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Chief Minister, State President and Organization General Secretary inaugurated and addressed the two-day boot camp of 'IM BJP Future Force'

Bhopal (Agency): Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, Bharatiya Janata Party's State President and Khajuraho MP Vishnudutt Sharma and State Organization General Secretary Hitanand inaugurated and addressed the two-day boot camp of "IM BJP Future Force" at the BJP state office on Saturday. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that after a thousand years of slavery, the country became independent in the year 1947 and the Somnath temple was rebuilt with the money of the people of the country, but for the votes of a particular community, the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru refused to inaugurate the temple. Nehru had sidelined the country's moral values and Sanatan culture for votes. All of you entrepreneurs should work as public servants to protect democracy. To ensure better development of the districts, entrepreneurs and professionals will also be included in the development committees formed in the districts. BJP State President and MP Vishnudutt Sharma said that



Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants the participation of young professionals in the process of governance and policy making. This two-day boot camp is a step in this direction. At the same time, State Organization General Secretary Hitanand, while introducing the policies of BJP to the participants, said that BJP was born on the basis of ideas and for it, the nation has always been first. Prime Minister is serving the public like Vikramaditya - Dr. Mohan Yadav Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that there used to be kings in

the earlier times. The rule was in the hands of one person, if the king was defeated then the whole country used to be captured. The last emperor of India before being enslaved was Prithviraj Chauhan. But the system of governance before this was very good. The system of governance can be understood from the working system of Lord Krishna and Emperor Vikramaditya. Lord Krishna did not capture any state, after killing the wicked, he kept on handing over the power to other people. Similarly, Emperor Vikramaditya had

created Navratnas in his rule. These Navratnas were appointed to serve the public. Vikramaditya, being an emperor, never liked to be called a king or emperor, he preferred to be called a servant of the public. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is serving the public like Vikramaditya and considers himself a servant of the public. He said that I was telling this to you people because until you understand why and how slavery was achieved, you will not understand the true importance of freedom. The invaders ruled over the people and looted India and left. The true power of democracy should lie with the people. Therefore, to protect democracy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for ending nepotism in politics and bringing one lakh such youth into politics whose families are not in politics yet. He said that Jawaharlal Nehru had refused to visit Somnath temple, but the then President Dr. Rajendra Prasad went to Somnath temple and inaugurated it. Congress and its party leaders were opposing

BJP is the world's largest party, welcome to it

BJP's state organization general secretary Hitanand said that Jansangh was established in 1951 and the first election was held in 52. In that election, we got only 3 percent votes, but through elections we were successful in taking our ideology to every home. In the 57 elections, we got 9 percent votes, in 62 we got 16 percent and in the 67 elections we were in a position to represent Madhya Pradesh as a contract government. We gave silent support to the cow protection movement of Karpatri ji Maharaj to the movement of Anna Hazare and Baba Ramdev. We will stand with those who are doing good for the country. Hitanand said that meanwhile in 1977 the Congress government crushed the country's democracy by imposing emergency. At that time Bharatiya Jansangh supported the movement led by Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and merged its party with Janata Party. In 77, Congress lost the elections. Janata Party government was formed, in which our leaders also joined. But that government could last only for three years. Our leaders Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Lal Krishna Advani etc resigned from Janata Party and Bharatiya Janata Party was established on 6 April 1980. In the 80 elections, BJP got only two seats. Hitanand said that when any new work starts, it is first ridiculed. In the 50s and 60s people used to ridicule us. When we came to power in 67, our opposition and suppression started, which continued till after 80.

Ram temple, when the grand Ram temple was built, they did not visit it till date. BJP government took the industrial growth rate of Madhya Pradesh from 0.02 percent to 12 percent. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that the power of power is based on policies, before 2003 there was a Congress government in Madhya Pradesh, but no work was done for the development of the state. When the Bharatiya Janata Party government was formed in 2003,

the industrial growth rate of the state was around 0.02 percent. Due to good governance and welfare policies, the Bharatiya Janata Party has brought Madhya Pradesh to the leading states of the country. At present, the industrial growth rate of Madhya Pradesh has reached 12 percent. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for bringing one lakh professionals, entrepreneurs and talented people from different fields into politics to end nepotism from the politics of the

country because you people from different fields are experts and experts in your respective fields. Policies play an important role in the development of the country and the state. All of you will give important suggestions in the policies made for the development of your respective areas and will play your role in making the policies, due to which the country and the state will progress and the dream of making India a world leader by 2047 will come true.

18 Naxals gunned down in Chhattisgarh by security forces

Raipur (Agency): Security forces dealt a major blow to Maoist insurgency in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, neutralizing 18 Maoists in a fierce encounter in Sukma district on Saturday. The joint operation, conducted by the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and the Central Reserve Police Force's (CRPF) elite CoBRA unit, took place in the Gogunda hills near Uppampalli under Kerlapal police station limits. Two DRG personnel sustained minor injuries and are currently receiving medical treatment.



The anti-Maoist operation launched on March 28 following precise intelligence about the movement of armed cadres in the dense forest. As security personnel closed in on a suspected Maoist hideout early Saturday morning, they came under heavy fire, prompting a prolonged gunfight. In the ensuing exchange, 17 Maoists were killed. Officials estimate that 30-40 insurgents were present, with some managing to escape.

AK 47, SLR, INSAS Rifle along with a large cache of arms and ammunition has been recovered from the encounter site, and verification of the exact quantity is underway. The encounter marks the second major success for security forces within ten days. On March 20, an operation along the Bijapur-Dantewada border led to the elimination of 30

Maoists. One DRG jawan lost his life in that mission, while a substantial stockpile of weapons, including AK-47 rifles and grenades, was seized. The latest operation further consolidates the security forces' control over the region and reinforces the government's intensified efforts to eradicate left-wing extremism from Chhattisgarh. It is noteworthy that Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently reiterated the government's commitment to wiping out Maoist insurgency. Following the March 20 operation, he stated, "India will be Maoist-free before March 31 next year," underscoring the Centre's dual approach of aggressive counter-insurgency measures and rehabilitation policies for surrendering cadres. The Sukma operation is being viewed

as another crucial step toward achieving this objective. In the aftermath of the encounter, additional security reinforcements have been dispatched to the area, and aerial surveillance has been intensified. Search operations have been expanded within a five-kilometer radius to track down any remaining insurgents. A high alert has been issued across the Bastar division to prevent possible retaliatory Maoist attacks. Forensic teams have been deployed to analyze evidence collected from the encounter site. The crackdown comes just ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Chhattisgarh in April, where he is expected to review security measures and highlight the government's development initiatives in Maoist-affected regions.

India launches 'Operation Brahma' to assist quake-hit Myanmar; PM speaks with senior General

New Delhi (Agency): Acting as a first responder, India on Saturday launched "Operation Brahma" to assist the people of neighbouring Myanmar, which was rocked by a massive earthquake on Friday. "Our first tranche of 15 tonnes of relief material, including tents, blankets, sleeping bags, food packets, hygiene kits, generators, and essential medicines has landed in Yangon," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal wrote on 'X'. "Operation Brahma - India acts as a First Responder to assist the people of Myanmar affected by yesterday's massive earthquake," he said. The spokesperson said the first consignment of relief material was formally handed over to Chief Minister of Yangon U Soe Thein by Ambassador Abhay

Thakur in Yangon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with Senior General Min Aung Hlaing of Myanmar on Saturday, a day after the quake hit the Southeast Asian nation. The PM reaffirmed

Conveyed our deep condolences at the loss of lives in the devastating earthquake. As a close friend and neighbour, India stands in solidarity with the people of



India's steadfast commitment as a close friend and neighbour to stand in solidarity with Myanmar during this challenging time. In a post on X, he wrote, "Spoke with Senior General H.E. Min Aung Hlaing of Myanmar.

Myanmar in this difficult hour. Disaster relief material, humanitarian assistance, search & rescue teams are being expeditiously dispatched to the affected areas as part of Operation Brahma."

Sanjay Raut Demands Special Protection For Kunal Kamra

Mumbai (Agency): Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut on Saturday demanded special protection for stand-up comic Kunal Kamra after three more cases were filed against him at Khar police station for his controversial remarks about Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Raut said that just like BJP MP Kangana Ranaut was given protection after her "rift" with the Shiv Sena, Kamra too must be provided the same privilege. "I also demand that the Maharashtra government must provide special protection to Kunal Kamra. Kangana Ranaut was also provided special force for her security when she had a rift with us," Raut said. Meanwhile, three more FIRs have been filed against Kamra. One of the complaints against Kunal Kamra has been filed by the Mayor of Jalgaon city, while the other two complaints were filed by a hotelier and a businessman from Nashik, according



to the Mumbai police. The Mumbai police has asked Kamra to appear on March 31 at Khar police station for further questioning in the case. However, Kamra has failed to appear before the police. However, the Madras High Court granted interim anticipatory bail to stand-up comic Kunal Kamra on Friday in a case relating to jokes supposedly aimed at Maharashtra Deputy CM Eknath Shinde. In his petition seeking transit anticipatory bail filed on Friday, Kamra submitted that he moved to Tamil Nadu from Mumbai in 2021 and had been "ordinarily a resident of this

state (Tamil Nadu) since then" and that he feared arrest and physical torture by the Mumbai police and a threat to his life from the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. Listing out the threats he had received, Kamra told the Madras High Court that he feared that Shiv Sainiks might harm him or his loved ones. Kamra also mentioned that he feared the Mumbai police might arrest him and subject him to physical torture if he had to wait until the Bombay High Court grants him anticipatory bail. As a matter of fact, speaking to media persons in Pune on Thursday, Maharashtra Tourism Minister Shambhuraj Desai had demanded the arrest and torture of Kunal Kamra by "putting him in a tyre and giving him prasad". "We have been asked by Shinde to observe restraint, that is why we are quiet. As Shiv Sena workers, we know how to drag him out from wherever he is hiding, but as ministers we have some restrictions.

Rahul writes to PM, opposes offshore mining permission

New Delhi (Agency): Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, strongly opposing the central government's reported decision to permit offshore mining along the coasts of Kerala, Gujarat, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. "Our coastal communities have been protesting against the manner in which tenders for offshore mining have been floated without evaluating their environmental impact. Millions of fisherfolk have expressed grave concerns (about) its impact on their livelihood and way of life," he said in the letter. Mr Gandhi alleged that tenders were floated without any consultations with the stakeholders or an assessment of the long-term socio-economic impact on coastal communities.



Previous Lalu Prasad Govt in Bihar had sunk state into lawlessness: Nadda

New Delhi (Agency): Hitting out at the RJD, BJP National President and Union Minister JP Nadda on Saturday alleged that the previous Lalu Prasad government in Bihar had sunk the state into lawlessness. Addressing "Ek Bharat - Shreshtha Bharat Sheh Milan Programme" on the occasion of "Bihar Diwas 2025" organised by Delhi BJP's Purvanchal Morcha, Nadda said, "Today we are celebrating Bihar Day, but we have also seen a sinking Bihar during Lalu's regime, where people were afraid to step out of their homes in the evening." "There was a time when it had become difficult for people to even step out after 5 p.m. but

under the NDA government, Bihar has touched new heights of development," he said. "During Lalu's Jungle Raj, kidnapping had become an industry, plung-



ing Bihar into darkness," Nadda said. The BJP National President emphasised Bihar's special significance, whether it is the ini-

tiation of the JP movement or the identity of Nalanda University. "Bihar introduced democracy to the world, and therefore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved to develop Bihar, a goal we all must work towards," Nadda said. He said when the NDA government came to power in Bihar in 2005, the rural road network in Bihar was only 384 km, whereas today 1,12,000 km of roads have been built in the state. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi many new district hospitals were built in Bihar in the double engine government and now Asia's largest hospital is going to be built in Patna," Nadda said.

UP gov't bans illegal slaughterhouses and meat sales near religious places

Lucknow (Agency): The Uttar Pradesh government has ordered the closure of illegal slaughterhouses and banned meat sales within 500 metres of religious places. State Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Amrit Abhijant on Saturday instructed all District Magistrates, Police Commissioners, and Municipal Commissioners to immediately close illegal slaughterhouses and enforce the ban on the sale of meat near religious places. Citing orders issued in 2014 and 2017, the state government has clarified that meat sales near religious places and illegal slaughterhouses will be completely banned. District-level committees have been formed under the chairmanship of District Magistrates to ensure effective implementation of the decision.



