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## Bangladesh minorities' body expresses concern over safety ahead of puja

**DHAKA:** Amid a number of incidents of attacks, the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council has said there is growing concern and anxiety among devotees regarding the Sharidya Durga Puja celebrations that begin on Sunday. The organisation said that though devotees are being assured by the highest levels of the govt, including the chief adviser, army chief and home affairs adviser, about the smooth conduct of the Sharidya Durga Puja festivities, the overall situation on the eve of the festival has only fed their apprehensions and anxiety. A statement of the central committee, signed by Manindra Kumar Nath, acting general secretary of the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, on Friday highlighted attacks on at least nine puja mandap and temples and vandalism of idols from Sept 2 to Sept 23. Muhammad Yunus, who is now in New York, on Saturday conveyed his greetings to the Hindu community of Bangladesh. Emphasising Bangladesh's tradition of communal harmony, he said, "This country belongs to all of us. It is a safe abode for all people." He noted that the destruction of evil forces and the triumph of truth.

## Wankhede sues Aryan Khan's show for defamation

**NEW DELHI:** IRS officer and former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede has filed a defamation suit in Delhi high court against the makers of the Netflix drama series 'The Ba\*\*\*ds of Bollywood'. The suit filed on Thursday seeks an injunction and Rs 2 crore in damages for misleading and negative portrayal of anti-drug enforcement agencies and maligning his reputation. The series, directed by Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan, was released on Sept 18. Wankhede is known for arresting Aryan Khan in a drug case in 2021.

## Govt intrigued at Ladakh violence even after 'Vikas'

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### Violence

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**NEW DELHI/LEH:** As Ladakh grapples with an uneasy calm after violent protests claimed four lives, senior govt functionaries are intrigued at the way the violence erupted as they argue that the region, once at the margins of governance, has seen "unprecedented development" since being carved out as a UT under the J&K Reorganisation Act in 2019. A senior official described it as ironical that fringe elements



succeeded in inciting unrest when it was only after 2019 that the region was carved out of J&K to be constituted as an UT and that a concerted effort was made to fulfil popular aspirations related to connectivity, opportunities, infrastructure, new administrative structures. "People had celebrated the grant of UT

status, yet a fringe succeeded in provoking unrest," the official rued. The grant of UT status was followed by significant changes. Citing the measures, an official emphasised that the Centre has pumped resources into road, power, digital and social infrastructure. Key initiatives include the commissioning of 175

mobile towers, extension of the BharatNet project to all 193 gram panchayats, and progress on transmission lines linking Nubra, Zaskar and Changthang to the grid. Educational capacity was expanded with the setting up of University of Ladakh and Sindhu Central University, as well as the first medical college with 100 MBBS seats sanctioned in 2025. A separate UPSC exam centre in Leh has made career opportunities more accessible while literacy rates crossed 97% by 2024. In parallel, livelihood support has been targeted at traditional sectors. Under the PM Vishwakarma scheme.

## Indian aid for Palestine close to record \$80m in last 11 years: Govt



**NEW DELHI:** India's developmental assistance of close to \$80 million for Palestine in the past 11 years is almost double that of the amount that was given in the preceding 65 years, according to Indian authorities. India has continued to extend humanitarian assistance to the people of Palestine both bilaterally and through UNRWA, despite the ban imposed on the agency by Israel. It contributes annually \$5 million to UNRWA and has provided \$27.5 mil-

lion to the agency since 2020-21. "India's developmental assistance, given to Palestine since 2014 is almost double of what was given in the preceding 65 years (around \$42 million) and projects worth \$40 million are in the pipeline," said a diplomatic source. India's Bold UN Stand: Delhi Backs Palestine's Two-State Solution, Testing Ties With 'Friend' Israel. While govt has faced some criticism for its flip-flop over the Gaza issue.

## BSF sends back mentally unstable intruder to Pakistan

**JAMMU:** Border Security Force (BSF) has repatriated a mentally unstable Pakistani national who inadvertently crossed into Indian territory in Jammu's R S Pura sector Thursday. "No incriminating material was recovered from Mohd Akram, a native of Pakistan's



Sialkot. BSF contacted

Pakistani Rangers and handed him over to them at a flag meeting late Friday," an official said. Earlier, in a goodwill gesture, BSF had handed over the body of an intruder to Pakistan Rangers on Aug 13, after he succumbed to his injuries during treatment at AIIMS Jammu.

## Bishnoi gang a 'terrorist entity', accepts Canada; 'terror tag'

### Crackdown

❑ This comes at a time when the gang is facing a crackdown by authorities



**NEW DELHI:** Canada govt Monday listed Lawrence Bishnoi syndicate as a "terrorist entity". The tag that follows Royal Canadian Mounted Police claims, not substantiated yet, that Bishnoi hired the killers of pro-Khalistan terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar allows Canadian cops to prosecute offences committed by the gang pertaining to financing, travel and recruitment. It means any assets owned by it in the country, like

property, vehicles and money, can be frozen or seized. This comes at a time when the gang is facing a crackdown by Indian authorities, with several of its self-proclaimed members killed or injured in encounters. Bishnoi 'terror tag' shows clout of Khalistani groups in Canada. Canada's 'terrorist' tag on the Bishnoi gang shows the clout of pro-Khalistani Sikh groups in the country who

have blamed him for organising the killing of Nijjar and his associates allegedly at the instance of Indian agencies. The development comes on a day external affairs minister S Jaishankar held talks with his Canadian counterpart Anita Anand in New York. In 2023, former Canadian PM Justin Trudeau had claimed Canada had "credible evidence" of Indian agents' role in Nijjar's murder in British Columbia that June.

## Jiya 1st autistic female to swim across Catalina Channel

**MUMBAI:** Jiya Rai, 17, daughter of Indian Navy sailor Madan Rai from Navy Nagar in Colaba, became the first female para swimmer with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to successfully swim across the Catalina Channel in the US solo. She completed the 34-km swim in 15 hours, one minute



and 43 seconds. The officials said in the 100-year history of Catalina Channel swimming, Jiya is the first

girl with ASD to achieve this feat. She began her solo swim at midnight on Sep 25 from Catalina Island

### Puraskar

❑ Her journey earned her the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

and finished at San Pedro, California, in the afternoon of Sep 26. Jiya dedicated her swim

to autism awareness. Her father, Madan Rai, told: "She began swimming as therapy and went on to complete an epic 1,100km relay swim from Mumbai to Goa and back in 2022. Her journey earned her the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (2022) — India's highest honour for young.

## EC to deploy 470 officers for Bihar election, bypolls

### Increased

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**NEW DELHI:** Election Commission is likely to announce assembly bypolls in seven states along with the Bihar election, and will deploy 470 officers from various civil services as general, police

and expenditure observers for the simultaneous exercises. In a statement issued on , EC said the 470 observers, including 320 from IAS, 60 from IPS and 90 from IRS/IRAS/ICAS, will watch over the Bihar

assembly election and bypolls to the Budgam and Nagrota assembly constituency (AC) in J&K, Anta AC in Rajasthan, Ghatsila AC in Jharkhand, Jubilee Hills AC in Telangana, Tarn Taran AC in Punjab, Dampa AC in Mizoram and Nuapada AC in Odisha. EC will be holding a briefing for the 470 officers here on Oct 3 on their responsibilities and duties that cover ensuring fairness.

## Nitish goes off script; 'reveals' what led to JD(U)-BJP split

**NEW DELHI:** Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar on Monday pinned the blame for his exit from the alliance with Bharatiya Janata Party in 2022 on "some leader" from his party. While speaking at a rally in Bihar's Purnea, Nitish Kumar said that some of the leaders who created rift between JD(U) and BJP are present on the stage. He also vowed that he will never break alliance with BJP.

## Last round a missed opportunity, need to engage in earnest for FTA by year-end



in the last round here. Delphin's remarks confirm that there are lingering issues that both sides need to address to

be able to meet the year-end deadline. EU trade commissioner Maroš Šefčovic, who visited India this month, had

said that he expected more progress in the last round. Separately, Germany's ambassador to India Philipp Ackermann told last week the 13th round was good but not good enough, while expressing confidence that India and the EU will get down to closing more chapters in the next round. Before the 13th round, only 12 of the 24 chapters, including SMEs.

## Cancer cases in India up by 26%, deaths 21% since 1990

**NEW DELHI:** The incidence of cancer in India has gone up by 26%, from 84.8 per 1 lakh population in 1990 to 107.2 in 2023, according to a new study. Published in The Lancet, it shows deaths

due to cancer increased by 21% during this period, despite advances in treatment. In comparison, both incidence and mortality have declined significantly in US and China over the 33-year period.

The reason behind this is strong tobacco control, universal vaccination and organised screening in these two countries, Dr Abhishek Shankar, radiation-oncologist at AIIMS Delhi, said.

India, he added, continues to fare poorly on both counts because of persisting risk factors such as high use of tobacco, obesity and infections, coupled with limited access to early detection. Evidence-

based strategies like HPV and Hepatitis-B vaccination, mammography, lung cancer screening with low-dose CT, and colonoscopy screening, and timely treatment remain uneven.

## The International Trade Show is proving to be a boon for youth, entrepreneurs

**Lucknow:** Following the instructions of Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya the Horticulture and Food Processing Department has selected

the best products from food processing units established in various districts of Uttar Pradesh and set up stalls for them at the International Trade Show in Greater Noida.

The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the stalls set up at this trade show are also gaining global recognition for Uttar Pradesh food processing products.



## Wanted accused of cow slaughter arrested in police encounter

**Kaushambi.** At midnight, Dial 112 received information that some people had committed cow slaughter in the village of Krishna Doli, under the Charwa police station. Upon receiving the information, the Charwa police force immediately arrived at the scene and found a dead cow. The caller reported that Bhawar Singh Yadav, a resident of Krishna Doli, had committed the crime with two other associates. When the police searched for him, he was found absconding from his home. A case was registered at the Charwa police station under the Cow Slaughter Prevention Act. Given the seriousness of the incident, teams were formed and directed to quickly arrest the accused. The teams formed in the above sequence were searching for the accused by raiding possible locations. Meanwhile, a special informant informed the Charwa police station that Bhawar Singh Yadav, accused of the cow slaughter incident that night, was hiding with his accomplice in the Gunga Ki Bagh Mohiuddinpur Ratgaha road. As the police team arrived at the scene to apprehend him, the accused opened fire on the police team with the intent to kill. When the police team took cover behind trees.

## Roshni Solanki assumes charge as Bara Tehsildar

**Prayagraj.** Roshni Solanki assumed charge as Bara Tehsildar on Sunday. Upon assuming office, she held a courtesy meeting with revenue officials and discussed work priorities. It's worth noting that the post had been vacant since the transfer of the previous Tehsildar, leaving residents waiting for a new officer for a long time. Roshni Solanki, a resident of Kanpur Nagar, is a Naib Tehsildar of the 2020 batch. She performed excellently in Lalitpur Tehsil and Jhansi, and after her promotion, served as Tehsildar in Meja Tehsil, Prayagraj. Her honest work style and impeccable image have been praised. Upon assuming office, she stated that timely disposal of revenue matters will be her top priority.

# Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal Awadh Province. Make the country and states drug-free



**Like** Gujarat and Bihar other state governments and the central government should also take steps to ban liquor. VHP national convener Neeraj Dauneriya on Monday inaugurated the campaign of drug-free youth, developed India by Bajrang Dal the youth wing of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, in the auditorium of Bharatkhande Sanskrit University Lucknow. Speaking as the keynote speaker at the campaign event, alongside Chief Guest Pujya Sant Chaitanya Maharaj, VHP Regional Organization Minister Gajendra, State Organization Minister Vijay Pratap and Bajrang Dal Regional Coordinator Purnendu, Bajrang Dal National Convener Neeraj Dinoria stated that the campaign will be conducted

in phases across the country. It will begin with public awareness. Subsequently, youth will be prepared to become drug-free by engaging them in sports and environmental activities. Bajrang Dal National Convener Neeraj Dauneriya stated that after deliberations on the roadmap for a drug-free India in several states and regions, the Bajrang Dal youth wing the VHP will now launch the "Drug-Free Developed India" campaign across the country. Initially, efforts will be made to raise awareness through weekly gatherings, satsang centers, and discourse centers. Dauneriya stated that drug addiction has entered the country through foreign forces, while drugs like alcohol and alcohol are readily available in other states. The youth of the country is drowned in drugs and what is the use of such revenue. Bajrang Dal National Convener Neeraj Dinoria clarified that if revenue is being earned by ruining future generations, then such revenue should be abandoned. Citing the examples of

Gujarat and Bihar he said that just as prohibition is in effect in these states, alcohol should be banned across the country. Addition, in whatever form gradually leads to a person's downfall. Therefore both the state and central governments should also take the decision to ban alcohol. Maintaining peace and order during festivals calling for cooperation in ensuring the peaceful completion of festivals, Doneria said that the government should take concrete steps to ban people with a jihadi mindset from Garba pandals so that Hindu sisters and daughters can be protected from the conspiracy of love jihad. Pandal organizer should neither allow non-Hindus into the pandal nor make.

## Dr. Bhupendra receives PHD in Hindi intellectuals offer congratulations



**Bhupendra** Bahadur Singh a Hindi teacher at Thakur Bhagwati Singh Kisan Inter College Jarwal Road has received a PHD for his research work in Hindi. Intelligent members of the area have congratulated him. During a research viva voce conducted under the able guidance of Hindi Professor Dr. Reena Singh of Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Postgraduate College, Barabanki, in the presence of Professor Dr. Anita Singh, Head of the Hindi Department of Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Postgraduate College, Barabanki, Professor Dr. Anil Vishwakarma, Professor Dr. Vijay Verma, Professor Dr. K. K. Chandra, and Professor Dr.

Shobhnath Yadav of DRPG College, Sevara, Ayodhya, Bhupendra Bahadur Singh, a Hindi teacher at Thakur Bhagwati Singh Kisan Inter College, was awarded the "Doctorate" PhD degree. Bhupendra Singh has been awarded a PHD degree for writing a research thesis on the topic "Conflict of Historical Perspectives in Hindi Dalit Literature". Teacher Bhupendra Bahadur Singh family and teachers are overjoyed upon receiving the PHD degree.

## A feast was held for the girl students after the Kanya Pujan ceremony under Mission Shakti

### Bahraich:

The sacred Navratri festival is currently underway. Girls are being worshipped as goddesses. As part of women empowerment the in-charge headmistress of Alinagar Primary School Pooja Singh, organized a Kanya Pujan ceremony for the girl students on Monday. Chief guest BSA Ashish Kumar Singh



along with special guests BEO

Anurag Kumar Mishra and BEO Rakesh Kumar washed the girls feet and worshipped them with rice grains and roli tilak. All the girl students were offered puris, halwa, chickpeas, and fruits. The BSA honored the girl students with notebooks, pens and geometry boxes. his address, the BSA stated that the Kanya Pujan ceremony.

## 281 couples tied the knot under the Chief Minister's Mass Marriage Scheme, 40 were married



**Bahraich:** Under the Chief Minister Mass Marriage Scheme, 281 Hindu couples tied the knot in a mass marriage ceremony organized by the Social Welfare Department at the Ball House complex in Bahraich on Monday. 40 Muslim couples also received their Nikah. Marriages were solemnized in the ceremony, representing all the development blocks and urban bodies of the district. The mass marriage ceremony was inaugurated by Bahraich MP Dr. Anand Gond, along with other public representatives, by lighting a lamp. At the main altar in the pandal, MP Dr. Anand Gond, Payagpur MLA Subhash Tripathi, Nanpara Ramnivas Verma, BJP District President Brijesh Pandey and BJP District

Vice President Ranvijay Singh jointly performed Kanya Pujan and Kanyadan (gift) according to Vedic rituals. District Magistrate Akshay Tripathi, Superintendent of Police Ram Nayan Singh, Chief Development Officer Mukesh Chandra all Block Development Officers, District Social Welfare Officer, Deputy Commissioner MNREGA, Deputy Commissioner Self-Employment and District Probation Officer Devvrat Sharma, along with other dignitaries, attended the

ceremony. Addressing the ceremony, MP Dr. Gond stated that all the Social Welfare Department's schemes are being implemented for the poor. The government is committed to ensuring that these schemes reach every poor person. For this, I express my gratitude to the Chief Minister of the state Yogi Adityanath on behalf of the entire people of Bahraich. MP Dr. Gond said that for the smooth functioning of this scheme, along with adequate budgetary arrangements, the budget amount has been doubled.

## Nepali police arrested four youths, including an Indian, with smack

### Bahraich

Police in the neighboring Nepali districts of Banke and Dang have arrested four youths with smack. An Indian youth is among the arrested youths. Police have arrested all four and sent them to police headquarters. Deepak Patil, DSP of the neighboring Nepali district of Banke, stated that a

team from the Superintendent of Police's office apprehended two youths near Chalikka Check, Ward No. 17, Nepalganj Sub-Metropolitan Municipality. A search of their pants yielded 4 grams (830 milligrams) of smack. The arrested youths have been identified as 26-year-old Mohammad Nazim

Qureshi a resident of Puranpur, Pilibhit district, India and 25-year-old Suresh Khadka a resident of Ward No. 2, Rukum West Khaalanga Municipality, Nepal. Both have been sent to police headquarters in Nepalganj.

During interrogation they revealed that they had purchased the smack from Chakia

Road in Rupaidiha. Similarly, on Sunday afternoon, police in Dang district also arrested two people with smack. Dang district DSP Chakra Bahadur Shah said that on Sunday afternoon, a police team stopped a motorcycle with Nepali registration number RA4P-5263 on the road leading into Ghorahi

Sub-Metropolitan Municipality Ward No. 8, Saudi.

Two young men were riding the motorcycle. A search of the motorcycle revealed nothing. A search of the motorcycle also revealed smack wrapped in black plastic inside the trunk, weighing 4 grams (110 milligrams).

## Communicable Disease Control Meeting Chaired by the Sub-District Magistrate

### Bahraich

A meeting regarding communicable diseases was held with Community Health Center Superintendents in the Tehsil Auditorium on Monday, chaired by Deputy District Magistrate, Kaiserganj, Akhilesh Kumar Singh. As part of the Uttar Pradesh government's campaigns to combat communicable diseases, meetings are held with Community Health Center (CHC) Superintendents,



chaired by the Sub-District Magistrate (SDM). The objective of these meetings is to raise awareness among the community, ensure cleanliness and provide information about waterlogging prevention under the Communicable Disease Control Campaign and the Dastak Campaign. The

main goal of these meetings is to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and control them through community participation. Community Health Center staff will go door-to-door to educate people about cleanliness, waterlogging prevention and handwashing practices.

## Mission Shakti is dedicated to the respect and safety of women

**Phulpur.** Under the government's fifth phase of the campaign, on Sunday, in Kodapur, Hemapur, Lilhat, and Bhamai Husamganj villages of the Phulpur area, Lady Sub-Inspector Jyoti Rawat held a meeting with schoolgirls and women and listened to their problems. While raising awareness among the students, Lady Sub-Inspector Jyoti Rawat said that girls.

## Man-eating wolf dies under suspicious circumstances

**Bahraich:** A male man-eating wolf which had become a source of terror in the Kaiserganj tehsil area, died under suspicious circumstances on Sunday evening. Forest department official are issuing differing statements regarding the wolf death. The regional forest range officer claims the man-eating male wolf died from a sniper bullet. However the

divisional forest officer Bahraich, denies this, stating that the wolf death is suspicious. There are no signs of injury or wounds on the wolf body. The body has been sent for a post-mortem examination. The report will clarify the cause of death. It should be noted that a man-eating wolf has been terrorizing nearly a dozen villages in the Kaiserganj tehsil area

since September 9th. So far, four teenagers have died in attacks by the wolf, while two others are still receiving treatment. Sixteen people have been injured in the attacks. The terror of the wolf attack reached the state capital, Lucknow, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had to visit the village on Saturday to inquire about the victims. After speaking

with the villagers, the Chief Minister spoke with forest department officials. Forest department officials stated that 32 teams are searching for the wolf, but it is so cunning that it escapes after attacking. Two wolves once escaped by breaking a trap. Following this, the Chief Minister gave clear instructions that if the man-eating wolf is not caught.

## Aid checks distributed to 13 people injured in human-wildlife conflict

### Bahraich:

Last Saturday, during a dialogue program with villagers affected by human-wildlife conflict in Manjhara Taukli, Tehsil Kaiserganj in compliance with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's directive to provide assistance of ₹50,000 each to all the injured, former Cooperative Minister Mukut Bihari Verma, along with Kaiserganj MP Karan Bhushan Singh representative Sunil Singh, Assembly Coordinator Gaurav Verma



other regional party officials and Kaiserganj Sub-District Magistrate Akhilesh Kumar Singh presented checks of ₹50,000 each to 13 people injured in human-wildlife

conflict at the Manjhara Taukli Primary School. District Magistrate Akshay Tripathi issued checks on Sunday for the 13 people injured in the human-

wildlife conflict, who have returned home after treatment. Checks will also be distributed to the three injured individuals undergoing treatment once they recover. It is noteworthy that during the program held at the Upper Primary School the representative of the former Cooperative Minister and Member of Parliament Kaiserganj along with other dignitaries and officials, distributed checks to Shivpyari wife of Rajitram, Shyarathi Devi,

wife of Ram Kumar, Madan, son of Ramdhani, Sanju Devi wife of Gangasagar, Hardei wife of Ramnaresh, Manisha wife of Nirankar, Suraj Lal son of Ganpat, Rajaram son of Triveni, Sitabi wife of Shiv Prasad, Anjali daughter of Ram Manorath, Prithvinath son of Jagdish and Harischandra son of Dujai, residents of village Nandwal. On this occasion, former Minister Verma said, "In this time of grief, along with the government and administration."

## 44 tricycles distributed to persons with disabilities

**Prayagraj.** Under the "Seva Pakhwada Abhiyan" (Service Fortnight Campaign), under the Artificial Limb and Assistive Devices Scheme run by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 44 tricycles were distributed to persons with orthopedic disabilities at the premises of Meja Development Block, Prayagraj, under the

chairmanship of Rajesh Shukla, District President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Yamunapur Prayagraj, and by Neeraj Tripathi, former Lok Sabha candidate. On this occasion, the Chief Guest stated in his address that the Uttar Pradesh government is running the Seva Pakhwada Abhiyan from September 17th to October 2nd, 2025, with the aim of

empowering and self-reliant the vulnerable and underprivileged sections of society by benefiting them from government schemes. On this occasion, Honorable Block Chief Representative Ganga Prasad Mishra, Block Development Officer, Meja Amit Singh, A.D.O. Social Welfare Sushantu Pandey, District General Secretary, Pushpraj Patel.



