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Vande Mataram became the eternal mantra of India freedom: CM Yogi

Lucknow

The Chief Minister addressed the commemorative event at Lok Bhavan, where participants collectively sang the national song and took a pledge for Swadeshi. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, “Today marks a historic occasion as the nation celebrates 150 years of

Vande Mataram, the song that became the mantra of India freedom movement.”He said that under the inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this day is being observed as a day of remembrance to honor the spirit of patriotism that Vande Mataram ignited.He also paid tribute to Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, the author of Vande Mataram and vis-



ited the exhibition organized on the occasion. The event, organized by the Union Ministry of Culture, was broadcast live in the

presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.CM Yogi said, “Vande Mataram became the immortal chant of India independ-

ence. Despite severe oppression under foreign rule, freedom fighters and revolutionaries awakened the nation collective consciousness, organizing processions in villages and towns and singing Vande Mataram during morning gatherings.”Recalling the pandemic that struck a century ago, CM Yogi said that when India population

was around 30 crore, millions of lives were lost and many villages were wiped out. Drawing parallels with the COVID-19 pandemic, he said that in modern times, too, every section of society from government officials to frontline workers, displayed the same spirit of service and resilience. He emphasized that only leadership guided.

The masterminds behind the infiltrators in Dhaka will also be brought to justice: CM Yogi

Bihar

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while addressing a public rally in support of BJP candidate Pawan Kumar Jaiswal from the Dhaka assembly constituency, launched a sharp attack on the opposition. He said that both Congress and RJD together have tainted Bihar glorious tradition. These parties divided Bihar on caste lines, pushed the youth into an identity crisis, and halted the pace of development. “We will also deal with the masterminds behind infiltrators in Dhaka,” CM Yogi said on Friday in Bihar. “The youth of Bihar will not fall for the divisive politics of those who tried to break the state. Bihar is now choosing development it is choosing the NDA government,” the CM said.CM Yogi said that the results of the first phase of polling held yesterday have made it clear that on November 14, the outcome will once again be in favour of NDA. He added that the new journey of Bihar development, launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, must



continue.The Chief Minister said, “Today, Bihar represents both development and respect for heritage.” He highlighted that with better roads, electricity, water supply and facilities like medical and engineering colleges, Bihar is shaping a new identity. Attacking Congress and RJD, he said these are the same parties that want to turn border areas like Dhaka into centres of infiltration and anarchy, but the NDA will never allow such conspiracies to succeed.CM Yogi Adityanath said that during the rule of Congress and RJD, the Hindu faith was repeatedly insulted. “The Samajwadi Party government ordered firing on the devotees of Ram and Congress lied in court to oppose temple construction,” he said.“We had always said, ‘Ram Lalla Hum Aayenge, Mandir Wahi Banayenge’ and today.

Vande Mataram song row: PM says key stanzas removed in 1937

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday accused Congress of “removing important stanzas” from the original Vande Mataram while adopting it during party's 1937 Faizabad session. PM Modi said that the decision not only “broke the song into pieces” but also “sowed the seeds of partition.” Speaking at an event marking 150 years of the national song ‘Vande Mataram’ at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, PM Modi said, “Unfortunately, in 1937, important stanzas were removed from the original Vande Bharat song. Vande Bharat was broken into pieces. This also sowed the seeds of partition. Why was this injustice done? The same divisive ideology remains a challenge for the nation.”PM Modi Calls Vande Mataram A ‘Mantra Of Unity And



Courage’ As The Song Completes 150 Years The Prime Minister said the song continues to inspire generations and called upon the youth to remain focused on building a Viksit Bharat despite attempts to mislead them. “On our way to Viksit Bharat, we will find people who misguide us. People with a pessimistic outlook will try to sow doubt in our minds. In such times, Vande Mataram inspires us. How can a mother who has crores of children be weak? Bharat Mata

has 140 crore children, has 280 crore arms, and more than 60% are young. We have the world’s biggest demographic advantage. Nothing is impossible for us,” he said.Congress president Kharge hits back Meanwhile, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the BJP and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) of saying those celebrating Vande Mataram’s anniversary have never sung it in their offices or shakhas. “It is deeply ironic that those who today claim

to be the self-proclaimed guardians of nationalism — the RSS and the BJP — have never sung Vande Mataram or our National Anthem Jana Gana Mana in their shakhas or offices. Instead, they continue to sing Namaste Sada Vatsale, a song glorifying their organisations, not the nation,” Kharge said in an official statement.He added, “Since its founding in 1925, the RSS has avoided Vande Mataram, despite its universal reverence. Not once in its texts or literature does the song find mention.”

Kharge also drew a contrast with Congress traditions, noting that Vande Mataram has been part of every party meeting and event since 1986. “The Congress Party takes immense pride in both Vande Mataram and Jana Gana Mana.



PM at the inauguration of the year-long commemoration of 150 years of the National Song “Vande Mataram” at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, in New Delhi on November 07, 2025.

Remove strays from hospitals, schools, bus & train stns: Supreme Court

NEW DELHI: Noting that India continues to report one of the world's highest rabies-related mortality rates and there has been an alarming increase in dog-bite incidents, making public places unsafe, Supreme Court Friday directed that stray dogs be removed from premises of educational institutions, hospitals, sports complexes, bus stands and depots, and rail-



way stations. The court made it clear the authority concerned will face consequences for

non-compliance.A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria said the “menace of dog bites”, particularly in public and private institutions that serve as spaces of learning, healing and recreation, is a matter of human safety, and govts are under an obligation to protect life and health of citizens. In its order, the bench men-

tioned incidents of dog bites which grabbed headlines recently, including a Welsh entrepreneur being bitten during a morning run in Bengaluru and two coaches (from Kenya and Japan) being bitten in Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. Similar incidents in educational institutions, railway stations and hospitals were highlighted

US to deny visas to people with diabetes, heart disease and other chronic illnesses

Washington: Foreign nationals seeking to immigrate to the United States could now be denied visas and green cards based on pre-existing chronic health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, under new guidance issued by the Trump administration. The directive, which significantly expands the criteria for who is deemed a potential “public charge,” has been sent by the State Department on to US embassies and consular offices worldwide. Biometric Crackdown: Green Card Holders Face New Rules as US Tightens Immigration Security A cable sent by the State Department to visa officers instructs them to flag appli-



cants whose medical conditions could require “hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of care.” The list of conditions cited includes, but is not limited to cardiovascular diseases; respiratory diseases; cancers; diabetes; metabolic diseases; neurological diseases; and mental health conditions. The guidance also specifically advises officers to consider conditions like obesity, noting that it can lead to costly complications.

CM laid the foundation stone for the Khatima-Melaghat road reconstruction project at a cost of 20.89

Uttarakhand

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday performed the foundation stone laying ceremony for the reconstruction of the Khatima-Melaghat State Highway (State Highway No. 107) in Udham Singh Nagar district, following a formal puja (worship). The project will be constructed at a cost of 2089.74 lakh (2089.74 lakh). It includes the reconstruction of an



11.50-kilometer-long road, the installation of a drainage system, road safety work the installation of road signage and strengthening with TBM and BC.The Chief Minister stated that this road is not only a pivotal element for the development of the Khatima region but

also a vital route for the India-Nepal border. The improvement of this road will not only provide smooth transportation to Khatima and surrounding rural areas, but will also nities for border trade, tourism, and education. He stated that, along with road con-

struction, special attention will be paid to preventing soil erosion and improving local drainage systems, ensuring long-term durability and safety. He noted that Khatima has now become an educational hub, attracting students not only from the state but also from border areas.In his address, Chief Minister Dhami stated that the state government's goal is to make every region of Uttarakhand accessible, empowered.

'Became PM by stealing elections': Rahul Gandhi's big charge against Modi

NEW DELHI: Leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday made a big charge against Narendra Modi, claiming that he became the prime minister by “stealing elections”. He vowed to expose the truth to the Gen Z, saying that he had “a lot of material”. “We have a lot of material. We will carry on the process. We will clearly show India's Gen Z, the youth that Narendra Modi has become the prime minister by stealing elections and the BJP steals elections. We will clearly tell this, there will be no doubt,” PTI quoted Gandhi saying. Rahul Gandhi Accuses PM Modi, Amit Shah.

Tribute to Saints Outside Parliament House, All-Party Cow Protection Forum Organized on the Anniversary of the Cow Protection Movement

Delhi

A tribute meeting was organized by the All-Party Cow Protection Forum outside Parliament House to mark the anniversary of the historic Cow Protection Movement of 1966. Under the leadership of the Forum's National President, Thakur Jaipal Singh Nayal Sanatani, tribute was paid to the saints and cow protectors who sacrificed their lives for cow protection. The tribute meeting recalled that on November 7, 1966, on the day of Gopashthami, lakhs of saints and sages held a peaceful protest outside Parliament demanding a ban on cow



slaughter and a cow protection law. Then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had promised Swami Karpatri Maharaj to end cow slaughter, but when the promise was not fulfilled, the protest turned violent, and many saints and sages were martyred in police firing. It is said that Swami Karpatri Maharaj cursed Indira Gandhi while carrying the

bodies of the saints. During this, the organization's president expressed hope for a law against cow slaughter in the future if Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath becomes Prime Minister. Several officials, including Haryana's legal advisor, Advocate Nagendra Nagar, Supreme Court Advocate Santosh Rajput, State Media Incharge Mukesh Rohila, General Secretary Rahul Kaushik, and National Campaigner Hariom Pandey, were present at the tribute ceremony. The program renewed the demand for strict laws for cow protection.

Abujmarh, N Bastar Naxal-free, as 170 Reds to surrender today

RAIPUR/NAGPUR: Chhattisgarh's Bastar awaits the largest mass surrender of Maoists in its history of Left-wing extremism Friday, with 170 guerrillas lined up to formally lay down arms in what home minister Amit Shah termed a “landmark day” in the battle to purge the country's Red Corridor of Naxalite influence. “Abujmarh and North Bastar that were once terror bases have today been declared free from Naxal terror... A trace of



Naxalism exists in south Bastar, which will be wiped out soon by security forces,” Shah declared on X. The surrender ceremony, to be held in Jagdalpur in the presence of CM Vishnu Deo Sai and his deputy Vijay Sharma, comes

three days after CPI (Maoist) politburo veteran Mallojula Venugopal Rao, aka Bhupathi, turned himself in along with 61 other guerrillas in Maharashtra's Maoist heartland of Gadchiroli. The Maoists converging on Jagdalpur include 78

who reported to police in Kanker, Sukma and Kondagaon districts late Wednesday. Pictures and videos of armed guerrillas, including women, crossing forested areas and fields to the designated camps are circulating on social media. Maoist commander Rupesh and Marh division in-charge Ranita are part of the surrender list, officials said. Rupesh, who oversaw CPI (Maoist)'s northwest sub-zonal bureau, sent out feelers.

Commissioner and IG Review Preparations for CM Yogi Visit



Barabanki

The Chief Minister will attend a special programme marking the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. In view of the visit, large-scale administrative arrangements are being made across the district. During the inspection, Commissioner Rajesh Kumar, IG Praveen Kumar, District Magistrate Shashank Tripathi, Superintendent of Police Arpit Vijayvargiya and ASP (South) Ritesh Singh examined the stage setup, security arrangements, traffic management and public convenience facilities. Officials directed that the comfort and safety of the attendees must remain the top priority and instructed concerned departments to ensure all necessary arrangements are completed on time.