Bumper offer given by Yogi government on liquor will ruin future of youth

Both government's destiny and policy are anti-social: Sunil Kumar Pandey Advocate
Government's free liquor scheme play with the health and future of the citizens of the state: Professor B. Singh



After the demonstration, the letter addressed to the Governor was handed over to ADM (NG) of AAP

Staff Reporter Mirzapur. "The Aam Aadmi Party's protests today by the Aam Aadmi Party after the Yogi government made a bumper offer for sale of liquor Hundreds of activists of the Mirzapur Aam Aadmi Party on the call led to a huge demonstration at the district headquarters under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party District President Professor B Singh, and the memorandum addressed to His Excellency Governor was handed over to District Magistrate Mirzapur and demanded effective steps to protect the families being wasted due to liquor while ending the bumper offer given on liquor in Uttar Pradesh and took effective steps and Majesty In the protest demanded to curb the illegal liquor business in Uttar Pradesh by addressing the demand and handed over, hundreds of activists demonstrated peacefully in protest against this social decision of the government by taking anti-government slogans and banners. Addressing the protest, Chief Guest Aam Aadmi Party state secretary Kashi province and district in -charge Sonbhadra Sunil Kumar Pandey Advocate said that Answer Bumper offer on liquor sale by the state government is less condemned by a liquor-free scheme on a liquor. The holy festival of Navratri is coming and the government is engaged in selling liquor in Uttar Pradesh.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has done the work of making them alcoholic by encouraging liquor sales among the youth of Uttar Pradesh, whose Aam Aadmi Party is dawn Condemns The Bharatiya Janata Party had confused the public by spreading a similar false fraud in Delhi by spreading the government of Aam Aadmi Party. But the Bharatiya Janata Party itself is working to encourage the people of Uttar Pradesh under this scheme to increase alcohol addiction, which the Aam Aadmi Party strongly condemns. He gave the tender of current liquor shops 70% shop to liquor women While raising the question mark, where is this Ram state where women will work to sell liquor, both the government's intention and policy is

against the people of the state. Addressing the protest, Aam Aadmi Party Mirzapur District President Professor B Singh said that Yogi Adityanath's government of Uttar Pradesh with a bottle of liquor with a bottle of second and third, not only by weakening the society morally weaken. It has been rather a serious threat to the health and future of the citizens of the state. Encouraging this scheme by the government is a deception of the people of Uttar Pradesh. The Aam Aadmi Party is opposing this liquor policy of Uttar Pradesh government in the entire state today, we are struggling to make Uttar Pradesh alcohol and alcohol free. The government of the Bharatiya Janata Party of Uttar Pradesh to the people of the state To distract attention from necessary and important issues, this method is working to encourage the scheme. The Aam Aadmi Party demands from the Governor of Uttar Pradesh to abolish this liquor policy of the government immediately and take action by investigating a high level committee. Mira Devi Singh Patel District President Women's Cell, Satyam Tripathi, District President Youthwing Bholanath Dhehar, District President Scheduled Caste Tribe Cell Ashok Kumar Kharwar, Alok Dwivedi, Manoj Kumar Gautam, Radheshyam Gautam, Kailash Nath, Gautam Rajapati, Sanu Ali, Manish Yadav, Anand Kumar Singh, Santosh Soni, Mohammad Yasin, Khushboo Bind, Rakesh Upadhyay, Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Sikander Ali, Sunil Kumar, Rajesh Pal, Manbodh Dubey, Manjesh Pal, Manoj Sonkar Tiwari, Chhotalal Tiwari, Ilyas, Ahmed Ghulam Mustafa, Monu Sonkar, Mahesh Sonkar, Kailash Nath, Nasim Ahmed, Ravindra Singh Chadha, District President Business Cell Mirzapur Shahzade Bhai, Jayaprakash Seth, Kallu, Kamal Singh, District Secretary Manish Maurya, Guddu Sharma, Hemant Chauhan, Kalyan, Kalyan, Kalyan, Kalyan, Kalyan, Kalyan, Kalyan, Santosh Pandey, Santosh Yadav, Santosh Yadav, Gulab Maurya, Gulab Maurya, Prince Singh Patel and other work Be present.

Senior litterateur Ganesh Gambhir got literature pride honor in national seminar

Staff Reporter Madihan (Mirzapur). A national seminar was organized on the subject of literature and litterateur Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey at SSPDPG College Tisuih Madihan Mirzapur on Friday. Additional District Officer (currently the Registrar, Maa Vindhwasini University, Mirzapur as the chief guest in this seminar Charge is assumed) Charge) Satya Prakash Singh, senior poet Rajendra Tripathi, Dr. Sheela Singh (Mirzapur), Rajiv Ojha (advisor, editor, critic and daily country path Lucknow), Dr. Shweta Tiwari 'Roshni', Dr. Brijesh Kumar Singham, Gaurish Nandan Pandey, Gaurish Nandan Pandey, Dayan Pandey, Adi was present. Senior litterateur in this program Shri Ganesh Gambhir was honored with Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey named Sahitya Gaurav Samman for his literature creation. Ganesh Gambhir is a resident of Mirzapur district and is currently established



as excellent litterateurs of the country, you are the high paradigm of the new song. In other honors, 15 students were given a citation for their outstanding contribution. Senior litterateur and poet Rajendra Tripathi aka Lallu Tiwari was awarded the nominated Kavi Gaurav Samman by Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey. Dr. Shweta Tiwari (Varanasi) was awarded the Hindi Gaurav Samman named Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey. Also, Rajiv Ojha ji has been awarded Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey named Journalism Gaurav Samman. Nitesh Kumar Pandey, Parvez Alam, Vikas Kumar Maurya, Akanksha Patel, Anjali Jaiswal among those who got citation Stay etc. In the program, ideology was presented on the subject of literature in education. The literature creativity of Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey ji was highlighted. Senior litterateur Ganesh Gambhir ji presented the memories and memoirs related to Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey to everyone. The program was combined by Dr. Bhubaneswar Dwivedi. Shri Dwivedi, Dr. Kshama Shankar Pandey, literature and litterateur in education He enforced the subject on the subject and presented his ideology to everyone. Various types of cultural programs were organized by the students on this occasion.

CDSL IPF conducts Investment Awareness Program in Gorakhpur

Staff Reporter Gorakhpur: In an effort to promote financial awareness among students, CDSL Investor Protection Fund (CDSL IPF) conducted an informative session on investment basics in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. The awareness program was hosted at Academy of Computers, Gorakhpur, where students learned about smart investing and financial planning. The session focused on 'Basics of Investments & Depository Services,' providing key insights into secure investment practices. To make the session more engaging and easy to understand, it was conducted



in Hindi language. Experts explained depository services and investment concepts in a simple manner, helping students build a strong foundation in financial literacy. Investor education plays an important role in financial inclusion. Through such initiatives, CDSL IPF aims to equip individuals with the right knowledge to make informed investment decisions and become an #Atmanirbhar Investor. CDSL IPF will continue its mission of spreading financial awareness by conducting similar programs across different regions throughout the year.

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Chief Minister Youth Entrepreneur to complete 100 percent in Swarozgar Yojana: Commissioner



Commissioner Balakrishna Tripathi giving instructions to the concerned by meeting the divisional industry brothers

Staff Reporter Mirzapur. A meeting of the Divisional Industries Bandhu was held in the Commissioner's Office Auditorium under the chairmanship of Vindhya Mandal Commissioner Balakrishna Tripathi. In the meeting, Mandalayukta said that the goal of Chief Minister Youth Entrepreneur Development Scheme is conducted by campaigning Be sure to complete. Mandalayukta said that the problems of entrepreneurs should be ensured on priority basis, no level they have to wander around. In the meeting, regarding the widening of the route from Prime Minister Road Lohra Canal to Wear Construction Unit, the said action plan was presented in the meeting of Foundation Trust from District Mineral Fund. The route will be renewed as soon as the approval is received. Mohan Das Aggarwal was currently discussed before the committee to develop the Mahay Plan Industrial Area with the Vindhya Development Authority and Entrepreneurs to be identified in a joint survey and proposed scheme.

Meeting of Divisional Industry Bandhu was convened under the chairmanship of the Divisional Commissioner

Discussion and electricity bill regarding electricity connection in Sarojini Inter Prize Mini Industrial Asthan Ramnagar Sikri Discussion was discussed on depositing arrears. Piyush Barnwal emphasized on organizing an awareness workshop by the Central Geological Water Conservation Department, on which the Divisional Commissioner said that the concerned department should organize workshop on the above subjects and bring awareness. Giving information about the progress of single mail system based on investment friend portal, Joint Director Industry was told that one of the pollution control board and other departments Two cases are pending on the respective portal, which will be disposed of under time. The Chief Minister Yuva Swarozgar Yojana, ODP, Discussion was held on the Chief Minister's Youth Development Campaign. In addition to the entrepreneurs of the three districts including Mohan Das Aggarwal, Ashish, Superintendent Engineer Electricity, Public Works Department, Food Village Industries Officer and others related to other related to other related to the meeting.

MSDE Launches DBIM-Compliant Website, Aligning with India's Digital Governance Vision



Staff Reporter Varanasi: In a significant step toward strengthening India's digital governance ecosystem, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today launched its DBIM-compliant website, developed in alignment with the Digital Brand Identity Manual (DBIM) Version 3.0 introduced by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). The newly launched website enhances accessibility, uniformity, and ease of navigation for users, featuring AI-powered search, multi-language support through Bhashini, persona-led navigation, and centralized content management. With its three-click approach, it ensures citizens can seamlessly access essential services and skilling resources. Launching the revamped website, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), MSDE, said: "The DBIM framework strengthens the government's vision of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance' by creating a unified and citizen-centric digital ecosystem. As India's digital economy expands, a standardized and seamless service delivery model is crucial. Our Ministry's website, aligned with DBIM 3.0, ensures that skilling opportunities are more accessible, inclusive, and efficient for every citizen." "Congratulations to the MSDE IT team and NIC for their efforts in making this possible. I encourage all stakeholders to explore the website and leverage its enhanced features for seamless access to skilling initiatives and resources." The MSDE website serves as a one-stop digital hub showcasing all flagship schemes and initiatives of the Ministry, including Skill India Mission, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), and more. Each initiative is seamlessly linked to its respective dashboard, portals, and resources, ensuring real-time access to data, performance metrics, and impact stories. The website's integrated design enhances transparency and enables stakeholders, industries, and citizens to easily explore skilling opportunities, track progress, and engage with government programs more efficiently. The DBIM framework, introduced by MeitY, ensures a consistent digital presence across all government ministries and platforms, fostering a seamless, integrated, and transparent governance approach.

Sensitization meetings should be completed on time: DM

DM took the meeting of district level inter-departmental coordination committee

Staff Reporter Banda. On Saturday, the second district level inter-departmental coordination committee meeting of Communicable Disease Control and Dastak Abhiyan was held in the District Collectorate Auditorium under the chairmanship of District Magistrate J. Reebha. At present, communicable disease control will be run in the district from 01 April to 30 April and Dastak Abhiyan from 10 April to 30 April. In which 13 departments will work together. The District

Magistrate ordered all the departments to complete the remaining sensitization meetings on time. All the Block Development Officers and Executive Officers were ordered to end the situation of water logging in rural and urban areas and ensure that preventive action is completed on priority. The Education Department will give information to children about prevention from communicable diseases and cleanliness in the daily prayer meeting and information about pure drinking water will be given through awareness programs like painting competition, essay writing etc. Encourage children to wear full-sleeved clothes by distributing them. In all the villages of the district, as per the work plan, cleaning of drains, cutting of bushes, spraying of anti-larva

medicine, disposal of water logging, provision of pure drinking water will be made. All the ADO Panchayats have been given the



responsibility for this work. The Health Department and Child Development Services Nutrition Department will distribute posters and pamphlets through Asha and Anganwadi workers in all the blocks and villages and stickers for prevention of communicable diseases will be pasted on those houses where children below 15 years of age are found. Along with this, information will be

given about eliminating the conditions where mosquitoes breed and prevention from mosquitoes by visiting each house. Malnourished

children will be identified and nutrition will be provided. During door to door visits, Asha Anganwadi will prepare a list of fever patients, cough and cold patients, list of people with symptoms of tuberculosis for examination and upload it on e-Kavach portal and in case of fever, people will be informed about treatment in the hospital using 108 ambulance. Nagar Palika and

Nagar Panchayats will do daily cleaning work in urban areas, garbage disposal, cleaning of drains, fogging to prevent mosquitoes and spraying of anti-larva medicine in drains. Agriculture Department and Animal Husbandry Department- Pig farmers in all villages will be sensitized about prevention from communicable diseases. Along with this, the public will be made aware about the diseases spread by rats and mongooses like leptospirosis and scrub typhus. For monitoring the communicable disease control and Dastak Abhiyan, all the Additional Chief Medical Officers and Malaria Filaria Inspectors from the district level have been nominated as Nodal Officers for supervision work. Chief Development Officer Ved

Prakash Maurya, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vijendra Singh, Additional Chief Medical Officer Dr. R.N. Prasad, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. D.C. Dohre, District Development Officer, SMO Dr. Varsha Nair, District Malaria Officer Pooja Ahirwar, Assistant Malaria Officer Vijay Bahadur, District Vector Borne Disease Advisor, Pradeep Kumar and the heads and representatives of the District Panchayat Raj Department, Education Department, ICDS, Urban Development Department, Animal Husbandry Department, Agriculture Department, Water Institute Department and all the Superintendents, In-charge Medical Officers Primary/Health Centers and BPM, VCPM participated in the said meeting.

