved to the Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital. The police have seized her mobile phone for a thorough investigation and her family has been informed.

## 48% of 1,563 grace-marked candidates skip NEET-UG retest

**Delhi:** The National Testing Agency (NTA) reported that only 813 or 52% of the 1,563 candidates who were initially awarded grace marks in the National Eligibility Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) before they were withdrawn last week took a retest. Affected students who did not retake were allowed to keep their scores without grace marks. Two candidates from Chandigarh did not take the exam, but 219 from 602 in Chhattisgarh, one from Gujarat, 287 from 494 in Haryana, and 234 from 464 in Meghalaya took the retest. NTA released the data after the exam was held at seven centers in five states and one union territory. The 1,563 students' retest was held days after the Centre scrapped their grace marks, taking the first step toward solving India's premier medical entrance exam's paper leak crisis, which threatens hundreds.

## Preserve CCTV footage: Court on coaching centre deaths

**Delhi ::** A Delhi court recently directed Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to preserve the CCTV footage half an hour before and after the vehicle being driven by Manuj Kathuria crossed the coaching centre in Old Rajender Nagar, where three UPSC aspirants died last month. Kathuria was granted bail by a Delhi court on Aug 1. He had moved an application before the court and sought preservation of the CCTV footage in which he can be seen driving his SUV. "The IO shall take steps for ascertaining the location of three cameras and any other cameras in the

vicinity and preserve the CCTV footage half an hour before and after the vehicle being driven by the accused/applicant crosses the building of RAU's IAS (Study Centre)," said additional chief judicial magistrate Nishant Garg of Rouse Avenue Court in an order dated Aug 17. Kathuria's counsel told the court that at the time of his remand, cops of Rajender Nagar police station had shown video footage from three different cameras to the court, out of which, one camera was installed in the premises of the coaching centre itself.

## Lateral entry seeks to snatch quotas, give plum posts to RSS picks: Cong

**Delhi:** Congress' Rahul Gandhi called the "lateral entry" in central govt posts an attack on reservations for Dalits, tribals and backwards, and party president Mallikarjun Kharge said the scheme is designed to hand over reserved posts to RSS nominees — the second day of a full-scale assault on the Modi govt's scheme suggesting that Congress plans to use the controversy as a social justice issue against BJP in coming elections.

Rahul said, "BJP's distorted version of Ram Rajya seeks to destroy the Constitution and



snatch reservations from Bahujans." Kharge retaliated against Modi govt's charge that Congress had ushered in the policy, stating that UPA brought lateral entry for "handful of experts in sector specific posts", while Modi govt is deploying it

"not to appoint experts but to snatch rights of SC/ST/OBCs." He pointed out that sale of PSUs has ended 5.1 lakh posts in ten years, "casual and contract employment" has increased 91%, and SC/ST/OBC posts fell by 1.3 lakh till 2022-23. The Congress brass

recently met to renew its pledge to oppose the privatisation of PSUs and outsourcing of jobs as attacks on reservation, and the party has seized upon the Modi govt's celebrated scheme to paint it with the same brush. The offensive is significant in view of coming assembly elections, and indications are Congress will use lateral entry to further accuse BJP of being anti-reservation — an extension of its LS election campaign that BJP is seeking "400 paar" to change the Constitution to the detriment of backward classes.



## Toyota Kirloskar Motor Announces the Introduction of 'Festival Limited Edition' of Toyota Glanza

**AMBALA/KURUKSHETRA:** Marking the festive spirit, Toyota Kirloskar Motor today announced the introduction of 'Festival Limited Edition' of the Toyota Glanza. Customers can now enjoy exclusive dealer-fitted Toyota Genuine Accessory (TGA) packages, designed to elevate their driving experience with enhanced style, performance and comfort of the Glanza during this festive period. Celebrated for its advanced technology, sleek design, and high fuel efficiency, since 2019, the limited-edition Toyota Glanza comes equipped with 13 exclusive TGA Package, worth ₹20,567. The vehicle features standout elements like premium chrome and black body side moulding, back door garnish chrome, and ORVM garnish chrome. Additional highlights include 3D floormat, door visor premium, and neck cushions (black & silver) for extra comfort. The stylish appeal of the Toyota Glanza is further enriched with chrome garnishes on the rear bumper, fender as well as rear reflector, and welcome door lamp, adding a premium touch. Commenting on the introduction of the festive limited edition of Toyota Glanza, Mr. Sabari Manohar – Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "Our aim is to bring added excitement to our customers during this festive season with the introduction of the