Two brothers wanted in connection with a girl's suicide case arrested

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Kaushambi. On October 30th, in the Saini police station area, accused Ramesh grabbed a minor girl with malicious intent, causing her to scream. Ramesh's family members arrived and began beating her with the intention of killing her. The girl somehow managed to escape, and on November 1, 2025, overwhelmed by the beating and public shame, the girl committed suicide. A case was registered at the Saini police station under relevant sections. In connection with the above case, on November 7, 2025, the Saini police team arrested two wanted accused, brothers Ramesh Kumar, son of Ram Asare, and Kesh Kumar, son of Ram Asare, residents of Qazipur, Saini police station. After legal proceedings, the accused were sent to court.

BJP must answer why lakhs of people were sent to Bihar to vote: Saurabh Bharadwaj

AAP Delhi State President Saurabh questioned the transparency of the SIR process in Bihar, calling it a "massive electoral fraud" designed to benefit the BJP

Delhi

AAP Delhi State President Saurabh Bharadwaj questioned the transparency of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in Bihar, calling it a "massive electoral fraud" designed to benefit the BJP. He said the entire SIR exercise was a sham—used to manipulate voter rolls and facilitate double voting by BJP-linked individuals. "The BJP organised a systematic operation, funding and transporting lakhs of people from other states to Bihar by train so that they could vote for the party. Providing free transport to voters is bribery that directly influences elections," Saurabh Bharadwaj said. Citing examples of RSS ideologue Rakesh Sinha and BJP Purvanchal Morcha President Santosh Ojha, the AAP Delhi Unit Chief pointed out that both had voted in Delhi just months ago and again in Bihar on Thursday. "If people living in other states still have their votes registered in



Bihar, what purpose does SIR serve? The BJP must answer why lakhs were sent to Bihar to vote," he demanded. During a media interaction on Friday, senior AAP leader and Delhi State President Saurabh Bharadwaj said, "RSS Ideologue and senior BJP leader Rakesh Sinha first votes in the Delhi Assembly Elections and this time he has also voted in the Bihar Assembly election. He is caught in his own contradictions. He claims to have shifted his vote from Delhi to Bihar and filled Form-14 to declare permanent residence there. But even today, Rakesh Sinha continues to teach Political Science at Motilal Nehru College,

University of Delhi. How can he claim to be permanently shifted to Bihar while still teaching in Delhi?" "According to the Election Commission's rules, a person's vote must be registered where they reside and work — they cannot shift it to their ancestral village just for convenience. This makes it clear that Rakesh Sinha has committed wrongdoing by voting in Bihar despite being a Delhi resident," said Saurabh Bharadwaj. He added that this is not just about one person. "Similarly, BJP Delhi Purvanchal Morcha President Santosh Ojha had voted in Greater Kailash during the Delhi Assembly

election and now, on November 6, he has also voted in Bihar. The BJP has transported lakhs of people from different states to Bihar by train, buying their tickets, so that they could vote there. What then is the meaning of the SIR process? The stated objective of SIR in Bihar was to verify voters actually residing there through BLO visits, while others' names would be deleted. This proves the entire SIR exercise was fraudulent — a planned mechanism to benefit the BJP. Today, their conspiracy stands exposed," Saurabh Bharadwaj said. The AAP Delhi Unit Chief further revealed that BJP funded large-scale voter transfers to Bihar through special trains and shared several videos on X showing these movements. "The BJP claimed these were 'Chhath special' trains, but why are such trains being run even after Chhath? Because their real purpose is the Bihar election. Imagine the scale of money

No work should be taken on holidays except during times of disaster



Ajeet Chauhan Mathura

A meeting of the Gram Panchayat Officer-Gram Vikas Officer Coordination Committee was held at the district headquarters in Mathura under the joint chairmanship of Siyaram Gautam and Ram Kumar Chaudhary. The meeting was conducted by General Secretary Harendra Singh. The meeting protested against the unnecessary exploitation of secretaries and village development officers in the name of inspections, withholding of salaries and unilateral suspensions without hearing their side. All the secretaries present united and warned of launching a protest within three days if the issues were not resolved. Saurabh

Mishra, Bishan Singh, Pawan Verma and Pooja were the key speakers at the meeting, while Viresh Sharma concluded the session. The main decision taken at the meeting was that village secretaries should be exempted from the duties of the Agriculture, Revenue, Minor Irrigation, and Animal Husbandry departments. No work should be taken on holidays except during times of disaster and no online or offline meetings should be held after office hours. It was also demanded that the work of verification of pension and marriage grant should be done by the Village Development Officer (Social Welfare)/Assistant Development Officer (Social Welfare).

Bahraich farmers are suffering due to DAP black marketing, with a bag worth Rs. 1350 being sold for Rs. 2000

Bahraich

Farmers are suffering due to a severe shortage and overpricing of DAP fertilizer in the district. Private fertilizer dealers are selling DAP bags, priced at Rs.1350 for Rs.1900-2000, while the Agriculture Department appears to be failing to handle the situation. Farmers in

rural areas allege that shopkeepers first cite fertilizer shortages and then sell bags at arbitrary prices. The ever-increasing black marketing has angered farmers. Many farmers report that the District Agriculture Officer control room is completely out of order. The numbers issued for complaints about overpric-

ing are not reachable. This seems to dash hopes for on-the-spot inspections and action. The low availability of phosphatic fertilizer in the district has caused an outcry. Farmers have warned that if DAP is not available on time, it will directly impact the yield of Rabi crops. Box Farmers have demanded that the

administration immediately streamline the supply of DAP, take strict action against overcharging shopkeepers, and activate the Agriculture Department's complaint system. Currently, the shortage of DAP in the market and black marketing have increased the concerns of farmers just starting to farm.

Road Safety and Awareness Campaign on the Occasion of Traffic Month

Mathura

With the aim of ensuring smooth and safe traffic flow and reducing accident fatalities to zero, "Traffic Month" is being organized in November, as it is every year. Under the direction of the Senior Superintendent of Police and under the able guidance of the Additional Superintendent of Police,

Traffic Circle Officer, the Traffic Inspector-in-Charge, along with the Traffic Sub-Inspector and the Traffic Chief Constable are raising public awareness about road safety, adherence to traffic rules and disciplined driving in view of Traffic Month, November 2025. CO Traffic Pitam Pal Singh is organizing various awareness programs during Traffic Month.

The Traffic Inspector and the Mathura Traffic Police informed school students about traffic rules. The public was made aware of traffic rules at prominent locations throughout the city. Special publicity was provided on the use of helmets and seat belts. A special campaign is being launched to ensure compliance with traffic rules. A continuous effort is

being made to raise awareness among citizens through pamphlets. With the participation of the police department, transport department and social organizations, the aim has been set to reach this campaign to every person.

All citizens are appealed to follow traffic rules, use safety equipment and motivate others to do

the same. Legal action was taken against the encroachers by getting the footpaths cleared by the in-charge inspector of traffic and TSIs and action was taken against illegal vehicles by the in-charge inspector of traffic and TSIs. During the daily checking, 2038 challans were issued against the drivers violating traffic rules and 19 vehicles were seized.

A youth cultural program was organized at the Women PG College on the theme of "Developed India 2047"

Bahraich

The Youth Welfare and Provincial Guard Corps Department organized a one-day youth cultural program at the Women PG College. Based on the theme "Developed India 2047," the program included competitions in painting, storytelling, poetry writing, declamation, group folk dance, group folk songs and the Science Fair Innovation Track. Under the guidance of the District Magistrate, MLC Dr. Pragya Tripathi inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. Chief Development Officer Mukesh Chandra was also present. Children from Saraswati Vidya Mandir began the program by performing the song "Vande Mataram." The jury included Shradha Pandey, painting expert Savita Verma, Tasneem



Fatima Zaidi, Akanksha Patel, Rita Shukla and Sudha Singh. In the painting competition, Roli Chaurasia came first, Khushi Gupta second and Mehak Valmiki and Mohammad Aman jointly third. Saba Khatoon came first in story writing, Krishna Kant Awasthi secured first place in poetry writing. Avantika Mishra came first in declamation. Shikha and team came first in group folk dance and Supriya Tripathi and team second. In group folk song, Kajal and group came first, Pragya Shukla

and team second and Pratima Pandey and team third. In the Science Fair Innovation Track, Maryam Khalil and team came first, Samarth Tripathi and team second and Nidhi Soni and team jointly third. The stage was conducted by Amit Pandey. District Youth Welfare Officer Prachi Panwar, Regional Youth Welfare Officer Vikas Verma, Divesh Shukla, Ajay Gupta, Shailesh Mishra, Alok Singh, Akhilesh Chaudhary and Vinamra Shukla were present in the program.

Eight months after her marriage, a married woman was beaten to death

Kaushambi

In Pathraha village, a hamlet of Adampur Nadir Ali village under Harraipur police outpost of Sandipan Ghat police station area, a married woman was beaten to death within 8 months of her marriage and then hanged to make it look like a suicide. During the beating, the married woman had informed her father over the phone about the possibility of being beaten and murdered.

Umesh Pal murder case: High Court rejects bail for Atiq's brother-in-law, lawyer, driver, and servant

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Prayagraj. In the Umesh Pal murder case, the Allahabad High Court rejected the bail applications of Atiq Ahmed's brother-in-law, lawyer, driver, and servant. After hearing the Umesh Pal murder case, the Allahabad High Court reserved its decision on the bail applications of Atiq Ahmed's brother-in-law, lawyer Vijay Mishra, servant, and driver. Atiq's brother-in-law, Dr. Akhlaq, claimed he was being framed because he was a relative, while others pleaded innocence. The court reserved its decision. The



High Court has concluded its hearing on the bail applications of Dr. Akhlaq Ahmed, lawyer Vijay Mishra, driver Cash, and servant Niaz, accused in the much-talked-about Umesh Pal murder case. A single bench of Justice Shekhar

Kumar Yadav, hearing the criminal appeals filed by all the accused, delivered its verdict today.

Dr. Akhlaq Ahmed, Atiq's brother-in-law, a resident of Meerut, is accused of harboring the bomber, Guddu Muslim. The other

accused are accused of conspiring to commit the murder. Guddu Muslim, the bomber, who has been absconding since the murder, carries a reward of five lakh rupees. Police claim that he took refuge in Dr. Akhlaq's Meerut home after carrying out the crime. Akhlaq, arrested in Meerut, approached the High Court in September 2023 for bail. Dr. Akhlaq's lawyer argued that he was not named in the FIR. He is a doctor by profession and has no connection to the criminal world. He has been framed solely because he is a relative of Atiq. The government opposed bail.

