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'What's the point of ... ': Why is Bangladesh interim chief Yunus threatening to resign?

NEW DELHI: Bangladesh's interim government head Muhammad Yunus has reportedly threatened to quit citing difficulties in carrying out his mandate due to the ongoing political stalemate. ANhid Islam, chief of the student-led National Citizen Party, told BBC Bangla that Yunus is growing increasingly uncertain about continuing in his role as chief adviser, as political parties have failed to reach consensus on key reforms."Sir said - 'If I can't work... I was brought here after a mass uprising to bring change and reform to the country. But in the current situation, with mounting pressure from movements and the way I'm being cornered ... I cannot work like this. The political parties, you've all failed to reach common ground'," Islam quoted Yunus as saying. Bangladeshi newspaper Prothom AI reported that Yunus said in the meeting with his advisers that "what is the point of being the chief advisor if he cannot function properly?"Nobel Peace Laureate Yunus, 84, assumed leadership as the interim head of Bangladesh last August, following a student-led uprising that compelled then prime minister Sheikh Hasina to flee to India.But



why is Muhammad Yunus threatening to resign now?Though there has been no official statement from Yunus's office regarding the resignation, reports suggest growing tensions between the military and the interim government, particularly over the timeline for holding parliamentary elections. Political parties have increased pressure on Yunus to announce a clear election schedule. **Criticism over delay in elections** Yunus is facing mounting criticism from political parties and civil society groups over his failure to announce a timeline for the country's next parliamentary elections. Yunus, who took charge in August last year, had promised swift reforms and a return to democratic rule. However, nearly a year later, the absence of an election

date has sparked accusations of indecisiveness and eroding public trust."If the government fails to meet public expectations, it will be difficult for the BNP to continue extending its support," senior BNP leader Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain said. "The highest priority should be placed on announcing a clear roadmap for the election," he said.BNP has also been staging large-scale protests in Dhaka, demanding the immediate swearing-in of its mayoral candidate. The party claims that the interim government has obstructed an Election Commission ruling that declared Ishraque Hossain as the rightful winner of the disputed 2020 mayoral elections. At the time, the BNP had alleged that the polls were rigged by the now-banned Awami League. Amid calls for clarity, Yunus's

office has remained silent on a definitive election schedule.Bangladesh's army chief, General Waker-Uz-Zaman, has also reportedly issued a firm warning to Yunus, demanding that national elections be held by December. According to reports, while speaking at a closed-door meeting, Zaman also firmly rejected the Yunus government's proposed "humanitarian corridor" to Myanmar's Rakhine State, calling it a "bloody corridor" and a threat to national sovereignty."The Bangladesh Army will never be involved in any activity that is harmful to sovereignty. Nor will anyone be allowed to do so," Zaman was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune. "National interest must come first in any action. Whatever is done must be guided by political consensus," he said. The corridor plan, unilaterally announced in April by foreign adviser Touhid Hossain, was intended to route humanitarian aid through Chattogram Division, where over a million Rohingya refugees already reside. The plan, backed by the UN and reportedly supported by the United States, faced swift backlash from opposition parties, including the BNP and Left groups.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rising North East Investors Summit 2025 at Bharat Mandapam. On this occasion, he described the Northeast as the engine of the country's development and said that this region is full of immense possibilities of development.

Delhi HC reserves order on Celebi's security clearance withdrawal

NEW DELHI: Delhi high court reserved judgment Friday on a petition by Celebi Airport Services Private Ltd against a decision by the Centre's Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BACS) to withdraw the Turkiye company's security authorisation for ground handling operations at airports over national security concerns.A single-judge bench of Justice Sachin Datta reserved the judgment after listening to senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing Celebi, and solicitor-gen-

eral Tushar Mehta, appearing for the central govt. The court requested all parties to submit written statements by Monday. The cancellation of Celebi's security clearance came in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor and Pakistan's retaliation that included use of Turkish weapons. Rohatgi argued that principles of natural justice were breached, as Celebi received neither prior notice nor information about govt's intended actions. The decision violated

Patient's death reveals MP man stole tribal's identity to become doctor

JABALPUR: In a bizarre real-life '3 Idiots' replay, one Satendra Kumar got an MBBS degree in the name of his tribal friend Brijraj Singh Uike and practised as a doctor in Jabalpur for seven years before a patient's death busted his lie.Uike, a poor painter, had no clue his friend was raking in the bucks as a doctor in his name.Jabalpur additional SP Suryakant Sharma said police.

Maternity leave constitutional guarantee, says SC, junks HC order

NEW DELHI: Observing that the concept of maternity leave is not just a matter of fair play and social justice but also a constitutional guarantee to women employees, Supreme Court Friday set aside a Madras HC order denying the leave to a govt teacher for birth of her third child. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said maternity leave is intended to achieve the objective of delivering social justice to women workers, to enable a woman to not only subsist but also make up her dissipated energy, nurse her child, preserve her efficiency as a worker and maintain the level of her previous efficiency. The bench said, "Women now constitute a sizeable portion of the workforce, &



must be treated with honour and dignity... The HC went on to explain the impact of pregnancy on the physiological and psychological state of a woman employee undergoing pregnancy. It is not just motherhood but also childhood that requires special attention."The HC had denied the benefit, citing a state govt policy not to grant the leave in case of

birth of more than two children as a measure to control population.Quashing the HC's order, SC noted that the woman's third child was born out of her second marriage. "The right of every woman to make reproductive choices without undue interference from the State is central to the idea of human dignity and deprivation . of access to reproductive

NEW DELHI: When IndiGo's Delhi-Srinagar flight of May 21 flew into severe turbulence and a hailstorm near Pathankot, they first tried to steer clear of the bad weather but were not allowed to do so by Lahore ATC.They then considered returning to Delhi before deciding to continue to Srinagar, safely manoeuvring through challenging operating circumstances before safely landing the plane with 220 people, reports Saurabh Sinha. "Once Lahore refused overflight clearance, and the aircraft proceeded towards Srinagar, the flight was subsequently professionally assisted," IAF sources said. **IndiGo pilots flew aircraft manually till they came**



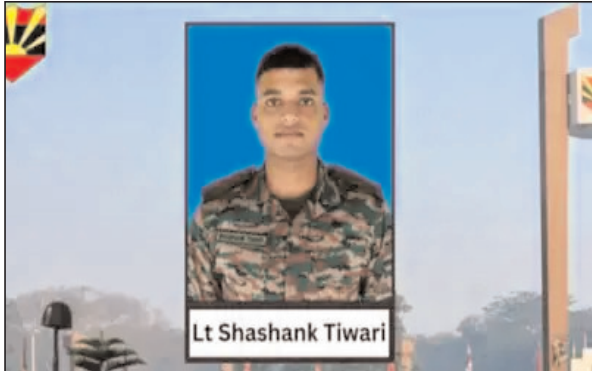
out of hailstorm The flight was subsequently professionally assisted till a safe-landing at Srinagar airfield by giving control vectors and groundspeed readouts," IAF sources said. During this time, the pilots of IndiGo flight (6E-2142) got multiple warnings - like maximum operating speed and angle of attack fault - for the Airbus A321neo

(VT-IMD). They flew the aircraft manually (without autopilot) till they exited the hailstorm and declared an urgency situation.The aircraft touched down at Srinagar with everyone safe. But the plane's nosecone (radome) was damaged while flying through the hailstorm. DGCA, which is probing the incident, said in a statement Friday that the air-

craft flew into the hailstorm while cruising at 36,000 feet: "As per crew statement, they requested IAF Northern Control for deviating left towards the international border due to weather on the route. However, it was not approved. Later, crew contacted Lahore (air traffic control) to enter their airspace to avoid the weather but the same was also refused.Crew initially attempted to return (to Delhi) but as they were close to the thunderstorm cloud, they decided to penetrate the weather.""Crew chose to continue at the same heading to exit the weather by shortest route towards Srinagar.

Sikkim: Army officer dies rescuing fellow soldier from mountain stream

NEW DELHI: A young Army officer from the Sikkim Scouts regiment, Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari, lost his life while rescuing a fellow soldier from drowning in a fast-flowing mountain stream during an operational patrol in North Sikkim. The tragic incident occurred on Thursday morning as Lt. Tiwari led a route-clearing team towards a tactical forward base in the high-altitude region.



Around 11 am, Agniveer Stephan Subba slipped while crossing a makeshift log bridge and was swept away by the strong cur-

rent.Without hesitation, Lt. Tiwari dove into the icy waters to save him. Naik Pukar Katel joined the rescue effort, and together

they successfully pulled Subba to safety. However, Lt. Tiwari was caught by the powerful current and carried nearly 800 meters downstream. His body was recovered within half an hour. In a statement, the Indian Army's Eastern Command paid tribute: "Lt Gen R.C. Tiwari, #ArmyCdrEC, and all ranks offer heartfelt condolences on the loss of Lt Tiwari, who made the ultimate sacrifice

while rescuing a comrade during an operational patrol in the high-altitude area of #NorthSikkim. The #IndianArmy stands united with his family."Commissioned on December 14, 2024, Lt. Tiwari had already shown exceptional bravery in his brief service. A native of Gadopur Majhwa village in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, he was the only child of his parents.

IPL 2025: Ishan Kishan and Pat Cummins dent RCB's top-two hopes

NEW DELHI: Sunrisers Hyderabad took to the pitch on Friday knowing well that a win will not change their standing in the table. The game however, had the potential to help Royal Challengers Bengaluru solidify their claim to booking a top-two spot ahead of the playoffs.Travis Head and Abhshek Sharma opened the game for SRH, although the RCB bowling attack took their wickets before either of them could



put up a dangerous score on the board. Head was dismissed for 17 by Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Abhishek Sharma fell at 34 thanks, after being caught by Phil Salt from a Lungi Ngidi delivery. While RCB mustered confidence from their dismissals, along came

Ishan Kishan to spoil the party. A man down, Kishan did spectacularly well, as he dispatched boundary after boundary in the balls that followed. His tail-blazing 94 from just 48 deliveries changed the game for Sunrisers as they put up a massive 231 runs on the board. Besides Kishan, Heinrich Klaasen and Aniket Verman put up brilliant cameos, adding another 50 runs in just 22 balls for SRH. Nitish Kumar Reddy, Abhinav Manohar.

Luxury & Tech Meet Sustainability at New Kanpur Station's Crew Running Room

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Prayagraj: In a significant stride towards enhancing operational efficiency and crew welfare, the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) has officially inaugurated a state-of-the-art Crew Running Room at the New Kanpur Station of Prayagraj Unit. The facility was commissioned by Shri Praveen Kumar, Managing Director of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), in a ceremony attended by key railway officials of North Central Railway, including Rajneesh Aggarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj, , Sanjay Singh, ADRM/Infra, Prayagraj, Devendra Singh, Chief General Manager, Prayagraj, CGM/S&T A B Saran, GM/Security Ashish Mishra AGM/OP&BD/EDFC Mannu Prakash Dubey , Dy CTM Kanpur Ashutosh Singh , Sr.DOM(Co) Prayagraj Akanshu Govil, Sr.DEE(G) PRYJ Kunwar Narayan Dy.CEE(Loco), DEE (TRD) Abhishekh Mishra , DEE (OP), DEN -IV and Other DFCCIL Officers from

Tundla unit and Indian Railway Officers attended the occasion.

The new Crew Running Room is set in a grand G+4 building covering a total built-up area of 7,242.55 square meters, designed with modern amenities that reflect a commitment to not just efficiency but also the well-being of railway personnel. Solar plants will aid in saving electricity and dependency on greener energy. For this Solar on Roof 88KW(184 panel) and Solar on stand 412KW (762 panels) with annual generation 8,21,000 KWH with annual cost savings @Rs7.7 per unit.

During the inauguration Praveen Kumar discussed that this Crew Running Room is not just a building; it's a solution designed to meet the operational demands of our freight services while ensuring the comfort and safety of our crew members. With modern technology and sustainable practices woven into the very fabric of this facility, we are taking a crucial step to-

wards a world-class railway infrastructure said.