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## CAPSULES

### 32-year old man killed after being hit by minor's motorcycle in Mumbai

**NEW DELHI:** A 32-year-old man was killed on Thursday after a 15 year-old boy allegedly hit him with a motorcycle in Mumbai.

Irfan Nawab Ali Shaikh, the victim sustained severe injuries from the crash and was immediately rushed to JJ Hospital for medical attention. However, he succumbed to his injuries.

In response to the incident, Mumbai Police have taken the minor into custody and sent him to a juvenile home. Additionally, the minor's father has been detained by the authorities. A case has been registered under section 304(2) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sections 3 and 4 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

This comes following a similar incident in Pune where a Porsche crash involving a minor that killed two people. The 17-year-old driver, initially granted bail within 15 hours by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), faced lenient bail conditions that sparked widespread public anger. The bail terms, which included writing a reflective essay and working with traffic police, were perceived as too lenient given the gravity of the charges.

In response to the backlash, the Juvenile Justice Board in Pune revoked the minor's bail and ordered him to be held in an observation home. Furthermore, the board is now contemplating whether to try the teenager as an adult, which could result in a more severe sentence if he is convicted.

The father of the minor involved in the luxury vehicle accident has been sent to police custody until May 24.

## Chhattisgarh has high number of stateless individuals

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh is the second state with the maximum estimated number of 62,890 stateless, refugee persons. In India, there are a total of 2,89,394 as per the last public statistics released in the year 2014.

In the state capital Raipur, authorities have received a total of 52 applications for citizenship from January one to April 30 this year of which 23 have been forwarded to the district magistrate's office while 29 applications are under process in the police stations for fur-



ther verification, Rapur senior superintendent of police Santosh Singh said. Between the formation of the state and December 31, 2023, 841 citizens were granted citizenship in the state

capital district. This year, from the first of Jan to April 30, a total of 56 stateless people have been granted citizenship. Most of the citizenship applications are from Pakistanis while a

single applicant is from Nepal.

In Bilaspur, within the last 10 years only a single applicant has been granted the naturalization certificate, said an official from administration. Raj Kumar Khetwani is a 39-year-old individual who along with a family consisting of wife, two girls children and an elderly mother for the first time applied for Indian citizenship in the year 2021. Khetwani told, it was the year 2012 when on a tourist visa my family had the privilege to

visit India to my relative's place and while on the grounds of ill-treatment in the then home country Pakistan, the family finally decided to stay back in India. "When we came here, my children were 10 and 12 years old and somehow were admitted to a school. Since then, I have been striving to obtain citizenship", he said. All this while, I've been surviving on dependency. It's been 10 years but still, I live in a rented house and survive on a rented shop, which is now my source.

### 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 2024. 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.

## Non-recovery of cash not prima facie proof no graft took place: HC

**NEW DELHI:** Non-recovery of ill-gotten money can't be prima facie proof that no corruption has taken place because a person now uses new technologies to commit offences without leaving behind any trace, Delhi high court has observed, while denying bail to AAP's Manish Sisodia in the city excise policy case. In its order pronounced Tuesday and uploaded Wednesday, HC said "recovery of cash from a person may not necessarily be a mandatory requirement in a money laundering case where allegations are part of a conspiracy comprising multiple accused." It added the liquor policy case involves commission of "serious offence" of corruption in public office and launder-