A moving Creta car caught fire, causing a commotion; the driver jumped out to save his life

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Prayagraj A major accident was averted on Friday evening near Shastri Bridge in Prayagraj when a moving Creta car suddenly burst into flames. The driver, acting smartly, stopped the car in time to save himself. The car was reduced to ashes within minutes, although no injuries were reported. Friday evening, panic erupted near the Alopi Temple near Shastri Bridge when a moving Creta car suddenly caught fire. According to eyewitnesses,



the car was speeding towards the bridge when smoke suddenly began to billow, and within moments, flames

erupted. The driver, demonstrating quick presence of mind, stopped the vehicle on the side of the bridge and jumped out to save his

life. The car erupted in flames with a loud explosion, and within minutes, the entire car was reduced to ashes.

The fire was so severe that traffic on the bridge came to a halt for some time, and a stampede-like situation developed among the people. Locals immediately informed the police and fire department about the incident.

Within a short time, the Colonelganj police and fire brigade arrived at the scene. Firefighters managed to control the fire with great difficulty, but by then

the entire car had been destroyed. The police cleared the blockage and restored traffic. No injuries were reported in the accident. Preliminary investigations suggest a technical fault or short circuit as the cause of the fire. The police have taken the car into custody and begun an investigation. Locals reported that several loud explosions occurred during the fire, causing panic among the people nearby. Those present at the scene said that a major tragedy was averted due to the driver's prompt action.

PGI Lucknow Begins Pediatric Heart and Valve Surgeries Congenital heart disease treatment for children launched at PGI 200-bed advanced cardiac center to be established soon

Lucknow

In a major step towards advanced pediatric cardiac care, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI), Lucknow has started heart and valve surgeries for children suffering from congenital and structural heart diseases. To support the new initiative, a six-bed ICU, 30-bed ward and a dedicated operation theatre have been made operational within the institute. With this, children suffering from Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) —

including conditions like hole in the heart, valve defects and other cardiac anomalies — will now be able to receive specialized surgical treatment at PGI itself, eliminating the need to travel to other cities. (Focus on Comprehensive Pediatric Cardiac Care) The pediatric cardiac unit aims to provide complete diagnosis, surgery and post-operative care for infants and children up to 18 years of age. The facility is equipped with state-of-the-art monitoring systems, ventilators and

advanced cardiac support infrastructure designed specifically for pediatric patients. According to PGI officials, this marks the beginning of a long-term plan to strengthen children cardiac healthcare in Uttar Pradesh. "With this facility, we are addressing a long-standing gap in pediatric heart treatment in the state," an official said. (200-Bed Super Specialty Heart Center Coming Soon) As part of its expansion roadmap, PGI is also in the process of establishing a 200-bed Super Specialty Heart Center,

which will include a 100-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for critical cardiac cases. The center will be one of North India's largest pediatric heart facilities, providing advanced surgical, diagnostic and interventional cardiology services under one roof. The upcoming center will ensure that newborns to teenagers suffering from complex heart and valve disorders receive world-class treatment and long-term care right in Lucknow, marking a significant leap forward in public health infrastructure for children.

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, the Prime Minister and Chief Minister's program was broadcast live from the Sangam Auditorium at the Collectorate



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Prayagraj. On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the national anthem Vande Mataram, composed by nationalist pioneer Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in 1875, the Prime Minister and Chief Minister's program was broadcast live

from the Sangam Auditorium at the Collectorate. The officials and employees present on the occasion sang the national song Vande Mataram en masse in the auditorium. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma, Additional District Magistrate Supply Vijay Sharma, District Development Officer



G.P. Kushwaha, Deputy Director for Persons with Disabilities Empowerment Officer, Assistant Director for Information Indramani Pandey, District Persons with Disabilities Empowerment Officer Ashok Kumar Gautam, Manuscript Officer Ghulam Sarwar, Technical Assistant Rakesh Verma, and



other officials and employees were present. Along with this, Vande Mataram was sung en masse in the offices/schools of the district. To commemorate the completion of 150 years of the song Vande Mataram, various programmes will be organised in a grand manner in four phases from 07 November,

2025 to 07 November, 2026, in which the first phase will be organised from 07 November, 2025 to 14 November, 2025, the second phase from 19 January, 2026 to 26 January, 2026, the third phase from 07 August, 2026 to 15 August, 2026 and the fourth phase from 01 November, 2026 to 07 November, 2026.

Cyber Fraud and Mission Shakti Traffic Awareness Program Concluded at Govt. Martyrs Memorial College



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Ghazipur. A special awareness program on cyber security and Mission Shakti was organized on Friday at the Government Martyrs Memorial College campus, under the jurisdiction of the Muhammadabad police station. Chief Guests were Circle Officer Muhammadabad Sudhakar Pandey, Station House Officer Ram Sajan Nagar, Cyber ??Cell Incharge, and TSI Ghazipur. Addressing the students, Circle Officer Sudhakar Pandey stated that cybercrime is rapidly increasing in today's digital age. In such a situation, small precautions like caution on social media, not sharing OTPs, and not clicking on

unknown links can prevent major losses. He urged the youth to be vigilant about cybersecurity. Station House Officer Ram Sajan Nagar provided information about laws and helpline numbers related to women's safety—1090, 112, and 181—as part of the Mission Shakti campaign. He urged the students to immediately contact the helpline numbers in case of any problem or harassment. The Cyber Cell incharge explained through practical examples how cyber fraudsters defraud people and siphon money from their bank accounts. He urged everyone not to trust any suspicious calls, links, or messages and to immediately inform the police.

Children at Bishop Hartmann Academy delivered a new message through their presentations



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Children presented on "From Gurukul to Google," a children's school. School is not just a temple of knowledge, but a way to create good human beings - Bishop Luis Mascarenhas Akhand Bharat Message Tharvai. On Friday, the annual function at Bishop Hartmann Academy, located at Hartmannanganj No. 1 Gomati, was celebrated with great pomp and show. On this occasion, the school students presented captivating cultural programs, highlighting the importance of education in life through plays, songs, and one-act plays. The children's performances were met with applause. The school principal honored the guests with mementos and robes. He inaugurated the program by lighting a lamp. In his address, Father Reginald, the guest of honor, underscored the importance of education in life and encouraged children to pursue a better education. He stated that education is the only ladder that can help one reach the heights of success in life. Children were encouraged to set goals and work hard to achieve them. Chief guest Bishop Luis

Mascarenhas, in his address, stated that every school's annual festival is a reflection of its own well-being. He praised the children's skills and discipline and highly commended the program. He stated that a small Hindi-medium school was started in 1968 and, in 2010, converted to an English-medium school, which is now proving successful. Along with education, significant work has been done in sports and cultural programs. The program's goal today is to foster a bright future and cultivate good human beings. During the program, the children emphasized that the five elements—fire, water, air, earth, and sky—combined to create nature and the human body, thus conveying the message that these are considered the five primary elements of nature. Operation Sindoor, mute children should also be given a chance to progress in education, discipline in computer room and every class, education reached from Gurukul to Google, little children gave their sweet presentations on human body functions, junk food etc. Sanvi Sahu praised all the programmes.

Kotwali premises filled with patriotic fervor as Vande Mataram completes 150 years

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Ghazipur. A grand event was organized on Friday at the Kotwali premises to mark the 150th anniversary of the national anthem "Vande Mataram," considered the soul of the Indian freedom struggle. On this occasion, under the leadership of Station House Officer Ram Sajan Nagar, all the police personnel expressed their devotion and loyalty to the motherland by singing the national anthem collectively. Special preparations had been made in the Kotwali premises since morning. As the echo of "Vande Mataram" spread throughout the premises,



the atmosphere was filled with patriotism. Police personnel and officers became emotional as they sang the national anthem in unison. The tricolor flag fluttered throughout the premises, and a feeling of patriotism bound everyone together. During the event, Station House Officer Ram Sajan Nagar said

that "Vande Mataram" is not just a song, but has been a source of inspiration for the Indian freedom movement. This song, composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, ignited the flame of patriotism in the hearts of every Indian at that time. He said that we should understand the historical significance of this song

and perform our duties in the national interest. He also said that the completion of 150 years of "Vande Mataram" is a proud moment for every Indian.

This occasion inspires us to further strengthen our sense of dedication, loyalty, and unity towards our country. All the officers, constables, and employees of the police station were present on this occasion. Together, they pledged to maintain the unity, integrity, and communal harmony of the country. The program concluded with the national anthem, after which the campus echoed with the chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram."

A young man crossing the road was hit by a car, killing two girls



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Kaushambi. A young man, visiting relatives in Mahagaon, in the Sandipan Ghat police station area, was returning home from the fields on a bike with his aunt's two daughters on Friday at around 10 a.m. As he crossed the national highway near Mahagaon without looking, a car oncoming from the front hit the bike, causing all three riders to fall onto the road and writhe in pain. The young man died a painful death at the scene of the accident. And in this accident both the girls are seriously injured. Seeing the accident, people from the

vicinity reached the spot. The matter has been reported to the police station and ambulance. The police reached the spot and took the injured to the hospital for treatment and took the body of the deceased youth in their custody and sent it for postmortem. On getting information about the accident, the family members and relatives reached the spot crying. There is chaos at the spot. After hitting the bike, the car went out of control and entered the Gomti river, crushing another bike parked on the road. After the accident, the airbag of the car opened, hence the occupants of the car were not seriously injured.

DM Magistrate conducted a site inspection of the 90 MLD STP construction project in Rajapur and directed that the work be completed within the stipulated timeframe

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Prayagraj. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma conducted a site inspection of the 90 MLD STP construction project in Rajapur, under the Sangam Auditorium Sewerage District-D, on Friday,



assessing the progress of the work and issuing necessary instructions to all concerned officials. Upon inquiring about the physical progress of the work, Executive Engineer Surendra Parmar stated that approximately 41 percent of the work has been completed, and according to the progress chart, the work is lagging

behind by approximately three months. The District Magistrate has directed that the work be completed within the stipulated timeframe and that the number of shifts be increased to ensure quality and efficient completion. It is noteworthy that this project includes

construction of a 90 MLD STP, I&D and interceptor work, and 15 years of maintenance, with a contract cost of ₹309.73 crore (construction ₹168.3 crore and I&D ₹141.70 crore). The work is being performed by Triveni Engineering & Industries Ltd.

Instructed to maintain all necessary arrangements at the procurement center. Farmers should not face any difficulties in selling

The District Magistrate conducted a surprise inspection of the Food Department's procurement center in Phulpur

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Prayagraj. District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma conducted a surprise inspection of the Food Department's procurement center in Phulpur on Friday. He clearly instructed the Marketing Inspector and the paddy procurement center in-charges that farmers should not face any difficulties in selling paddy. The District



Magistrate also directed the Deputy CMO to ensure that there are no complaints regarding the purchase of paddy from farmers and the payment of the price. He has also

directed the procurement centre in-charges that if any complaint is found regarding the sale and payment of paddy at any paddy procurement centre, then the responsibility

of the concerned centre in-charge will be fixed and strict action will be taken against him. Along with this, the responsibility of the concerned marketing inspector will also be fixed and action will be taken against him as well. At the time of inspection, Swatantra Kumar Vishwakarma, Marketing Inspector, was found present at the centre. A total of 120.80 quintals

of paddy has been procured from 02 farmers at the centre till date 07.11.2025. The centre in-charge was getting the paddy of a farmer, Raghavendra Pratap Singh, weighed on the spot. When the District Magistrate asked about the low arrival of paddy at the procurement centre, the District Food Marketing Officer told that due to untimely rains, the arrival of paddy at the procure-

ment centres is low. When asked about the affiliation of mills with procurement centers for custom hiring, the District Food Marketing Officer stated that the distance of all mills operating in the district has been entered on the portal, locked, and the certificate has been sent. The affiliation of the mills to the procurement centers will be completed within one to two days.