# The Divisional Commissioner chaired a meeting of the Divisional Road Safety Committee

## Encounter

Instructions were given to take effective enforcement action against traffic rule violators,

**Prayagraj.** A meeting of the Divisional Road Safety Committee was held in the Gandhi Auditorium on Monday under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner Soumya Agarwal. In the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner directed the con-

cerned officials to ensure strict compliance with traffic rules to prevent road accidents. The Divisional Commissioner directed the NHAI, PWD, and other departments to identify high-accident areas as black spots, review and analyze the accidents occurring there, and ensure necessary arrangements to prevent accidents accordingly. He directed that warning signs be installed on both sides of the road at such locations, along with other necessary measures. The Divisional Commissioner directed that ambulances and cranes be available 24 hours a day at designated distances on



the National Highway. He also directed that patrolling be increased to prevent accidents on the highway and that vehicles parked on the roadside be immediately removed when they break down. He directed that a

committee be formed consisting of the DCP Traffic, Additional Commissioner Administration, Additional Director Health, and the Superintending Engineer of the PWD to take prompt action on accidents occurring on the

National Highway. In the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner directed the PWD, NHAI, and other departments involved in new road construction to identify potential black spots during new road construction or road widening, and to ensure that the alignment of new roads is designed to prevent accidents there. He also directed the Major to ensure traffic combing. He directed the installation of signage and other necessary measures. He urged that such a plan be developed at the time of road construction to prevent accidents. In the meeting, when the underpass under

the Ganga Expressway and bypass near Soraon was informed of the high incidence of accidents due to people entering from the wrong side, the Divisional Commissioner directed the establishment of automatic challan and red light systems there. To prevent road accidents in rural areas, the Divisional Commissioner directed the formation of a committee consisting of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Assistant Police Commissioner, and Station House Officer of the respective area to hold meetings regarding road safety and take necessary action to prevent accidents.

## Training for the third stage of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was inspected



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**Prayagraj.** Under the leadership of Chief Commissioner, District School Inspector P.N. Singh, the fourth day of the five-day Scout and Guide training camp at Kulbhaskar Inter College, Prayagraj, concluded with a demonstration of cooking without utensils. The training camp was inaugurated by the college's Principal, academician Dr. P.P. Singh, with a flag ceremony. As a representative of the Joint Director of Education, Co-District School Inspector Jitendra Pratap Singh inspected the training by eating food cooked without utensils and inspecting the tents. In his address, he described the Scout and Guide movement as conducive to all-round development and encouraged them to embrace its pledge. Principal Mo. Rafiq and Commissioner Headquarters Dr. Akanksha Kesari briefed the children on the intricacies of the tents. The training camp aimed to develop the boys and girls into civi-

## Movement

In his address, he described the Scout and Guide movement

lized citizens. Under the guidance and direction of Pre-Air Scout Master Dilip Diwakar and Advance Guide Captain Darshi Srivastava as skilled trainers, the Scout Guide students were taught the Scout rules, pledge, prayer, flag song, salute symbol, motto on the first day and the initiation ceremony of progressive training, BP Six, first aid, information about movement on the second day. On the third day, compass and direction knowledge, search signs. On the fourth day, they demonstrated knots and ties useful in times of disaster, pitching tents and prepared dishes in their groups using natural methods without utensils. Around 150 students from GGIC, KP Girls Inter College, Crosstwest Girls Inter College, DP Girls Inter College, GIC, Kesar Vidyapeeth Inter College, Seva Samiti Inter College.

## Police shot two brothers in the leg during an encounter

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**Utran.** Police had gone to raid Uttaran village in the Uttaran police station area of Prayagraj district. While returning, an encounter broke out between the police and cow smugglers. Two brothers, both cow smugglers, were shot in the leg. Both were taken to the Community Health Center in Saidabad. The police are safe. On Tuesday morning, Uttaran Police Station Chief Pritam Kumar Tiwari and his team had gone to raid the butcher colony in Uttaran village. While returning to the police station after the raid, they had just reached the Inayat Patti Canal in the Uttaran police station area when cow smugglers



Mohammad Aleem, Mohammad Naseem, Putragarh Wahid, and five others attacked the police. In response, police shot Aleem and

Naseem in the leg, seriously injuring them. Police immediately rushed the two injured to the Community Health Center, where their con-

dition was considered critical and they were transferred to Swaroop Rani Hospital. Police said that a pistol was recovered from Gokas Alim and a pistol was recovered from Naseem and five empty cartridges were recovered from both of them. Five other people fled. Police have started searching for them. Four rounds were fired by the police and seven rounds were fired by the cow smugglers. In which both the cow smugglers were shot in the leg. One was shot in the right leg and the other in the left leg. Police said that there are three cases against Gokas Alim in Utraw police station. And both have several cases of cow slaughter and Arms Act. Police said that both of them were wanted for a long time.

## Mission Shakti awareness campaign held at Jaitwardih Primary School



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An awareness campaign was conducted under Mission Shakti Phase 5.0 at Jaitwardih Primary School in Tharwai, Soraon Development Block. Mission Shakti and the Anti-Romeo team from Tharwai Police Station, under the Empowered Women's Prosperity Act, raised awareness among all the students

present regarding their safety and respect. Information was provided on the Women's Helpline number 1090, Women's Helpline number 181, Child Helpline number 1098, Chief Minister's Helpline number 1076 and Cyber ??Helpline number 1930. Children also raised awareness about women's safety and respect through a cultural program.

## Following the ongoing investigation of the case filed against the sub-inspector, he was given the responsibility of investigating the case against the cow slaughter accused

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**Kaushambi.** Serious allegations were leveled against Sub-Inspector Viplesh Kumar, posted at Charwa police station. The case was filed on the court's orders. Biplesh Kumar is an accused in the case. The investigation into



the allegations against him is ongoing. Several months ago,

on the court's orders, a case was filed against Sub-Inspector Viplesh Kumar for allegedly falsely disclosing the incident. No action has been taken against him yet. He has not been removed from his post, which has raised doubts about the possibility of a fair investigation during the investigation of

the case. Sub-Inspector Viplesh Kumar has been given the responsibility of investigating the second case registered at Charwa police station, crime number 197 of 2025. How can one expect a fair investigation from someone who himself faces serious allegations?

## Two wanted robbery suspects arrested in police encounter

**Kaushambi.** On September 19th, the applicant, Mr. Rajendra Kumar, son of Krishna Kumar, village Kudapur Majra, Syed Sarawan, Charwa Police Station, reported

that on September 18, 2025, at approximately 9:00 pm, he was returning home from Shubh Labh Polymer Industry, Teramil, on his Hero Splendor motorcycle. On the way from

Teramil to Syed Sarawan, three unknown suspects riding an Apache motorcycle overtook him, assaulted him, and robbed him of 50,000 rupees and his

Splendor Plus motorcycle before fleeing. A case, 192/25 309(04) BNS, was registered and teams were formed to arrest the accused. On Monday night, Charwa police station.

## A Bolero car was stolen from the Sheetla Dham temple area in the blink of an eye

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**Kaushambi.** Vehicle theft gangs have been active in the Sheetla Dham temple area of ??the Kada Dham police station area for the past several months, and many vehicles have been stolen in the past few months. However, the Kada Dham police station is remaining silent. Nanhe Lal Tiwari, son of Ram Shiromani Tiwari, a resident of Pawara in Machhali Shahar of Jaunpur district, came to visit Maa Sheetla Dham on Monday. He parked his Bolero in the parking lot of the Kada Dham police station area and went to visit the mother with his family, but in the blink of an eye, vehicle

thieves stole his Bolero. Even before this, several vehicles have been stolen from the police station area. After the Bolero theft on Monday, it has become clear that members of vehicle theft gangs are constantly present around the vehicle stand, which helps them know how long ago a person left and how long after they will return. This makes them easily carry out these incidents. However, despite this, the police are not investigating the activities of suspicious people present around the vehicle stand. Police station police have been deployed for security arrangements around the vehicle stand. If a vehicle is stolen from a place where police duty is deployed.

## The revenue inspector who disobeyed the Tehsildar's court order has not yet been suspended

## Government land remains unoccupied even two years after the Tehsildar's court order

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**Kaushambi.** Along with corruption, indiscipline is increasing to such an extent that now people are not even willing to obey the orders of their own officers. In the face of numerous indiscipline cases in the district, the order issued by the Tehsildar Court, Sirathu, to the Revenue Inspector two years ago to free the government land from encroachment and pay compensation is sufficient to expose the example of indiscipline on the part of the Revenue Inspector. Six people,

including Umesh Kumar, Harishchandra, Vikram, Bhairav, Mohanlal, Premlal, had encroached upon the government land of the Ahirara Gram Panchayat, Usar Araz No. 1077, in the Ahirara Gram Panchayat area of ??the Sirathu Tehsil. An investigation was initiated based on a complaint from villagers. During the investigation, the government land was found to be encroached upon. A case was filed in the court of the Tehsildar, Sirathu, in 2021. Four years ago, the case was filed in the Tehsildar's court in 2021. The case was

heard for two years. A case was filed in the Tehsildar's court against six people for encroaching government land. The order to evict six people from government land was issued two years ago in 2023 by the Tehsildar. Even after the court's order was issued, attempts were made to negotiate for two years, resulting in a deal. The Tehsildar's court's order was irrelevant for the deal that didn't go through. The two individuals were evicted from government land, but despite the Tehsildar's court's order, the four encroachers were shown

favoritism. During the trial, on July 26, 2023, the Tehsildar's court ordered the eviction of Harishchandra and Umesh Kumar, and two years later, they were evicted two days ago. Compensation was also imposed for the encroachment of government land, but the compensation has not yet been recovered. The matter is not over. On September 29, 2023, the Tehsildar's court ordered the eviction of Prem Lal, Mohan Lal, Bhairav ??Bikram. Even after two years, the Tehsildar's court's order is not being followed by the

Revenue Inspector. Even two years after the Tehsildar's court's order to evict four additional individuals from Sirathu, these four individuals, Prem Lal, Mohan Lal, Bhairav Bikram, have not yet been evicted. The occupation continues and the Revenue Inspector is sweating to evict them. Why is the Revenue Inspector being indiscipline in evicting them? This raises questions on the system. The court had imposed a compensation of Rs 2,33,400 on 6 people and had directed the Revenue Inspector to collect the compensation from

the encroachers, but neither was the government land vacated from the possession of the four people nor was the compensation amount deposited. The court's order to evict has simply been buried in the files. It is natural to raise questions on the double standards set on the court's order. The question does not end here. The same land on which the Tehsildar's court has considered Khasra number 1077 as government land and on which the 6 people were ordered to be evicted, is being occupied again by other people.