ing, which "strikes at the heart of economic and social systems, undermining the rule of law and eroding public trust in institutions." HC rejects plea of no money being recovered from the former deputy chief minister while pointing out to statements of some hawala dealers and other witnesses recorded in course of the probe. "This court is of the view that the prosecution has made out a prima facie case of commission of money laundering under Section 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against Manish Sisodia at this stage," high court observed. HC said the form "of

corruption which has the tendency of stealing legitimate resources of the poor ordinary people and giving it to the rich can be one of the worst." It noted that the new excise policy has "eradicated" the common and small-time businesses and gave the entire playing field in the liquor business to those who had "money, power and had created a cartel" on the basis of financial gains to those formulating a policy, which adds to the seriousness of the offence. "The courts of law may be considered as constant thorns in the way of free-flowing corruption and, even if that be so, and are termed as thorns, it scores the victory for the masses," Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma said.

## Uttarakhand cops drive into AIIMS building to nab accused

**DEHRADUN:** Days after a junior doctor on duty at AIIMS-Rishikesh was allegedly sexually harassed by a nursing officer, a video of a police team driving into the hospital premises to nab the accused, who was admitted in the psychiatric ward of the hospital, surfaced on social media on Thursday. In the widely circulated video, a police vehicle can be seen being driven into the ward (situated on the hospital's 4th floor) with patients' stretchers being hurriedly moved away to give passage to the vehicle. Soon after the video was circulated, cops swung into damage control and proffered an explanation for the action. SSP (Dehradun), Ajai Singh termed the action as "appropriate for the serious situation which had developed inside the hospi-



tal". Was emergency measure, none affected: AIIMS Rishikesh chief Sources said police action had been necessitated since it was feared that those protesting against the accused's presence in the hospital may cause him bodily harm. Referring to "protest by around 250-300 people, including several junior doctors", SSP said the accused "could have been lynched". About the video, the SSP said the clip was of Tuesday, and clarified that "it was not of the emergency ward" as claimed by many on

social media. "It was in the triage area on 4th floor, where patients usually wait before being admitted. Also, the police vehicle was guided through that passage by the hospital's security guards. In a joint inspection undertaken with the AIIMS director, it was concluded that the action was necessary to tackle the tense law and order situation on that day," he added. nDirector of AIIMS-Rishikesh, Dr Meenu Singh, said: "Police used their vehicle to get the accused out since junior doctors who were on protest.

## Cyclone 'Remal' to impact West Bengal, adjoining Bangladesh, IMD

**NEW DELHI:** A low-pressure area over the southwest & adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal moved northeastwards and is likely to concentrate into a depression over central parts of the Bay of Bengal by the morning of May 24 and is expected to intensify further into a cyclonic storm over the east-central Bay of Bengal by May 25, according to India Meteorological Department. And subsequently, it would move nearly northwards and reach near Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts by 26th May evening as a severe cyclonic storm.

In a statement, the IMD said, "Low Pressure Area over southwest & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal moved north-eastwards and lay as a well-marked low pressure area over west central & adjoining south

Bay of Bengal at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 23rd May, 2024. It is very likely to continue to move northeastwards and concentrate into a Depression over central parts of Bay of Bengal by morning of 24th May, 2024." "Thereafter, it is very likely to continue to move northeastwards, intensify further into a cyclonic storm over east-central Bay of Bengal by 25th May morning. Subsequently, it would move nearly northwards and reach near Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts by 26th May evening as a severe cyclonic storm," it added. If the cyclone is formed, it will be named 'Remal', and it will be the first cyclone in the Bay of Bengal this pre-monsoon season. According to the IMD, a light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places.