The accused of raping a teenage girl was arrested in a

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Kaushambi. On Wednesday night, the police engaged in a police encounter with the accused who had raped a schoolgirl in the Manjhanpur Kotwali area. During the encounter, the accused opened fire on the police team, which in turn returned fire. The accused was injured by the police bullets and was taken into custody and admitted to the hospital for treatment. According to the information, a woman from Manjhanpur Kotwali area had given a complaint letter to SP Rajesh Kumar and told that Shahnoor Alam, a resident of Malak Pinjari village, trapped her daughter in his love trap and raped her, not only this, he kept raping her by blackmailing her for sev-



eral months. After the woman's complaint, the SP formed a police team to arrest the accused, the police team was searching for the accused, when information was received regarding the accused, the police team surrounded him, during this the accused Shahnoor Alam started firing at the police team, in the retaliatory firing of the police, the accused got shot in the leg and he fell down injured, the police arrested the injured accused and admitted him to the district hospital for treatment.

Editorial

India's naval advancements will fuel its Indian Ocean ambitions

As India approaches its 75th Republic Day, the nation has achieved a significant milestone in strengthening its naval capabilities. In an exceptional move reflecting strategic foresight, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently commissioned three advanced naval platforms in a single day: a destroyer, a frigate, and a submarine. However, in a fast-changing security environment in the Indo-Pacific, the developments in naval capabilities must be measured in a relative context—capabilities of arch rivals and a swiftly evolving security domain, that is. Now, five points need to be underscored in this context. The commissioning of advanced naval platforms highlights India's aspiration to establish itself as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Over the years, India's maritime security strategy has significantly evolved. The 2015 Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) vision reflects India's dedication to fostering regional cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. This vision is supported by initiatives such as the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and the Indian Ocean Island Countries (IOIC), which emphasise coastal connectivity and sustainable development. PM Modi's address at the 2018 Shangri-La Dialogue further reinforced India's strategic perspective for the Indo-Pacific. The SAGAR vision has gained traction through frameworks such as the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the Information Fusion Centre for the Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), aiming to tackle regional security issues and counter China's expanding influence. While China's People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) has grown to become the world's largest by fleet size, it still lacks the operational capabilities and combat experience of the United States. India's navy, although the smallest of its armed forces, has consistently demonstrated efficiency and timely acquisitions. Compared to the Indian Air Force, which faces critical squadron shortages, the navy pragmatically acknowledges domestic limitations in engine development. It relies on foreign collaborations to fill gaps, ensuring progress. However, I'll turn to that later. To establish itself as a net security provider, the Indian Navy must sustain the momentum it has recently achieved in naval defence exports. Although this initiative began in earnest only in 2011, it gained significant traction after 2016. India has transitioned from being a cautious supplier of naval equipment, primarily targeting countries such as Mauritius, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines, to a more prominent player in defence exports. For many years, India's exports to nations such as Seychelles, the Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka were limited to refurbished ex-navy and coast guard vessels. However, this trend has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years. Naval ships, as of 2024, account for over 61 per cent of India's total defence exports. This shift highlights India's growing capability to manufacture advanced platforms and its determination to emerge as a dependable supplier of defence equipment to neighbouring countries. This development is a critical component of India's regional and maritime strategy, especially given China's rapid ascent in modernising PLAN and expanding its influence in the Indian Ocean by providing naval assets to smaller nations. China has already established itself as the leading defence exporter to both Pakistan and Bangladesh. It delivered two Ming-class submarines to Bangladesh in 2017, gifted a P625 frigate to Sri Lanka in 2019, and committed to exporting Yuan-class submarines to Thailand. Although the Thai deal encountered difficulties when Germany refused to supply key propulsion components.



Either effective monitoring of spending is lacking, or there are serious problems with project execution, reflecting the poor expenditure-absorbing capacity of these two sectors. This is borne out by a relatively good performance of the Indian Railways, which accounts for over 22 per cent of this year's capex. At ~1.68 trillion, the Indian Railways' capex is just about 1 per cent lower than its spending during April-November 2023. With regard to the transfer of special assistance as loans to states for their capex and additional central assistance for their externally aided projects, the Union government's performance was slightly better. In the April-November 2024-25 period, these transfers rose by about 5 per cent, although much lower than the budgeted increase of 41 per cent.

In contrast, such transfers during the entire 2023-24 had risen sharply by about 24 per cent to ~1.15 trillion. It appears that these transfers will take a hit in the current year and for the first time since this initiative to help states boost their capex was undertaken a couple of years ago. Significantly, this has not yet adversely impacted the states in a big way. The capex of 25 states (accounting for 95 per cent of all the states' and Union territories' total capex budget) has risen by just about 1 per cent in the April-November 2024-25 period, although states like Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Mizoram, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh,



Uttarakhand, and West Bengal saw their capex fall by varying margins. Eventually, however, this will have an adverse impact on the states' capex programme and its growth-enhancing effect. There are two more sectors that account for another 13 per cent of the Centre's capital expenditure budget. But they bring out an intriguing aspect of why the government's capex has been slowing. They suffer from a peculiar problem, which has nothing to do with either the relevant sectors' expenditure-absorbing capacity or the absence of effective expenditure monitoring. The bulk of the capex under telecommunications was meant for infusing equity into state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd, or BSNL. Of the total capex of ~0.84 trillion, the proposed amount for BSNL's equity infusion accounted for as much as ~0.83 trillion.

But the total expenditure under this head in the first eight months of 2024-25 is only 6 per cent of what has been budgeted. In other words, a decision to transfer the equity amount promised to BSNL would increase the

government's capex by a significant margin. Why this money has not been transferred is puzzling.

ast year, against a budgeted BSNL equity infusion of ~0.53 trillion, the actual infusion was higher at ~0.65 trillion. This year, no action on this front even after eight months is a puzzle as this failure also contributes significantly to the decline in the Centre's capex. More importantly, the Budget for 2024-25 had allocated a significant amount of ~0.66 trillion for capex on central sector schemes and projects. Of this, a large chunk, estimated at ~0.62 trillion, was earmarked for new schemes that the government would announce during the year. However, in the first eight months of the current year, only 4 per cent of that total outlay has been used up, leaving ~0.63 trillion yet to be spent. It is likely that the government may not need this amount or it may have kept its powder dry to meet any new schemes that it might announce later in the year, for which such capital allocations will be useful. For the Union finance ministry, currently busy preparing the

Budget for 2025-26, such a state of play with regard to slowing capital expenditure could well be an opportunity. With tax revenue growth slowing in the last few months, the possibility of an upside earlier expected on the revenue front may be receding rapidly. Revenue expenditure is also rising at a rate higher than the budgeted 6 per cent. If the fiscal deficit target of 4.9 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) has to be met for 2024-25, which the government must in view of the uncertainties and challenges emerging both domestically and globally, the finance ministry may see in the comar position of the current year's capex a sliver of hope. The finance ministry should not spend ~0.83 trillion for equity infusion into BSNL. Instead, it should ask the telephone company to raise resources from the market. The ministry should also desist from spending the remaining ~0.6 trillion earmarked for capital allocation to new schemes. Saving about ~1.43 trillion (a little less than half a percent of GDP) will be a cushion against other expenditure slippages and revenue shortfall. Not too many tears would be shed for a squeeze on capex if the hit is primarily on infusing equity into a state-owned enterprise and on new schemes that are yet to be announced. Quite ironically, a slowdown in the government's capex may well turn out to be an opportunity. capital expenditure (capex) continues to be a cause for concern. Of course,

the extent of its decline has reduced somewhat — from 35 per cent at the end of the first quarter of the current financial year to 15 per cent at the end of six months. But the latest number for the April-November 2024-25 period shows that the Union government's capex was still 12 per cent lower than what it was in the same period of 2023-24. Instead of aiming for the targeted 17 per cent growth to ~11.11 trillion in capex for 2024-25, the government will have to strive hard to at least cross the figure of ~9.48 trillion reached last year. What has led to this decline? A widely held view is that the seven-phase general elections, which began on April 19 and ended on June 1 last year, caused a slowdown in capex. But if that indeed is the reason, the decline in capex in the first quarter should have been reversed in the second quarter of 2024-25. And certainly, the first two months of the third quarter should have raised the trajectory of capex growth to a higher level. There has been some improvement, but a 12 per cent decline in the April-November 2024-25 period is no comfort. Look at the slightly different trajectory seen in the Union government's revenue expenditure growth during the same period. The Budget for 2024-25 had projected a rise of over 6 per cent to ~37.1 trillion in revenue expenditure. At the end of June 2024, the growth was just about 2 per cent, but it has been rising since then, reaching 4.2 per cent.

Netanyahu refused to give any concessions to Hamas

The right-wing parties in Israel's ruling coalition also threatened to bring down the Netanyahu government if he agreed to a ceasefire deal. Indeed, one right-wing leader, Ben Gvir, has openly admitted to successfully blocking previous attempts. Trump's pressure to agree to the ceasefire has come as a shock to right-wing Israelis, who hailed his election victory in November. In his first term, Trump moved the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and recognised Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, a Syrian territory occupied by Israel after the 1967 war with Arabs. When Trump announced the appointment of an Evangelical Christian Mike Huckabee as his ambassador to Israel, many right-wing Israelis were thrilled, particularly those who wanted new Israeli settlements in Gaza. Huckabee is on record saying there is no such thing as the West Bank or the occupation. So, why has Trump pushed for the ceasefire? Apart from taking credit for ending one of the most brutal

wars in recent history, Trump may like to focus on larger issues, like relations with China and ending the Russia-Ukrainian conflict. In the Middle East, he wants Saudi Arabia to recognise Israel, which will be a huge achievement of his administration. With the continuing war in Gaza and the terrible sufferings of Palestinians at the hands of Israel, Saudis could not afford to consider having diplomatic ties with Israel. But Trump is unpredictable, which is also a reason for both Hamas and Israel to accept the ceasefire deal. Turkey, Egypt and Qatar—the host of ceasefire negotiations—pressured Hamas to accept the agreement. And while Netanyahu may have defied Biden for so long, he could not do the same to Trump and must keep him on his side. Starting on Sunday, January 19, the ceasefire will last 42 days. It will see the exchange of 33 Israeli hostages detained by Hamas and Palestinians held in Israeli prisons. The deal will also enable the return of displaced people in Gaza.

Do Syrians not know what's happening in Afghanistan?