Student fed up with the harassment of school administration commits suicide, case registered

Staff Reporter Pratappgarh. In Pitaipur village of Mandhata police station area, a 17-year-old student committed suicide after being upset with the harassment of the school administration. The deceased Riya Prajapati was a class 9 student of Kamala Sharan Yadav Inter College. According to the family members, Riya went to school to take the exam at around 8:30 am on Saturday. But the school administration stopped her from taking the exam citing pending education fee. She was humiliated by the manager in front of other students. The mother of the deceased student Poonam Devi has accused the school manager Santosh Kumar Yadav, Bade Babu Deepak Saroj, Principal Rajkumar Yadav, unknown teacher and peon Dhaniram of publicly humiliating her. Threatened that she will not be able to appear in the exam without paying the full fees.

Public enraged by rape and murder of Dalit girl, raised their voice for justice

Staff Reporter Pratappgarh. The incident of gang rape and murder of a Dalit girl in Bansi village of Durgaganj police station area has shaken the entire state. Public anger is increasing against this gruesome crime and people have come out on the streets demanding justice. Former minister Prof. Shivakant Ojha and former block chief Purnashu Ojha, who came to meet the family of the deceased, reacted strongly to the government and

administration and vowed to get the harshest punishment for the culprits. Former minister Shivakant Ojha said that this is not only the fight of one family but of the entire society. We will not tolerate injustice. He assured that this matter will be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister of the state Yogi Adityanath and the Superintendent of Police of the district. He demanded immediate action from the administration and said that the culprits should be arrested as soon as

possible and given strict punishment. The family members allege that the hospital staff showed bias under the pressure of influential people and tried to avoid filing a case. Mr. Ojha said in clear words that strict action should be taken against whoever is involved in this crime, whether it is the criminal or those protecting them. He said that this incident raises a big question on the law and order of the state and any attempt to save the culprits will not be

tolerated. The family members of the deceased say that what happened to their daughter should not happen to anyone else. They have demanded that the culprits be hanged. There is an atmosphere of mourning and anger in the entire village. People are united and raising their voice for justice. The family members have demanded from the administration that they be given security so that they can fight for justice without fear.

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Godrej Properties sells 90 flats in Gurugram

New Delhi (Agency). Despite the slowdown in demand, real estate company Godrej Properties Limited has sold about 90 flats for more than Rs 1,000 crore on the day of launch of its new luxury housing project in Gurugram. Godrej Properties Limited informed the stock exchange on Friday that about 90 flats were sold on the day of launch of the Godrej Astra project located on Golf Course Road. The project is spread over 2.76 acres. The Managing Director of Godrej Properties said that Gurugram is a very important market for Godrej Properties. We hope to further strengthen our presence there in the coming years.

ONGC NTPC Green completes acquisition of Ayana

New Delhi (Agency). ONGC NTPC Green Private Limited (ONGPL) has completed the acquisition of 100 percent stake in Ayana Renewable Power for Rs 6,248.50 crore. ONGPL is a 50:50 joint venture of NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and ONGC Green Limited. NGEL informed the stock exchange that the acquisition was completed for Rs 6,248.50 crore in cash at a price of Rs 23.22 per share. NGEL contributed 50 percent of the total acquisition cost i.e. Rs 3,124.25 crore. Ayana is a leading renewable energy platform. Through this acquisition, NGEL aims to expand its capacity in the renewable energy sector to meet its target of 60 GW of renewable capacity by 2032.

GX Group acquires Ping Communication

New Delhi (Agency). Telecom equipment maker GX Group has acquired Switzerland's broadband and fiber solution provider Ping Communication. The company said that through this it wants to increase its presence in Europe, West Asia and Latin America. A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of GX Group said in a statement that the company will leverage its 'Made in India' products to complement Ping Communication's existing segment. In this way, it will increase revenue to US \$ 50 million in the next two years in the Latin America region. The company, however, did not disclose the financial details of the transaction. He said that after six months, Ping Communication will become part of GX Group. Ping Communication's current revenue is around US \$ 30 million. By complementing its segment with our 'Made in India' products, we expect to increase our revenue to US \$ 50 million by 2026. Ping Communication is part of Norway's Hemgard Group. GX Group was formerly known as Genexis.

None of 12 shortlisted candidates for BSNL chief recommended by selection body



New Delhi (Agency): After shortlisting 12 candidates for the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state-run telecom company Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) earlier this month, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has not recommended any one of those people following a selection meeting Thursday. The PESB has asked the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to decide a future course of action for the selection. The candidates who were shortlisted included senior officials from BSNL and DoT. Current BSNL CMD, Robert Jerard Ravi, is expected to continue in his position. Ravi, deputy director general in the telecom department, was initially given the additional charge as CMD of BSNL and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in July 2024, following the rejection of his predecessor PK Purwar's extension. In January 2025, Ravi's tenure at the position was extended for three more months, until April 14. The PESB had started advertising for the post starting December last year. The development comes as BSNL looks at introducing 4G services in the country. BSNL, struggling with poor infrastructure, has been battered by intense competition from Jio, the wireless arm of Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea which have rolled out 4G and 5G services at low prices. On March 20, the PESB shortlisted 12 candidates for the post: Sandeep Govil, Director (Consumer Mobility), BSNL; Rajiv Kumar, Director (Finance) and CFO, BSNL; Sunil Kumar, Principal General Manager (CFA-F & IA), BSNL; Nitin Ravindra Mahajan, Principal General Manager, Ahmedabad, BSNL; Devendra Kumar Agrawal, Principal General Manager, BSNL; Rajesh Kumar, Principal General Manager-Network-Pune Business Area, BSNL; Vivek Jaiswal, Chief General Manager, BSNL; Heera Singh Bishet, Principal Chief Engineer (Civil), Dehradun, BSNL; Sanjeev Singh, Principal General Manager Transmission, BSNL; Daya Nand Katayyan, Senior General Manager (EB-I & BP Ent), BSNL; Anil Kumar Gupta, Principal General Manager (CFA/Sales & Marketing), Odisha, BSNL; Murali Krishna, Additional Director General, DoT.

Indian companies' fundraising via IPOs, debt soars to new high in FY25, despite market volatility

Mumbai (Agency): Fundraising by Indian corporates touched a record high in fiscal 2024-25, with Rs 3.71 lakh crore being raised through the equity route and Rs 11.12 lakh crore from the debt market. During the ongoing financial year, fund mobilisation through public equity increased by 92 per cent to Rs 3,71,460 crore, compared to Rs 1,90,104 crore in the year-ago period, according to Prime Database. "If rights issues of Rs 16,167 crore (including of Infrastructure

investment trust (InvIT)/ Real estate investment trusts (REITs) were to be added, the overall equity fund raising nearly touched Rs 3.88 lakh crore in 2024-25," said

Pranav Haldea, managing director, PRIME Database Group. Fundraising through debt also reached an all-time high of Rs 11,12,375 crore (including of InvITs/REITs).



Defense Ministry will buy 156 combat helicopters from HAL

New Delhi (Agency). The Ministry of Defense has signed two contracts worth Rs 65,000 crore with Hindustan Aeronautics, which includes 156 light combat helicopters. These helicopters will be supplied to the Indian Air Force and the Indian Army in the next five years. This contract will encourage economic development in India and indigenous interests in defense production. Along with this, many important deals have been made under a public sector for various armed forces, which is an important step towards self-reliance in indigenous defense production. Through these news, the Ministry of Defense of India has once again raised another issue to

celebrate new success towards its continuous efforts. The Ministry of Defense has signed two contracts worth Rs 62,700 crore with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to purchase 156 light combat helicopters (LCH). According to the Ministry of Defense, the first contract is for the supply of 66 Light Combat Helicopters to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the second is for the supply of 90 Light Combat Helicopters to the Indian Army. The supply of these helicopters will start from the third year of the contract and will be completed in the next five years. LCH is India's first indigenously designed and developed combat helicopter, capable of

operating at an altitude of more than 5,000 meters. Most of the components of this helicopter have been designed and manufactured in India and with this procurement process, the helicopter plans to achieve a total indigenous content of more than 65 percent. More than 250 domestic companies will be involved in this, most of which will be MSMEs and it will create more than 8,500 direct and indirect jobs. Meanwhile, the ministry also signed a contract with Metria Management for wet leasing of a Flight Refueling Aircraft (FRA) to provide air-to-air refueling training to the pilots of the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy.

Parliamentary panel flags issues faced by MSMEs, exporters under GST; suggests easier compliance, fast tracking refunds

New Delhi (Agency): The parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has flagged the issues being faced by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and exporters under the indirect tax regime of Goods and Services Tax (GST), asking the Ministry of Finance to implement a simplified compliance framework for smaller businesses, to fast track and automate return filing, refund processing that includes reducing the frequency of return filings and a more straightforward online reporting process. In its report presented to Parliament on Wednesday, the Committee also underlined the need for a dedicated fast-track refund processing system for exporters, ensuring that input tax credit (ITC) claims related

to exports are prioritised and processed within a specified timeframe. The Committee also pointed out that the existing mechanisms for return filing are still inadequate, resulting in prolonged waiting periods for refunds and potential cash flow challenges for businesses. The Committee has recommended to the Ministry of Finance to implement a more efficient and transparent refund processing system with clear timelines for processing claims and regular updates to taxpayers on the status of their refunds. Suggesting use of AI tools for data analytics for more accurate revenue projections, the Committee said the share of indirect taxes in total revenue receipts declined to 36.92 per cent in FY20 from 38.76 per cent in

FY18, with fluctuations observed in subsequent years. The Ministry of Finance in its response to the Committee attributed the decline to macroeconomic factors such as import volumes, global economic conditions, and changes in tax policy, including reductions in duty rates on imports under free trade agreements. The Committee, however, pointed out that the Ministry has not provided a comprehensive strategy to mitigate these influences for a steady growth in indirect tax revenue. "The Committee observed that the Ministry should develop a

proactive strategy that ensures timely assessments of the impact of macroeconomic factors on tax collection and provides an accurate projection of the revenue to be collected, with the help of state of the art data analytics and AI tools," it said. On the issue of multiple registrations required by businesses across states, the Committee raised concerns that the lack of correct procedural validations has led to instances of non-compliance and administrative burdens for businesses. "...these issues not only create confusion for taxpayers but also hinder effective tax administration and the Ministry needs to ensure that taxes due are collected on time. To address this issue, the Committee recommended that the Ministry consider enhancing

the functionality of the GST portal to facilitate easier management of multiple registrations by the same users/companies as permissible under GST Act/Rules, allowing taxpayers to view and manage their registrations in a user-friendly manner," it said. The parliamentary panel also suggested that regular consultations should be held with industry stakeholders to gather feedback on the challenges faced in managing multiple registrations to enable the Ministry to make informed adjustments to the system as needed. It recommended creating a unique business ID for enabling simultaneous tracking of multiple registrations by the same business entity in different states.