## Joe dramatically raises US tariffs on Chinese EVs

**Delhi:** US President Joe Biden lambasted Beijing for "cheating" as he raised tariffs on Chinese products such as electric vehicles and semiconductors. Beijing strongly opposed the sanctions as Biden sought to appear tough on trade ahead of a rematch with Republican Donald Trump in November's US presidential election. "We're not going to let China flood our market, making it impossible for American automakers to compete fairly," Biden declared in the White House Rose Garden. He said, "We're never going to allow China to unfairly control the market for these cars," before ordering duties. Trump's tariffs have been frequently criticized by Biden. He's been using similar tactics to win over blue-collar voters in swing Rust Belt states. The White House stated EV tariffs will treble to 100% this year and semiconductor duties will rise from 25% to 50% by next year.



File ITR or risk scrutiny

**Delhi:** A taxpayer will be investigated if they do not file an income-tax return after an inquiry notification. This notification under section 142(1) is provided when a taxpayer has not submitted the tax return or to request preliminary information about a detail such as bank interest or long-term capital gains/loss on property sale. This advice is part of the Central Board of Direct Taxes' new comprehensive rules for mandatory I-T return selection for complete inspection. Annual guidelines cover survey, search and seizure, tax evasion, and cases where no I-T return was filed in response to an inquiry notification for the current financial year (selection and thorough inspection). It also includes non-registration or termination of registration under sections 12A/12AB for charity organizations seeking tax benefits. In addition, if the taxpayers' income increased on a recurring issue in an earlier year, the I-T return will be picked up under obligatory inspection standards, subject to monetary restrictions. "The guideline states that all I-T returns filed during FY24 will have the outer time limit for issue of a notice by June 30, 2024." In selective cases, complete scrutiny is performed to ensure the taxpayer has declared income correctly and paid taxes.

## AIIMS to open emergency cath lab



**Delhi:** The All India Institute of Medical Sciences will open a cath lab for emergency patients to provide primary neuro, cardiac, and endovascular procedures in the "golden hour". The emergency department has no specialized Cath Lab. After considering the patient load and the requirement for fast actions, especially in emergencies, this strategic option was made. Officials noted the number of functioning Cath Labs falls short of meeting rising demand, resulting in longer wait times for sophisticated brain and cardiac treatments. Lack of a dedicated Cath Lab in the

emergency department delays key interventions, affecting patient outcomes. tnn The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic forced business workers to work remotely. To retain staff, employers use office peacocking, affecting work-life balance and trends.

## Free bike rides home for voters

**Delhi ;** The Delhi electoral office has partnered with bike aggregator Rapido to offer house drop services to boost Lok Sabha voter turnout. Anyone can arrange a free Rapido bike trip through its mobile app after voting. Voters must travel to the polling station alone. All ages can vote at the facility. Delhi's top electoral officer P Krishnamurthy said this collaboration will promote voting and reduce transportation constraints. "We offer free bike rides on election day to make voting easier and encourage folks to vote. Every vote counts, so eligible voters must vote without obstruction," Krishnamurthy added. The facility will supplement the pick-up and drop-off for disabled and elderly people. The weather department predicts a strong heat wave on May 25, so election officials are planning to boost voter turnout.

## CAPSULES

### Close fire-violating coaching centers: HC



**Delhi:** The Delhi High Court ordered MCD and DDA to close Mukherjee Nagar's tutoring centers that violated fire safety rules. A team of lawyers revealed that various MCD-claimed actions continued to operate, prompting Justices Yashwant Varma and Ravinder Dudeja to issue the instruction. The bench heard a number of coaching centre petitions, including one it filed after noticing a fire at one in Mukherjee Nagar last year. The amicus claimed numerous premises violated fire safety rules, and one had an electrical board at the door that blocked fire escape. "In light of apparent violation of sealing directions issued by us, we direct MCD/DDA to take action forthwith." HC also clarified that a building's "character" for identification as an educational building and fire safety norms must be determined by its "use" and asked MCD, DDA, and Delhi Fire Services to conduct a new survey within four weeks to identify non-compliant centres. The court ordered all tutoring centers to conform with Delhi Master Plan 2021 and other requirements or close after last year's fire.