The Ground Floor of the building features a dining area complete with a modular kitchen, noteworthy amenities Simulator Room for training purposes, include a Crew lobby with a waiting area and recreation zone, designed to provide a comfortable environment for the crew during their breaks. The First Floor houses a spacious Conference Hall one of its kind, Yoga Room etc.

In terms of energy efficiency and sustainability, the facility boasts a design that incorporates natural lighting and ventilation, ensuring a pleasant indoor environment. State-of-the-art VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) air conditioning systems and advanced security measures, including 42 CCTV cameras and an alarm system, enhance safety and comfort within the premises.

Praveen Kumar also discussed equipping our crew with the best facilities not only improves their



morale but also translates into better service for our customers. The innovative design and modern technological integration present in this Crew Running Room reflect our dedication to providing a working environment that meets global standards.

The new structure also takes a holistic view of waste management and sustainable site planning. The use of innovative materials, such as BULA

OPUS, ensures that the aesthetics are not compromised while also being environmentally friendly.

World-Class Crew Running Room Opens at New Kanpur Station: A Modern Marvel in Freight Corridor Infrastructure: The running room at New Kanpur Junction has been developed with a capacity of 150 beds, which is extendable up to 300 beds to meet future requirements based on anticipated traffic growth

and crew deployment patterns. New Kanpur serves as a centralized crew changing hub and has a strategic importance, with crews from multiple originating points including: Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU), GMC, Prayagraj (PRYJ), Prayagraj Cheoki (PCOI), Tundla (TDL), Jhansi (JHS), Khurja (KRJ). The location has been identified as a critical operational point due to its connectivity and fre-

quency of crew interchanges. Special consideration has been given to accommodating female running staff. A total of 05 dedicated rooms with attached toilet facilities have been earmarked exclusively for female staff, ensuring privacy, safety, and comfort. This development reflects DFCCIL's commitment to providing modern, inclusive, and operationally efficient crew facilities aligned with national standards and best practices.

Recently, on 22 Apr 25, New Kanpur station handled highest train crew change i.e 176 trains. Means every 8th minute crew changed at station with least infrastructure.

The Bhoomi Poojan ceremony, held on 14th February 2024, marked a significant milestone in the development of the Running Room project at New Kanpur Junction. Praveen Kumar, Managing Director, DFCCIL, who has been actively engaged since his appointment, continues to provide regular oversight

and guidance. His leadership and persistent follow-up with Team Prayagraj underscore the importance of the project at the organizational level.

The Prayagraj team, under the expert guidance of CGM/Prayagraj, Devendra Singh, is working with dedication and efficiency to meet the defined targets. The completion of the running room building has been identified as a top operational priority, given its importance in ensuring crew welfare and operational readiness.

Praveen Kumar, MD, DFCCIL discussed during inauguration that the completion of the running room building was a priority for us, and the collaborative efforts of everyone involved are truly commendable. As the dust settles on the inauguration, one thing is clear: the future of DFC railway freight services in India is not just about moving goods from point A to B; it is about doing so with an emphasis on the people who make it all possible.

Membership campaign running by Shri Jagannath Ji Festival Committee Trust

Prayagraj: A membership drive was conducted by Shree Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Samiti Trust in Muthighanj area through the Rath Yatra coordinator of the Trust, Rajesh Kesarwani. On this occasion, people took lifetime membership with the spirit of service to God. On this occasion Ajay Agrahari, Vikas Chaurasia, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Sunil Kesarwani, Deepak Kesarwani, Kamlesh Kesarwani, Abhilash Kesarwani etc were present.



Northern Football Academy's U-15 football team announced



Prayagraj: The Under-15 team of Northern Football Academy has been declared to participate in the Himachal Pradesh State Under-15 Football League to be held from 25 May to 31 May at Nangal Dam Punjab, organized by Himachal Pradesh Football Association. In which 10 football clubs associated with Himachal Pradesh Football Association are participating and this competition will be played on league basis. According to the Chief Coach of the Academy Indranil Ghosh, the names of the selected

players are as follows: Nishant Kumar Mishra (Goalkeeper), Utkarsh Gupta, Kumar Ansh, Samvyak Yadav, Veer Pal, Anant Tripathi, Aditya Upadhyay, Ayan Ahmed, Akshat Tripathi, Aniket Maurya, Krish Bahadur, Ansh Kumar Patel, Albash Jalal, Shlok Singh, Shubhankar Pandey (all Prayagraj), Priyansh (Lucknow), Pranav Thakur, Arnab Thakur, Ishan Thakur, Sumit Bisht (all Mandi Himachal Pradesh) Chief Coach Indranil Ghosh, Assistant Coach - Rahul Verma.

Sahu Kalyan Samiti hails elevation of Hari Om Sahu in SP

Prayagraj: Sahu Kalyan Samiti Yamunapar Naini has congratulated the hardworking and combative leader of Samajwadi Party, Hari Om Sahu, on being made in-charge of City Southern Assembly, Banaras, on the instructions of the central leadership. The senior patron of the committee, Om Prakash Sahu, said that Hari Om Bhai has previously contested the elections from the City Southern Assembly of Prayagraj with great vigor. Seeing his efficiency, the party has given him the responsibility. The committee expresses its gratitude for this. All Mr. K P Gupta, Ashok Gupta, Amrit Lal Sahu, Lal Bahadur Sahu, D D Gupta, President Ram Sagar Gupta, Ravindra Gupta, Kamlesh Sahu, Shyam Dev Gupta, Sudhir Kumar Sahu, Prem Chandra Sahu, Dheeraj Sahu, Amit Sahu, Ravi Shankar Sahu, K C Sahu Ajit Sahu, Sachchidanand Gupta, Virendra Sahu, Phool Chandra Gupta, Satya Narayan Gupta, Uma Shankar Sahu, Chandra Prakash Sahu, Rohit Sahu, Rajiv Sahu etc. have congratulated.

Morning walkers mourn death of Lallu Sajeevan

Prayagraj: Morning Walkers Association has expressed deep sorrow over the death of patron and social worker Lallu Sajeevan Chaurasia (82). In the condolence meeting held at a hotel in Civil Lines on Friday afternoon under the chairmanship of association president Kishore Varshney, he was described as cheerful and liberal. It was said that he was always ready to help people. He used to come to Azad Park for morning walk for a long time. During this, two minutes of silence was also observed for the peace of the departed soul. Senior Advocate Yasharth Prakash, Arvind Singh, Hari Krishna Chaurasia, Dr. Prakash Khaitan, Rajendra Kesarwani, RK Sarna, RK Chauhan, Ravindra Srivastava, Jitendra Jaiswal.

High Court quashes FIR lodged against SHUATS Director PR Dr Ramakant Dubey

Prayagraj: The Allahabad High Court has passed an order to quash case number 6342/2015 (State vs Daniel Subhan and others) registered at Police Station Civil Lines



against Dr Ramakant Dubey, Director Public Relations of SHUATS.

Advocate Kumar Vikrant Ghosh, appearing for Dr Dubey, said that the applicant is not named in the FIR. The applicant is neither connected with the administration nor the financial matters of Lucknow Diocese,

Church of North India. After hearing all the parties, the High Court quashed the proceedings of case no. 6342/2015 under sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 406 IPC at Police Station Civil Lines, District Allahabad on the basis of the decision given by the Supreme Court in Krishnappa and others vs State of Karnataka; Parbatbhai Bhimsinghbhai Karamur and others vs State of Gujarat and others; BS Joshi vs State of Haryana; Nikhil Merchant vs Central Bureau of Investigation and others; Gyan Singh vs State of Punjab; Narinder Singh and others vs State of Punjab and others arising out of case crime no. 845/2014.

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North East Apprenticeship Pilot Scheme Launched by Union Minister

Varanasi: Reaffirming the Government of India's commitment to inclusive growth and regional empowerment, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), today launched a strategic pilot scheme to promote apprenticeship training in the North Eastern Region (NER). The scheme was jointly launched in Aizawl by Shri Lalduhoma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram and Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.



Anchored in the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Ashta Lakshmi and Viksit Bharat, Viksit North East, the initiative aims to provide structured, paid, and high-quality apprenticeship opportu-

nities to youth across the region. As a key financial support measure, over 26,000 youth from the region will receive an additional Rs. 1,500 per month for one year under the pi-

lot-over and above the regular stipend provided through the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). This support is applicable for apprentices from the North East Region undertaking training both within and outside the North East, ensuring that mobility does not become a barrier to accessing opportunity. A total of 743.94 crore has been earmarked for the pilot, including 74 crore for out-

reach, capacity building, and project implementation. Speaking at the launch, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister (I/C), MSDE, stated: "The launch of this special pilot initiative under NAPS marks a defining moment for apprenticeship pro-

Civil Defence meet held over recruitment of volunteers

Prayagraj: As per the instructions of the Controller/Deputy Controller, a meeting was organised in Prayagraj Civil Defence regarding the recruitment of volunteers. Its main objective was that the volunteers of Civil Defence could help the administration and the general public in times of natural disasters, accidents, public emergencies and other unforeseen situations like house fire etc. Senior officials of Colonelganj block of Civil Defence Prayagraj, Mr. L.K. Aherwar, Mr. Ashish Vajpayee, Mr. Ravishankar Dwivedi and Mr. Bharat Bhushan Varshney informed everyone about the new volunteer recruitment campaign. This meeting was organised at the residence of Mr. Bharat Bhushan Varshney in Purana Katra under the leadership of Mr. Shailendra Kumar, Deputy Post Warden, Colonelganj, Post-5, Katra.

Ideal Homeopathic Welfare Organization organized scientific seminar

Prayagraj: A scientific seminar of Ideal Homeopathic Welfare Organization was concluded at a hotel in Rambagh. In which the chief guest Dr. Bhanwar Singh (National Ex-

mediately if you feel even a little thirsty.

Wear light coloured cotton clothes (which absorb heat). Consume seasonal fruits like watermelon, cucumber, orange, mango juice, lemonade, coconut water, buttermilk, curd etc. as much as possible.



He said that consuming onion and mint in summer is a very good way to avoid heat stroke. Raw onion should definitely be used in breakfast or lunch.

Dr. Akhil Nigam thanked all the doctors for attending the seminar. Finally, the seminar was concluded with the national anthem.

Mainly Dr. Akhil Nigam, Dr. Shri Bhagwan Kesari, Dr. Kapoor Chandra, Dr. Sunil Patel, Dr. Rajesh, Dr. Devesh Kushwaha, Dr. Ashutosh Singh, Mukesh Kumar Mishra, Prakash Pandey, Dr. S. N. Mishra, Dr. S. K. Rajput, Vinod Kumar Yadav, Dr. Sumit Patel, Dr. R. C. Gupta, Dr. Khurshid, Dr. Pankaj Vishwakarma, Dr. Brijesh Singh and a large number of doctors were present in the symposium.

Axis Bank empowered over 2.5L households in Varanasi

Varanasi: Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, celebrated its milestone achievement of reaching out to over 2.5 lakh households in Varanasi, providing them with a unique QR code solution for paying their utility bills from the comfort of their homes. Strengthening its collaboration with the Municipal Corporation

of Varanasi, Axis Bank has empowered the citizens of Varanasi to pay their House and Water Taxes digitally. This initiative not only simplified the payment process for residents but also demonstrated the Bank's commitment to supporting the digital transformation of the city. The Mayor of Varanasi - Mr. Ashok Tiwari, and the Varanasi Municipal Commis-

sioner & CEO of Varanasi Smart City - Mr. Akshat Verma (IAS) applauded the collaborative efforts by Axis Bank and the Municipal Corporation of Varanasi, towards making the overall payment process seamless, quick and easy. The celebratory event was attended by Mr. Reynold D'Souza, Head- Branch Banking (North & East) &

TASC, Axis Bank; Mr. Sreelesh P., Regional Branch Banking Head-North 3, Axis Bank and other senior bank officials. During the event, Reynold D'Souza discussed the benefits of embracing digital innovations and emphasized on its partnership with the Municipal Corporation of Varanasi for further improving the digital payment infrastruc-

ture of the city. This innovative digital solution also enables the Municipal Corporation to monitor employee attendance, as well as door-to-door garbage collection. It helps citizens to easily lodge and track municipal complaints, enhancing transparency and service delivery. By integrating advanced technology with daily operations, Axis Bank will support the

Municipal Corporation's mission to foster a cleaner and healthier environment for the residents of Varanasi. Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Reynold D'Souza, Head-Branch Banking (North & East) & TASC, Axis Bank said, "Axis Bank stands committed to driving digital transformation and enhancing financial inclusion across India.