PM Internship Scheme Open House: Internship candidates flag age limit, job prospects, few IT sector openings

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New Delhi (Agency): A request to relax the age limit from 24 years to 25 years, doubts over employment prospects after internship and very few openings in the information technology (IT) sector — these were some of the concerns flagged by prospective applicants in 'Candidate Open House for the PM Internship Scheme' organised by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on Thursday. Several attendees asked whether interns would be on the payroll of the companies following the completion of

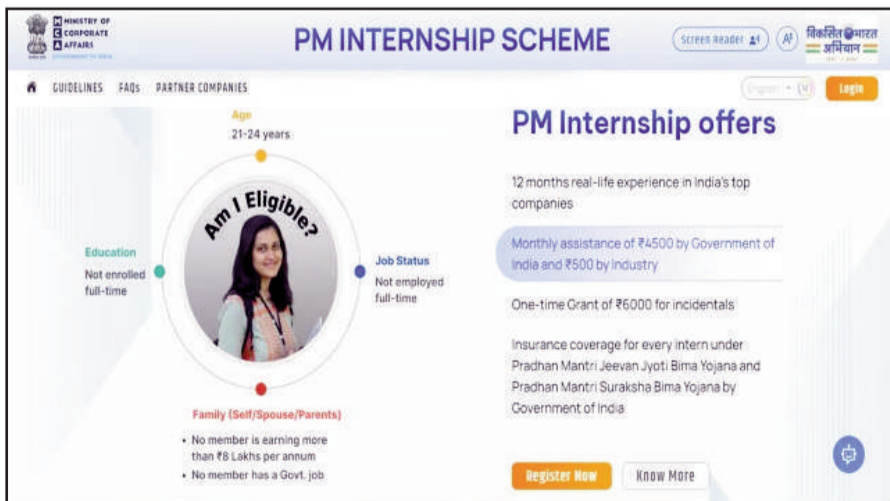
the internship under the PMIS, while some suggested the government should formulate a policy to ensure jobs after internships. In response, officials attending the session said employment post-internship is not guaranteed and that a year-long internship experience will make applicants more employable. "After your internship, it is entirely the company's decision to take you on roll or not. This scheme ensures a 12 month internship and a completion certificate after 12 months," a person involved with the implementation of the scheme said during the session. This was the third such open house session held for the candidates, which saw around 1,700 registrations and more than 1,750 queries. The earlier sessions were held on March 10 and 19. "Internships are a stepping stone to your career. You will get a chance to learn from top companies in India, build networks and gain

experience. This will definitely help you in your career," the person added. The weekly open house session was being held to answer queries regarding the scheme. In the second round of the scheme, which began in January, around 1.18 lakh internship opportunities are up for grabs, spread across 735 districts. The application window for the second round will close on March 31. This comes after a lukewarm

response to the scheme's first pilot round last year when the number of candidates who joined the internship were lower than expected. Earlier, industries have come forward. I appreciate the industry's readiness to come forward and offer positions, but for a country of our size and with the objective that the top 500 companies participate, we still have some way to go," she had said. In the open house session, some attendees also requested raising the age limit from 24 years to 25 years, citing lack of available job opportunities. In

response, officials reiterated that the scheme is only for applicants aged between 21-24 years. "There are very few jobs related to software development here and even in those that are available, 10x more people have applied than the requirement," another attendee said. In the first round of the pilot of the scheme that started in October last year, over 1.27 lakh internship opportunities were provided by companies in 745 districts across the country, as per Ministry of Corporate Affairs data shared with the Parliament's Standing Committee. Around 6.21 lakh applications were received from over 1.8 lakh candidates. Over 82,000 internship offers were made to over 60,000 candidates. Out of this, over 28,000 candidates accepted offers to join the internship but only over 8,700 candidates joined the scheme. The top five companies that have offered internship opportunities

under the first pilot round of the PMIS are: Jubilant Foodworks Limited (14,263 internship opportunities), Maruti Suzuki India Limited (12,444), ONGC Limited (6,020), Reliance Industries Limited (5,000), and Eicher Motors Limited (4,260). As per the region-wise breakup of the 8,725 interns in the first round, Uttar Pradesh led with 1,234 interns, followed by 994 interns in Assam, 715 in Bihar, 693 in Madhya Pradesh and 467 in Odisha. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs 4,500 will be provided per month by the Government of India to selected candidates through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), with an additional Rs 500 offset to be provided by the company's CSR (corporate social responsibility) funds. The government also provides a one-time grant of Rs 6,000 per annum for incidentals to cover miscellaneous expenses incurred by selected candidates during their internship.



India's e-retail market overtakes US with \$60 billion size but growth halves in 2024: Here's why



New Delhi (Agency): Even as India has emerged as a key market for e-commerce, with the sector surging to approximately \$60 billion in gross merchandise value (GMV), boasting the world's second-largest online shopper base, growth in this segment last year halved to 10-12 per cent compared to historical growth rates of 20 per cent, according to a report by Flipkart and Bain & Company. The reason? Higher inflation and a stagnation of real wages, as per the report. However, despite near-term macroeconomic headwinds, the long-term prospects remain strong, the report said. Three key disruptions, quick commerce, trend-first commerce (especially in fashion), and hyper-value commerce, will define the next chapter of growth, it added. India's consumption and discretionary spending have faced headwinds in recent years, with private consumption growth slowing from 11 per cent in the pre-Covid (2017-19) period to around 8 per cent post-Covid (2022-24), the report said. "This decline is driven by higher inflation and a stagnation of real wages. The stress in consumption is evident in e-retail growth in 2024 being 10-12 per cent, compared to historical growth rates of over 20 per cent," it added. However, the recent fiscal and monetary policy interventions are expected to drive a rebound in e-retail growth, especially from the festive period of 2025, on account of revival in the consumption cycle, the report said. The e-retail market is expected to scale to \$170-190 billion by 2030, growing at over 18 per cent annually. Nearly 1 in 10 retail dollars is projected to be spent on e-retail by 2030, fueled by an uptick in discretionary spending as India's GDP per capita crosses the crucial \$3,500-4,000 threshold, a key tipping point observed in e-retail spending globally, the report said. High-frequency categories such as grocery, lifestyle, and general merchandise will drive e-retail growth, accounting for two out of every three dollars spent on e-retail by 2030. These categories are set to see a two- to four-fold increase in e-retail penetration over this period, per the report. There has also been a change in the online shopping landscape in India. "User adoption is already spreading from Tier-2 to Tier-3 cities, with three in five new shoppers since 2020 coming from cities designated Tier-3 or smaller.

EDITORIAL

Dhaka's focus

Bangladesh leader Muhammad Yunus' visit to China this week marks a critical moment in South Asian geopolitics. The interim leader, who came to power after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's forced exit, is signalling a potential shift away from India's traditional influence in Dhaka. China, quick to seize strategic opportunities, is rolling out the red carpet. The stakes are high - not just for Bangladesh but for the entire region. China's deepening ties with Bangladesh are not new. It has long been Dhaka's largest trading partner, its biggest arms supplier, and a key infrastructure investor under the Belt and Road Initiative. However, the current political upheaval offers Beijing a fresh opening. By positioning itself as Bangladesh's go-to partner, China can further entrench its influence in the Bay of Bengal, a crucial maritime region where India, the US, and Japan have strategic interests. For China, the benefits are two-fold. First, a pro-China Bangladeshi leadership could dilute



India's strategic depth in the neighbourhood. Secondly, by strengthening security ties, Beijing can gain access to ports and logistical hubs, boosting its regional presence. Bangladesh, with its geostrategic location, is a vital piece in China's Indo-Pacific puzzle. The

Yunus administration's tilt toward China appears to be driven by political and economic considerations. The new leadership, comprising non-Awami League factions, seeks to recalibrate foreign relations after years of India-centric policies under Sheikh Hasina. However, the timing and nature of this shift raise questions about whether it is a pragmatic diversification strategy or a reactionary move to distance itself from India. Bangladesh's economic realities also play a role. With rising infrastructure debts and an urgent need for foreign investments, Dhaka may find China's financial promises attractive.

The Belt and Road Initiative's renewed push and potential security cooperation agreements could offer short-term economic relief. But the long-term implications - especially the risk of debt dependence - must not be overlooked. Mr Yunus' China visit will likely accelerate regional recalibrations. If Bangladesh formalises security agreements with Beijing, it will trigger concerns in New Delhi. India's historical, cultural, and economic ties with Bangladesh are deep, but geopolitics is driven by realpolitik. A shift in Dhaka's stance could push India to rethink its neighbourhood strategy, strengthening partnerships with Japan, the US, and other Indo-Pacific allies to counterbalance China's inroads. The broader question is whether Bangladesh is truly securing an independent strategic space or merely becoming a pawn in China's expansionist playbook. As Beijing deepens people-to-people exchanges and economic engagements, Dhaka's leaders must carefully navigate this newfound proximity. Sovereignty and strategic autonomy must remain paramount, lest Bangladesh find itself in a geopolitical bind from which exit options are limited. For India, the lesson is clear: complacency is not an option. A more proactive and flexible approach is needed to counterbalance China's influence in the region. The Dhaka-Beijing equation is evolving, and New Delhi must be prepared to recalibrate its own playbook accordingly.

Rajasthan's Coaching Centre Bill lets down the very students it claims to protect

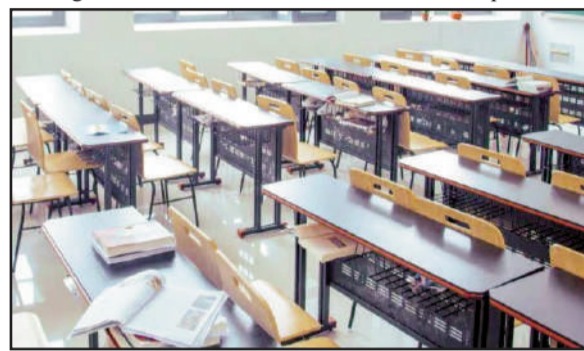
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The Rajasthan Coaching Centres (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025, recently tabled in the state assembly has led to much debate and caused valid concern. Intended to rein in the coaching industry and its exploitative practices, the Bill was projected to be a welfare measure for students. However, given the devastating history of student suicides in coaching centres, questions have been raised about clauses that were initially proposed and then dropped by the government. These concerned the age limit of 16 years and a mandatory admission test to see if the candidate had the basic knowledge, aptitude and interest required for entrance examinations in medicine, engineering or law.

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One recalls the surreal photograph of a "safety net" cast over the open terrace of a coaching centre when, two years ago, a public outcry had led to demands to make the buildings "suicide proof". This Bill seems to be framing and tackling the "problem" through mechanical solutions, with similar uncaring complacency. Measures like mandating registration, limiting classes to five hours a day, no tests on Sundays, "remedial" classes for those who lag behind, provisions for counselling, allowing refunds if students leave midway, and penalties for violations may sound reasonable, but can these change the toxic ecosystem of the industry? Is it not unreasonable to assume that a few rules can transform the experience of being trapped in a cut-throat environment to that of flourishing in a nurturing nest? Indeed, it is a cruel gamble, when children know that their families have mortgaged their land and a

future, without even knowing if they can or wish to undergo the unrelenting drilling required for the NEET or JEE. They are deprived of a friendly environment, where peer support - which is known to help children learn better and deeper, through discussion, explorations and creative curiosity - is missing. Students confess that



they feel lonely in these regimented confines, where they are advised not to waste time building friendships with those who are competitors. They are burdened with the moral and economic responsibility of not letting their parents' aspirations and investment go down the drain. When they do not qualify in the first go, they feel obliged to work harder the next year, spending still more money. But the coaching and extracting carries on, knowing well that the students' chances of making it are indeed minuscule. No one shares with the students the probabilities of getting admission to a public university or college for medicine or engineering. Incidentally, after the NEET results fiasco last year, it was publicly discussed how half the NEET seats are in private institutes and are virtually "reserved" for a very small percentage of those who qualify (even with very low marks) and can pay lakhs, or even crores, as fees. Many students had strongly protested about serious test

anomalies, and the Supreme Court hearings had revealed critical data that needed more analysis, investigation, public dissemination and serious action. Unfortunately, the judgment let the students down, burying the problematic implications of a centralised National Testing Agency conducting mega tests with multiple-choice

questions, which do not assess students' understanding but promote test-drilling by a commercialised coaching industry. More worryingly, this ecosystem devalues the process of schooling itself, with no cognisance of performance in school-leaving examinations. It has also led to a huge shadow industry of "dummy" schools linked to coaching institutes, which are paid to provide false attendance records of young children, for when they later take the board examinations. However, the Union government continues to push for centralisation - it has mandated the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission to Central and other universities, which exacerbates commercialisation, privileges those from schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and disadvantages students from state boards. It also disadvantages girls and those without digital devices, who cannot pay for coaching in online test-taking. I have met young students in

smaller cities and towns being sent to coaching institutes. They are trained to "crack" (an unfortunately violent goal!) the professional entrance tests - with a narrow and early focus on science and mathematics. They are deprived of learning the humanities, social sciences and the arts, along with other curricular activities. Ironically, in a recent television discussion on the Rajasthan Bill, a representative of the coaching industry justified it on the grounds of the child's right to be coached! No age limit should be set at 16 years; according to him, younger children with inadequate schooling, parents who are not educated or are busy working, need a coaching institute for board examinations. Social expectations and opinions are shaped by front-page advertisements and social media narratives, whereby children become pawns in mega gambles, and are made to feel solely responsible for winning or losing the game, with lifelong repercussions. Moreover, state governments are not only supporting the coaching industry and absolving themselves of the duty to ensure the rights of children and their constitutional role in providing quality, inclusive education to all. They also accord legitimacy to coaching institutes and draw on their employees, instead of investing in and developing professionally trained teachers. Last year, the Bihar government put out a Request For Proposal for the "Empanelment of Professional Educational Institutes for Academic Support" for 9,000 senior secondary schools.