## Order mandating SpiceJet to pay Sun Group's Kalanithi Maran 270

**Delhi:** Judge Court. The Division Bench denied SpiceJet's request to postpone the single-judge ruling upholding an arbitral tribunal award ordering the airline to reimburse over 270 cases. The issue between Maran and SpiceJet began in January 2015 when Ajay Singh bought SpiceJet from him. Maran reportedly gave Singh his 58.46% airline ownership. According to the

contract, Maran would receive redeemable warrants for his airline promotion investments. Maran was entitled to 18 crore warrants and 26% SpiceJet shares. No convertible warrants or preference shares were issued to Maran, and he received no money. Maran sought roughly 1,323 crore in damages. Arbitration was ordered by the Delhi High Court. The

arbitral tribunal ordered SpiceJet to return Maran 1270 crore in July 2018. The tribunal also ordered the airline to pay 12% interest on warrant payments and 18% on Maran awards if they are late. The tribunal also found no breach of Maran, SpiceJet, and Ajay Singh's share sale and purchase agreement. Thus, Maran's shareholding return and damages claims were denied.

## Influencers and celebrities will be accountable for deceptive ads: SC

**Delhi:** The Supreme Court reminded celebrities, social media influencers, and advertisers that they will share equal responsibility and liability for deceptive and misleading food and health product ads and services. The supreme court ruled "It is the shared responsibility of advertisers and endorsers, including celebrities and influencers, to ensure the accuracy of advertisements." "Public figures, influencers,

**What SC Said**

Advertisers, celebs and influencers to take responsibility for the accuracy of ads

Ensure consumers' trust not abused or exploited due to sheer lack of knowledge or experience

Govt should set up a specific procedure which will encourage the consumer to lodge a complaint

Seeks fresh affidavit on actions taken against false or misleading ads, particularly in the food and health sectors

Directs removal from online platforms of Patanjali products whose licenses have been canceled by state authorities

celebrities, etc., go a long way in promoting a product, and it is imperative for them to act with responsibility when endorsing any product in advertisements," Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah said. It required marketers to submit self-declaration forms confirming compliance with cable TV and advertising guidelines before airing ads. The directive requires television stations to file these declarations to the Broadcast Seva

Portal before broadcasting commercials. Within four weeks, the relevant ministry must create a print media ad self-declaration portal. Advertisers' self-declarations will not be burdened by bureaucracy, the justices said. The goal is to establish accountability and responsibility in advertising, not to make it difficult for advertisers to promote their products. Influencers must disclose sponsored endorsements, the bench said.

## Government e-commerce platform accepting unicorns



**Delhi:** Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a UPI-like alternative to e-commerce heavyweights, is onboarding unicorns like MakeMyTrip, Policybazaar, Cars24, and Zerodha to build traction. While ONDC was created to support small businesses like kirana stores and democratize online shopping, the govern-

ment believes large players will give consumers more choice and boost demand in smaller towns and cities. The goal is to assist consumers and businesses without platform fees. "It gained popularity in the last two years. Five lakh sellers—70% small and medium—have joined. ONDC processed 72 million transactions in April

"Rajesh Kumar Singh, industry and internal trade secretary, told reporters. Singh expects all types of players to join, when asked if big startups would overwhelm smaller ones. "The intent is noble, let us see how it works and to what extent we can actually crack some of the issues you raised in terms of market concentration," said.

## Replace aging ACs with efficient ones under BSES' new strategy



**Delhi:** With the city's temperature reaching 40 degrees Celsius, BSES discoms are offering home customers up to 63% off energy-efficient air conditioners. A 5-star energy-efficient air conditioner can reduce a household's cooling load, which can account for up to 50% of its annual energy

costs, according to BSES. The limited-time AC Replacement Scheme was introduced by BSES Rajdhani Power Limited and BSES Yamuna Power Limited in conjunction with key air conditioner manufacturers. The state-owned BSES' operating zones in south, west, east, and