UPSIDA to collect waste from enterprises in Naini's industrial area for Rs. 1

Till now disposal of garbage was done by entrepreneurs only
During dialogue, entrepreneurs demanded better facilities from Minister Nandi

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Prayagraj: The entrepreneurs of Naini Industrial Area will no longer have to worry about waste disposal. Because now the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPIDA) will collect the waste from the factories of Naini Industrial Area through door to door garbage collection. For which UPIDA will not charge a higher fee from the entrepreneurs, but will only charge a maintenance fee of one rupee per square meter per year. Till now the entrepreneurs themselves used to dispose of the waste coming out of the factories.

To solve the problems of entrepreneurs quickly and to provide them maximum facilities, a Samadhan Diwas and Samvad program was organized with the entrepreneurs of Prayagraj division in Naini



Industrial Area on May 2 under the chairmanship of Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi. In which the entrepreneurs had demanded to improve electricity, water, cleanliness as well as other basic facilities in Prayagraj Industrial Area. On which

Minister Nandi had assured the entrepreneurs.

UPSIDA till now charged Rs. 20 per square meter per year from the entrepreneurs of Naini Industrial Area in the name of maintenance fee. This did not include garbage disposal. The entrepreneurs had to remove the garbage

coming out of their enterprise themselves. They had to spend separately on this. To solve this problem of the entrepreneurs, UPSIDA has now decided to dispose of the garbage by doing door to door garbage collection from the factories established in Naini Industrial Area. For which the pre-de-

termined maintenance fee of Rs. 20 has been increased by just one rupee and the maintenance fee has been made Rs. 21. Now the entrepreneurs have got rid of the problem of garbage disposal at a fee of just one rupee per square meter per year. Vinay Kumar Tandon, President of Eastern Chamber of Commerce, said that the entrepreneurs will get the benefit of this facility given by UPSIDA on the orders of Minister Nandi. They will not have to worry much for garbage disposal. Till now, the entrepreneurs used to get the garbage removed by arranging a separate vehicle. On which there was more expenditure. Now entrepreneurs will not have to face any problem as door to door garbage collection will be done from the industrial site itself.

Natural farming essential for quality agricultural production

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Prayagraj: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, SHUATS Prayagraj organized training on natural farming for 24 Krishi Sakhi/CRP of Jasra and Bhagwatpur blocks of Prayagraj district from 19th May to 23rd May. Addressing the participants on the occasion of the completion of the training, Director Extension, SHUATS, Dr. Praveen Charan said that Krishi Sakhis will learn the method of natural farming and will join with the selected farmers in the area and will make their important contribution in the field of natural farming in the district. During this, Dr.

Mukesh P. Masih, in-charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Prayagraj, gave information about the usefulness of natural farming in human life. Scientist Dr. RP Singh said that natural farming is the best solution to deal with the challenge of stable production. Scientist Dr. Ajay Kumar gave detailed information on the principles of natural farming and Shri Anna production technology along with the importance of increasing carbon in the soil through natural farming. Dr. GPM Singh gave detailed information on soil health. Dr. Nimisha Natarajan gave in-

formation about the marketing system of products produced through natural farming. In this training, 14 Krishi Sakhi/CRP of Jasra block of Prayagraj district and 10 Krishi Sakhi of Bhagwatpur block participated. At the end of the training, the participants were given certificates, subject literature, bags etc. and wished for their bright future. In the end, the contemporary questions asked by the Krishi Sakhis were answered by the scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, informed Dr. Mukesh P. Masih Incharge, Agricultural Science Center, SHUATS, Prayagraj.

IFFCO initiative: Farmers adopting latest fertilizer techniques

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Prayagraj: Recently, the encouraging results of Kisan Chaupal organized by IFFCO Phulpur unit have started coming out. In the influence of this chaupal, a total of 50 farmers of two villages - Jafarpur & saura jalapur in Phulpur region have taken concrete steps towards adopting the latest fertilizer techniques.

These farmers have committed to cultivate paddy with new technology fertilizers like Nano Urea Plus and Nano DAP. To strengthen this initiative, one-day practical training was provided to farmers who reached Moti Lal Nehru Farmers Training Center, Cordet of IFFCO, in which detailed information was given on scientific use, crop management and beneficial agricultural techniques of fertilizers. In the cultivation of rice, farmers were the first to reflect seeds from Nano DAP (5ml/KG) and refine the seeds before the seeds of Nano DAP (5ml/kg) litre with water ways to do.

This effort by IFFCO Phulpur is a commendable step towards empowering farm-

ers self-reliant and technically, which will not only increase productivity but will also maintain environmental balance. Senior General Manager Technical Sanjay Vaish said that IFFCO Phulpur will continue to



inspire farmers towards advanced farming through such programs in future also. PRO Swayam Prakash, Senior Manager Training Anurag Tiwari, from Cordet Dr. Harishchandra, Mukesh Tiwari, Rajesh Singh were present on the occasion.

Orthopaedic surgeons to participate in first Prayagraj Arthroplasty Meet 2025

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Prayagraj: Under the aegis of UP Orthopaedic Association and Indian Arthroplasty Association Prayagraj orthopaedic Association is going to organise first Prayagraj Arthroplasty Meet 2025 at hotel Kanha Shyam on Sunday. Giving the above information conference organising secretary Dr Maneeshi Bansal, said that the entire conference is being organised under the able guidance of organising president Dr KD Tripathi and Dr Kapil Kulsheshthra with Prof DC Srivastava as Scientific Chairman.

The president of Prayagraj Orthopedic Association Dr Rakesh Chandra and secretary Dr Nimish Agarwal is set to organise with an impressive

lineup of distinguished orthopaedic surgeons and faculty members from across the country under the able organising president

Dr Bansal further informed that more than 200 participants including orthopedic surgeons, medical professionals, and healthcare enthusiasts are expected to participate in the course.

The course will feature esteemed speakers, including Dr. Anil Arora New Delhi Max hospital Dr C S Yadav, Dr Vijay Kumar Dr Ravi Mittal AIIMS New Delhi a leading figure in orthopedic surgery. Dr. Rajkumar Natesan from Ganga Hospital Coimbatore, Dr. Anil Thomas from CMC Vellore, Dr.



Sanjeev Jain Mumbai Dr. Debabrata Padhy from Bhubaneswar, who brings valuable insights into the latest orthopedic practices. It will cover both basic and advanced concepts of hip and knee replacement, aiming to enhance the knowledge and skills of attendees. Organising Secretary Dr. Maneeshi Bansal stated,

"This conference provides a unique platform for orthopedic surgeons to learn from the best in the field and share their experiences. We are thrilled to welcome such a distinguished group of experts to Prayagraj.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in latest talks interactive and sessions panel discus-

sions that will delve into the latest advancements and best practices in arthroplasty. The event promises to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange among orthopedic professionals, ultimately benefiting patient care.

He further added that Arthroplasty, also known as joint replacement surgery, is a surgical procedure that involves replacing a damaged or diseased joint with an artificial joint (prosthesis). This procedure aims to restore joint function and alleviate pain caused by conditions like arthritis. The Prayagraj Arthroplasty Course is not only a significant educational endeavour but also a celebration of the growing community of orthopedic specialists in India.

Tiranga Yatra taken out to honour army & celebrate Op Sindoor success

AKHAND BHARAT SANDESH

Prayagraj: To celebrate the success of Operation Sindoor and to salute the valour of the Indian Army, a huge Tiranga Yatra was taken out in the city's North and West Assembly constituencies on Friday. On behalf of the BJP Law Cell, a Tiranga Yatra was taken out in the court under the leadership of BJP Metropolitan President Sanjay Gupta. Here, Ranjit Singh, Devendra Nath Mishra, Varun Kesarwani, Jaivardhan Tripathi and other advocates of the Law Cell were present. Tiranga Yatra was taken out in the City West Assembly constituency under the leadership of MLA Siddharth Nath Singh and in the City North Assembly constituency under the leadership of MLA Harshvardhan Bajpai. Thousands of people gathered in the

Tiranga Yatra, holding the tricolour in their hands, raised loud slogans of Hindustan Zindabad, Pakistan Murdabad, Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Indian Army Ki

son to the enemy by carrying the picture of Colonel Sofia Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh. People said that the country is proud of these brave

the brave sons of Mother India are there, no one can dare to challenge the country's borders. This huge Tiranga Yatra has been taken out to salute such brave sons and



Jai. The patriotic songs playing on the DJ doubled the enthusiasm and passion for patriotism in the atmosphere. The people involved in the Yatra thanked these brave daughters of India for playing an important role in teaching a les-

sons to the enemy by carrying the picture of Colonel Sofia Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh. People said that the country is proud of these brave

The whole world has seen the valor of the Indian Army on the success of Operation Sindoor. As long as

the valor of the Indian Army. MLA Harshvardhan Bajpai said that every Indian is proud of the success of Operation Sindoor. The army punished Pakistan for its deeds by entering its home. Under the strong leadership of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, India is today giving a befitting reply to terrorism and the country that fosters it. The terrorists had snatched the sindoor of our daughters, our army has taken revenge for that by making Operation Sindoor a success. A large number of workers including Awadhesh Chandra Gupta, Rajendra Mishra, Dr. Shailesh Pandey, Shailendra Maurya, Sonika Agarwal, Apoorva Chandra, Vandana Singh, Archana Shukla, Raghavendra Kushwaha, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Pappu Pandey, Sanjay Rajan, Vijay Patel, Vijay Srivastava, Pramod Modi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra, Nawab Khan, Sujit Kushwaha, Ajay Singh, Rakesh Bharti, Avnish Tiwari, Bhola Singh, Ajay Anand, Manoj Srivastava, Ganesh Verma, etc. were present.

Disappointment among public due to fear and hunger: Ashfaq

AKHAND BHARAT SANDESH

Prayagraj: Addressing a meeting held at Mauima's Batha under the organization creation campaign program between the outgoing officials of the party under the chairmanship of Gangapur District President of the Congress Party Ashfaq Ahmed, while addressing a meeting held in Batha of Mauima, Ahmed said that the people are unsafe during the BJP rule. There is disappointment in the public with fear and hunger. The basic needs of the public have become so expensive that the pulses have disappeared from the plate of the poor. The prices of life-saving medicines are touching the sky which is out of the grip of the poor. Parents are plagued by the increase in children's books and fees, due to which the education of children is not accessible. The BJP government is responsible for all this. He said that such an honest work officer will be selected in the organization with absolute and honesty. On this occasion, Mohammad Feroz, Mohammad Salim BDC, Ram Pujan Yadav, Mohammad Rafiq, Nanhelal Maurya,

Akhtar Ali, Mohammad Asif, Ramchandra Patel, Dilip Kumar, Rambabu, Kamta Prasad, Sangam Lal, Samar Bahadur, Shamsad Ahmed, Ram Babu Patel, Phoolchand, Mohammad Jamil, Mohammad Rafi Heelal Gautam, Mohammad Rafi Ahmad Gautam, Abdul Ali Ali Sonu Mohammad Bilal,



Mohammad Imran Aman, Nafees, Mohammad Danish Mohammad Imtiaz, Zeeshan, Abrar, Sajid, Haji Mohammad Rafiq, Mohammad Farooq, Surendra Yadav, Shivprasad Prajapati, Mohammad Shahjmal, Mohammad Saddam, Mohammad Nasim etc. were present.