## Editorial

### India's online gaming ban shows today's thriving sector could be tomorrow's casualty

It took a mere six minutes in the Lok Sabha and a few minutes more in the Rajya Sabha to wipe out an established industry. In a matter of 48 hours, the passing of the Bill on Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025 has adversely impacted 2,00,000 direct employees, Rs 23,613 crore in investments, over Rs 4,500 crore in advertisements and Rs 20,000 crores in direct and indirect taxes. The Bill, now an Act, was introduced in Parliament without undergoing the due process of a draft for public opinion, stakeholder consultations, or, at the very least, a warning. Policy corridor whispers imply that even allies were not aware of such a move. A decade-old, established sector constitutionally guaranteed under Article 19 has been asked to wrap up operations and told it will be held liable for criminal actions, including those of its employees, if it doesn't comply. While the Act aims to safeguard public health and address the concern of offshore illegal platforms, any ban, especially in the digital space, has consistently proven to have amplified the issue multiple times. The immediate fallout would include economic disruptions, shifts in user behaviour, and social harms. The opaque strategy adopted by the government in this case highlights the grave direction that policy-making is taking in India. The uncertainty goes far beyond the online real money gaming sector and will set a precedent for future policies in each sector. This swift and unconsulted legislative strike is not just a regulatory misstep but a stark warning of the growing unpredictability in India's policy landscape, one that could unravel investor confidence, domestic business trust, and exacerbate systemic issues like brain drain of talent and businesses. The immediate economic toll is staggering and underscores the bill's shortsightedness. Beyond the 2,00,000 direct jobs at risk, it affects ancillary industries like fintech, advertising, and content creation. Annual GST revenues of Rs 20,000-25,000 crore and TDS of Rs 1,080 crore (FY24) will evaporate, creating fiscal gaps at a time when India's fiscal deficit stands at Rs 15.77 lakh crore, amounting to 4.8 per cent of GDP. But the real cautionary tale lies in the investor disarray this creates. A reported foreign direct investment (FDI) of \$2.7 billion and startup funding of \$2.8 billion in real money gaming are now stranded. This unpredictability echoes broader patterns in India's policy environment, where sudden changes deter long-term commitments. For instance, the 2019 e-commerce FDI rules, which restricted inventory models for e-commerce platforms, led to a reported slowdown in US-India tech investments, with firms citing regulatory whiplash as a key barrier. Similarly, retrospective tax demands in the past (e.g., the Vodafone case) have been linked to a dip in FDI inflows, with studies showing that economic policy uncertainty reduces FDI by up to 30 per cent in emerging markets like India. The 2025 Kearney FDI Confidence Index highlights regulatory complexity and ease of doing business as concerns for investors in India, potentially shoving off billions in inflows amid global uncertainties like US tariffs. Businesses, particularly in the digital economy, thrive on stability. This bill's passage without stakeholder input, bypassing the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, sends a chilling message: Today's thriving sector could be tomorrow's casualty. As the industry voices alarm, with petitions likely heading to courts, the precedent risks cascading effects on adjacent digital fields where India aims for global leadership but faces investor hesitation due to such volatility. In the larger scheme, this policy unpredictability is accelerating India's brain drain, particularly in tech and digital innovation, where skilled professionals seek more stable environments abroad. Data from 2025 reveals a stark reality: Over 1,05,000 global tech layoffs this year alone, with 20 per cent occurring in India, have pushed thousands of engineers and developers to migrate.



Edward Heath, Great Britain's Prime Minister, felt the words wash over him, hot like a dragon's breath: "The United States had received nothing from India except a kick in the teeth, in exchange for \$4 billion last year," President Richard Nixon raged. The Indians, Nixon went on, thought "the white nations had no choice but to come in and bail India out." Alarmed, British Foreign Secretary Alec Douglas-Home stepped in. "The Indians were admittedly intolerably high-minded," he accepted. "But there was an important common interest in preserving Indian independence from Soviet and Chinese domination." The invective against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her nation, provoked by her refusal to back down on Bangladesh, continued in the privacy of Nixon's office, though: "A slippery, treacherous people," "bastards," "old witch," "b\*tch". Even as the political leadership in both countries raged against each other, the relationship between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Research and Analysis Wing remained robust, historian Paul McGarr writes. In 1973, the head of Prime Minister Indira's secretariat, Prithvi Nath Dhar, and the chief of R&AW, Rameshwar Nath Kao, lobbied for CIA chief William Colby to visit New Delhi. As President Donald Trump appears to be leading the India-United States relationship into an abyss from which there is no return—adding restrictions to the outsourcing of jobs on the back of crippling tariffs—the period



between 1971 and 1973 shows the two countries have been locked in airless places before. The intelligence services of both countries, though, found ways to bypass potholes and cul-de-sacs, ensuring strategic conversation continued. Little understood, India-US intelligence ties flourished in the shadow of the Cold War, as New Delhi resolutely proclaimed its commitment to non-alignment. Late in the summer of 1949, India was struggling to contain its first post-Independence insurgency, an uprising by communists in the Telangana region. The Indian Army, sent to Hyderabad to battle the Nizam's armies, found itself at war with peasant insurgents in Telangana. Thousands died in the brutal conflict, Jonathan Kennedy and Sunil Purushotham have recorded, as the Army herded Adivasis into concentration camps in near-starvation conditions. Less than forty-seven

years old and with little experience in global politics, an unassuming police officer was tasked with helping India find the right tools to deal with the crisis. TG Sanjeevi, earlier a Superintendent of Police in Madras, and now Director of the Intelligence Bureau, was ordered to make a three-week visit to Washington. For decades before Independence, the Intelligence Bureau had been relentlessly focused on the threat of communist terrorism. Telangana was its first challenge after Independence—and, it seemed, its first potential failure. To Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, it seemed that the threat was transnational and a danger to the survival of the Indian republic. The colonial legacy meant India had a substantial relationship with the United Kingdom's intelligence services. The Security Service, popularly known as MI5, was a

critical source of assistance in the first years after Independence. India became debilitatingly reliant on this relationship, Avinash Paliwal has recorded. "This is satisfactory," an MI5 memo on general dependence smugly noted—but India understood the need to widen its partnerships. George Kennan, then director of policy planning at the State Department, agreed with Prime Minister Nehru's assessment. To address the challenge, Kennan recorded, Sanjeevi would have to "look beyond India's borders and seek to influence policy in regard to dangers from without." This meant that, despite Nehru's socialism, America would help him push back against the Communist threat. The visit did not begin well, though. Sanjeevi was affronted by the imperious behaviour of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J Edgar Hoover, and vowed never to allow contact between the Intelligence Bureau and the FBI. The damage was contained, however, during his subsequent meetings with the Central Intelligence Agency. Sanjeevi came away with positive impressions of his meetings with Colonel Richard Stilwell, Kermit "Kim" Roosevelt, and the director of central intelligence, Roscoe Hiltenkoetter. Even though the two countries clashed over questions of ideology and global politics, the alignment of their interests wasn't particularly opaque. India's government provided arms and training to Tibet's ramshackle military after 1949, and even considered deploy-

ing troops in support of its independence. The problem was that the Indian Army just didn't have the resources. In 1954, India formalised this reality, ceding many of its colonial-era rights, like stationing troops in Lhasa, historian Karunakar Gupta has written. The Intelligence Bureau, though, looked the other way, as the CIA supplied weapons and equipment to Khampa insurgents from 1958 on, historian Claude Arpi has written. India also ignored CIA flights in support of Tibetan insurgents, which crossed over its territory en route from Dhaka. Langley supported the founding of the Special Frontier Force, intended to carry the PLA along the China-India Line of Actual Control. The CIA also oversaw the insertion of nuclear-powered surveillance equipment to gather intelligence on China's nuclear-weapons programme. Even as this intelligence cooperation continued, Prime Minister Nehru publicly complained that the United States was interfering in Indian politics, "buying up newspapers and spreading a network of publicity organisations." Later, Prime Minister Indira assailed foreign powers plotting to "run down India." CIA agents, American intelligence officer Russell Jack Smith wrote sharply, "were to be found according to Madame Gandhi, beneath every charpoy and behind every neem tree." Even as Prime Minister Indira frequently railed against CIA intervention to bring about regime change—and public erupted when the journal Ramparts.

### China will be more central to India now. Though an anti-US unity is premature

As I write this column from Boston, the biggest American newspapers have the Tianjin meeting of Prime Minister Modi, President Putin, and President Xi—all three smiling and shaking hands—as a leading news item. The sub-theme is also that President Trump's policies are driving them closer, perhaps opening the door to an anti-US unity in international geopolitics. The talk of an anti-American unity is perhaps premature. At least two of the three nations, China and India, have significant ties with the US, which can be ruptured only at a very great cost. Despite the talk of a decline, the US is still the world's largest economy. At the end of 2024, according to the World Bank, America's GDP was \$29.18 trillion, which amounted to 26.2 per cent of the world economy (\$111.33 trillion). A market of that size cannot easily be shunned. Indeed, most countries and corporations would covet access to it. But there is no doubt that Trump's radi-

cal break from America's post-Cold War foreign policy, especially his use of tariffs as an economic and political tool, is creating new geopolitical and economic scenarios. Countries must take into account these changes as they make adjustments in their foreign policies. Of course, Trump is known to be mercurial and abrupt changes in his policies cannot be wholly ruled out. However, three things are likely to remain constant: use of trade tariffs, opposition to immigration, and smaller American investments in international security. The changes in these realms, if any, are likely to be of degree. Fundamental changes can take place only if the results of these policies are catastrophic for his MAGA base, especially via inflation or if the judiciary intervenes more firmly than it has done so far. How should India, severely jolted by Trump's tariffs, imagine its way forward? Let me suggest that China will become even more central to India's foreign policy.

### Vijay is winning the nickname war in Tamil Nadu. He's attacking Brand Stalin with 'uncle' taunt

In the world of marketing, a new entrant's toughest task is to break the perception built around the old guard. Established brands don't crumble because of direct attacks. They erode when their aura is punctured, when their carefully constructed image is made to look smaller, or even laughable. Politics is not different. Though for decades, MK Stalin was no more than a 'possible' political heir to former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M Karunanidhi, things changed in 2019. Stalin was turned into a brand, crafted meticulously as the only answer, as an able administrator, and a calm and composed CM post the 2021 elections. He was present-

ed as the inevitable figure, the steady numero uno of contemporary Tamil Nadu Politics, a man positioned above ridicule. Even his critics rarely succeed in dismantling his image. Actor turned politician Vijay was out to destroy that brand when he called him, "My dear Stalin uncle." With such an open taunt at his second public rally, Vijay wasn't merely addressing the Chief Minister; he was reframing him. What at first sounds like cinema dialogue is, in LinkedIn lingo, classic disruption. A single word that wedges into the aura of authority, triggering what one might call the 'uncle-ification of a statesman'. Stalin was recast as just another politician, a figure who is now the

subject of memes. This is not an insult for insult's sake, but rather is a strategy through vocabulary. Political authority in Tamil Nadu has always been theatrical. MGR's heroism, Jayalalithaa's imperiousness, Karunanidhi's oratory skills, Stalin's calm—these are curated performances. Brands with narratives. "Uncle" in this context is not reverential. It's casual, familiar, and even patronising. The strength of Stalin's brand lies in the distance it creates, and Vijay's jab collapses that distance instantly. It is lethal in politics. It forces a new narrative onto the mainstream discourse, away from discussions on policy and performance, and instead drags it into a battle of personalities.

### Why hasn't India won the Nobel Prize for literature after Independence? Quality of education

Speaking in a distinguished institution, a political leader expressed concern that after Rabindranath Tagore in 1913, no Indian has received the Nobel Prize in Literature. His question—"Is the writing of our country not at the level anymore? Or has it been ignored by international institutions?"—was thought-provoking. But the tone was aloof. However, when you think about it, the answer is obvious. During the British Raj, India produced a number of great poets, artists, scientists, scholars, and thinkers. Many of

them have an international reputation. The solitary Nobel Prize in literature was also received during the British period. Under the British, our talents flourished. The educational institutions of the British rulers encouraged talents without discrimination on any ground. Did our desi leaders, post-British rule, continue that noble tradition? It is well-recognised that the educational institutions of British India declined rapidly after Independence. Instead of nurturing talent, new policies, knowingly or unknowingly,

worked toward their suppression or migration to the West. Isn't it curious that during the British Raj, hardly any Indian writer, scientist, artist, or scholar decided to settle abroad? Whereas in Independent India, talent of all kinds began settling in Europe and America, leaving India for good. To come to the issue, the leader who pointed out our lack of Nobels seems unaware that there are two essential prerequisites to help grow quality writers. One, to connect children & youth with great literature, taking care that they also get time

and encouragement to savour it. Second, to maintain a whole system of good institutions and platforms for learning, teaching, writing, publishing, and interacting. To ensure all this, staying away from narrowness or compromise must be a rule. But desi leaders, preachy and voluble, did the opposite! The British made arrangements in every field of knowledge and science to promote talent—modern public institutions, great libraries, newspapers, magazines, entire new learning disciplines like history, civics, etc.