### Retailers to hire in tier 2, 3 cities in 2024

**Delhi:** Retail stores will dominate 2024 employment demand as brands that took space in 2023 open. Milan-based Gi Group predicts retail employment demand would rise 18% in 2023 and 15-20% this year. Layoffs, budget restrictions, and selective hiring are forcing e-commerce startups to tighten their hiring. Active logistics positions declined 13.89% in Q3 FY24 amid peak season fulfillment. According to the report, 52% of shops want to hire recent graduates this year, while 38% want experienced experts. Retailers will keep opening stores. We know of many organizations that are still increasing. 162 candidates are running in the May 25 Lok Sabha elections in Delhi. Delhi: 162 contestants are vying for seven seats in the capital's Lok Sabha elections. North East Delhi is the district with the most candidates, fielding 28 people. However, with just 17 candidates.



## Tech-savvy 'handlers' manage exam chaos from paper leak to student training

**Delhi: Port cargo**, the police dog squad, political campaigns, and even spy rings are no longer the only jobs for a "handler". The NEET-UG paper leak conspiracy investigators know how "handlers" function in the shadowy nationwide test business based in Bihar and Jharkhand. "The nine handlers arrested in the NEET-UG case so far - six in Jharkhand and three in Bihar are tech-savvy individuals who played a crucial role in orchestrating the leak of question papers, training examinees who paid for these to memorise the answers, and even escorting them to their respective centres," a top cop said. The six suspects from Jharkhand's Deoghar lived in rented housing as laborers. The task was to provide leaked papers while retaining secrecy and identity. "Once a particular exam got over, they would get to work on identifying the chinks in the system for the next one," he claimed. These handlers sought pretextual connections with coaching centers, schools, and colleges to grow their clientele. They sought out exam officials to bribe for useful information. On the morning of the NEET-UG exam, Bihar Police raided a safe house on a tip-off and found evidence of these



handlers herding roughly 30 applicants into Ram Krishna Nagar on Patna's outskirts. "Examinees memorized leaked question papers all night. Personal automobiles were used to bring them to their exam centers, with all necessary safety precautions," Officer noted. Around 2010, online entrance exam form submission replaced mail-in applications nationwide. Fraudsters and dishonest authorities exploited old system weaknesses. "Before online forms, exam centers assigned roll numbers based on application envelope receipt. A Bihar-based IPS officer said criminals sent many application forms in one envelope using codes like 'bogies' and 'engine' to allude to candidates and their proxies. "This strategy ensured that all these candidates were allocated roll numbers for the same examination centre and hall, facilitating cheating."

## 29 squares of the city are under the surveillance of CCTV cameras

**Karnal: Deputy Commissioner** Uttam Singh said that the ICCC project is working as an important link to control the traffic system of the city. Under this project, the traffic system is being monitored through CCTV cameras on every intersection and main road of the city. An important aspect is that every moment's activity is also being observed through CCTV at 29 major squares of the city. On Tuesday, Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh conducted a surprise inspection of the ICCC Centre located in Sector-12. During this inspection, he took complete information related to the city's traffic monitoring from the concerned officials. During this, a common telephone number has also been set up for mutual coordination between the police and ICCC officials. During this inspection, the Deputy Commissioner has also given necessary guidelines to remove some short-



comings. The Deputy Commissioner saw the function of various components involved in this project on the video wall installed in the ICCC Centre. He showed great interest in watching the live video of how the cameras and traffic lights installed at the squares and intersections are working. ICCC Chief Manager Gaurav Tiwari gave information about each component to the Deputy Commissioner. He told that this project is one of the important projects of Smart City, which is related to the city's traffic system and its control. This project has 6 field components. These include VMD. That is, there are

36 variable message display boards, of which 31 have been installed so far and 27 have been made operational. He said that CCTV installation has been done at 29 squares and intersections, while public address system has been installed at 128 junctions. Similarly, emergency call boxes have been installed at 32 out of 35 places and 2 environmental centers have been set up. Apart from this, automatic traffic control system has been completed at 28 places. 2 ATCS intersections, including Sector-12 T-point and Shaheed Madan Lal Dhirga Chowk, have been made live.