Kim Jong's AI weapon has put countries of the world including America in panic

North Korea's well-known dictator Kim Jong Un has claimed to make deadly nuclear weapons with the help of AI. To deal with the kind of bullying that US President Donald Trump is showing, the North Korean dictator has now also geared up. Kim Jong Un has challenged American dictator Trump and said that he is ready to fight America in every way. Kim Jong has prepared suicide nuclear drones through AI technology. Which are currently proving to be very deadly. According to North Korea's official news agency Korean Central News Agency, unmanned equipment and AI technology are being given special importance by the North Korean government in the development of modern weapons. This claim of North Korea is creating a new fear in most countries of the world including America. According to the news agency, Kim Jong has completed the inspection and testing of the new advanced spy drone. This state-of-the-art drone of North Korea is capable of monitoring the activities of enemy bases on land and sea as well as attacking when needed. The new weapons developed in North Korea have proved effective during testing in sea, land and air. The production of smart drones in North Korea has been accelerated. The production of weapons with new technology has been given top national priority.

Lapse Exposed

The accidental inclusion of journalist Jeffrey Goldberg in a high-level online group chat involving top US officials has raised critical concerns about the handling of sensitive national security communications. The chat, set up by National Security Advisor Mike Waltz, reportedly included discussions on military operations and intelligence matters before the US strike on Yemen. While some have brushed it off as a minor technical mistake, the incident exposes deeper vulnerabilities in how the administration safeguards classified conversations. Despite the potential implications, President Donald Trump has downplayed the mishap, calling it a "glitch" and reaffirming his confidence in Mr Waltz. However, this nonchalant response does little to address the real issue: how such a serious oversight occurred in the first place. CIA Director John Ratcliffe and Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard assured lawmakers during a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing that no classified information was compromised, but their reassurances did not entirely quell concerns. Key senators, particularly Michael Bennet and Jon Ossoff, criticized the incident as symptomatic of poor operational security within the administration. Mr Ossoff went further, calling it an example of "sloppiness" that should never happen at the highest levels of government. Their concerns are justified. While the particular app used offers end-to-end encryption, it is still a commercial platform not specifically designed for handling highly classified government discussions. The very fact that a journalist could inadvertently be included in such a group chat suggests a troubling lack of internal safeguards. This episode also raises broader questions about how modern communication tools are integrated into government operations. The increasing use of encrypted messaging apps by officials may be convenient, but it also brings risks if not properly regulated.

The administration must ask itself whether its current approach to digital security is robust enough or if it is relying too heavily on platforms that are not designed for secure government use. The consequences of such lapses can be severe. Even if no classified information was leaked, the incident serves as a warning. Unauthorised access to sensitive discussions - especially those involving national security - could have far-reaching implications. The US government must take immediate steps to review and reinforce its communication protocols, ensuring that similar breaches do not happen again. The incident also raises serious concerns about internal security protocols within intelligence agencies. The revelation demands a broader review of cyber-security measures and internal oversight mechanisms to prevent such lapses. This is not just about a single mistake by an official or a minor technical error. It is about the credibility and security of the administration's national defence apparatus. National Security Advisor Mike Waltz may have taken responsibility, but that alone is not enough. A comprehensive review, stricter enforcement of communication protocols, and a shift toward more secure, government-approved platforms are necessary. Anything less would leave the door open for another mistake.

A walk for the cause of water conservation

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The initiative of Jal Sahelis or water volunteers in Central India has won widespread appreciation in India. Several of them have received awards for their inspirational work. When last year the Prime Minister also expressed his admiration for these efforts, this further encouraged Jal Sahelis who decided to take up a significant project at a wider level. This initiative has been mobilized by the Parmarth voluntary organization mainly in the Bundelkhand region, under its director Sanjay Singh.

So far, the presence of Jal Sahelis had been seen and admired for village-level initiatives. Perhaps a time had come now for realizing their wider collective strength to strengthen water conservation efforts and programmes. After considerable discussion, senior members of the Parmarth team like Sanjay Singh and Gaurav Pandey came up with the idea of a foot march that would bring together a large number of Jal Sahelis to be together for a number of days, reaching village after village to know about water-related problems there and suggest solutions on the basis of the inspirational work they had been carrying out in their own villages for some years.

This, it was hoped, would also strengthen their own sense of solidarity and empower them in terms of the realization of their unity and co-operation. Bundelkhand region, comprising 14 districts of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, has often been in the news due to water scarcity but at the same time it should be emphasised that this region has important assets and strengths which if tapped properly can end this scarcity. However the solutions must be based on several specific features of the region and a lot can be learnt from traditional wisdom of conserving water and collecting water, particularly in tanks.

A significant number of such tanks go back about a thousand years to the times of Chandela kings. It has been learnt that the restoration of several of these damaged and depleted water sources provides one of the best ways of meeting the water needs of the Bundelkhand region. Another good option is to revive and rejuvenate several small rivers which used to be the lifeline for many remote villages but have been harmed to the extent of almost vanishing due to over-exploitation, excessive sand-mining, encroachments and other factors. Parmarth is a leading voluntary organization of the region which has worked in cooperation with the gov-

ernment and local communities to improve water conservation in about 100 villages, helping to renovate about 100 tanks, apart from taking up the rejuvenation of six small rivers. An important plank of this work has been the mobilization of Jal Sahelis, recognized by their sky blue dress, who have been involved in important initiatives of river rejuvenation and tank restoration, apart from improv-



ing water supply and sanitation. Once the idea of a march was born, there were several discussions on its planning in the course of which the idea continued to get bigger and finally a foot-march of about 300 km was planned. Finally this march of Jal Sahelis, called a Jal Sarankshan Yatra or water conservation march, took place recently from Orchha to Jaishankar Dham, covering about a 300-km distance in five districts - Niwari, Tikamgarh and Chhatrapur in Madhya Pradesh, and Jhansi and Lalitpur in Uttar Pradesh. While about 100 Jal Sahelis covered the entire distance, about 200 joined them for shorter intervals. In addition many local people including women joined from one village to another or for longer stretches. At various places along the route Jal chaulpas or water dialogues were organized in which various aspects of water conservation were discussed. The Jal Sahelis shared about their own work and also learnt about local

initiatives. In the process information about the local water sources was also collected along with suggestions regarding the improvement efforts that were needed.

Such detailed information collected on the basis of interactions with local people can be very useful for improvement or restoration work. What is more, whenever time permitted, some work was also taken up for cleaning up or for preventing wastage of water. The response of villagers, including village leaders, panchayat representatives, women and youth, along the route was very encouraging. They made arrangements for food and organized ceremonies for paying their respect to marchers. Frequently they showered flower petals on the marchers. All this attracted a lot of attention and support for the cause of water conservation and renovation of traditional water sources and protection of rivers. A big achievement of the march was that in the course of this march nearly 400 more women came forward in the villages covered by the march to enlist themselves as Jal Sahelis of the near future. As the tasks of water conservation have been identified and as future water volunteers have also been identified, it is likely that solutions to water-related problems in these villages will be found soon.

As a follow-up measure, dialogues with water authorities in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for resolving many of these problems are also being taken up. The morale of the women marchers remained at a high level throughout the march, despite the very tiring schedule. In the evenings, on most days, a review meeting was also held to resolve any problems seen during the day, or to make further improvements. The director of Parmarth Sanjay Singh and several other members also walked with the marchers almost right through the march.

These marches can be a very good way of taking the message of water conservation to people in remote villages and also to spread inspirational information regarding some of the remarkably successful efforts of villagers and particularly village women in the recent past. These can lead to more such efforts by other people. It is really a remarkable achievement that these women not only contributed voluntary work earlier but in addition have also found the time and the energy to come out for a much longer period, despite many farm and family responsibilities, for a wider social cause. Such efforts should be widely encouraged.

BRIEFS

Protest against Mamata Banerjee in Oxford

London (Agency). West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee faced protest during her speech at Oxford University's Kellogg College. Some protesters raised questions about the violence in Bengal, RG Kar College rape-murder case and crime against women in Sandeshkhali. Mamata said that you know that this matter is in the court and this case is not in our hands, rather the central government has taken it in its hands. When the protesting students did not calm down, Mamata Banerjee said that do not do politics here, this is not a platform for politics. Come to my state and do politics with me. Mamata had to stop the speech due to the ruckus of the protesters. This protest has been done by the Students Federation of India. The student organization said that we were protesting against the false claims of Mamata Banerjee.

The fire in South Korea's forest is not stopping, 26 dead, 30 burnt

Seoul (Agency). The fire in South Korea's southeastern province North Gyeongsang is getting out of control. Now 26 people have died here while 30 people have been badly burnt. Firefighters are using helicopters. According to government data, the forest fire in the region since last Friday has caused massive destruction and about 36,000 hectares of forest has been burnt to ashes. This fire is affecting about 13,000 hectares more area than the forest fire on the east coast in 2000. 23,794 hectares of forest was burnt in the fire at that time. According to reports, forest officials started sending helicopters, fire engines and firefighters at 6:30 am on Saturday to control the fire in Uiseong County, about 180 km southeast of Seoul. The fire spread quickly due to strong winds. According to weather officials, about 5 mm of rain is expected in North Gyeongsang Province. The fire in the province is estimated to have killed 21 people, of which four died in Andong and eight in Yeongdeok County.

NATO alliance reversed its own decision, Ukraine suffered a setback

Kiev (Agency). Member countries of the NATO alliance, including European countries, are reportedly withdrawing from their plan, under which military aid was planned to be given to Ukraine. Earlier there were reports that in case of a peace agreement, European countries would deploy troops and provide military assistance to Ukraine to protect it from future Russian aggression, but now this plan seems to be falling apart. Ukraine has suffered a major setback due to this move by NATO countries. According to media reports, European leaders are now considering the challenges of sending troops proposed by Britain and France in the changed geopolitical circumstances, and are working on a plan to reverse it.