"Every breath and word is precious." The disease of pride is like alcohol. Everyone knows it's intoxicated except the person himself. One who is intoxicated with pride, neither sees the virtues of others nor his own shortcomings. Keep in mind that pride is

very hungry, and its favorite food is exclusively his own. The worst thing about pride is that it will never let you realize you're wrong. I was very proud of the roof being the roof. One more floor was built, and the roof became the floor. What's there to be proud of? There

will come a night after which there will be no morning. The body is made of clay, even the breaths are borrowed. What's the point of pride? We're all tenants here. Keep laughing, keep smiling. Whether you help someone or not, be the reason for everyone's smile.



## Medical seat domicile rule of T'gana flawed: SC

**Delhi : The**

Supreme Court criticized the Telangana government's domicile policy, which requires students to have attended Classes 9–12 in the state to be eligible for state quota medical seats through NEET, saying it was distant from reality. Many students now study in Kota for Class 11 and 12 to get better coaching for medical and engineering entrance exams. Should they be denied admission because they are not Telangana residents? "CJI BR Gavai, Justices K Vinod Chandran and Joymalya Bagchi asked. "You must have a humane approach." Such students should not be harassed. Students whose parents are from Telangana are entitled for state quota seats regardless of where they finished Class 11 and 12, "CJI warned, "Either



you (the govt) rectify the matter, or we will set it right." Advocate Raghenath Basant told the bench that the domicile bar has created a sensitive situation for kids whose parents were born in Telangana and have lived there.

Children of a Kerala resident posted in Telangana for four years who complete Class 9-12 in Telangana are eligible for state quota medical seats. He said youngsters who study outside Telangana despite their parents being natural citizens cannot apply for state quota medical seats.

### Hindu University establishes public policy institute

**Delhi:** Hindu College at Delhi University has set itself apart from other Indian universities by creating a public policy lab. Officials have stated that the goal is to include real-world policymaking into both undergraduate and graduate programs. With the goal of democratizing and decentralizing the process of knowledge generation, the lab is designed to serve as a hub for policy simulations, applied research, and field-based insights. This will bring

## CEO tells DUSU hopefuls to submit bond and affidavit, no deposit required

**Delhi :** The DUSU Election Commission has made it clear that all that is needed to run for student union office in the forthcoming elections is an affidavit and a Rs 1 lakh surety bond. Neither the school nor their own bank accounts will require them to deposit this sum. It is sufficient for a candidate to submit an affidavit and a surety bond, stated Chief Election Officer Prof. Raj Kishor Sharma during a news conference. Neither the university nor their account will request the payment



of this sum. He emphasized that the goal of this measure was to increase clarity and simplicity. In addition, the presiding officer, Dr. Rajesh Singh, emphasized the Election Commission's dedication to holding fair and free elections and urged all parties involved to work

together. While outlining the DUSU 2025–26 election program and code of conduct, Sharma made sure to mention that campaigning with hand-made posters is strictly forbidden and can only be done on dedicated "Democracy Walls."

## Assess UV technology in sewage treatment, NGT directs IIT Delhi

**Delhi :** National Green Tribunal (NGT) asked IIT Delhi to examine the effectiveness of UV technology in sewage treatment and directed the DPCC to take punitive action against 14 STPS, which, as per a report, failed to meet the standards.

A tribunal

bench, headed by NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava, in an order took notice of a report by Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The report stated that of 37 STPs in the city, seven were yet to be installed with a disinfection system, four had not installed any sys-

tem, while among others, 15 had deployed UV and 11 had chlorination-based disinfection systems to treat bacteria in sewage before discharging the treated water into drains. For those yet to be installed, the process was initiated or tenders awarded.

## Delhi dominates India's top college list

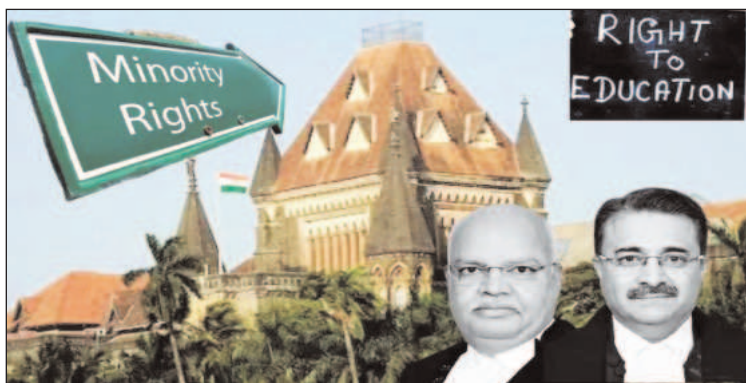
**Delhi :** Delhi University's Hindu College has topped the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 list, followed by Miranda House, Hans Raj, Kirori Mal and St Stephen's, emerging as the top five colleges in the country. Delhi University (DU) also recorded its best-ever performance in the Universities category, rising to fifth position from last year's sixth. It advanced to 12th place in the Research Institutions list and retained the 15th spot overall. Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh called the achievement "a landmark moment", crediting the collective efforts of faculty, students, alumni and staff. Hindu College Principal Anju Srivastava said the recognition reflected the college's focus on holistic education. "We have created an ecosystem where students get opportunities for research, innovation and practical exposure. Under NEP reforms, they are pursuing interests beyond the classroom with flexibility and industry linkages," she told. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) secured the second spot among universities. Vice Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit said the ranking was a matter of great pride, highlighting JNU's model of "excellence with equity and innovation with inclusion".

## CBSE and NCB to Raise Drug Abuse Awareness

**Delhi :** Together, the NCB and the Central Board of Secondary Education are working to eliminate drug use from schools and raise public awareness about the dangers of substance misuse. The CBSE board headquarters hosted an agreement signing event. The CBSE announced in an official statement that the two organizations have reached an agreement that will allow them to work together on various projects. These projects will include community outreach, counselling services for students and parents, e-modules on drug prevention, capacity-building workshops for teachers and counsellors, and quarterly awareness programs.

## SC: Why are minority institutions excluded from RTE?

**Delhi :** The Supreme Court said its 2014 verdict by a five-judge constitution bench that the Right to Education (RTE) Act did not apply to religious and linguistic minority educational institutions "strikes at the heart of good quality universal elementary education, its consequences are far-reaching" and should be reconsidered. A two-judge bench forwarded a bundle of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra appeals on whether minority-run schools required passing the Teacher Eligibility Test to CJI to consider advancing the matter to a larger bench. It claimed exempting minority institutions from the Act would erode inclusion. Minority schools are exempt



from teacher appointment and free education for underprivileged children laws. The SC court noted its 2014 verdict basically divided RTE under Article 21A from collective rights under Article 30(1), which allow minority communities to construct and run educational institutions.

The Pramati Educational

and Cultural Trust (case) exempts minority schools, whether aided or unaided, from the RTE Act using clause (1) of Article 30 of the Constitution, which we disagree was correctly decided. Thus, a revisiting of the ruling seems inevitable "Justice Dipankar Datta, who wrote the bench verdict with Justice Manmohan, stated.

### Companies in the electronics industry are the most welcoming to LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

**Delhi :** A whopping 71% of businesses in the electronics sector have shown a great desire to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices, making it one of the most welcoming sectors for this demographic. Overall, 64 percent of Indian companies are welcoming of LGBTQIA+ apprentices, so this is just one more example of a larger trend. The January–March TeamLease Degree Apprenticeship Outlook Report emphasizes this change. The majority of electronics and telecom firms (71%) are eager to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

## Supreme Court asks Centre, NCERT on transgender-inclusive

**Delhi :The** Supreme Court notified NCERT, the Union government, and six states to respond to a plea to integrate transgender inclusive sex education in school curricula. Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran sent notices to the Centre, NCERT, and Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu on the case brought by 16-year-old Delhi student Kaavya Mukherjee Saha.

Class 12 student from Vasant Valley School in Delhi filed the case, com-



plaining about the lack of transgender-inclusive

Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in NCERT and SCERT textbooks. The student wants binding gender sensitisation and transgender-inclusive CSE rules in all schools nationwide. Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing Saha,

told the bench that NCERT had recently admitted in a Right to Information (RTI) reply that it had "no information" on integrating CSE into school education, despite a 2024 Supreme Court order. Saha's petition claimed that NCERT and most state councils of educational research and training (SCERTs) have failed to include structured or examinable content on gender identity, gender diversity, and sex and gender despite Sections 2(d) and 13 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

## Pradhan Mantri Kalyan Yojana relies on NCERT

**Delhi :** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan voiced his faith in NCERT's ability to push educational reforms and bring about a paradigm change in teaching and learning, despite the fact that the council has been criticized for its textbook updates. In his support of NCERT's initiatives to implement the reforms proposed in NE, Pradhan compared it to a "Gyan Kumbh" that has had a profound impact on the lives of many Indians. At its 65th Foundation Day, Pradhan emphasized that NCERT needs to take the lead in transforming India's education system by adopting a reform-oriented and tech-driven role. It has come a long way since its start, especially in terms of education's role in nation-building.

He emphasized that



the organization needed to "don a new avatar" that was reform-oriented, tech-driven, and focused on best practices in order to embrace its role as a change leader. With unwavering conviction, Pradhan declared that NCERT will "bring a paradigm shift in teaching and learning and play a key role in actualising the goal of Samridhh Bharat." "Confident that NCERT will continue shaping critical and creative thinking in the 'Amrit Peedhi'," stated the professor.

### DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

**Delhi:** Teachers from Delhi University brought up issues with professor recruitment in front of a Parliamentary Committee, claiming that the SC/ST populations were marginalized on a systematic level. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They paid a visit to DU and had in-depth interviews with eighty people, including faculty, stu-

## IIT Madras, IISc B'luru, IIT Bombay top 3 in NIRF 2025

**Delhi : The** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has topped the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 for the seventh consecutive year, and also emerged the top engineering college in India for the 10th year since the rankings were introduced in 2016. Like last year, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru is ranked second in the overall ranking, and IIT Bombay third. The first non-engineering institution in the Top 10 of the overall ranking is the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi at eighth (seventh last year); the IITs at Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, and



Roorkee (which swapped places with AIIMS) hold the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places. Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi) and Banaras Hindu University (Varanasi) have moved up to the ninth and tenth spots, respectively. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and minister of state for education Sukanta Majumdar

announced the overall rankings and rankings across 17 categories for higher education institutions (HEIs).

The categories include engineering, management, medicine, university, law, research, and agriculture. There is also a category just for colleges. A total of 14,163 higher education institutions participated in the 10th edition of NIRF Rankings.