## CAPSULES

### European Space Agency shares high-resolution 'Ram Setu' image

**Between** Rameswaram Island on India's south-east coast and Mannar Island on Sri Lanka's northwest coast, the Ram Setu runs 48 kilometers. The Ram Setu, or Adam's Bridge, a network of shoals connecting India and Sri Lanka, was recently photographed by the European



Space Agency in great detail. Copernicus Sentinel-2 satellites captured the image. Satellites with an innovative wide-swath high-resolution multispectral imager with 13 spectral bands offer a unique view of land and vegetation. Between Rameswaram Island on India's south-east coast and Mannar Island on Sri Lanka's northwest coast, the Ram Setu runs 48 kilometers. It divides the Indian Ocean's Gulf of Mannar from the Bay of Bengal's Palk Strait. One bridge end is on Mannar Island.

The 130-square-kilometer island is connected to mainland Sri Lanka by a road and railway bridge at its southern end. Pamban Island (Rameswaram Island) is the bridge's other end. The 2-km Pamban Bridge connects India to the island. Pamban on the western tip and Rameswaram 10 kilometers east are the island's principal settlements.

## MEA is reducing passport police verification time

**Delhi: External** affairs minister S Jaishankar said that the ministry is working with state and Union territory police forces to speed up passport applicant police verification to strengthen the passport delivery ecosystem. On Passport Seva Divas, Jaishankar said his ministry is committed to ensuring that passports facilitate international trade and investment and improve worldwide mobility to boost the country's growth. The government opened 440 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras to improve passport services. This complements the 93 Passport Seva Kendras, 533 passport processing centers, and 37 regional passport offices nationwide.



The ministry integrated passport issuance systems in 187 Indian missions abroad. Jaishankar said the government is working with States/UTs police to reduce police verification time to facilitate passport delivery. He added that 9,000 police stations in 25 states and Union territories have implemented the "mPassport Police App,"

which streamlines police verification. "The Passport Seva System has also been integrated successfully with DigiLocker to facilitate paperless documentation," he said. Jaishankar told the Lok Sabha in December 2023 that police verification takes 14 days nationwide. He claimed states and Union territories that have the

mPassport Police App have reduced police verification time to less than five days. A standard passport, without police verification, takes seven to 10 days to issue, whereas a Tatkaal passport takes one to three days, Jaishankar said. "Police verification of applicants' particulars plays an important role in timely passport dispatch," he stated. In his message, Jaishankar said the government is committed to ensuring that passports facilitate international trade and investment, tourism, global mobility, education and skills development, diplomatic ties, security and regulation, and legal identity.

## A warning against bogus syllabuses and sample question papers is released by CBSE

**Delhi:** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a warning alert informing parents and students to be wary of false information pertaining to the curriculum, study guides, and practice exams for the 2024-25 school year. The Board has issued a warning to pupils about the dangers of falling for online scams that spread false information. We've noticed that some websites and online portals are disseminating stale information and unreli-

able updates about curriculum, sample question papers, CBSE resources, and activities. The alert said, "These links and news erroneously assert to offer up-to-date information for the session 2024-25. "In the interest of the public, we wish to emphasize that information from unauthorized sources can be misleading and may cause unnecessary confusion among schools, students, parents, and other stakeholders," it continued. Due to significant discrepancies

between theory and practical scores in a few courses, CBSE has recently instructed schools to assess practical exams appropriately.

In a notification, the CBSE said that, based on data from prior years' results, it had used sophisticated AI techniques to identify significant disparities between theory and practical grades in specific courses among 50% or more students in about 500 CBSE-affiliated schools.