Trump confident on India trade deal, hails Modi as 'very smart' man

Washington (Agency): US President Donald Trump expressed confidence that ongoing trade negotiations between the United States and India will reach a positive resolution, despite his longstanding criticisms of India's high tariffs on American goods. During a press briefing at the White House, Trump referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "very smart man" and a "great friend," emphasizing that discussions on tariffs were progressing well. "Prime Minister Modi was here just recently, and we have always been very good friends," Trump said. His remarks underscore the significance of the bilateral relationship, which has been under strain due to trade disagreements. "India is one of the highest tariffing nations in the world... it's brutal. They're very smart. He (Modi) is a very smart man and a great friend of mine. We had very good talks. I think it's going to work out very well between India and our country," Trump continued. The comments came after a series of meetings between the two countries over months, aimed at addressing issues such as market access, reciprocal tariffs, and the broader trade deficit. Modi's visit to Washington in February

marked a key moment in these discussions, which have seen both sides attempting to bridge differences on tariffs, especially on sectors such as automobiles, agriculture, and alcohol. Trump's repeated criticism of



India's tariff policies has been a central theme of his administration's approach to trade with the South Asian nation. Earlier, Trump had described India as a "high-tariff nation," highlighting his intention to introduce reciprocal tariffs, which would take effect on April 2. These tariffs are designed to match the duties imposed by other countries, including India, on US exports. Despite the tensions, Trump remains optimistic about the prospects for a successful outcome. "I think it's going to work out very well," he said, adding praise for India's

leadership. "I want to say you have a great prime minister." Indian trade negotiators have recently sought details on US implementation plans for the reciprocal tariffs. However, US counterparts have remained

focused on discussing the scope of the deal, revealing little about reciprocal tariffs that India is keen to avoid. This has raised concerns among Indian trade officials that the US could use reciprocal tariffs as leverage to push for an early conclusion of the deal on goods, where it has sought broad market access in sectors including automobiles, whisky, and agriculture. "The Indian side has sought details on the implementation plans for reciprocal tariffs, as there is a lack of clarity on whether the new tariffs will be applied sector-wise or at a national level.

Australia's Albanese starts election campaign touting healthcare credentials

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese touted his Labor party's credentials on affordable healthcare on Saturday, the first full day of campaigning for a general election expected to focus on the cost of living. Albanese on Friday called the election for May 3 as his centre-left Labor runs neck-and-neck in opinion polls with the Liberal-National opposition, led by Peter Dutton. Dutton has centered his campaign on a housing crisis, arguing that home ownership is becoming unattainable. After enjoying a strong lead for much of his term, Albanese's personal approval ratings have now narrowed, bringing him close to Dutton, a former police officer and defense minister in the last conservative government. Labor, which pledged an additional A\$8.5 billion (\$5.3 billion) for Medicare in February, emphasizes its commitment to Australia's universal healthcare system as a key point of difference from the Liberal-National coalition. The



opposition, on the other hand, argues it is better suited to manage the economy and border security. "At this election, this little card here, your Medicare card, is what is at stake," Albanese said while campaigning in Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, in Dutton's electorate. Medicare, established by Labor in 1984, provides Australians and some overseas visitors with access to a range of health and hospital services at low or no cost. Meanwhile, Dutton, also campaigning in Brisbane, stated, "I want to make sure that it's easier, not harder, for Australians, and this election really is about who can manage the economy."

Poor woman turned out to be the owner of crores



London (Agency). People considered 98-year-old Hilda Levy, who lived in Kent, England, a poor woman. No one had thought that she could be the owner of crores. But when her will was opened after her death, everyone present there was shocked. The will revealed that Hilda had assets worth 1.4 million pounds i.e. about Rs 16 crore. It was made clear in Hilda Levy's will that a large part of her property would be donated to social service. She gave about Rs 5.5 crore to her friends and Canterbury Hospital. Apart from this, about Rs 3 crore was donated to Whitable Healthcare and Murrayfields Eye Hospital in London. When this news spread, people were shocked that the woman they considered simple and needy was actually the owner of crores. On investigating Hilda's life, it was found that she came to England from Germany as a refugee in the 1930s. Her family died in the Holocaust, and she became an orphan. A woman named Alan Jeffrey adopted her in England and since then she spent her life there.

US Securities and Exchange Commission beginning to onboard DOGE staff, email says

Washington (Agency): The US Securities and Exchange Commission is beginning to onboard officials with billionaire Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, according to an email sent on Friday to department staff. SEC staff were informed that the DOGE task force had contacted the regulator, and that they would be treated as staff for the purposes of network, system and data access. The SEC is establishing a liaison team with the "intent to partner" with DOGE, the email said. The email was first reported by Reuters.

"Our intent will be to partner with the DOGE representatives and cooperate with their request following normal processes for ethics requirements, IT security or system training, and establishing their need to know before granting access to restricted systems and data," the staff email stated. A spokesperson for the SEC confirmed that it was beginning to onboard DOGE members. A spokesperson for the DOGE task force did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The SEC did not immediately respond for



comment on what role, if any, Musk would play at the agency as part of DOGE. Musk did not immediately respond to a request

for comment. As the nation's top markets regulator, the SEC is privy to swaths of nonpublic data from banks, public companies,

private funds and others, including confidential information about initial public offerings and supervisory examination records. DOGE officials were expected to primarily work through the SEC's liaison team, but staff may be contacted directly, the email stated. In those events, staff were told to "respond courteously" and gather information about any DOGE requests, but "please do not provide any substantive information" without first consulting the SEC's liaison team. The arrival of DOGE officials

comes as the SEC is already undergoing a significant overhaul, as the agency shrinks amid restructurings and voluntary buyouts. Over 600 people have agreed to leave the agency under resignation incentive programs, which accounts for roughly 12% of its staff, according to the agency's latest budget report to Congress. The SEC has its budget set by Congress, but the actual funding comes from transaction fees imposed on the financial sector, meaning its operations ultimately cost the taxpayer nothing, according to the agency.

Terrorist Mahal Singh dies in Pakistan

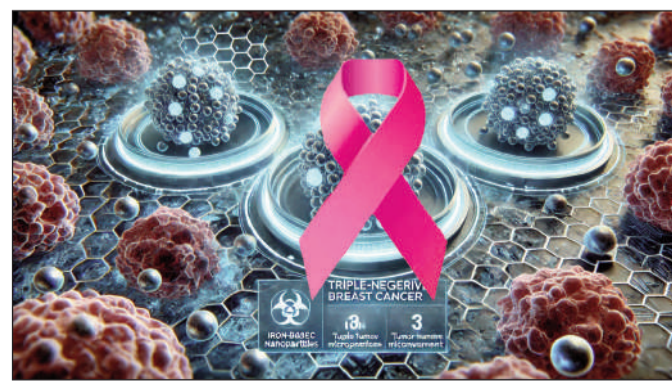
Lahore (Agency). Terrorist Mahal Singh Babbar, the mastermind of the murder of former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh, died in Pakistan. Both his kidneys had failed. He was admitted to a private hospital in Lahore. Cases have been registered against Mahal Singh Babbar for carrying out several major terrorist incidents in Amritsar, Jalandhar, Gurdaspur, Faridkot, Ferozepur. As soon as Beant Singh's government was formed, he was declared the deputy chief of BKI. In the year 1993, he fled to Pakistan to escape the police. This terrorist has been known as the mastermind in the murder of former Chief Minister Beant Singh.



Relief workers engaged in search at the site of missing US military vehicles in Lithuania.

Nanoparticles will treat the deadly form of breast cancer, researchers are doing research

Sydney (Agency). Australian researchers are developing nanoparticles to treat triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC), one of the most deadly forms of breast cancer. According to media reports, researchers are designing a new iron-based nanoparticles, or nano-adjuvants. Under this, thousands of nanoparticles can be fitted on a single fiber of hair. Its purpose is to strengthen the body's immune response against TNBC. According to the AIBN professor in the report, unlike other breast cancers, TNBC lacks the proteins targeted by some conventional treatments used against other



cancers, making effective treatment a challenge. He said that despite immunotherapy, its effectiveness against triple-negative breast cancer is

extremely limited. This does not lead to effective treatment. In such a situation, new options are being sought through research. According to the professor, the

nanoparticles are designed to enhance the activities of white blood cells used by the immune system to fight T-cells within the tumor microenvironment. This increases the immune system's ability to recognize and attack cancer cells. The aim of this research project is to make the treatment of breast cancer more effective. This new initiative will pave new ways not only for TNBC, but also for the treatment of ovarian cancer. It is expected that this success will change cancer treatment by making immunotherapy more effective.

Atheist journalist reveals the reality of the world after death

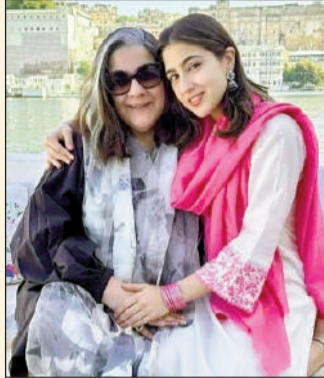


London (Agency). Atheist legal journalist Lee Strobel, who earlier did not believe in God, now believes that the world after death is a reality and he has proof of it. In his new book "Seeing the Supernatural: Investigating Angels, Demons, Mystical Dreams, Near-Death Experiences, and Other Mysteries of the Unseen World", he has investigated incidents that indicate the presence of supernatural powers. Strobel studied many near-death experiences that science has not been able to understand till date. Giving the example of a woman, he wrote that when she came close to death, she saw a white tunnel, where the image of the Virgin Mary emerged. The woman told that she was surrounded by a wonderful light, which made her realize all the good and bad deeds of her life. In another shocking incident, a blind woman named Vicky, who

had not seen anything for 22 years, suddenly started hovering over her body after a car accident. She was able to see doctors treating her while her body lay unconscious. When she regained consciousness, she gave such an accurate description of her friends and the scene that everyone was shocked to know. But not every experience was so pleasant. Professor Howard Storm of Northern Kentucky University also shared his incident of coming close to death. He told how he followed some mysterious shadows, which led him to a dark corridor. Suddenly, he was attacked by ghostly figures, who hit, dragged and injured him. In fear, he called out to God, then a divine light came and he was saved. There are many more incidents recorded in Strobel's book, which claim to prove that life after death is not just a fantasy, but a reality.

Sara Ali Khan can't spend a penny without mom Amrita Singh's approval, says GPay is linked to mom's phone: 'I can't even book a ticket without her'

Actor Sara Ali Khan spent months promoting her 2023 film Zara Hatke Zara Bachke, where she played a middle-class woman and during the course of the promotions, Sara decided to share her frugal side with her fans. At this time, Sara was heard talking about not buying international roaming when she is traveling abroad, or not letting her mother Amrita Singh purchase expensive towels because she is very careful about her money. In a recent interview, Sara shared that her mother manages her money to an extent that even her Google Pay account is linked to her mother's phone, and she can't buy anything without her mother getting to know about it. Talking at Times Now Summit 2025, Sara described herself as "frugal" and said, "I am aware and mindful about where I spend my money. I don't enjoy spending money frivolously. But, yes, of course, I think a little bit of splurging, celebrating, if you want to, why not?" Sara shared that since she loves to travel, she likes to save money for that. The actor was then asked about her money management and she shared, "I have learnt about the pie. I have learnt that you should invest small amounts in different sectors. Of course, one is advised. My mom handles my money entirely. Even my GPay account is linked to her... The OTPs come on her phone." The interviewer was shocked to hear this and wondered if Sara was getting pocket money from her mother. The actor shared, "Pocket money? I can't even book a ticket without the OTP." She added that she also invests in real estate, stock market, gold bonds, among other things. During an appearance on Kapil Sharma's show, Vicky Kaushal shared that Sara Ali Khan is very strict with her mother about buying expensive things. "Ye Amrita maam ko daant rahi thi. Maine poocha kya ho gaya. Boli mummy ko akal hi nahi hai; 1600 rupaiye ka toliya le aayi hai. Mummy ko jhaad rahi hai (She was scolding Amrita maam. I asked what happened and she said mom doesn't use her brains, she has bought a towel for Rs 1600. She was ripping into her mother)," Vicky shared. Sara replied by saying, "Arre 1600 rupaiye ka toliya kaun kharidta hai. Vanity van mein muft ke 2-3 toliye taang ke rakhte hai ye log, unhi me se koi use kar lo (Who buys a towel for Rs 1600. Vanity van always have 2-3 towels; use those)."



Sara Ali Khan and Amrita Singh together.