The replacement of the much-reviled Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria by a so-called "rebel force" that is actually just an Islamist offshoot of al-Qaeda and ISIS—which, remember, was headquartered in the Syrian city of Raqqa from 2014 to 2017—once again underlines how the turbulent history of that region is painted in countless shades of grey. As if the ongoing war between Israel and the equally Islamist Hamas left you in any doubt about that, of course. The Assads had ruled Syria with a mix of fear and murderous brutality for over 50 years. But that family, their Ba'ath Party and that general cohort were not religious fanatics. In fact, they professed the sort of secular socialism which evolved into the crony socialism-cum-authoritarianism seen in many countries ruled by similarly inclined people and parties. Even India and the Congress Party of the mid-1970s were not unlike Syria during that same period. The difference, of course, is that the Emergency in India marked the apogee and also the end of authoritarianism. India never degenerated into a single-party rule—which appears to be the main cause of the rise of the Islamist factions all over West Asia today. Ironically, authoritarian secularism (and in Syria's case, also minority rule by the Shia Alawite tribe of the Assads) has led to the ascent of doctrinaire Sunni Islam and power being captured by its adherents.

As the news channels broke the news of the fall of Assad's government in Syria, I saw London's Oxford Street become an impromptu victory procession of cars with young men honking, shouting and hanging out of windows brandishing their homeland's distinctive opposition flag. It continued for well over an hour without any of London's uniformed finest visible. Maybe the Metropolitan Police were just

relieved it was not yet another fraught pro-Gaza demonstration.

But having lived in Syria during the regime of this just-ousted socialist dictator's father, I had mixed feelings. How would those fashionably puffer-jacket-clad Syrians cheering in London fare under the country's new rulers whose roots are in the Salafi-jihadist school although they profess to have "moved" to a more accommodating position? Do Syrians not know what's happening in Afghanistan, whose Taliban rulers mouthed similar lines and then recanted? When my father was India's ambassador to Syria, the then President Hafez al-Assad ordered the Hama massacre in 1982, triggered by a long-brewing uprising in that city 200km north of Damascus by the Muslim Brotherhood, an avowedly religious grouping. As the Ba'athists rammed through their One-Party agenda, the One-God-ists coalesced too. It was evident that the stage was being set for a cataclysmic clash, if not of civilisations but certainly of cultures. In the middle, ordinary Syrians in Damascus and elsewhere tried to get on with their lives. The streets bustled with quotidian commerce, youngsters of both sexes noisily swarmed out of schools and colleges, foreign tourists soaked in the sun and the civilisational ethos of Syria. Even the smiling locals working in the Indian embassy all hailed from good families; the moustachioed (but beardless) men wore suits and the women wore short dresses and makeup to work. Now, 42 years later, a former IS affiliate Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham has stormed to power and is promising an egalitarian (if Islamic) future. Their leaders, including the charismatic Ahmed al-Sharaa, have spoken of amnesty for Syrian soldiers and fair play for religious and ethnic minorities including Christians and Alawites.

That's the tragedy for the daughter of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur

In October, the International Criminal Tribunal (ICT)—that she herself founded—issued an arrest warrant against her and 45 others for the deaths of an estimated 1,000 people in the violence that preceded her ouster on 5 August. "Sheikh Hasina was at the helm of those who committed massacres, killings, and crimes against humanity in July and August," the chief prosecutor of the ICT said at the time. All of this adds up to a profile that's hard to defend. The international media is now clubbing her name with dicta-

tors like Idi Amin of Uganda, Muammar Gaddafi of Libya, and the recently deposed Bashar al-Assad of Syria. A recent Washington Post article quotes the French newspaper Le Monde, which, in one of its reports, calls Sheikh Hasina "India's cumbersome guest". For New Delhi, watching developments in Dhaka and London brings disquiet. For Sheikh Hasina, who led her country for 15 years and saw it scale dizzying economic heights, it leaves a bitter taste. For friends and family who made the proverbial hay while

the sun shone, the law may or may not eventually catch up. But hard times lie ahead. Tulip Siddiq is unlikely to find her way back into the British government any time soon. But some of the mud will stick. That's the tragedy for the daughter of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—even her staunchest supporters admit her chances of ever returning to her motherland look very slim. Not just her niece, several other members of Sheikh Hasina's family are also under investigation for corruption

that, some estimates say, totals a mind-boggling \$5 billion. The corruption case is linked to an alleged land grab in Dhaka and, more infamously, to a Russian-funded nuclear power plant. In 2013, Sheikh Hasina travelled to Moscow to seal the deal and was photographed standing beside President Vladimir Putin, Siddiq, and other members of her family. When questioned about her presence in Moscow, Siddiq tried to explain it as a family event, but the photo was impossible to dismiss.

One arrested with smack worth Rs. 3.5 crore recovered

Bahraich

Kotwali Dehat police and STF achieved a major success on Friday. They arrested the kingpin of a drug trafficking ring in the district. Approximately 3.5 kilograms of smack was recovered from him, which he was carrying hidden in a car. In-charge Inspector Kotwali Dehat Daddan Singh stated that an informant had reported a man carrying a large quantity of smack in a car for sale. The STF was informed of this information. Following this, a blockade was set up on the Lucknow-Bahraich road and vehicles were searched. Shortly after, a car with registration number UP32MP8415 was stopped. The driver, upon seeing the police, attempted to flee, prompting suspicion. Police arrested the driver, Sonu Ahmed, a resident of Nanpara. Upon searching the car, 3 kilograms (440 grams) of smack was recovered. This is the largest drug seizure in the district to date. The Inspector in Charge stated that Sonu used to import smack from outside and sell it to people in the district at retail. It has also been revealed that Sonu had been smuggling drugs for a long time. Police have registered a case under the Narcotic Drugs Act and sent him to jail.

Indian Air Force and Coast Guard Conduct Joint Scuba Diving Expedition

**Delhi**

The Indian Air Force and Indian Coast Guard successfully completed a joint scuba diving expedition. The exercise took place on Angria Bank, 75 nautical miles off the Goa coast. The aim of this exercise was to enhance coordination between the Air Force and Coast Guard and the capabilities of joint diving operations. The expedition, which ran from October 8 to 16, promoted marine conservation and raised awareness about the growing plastic pollution in marine areas.

Delhi

On the 94th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, a solemn ceremony was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan where President Droupadi Murmu paid floral tribute to the late visionary leader. The President also met with Dr Kalam's grand-nephews, APJMJ Sheik Dawood and Dr APJMJ Sheik Saleem, who shared inspirational reflections on his legacy and vision for a developed India. The event witnessed the distinguished presence of senior scientists, including P. Veeramuthuvel, Project Director of ISRO Chandrayaan-3 Mission, and Dillibabu Vijaykumar from DRDO, Bengaluru. In her address, President



Murmu said, "Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was not just a great scientist but a visionary who inspired India's youth to dream big and achieve those dreams through perseverance and innovation. His life continues to guide every student, teacher and scientist."

She further emphasized that the national mission of 'Viksit Bharat 2047', envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, draws its inspiration from Dr Kalam's

lifelong dream of a strong, self-reliant and technologically advanced India. Speaking on the occasion, APJMJ Sheik Dawood said, "Today's ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan is more than a tribute—it is a reaffirmation of the scientific vision Dr Kalam imagined through his idea of a 'Developed India.'" Echoing his sentiments, Dr APJMJ Sheik Saleem remarked, "Dr Kalam always believed that youth are India's greatest strength. As the

nation achieves new milestones with Chandrayaan, Aditya, and Gaganyaan, we feel proud to see his dream coming to life." Coinciding with the event, the three-day national symposium 'Space Mission-2025' concluded at the NCUI Auditorium and Convention Centre in New Delhi. The symposium aimed to ignite young minds toward science, research and space technology, carrying forward Dr Kalam's scientific outlook. Addressing the gathering virtually from the Dr Kalam Memorial in Rameswaram, Dr L. Murugan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, said, "Dr Kalam's dream was of a 'Developed India 2020.'"

Girls created attractive rangolis based on the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor

**Bahraich**

A rangoli competition was held on Friday at Pandit Radheshyam Saraswati Inter College, Charda. Girls from grades 6 to 12 participated in the rangoli competition. On the school campus, the girls created rangolis to raise awareness about contemporary topics, including national security, safety, water conservation, the misuse of social media, and ragging of junior students by senior students. While the girls created a beautiful rangoli depicting Operation Sindoor after the Pahalgam attack, warning the enemy, they also depicted the excellent performance of cricket players through their rangolis. In the school premises, Class 10 students Akriti Singh, Soumya Singh, Kasis Jaiswal, Khushboo Jaiswal, and Aashi Jaiswal displayed the anger of the coun-

trymen through rangoli, depicting the cowardly attack on tourists in Pahalgam. They also depicted the response given to enemy forces through Operation Sindoor through rangoli. Class 9 students Soumya Singh, Unnati Jaiswal, Mobia Khan, Hansika Yadav and Aradhya Tripathi depicted the ragging by senior students during higher classes and training, and the impact it has on junior students through rangoli. They also attempted to raise awareness by depicting the mysterious death of NDA cadet Antarish Singh, a resident of Bhavaniapur in the area. Class 7 students Kavya Jaiswal, Pakhundi Jaiswal, Yogyata Pandey, Anuja Pathak, Astuti Jaiswal, along with students from other classes, created rangolis related to water conservation and the harm caused by the misuse of social media. They raised awareness about

A grand start to the festival of lights, Ayodhya to set another new record

Delhi

A grand three-day festival of lights begins today in Ayodhya, with preparations to set a new world record by lighting over 2.6 million lamps. The birthplace of Lord Shri Ram is once again poised to create history with its light. Ahead of Diwali and Dhanteras, the city of Ayodhya is once again preparing to set a new record with a grand festival of lights. The three-day festival of lights begins today at the birthplace of



Lord Shri Ram with the goal of setting a world record by lighting over 2.6 million lamps. The city of Ayodhya has been decorated like a bride for this historic event. From the ghats to the main roads and temples, the city will be illumi-

nated with colorful lights, laser shows and spectacular fireworks. Cultural programs and tableaux based on events from the life of Shri Ram will also be organized during the Deepotsav, which will be a special attraction

for devotees and tourists. This event has illuminated not only the city but also the homes of the potter community of Ayodhya. Local artisans have been entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the millions of clay lamps used in the Deepotsav, bringing a festive and joyous atmosphere to their homes. The large-scale production of clay lamps continues locally, which also strengthens the spirit of 'Vocal for Local'.

Find out which scene from '120 Bahadur' brought tears to my eyes

Delhi

Excel Entertainment and Trigger Happy Studios' upcoming war drama, '120 Bahadur', is one of the most anticipated films of the year. The teaser, released on the birth anniversary of the legendary Lata Mangeshkar, has received a tremendous

response from audiences across the country. The film, 'Bahadur', celebrates the valor of Indian soldiers, but doing justice to the subject was an emotionally challenging journey for the director. Director Razneesh 'Razzy' Ghai has opened up about a specific moment that deeply impacted him. When asked if there



were any scenes during filming that had a deep emotional impact on him or the crew, director Razneesh 'Razzy' Ghai said "If you know about this battle, most of the 120 men died

fighting in this battle. So we shot many scenes where, one by one, we lose them. And these scenes came out so emotionally that when I was watching them in the edit, I even had tears in my eyes a couple of times. I think the emotional part of it really touches the heart." He added, "These scenes were

also the most difficult to shoot and when you're feeling them yourself and the scenes turn out really well, they touch you deeply. So I would say I'm really proud of the emotional part of this film. It runs throughout the film, but I think we captured those moments perfectly. The friendship

In compliance with the Supreme Court's orders, only burst green crackers: Yogendra Kumar

Delhi

Yogendra Kumar, Assistant Superintendent (Tihar Jail) and Honorary Animal Welfare Representative (Animal Welfare Board of India) launched a month-long campaign against fire-crackers as a pollution-related issue at Government Girls Senior Secondary School Subhash Nagar New Delhi. A large number of students par-



ticipated in the campaign. Addressing the students, Principal Archana said that we all must work together to reduce pollution. Yogendra Kumar made the students pledge to burst only green crackers on Diwali, in compliance with the

Supreme Court's orders. On this occasion, environmentalists Jasmeet Kaur, Rekha Berry, Caretaker (Animal Welfare Board of India) Jai Ram, Sonu Kumar and Ram Niwas Yadav also participated in the campaign.