## 48% of 1,563 grace-marked candidates skip NEET-UG retest

**Delhi: The** National Testing Agency (NTA) reported that only 813 or 52% of the 1,563 candidates who were initially awarded grace marks in the National Eligibility Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) before they were withdrawn last week took a retest. Affected students who did not retake who



allowed to keep their scores without grace marks. Two candidates from Chandigarh did not take the exam, but 219 from 602 in Chhattisgarh, one from Gujarat, 287 from 494 in Haryana, and 234 from 464 in Meghalaya took the retest. NTA released the data after the exam was held at seven centers in five states and one union territory. The 1,563 students' retest was held days after the Centre scrapped their grace marks, taking the first step toward solving India's premier medical entrance exam's paper leak crisis, which

threatens hundreds of thousands of children's futures. Candidates received grace marks for time lost on the May 5 exam. The Centre informed the Supreme Court that 1,563 students' scorecards will be withdrawn and they could take a new exam or keep their scores without grace marks. Thousands of students have protested this year's medical exam, and opposition parties have called for its scrapping and a Supreme Court-monitored probe into paper leaks. Last week, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan denied paper.

## In sweeping election-year move, Biden offers citizenship to American spouses

**Delhi: In** an election year move that contrasts with Republican competitor Donald Trump's promise for mass deportations, President Joe Biden unveiled a broad endeavor to provide hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants married to U.S. citizens a path to citizenship. At a White House event, Biden attacked Trump for splitting migrant families at the U.S.-Mexico border and calling illegal immigrants "poisoning the blood of our country." He's speaking these things out loud, which is hard to believe. Totally absurd, "Biden said. "I'm not into border or immigration politics. I want to fix things." The new Biden program will be open to an estimated 500,000 wives who have lived in the U.S. for at least 10 years as of June 17, officials announced. The program will also include 50,000 U.S.-citi-



zen children under 21. Biden, a Democrat seeking a second term in the Nov. 5 election, promised to reverse Trump's stringent immigration policies. In response to unprecedented migrant arrests at the U.S.-Mexico border, Biden has intensified his approach. The president stopped most migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border from requesting asylum earlier this month, echoing a Trump-era asylum restriction and drawing outrage from immigration advocates and Democrats. Biden's planned legalization program for spouses of U.S. citizens might bolster his campaign narrative that he supports a

more humanitarian immigration system and contrast him with Trump, who has long opposed both legal and illegal immigration. "The Statue of Liberty is not some relic of American history," he remarked. "It still stands for who we are." The scheme may be challenged in court and ended by a future administration. Texas Governor Greg Abbott, a Republican who has sued Biden over immigration policies, called the new effort "blatantly illegal" and "pandering for votes."

The U.S. allows married immigrants who entered legally on visas to become citizens.

## The government will purchase 156 light combat helicopters from HAL for 50k-cr

**Delhi:** The defence ministry has let Bengaluru-based Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) bid for 156 Prachand light combat helicopters (LCH) to strengthen the Indian Army and Air Force, officials said. According to anonymous authorities, the estimated cost of the new helicopters, 90 for the army and 66 for the IAF, is 50,000 crore. This will increase India's self-reliance. Two months earlier, the ministry let HAL bid for 97 light combat aircraft (LCA Mk-1A) to help the IAF overcome a fighter squadrons shortage. The new fighter planes will cost 67,000 crore approximately. HAL has produced 15 limited series Prachand helicopters for the IAF (10) and army (5), and soon series production will commence. Officials stated HAL will fulfill the 156 helicopter order in five to six years after signing the contract. The series production LCH will have more than 55% indigenous content, up from 45%. The LCH can demolish enemy air defenses, target slow-moving and remotely piloted aircraft, destroy high-altitude bunkers, conduct counter-insurgency operations in jungle and urban areas, and support ground forces. The government's affirmative indigenisation lists limit the import of weapons, equipment, and ammunition.

for five years to promote defence self-reliance, including these helicopters. The defence ministry banned 98 weapons and systems, including futuristic infantry combat vehicles, ship-borne unmanned aerial systems, medium-range precision kill systems, ammunition, radars, sensors, and fighter jet, maritime surveillance plane, warship, helicopter, and tank equipment, last year.