Sr journalist's father cremated at Daraganj crematorium

Prayagraj: The last rites of Dharm Kishore Srivastava, father of senior journalists Piyush Srivastava and Amit Srivastava, were performed on Friday at the crematorium in Daraganj. During this, his family members, relatives and media persons were present. Late on Wednesday night, 84-year-old Dharm Kishore Srivastava breathed his last at his residence in Daraganj. He was unwell for several days. He has left behind a family full of wife, three sons-daughters-in-law, two daughters, and grandchildren. On his demise, former President of Press Club Ratan Dixit, Secretary, Munendra Bajpai, Devendra Singh, Jagam Khan, Rajiv Khare etc. reached the crematorium on Friday and expressed condolences.



Yogi Govt 8 yrs - People troubled by inflation and unemployment: Cong

Prayagraj: Yamunapur Congress Party District President Ashok Singh Patel has raised serious questions on the eight years of rule of the Yogi Adityanath government. He alleged that during this period the people of the state are suffering from inflation and unemployment.

Ashok Singh Patel said that the efforts made by the previous governments for social harmony, women's

safety, employment, development of backward, Dalits and minorities in the state have been destroyed by the Yogi government. He cornered the government on issues like murder, kidnapping, violence against women, discrimination against Dalits and minorities, deceit with farmers and youth and inflation.

Questions on education and employment: He said that education has be-

come expensive and employment opportunities have reduced due to the privatisation efforts of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government. He also expressed concern over the cancellation of competitive exams due to rigging, due to which bright students are feeling cheated. He said that the 2027 election will be fought between Yogi versus competitors, in which youth and students will

play an important role.

Corruption and Cybercrime: Ashok Singh Patel alleged that corruption is at its peak in the state and Uttar Pradesh ranks highest in cyber crime. He also raised questions on the lack of treatment in government hospitals and the poor condition



of the medical system. Illegal encroachment and development: He raised objections to the demolition of illegal encroachments in border areas including Kaushambi Mirzapur and said that this is affecting poor and oppressed people. He said

that the development which leads the state towards destruction cannot be accepted.

Preparation for 2027 assembly elections: Ashok Singh Patel announced that in view of the 2027 assembly elections, the workers of Congress Chhatra Sabha will visit every village and booth and make people aware of the anti-government activities and the strength of the Congress.

Editorial

The emergence of new-era ‘Leviathans’

In China, the fear of chaos that can come from within and from without is a central rationale that legitimises Xi Jinping’s power grab. Image: REUTERS Thomas Hobbes’ seminal work, Leviathan, published in 1651, posits the necessity of a powerful, centralised authority to prevent societal chaos and ensure peace and security. Hobbes had a way with words; he famously said that without an all-powerful state, whom he calls the Leviathan, life would be nasty, brutish, and short. Those powerful words have a global resonance today, giving the state across the world a free run. We saw it in Washington when more than \$3 trillion was printed in monetary easing. In Paris, monetary welfare spending is out of hand, and the Leviathan dares not withdraw the free fund, for that itself causes riots and chaos. In China, state capitalism is running wild, and in India, the state subsidises everything from fertiliser and maternity care to free food to the tune of \$10 billion a year. Everywhere, a man who wrote 350 years ago rules. In our turbulent world, Hobbes’s premise of avoiding chaos is so powerful that both autocracies and democracies are utilising it to empower the state further. It is not as if he has not been proved right. In fact, rarely in contemporary history has Hobbes gone wrong. In Iraq, Libya, and Egypt, when the Leviathan was toppled, it created chaos beyond imagination, only to be replaced by the iron fist of the state. In China, the fear of chaos that can come from within and from without is a central rationale that legitimises Xi Jinping’s power grab. Indeed, it’s replacing the promise of prosperity as the basis of the communist party’s hold over China. The fact that the Federal Reserve’s policy of quantitative easing following the 2008 financial crisis and the purchase of government securities to increase the money supply were unquestioned exemplifies Hobbes’ idea of the sovereign exercising control to prevent economic disorder and maintain stability. That, in the bastion of capitalism, it did not raise concerns about the erosion of financial autonomy and the distortion of free markets underlines the astonishing relevance of Hobbes. France’s robust welfare state epitomises Hobbes’ notion of the sovereign’s responsibility to ensure the well-being of its citizens. The French government maintains an extensive social safety net, including comprehensive healthcare, unemployment benefits, and retirement pensions. During the COVID-19 pandemic, France’s welfare spending surged as the government implemented measures to protect jobs and support incomes. However, this extensive welfare system can be critiqued for fostering dependency and reducing individual responsibility. The welfare-to-GDP ratio in 2023 was an astonishing 36 per cent. This is clearly unsustainable, but every time France has tried to pull back the Leviathan or cut back welfare, there have been dramatic riots. Once you create the Leviathan, clearly, there is no way back. In 2020, the French government introduced the ‘Solidarity Fund’, providing financial aid to businesses affected by the pandemic, and expanded unemployment benefits to cover those furloughed under the ‘partial activity’ scheme. These interventions, amounting to over €100 billion in expansive welfare spending, can lead to high taxation, which burdens individuals and businesses. , and totally stifles entrepreneurial spirit and innovation. Additionally, the extensive welfare system creates a culture of dependency, reducing the incentive for personal initiative and self-reliance. France and its Leviathan are in a doom loop. China’s model of state capitalism illustrates Hobbes’ concept of the sovereign’s expansive control over economic life. The Chinese government exercises significant influence.



By P. Menon, Dwarka

Delhi, the capital of India, is a city of immense historical significance, political power, and cultural diversity. As one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, it has been a centre of empires, trade, and governance for centuries. Today, Delhi stands as a bustling metropolis with a population exceeding 30 million, making it one of the largest urban agglomerations globally.

However, despite its economic strength and heritage, Delhi faces significant challenges-pollution, inadequate infrastructure, law enforcement issues, and social inequality-that hinder its potential to become a model international city. Let us examine Delhi's strengths and weaknesses, identify key areas for improvement, and suggest measures to transform it into a world-class capital.

Delhi's Strengths: Why It Stands Out

1. Historical and Cultural Richness
Delhi is a treasure trove of historical landmarks, from the Mughal-era Red Fort and Humayun's Tomb to the British-era India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhavan. Its vibrant culture, seen in festivals like Diwali, Eid, and Christmas, as well as its thriving arts and theatre scene, makes it a fascinating global destination.

2. Economic and Political Hub
As India's capital, Delhi houses key government institutions, foreign embassies, and corporate headquarters. The city contributes significantly to India's GDP, with sectors like IT, finance, and retail driving growth. The Delhi Metro, one of the most efficient in the world, showcases urban development potential.

3. Educational and Healthcare Facilities
Delhi boasts premier institutions like Delhi University, JNU, and AIIMS, attracting students and professionals from across India and abroad. Its healthcare infrastructure, though strained, includes some of the best hospitals in the country.

Delhi's Weaknesses: Major Challenges

1. Severe Air Pollution
Delhi consistently ranks among the world's most polluted cities. Vehicular emissions, industrial waste, and crop burning in neighbouring states contribute to hazardous air quality, leading to health crises every winter. Strict enforcement of emission norms and regional cooperation are necessary to address this.

2. Overpopulation and Urban Sprawl
Unplanned expansion, slums, and congestion strain resources. Public transport, despite the Metro's success, remains inadequate for the growing population.

3. Encroachments and Unauthorized Constructions
Encroachments and illegal constructions are rampant, despite repeated identification and demolition orders from agencies like the Religious Committee, DDA, and MCD. Due to inconsistent enforcement, these illegal structures continue to exist. Strict oversight and intervention are necessary to address this issue.

4. Noise Pollution
Loudspeakers at religious places, traffic noise, and commercial activities contribute significantly to noise pollution.

This disturbs students, senior citizens, and professionals. Enforcing volume control regulations, as done in other states, could be

a solution.

5. Traffic and Law Enforcement Issues
Chaotic traffic, poor road discipline, and inefficient policing contribute to accidents and delays. Pedestrian safety is often neglected. The accountability of government agencies such as the DDA, MCD, CPWD, Police, and DJB must be strengthened.

6. Stray Animals and Begging Issues

Stray dogs, cows, and buffaloes roaming the streets pose safety hazards. Additionally, begging is widespread despite being officially banned. Making Delhi beggar-free through rehabilitation efforts would enhance its global appeal.

Additionally, transgenders seeking money at crossings should also be considered under this category and regulated. Transforming Delhi into a Model International City

To compete with global capitals like London, Tokyo, or Singapore, Delhi must address its shortcomings while leveraging its strengths. Here's what needs to be done:

1. Sustainable Urban Planning

Expand and modernize public transport: Increase Metro connectivity, introduce more electric buses, and promote cycling lanes.

Decentralize development: Create satellite business hubs (like Gurgaon and Noida) to reduce pressure on central Delhi.

Develop green

spaces: Build more parks and urban forests to improve air quality.

2. Pollution Control Measures
Strict enforcement of emission norms: Phase out old vehicles, promote EVs, and penalize industrial violators.

Waste-to-energy plants: Improve waste segregation and recycling to reduce landfill burning.

Regional cooperation: Work with Punjab and Haryana to curb crop burning through incentives for farmers.

3. Improved Governance and Infrastructure

Implement smart city initiatives: Use technology for traffic management, e-governance, and efficient utilities.

Develop affordable housing: Reduce slums by providing low-cost housing with proper sanitation.

Strengthen law enforcement:

Enforce traffic rules, ensure pedestrian safety, and enhance women's security.

4. Enhancing Global Appeal

Boost tourism: Improve cleanliness around heritage sites, offer multilingual guides, and enhance security.

Host international events: Organize global summits, film festivals, and trade expos to increase international recognition.

Expand world-class airport facilities: Ensure seamless connectivity and modern amenities at IGI Airport.

5. A Unified Approach for Stronger Governance
Delhi is home to various agencies working toward development. However, these agencies often operate in silos, driven

by political, religious, or personal interests. To streamline development efforts, a single nodal office should be created, integrating key authorities like:

" Lt. Governor of Delhi
" Delhi Development Authority (DDA)
" Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)
" Delhi Police and Traffic Police
" Forest Department & Urban Planners
" Unified Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (UTTIPEC)
" Chief Minister, Members of Parliament (MPs), and Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs)

Delhi: A State or a Union Territory?
For over a decade, a dispute between the state government and the Lt. Governor has hindered governance. The time has come to rethink Delhi's administrative structure. Should it remain a partial state or revert to a Union Territory? A clear governance framework would help streamline policy implementation.

Delhi Deserves Better
Delhi has the potential to be a leading global city, given its historical legacy, economic vitality, and cultural vibrancy. However, unchecked pollution, poor urban planning, and governance challenges hold it back. By adopting sustainable policies, improving governance, and investing in infrastructure, Delhi can transform into a model international capital-one that balances growth with liveability. The time for action is now, and with coordinated efforts from the government, businesses, and citizens, Delhi can truly shine on the world stage.

India was a British colony, robbed of its wealth and morale

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The original “Great Game” was fought in the mid-1800s between the Russian Empire and the combined might of the British, French and Ottoman Empires over control of Central Asia.