The BSE was fined 25L for the unfair distribution

Delhi : According to Delhi, the 45-page SEBI order confirmed that the BSE's system design allowed paying clients and the internal listing compliance monitoring (LCM) staff to view business announcements ahead of schedule. Prior to the information being made public on its website, this occurred. Because there were no measures in place to ensure that all stakeholders had equal and contemporaneous access .

Ayodhya Deepotsav 2025: Inspired by the Yogi govt, the grand Aarti of Maa Saryu will echo across the riverbanks

Ayodhya

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deepotsav 2025 is poised to take Ayodhya's grandeur to new historic heights. This year, the city of Lord Shri Ram will not only shine with the light of millions of diyas but will also witness a record-breaking grand Aarti of Maa Saryu on the banks of the sacred river. Guided by the Chief Minister this joint effort of the administration and social organizations will stand as a magnificent confluence of devotion, culture and social harmony. Last year 1151 devotees performed the collective Saryu Aarti, earning



Ayodhya a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. This time, the event will be organized on twice that scale, marking a new chapter in Ayodhya's spiritual glory and collective devotion. The Aarti, jointly organized by the district administration and the Municipal Corporation, will be held on October 19 at 5:00 p.m. The site has been divided into 11 zones with arrange-

ments for 200 participants in each zone, stretching from Nayaghat to Laxman Ghat. Mayor Mahant Girishpati Tripathi has ensured meticulous preparations, emphasizing that the event will reflect Ayodhya's timeless traditions and the inclusive spirit of the Yogi government with participation from every section of society. The Deepdan ceremony, held on October 17 at 3:00

p.m. marked the completion of preparations, followed by a full rehearsal of the Aarti to ensure perfect coordination of formations, Vedic chants and the lighting of lamps. An atmosphere of devotion and excitement now envelops Ayodhya. Inspired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, this event will transcend mere religious ritual, embodying the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat." When the holy Saryu glows with the light of 2,100 lamps, the sight will symbolize the unity of spirituality, culture and womanhood, radiating Ayodhya's divine message across the world.

Awareness Chaupal' under Mission Shakti- Open dialogue on dowry eradication and domestic violence in every village

Lucknow

The Women and Child Development Department of Uttar Pradesh is proposing to organize "Awareness Chaupal" programs across the state between October 17 and November 3, 2025 as part of the Mission Shakti campaign. These Chaupals will be held daily in various Gram Panchayats across the state with the aim of spreading widespread public awareness against social evils like dowry and domestic violence. The main focus of these Chaupals is on two topics: dowry eradication and domestic violence prevention.



Women, adolescent girls, men and community representatives will be educated about the roots of these problems, their legal aspects and social impacts. The dowry system, which continues to cause economic burden, gender inequality and violence in many families, weakens the moral fabric of society.

Domestic violence, whether physical, mental, financial, or emotional, directly impacts women's dignity, self-confidence and equality. The Chaupals are conveying the message that true empowerment lies not in tolerating violence of any kind, but in raising one's voice against it. At these Chaupals, partici-

pants are provided with simple and practical information about the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961. Expert speakers and departmental officials explain women's rights under these laws and that they can contact the department's women's helpline 181 and the One Stop Centers established in each district to lodge complaints, where 24-hour, prompt assistance is provided to victimized women. Leena Johri Additional Chief Secretary of the Women and Child Development Department, said,

"Eliminating social evils like dowry and domestic violence is possible not only through legislation but also through social awareness. The objective of the awareness Chaupals organized under Mission Shakti is to create dialogue in every village, change the mindset of every household and give every woman the confidence that the state is with them."

"In addition to departmental officials, local police, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, village heads and voluntary organizations are also participating in these Chaupals."

Masked assailants killed a middle-aged man in broad daylight

Bahraich

Two masked assailants carried out a sensational crime in the Kotwali police station area. A middle-aged man was slit by the throat two hundred meters from the national highway while he was returning home after offering prayers. This incident has created a sensation in the area. People are discussing various matters and are also questioning the police's working style. Following this incident, there is an atmosphere of insecurity among the people. Shahbul Ali, 55 a resident of Fulwaria Meherban Nagar in



the Kotwali Nanpara police station area, runs a grocery shop in Nanpara town. He supports his family from this shop. Nearly twenty years ago, the deceased Shahbul Ali was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. His sentence was completed two years ago. After this, he was released from jail and has settled down at his home. The deceased's sons, Sonu

and Monu, stated that since it was Friday, he had gone to the city's Laxman Wali Mosque to offer prayers. After the prayers, he was returning home around 2:30 p.m. when two masked assailants, who had been lying in wait, slit his throat with a sharp weapon near the Indian Petrol Pump on the Aganpurwa bypass and then fled the scene. Nanpara police were informed of this incident. Deputy Superintendent of Police Pradhuman Singh and Inspector-in-Charge Nanpara arrived at the scene with police force. Upon learning of the inci-

Jennifer Aniston makes relationship official with bf Jim Curtis

Jennifer Aniston made her relationship with boyfriend Jim Curtis Instagram official on his 50th birthday

Actress Jennifer Aniston made her relationship with boyfriend Jim Curtis official on his 50th birthday. Taking to her official Instagram account on Monday, Jennifer shared an adorable picture and expressed her love.

In the black-and-white photo Jim is seen smiling broadly, dressed in a dark shirt and trousers. Standing behind him is a Jennifer as she gently wrapped her arms around him from behind.

"Happy birthday my love. Cherished," she wrote along with the photo and added a red heart emoji.

Soon after she shared the post, Jim dropped a kiss emoji in the comments section. Jennifer's fans also

flooded the comments section with best wishes for the couple.

They were first linked in July 2025 after they were spotted vacationing together in Mallorca, Spain, accompanied by the actress' close friend Jason Bateman and his wife. Since then, their relationship has reportedly developed quietly yet steadily.

Jim, an author, hypnotherapist, and wellness expert with over two decades of experience in the health and wellness industry, is known for his calm and introspective nature. It was reportedly his grounded and supportive approach to life that drew Jennifer to him after being introduced through mutual friends.

The F.R.I.E.N.D.S actress has experienced her share of high-profile relationships in the past. She was first

married to actor Brad Pitt in 2000, in what was considered one of Hollywood's most celebrated unions at the time. Their marriage, however, ended in 2005, shortly after Brad began filming Mr. & Mrs. Smith with Angelina Jolie.

Years later, Jennifer found love again with actor-filmmaker Justin Theroux. The couple began dating after working together on Wanderlust and tied the knot in a private ceremony in 2015. Despite their apparent compatibility, they announced their separation in 2018, citing mutual respect and a desire to remain friends.

Over the years, Jennifer has also been romantically linked with several well-known names, including actors Tate Donovan, Paul Rudd, and Vince Vaughn, as well as musician John Mayer.



Pankaj Tripathi's mother Hemwanti Devi dies at 89

Pankaj Tripathi, who shares a close bond with his family, was by her side during her final moments



Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi's mother, Hemwanti Devi, passed away on October 31 at the age of 89 in the family's hometown, Belsand, Bihar, two years after her husband's death. According to a statement issued by the family, she had been unwell for some time and died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by her loved ones.

According to reports, Tripathi, who shares a close bond with his family, was by her side during her final moments.

The cremation took place on November 1 in Belsand, where only close family members, relatives, and friends were present.

The family further appealed for privacy during this emotional period, stating, "The family also requests the media and well-wishers to respect their privacy during this period of grief and allow them time to mourn in peace."

In August 2023, Tripathi's father Pandit Banaras Tiwari passed away at the age of 99.



Smriti Irani represents India on global stage, launches initiative to empower 100,000 women entrepreneurs

From Tulsi to Time 100

After impressing one and all by roping in Bill Gates to make a cameo appearance in Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi, Smriti Irani recently represented India at the prestigious TIME100NEXT event held in New York, where she launched an ambitious initiative to empower 100,000 women entrepreneurs

across 300 cities in India.

Smriti reflected on her remarkable journey that brought her full circle. "They say life comes a full circle and it has indeed for me tonight. Forty-two years ago on the streets of New Delhi, my father, a book-seller, sold second-hand Time magazines which he bought from a scrap dealer, all so that he could earn two dollars a day to raise a family of three girls. So to-

night as I stand amongst you, I stand here because not only I have hard-working parents but also because somebody helped me get an education, somebody paid me a fair wage, somebody helped me become a political voice in my country," she shared. Her words resonated with the audience, illustrating the power of opportunity and support in transforming lives.



Crime-thriller sequel, Raat Akeli Hai: The Bansal Murders

Netflix announced the sequel to the crime thriller franchise Raat Akeli Hai: The Bansal Murders

Set a few years after the events of the first film, which was released in 2020 to positive reception, Raat Akeli Hai: The Bansal Murders follows Inspector Jatil Yadav as he is drawn into another complex investigation, a chilling case of murder committed in cold blood. This leads to the unravelling of long-buried secrets within a powerful family. As the mystery deepens, Jatil is once again compelled to confront the delicate balance between truth and consequence.

The Netflix film will have its World Premiere at the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, this November, marking its first showcase to audiences ahead of its release.

Reprising his role in the sequel, Nawazuddin Siddiqui added, "Jatil Yadav is a character very close to me, flawed and restless, yet relentless in the pursuit of justice. In the sequel, Raat Akeli Hai: The Bansal Murders, he faces a case that tests everything he believes in. Smita and Honey have created a world that feels real and raw, where every clue hides a secret. Coming back as Inspector Jatil Yadav feels like returning to unfinished business. I'm grateful to RSVP, MacGuffin Pictures, and Netflix for giving me the chance to explore new layers of this character. I am excited for audiences to see more from the man behind the uniform."

With its layered storytelling, atmospheric tension, and powerful performances, Raat Akeli Hai: The Bansal Murders continues the legacy of the original film, while pushing the boundaries of the Indian crime thriller.

SS Rajamouli celebrates ISRO naming its rocket 'Bahubali'

The director hails it as a proud moment for India as the heaviest satellite CMS-03 successfully launches into space.