Jewel Thief The Heist Begins: Saif Ali Khan is ready for his comeback after knife attack, film gets release date

Actor Saif Ali Khan is all set for his comeback after the knife attack earlier this year. He will star in the upcoming heist thriller Jewel Thief - The Heist Begins, alongside Jaideep Ahlawat, Kunal Kapoor, and Nikita Dutta in key roles. The movie is set to premiere on Netflix on April 25, 2025. Directed by Kookie Gulati and Robbie Grewal, Jewel Thief sees

Saif play a suave conman in a high-stakes battle against Jaideep, who plays a mafia boss. Netflix dropped the film's latest poster with the caption, "The bigger the risk, the sweeter the steal. Aa raha hai the incredible Jewel Thief. Watch Jewel Thief, out 25 April, only on Netflix." Speaking about Jewel Thief - The Heist Begins, Saif Ali Khan said in a statement, "Reuniting with



Sid Anand has always felt like coming home — he knows how to blend action, style, and storytelling in a way that's truly special. With Jewel Thief, we've pushed the envelope and had a blast doing it. Sharing the screen with Jaideep Ahlawat, who brings such depth and unpredictability, made the experience even more exciting. I can't wait for audiences to join us on this thrilling ride on Netflix." Jaideep Ahlawat added, "A film that is so interesting, challenging, and as exciting

as any project or role of mine. It's the experience of getting into a new universe with a bunch of people that are as excited as you to deliver the best. The heist film was something I always wanted to explore, and what better than collaborating with the best co-star and makers like Saif and Siddharth? We had a blast on set, teamwork determines how a film comes to life.

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Shruthi Narayanan reacts to leaked casting couch video: 'See the videos of your mother, sister or girlfriend...'

Actor Shruthi Narayanan has spoken out a day after her alleged casting couch video leaked online. Shruthi took to her Instagram Stories to share a note claiming it is a hard time for her and her family. She also urged people to stop sharing the leaked video and warned of legal action. In a note, Shruthi wrote, "For you guys, spreading all these contents on me... it's just a joke and fun content. But for me and my close ones this is a very hard situation." Calling it a difficult time for her, Shruthi said, "I am also a girl and

feelings. You guys make it worse." At the end of her note, Shruthi requested people to not share her video. She expressed anger and said, "See the videos of your mother, sister, or girlfriend, because they have same body as me." In another story, Shruthi Narayanan shared that sharing such leaked videos can ruin someone's life. She wrote, "Start being human, sharing leaked videos, whether real or deepfake, is a criminal offense in India. Here are the legal

provisions under which action can be taken." Shruthi further shared a list of actions that can be taken against people involved in sharing the video in question. Shruthi Narayanan began her career with Tamil TV shows. She rose to fame with the serial Siragadikka Aasai.



Shruthi Narayanan shared a long note on her Instagram Story after her alleged casting couch video leaked online.

Deva: Shahid Kapoor, Pooja Hegde's box office dud gets OTT release



The Shahid Kapoor-starrer action thriller Deva is all to release on streaming. After a disappointing theatrical run that began on January 31, the film is now set to premiere on Netflix. The streaming platform took to its official Instagram account to share the details.

Deva, which marks Rosshan Andrews' Hindi directorial debut stars Shahid in the role of a cop, along with Pooja Hegde, Kubbra Sait, and Pavail Gulati in supporting roles. On Thursday, Netflix India shared the poster of Deva on their Instagram account and wrote the lyrics of a song from the music album of the film, "Bhasad macha Trigger chala Deva aa raha hai." The poster reads the OTT release date of Deva as March 28.

In the film, Shahid plays ACP Dev Ambre, a man who loses his memory while trying to solve his best friend's murder. Pooja plays his lover, a reporter named Diya Sathaye. Deva is also said to be the remake of 2013 Malayalam movie Mumbai Police 'with modified climax, and refinement of narration & screenplay'.

Black Bag movie review: Michael Fassbender, Cate Blanchett salvage Steven Soderbergh film

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Black Bag — and that's not the only departure from James Bond in this cloak-and-few-daggers spy movie that is based geographically just a few blocks down from 007. The other is its stars — not one, but two — Fassbender and Blanchett, lean, immaculate conceptions on whose sharp cheekbones alone one could hang a film. George (Fassbender) and Kathryn (Blanchett) are married to each other and work together in the spy business. It's hard to trust either — and anyone else — as Soderbergh and his frequent collaborator, screenwriter David Koepf, establish early on, during a thrilling dinner where one is not sure whose head will be served on a platter. Soderbergh is a director with a unique, intimate perspective all his own, particularly when it comes to relationships. Black Bag is no different, even though the film must — as a spy film must — conjure up a world threat. The spy game in this case is about a device called

Severus which, if it fell into the wrong hands, could cause the wrong nuclear reactor in the wrong country to melt. And so, of course, Severus does get passed around a lot of wrong hands. The intrigue lies in who in the spy business is complicit and how. George is told early on that Kathryn is among the suspects, and he goes on to tell her very, very meaningfully that "I will do anything for you... even kill." As long as you keep your eyes on Fassbender and Blanchett — not a hard task at all — and the film's talented supporting cast, and are in step with its subtle un-seriousness, you may be able to forgive its underwhelming ambitions and almost dull action. Russia, though, gets its usual beating over the man-who-is-not-named (Putin) who provoked a war-that-is-senseless (Ukraine). The other actors here include James Bond veterans Pierce Brosnan and Naomie Harris, and Marisa Abela who carries the same unmistakable sexiness and knowing confidence that made her a standout in the series Industry. Tom Burke and Rege Jean Page make up the other members of the spy group who may know "the perfect" George and Kathryn as well as they think they do — or may not.



Holland movie review: Horrid but not horrific, new Nicole Kidman film has little to say about anything

After breaking out with the horror-thriller Fresh a few years ago — this was the movie in which Daisy Edgar-Jones played a young woman on a blind date with a man who turns out to be a cannibal — director Mimi Cave stays firmly in her comfort zone with her sophomore project, this week's Holland. The cast is bigger, as is the budget and the scale. Fresh was mostly restricted to one large house, where the predatory male protagonist would lure his female prey and then, literally feast on them. An entire suburban town serves as Cave's playground this time around; and at least one of its citizens is a killer of women.

Nicole Kidman plays Nancy, a seemingly mild-mannered woman who works at the local school and dotes on her husband, Fred, played by Matthew Macfadyen. The one-time heartthrob — he played Mr Darcy in 2005's Pride & Prejudice adaptation — seems to have been typecast as weaselly villains following his memorable performance as Tom Wambsgans in HBO's Succession. Fred works as an optometrist; he's the sort of guy that everybody seems to be

friendly with, but crucially, not friends with. Nancy becomes suspicious when he starts going on weekly work trips, often using the flimsiest excuses. It is not clear if Fred has always been like this, but the movie suggests that this is a new hurdle that Nancy has experienced in their marriage. She enlists her work buddy Dave, played by Gael Garcia Bernal, to uncover evidence to support her suspicions. In their attempts to prove Fred's infidelity, Nancy finds herself dabbling in a bit of adultery herself. It is around this stage in the narrative — say, the end of the first act — when you begin to wonder what the movie even wants to say. Fresh was a 'yes all men' movie, the sort that claimed that every man, regardless of their perceived progressiveness, was a creep deep down. You can't really blame it, can you? But when Nancy engages in a full-blown affair with Dave, Holland comes across as a rallying cry for male rights activists. Although Cave begins to lose control of the story fairly early on, she doesn't seem like the sort of filmmaker who'd follow up her staunchly feminist debut with something that would make Sandeep Reddy Vanga proud. Holland's idea of suburban utopia brings to mind those North Korea travel vlogs that you occasionally come across on YouTube. These videos present a deeply unsettling society where everybody behaves like an NPC, and those that don't have a vaguely threatening smile plastered on their face. They're all maintaining a facade. But so is everybody, Cave seems to be saying.



teaser: Ajay Devgn's Amay Patnaik is all set to conduct his 75th raid, locks horns with Riteish Deshmukh's Dada Bhai

Ajay Devgn is all set to return to the big screen as Amay Patnaikin the film Raid 2. Ahead of the movie's release on May 1, the makers of Raid 2 shared the film's teaser on Friday. The one-minute-long teaser introduced the film's characters. While Ajay Devgn and Saurabh Shukla will reprise their roles, actors Riteish Deshmukh and Vaani Kapoor are among the new additions. The teaser starts with Ajay's Amay

heading for his 75th raid after 74 transfers. In 74 raids, Amay Patnaik has collected about Rs 4200 crore. Soon, the focus shifts to Saurabh Shukla's character, Rameshwar Singh, who is serving his term in jail. He says, "I wonder whose life Patnaik might be making miserable." We are then introduced to Riteish Deshmukh's character, Dada Bhai, who seemingly plays a politician in the film. Riteish, on a phone call with

Ajay Devgn, says, "Since when did the Pandavas lay traps?", to which Ajay Devgn replies, "I never said I am a Pandav. I am the Mahabharata." Raj Kumar Gupta will return to the director's chair for the film with Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Abhishek Pathak and Kumar Mangat Pathak as its producers. The second part of the film is written by Ritesh Shah, Raj Kumar Gupta, Jaideep Yadav, and Karan Vyas.

BCCI invites applications for spin bowling coach

Mumbai (Agency). The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) needs a spin bowling coach. The board has invited applications from eligible candidates for this. The spin bowling coach will train spin bowlers at BCCI's Center of Excellence in Bengaluru. The responsibility of this coach will be to train spinners in the men's and women's Indian cricket team as well as teams of all age groups. The job of this coach will be to train players of India A, Under-23, Under-19, Under-16 and Under-15 as well as state teams at the Center of Excellence. This spin bowling coach will have to

evaluate the coaching performance training will have to be made with the program as well as



performance in collaboration with the head coach of the Center of Excellence. Apart from this, plans for high selectors, national and state coaches, performance analysts, strength and conditioning experts. The

main responsibilities of the spin bowling coach include planning and implementing training sessions for cricket teams at the Center of Excellence, giving technical coaching to the players when needed. Developing the personal performance of the players with a fixed target. Apart from this, finding spin bowlers and honing their talent along with other expert coaches, selectors and support staff. For this post, the candidate should be a former Indian cricketer or a former first class cricketer who has played at least 75 first class matches. Applications for this can be made till 10 April next month.

I can improve Rohit's fitness: Yograj

New Delhi (Agency). Former cricketer Yograj Singh, who is in the news for his controversial statements, has said that he can improve the fitness of Indian team captain Rohit. Yograj said that Rohit is now turning 38 years old. In such a situation, obesity comes but he will fix his fitness even at this age. Some time ago, Rohit was being criticized for his poor form, but he has given a befitting reply to everyone with his performance in the Champions Trophy. Rohit is also one of the most successful captains in IPL and Mumbai Indians have won five titles under his

captaincy. Yograj said, if I am made the coach



of the Indian team, then I will make a team out of these players which will not be possible for any team to defeat. He also said that people always start asking to oust Rohit and Virat Kohli

after one bad performance, but I say why should they be ousted? They are going through a bad phase but they are the best players in the world. I will treat them like my children and tell them, I am with you. I will tell them, let's play Ranji Trophy, or I will make Rohit run 20 km. Nobody does that. These players are diamonds. You can't throw them out. Rohit is currently playing IPL. In this, he could not score runs in the first match. Mumbai has won the IPL title five times under his captaincy. He has scored a total of 6628 runs in 253 innings of 258 matches.

Most of the players who bowled the most dot balls in IPL are Indians



Mumbai (Agency). Four of the top five players in terms of bowling dot balls in the Indian Premier League (IPL) are Indian bowlers. Only one bowler, Sunil Narine, is from the West Indies. Batsmen have generally dominated the IPL but Indian bowlers have kept the batsmen under control by bowling the most dot balls. Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who is part of RCB, has bowled 1729 dot balls and is at the top of the list. Bhuvneshwar has bowled a total of 3910 balls in the tournament, of which 44 percent are dot balls. Talking about the most economical bowler, Indian fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah is at sixth place with 1292 balls. At the same time, spinner Harbhajan Singh, who played his last IPL match in the year 2021, is at the fifth position in this list with 1312 dot balls while spinner Piyush Chawla is at the fourth position.