The British feared an attack by the Imperial Russian Army through Afghanistan on their Indian colony. The Ottomans, though in decline, wanted to guard against Russian incursions into their Balkan possessions. As a report by Kallie Szczepanski (thought.com) described it: “Britain’s Lord Ellenborough started ‘The Great Game’ on January 12, 1830, with an edict establishing a new trade route from India to Bukhara, using Turkey, Persia, and Afghanistan as a buffer against Russia to prevent it from controlling any ports on the Persian Gulf. Meanwhile, Russia wanted to establish a neutral zone in Afghanistan allowing for their use of crucial trade routes.” “The Great Game officially

ended with the Anglo-Russian Convention of 1907, which divided Persia (Iran) into a Russian-controlled northern zone, a nominally independent central zone, and a British-controlled southern zone. The Convention also specified a borderline between the two empires running from the eastern point of Persia to Afghanistan and declared Afghanistan an official protectorate of Britain.” Russia’s invasion of Ukraine nearly two centuries later has triggered a new Great Game but with vastly different actors, motives and possible outcomes. In the mid-1800s the United States did not count. It was convulsed by a Civil War (1861-65) between northern unionist states and southern confederate states over slavery. China had been humiliated by Britain during the Opium Wars (1839-60). It lay in repose. India was a British colony, robbed of its wealth and morale. Today Russia lies weakened, its Soviet-era satellite states.

In Loving Memory of Shri K.N. Singh Bindra: A Beacon of Compassion and Service

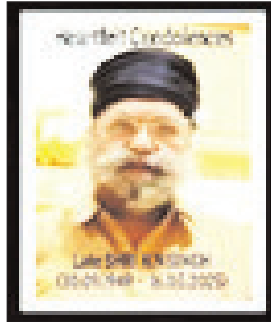
Shri K N Singh By P. Menon Sector-12

The community of Dwarka and the broader circle of disability advocacy mourn the loss of Shri K.N. Singh Bindra, the esteemed founder and President of the Handicapped Children's Parents Association (HCPA) and the visionary behind Sneh Kunj - Home for Spastics.

He passed away on May 16, 2025, at Manipal Hospital, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, dedication, and transformative service.

A Visionary Leader and Compassionate Advocate

Shri K.N. Singh Bindra's journey into social service was deeply personal. Witnessing the challenges faced by children with cerebral palsy and their families, he was moved to action. In 1987, alongside a group of like-minded parents, he co-founded the Handicapped Children's Parents Association (HCPA) in New Delhi. Their shared mission was to create a nurturing environment for children with cerebral palsy, ensuring they received the care, education, and support necessary to lead fulfilling lives. Understanding the profound concern many parents held-"What after us?"-Shri Singh spear-



headed the establishment of Sneh Kunj in Sector-5, Dwarka. This residential facility was designed to provide lifelong care for individuals with cerebral palsy, offering a sanctuary where they could thrive even in the absence of their primary caregivers. Since its inception in March 2003, Sneh Kunj has expanded its services to accommodate individuals with other disabilities, including autism, mental retardation, and Down syndrome.

Celebrating a Life of Service

Throughout his life, Shri Singh remained deeply involved in the operations of HCPA and Sneh Kunj. He was a regular presence at events, personally welcoming guests and engaging with the children, whom he affectionately referred to as "angels."

His leadership was instrumental in organizing numerous initiatives, from athletic meets to cultural celebrations, all

aimed at enriching the lives of the residents.

In recognition of his unwavering commitment, Shri Singh was honoured with various awards, including a recent accolade in Mumbai for his outstanding services to specially-abled children. His dedication extended beyond the confines of Sneh Kunj; he was an active participant in environmental, religious, and social service initiatives throughout Dwarka.

Tributes from the Community

The news of Shri Singh's passing elicited heartfelt tributes from a number of colleagues and community members.

A Legacy That Lives On
Shri K.N. Singh Bindra's passing leaves a void in the hearts of many. Yet, his legacy endures through the continued operations of HCPA and Sneh Kunj, institutions that stand as testaments to his vision and dedication.

His life's work serves as an inspiration, reminding us of the profound impact one individual can have in championing the rights and well-being of the differently-abled. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his legacy continue to inspire acts of compassion and service.

Young Talent from Dwarka Earns Scholarship in Kathakali

A Story of Passion and Perseverance

Ms.Gauri R Nair.

Ms. Gauri R. Nair, a dedicated student of the IC Centre for Kathakali, has achieved a prestigious scholarship from the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) for her remarkable talent in Kathakali. Guided by her Guru, Shri Thiruvattar Jagdeeshan, Gauri is a proud student of Kerala School, Vikaspuri. She is the daughter of Mr. Ramesh and Ms. Divea and resides in Mahavir Enclave, Dwarka.

Kathakali, a classical dance form native to Kerala, is one of the most intricate forms of Indian theatre. It beautifully combines storytelling



with dance, using verses known as Kathakali literature or Attakatha. Traditionally performed in the courts of kings and temple festi-

vals, it is regarded as a 'Suvarna Art Form' (Golden Art Form). Kathakali's unique appeal lies in its elaborate makeup, grand costumes, and the depiction of Navarasas (nine emotions), as described in the ancient text Natya Shastra by sage Bharata. From an early age, Gauri has shown a keen interest in this captivating art form. Her dedication and passion have led her to perform on various esteemed platforms, gaining appreciation from audiences and mentors alike. Gauri's journey is an inspiration to other young girls, proving that with passion and perseverance, dreams can indeed become reality

Salasar Techno Engineering Ltd. Successfully Concludes the payment for acquisition of EMC Ltd.

CHANDIGARH: Salasar Techno Engineering Ltd. (BSE: 540642, NSE: SALASAR), is a one stop engineering and infrastructure solution provider. The Company is engaged in providing turnkey EPC services for Railway and Power sectors and is also engaged in designing and manufacturing of telecom towers, Monopoles and other Heavy Steel Structures. In continuation to the company's press release dated 16th March, 2024, Salasar has effectively completed the payment of balance amount of Rs. 1,680 Mn for acquisition of EMC Ltd. (Formerly known as Electrical Manufacturing Company Limited). This demonstrates a pivotal moment in Salasar's continuous pursuit of expanding market presence and capabilities. Commenting on the above status, the management team of Salasar said, "We are

thrilled to announce the timely completion of the payment for the acquisition of EMC Ltd., marking a monumental milestone in our journey of strategic expansion. Our ability to swiftly settle the full amount underscores our commitment to executing our plans with precision and agility. This acquisition represents more than just a business transaction; it symbolizes our dedication to inorganically expand into allied areas within the engineering and infrastructure solutions sector. By integrating EMC Ltd.'s capabilities into our operations, we are not only broadening our service offerings but also strengthening our market position and enhancing our ability to cater to the evolving needs of our clients. Our decision to pursue this acquisition aligns seamlessly with our long-term strategic objectives. It reflects

our confidence in the growth potential of the EPC industry and our readiness to seize opportunities that align with our vision for sustainable expansion. The successful completion of the payment for the acquisition of EMC Ltd. is a testament to our unwavering commitment to creating value for our stakeholders. We are confident that this strategic investment will yield significant returns, further solidifying our position as a leader in the field of engineering and infrastructure solutions. As we embark on this new chapter of growth, we remain focused on leveraging our combined strengths to drive innovation, deliver excellence, and achieve sustainable success. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to realizing the full potential of this acquisition in the years to come."

One Point One Solutions Ltd.'s Subsidiary Secures New Client Win in European

CHANDIGARH: ITCube Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (Subsidiary of One Point One Solutions Limited), a prominent player in the technology solutions provider space has announced that it has secured a new client-win in European region a renowned global player specialising in providing solutions against brand threats utilizing advanced AI-driven tools to combat online piracy, counterfeiting, and intellectual property infringement. The company's AI-powered platform allows for automated detection, enforcement, and removal of infringing content across digital platforms. With a global presence including New York, Barcelona, Beijing & Salt Lake City and providing scalable, cost-effective SaaS solutions, newly acquired client is changing the industry landscape. Under the terms of the agreement with the brand, ITCube has been entrusted to manage detection and enforcement services for copyright and intellectual property rights. Combined with ITCube's expertise and advanced AI platform of new client, the partnership is set to deliver comprehensive protection against unauthorized use of brands and copyrighted content together. This strategic alliance underscores the commitment of ITCube to provide best-in-class technology driven solutions for its clients and enhance its service offerings in the field of intellectual property protection. Earlier, the company had announced that it has secured a client-win with one of the prominent players in the asset management sector. Concurrently, One Point One has also augmented the seat capacity for the leading Fintech player in the country.

82-yr-old woman lifts 50kg in her maiden deadlifting contest

COIMBATORE: An 82-year-old woman from Pollachi has proved that age is just a number by participating in her maiden deadlifting (powerlifting) contest. Inspired by her grandsons, Kittammal finished fifth by lifting 50kg in the open category for women, at the 'Strong Man of South India' contest held in Kuniyamuthur last week. She was among 17 women contestants, all of whom were under 30-years of age. Kittammal lives with her husband Venkatraman, a retired health department staff. Her grandson S Rohith, 16, who lives with her, has been practicing powerlifting at their residence for more than six months. Kittammal's other grandson S Rithik, 23, won a gold medal at the national level powerlifting championship held by the Indian Powerlifting Federation.



Flipkart introduces an all-new competitive and simplified rate card policy to enhance the seller experience

GURUGRAM : Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, announced an all-new simplified rate card policy aimed at revolutionizing the seller experience on the platform and enabling greater settlement clarity. Key highlights of the new rate card, effective May 18, 2024, include a Simplified Rate Card Structure, Economical FBF rates offering a competitive edge to streamline operations at a larger scale, and an Updated Shipping Policy, enabling sellers to provide enhanced customer value. Speaking about the development, Rakesh Krishnan, Vice President and Head - Marketplace, Flipkart, said, "As a homegrown e-commerce company, we recognize that navigating the ever-evolving landscape of e-commerce can be challenging for sellers. These changes are a direct reflection of our ongoing dialogue with our sellers. By reducing complexities and ensuring clearer settlements, we aim to make doing business on Flipkart seamless and more rewarding. This rate card redesign is part of Flipkart's broader initiative to streamline operations and offer robust support to our vast network of sellers across India. These changes will improve the ease of doing business and amplify potential market reach and consumer engagement. With enhanced benefits, we are confident that this initiative will unlock new opportunities for sellers to thrive and transform the selling experience on our platform."

Actor, YouTuber, parties take aim at BJP on social media

KOLKATA: Congress and JMM on Thursday joined actor-director Prakash Raj and YouTuber Dhruv Rathee to take aim at BJP on social media on Thursday, asking why it had instigated false complaints in Sandeshkhali. Pawan Khera, chairman of AICC's media and publicity department, posted: "There were hundreds of debates on the direction of the ruling party on Sandeshkhali. Now that the complainant has exposed



the role of the BJP, will this be debated too?" JMM, too, shared a link of a popular news channel that has often been accused by the opposition of being soft on the party in office. "The best

friend has also started counter attacking. The veil of lies has started falling, the media now wants freedom from the dictator," the post read. "What a shame... How low will this Supreme Leader

and his party stoop down to win an Election?... Dirtiest politics," Raj said on X with his popular hashtag #justasking, reposting a video of a national news channel reporting on a woman in Sandeshkhali claiming that BJP had forced her to sign a blank piece of paper and file a false rape complaint. Like Raj, who has been vocal against BJP and PM Modi on several occasions, Rathee also made a post on X criticising BJP.

Pearson PTE conducts successful Chandigarh Partner Meet in presence of Vicky Kaushal

Chandigarh: Pearson (FTSE: PSON.L), the world's leading learning company conducted an exclusive partner meet in Chandigarh and unveiled its growth plans for the Pearson Test of English (PTE) in the state. Attended by 110+ partners and Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal, the event brought together key partners, stakeholders, and industry leaders to discuss strategic collaborations. The focus was on expanding the partner ecosystem through exceptional customer service, comprehensive

training programs, and raising awareness about market trends and opportunities. This gathering aimed at a significant stride toward empowering partners to achieve greater growth and success. At the event, Pearson announced the launch of Premium Partner Support (PPS), the new customer support service for select partners in India for PTE to demonstrate its commitment to staying at the forefront and delivering value to its partners and customers. PPS will provide the best-in-class

customer experience for PTE's high-volume partners and agents, providing them with a premium level of service tailored to their unique needs, focusing on first-time resolution and delivering quality and efficiency. Pearson Test of English (PTE) is gaining and growing fast as the preferred test of English proficiency in the state. Pearson announced the bookings open for PTE Core, its newest English language proficiency test for Canada Economic Migration. Alongside this, PTE Academic was

accepted from August 2023 by IRCC as an approved English proficiency test for all Canada Student Direct Stream (SDS) visa applications – it is already recognized by more than 97 percent of universities and 95 percent of colleges in Canada. The UK, Australian, and New Zealand governments also accept PTE tests for all visa applications. PTE Academic is also accepted by 100 percent of Australian, New Zealand, and Irish Universities and 99 percent of UK universities.?