India witnessed a proud moment in space history today as the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its heaviest communication satellite, CMS-03, further underlining the nation's technological prowess and advancing its strides towards self-reliance in space exploration. The satellite, aimed at enhancing telecommunication and broadcasting capabilities, was carried into orbit

Amidst the release of Baahubali : The Epic, SS Rajamouli says, "Our entire Baahubali team is elated — truly a privilege for all of us," as he celebrates ISRO naming its rocket 'Bahubali'*

by ISRO's most powerful launch vehicle, which has now earned an affectionate and familiar nickname, 'Baahubali'.

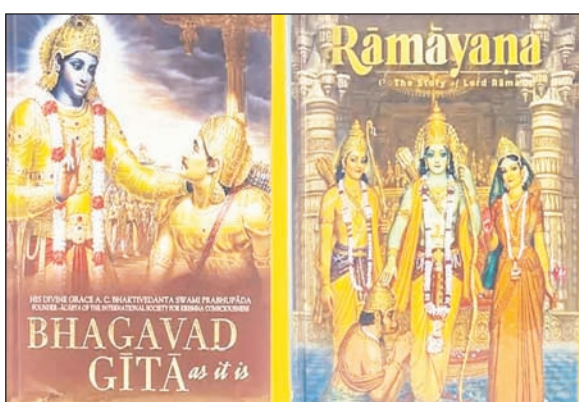
Celebrated filmmaker SS Rajamouli, whose blockbuster franchise Baahubali became a cultural landmark, expressed heartfelt pride as ISRO once again referred to the launch vehicle by the film's iconic title. Taking to Twitter, Rajamouli wrote, "Congratulations to #ISRO on

the successful launch of the heaviest communication satellite CMS-03 today! A proud moment for India showcasing our technological strength and self-reliance in space exploration. Onwards and upwards! In Our entire Baahubali team is elated as @ISRO fondly named this rocket 'Bahubali'... due to its heaviness and strength.. Truly a privilege for all of us. 🙌🙌🙌"



Modern science is connected to early Indian discoveries in NCERT books

Delhi : Indian scientific knowledge and discoveries are featured in sections of the new National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) science textbook for Class 8, from the ideas of ancient philosopher Acharya Kanad's "Parmanu" (atoms) to the methods of water bowl astronomy developed by mathematician Bhaskara II. Ayurvedic medication compositions include natural solvents like water and oils, the old practice of variolation was used to battle smallpox before modern vaccines, and alloys like "Kamsya" (a copper and tin alloy) are mentioned as well. Parts of the book headed "Ever heard of?" and "Our scientific heritage" draw connections between contemporary scientific ideas and findings made by ancient Indians. The seeks to pique students' curiosity by providing interesting information and insights from ancient Indian writings, while the latter provides



305K students compete for 71K DU spots

Delhi: Delhi University (DU) began its preference change window for the 2025-26 academic session under the Common Seat Allocation System, intensifying the competition for 71,642 undergraduate seats with over 305,000 applicants. After simulated ranks are released, the window will stay open. According to university data, 38,795 applicants chose Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) as their first college choice this year. Hindu College, Hansraj College, St. Stephen's College, and Miranda House follow. Based on CUET scores and preferences, the simulated ranks allow students to adjust their course and college selections before the initial allocation list, which will be announced July 19. 239,890 of 305,357 CSAS portal users selected colleges and programs. Three are transgender, 127,284 (53.06%) are female, and 112,603 (46.93%) are male. The orphan quota has 221 female and 291 male applications, while 7,243 students have expressed interest in the single girl child quota.

details on organiza- tions and individuals.

A Third of the Total Fees Will Go Towards Reevaluating Legal Papers

Delhi Students in the Faculty of Law at Delhi University are protesting the introduction of a new re-evaluation facility, and not because of the facility itself but because of how much it would cost. DU's re-evaluation price for LLB students is Rs 2,000 per answer sheet, which is equivalent to one-third of the faculty's yearly tuition fee and twice the fee for other disciplines. Previously, the only alternative accessible to law students was to have their marks re-totaled; re-evaluation of answer sheets was not an option. Professional courses, like



law, do not currently have access to re-evaluation facilities, but DU announced plans to expand them in November of last year. Many were disappointed by the recently approved pricing, despite the fact that the move was well-received initially. The application fee is too high for the majority of law students, according to a fifth-semester stu-

dent who asked to remain anonymous, adding that this is the first time that LLB students have the option to apply for re-evaluation. "With a total annual fee of just about Rs 6,000, how can students be asked to pay Rs 2,000 for each paper?" Many will be discouraged from accessing a fundamental academic entitlement because of this.

RIL makes record profit amid oil decline, sets clean energy outlook

Delhi : India's most valuable company, Reliance Industries Ltd., surpassed predictions to register a strong increase in revenue and profit for the April-June quarter, driven by better telecoms and retail profitability despite crude-based difficulties. Profits from its Asian

Paints disposal also boosted the bottom line. According to an investor presentation, Reliance's new energy business's production plants—which will drive its growth over the next decade—are being commissioned quickly. The new energy business would create solar mod-

ules, generate clean electricity from them, use electrons to run data centres, and make hydrogen, ammonia, and aviation fuel. Reliance did not provide timescales. Reliance Industries' oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business's operating profit fell in the first quarter.

Premji pledges 2,250 crore for college education of girls

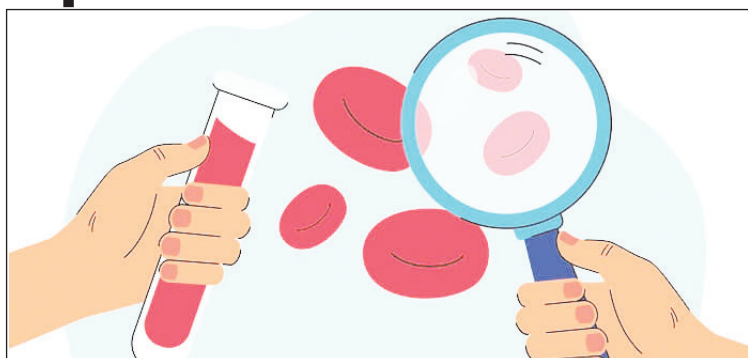


Delhi: Azim Premji Foundation has committed to giving 2,250 crore over three years to help more girls complete their college education, making it the country's largest direct benefit transfer scheme by a not-for-profit private entity. Under the initiative, a girl who has completed her standard X and XII from a government school can apply for the Azim Premji scholarship. Billionaire and philanthropist Azim Premji's eponymous foundation, Azim Premji Foundation, would give 30,000 a year to up to 250,000 girl students. This translates to ₹750 crore a year, which, over a three-year degree program, would total 2,250 crore.

"The basic purpose of this is to allow girl children to complete their higher education," said. Anurag Behar, chief executive officer of Azim Premji Foundation. "If a girl has completed 10th and 12th from a government school and is admitted to a bona fide college, the child is eligible to get 30,000 every year for the duration of her course." Beginning in September, a girl who starts college and has received the Azim Premji scholarship will receive ₹90,000 over a three-year degree program.

Japanese 'no-match' artificial blood could put an end to shortages

Delhi: There is no need to worry about infection, blood group compatibility, or expiration for months. Artificial blood, created by Japanese researchers, could revolutionize emergency response worldwide, particularly in situations involving large casualties or procedures in remote areas, and put an end to the worldwide blood shortage. The idea originated with Nara Medical University's Professor Hiromi Sakai and his colleagues, who are currently testing robust, virus-free synthetic red blood cells in human clinical trials. This innovation might be ready for practical application by 2030 if all goes as planned. Lack of education, inadequate facilities, and an



ongoing scarcity of donors have contributed to India's severe blood shortage. Therefore, in this kind of situation, the concept of a blood substitute might be absolutely game-changing. The absence of white blood cells and platelets makes it an incomplete substitute for human blood. On the other hand, it

may transport oxygen, which is absolutely necessary in an emergency. Made from donated blood that would have otherwise gone to waste, these artificial cells are stable at ambient temperature, look just like genuine blood, and imitate the body's natural red blood cells.

Irish education minister invites Indians for education, research

NEW DELHI: James Lawless, Ireland's Education Minister, on Monday said his country is "very welcoming" for students and has a supportive post-study employment visa arrangement. "Ireland is a very welcoming country. We have a very cosmopolitan culture. We have many nationalities now in Ireland, and many people have made their home, including many, many Indians," the Irish minister said, when asked whether his government is considering any changes in post-study work or immigration policies to retain skilled talents.

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



University of Delhi is the only Indian university to drop from 220 to 299, yet it still ranks sixth. DU leads India in Knowledge Exchange at 121 internationally. At seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth places are IISc, Vellore Institute of Technology, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, and Anna

University. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University ranks 951-960. It is a leader in sustainable education and research, ranking 35th in India and 288th in Asia. "The rankings show that Indian universities are forging ahead with their sustainability initiatives."

SRCC, Hindu and BCom (Hons) top preferences at DU

Delhi: The University of Delhi has got an overwhelming response to its undergraduate admissions this year, with Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) emerging as the most sought-after college and BCom (Hons) as the most preferred course among applicants. CULTU According to the data released by the university on Tuesday, DU has received over 3.05 lakh registrations through the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS), of which 2.39 lakh candidates have successfully submitted their college and programme preferences for admission to 71,642 undergraduate seats in 69 colleges and various departments. SRCC alone received 38,795 first-preference applications, followed by Hindu College with 31,901, Hansraj



IITTA urged the board of governors to expunge show-cause notices

Delhi: The IIT Kharagpur Teachers' Association (IITTA) urged the institute's board of governors to expunge show-cause notices issued to 86 faculty members, restore their administrative positions, and protect the association's office bearers from arbitrary or retaliatory actions amid the faculty-administration dispute. In September, the IIT Kharagpur teachers' association accused director Virendra Kumar Tewari of "nepotism" and "arbitrary faculty recruitment" in a letter to the Union Ministry of Education, sparking a confrontation. They wanted an academically qualified, inclusive governance-experienced successor. When the administration sent show-cause notices to IITTA office bearers and disciplined them for not answering within seven days.

College (15,902), St and Miranda House Stephen's (12,413), (11,403).

An individual contested the exclusion of a tennis match from the Hindu College sports quota admissions

Delhi: A junior national-level tennis player has taken Hindu College of Delhi University to court, claiming that the university should have included tennis in its list of sports accessible for admission under the sports mandate. Aditi Rawat challenged the college's decision to exclude lawn tennis from the sports available for admission under the sports quota for the upcoming academic year, and on Monday, Justice Vikas Mahajan sought the college's and DU's stance on the matter. The petition describes Rawat as "a distinguished Lawn Tennis athlete and gold medalist at the CBSE Nationals" who is contesting what is described as "the arbitrary denial of admission" to Hindu College under the Sports Quota



Samsung may make India a US hub amid rising tariffs

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

(Lawn Tennis) category. It states that DU's administration disregarded the 5% supernumerary sports quota that is mandated by the Common Seat

Allocation System (CSAS) Policy 2025-26. The appeal, submitted by counsel Jeetender Gupta, states that "Hindu College failed.