## BCCI to hold AGM on Sept 28 to elect president, secretary, other office bearers

**Delhi :** The Board of Control for Cricket in India will conduct elections for the post of all its office-bearers - president, vice-president, secretary, joint secretary and treasurer, in Mumbai on September 28. In a notice, seen by to all the state associations, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia stated, "Notice is hereby given that the 94th Annual General Meeting .

hereinafter referred to as "AGM") of the Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI"), which will be held at 11.30 AM on September 28, 2025, at BCCI headquarters at Mumbai, to transact the business as per the agenda provided below." "The minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting held on September 29, 2024, the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on January 1, 2025, and the minutes of the Special General Meeting held 2025, are attached herewith. Rest of the agenda papers will follow shortly. You are kindly requested to attend the meeting," Saikia concluded.

## NMC asks medical colleges to deploy PG students in flood-affected areas

**Delhi :** The National Medical Commission (NMC) has asked all medical colleges across the country to deploy post-graduate medical students in flood-affected areas.

The deployment would be a part of the district residency programme, according to its recent directive. The directive states: "In view of recent floods/disaster-like situations in northern states/UTs, there is an urgent requirement for healthcare professionals as part of the ongoing relief measures. This initiative will not only provide much-needed healthcare services at the field level but will also enable young medical.



## Carmakers cut dealer deliveries

**Delhi :** Rarely, car sector dispatches to dealerships have dropped during the festive season as purchasers postpone deliveries in expectations of price discounts due to a projected GST rate reduction in an upcoming review. August car wholesales were anticipated at 3.3 lakh units, down from 3.6 lakh last year. All leading companies—Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Tata Motors—reported dropping dealer dispatches. Companies purposefully curtailed dispatches as dealers worried customers would refuse deliveries in expectations of cheaper retail prices after a GST cut. There are great hopes that GST on smaller automobiles and two-wheelers will drop from 28% to 18%, while bigger cars and SUVs may see some reduction. Wholesale sales fell 8% in August as Maruti shipped roughly 1.3 lakh units to dealerships compared to 1.4 lakh last year.

Partho Banerjee, senior executive officer (marketing & sales) at Maruti Suzuki, stated



## PM to inaugurate SEMI-CON India 2025

**Delhi :** The administration boasted that the fourth edition of SEMICON India 2025, which has grown double the size of last year's edition, will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 2. New Delhi's Yashobhoomi (IICC) will host the gathering from September 2–4, 2025. Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, and South Korea will all have their very own pavilions during SEMICON India. The United States, Malaysia will each host one of six

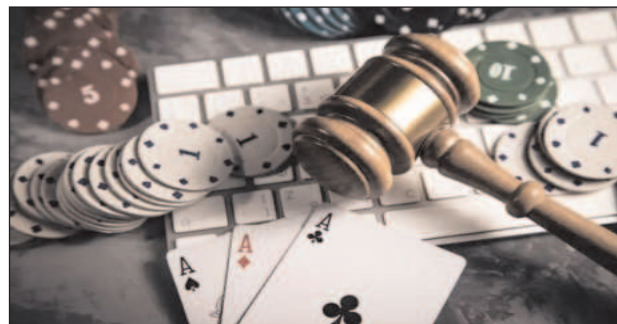
that while bookings have been good during Onam in the south and Ganpati in , purchasers are still not ready for deliveries. "Despite delivery delays, footfalls and queries

country-specific roundtables. The number of states set to take part in the tournament is nine, up from six the previous year. China is a world leader in semiconductors, but this year they won't be sending any exhibitors. compared to a mere 200 the year before. There are 350 exhibitors this year, up from less than 200 the year before. As a result of the growing interest in India's semiconductor industry,

the number of remain high. We had 16% more bookings during Onam, which is good "Banerjee hopes a favorable GST rate decision will boost demand and deliveries.

## SC to hear Centre's plea seeking transfer of online gaming law challenges

**Delhi :** The Supreme Court agreed to hear the Centre's plea to transfer petitions challenging the constitutionality of the new law banning online money gaming from multiple high courts to the apex court. Gaming companies have filed writ petitions before the high courts of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Delhi. Union has filed a transfer plea... The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act has been challenged before three high courts. If it



can be listed (8 September) since it's listed for interim orders before the Karnataka high court," the counsel representing the Centre told the court.

The plea was mentioned before the Chief Justice B.R. Gavai-led bench, which directed it to be

listed before Justice J.B. Pardiwala-led bench on 8 September.

Justice Pardiwala's bench had earlier heard challenges related to the 28% goods and services tax (GST) on online gaming for several months and had reserved its judgment.

## IMC 2025 will highlight 5G, AI, and 6G's real-world implications

**Delhi :** India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 will discuss 5G, 6G, AI, IoT, and machine-to-machine communication and how they can improve the lives of farmers, students, MSMEs, and society, according to Union Minister

Communications and Development of North East Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. At the launch of the AI-powered mobile app for IMC 2025, which will be held from October 8 to 11 here, the Union Minister said the goal is to "innovate and transform," reflecting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push for 'Atma Nirbharta' and self-reliance to develop India by 2047. He stated our aim to innovate and transform this year is crucial given the Prime Minister's emphasis on Atma Nirbharta, self-reliance.

## GST cut for mid-market hotel segment may spur travel

**Delhi :** As part of the next generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms announced late The GST rate on the mid and upper-mid segment hotel accommodation are set to reduce to 5 per cent from 12 per cent, a move that the travel and hospitality sector stakeholders believe will spur domestic travel and hotel demand by easing the tax burden for consumers in this volume-heavy accommodation segments. The hotel industry, however, is disappointed on a few counts, primarily the removal of the input tax credit (ITC) bene-



fit on the reduced tax rate. On air travel, the decision to keep tax on economy class fares at the prevailing 5 per cent rate is also being seen as a positive from the lens of accessibility and affordability of air travel for the common Indian. However, the increase in

GST on premium class fares to 18 per cent from the current 12 per cent has not been received well by the global airline industry body International Air Transport Association (IATA), which has four Indian airlines as members.

## India, UAE set \$100 bn non-oil trade goal by 2030

**Delhi :** India and the United Arab Emirates are targeting \$100 billion in trade by 2030, excluding oil and precious metals, India's commerce ministry said in a statement. The target was decided during a meeting between Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal and the UAE's minister of foreign trade, Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, in New Delhi last week. They were reviewing bilateral trade between the two countries under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that came into effect in 2022. Both leaders stressed deeper cooperation in emerging sectors renewable energy.

## Credit notes and invoices no longer need matching after GST amendments

**Delhi:** The GST Council has relieved businesses, notably FMCG players, by removing credit notes from invoices, which created complications for corporations and sellers. Every business transaction—from manufacturer to wholesaler to retailer to retailer—uses credit notes. Businesses had no trouble selling goods to retailers through the chain, but short-lived products were difficult. For example, toothpaste

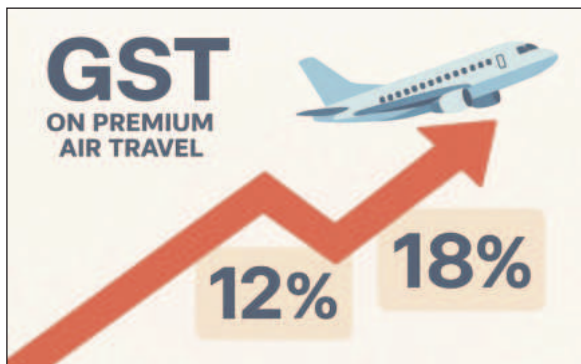


with a year-long shelf life is returned to the manufacturer after nine or 10 months of sales. Credit notes circulate throughout the chain. A huge corporation like Hindustan Unilever or Colgate had to reconcile billions of invoices and

credit notes under the old standards. Rule changes eliminate the need to match the two documents. Credit notes will no longer need to be linked to invoice numbers, eliminating a long-standing issue for all firms.

## Premium plane travel to become more expensive due to GST spike

**Delhi :** Experts predict that premium economy (PE), business, and first class rates will increase as a result of the Goods and Services Tax Council's decision to increase the charge on non-economy air travel from 12% to 18%. Airlines and online travel agencies are worried about the higher GST on elite classes, while the rate for budget travel remains intact to keep airfares low for bulk travelers. Three government sources acknowledged that two major airlines had asked for a 5% GST on all classes before the Council announced the new tax regime on Wednesday. The new GST rate has arrived at a "very sensitive phase" for the Indian aviation business, according to Ajay Prakash, a former president of the Travel



## PhysicsWallah has amended its draft documents and submitted

**Delhi:** Educational technology superstar To fund development and growth activities, Physics Wallah has amended its draft documents and submitted them to markets regulator Sebi in an effort to raise 3.820 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The updated draft red

Agents Federation of India (TAFI). "Increasing the GST for upper class fliers directly means airfares for all the three

herring prospectus (UDRHP) states that the promoters want to sell up to 1,720,000 shares in the upcoming initial public offering (IPO), which includes a fresh issuance of 3,100,000,000 equity shares valued at 3,100,000,000 and an OFS of up to 1,720,000 shares.

classes will shoot up," according to him. "While the government claims to promote Indian aviation.

## Fujifilm Electronic aims to build a facility in India by 2025: Semicon India

**Delhi :** Fujifilm Electronic Materials, a Japanese supply chain giant, has expressed interest in establishing a facility in India as part of its efforts to invest and recruit in the country's burgeoning fabrication ecosystem, lending credence to India's semiconductor ambitions. When it comes



to supply chain management, semiconductor production, and even the development of

new technology, innovations, and capabilities, India is a promising country. India is attracting the attention of multinational corporations like Micron. General manager of Fujifilm's Electronic Materials Business Division Tetsuya Iwasaki told on the sidelines of the Semicon India 2025 event

that India's strong foundation in technology is founded on its skilled people, unlike China or other countries. Fujifilm serves customers such as TSMC and GlobalFoundries by providing semiconductor materials for wafer processing in production.

## Prices for Hyundai and Tata Motors' CVs are set to drop

**Delhi:** In order to pass the savings from the reduction in the GST rate on to consumers, Hyundai Motor India has slashed prices across the board by as much as Rs 2.4 lakh. The business announced that beginning, customers may take advantage of a price decrease on the Verna starting at 60,640 and on the Tucson premium SUV, starting at 2.4 lakh. Managing Director Unsoo Kim of Hyundai Motor India said that the change will help the sector and make personal mobility more accessible and inexpensive, which would benefit millions of cus-



tomers. The whole advantage of the GST decrease will be passed on to customers across the board by Tata Motors' entire commercial vehicle range, according to a separate statement. The lower rates will be effective September 22, 2025. Prices for the CV

range would drop between Rs 30,000 to Rs 4.65 lakh, according to the car manufacturer based in Mumbai. An announcement to lower prices across the board for passenger vehicles has already been made by the corporation.

## E-commerce giants aim to update GST quickly

**Delhi:** E-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart are changing their internal systems to allow scores of vendors to pass on GST rate reductions to their customers starting Sept. 22, when the new tax slabs take effect. "To ensure seamless compliance, we are proactively updating our systems with the revised GST codes, enabling our sellers to smoothly transition to the new tax structure and to be able to pass on the

benefits to customers in accordance with government regulations," Amazon stated in a note. To reflect GST rates, e-commerce platforms must change tax codes for every product. competitor Flipkart had sent a notice to merchants urging them to plan pricing changes and update the tax codes of key products so that the platform systems are ready for the tax launch, has reported. There's no official word from the firm.



## Draft bill to strengthen statistical institute unveiled

**NEW DELHI:** The central govt has released a draft bill which aims to strengthen the Indian Statistical Institute by putting in place a revamped governance structure, making the board a leaner and more empowered body for policy, administrative and financial matters.