Agree to disagree on Muslim quota: TDP chief N Chandrababu

NEW DELHI: TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu said there are differences among alliance partners over reservation to Muslims, but those will be sorted out amicably. He said the Amaravati capital city project will be revived if the NDA forms government in AP. Naidu said his party's alliance with BJP and Jana Sena was formed on moral values and he will stand by it. We are facing this election at a time when all democratic institutions have been destroyed in the state. This election is difficult because we are facing a man with an unpredictable and dictatorial attitude.

But the winds of change are clearly visible among the people. I have never seen such anger against any govt in the past. We are committed and in favour of Muslim reservations. There could be some differences among alliance partners on some issues, but we will sort it out amicably. There is no wrong in agreeing to disagree. We fought for special status for further growth of the state. But now, the damage done by the YSRCP govt in the last five years is much more than the pain of bifurcation. Andhra Pradesh is reeling under debts of Rs

13 lakh crore. Given the financial situation of the state, we need assistance from the Union govt to revive and rebuild the state. We have formed the alliance in that context. Amaravati was planned with a futuristic vision. I wanted to make it one of the best cities in the world. It was because of my credibility and persuasion that the Prime Minister of Singapore agreed to partner with us in the development of Amaravati. When I talked about the Singapore model while developing Hyderabad, nobody believed me. Today, Hyderabad has grown to an extent.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge could create anarchic situation, claims baseless

NEW DELHI: Coming down heavily on Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Election Commission on Friday dismissed his allegations around voter turnout data as "baseless" and said it could create an "anarchic situation, besides doubts a n d disharmony". "Through innuendos and insinuations, the contents of the post tend to create disharmony in respect of the delicate space of election management, can plant doubts in the mind of voters and political parties..." EC said. In a strongly worded rebuttal running into 21 pages, the poll panel said Kharge's allegations in a letter to INDIA leaders and posted on social media was part of a



"design in creating a false narrative" during the poll period and pointed out that no Congress candidates ever complained about the electoral roll, votes polled or filed any petition in the last three years based on any discrepancy in data. It said the charges were meant to "create confusion, misdirection and impediments in the conduct of free and fair polls". Refuting allegations of discrepancies point by point, EC detailed the process to argue that

there was no room for interference in the procedure and nothing could go unnoticed by the candidates or their representatives. It said political parties know the number of voters at every stage, with the booth-wise number available to candidates. Besides, it said, there was no scope for any deviation with the number of votes polled, which was recorded in Form 17C, and a signed copy was made available to candidates at the close of voting. Also,

on the day of counting, the votes polled in the EVM were tallied with Form 17C in the presence of the candidates or their agents. It said no instance of deviation from the norms was flagged by any Congress candidate in any of the 283 seats that went to the polls in the first three phases. A trend of irresponsible statements attacking or attempting to degrade the credibility of elections in terms of men and material by a national political party is disconcerting," EC said, while "advising" Kharge to refrain from such comments. Responding to Kharge questioning the increase in turnout by around 5.5 percentage points in the first phase.

Wrinkles Achhe Hain

NEW DELHI: A day after CSIR reposted the visual of a campaign 'Wrinkles Achhe Hain', posted by one of its institutes, it clarified on X Wednesday that it has not issued any order to its labs to refrain from wearing ironed clothes. On May 7, CSIR-NIScPR posted on X that "join C S I R ' s #WAHMondayscampaign and say #WrinklesAccheHain. Wear your non-ironed clothes every Monday. Let's iron out climate change, not our clothes!" CSIR Wednesday said, "With regard to certain news reports, CSIR wishes to clarify that No CIRCULAR or OFFICIAL ORDER has been issued by CSIR HQ to its labs asking staff to refrain from wearing ironed clothes."

What is CBP Home App, launched a week ago, that helped Ranjani Srinivasan flee to Canada?

Ranjani Srinivasan's self-deportation became an advertisement for the newly launched CBP Home app. Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem announced the launch of the CBP Home App on March 10 and on March 11, Indian PhD student Ranjani Srinivasan applied for self-deportation and fled to Canada when ICE agents visited her in her Columbia University accommodation. Her student visa was revoked on allegations of supporting Hamas though she claimed she was not an activist and was not part of any protest group. But as the university informed her that they canceled her enrolment after her student visa was revoked, she found it safe to leave the country on her own.

What is the CBP Home App? Not a new application, but an overhaul of CBP One and for the oppo-



site reason. CBP One was formerly used to process asylum claims at the southern border. CBP Home was launched for self-deportation. Those who want to leave the country can fill out a form on the app along with their photo in an 'Intent to Depart' statement to the government. The individual will have to provide biographical information, current phone number and also whether he or she has enough money to depart and a valid and unexpired passport. Individuals with no legal status in the US can leave the country and then return again in the future legally through self-deporta-

tion. Otherwise, the Trump administration had warned, that they would be caught, deported which will never allow them to return. Ranjani Srinivasan was not in the US illegally. She came to the US from India as part of the Fulbright program in 2016 and started her doctoral; program at Columbia University in 2020. She said she was in the fifth year of an urban planning doctoral program at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, and was supposed to graduate in May. On March 5, her student visa was revoked which made her lose legality on US soil.

Kamala demanded chairs with leg height not less than 15 inches

Kamala Harris has a list of specifications that she wanted her interviewers to ensure during her campaigning and one of those was the height of the chair given to her. "Leg height no less than 15 inches; floor to top of seat height no less than 18.9 inches; arms on chairs may not be very high, arms must fall at a natural height; chairs must be firm," this was the brief from Kamala Harris' team for chairs. Kamala Harris demanded chairs with leg height not less than 15 inches during interview. Here's why Kamala Harris appeared smaller than Tim Walz in her first interview on

CNN following which her campaign came out with a specification of the chair height. During her campaign as the Democrat presidential candidate, former Vice President Kamala Harris or her team made sure that she was given chairs with some specifications. A new book about Kamala Harris' campaign by Jonathan Allen and Amie Parnes, **FIGHT: Inside the Wildest Battle for the White House** revealed the former VP's strange demand. "Her team required that she be provided a chair that met certain specifications," according to the book excerpt. The chair specification

was put in place after her first media interview on CNN. where she was joined by her running mate Tim Walz. In the interview, both sitting on their chairs, Walz looked taller towering over Kamala Harris. "Sitting next to Walz in a chair that seemed to place her below him and heaping praise on Biden's record, Harris did not look like a candidate seeking the highest office in the land," the excerpt read. "The whole scene reinforced the criticism that the vice president was either incapable, or afraid, of answering tough questions on her own."

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

India's newest world-class badminton facility, designed in the shape of a shuttlecock

BHUBANESWAR: India's newest world-class badminton facility, designed in the shape of a shuttlecock, opened its doors in Bhubaneswar, marking a significant milestone in the country's sporting infrastructure. The Rs 75-crore High Performance Centre (HPC), officially named the 'Dalmia Bharat Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy' was jointly inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Badminton Association of India President Himanta Biswa Sarma at the Kalinga Stadium complex on Dec 12. "This centre will take badminton in India to a new high," said CM Majhi during the inauguration ceremony.



The facility, a collaborative venture between the Odisha government, Pullela Gopichand Badminton Foundation, and Dalmia Bharat Group, took four years to complete. The architectural marvel boasts 77,000 square feet of indoor space, featuring eight courts with seating for 400 spectators.

Modern amenities include residential facilities for 50 players, a state-of-the-art gymnasium, and an amphitheater for outdoor activities. A unique viewing ring on the terrace offers a 360-degree panoramic view of Bhubaneswar. Doubles specialist Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, present at the

inauguration, expressed his amazement at the facility. "I have never seen such a HPC for Badminton, even in China. The shuttlecock design is unique worldwide," he remarked. Chief national coach Gopichand emphasized the center's potential impact: "This revolutionary facility, with its unique design and state-of-the-art amenities, will play a crucial role in shaping Indian badminton's future." Puneet Dalmia, managing director of Dalmia Bharat, expressed hope that the venue would become a major part of the competitive circuit, attracting both national and international professionals.

Pak minister defends military trial of civilians

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

apprehend the culprits. Just as railway police handle crimes on railway premises, military courts address offences targeting assets. So, when attacks on military assets occur, the Military Act is enforced," he said while addressing a press conference. Tarar criticised Khan's party for using military courts as a political tool, aiming to create controversy around them. He clarified that military courts only handle cases involving attacks on defence establishments, citing incidents such as the attack on the Corps

Commander's House in Lahore. The minister also criticised the PTI for changing its stance regarding trials of civilians in the military courts, recalling that during Khan's tenure, military court trials were praised. "The statements praising the military courts from PTI's leadership are still available on social media. Yet now, the same individuals are lobbying internationally against these courts," Tarar said. He assured that military trials adhere to fair trial principles and dismissed claims of injustice in military.

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

DHAKA: Bangladesh is set to receive its first consignment of rice imported from India since the formation of the new interim govt even as it looks to be drawing closer to Pakistan than to its immediate neighbour India, which stood beside Bangladesh in 1971 through shared sacrifices. Bangladesh had witnessed ships coming from Karachi twice in recent days. On Nov 13, for the first time since independence, a container-carrying ship sailing directly from Karachi had docked at Chattogram (Chittagong). This time the ship "MV Tanais Dream", carrying 24,690 metric tonnes of parboiled rice imported from India under the open tender agreement, will arrive at Chaudhagram port at 5.30am on Thursday. This is also the first consignment of par-

boiled rice imported from India under the Nov 11 agreement. The unloading of the rice will start soon after samples of the rice are collected and after physical examination, said a senior Bangladesh food ministry official. Talking to diplomatic correspondents in Dhaka recently, Indian high commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma had said he was optimistic about Dhaka-Delhi relationship. despite changes happening around. "This is how we look at the relationship. We have so many things to offer each other with our growing capabilities and rising ambitions to grow and develop," he said, reiterating that they strongly support a "democratic, stable, peaceful and progressive and inclusive" Bangladesh.

Ramaswamy-critic Ann says H-1B workers are indentured servants not highly skilled

Author and Conservative commentator Ann Coulter, who once said she would not vote for Vivek Ramaswamy only because he is of Indian origin, has commented on the ongoing H-1B row and said that H1B workers can't leave a company, unlike American workers. And that's what tech like Elon Musk, Vivek Ramaswamy, Sriram Krishnan want - she implied. "American workers can leave a company. Imported H1B workers can't. Tech wants indentured servants, not 'high-skilled' workers," Ann Coulter said endorsing what right-wing influencer Laura Loomer has been saying. A major row over American culture.