The AICTE has formed an expert group

Delhi: The formation of an expert committee by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is a major development in the field of technical education in India. The committee's mandate is to help various academic programs, not limited to computer science degrees, incorporate AI and applied AI. Leading AI professionals from IITs and NITs are part of the committee, which is chaired by Anand Deshpande, managing director of Persistent Systems. The goal of the move is to encourage the lateral expansion of AI in several streams, including BBA, BCA, electrical engineering, and others. "We are forming a committee to introduce AI laterally across all programs, especially Applied AI," stated AICTE Chairman Prof. TG Sitharam. "The goal is to integrate AI and related courses into all academic programs so that students from all walks of life can learn the basics of AI and data analytics."

A professor from IIT Delhi to head up IIM Lucknow

Delhi: The directorship of the Indian Institute of Management in Lucknow is anticipated to be assumed by a professor from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi (IIT-D). (Department of IIM-L). The esteemed management school will likely be led by an IIT professor for the first time. Though the official announcement has not been made yet, it has been learned that the nomination of Prof. MP Gupta has been approved by the board of governors of IIM-L. "The chairman, board of governors, IIM, Lucknow, Shri N Chandrasekaran, vide his letter dated , , has informed that the BoG. has appointed Prof Manmohan Prasad Gupta

WTC standings shake-up: Pakistan move past India; end Africa's winning streak

● With the win Pakistan also overtook India in the World Test Championship (WTC) points table and jumped to number two in the standings behind Australia

Playing

□ I think you always have to start well. It's a great opportunity playing the team

Pakistan secured a decisive 93-run victory against world test cricket champion South Africa in the first Test on Wednesday, ending South Africa's impressive 10-match winning streak. With the win Pakistan also overtook India in the World Test Championship (WTC) points table and jumped to number two in the standings behind Australia. "I think you always have to start well. It's a great opportunity playing the team that won the previous



Four ducks? Prithvi Shaw flops? No problem! Gaikwad steps in as crisis man

THIRUVANANTHA PURAM: On a damp, deceptive pitch at the Greenfield Stadium, Ruturaj Gaikwad made a thunderous return to cricket, shattering the deafening silence of his 5-month injury-induced exile. The Maharashtra No.4

Test Championship," said Pakistan captain

unfurled a chanceless 91, an innings of grit, grace and quiet defiance, as he walked into a crisis — his team reeling at 0/2 — and batted like a man on a mission. Gaikwad's anchor, Maharashtra's sails would have collapsed.

Shan Masood. "We are very excited to

Suryavanshi showcases strike rate of 280 in Ranji Trophy season opener

Vaibhav Suryavanshi took his big-hitting skills to the domestic cricket on Wednesday with a brief, but rapid-fire, knock for Bihar. The left-handed batter who captured everyone's attention during the IPL and then in the junior matches for

India, scored 14 runs from just five balls against Arunachal Pradesh on Day 1 of the Ranji Trophy Plate match at the Moin Ul Haq Stadium in Patna. Suryavanshi struck two fours and a six before perishing to medium pacer .

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Australia	3	0
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Pakistan	1	0
1	0	0
0	0	12
100.00		
Sri Lanka	2	0
1	0	0
1	0	16.
Drawn		
Deduction		

be back home, to be playing Test cricket, and to start off with a win. I think that's a great start. We've closed it off here today, and we're onto the next one."

WTC Points Table
Team Matches
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Drawn Deduction

PT PCT
Australia 3 0
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Pakistan 1 0
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Sri Lanka 2 0
1 0
1 16.

ICC rankings: Yashasvi Jaiswal remains India's top-ranked Test batter



Claimed

□ Rashid Khan's outstanding performance of 11 wickets in three matches

Afghanistan cricket stars made significant moves in the ICC rankings following their 3-0 ODI series sweep against Bangladesh, with Rashid Khan reclaiming the top spot among ODI bowlers and Azmatullah Omarzai becoming the number one ODI all-rounder, as announced by the International Cricket Council on Wednesday. Rashid Khan's outstanding performance of 11 wickets in three matches propelled him five places up, overtaking South Africa's Keshav Maharaj to claim the number one position in ODI bowling rankings. Azmatullah Omarzai,

who claimed seven wickets in the series, moved up one spot to surpass Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza, securing the top position in the ODI all-rounders list. Ibrahim Zadran, named Player of the Series, made remarkable progress in the batting rankings. His impressive 213 runs at an average of 71.00 against Bangladesh helped him climb eight points to secure the second position, just 20 rating points behind India's captain Shubman Gill. Rashid Khan also improved his standing in the all-rounders category, jumping two spots to reach fourth place, further highlighting Afghanistan's dominance across all three ODI standings. Other Afghanistan players also made notable gains in the rankings. Rahmanullah Gurbaz moved up two places to 16th.

Chaos at Gaddafi Stadium! Fan climbs enclosure, breaks into Pakistan dressing room to meet Babar

Breach

□ Despite facing a challenging patch in form recently, his career numbers highlight

NEW DELHI: A teenage fan managed to breach security at Gaddafi Stadium during the first Test between Pakistan and South Africa on Wednesday (October 15), coinciding with Babar Azam's 31st birthday, in a desperate attempt to meet the star batsman. Footage from the stadium showed the young fan climbing through the Majid Khan Enclosure and making his way toward the players'



area near the dressing rooms. Alert coaching staff quickly spotted the intrusion and informed security, who promptly intervened and escorted the teenager away despite his repeated pleas to meet Babar Azam. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has not yet issued an official statement regarding the incident. Babar, born in Lahore in 1994, has been Pakistan's most reliable batsman over the

past decade and remains immensely popular among young fans. Despite facing a challenging patch in form recently, his career numbers highlight his consistency and class. Watch the video here In One Day Internationals, Babar has amassed 6,291 runs in 134 matches at an average of 54.23, including 19 centuries and 37 fifties. His T20 International record boasts 4,223 runs in 128 matches at an average of 39.83, with three centuries and 36 half-centuries. In Test cricket, he has scored 4,300 runs in 60 matches, averaging 42.57, with nine centuries and 29 fifties.

Siddhesh Lad: Son of Sharma's coach, aims to play crucial knocks for Mumbai

Srinagar: When Siddhesh Lad returned to Mumbai set-up last campaign, the brief to him was clear: "You will only get an opportunity when those playing for India aren't available."

The 33-year-old had no issues with it. After all, he could only thank his stars for walking back into the Mumbai dressing room which is known to phase out vet-



erans to make way for youngsters. Lad played for Goa in the 2022-23 but took a cooling break, and scored heavily in

Mumbai's local tournaments, in 2023-24 to be eligible for Mumbai before making it to the squad last season. It was a successful

Spots

□ Right-hand batter was asked to play at No. 4, termed as one of the crucial spots

comeback as he finished as Mumbai's top-scorer with 602 runs in seven games. He started batting at No. 5 and 6 before being pushed up to No. 3.

Before Mumbai's Ranji Trophy opener at the Sher-I-Kashmir Stadium against Jammu & Kashmir, there was no clarity on whether the veteran will get a chance, but it didn't matter to him. For three days he followed his routine religiously—focusing on fitness and spending long hours in the nets.

On Wednesday, given an opportunity, he did-

n't disappoint and started from where he had left last season, scoring a fighting 156-ball 116 to put Mumbai in drivers' seat, repaying the faith shown in his ability by the selectors. Knowing what he brings to the table, the right-hand batter was asked to play at No. 4, termed as one of the crucial spots in world cricket, and he lauds the clearly defined role .

Ishan, out of Indian team, answers critics with statement

NEW DELHI: Jharkhand captain Ishan Kishan played a commanding innings to rescue his team from a precarious position, scoring a statement century as the visitors reached 307 for six against Tamil Nadu on day one of the Ranji Trophy season on Wednesday. Kishan, who has lost his place in the Indian side across formats, remained unbeaten on 125 off 183 balls, sharing a crucial unbroken partnership of 150 runs for the seventh wicket with Sahil Raj,

who was batting on 64 at stumps. Jharkhand had been struggling and looked in danger of being bowled out for under 200, but the Kishan-Raj stand steadied the innings. Go Beyond The Boundary with our YouTube channel. SUBSCRIBE NOW! For Tamil Nadu, left-arm pacer Gurjapneet Singh took the early wicket and finished with three scalps, while left-arm spinner DT Chandrasekar, making his Ranji return after a decade.



Nepal, Oman qualify for 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka

NEW DELHI: Nepal and Oman have officially booked their spots in the 2026 T20 World Cup, set to be held in India and Sri Lanka, following their performances in the Asia-EAP Qualifier ahead of their Super Six clash in Al Amerat. A third team from the tournament will also earn qualification for next year's World Cup. The qualification of Nepal and Oman was confirmed after UAE

Rishabh Pant shares nostalgic childhood memory, gets haircut under a tree

Rishabh Pant gave fans a glimpse of his childhood memories with a light-hearted post on Instagram. The Indian wicketkeeper-batter shared a picture of himself getting a haircut under a tree, something he used to do as a kid.

'Tum kisi aur ke liye aaye ho': Jasprit Bumrah loses cool at media



India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah lashed out at the media outside the Mumbai airport.

In a video, going viral on the social media, Bumrah can be seen getting angry at the media. The moment Bumrah stepped out of the airport, the media started clicking photos of him, which seemed to annoy the Indian cricketer. "Maine bulaya hi nahi (I have not asked you guys to come)," a visibly upset Bumrah shouted. "Tum kisi aur ke liye aaye ho, aa rahe honge wo (You guys have come for someone else, they must be coming)," Bumrah added. The media persons kept requesting Bumrah for a photo and even said, "Bumrah bhai, aap bonus mein mile ho humein Diwali ke (You are our Diwali bonus)." The comment made Bumrah more annoyed, and he replied in angst, "Arey bhai, meri gaadi

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ke paas jaane do mujhe (Please let me go to my car)." Meanwhile, Jasprit Bumrah has been rested for the three-match ODI series to be played against Australia. The series will commence on Sunday, and the second and third ODIs will be played on October 23 and 25. It will be followed by five T20Is, in which Bumrah is part of the team. It will be followed by a five-match T20 International series and the format specialists will leave on October 22 tentatively. The series will begin on October 29. The ODI series has generated significant buzz due to the chatter surrounding.

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Explained: Is Virat Kohli leaving RCB and retiring from IPL? 'He will play his last match ...'



NEW DELHI: India's star batter Virat Kohli's future with Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) has been the subject of speculation after reports suggested he

declined a commercial contract with the franchise. However, former India cricketer Mohammad Kaif has clarified that Kohli remains fully commit-

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"The reason he has not signed a commercial contract is because a new owner might come for RCB, and they will control the franchise. That's why he is waiting, if there's a change, then there will be negotiation and all. These are all behind-the-scenes stuff and we don't have a lot of information about these things. He is waiting for all that." Highlighting Kohli's recent performances, Kaif added:

ted to RCB and will continue his association with the team, despite not signing the new commercial agreement.

Kohli, who has retired from Tests and T20Is and has an uncertain ODI future, has been with RCB since the

IPL's inaugural season in 2008. The franchise claimed its first IPL title in 2025, with Kohli playing a pivotal role. Rumours about Kohli's exit escalated when news surfaced about his decision to turn down the commercial deal. However, this does not impact his player contract with the team. "Is Virat Kohli retiring from the IPL? No guys (or people), Virat Kohli had promised.