As the institute approaches its centenary in 2031, the vision is to make it not only one of the best in country but one of the foremost institutes in the world. An official statement said the proposed draft bill is founded upon guiding principles of 'Excellence: promoting academic rigour, global competitiveness, and innovation'. The draft bill also aims to establish clear institutional structures, streamline decision-making, uphold integrity in leadership and administration, and



grant the institute greater decision-making powers in its day-to-day functioning and planning. The draft bill also aims to ensure transparency, oversight, and responsiveness to stakeholders, according to the statement released by statistics ministry. "The proposed reforms are aimed at unlocking the institute's full potential in 21st century. By aligning it with legal and governance framework of other institutions of national importance, govt intends to strengthen its capacity to deliver world-class education,,"

### Hindu University establishes public policy institute

**Delhi:** Hindu College at Delhi University has set itself apart from other Indian universities by creating a public policy lab. Officials have stated that the goal is to include real-world policymaking into both undergraduate and graduate programs. With the goal of democratizing and decentralizing the process of knowledge generation, the lab is designed to serve as a hub for policy simulations, applied research, and field-based insights. This will bring

## 'Swachh Shehar Jodi' launched to help 200 cities manage solid waste

**NEW DELHI:** In an initiative aimed at helping around 200 cities effectively manage and process their municipal solid waste, govt on Saturday launched 'Swachh Shehar Jodi' (SSJ) programme. The initiative officially pairs mentor cities with mentee cities, allowing the latter to directly learn from and replicate best practices of well-performing cities. Rolling out the first such structured mentorship and collaborative action programme, involving 72



mentor cities and 200 mentee cities, housing and urban affairs minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the aim is to ensure that "every city benefits from the collective knowledge pool of Swachh Bharat Mission". The

minister said, "Swachh Shehar Jodi is not just a ceremonial partnership. It is one of the largest structured, time-bound and outcome-driven mentorship arrangements in urban waste management sector."

## Assess UV technology in sewage treatment, NGT directs IIT Delhi

**Delhi :** National Green Tribunal (NGT) asked IIT Delhi to examine the effectiveness of UV technology in sewage treatment and directed the DPCC to take punitive action against 14 STPs, which, as per a report, failed to meet the standards.

A tribunal

bench, headed by NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava, in an order took notice of a report by Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The report stated that of 37 STPs in the city, seven were yet to be installed with a disinfection system, four had not installed any sys-

tem, while among others, 15 had deployed UV and 11 had chlorination-based disinfection systems to treat bacteria in sewage before discharging the treated water into drains. For those yet to be installed, the process was initiated or tenders awarded.

## Delhi dominates India's top college list

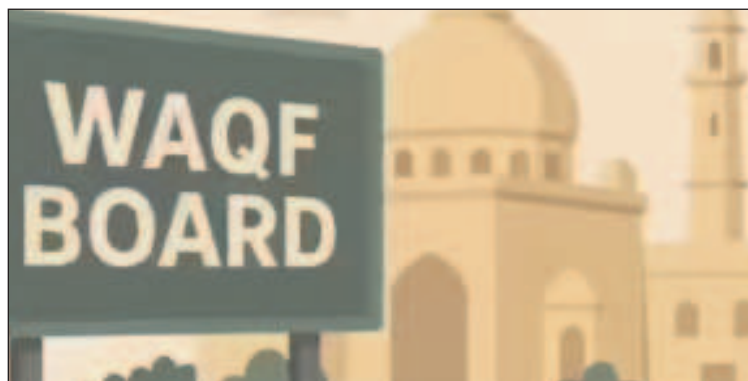
**Delhi :** Delhi University's Hindu College has topped the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 list, followed by Miranda House, Hans Raj, Kirori Mal and St Stephen's, emerging as the top five colleges in the country. Delhi University (DU) also recorded its best-ever performance in the Universities category, rising to fifth position from last year's sixth. It advanced to 12th place in the Research Institutions list and retained the 15th spot overall. Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh called the achievement "a landmark moment", crediting the collective efforts of faculty, students, alumni and staff. Hindu College Principal Anju Srivastava said the recognition reflected the college's focus on holistic education. "We have created an ecosystem where students get opportunities for research, innovation and practical exposure. Under NEP reforms, they are pursuing interests beyond the classroom with flexibility and industry linkages," she told. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) secured the second spot among universities. Vice Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit said the ranking was a matter of great pride, highlighting JNU's model of "excellence with equity and innovation with inclusion".

## CBSE and NCB to Raise Drug Abuse Awareness

**Delhi :** Together, the NCB and the Central Board of Secondary Education are working to eliminate drug use from schools and raise public awareness about the dangers of substance misuse. The CBSE board headquarters hosted an agreement signing event. The CBSE announced in an official statement that the two organizations have reached an agreement that will allow them to work together on various projects. These projects will include community outreach, counselling services for students and parents, e-modules on drug prevention, capacity-building workshops for teachers and counsellors, and quarterly awareness programs.

## VHP to govt over AIMPLB's stir against waqf law

**NEW DELHI:** Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) urged on Saturday Centre and state govt to stay alert against possible violence during nationwide protests announced by All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) and other Muslim bodies against Waqf Amendment Act. VHP said it was "strange" that while challenging the law in court, the organisations were simultaneously launching street agitations instead of waiting for Supreme Court's verdict. VHP president Alok Kumar cited recent incidents of violence during Milad-un-Nabi processions to caution that fresh mobilisations could "disrupt law and order, invite



conflicts and promote violence." He called upon society, particularly Hindus, to remain "vigilant and prepared" in coordination with local authorities.

According to Kumar, AIMPLB's four-page "road map" for the second phase of its 'Save Waqf Campaign' calls for a nationwide bandh on Oct 3, when Muslims

have been asked to shut shops and offices between 8am and 2pm, barring medical establishments. The plan also includes marches towards Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi, Raj Bhavans in state capitals, and mass courting of arrests. "This is being promoted as Bharat Bandh on social media," Kumar said. VHP also appealed to SC.

### Companies in the electronics industry are the most welcoming to LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

**Delhi :** A whopping 71% of businesses in the electronics sector have shown a great desire to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices, making it one of the most welcoming sectors for this demographic. Overall, 64 percent of Indian companies are welcoming of LGBTQIA+ apprentices, so this is just one more example of a larger trend. The January-March TeamLease Degree Apprenticeship Outlook Report emphasizes this change. The majority of electronics and telecom firms (71%) are eager to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

## Supreme Court asks Centre, NCERT on transgender-inclusive

**Delhi :The** Supreme Court notified NCERT, the Union government, and six states to respond to a plea to integrate transgender inclusive sex education in school curricula. Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran sent notices to the Centre, NCERT, and Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu on the case brought by 16-year-old Delhi student Kaavya Mukherjee Saha.

Class 12 student from Vasant Valley School in Delhi filed the case, com-

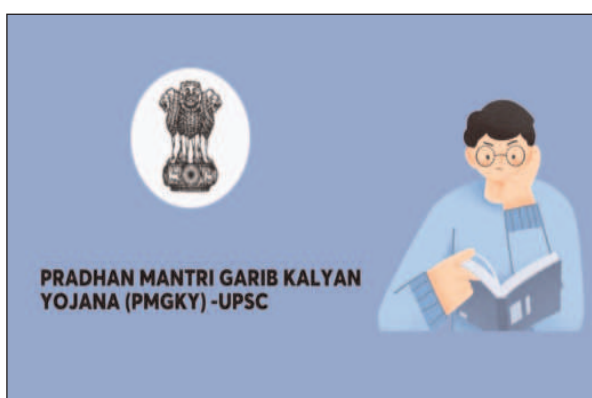


plaining about the lack of transgender-inclusive Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in NCERT and SCERT textbooks. The student wants binding gender sensitisation and transgender-inclusive CSE rules in all schools nationwide. Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing Saha,

told the bench that NCERT had recently admitted in a Right to Information (RTI) reply that it had "no information" on integrating CSE into school education, despite a 2024 Supreme Court order. Saha's petition claimed that NCERT and most state councils of educational research and training (SCERTs) have failed to include structured or examinable content on gender identity, gender diversity, and sex and gender despite Sections 2(d) and 13 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

## Pradhan Mantri Kalyan Yojana relies on NCERT

**Delhi :** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan voiced his faith in NCERT's ability to push educational reforms and bring about a paradigm change in teaching and learning, despite the fact that the council has been criticized for its textbook updates. In his support of NCERT's initiatives to implement the reforms proposed in NE, Pradhan compared it to a "Gyan Kumbh" that has had a profound impact on the lives of many Indians. At its 65th Foundation Day, Pradhan emphasized that NCERT needs to take the lead in transforming India's education system by adopting a reform-oriented and tech-driven role. It has come a long way since its start, especially in terms of education's role in nation-building. He emphasized that



the organization needed to "don a new avatar" that was reform-oriented, tech-driven, and focused on best practices in order to embrace its role as a change leader. With unwavering conviction, Pradhan declared that NCERT will "bring a paradigm shift in teaching and learning and play a key role in actualising the goal of Samridhh Bharat." "Confident that NCERT will continue shaping critical and creative thinking in the 'Amrit Peedhi'," stated the professor.

### DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

**Delhi:** Teachers from Delhi University brought up issues with professor recruitment in front of a Parliamentary Committee, claiming that the SC/ST populations were marginalized on a systematic level. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They paid a visit to DU and had in-depth interviews with eighty people, including faculty, stu-

## IIT Madras, IISc B'loru, IIT Bombay top 3 in NIRF 2025

**Delhi : The** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has topped the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 for the seventh consecutive year, and also emerged the top engineering college in India for the 10th year since the rankings were introduced in 2016. Like last year, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru is ranked second in the overall ranking, and IIT Bombay third. The first non-engineering institution in the Top 10 of the overall ranking is the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi at eighth (seventh last year); the IITs at Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, and



Roorkee (which swapped places with AIIMS) hold the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places. Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi) and Banaras Hindu University (Varanasi) have moved up to the ninth and tenth spots, respectively. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and minister of state for education Sukanta Majumdar

announced the overall rankings and rankings across 17 categories for higher education institutions (HEIs).

The categories include engineering, management, medicine, university, law, research, and agriculture. There is also a category just for colleges. A total of 14,163 higher education institutions participated in the 10th edition of NIRF Rankings.

## BCCI to hold AGM on Sept 28 to elect president, secretary, other office bearers

**Delhi :** The Board of Control for Cricket in India will conduct elections for the post of all its office-bearers - president, vice-president, secretary, joint secretary and treasurer, in Mumbai on September 28. In a notice, seen by to all the state associations, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia stated, "Notice is hereby given that the 94th Annual General Meeting (hereinafter referred to as "AGM") of the Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI"), which will be held at 11.30 AM on September 28, 2025, at BCCI headquarters at Mumbai, to transact the business as per the agenda provided below." "The minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting held on September 29, 2024, the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on January 1, 2025, and the minutes of the Special General Meeting held 2025, are attached herewith. Rest of the agenda papers will follow shortly. You are kindly requested to attend the meeting," Saikia concluded.

## NMC asks medical colleges to deploy PG students in flood-affected areas

**Delhi :** The National Medical Commission (NMC) has asked all medical colleges across the country to deploy post-graduate medical students in flood-affected areas.

The deployment would be a part of the district residency programme, according to its recent directive. The directive states: "In view of recent floods/disaster-like situations in northern states/UTs, there is an urgent requirement for healthcare professionals as part of the ongoing relief measures.