US threatens 'unrelenting' strikes on Houthis until they are 'done shooting at ships'

New York The United States will maintain "unrelenting" strikes on Yemen's Houthi rebels until they say "we are done shooting at ships and assets," defense secretary Pete Hegseth said on Sunday. His remarks came after President Donald Trump ordered airstrikes on Houthi targets in Sanaa on Saturday. "This campaign is about freedom of navigation and restoring deterrence. The minute the Houthis say we'll stop shooting at your ships, we'll stop shooting at your drones, this campaign will end," Hegseth said in an interview on Fox News's Sunday Morning Futures. "But until then, it will be unrelenting," he added. He further continued that "this is about stopping the shooting at assets ... in that critical waterway, to reopen freedom of navigation,



which is a core national interest of the United States, and Iran has been enabling the Houthis for far too long," adding, "They better back off." Earlier on Saturday, Trump announced on Truth Social: "Today, I have ordered the United States Military to launch decisive and powerful Military action against the Houthi terrorists in Yemen. They have waged an unrelenting campaign of piracy, violence, and terrorism against American, and other, ships, aircraft, and drones. To all Houthi terrorists, YOUR TIME IS UP, AND YOUR

ATTACKS MUST STOP, STARTING TODAY. IF THEY DON'T, HELL WILL RAIN DOWN UPON YOU LIKE NOTHING YOU HAVE EVER SEEN BEFORE!" White House national security advisor Mike Waltz further confirmed that the US carried out successful strikes targeting Houthi leadership and infrastructure. "We hit the Houthi leadership, killing several of their key leaders last night — their infrastructure, the missiles. We just hit them with overwhelming force and put Iran on notice that enough is enough," Mike Waltz told Fox News.

Elon Musk reacts to Democratic Party's favorability dropping to a record low: 'Public is wise'

Elon Musk who once prided in calling himself a Democrat before he turned towards Donald Trump ahead of the election and is now a crucial part of the government reacted to the latest poll which revealed that the Democratic party's favorability rating stands at a record low. CNN released the poll conducted between March 6 to 9 revealing that the party's favorability rating stands at just 29 per cent -- a record low in CNN's polling dating back to 1992 and a drop of 20 points since January 2021 just after the Capitol riots. **The Republican Party stands at 36 per cent in favorability.** Elon Musk said the public is wise and they now know the Democratic Party scams as their funding is being turned off -- something that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency has been doing. "The public is wise to the Democratic Party scams and their funding via bogus taxpayer-funded NGOs is being turned off," Elon Musk said. According to CNN, just 63 per cent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents gave a favorable view of their own party -- which is a dip from 72 per cent in January and 81 per cent at the beginning of Joe Biden's presidency. 79 per cent of Republicans and Republican-minded people take a positive view of the GOP. "Democrats, who overwhelmingly consider Trump too extreme, have yet to consolidate around any one-party leader to serve as a counterpoint. Asked in an open-ended question to name the Democratic leader they feel "best reflects the core values" of the party, 10% of Democratic-aligned adults name New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, 9% former vice president Kamala Harris, 8% Vermont .

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

Delhi : Raptee.HV, the Chennai-based EV startup, launched India's first high-voltage electric motorcycle, which is developed with the technology being used in Electric cars across the world. Called the Raptee T 30, it is the first of its kind to use universal charging standards that are used by cars. In simple words, it uses a CCS2 charging port. The motorcycle is priced at 2.39 lakhs, ex-show-room. The Raptee.HV Motorcycle has an IDC Est range of around 200 km and a real-world range of over 150 km on a single charge. The company claims that it can accelerate from 0 to 60 kmph in under 3.5 seconds. The 5.4 kWh battery pack is IP67-rated, and it takes 60 minutes for a 20-80 per cent juice-up via a 3.3 kW charger. Through a fast charger, the same can be done in just 30 minutes. Also, the brand is offering a warranty of 8 years or 80,000 km on the battery pack. The T 30 rides on

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

NEW DELHI: Shares of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) jumped

a set of 17-inch rims with a 110-section tyre on the front and a 150-section tyre at the rear. Moreover, the suspension includes 37 mm USD forks on the front and a telescopic shock absorber at the rear. Braking duties are performed by a 320 mm rotor at the front and a 230 mm disc at the rear. The motorcycle has advanced software features for an enhanced riding experience, including 3 riding modes and a 7-inch LCD instrument cluster. It comes equipped with connected features as well. There are four colours on offer - Horizon Red, Arctic White, Mercury Grey and Eclipse Black.

4% on Tuesday, taking its market valuation to above Rs 15 lakh crore mark. The stock of the country's second most valued firm by market valuation jumped 4.05% to settle at Rs 4,133.45 apiece on the BSE. During the day, shares of the company climbed 4.45% to Rs 4,149.75 -- its all-time high. On the NSE, it advanced 3.92% to Rs 4,129.35 per share. The sharp rally in the stock added Rs 75,074.88 crore to its market valuation which stood at Rs 15,12,450.59 crore. Other IT stocks were also in the limelight on Tuesday, with HCL Technologies rising 4.43%, Wipro climbing 3.59%, Infosys (2.52%) and Tech Mahindra (1.39%). The BSE IT index climbed 2.94% to settle at 39,031.61. During the day, it hit an all-time high of 39,071.02. So far this year, TCS shares have jumped nearly 9%. Rally in IT stocks were instrumental.

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NEW DELHI: Leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha and Congress MP, Rahul Gandhi, has accused the ruling-BJP of attacking the "idea of India" and favouring a few businessmen close to PM Modi. In a video shared on X by Congress on, Congress MP from Rae Bareilly said the country's wealth was being concentrated in the hands of a few close to the Prime Minister, while unemployment and rising prices continued to affect millions. "The idea of India is being attacked today. It is being attacked by

the ideology of the BJP. The wealth of India is being snatched from the millions of Indians and being handed over to a few business people, who are close to the Prime Minister and the BJP. Unemployment is spreading. Prices are rising. And this is what the fight is about," LoP in Lok Sabha said. "The fight is about two different ideas of India. The fight is not between two political formations. The fight is to defend the idea of India," Gandhi added in the video. The BJP attacked Rahul Gandhi

for reportedly spending more time abroad than in his constituency. BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi questioned Gandhi's visit to Vietnam, alleging that he needed to explain his "extraordinary fondness" for the country. "Where is Rahul Gandhi? I heard he has gone to Vietnam," Prasad said. at a press conference, where he also attacked the Karnataka government for its decision to give four percent reservation in government contracts to Muslims.

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Seven-year jail term or Rs 10 lakh fine for using forged passport

NEW DELHI: Anyone caught using a forged passport or visa to enter, stay, or leave India could face up to seven years in jail and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh under the proposed Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025. The bill, introduced in the Lok Sabha on 11 March, aimed to streamline immigration laws while tightening control over illegal migration. The legislation, drafted by the Union home ministry, mandated that hotels, universities, hospitals, and other institutions report foreign nationals to authorities to help track overstayers. Airlines and ships arriving in India will also be required to provide advance passenger and crew details at designated ports or places. Under the proposed law,



knowingly using or supplying fraudulent travel documents will attract a minimum sentence of two years, which could extend to seven years, along with a fine ranging from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. Foreigners who enter India without valid travel documents could face up to five years in prison and a fine of up

to Rs 5 lakh. The bill granted the Centre the authority to regulate premises frequented by foreigners. Property owners could be instructed to shut down, impose specific conditions, or deny entry to certain categories of visitors. **Replacing outdated laws** The Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025, seeks to

consolidate and replace four existing laws, the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1955, which regulates acquisition and termination of Indian citizenship as well as acquisition and registration of foreigners as Overseas Citizens of India (OCI). Foreigners Act, 1939, the Foreigners Act, 1946, and the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000. The government said that the new legislation simplified and modernised immigration procedures while maintaining national security. An official said, "The Bill will help in tackling the problem of illegal migration into India and facilitate tracking of movement of overstaying foreigners."

After paper leak, RRB moves to computer-based job exams

NEW DELHI: The railway ministry on Wednesday roped in the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) to conduct all departmental promotion examinations through a centralised computer-based test. This comes a day after CBI arrested 26 officials of the East Central Railway for allegedly leaking papers of a departmental examination and seized Rs 1.2 crore cash during raids. "All zonal railways will make a calendar for the examination. All the examinations will be conducted on the basis of a calendar only," the



ministry said. It added RRB has been given the responsibility after considering its experience of transparent, fair and highly appreciated examinations conducted in recent years. As per the railways, since 2015, more than 7.7 crore candidates have appeared in exams through com-

puter-based tests without any paper leakage, impersonation, remote log-in and use of spy devices. It said the fair examination has been made possible due to selection of exam-conducting agencies through open tender with the criteria of 'quality and cost based selection.'

Over three months, doorstep delivery has been discontinued



Delhi: Residents could register for Delhi's doorstep delivery program. Over three months, home-accessible documents are unavailable. Reports say the plan was Administrative reforms prolonged the plan until last November, but Delhi cabinet approval was delayed. The effort gave Delhi citizens over six lakh papers, certificates, permits, and licenses in four and a half years, 100 services until 31. After free Wi-Fi, this is AAP's second major project. A senior Delhi government official

said that while extending the project in , the department made it plain that it will either last till 31 or be replaced by a new program. "The government must revive the initiative after its term. The cabinet must receive a suitable concept paper after planning, finance, legal, and other ministries approve it. "An anonymous official unexpectedly quit working." Model code of conduct blocked policy renewal. A government source said the cabinet would soon get it. The 30-service

plan started in September 2018. The project added 40 and 30 services in and September 2019. The government first engaged visa-related private company VFS Global to handle the system for three years. Core Doc2 and CSC e-Governance were hired after retendering. Core Doc2 served east Delhi, while CSC e-Government served the rest. After calling 1076 to schedule a service, a mobile sahayak, the last-mile agent, collected the necessary papers, saving customers

Gabbard will attend a high-level conference chaired by National Security Advisor

NEW DELHI: US Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard arrived in India on Sunday as part of her multi-nation trip to the Indo-Pacific regions. Gabbard will attend a high-level conference chaired by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, focusing on strengthening intelligence-sharing mechanisms to tackle terrorism and transnational crimes. The event, set to take place in the national capital, will bring together intelligence chiefs also from Australia, Germany, New Zealand, and other key partner nations to enhance global security cooperation. Tulsi Gabbard's visit to India comes after



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to the United States in February. During his visit, PM Modi met with Gabbard and described her as a strong advocate for India-US relations. Gabbard, in turn, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to welcome Modi and emphasized her commitment to further strengthening ties between the two nations. This marked PM Modi's first visit to the US since Donald

Trump began his second term as President. During the trip, Modi met Trump at the White House, where they exchanged a warm embrace in their first official meeting since Trump took office as the 47th President on January 20. Modi was among the earliest world leaders to visit the US after Trump's inauguration and was invited within just three weeks of the new administration taking charge.

Maharashtra became the latest BJP-ruled state to ban eggs from midday meals for students

Delhi ; The opposition vehemently criticized the decision, as Maharashtra became the latest BJP-ruled state to ban eggs from midday meals for students in grades 1 through 8. The school education department changed the list of foods served during midday meals in a government resolution this week, eliminating the inclusion of sugar and eggs. Rather, it instructed schools to serve nachni sattu and "egg pulao" as optional meals. Nonetheless, it stated that these things, as well as sugar for desserts, had to be organized by the general public without the need for further government support. The state has changed the list to adhere to the meal items prescribed by the Center, according to an official who defended the action. While some states use their own resources to offer eggs, the federal government, which provides 60% of the funding for midday meals, does not include them in its list. Goa and Madhya Pradesh recently banned eggs due to criticism from some groups. Aaditya Thackeray, a Sena (UBT) MLA, criticized the move and questioned why the government chose to substitute rice kheer and nachni sattu for eggs and sugar. He maintained that the interests of the populace, especially schoolchildren, are not served by the government.

iPhone maker Apple is 'upset' with European Union and the reason is this Adult app

iPhone maker Apple is angry and quite angry with the European Union (EU). The reason is the Adult app -- the Hot Tub iPhone app. The newly available pornography app in the European Union (EU) has sparked a clash between Apple and regulators, with the tech giant warning that the bloc's digital rules are undermining consumer trust. AltStore PAL, an alternative app marketplace enabled by Europe's Digital Markets Act (DMA), recently launched "Hot Tub," an app described as an adult content browser. The DMA mandates that large tech companies open their services to greater competition, allowing users to download apps from third-party stores, rather than being confined to official app stores like Apple's and Google's. The DMA, which came into effect last year, has forced Apple to make significant

changes, including relaxing restrictions on its App Store within the EU. Apple has consistently opposed these regulations, arguing that they increase the risk of users being exposed to harmful content like pornography, illegal drugs, and other prohibited material. In its latest statement, Apple reiterated its concerns, stating it is "deeply concerned about the safety risks that hardcore porn apps of this type create for EU users, especially kids." Apple slams the claim that the app is Apple-approved porn app. AltStore PAL claimed on social media that Hot Tub is "the world's 1st Apple-approved porn app." Apple strongly refuted this, stating that the availability of such an app "undermines consumer trust and confidence" in its ecosystem. "Contrary to the false statements made by the marketplace developer, we certainly

do not approve of this app and would never offer it in our App Store," Apple said in a statement. "The truth is that we are required by the European Commission to allow it to be distributed by marketplace operators like AltStore and Epic who may not share our concerns for user safety." AltStore countered Apple's claims, arguing that the iPhone maker "continues to use safety as a pretext to protect their monopoly power and evade compliance with the DMA." Fortnite maker Epic Games slams Apple. While apps on rival marketplaces must undergo a "notarization" process by Apple, app developers are prohibited from suggesting this constitutes an endorsement. AltStore is supported by a grant from Epic Games, a long-time adversary of Apple over app distribution and in-app transaction fees.

Elon Musk's Grok AI chatbot app to become available for Android users

The chatbot developed by Elon Musk-owned artificial intelligence (AI) startup xAI, Grok, will soon be available for Android users as a stand-alone app. The app, which is not yet available for download, has been listed on the Google Play Store, where users can pre-register for it. This follows a brief beta testing period in which some users had access to the app. However, xAI has yet to announce an official release date for the Android app. xAI seems to be preparing to launch an Android version of its AI chatbot a month after releasing Grok's app for iPhones. An xAI engineer has also confirmed the



Android app in a post on social media platform X (earlier Twitter). In the post, the xAI engineer wrote: "Grok Android app is now open for testing in Australia, Canada, India, Philippines, and Saudi Arabia. Visit the Google Play Store to try it. Be among the first 1,000

users and share your feedback." Grok's Play Store listing notes that the app will be free to use, with no sign-in required to access its features. However, users who may want a personalised experience or wish to connect the AI to their X account may also have the option to sign in.

Bank of Japan ends negative rates, closing era of radical policy

TOKYO: The Bank of Japan ended eight years of negative interest rates and other remnants of its unorthodox policy on Tuesday, making a historic shift away from a focus of deflating growth with decades of massive monetary stimulus. While the move will be Japan's first

interest rate hike in 17 years, it still keeps rates stuck around zero as a fragile economic recovery forces the central bank to go slow in any further rise in borrowing costs, analysts say. The shift makes Japan the last central bank to exit negative rates and ends an era in which

policymakers around the world sought to prop up growth through cheap money and unconventional monetary tools. In a widely expected decision, the BOJ ditched a policy put in place since 2016 that applied a 0.1% charge on some excess reserves financial institutions.

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HDFC Bank's home loan business head to lead Poonawalla Fincorp

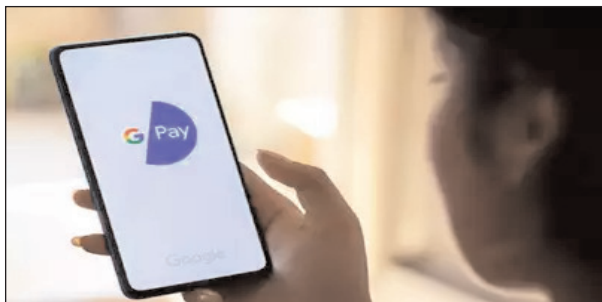
MUMBAI: HDFC Bank's mortgage business head Arvind Kapil has filed papers to take charge as MD & CEO of Poonawalla Fincorp. Kapil is a 25-year veteran of HDFC Bank and was placed in charge of the legacy housing finance business of HDFC after its merger with the bank last year.

"Given the sheer size of the mortgage portfolio (Rs 7.5 lakh crore) and the material importance of distribution, we believe there is key managerial personnel risk (for HDFC Bank)," said Suresh Ganapathy of Macquarie. He noted that this is the second major exit in mortgages with the head of HDFC sales Santosh Nair quitting to join Bandhan Bank last month. Poonawalla Fincorp, in a statement to stock exchanges, said that Kapil will join the company on June 24, subject to approvals. Shares of Poonawalla Fincorp rose 1.5% after the announcement. Before taking charge of the Rs 7.5-lakh-crore mortgage business at HDFC Bank, Kapil led the retail lending business at the bank, which included unsecured loan20s, auto loans, two-wheeler loans, retail working capital loans, gold loans, loans against shares, home loans, microfinance, and business loans.

"Given his leadership, execution skills and business acumen, (Current MD & CEO) Abhay Bhutada has been elevated to group level and will be taking up a strategic and larger role at the Cyrus Poonawalla Group for managing its strategy, investment and finance," said Adar Poonawalla, chairman, Poonawalla Fincorp.

How to disable autopay on GPay

Google Pay (GPay) has made managing payments easier with its autopay feature, allowing users to automate recurring transactions like subscriptions, utility bills, and more. However, there may come a time when you want to stop these automatic payments—whether it's to manage expenses, cancel a subscription, or simply regain control over your finances. Canceling autopay on GPay is a straightforward process, but knowing where to find the right settings can save you time and effort. In this guide, we'll walk



you through the steps to cancel autopay on GPay, ensuring you can stop recurring payments with ease. Here's how to do it: 1. Open the Google Pay app: Launch the Google Pay app on your device. 2. Access autopay settings: Tap on your profile picture in the top right

corner. Select "Autopay". 3. Find the subscription: You'll see a list of your active autopay subscriptions. Locate the specific subscription you want to cancel. 4. Cancel the subscription: Tap on the "Cancel Autopay" option for that particular sub-

scription.

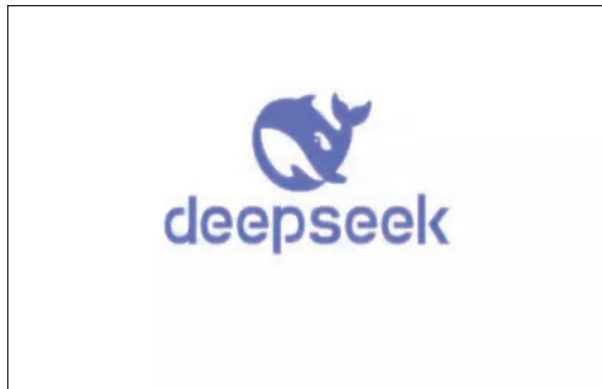
You might be asked to confirm your action. Enter your UPI PIN to authorize the cancellation.

5. Confirmation: Once the cancellation is successful, you'll receive a confirmation message. Some important things to keep in mind: Cancellation timing: The effective date of the cancellation may vary depending on the merchant. Contact the merchant: In some cases, you might need to contact the merchant directly to cancel the subscription, even after canceling the autopay.

How to use DeepSeek on laptop and smartphone:

System requirements, steps to download the software

Chinese AI model DeepSeek AI has gained rapid popularity. Its advanced capabilities and innovative approach have drawn interest from tech enthusiasts and AI developers. DeepSeek R1 is an open-source AI model licensed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), making it accessible to anyone. It is currently available primarily for research purposes. Its open-source nature allows for extensive customization and allows one to freely use



DeepSeek R1 for both personal and professional projects. To use DeepSeek on your computer, you will need to follow a series of steps to install, configure, and start using the platform. **Check system require-**

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Before you begin the installation process, ensure that your computer meets the system requirements.

Since DeepSeek involves heavy data processing and potentially

AI model training, having a high-performance machine is important. Here are general requirements: Operating System: Windows 10 or later macOS 10.15 or later Linux (Ubuntu 18.04 or later) Hardware Requirements: CPU: Multi-core processor (Quad-core or higher recommended) GPU: High-performance GPU (NVIDIA with CUDA support is typically required for AI tasks) RAM: Minimum 8GB (16GB or more recommended for AI-related

How to detect hidden cameras in a hotel room using your smartphone

Traveling to new places often brings excitement, but it also comes with its challenges. One growing concern among travelers is the possibility of hidden cameras in hotel rooms, posing serious threats to privacy and safety. Reports of such invasions have become alarmingly common, making it essential for travelers to stay vigilant. While there are special-

ized gadgets designed to detect hidden cameras, many people are unaware that their smartphones can serve as powerful tools for this purpose. This article explores four effective ways to detect hidden cameras in hotel rooms using just your mobile device, ensuring a safe, private, and worry-free stay, no matter where you go.

Different ways to detect hidden cameras in a hotel room using a mobile phone Use your smartphone's flashlight to scan suspicious areas. The simplest way to spot a hidden camera is by using your phone's flashlight. Cameras, regardless of how well they are hidden, have lenses that reflect light. To check for reflective surfaces: Turn off the lights in your room. Shine your smartphone's flashlight on areas where a camera could be hidden, such as

air vents, smoke detectors, alarm clocks, or mirrors. Look for a tiny reflective glint or a lens-like surface. If you notice anything suspicious, inspect the area more closely. Detect infrared lights using your smartphone camera. Most hidden cameras emit infrared (IR) light, which is invisible to the human eye but detectable by smartphone cameras. To find infrared sources: Dim or turn off the lights in the room. Open your smartphone's camera app (some phones may require switching to the front camera). Slowly pan the camera across areas where cameras are likely to be hidden. Look for small, pulsing dots or glows on the camera screen. These infrared lights indicate the presence of a hidden camera. Thoroughly inspect the area if you detect such signals. Leverage camera-detect-

The Jharkhand Cabinet approves new college and polytechnic projects

Delhi: The Jharkhand government has accepted several Rs 530 crore education plans for engineering institutions and polytechnics. The state has received approvals for the construction of Government Polytechnic, Chakulia, Jamshedpur, at Rs 134.18 crore, and



Government Engineering College, Government Polytechnic, Potka, at Rs 254.93 crore, and Government Polytechnic, Jamshedpur, at Rs 20 crore.

China accuses Evergrande of \$78 billion fraud, among worst ever

China Evergrande Group's alleged \$78 billion revenue overstatement escalates the legal peril of founder Hui Ka Yan, who now stands at the center of one of the biggest financial fraud cases in history. The nation's top securities regulator said the developer's onshore unit inflated revenue by recognizing sales in advance in the two years through

2020 that led up to its default. It imposed a 4.18 billion yuan (\$581 million) fine against the unit. Evergrande's alleged fraud dwarfs that of Luckin Coffee Inc. and Enron Corp., dealing a blow to the reputation of its former auditor and the country's financial oversight. It fuels concern about how widespread such accounting issues are, just as the

new China Securities Regulatory Commission chairman is trying to tighten oversight. "The CSRC fines may serve as a warning to owners of other defaulted developers that failing to collaborate with authorities over the allegations mark the latest blow for Hui, once among Asia's richest tycoons, who oversaw a sprawling empire that spanned real

estate to electric vehicles. Evergrande was one of China's biggest developers, taking on massive debt to expand across the country as condo sales boomed. The group received a liquidation order from a Hong Kong court in January, marking the largest collapse in China's three-year real estate crisis. The CSRC's action may pave the way for more

Star Health eyes NRI business through GIFT

CHENNAI: Star Health and Allied Insurance Company will offer dollar-denominated insurance from GIFT City for NRIs. The company is launching international insurance product suite from the facility in FY25. Star Health is the first health insurance company to be granted registration to establish an International Financial Services Centre international office in GIFT City. It plans to commence operations with a branch by the end of this month, facilitating access to health insurance solutions in US dollars for the global Indian community, the company said in a statement on Monday. Noting that the facility will enable the company to significantly expand its global reach and business, it said, the company will offer NRI-focused insurance.