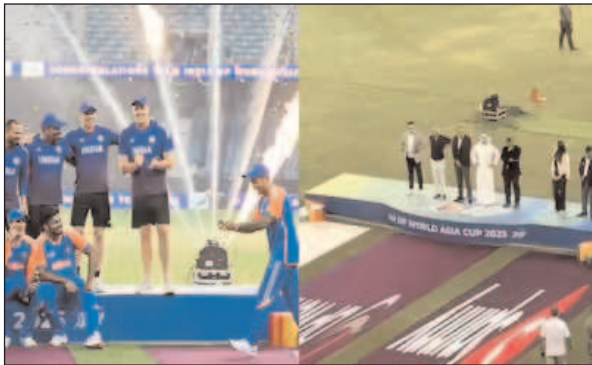


## How Asia Cup 2025 trophy presentation turned into a diplomatic standoff

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### Retreated

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**DUBAI:** What should have been a triumphant moment for Indian cricket descended into unprecedented controversy at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday, as the Asia Cup trophy presentation turned into a diplomatic standoff following India's thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan. Rinku Singh's match-winning runs sparked wild celebrations among the Indian contingent, with Tilak Verma's magnificent

unbeaten 69 earning him Player of the Match honours. But the jubilation was quickly overshadowed by an extraordinary post-match fiasco that saw the champions celebrating without their trophy. Following their defeat, the Pakistan team retreated to the dressing room and remained there for over an hour, while Indian players and coaching staff completed their broadcast

duties. Asian Cricket Council (ACC) president Mohsin Naqvi — who also serves as Pakistan Cricket Board chairman and Pakistan's interior minister — and others then waited on the podium for almost 20 minutes for the trophy presentation to begin. As the delay stretched on, it emerged that the Indian team had refused to receive the trophy from Naqvi.

India's stance had been clear throughout the tournament — the team avoided handshakes and pleasantries with Pakistani players in all three encounters. The team is also believed to have been irked with Naqvi because of his recent social media posts, including one in which he posted a video of Cristiano Ronaldo making a 'crashing plane' gesture. He also reposted an image in which Pakistani cricketers Salman Agha and Shaheen Shah Afridi are seen wearing flight suits with images of airborne fighter jets in the background. The Indian team management categorically told ACC officials that they were "not okay"

with receiving awards from Naqvi. This was conveyed to Naqvi immediately. However, Naqvi refused to budge and the Indian team also refused to walk up to the podium. The team did indicate that it was willing to accept the trophy and medals from Emirates Cricket Board vice-chairman Khalid Al Zarooni instead of Naqvi. However, the request was declined. Naqvi insisted on conducting the presentation himself. When it became clear he was not going to get his way, he ordered the trophy to be removed from the venue. Indian supporters greeted Naqvi's arrival at the presentation stage with boos and chants of

## Football : Isak breaks silence over stalled move to Liverpool

**Newcastle:** Newcastle striker Alexander Isak has broken his silence regarding his potential transfer to Liverpool, stating his departure would be "in the best interests of everyone" amid speculation of a £110 million bid from the Merseyside club. The Swedish international, who has not played in pre-season or Newcastle's opening game, expressed his frustration over broken



promises and lost trust through an Instagram post on Tuesday. Liverpool's reported £110 million bid for the 25-year-old striker was rejected by Newcastle,

who are demanding a British transfer record fee of up to £150 million. Isak chose not to attend the Professional Footballers' Association awards ceremony despite being named in the Premier League 2024/25 team of the year. Alexander Isak's Instagram Story on his desired move out of Newcastle United. "I've kept quiet for a long time while others have spoken."

### Carlos Alcaraz wins Cincinnati Open

**CINCINNATI:** Carlos Alcaraz won the ATP Cincinnati Open title on Monday after defending champion Sinner retired due to illness in the first set. World number one Sinner came into the final feeling unwell and lost the first seven points of the match before throwing in the towel at 5-0 down in a game played.

## 'Gussa ho rhe ho aap': Suryakumar Yadav destroys Pakistani journalist



**NEW DELHI:** India's T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav addressed the controversy that erupted during the Asia Cup 2025 final after his team refused to shake hands with Pakistani players and declined to accept the trophy from Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Mohsin Naqvi. The incident sparked a debate over whether politics was being brought into cricket during the post-match press conference. The Indian team's decision to boycott handshakes with Pakistan throughout the tournament had already attracted criticism from Pakistani journalists, who accused the players of violating the spirit of the game. Matters escalated further when the Indian side refused to receive the Asia Cup trophy from Naqvi — Pakistan's Interior Minister and Asian

### Controversy

The incident sparked a debate over whether politics was being brought

Cricket Council (ACC) president — known for his reported anti-India remarks. As a result, Naqvi left the venue with the trophy, and the Indian players were left celebrating with an "i m a g i n a r y" one. During the press conference, a Pakistani journalist confronted Surya with a series of questions regarding the team's conduct, asking: "Today you are champions, you played a great game. But the question is, throughout this tournament your behaviour towards the Pakistan team has been noticed — you didn't do handshakes, you didn't take part in the photo session."

## Ugly scenes in Dubai as PCB chief runs away with Asia Cup trophy

### Ban on real money gaming



**Dubai:** The Asia Cup 2025 final between India and Pakistan ended in ugly drama on Sunday night in Dubai, after Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman and ACC president Mohsin Naqvi allegedly walked away with the winners' trophy, leaving the presentation ceremony in complete disarray. Go Beyond The Boundary with our YouTube channel. SUBSCRIBE NOW! India, who defeated Pakistan by five wickets to clinch a record-extending ninth Asia Cup title, flatly refused to accept the silverware from Naqvi. The players stood firm at a distance from the stage, reportedly informing the organisers that they would not participate in the presentation if the PCB chief attempted to hand over the trophy. READ ALSO: Rs 21 crore bonanza! BCCI rewards Team India after

record 9th Asia Cup win. The standoff brought the ceremony to a grinding halt. As Naqvi waited awkwardly on the dais, Indian fans inside the stadium booed loudly, chanting "Bharat Mata Ki Jai", making the atmosphere even more hostile. It was quite apparent that Naqvi didn't want to see India getting photographed with the trophy, with organisers eventually whisking it away into the dressing room after prolonged delays. Sources revealed that the Indian team had already informed the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) that Naqvi, also Pakistan's interior minister, was an unacceptable figure to present the cup. The refusal followed a series of frosty exchanges during the tournament — from no handshakes between players, to the absence of the traditional pre-toss photoshoot.

## BCCI set to lodge protest against ACC chief Mohsin Naqvi after India-Pakistan Asia Cup drama

### Raise

None of the BCCI officials travelled to Dubai to watch the final of the Asia Cup



**MUMBAI:** The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is set to raise a formal protest against Asian Cricket Council (ACC) chairman Mohsin Naqvi after he reportedly took the Asia Cup trophy with him following India's refusal to accept it in Dubai on Sunday. Speaking to TOI, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said, "We had decided not to take the trophy from the ACC chairman Mohsin Naqvi, who

happens to be Pakistan's Interior Minister. However, that does not mean that the gentleman will take away the trophy." He confirmed that India's representatives, BCCI vice-president Rajiv Shukla and Ashish Shelar, would raise the issue in the ACC meeting in Dubai on Tuesday. Inside details of how PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi ran away with

the Asia Cup trophy! "Our two representatives are going to raise a serious objection against the chairperson of the ACC for illegally retaining the trophy. He has no right to keep it," Saikia added. If the ACC doesn't pay heed to the BCCI's deep concern on the issue, the BCCI will take its complaint to the ICC. He further stated, "I hope that good sense will pre-

vail upon Naqvi and he will give the trophy and the medals to us. In the next ICC conference in Dubai in the first week of November, we are going to lodge a very serious and very strong protest against the act of ACC chairperson." Saikia also condemned the delay in the presentation ceremony, saying, "We came along with the medals, so it is very unfortunate, very unsporting and we hope that the trophy and the medals will be returned to India as soon as possible." None of the BCCI officials travelled to Dubai to watch the final of the Asia Cup, even as all the Board office-bearers.

## Why did Suryakumar mimic Rohit after Asia Cup victory?



**NEW DELHI:** India's thrilling five-wicket win over Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2025 final brought immense joy to the team and fans alike, but the post-match celebrations were far from ordinary. With the trophy withheld by Asian Cricket Council (ACC) president and Pakistan minister Mohsin Naqvi, India's champions had no silverware to lift. Yet captain Suryakumar

Yadav ensured the moment became memorable in its own way. **India press conference:** Trophy controversy, message from

PM, drama from Naqvi, SKY's Army gesture Surya mimicked Rohit Sharma's iconic walk from India's 2024 T20 World Cup triumph — a

### Celebrations

The celebrations were led by Tilak Varma, who starred with an unbeaten 69

slow, celebratory stride that echoed Lionel Messi's famous walk after winning the FIFA World Cup. **But whose idea was it?** It was India's left-arm

pacer Arshdeep Singh. A video circulating on social media shows Arshdeep gesturing to Suryakumar, guiding him to celebrate in that manner. The celebrations were led by Tilak Varma, who starred with an unbeaten 69, supported by Hardik Pandya, Abhishek Sharma, Shivam Dube, and Sanju Samson. India's chase relied on two key

partnerships. Here is the video First, Varma and Samson added 57 runs to steady the innings, followed by a game-changing 60-run stand between Varma and Dube that swung momentum in India's favour. Rinku Singh then hit the winning four — the only ball he faced in the tournament — sealing India's ninth Asia Cup victory.

The Asia Cup final had it all. From India refusing to accept the winning trophy from Naqvi

## Mohsin Naqvi vs India: Blow-by-blow account of ugly confrontations in Asia Cup Final in Dubai



**NEW DELHI:** Beside the handshake controversy, the no-trophy celebration, the reported disrespect during India's national anthem, and India's eventual

Asia Cup glory, one man dominated the headlines — PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi. The Asia Cup final had it all. From India refusing to accept the win-

ning trophy from Naqvi, to him walking off with it, and Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha throwing the runners-up cheque, the title clash was full of chaos and controversy — one that cricket fans won't forget anytime soon. India press conference: Trophy controversy, message from PM, drama from Naqvi, SKY's Army gesture **NO HANDSHAKE** Tensions flared from the start as India captain

Suryakumar Yadav and Pakistan skipper Salman Ali Agha refused to shake hands. Naqvi was present but largely in the backdrop. **TROPHY PRESENTATION: TEAM INDIA REFUSES** After India's win, players refused to accept the trophy from Mohsin Naqvi, who waited on stage for nearly 20 minutes as the ceremony stalled. **DELAYS AND WALK-OFF**

The ceremony was delayed over an hour when Naqvi walked off with the trophy, leaving the champions empty-handed. **CROWD BACKLASH** Indian fans reacted angrily, chanting "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and booing Naqvi repeatedly. **ALTERNATIVE PLAN** Organisers arranged for Khalid Al Zarooni, vice-chairman of the Emirates Cricket.

## Ian James pens farewell letter to fans

**NEW DELHI:** Team Principal Ian James of the departing Formula E team NEOM McLaren has penned an open letter to the fans of the team, marking their departure from the electric motorsport format. Addressing the Papaya Army, James thanked them for their trust and support as the team went on to win two Drivers' World Championships and two Teams' World Championships over 103 races in seven seasons. McLaren team principal Ian James pens open letter to fans

Ian James began the letter saying that he wrote it with "a huge amount of pride, as well as with more than a hint of sadness," as the team closed the final chapter after seven years of competing in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. Thanking the fans for their love on social media and at the track, he said, "The team was always blown away by the amount of papaya we saw at circuits across the world, race-in, race-out, right from our very first round."