Took three wickets for 36 runs, came out on top in the Purple Cap race

This Afghan bowler shone brightly even in CSK's defeat



Chennai (Agency). Chennai Super Kings were defeated by Royal Challengers Bangalore after 17 years in IPL-2025. Despite the crushing defeat, Afghan-origin cricketer Noor Ahmed, playing for CSK, shone brightly in the match. Noor Ahmed took three wickets for 36 runs in four overs and with this he became the frontrunner in the Purple Cap race in the tournament. Noor

Ahmed has played a total of two matches in the tournament and has taken 7 wickets to his name. Before coming against RCB, he had four wickets in his account and was second in the Purple Cap race. Noor bowled well against RCB. After Noor Ahmed, Lucknow Super Giants all-rounder Shardul Thakur is in the Purple Cap race. Shardul is followed by RCB's Josh

Hazlewood, who has 5 wickets in two matches. At number four is CSK's Khaleel Ahmed, who has four wickets in two matches.

Let us tell you that the 8th match of IPL 2025 was played between RCB and CSK at the Chepauk ground. CSK captain Rituraj Gaikwad won the toss and decided to bowl first. RCB scored 197 runs while batting first. Chasing the target, Chennai's team did not have a good start and CSK could score 146 runs after losing 8 wickets in 20 overs. In this way RCB defeated CSK by 50 runs. This was RCB's second win on this ground. Former CSK captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni hit two skyscraper sixes and a four in the last over, but Dhoni's powerful hits were not enough to make the team win. Dhoni came to the crease when the match had gone far away from CSK. Dhoni played an inning of 30 runs in 16 balls and won the hearts of the fans sitting in the gallery with his batting.

Not a single Indian batsman is named in the top 5 batsmen of this list

Travis Head hit the longest six ever in IPL-2025



New Delhi (Agency). In IPL season 18, cricket lovers got to see such a game that they are thrilled because big shots are being seen in every match and the money of the audience is also being worth it. Many exciting matches have been played in the season so far. The batsman who has hit the longest six in the matches so far is Travis Head, who is a player of Sunrisers Hyderabad. There is no Indian batsman in the top 5 batsmen of this list. The total run rate has increased by 17 percent in the first 5 matches of this season, but the figures that really surprise you are the number of boundaries. The number of sixes has increased by 37

percent this season, while the number of fours has increased by more than 34 percent. More than 32 sixes have been hit so far this season. Sunrisers Hyderabad's explosive batsman Travis Head hit a 105-meter six in the match against Rajasthan Royals on March 23. This is the longest six so far in IPL 2025. In this match, Head scored 67 runs in 31 balls. In this innings, he hit 3 sixes and 9 fours. Delhi Capitals player Tristan Stubbs is the second batsman to hit the longest six so far in IPL 2025. He hit a 98-meter six in the match against Lucknow Super Giants. Delhi won this match by 1 wicket.

These are the players who hit the longest sixes

- Travis Head- vs Rajasthan Royals- 105 meters
- Tristan Stubbs- vs Lucknow Super Giants- 98 meters
- Sherfan Rutherford- vs Punjab Kings- 97 meters
- Nicholas Pooran- vs Sunrisers Hyderabad- 97 meters
- Nicholas Pooran- vs Sunrisers Hyderabad- 96 meters



Slovakia's Maria Sofia Pucherova and Nikita Lisak performing during the Ice Dance Rhythm Dance program at the Figure Skating World Championship in Boston.

CSK fans should support other players besides Dhoni: Rayudu



Chennai (Agency). Former cricketer Ambati Rayudu has said that the craze among Chennai Super Kings (CSK) fans for former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni will prove to be harmful with time because fans only want to see Dhoni playing while other players also need support. He also said that in the coming time this can cause problems for the team because the team is always revolving around one player. Rayudu said, 'This is a difficult situation for a new batsman. The support of the audience is the most important but when you come to the field to play, then you come to know that this support is not for the team but for Dhoni. This is absolutely right because in the last few years the team has been prepared in this way. Dhoni has been called a leader in it, there is nothing wrong in it because he has left his mark on behalf of CSK. People love him a lot

for what he has done for the CSK team. 43-year-old Dhoni does not even captain anymore. He comes to bat in the lower order in the IPL and gets to play only 10 to 15 balls. Dhoni does not bat for long. In such a situation, the audience eagerly waits for him and when he comes on the field, the audience gets very excited. Rayudu said that this has been happening for the last few years and other players of the team are aware of this but they have not spoken about it yet. Rayudu said, 'Many people inside the team also realize that when other batsmen come to bat, the audience wants them to get out early. So it becomes a very strange situation. So I do not think this is good for the game. Other players are also giving their best and they have also sacrificed a lot for the position they are in today. When such things happen because of your own fans, I think this can be avoided.

New Delhi (Agency). Two matches are to be played today on Sunday in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, the first match is to be played between Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad. This match is expected to be a high scoring match. This match will be played at the ACA VCA International Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam, where the batsmen are likely to get help. Delhi registered a spectacular win against Lucknow Super Giants in their first match and now their goal will be to maintain this momentum. The Delhi team has got strength with the return of KL Rahul. At the same time, Sunrisers Hyderabad had to face defeat against Lucknow after a thumping win in the first match. In the last match, Delhi lost five wickets for 65 runs while chasing a target of 211 runs, but the brilliant innings of Ashutosh Sharma (66 not out in 31 balls) and Vipraj Nigam (39) gave them a thrilling win by one wicket. Tristan Stubbs also scored 34 runs at number six. The pitch of Visakhapatnam is considered to be a paradise for batsmen. The highest score on this ground is 272 runs, which KKR made against Delhi last season. In

First match from 3.30 pm host

Exciting match between Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad today



Sunrisers Hyderabad: Pat Cummins (captain), Travis Head, Ishan Kishan, Heinrich Klaasen, Abhishek Sharma, Sachin Baby, Mohammed Shami, Adam Zampa, Aniket Verma, Abhinav Manohar, Rahul Chahar, Ishan Malinga, Harshal Patel, Kamindu Mendis, Viaan Mulder, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Atharva Tayde, Brydon Carse, Simarjit Singh, Jaydev Unadkat and Zeeshan Ansari

this afternoon match, a big score is expected from the pitch once again. Talking about the weather, the sky will be clear during the match, the wind speed can be 17-21 km/h and the temperature will be between 26 to 33 degrees Celsius. Delhi Capitals' bowling looks strong. The team has experienced fast bowlers like Mitchell Starc, who will try to stop the aggressive opening pair of Travis Head and Abhishek

Teams

Delhi Capitals: Axar Patel (captain), KL Rahul, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Karun Nair, Faf du Plessis, Donovan Ferreira, Abhishek Porel, Tristan Stubbs, Sameer Rizvi, Ashutosh Sharma, Darshan Nalkande, Vipraj Nigam, Ajay Mandal, Manwant Kumar, Tripurana Vijay, Madhav Tiwari, Mitchell Starc, T Natarajan, Mohit Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, Dushmantha Chameera and Kuldeep Yadav

Sharma. Apart from this, the spin duo of Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel can also play an important role for Delhi. The Sunrisers team has batted explosively so far this season. In the very first match, it made its intentions clear by scoring 286 runs for six wickets. In that match, Ishan Kishan scored 106 runs in 47 balls and Travis Head scored 67 runs in 31 balls. However, in the second match, the Sunrisers batting was a bit

dull and the team could score only 190 runs. The fast bowling attack has veterans like Mohammed Shami, Pat Cummins and Harshal Patel, but they could not perform anything special against Lucknow. This match between Delhi and Sunrisers is expected to be very exciting. Both teams would like to strengthen their position with a win and cricket fans can get to see a high scoring match.

Why did CSK lose against RCB, captain Gaikwad told the reason

New Delhi (Agency). Chennai Super Kings captain Rituraj Gaikwad, who lost the match at home after 17 years against Royal Challengers Bangalore, has told where his team went wrong. RCB defeated CSK by 50 runs and registered their second consecutive win in IPL. RCB, captained by Rajat Patidar, defeated Kolkata Knight Riders in their home in the first match. With two consecutive wins, RCB has made a big leap in the points table. RCB is at the top of the points table with 4 points. Rajat, who played a half-century innings, was adjudged the Player of the Match. After the defeat against RCB, Gaikwad said, 'I still think the score of 170 runs on the pitch was right. We had to bear the brunt of poor fielding. When you are chasing 20 runs extra on such a wicket, you need to bat differently.

Shikhar Dhawan seen solving fight of TV stars, video viral

Mumbai (Agency). After retiring from cricket, Shikhar Dhawan is seen doing many different things. But he would never have imagined that he would have to solve the fight of TV stars too. The video is becoming increasingly viral on social media, in which Gabbar i.e. Dhawan is seen stopping Bigg Boss fame Rajat Dalal and Asim Riaz from fighting. Actually, Rajat, Asim Riaz, Rubina Dilaik and Shikhar Dhawan are going to be seen in a new OTT series. At the promotional event of this show, everyone was stunned when a scuffle broke out between two popular reality show faces Riaz and Rajat Dalal while cricketer Dhawan was trying to stop them. People present at the time of the incident revealed that the argument between them started suddenly and soon got out of hand, and a scuffle broke out between the two.

2025 Club World Cup Football Tournament from June 14



San Diego (Agency). The 2025 Club World Cup Football Tournament will be held in the United States from June 14 to July 13, 2025. A total of 32 teams will participate in this tournament. It will have a seven-match group stage and playoff format. FIFA, the world's top football body, has announced the prize money for this. In this, the total prize money of \$ 1 billion will be distributed among 32 participating clubs. In this, the winning team will get a fixed opportunity to win up to \$ 125 million. Apart from this, \$ 250 million has been set aside to support global club football. At the same time, the teams involved in it will get \$ 525 million. Apart from this, UEFA clubs will receive an amount ranging from \$ 12.81 million to \$ 38.19 million, depending on their ranking and revenue. Under this, top level clubs Chelsea, Manchester City, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich will be contenders to get big prize money. CONMEBOL (South American) clubs will get around \$15.21 million. CONCACAF, CAF and AFC clubs will get \$9.55 million while OFC (Oceania) clubs will get \$3.58 million. All the earnings from the tournament will be invested in the development of club football.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will launch Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan from Ujjain

■ The campaign will start from March 30 and will run till June 30
■ The state-wide water conservation campaign will start from Kshipra coast

saved. The Madhya Pradesh government is committed to the conservation of people, water, forest, land and wild animals. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan has become a massive mass movement across the country. The state government is also running a campaign towards water conservation on the principle of farm water in the farm and village water in the village.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that in the Jal Ganga Sanrakshan Abhiyan, special emphasis is being laid on rainwater harvesting, revival of water sources and adoption of water conservation techniques to encourage water conservation. This campaign of the state government will play an important role in increasing awareness towards water conservation. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav has directed all the concerned departments to give priority to the schemes related to water conservation and connect as many people as possible to the campaign. He said that Jal Ganga

Sanrakshan Abhiyan will prove to be a milestone in ensuring abundant Development and Housing, Public Health Engineering, School Education,



availability of water in the state and water security for future generations. In the state-wide Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan of the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, more than 12 other departments including Water Resources, Narmada Valley Development Authority, Environment Department, Urban Horticulture and Agriculture will work together to renovate water structures. The theme of the campaign is promotion and conservation of water sources through public participation. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav has directed to conduct various water conservation activities such as plantation, revival of water sources, running water

Important works will be done in Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan

Works will be done for construction of ponds at Panchayat level, redevelopment of water structures in forest areas and zoological gardens for wild animals. In the 90 days of the campaign, 90 small and medium irrigation projects of the state will be inaugurated. Aquatic animals will be restored in rivers. 50 thousand new farm ponds will be built for small and marginal farmers. Work will be done in ponds, water sources and temples of historical, cultural and religious importance. The Panchayat and Rural Development Department will construct 1000 new ponds. Water conservation and conservation works will be done in the watershed area

of more than 50 rivers of the state. Emphasis will be laid on gabion structure, trench, plantation, check dam and pond construction to keep the water streams of rivers alive. An action plan for water conservation and plantation will be prepared by marking the Narmada Parikrama Path. Pani Chaupal will be organized in rural areas. Local people will be entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining water structures. About 1 lakh Jaldoots will be prepared in the state by selecting men and women from each village. Soak pit construction will be encouraged to ensure that dirty sewage water does not mix with water sources. Conservation of canals, preventing

leakage from reservoirs, pitching of ponds, barrage repair works will be done. The Urban Development and Housing Department will do the work of promotion of water structures. The canals will be marked and marked as government canals on the village map. The dams and canals will be made encroachment free. Cleaning work will be done on the canal system of about 40 thousand kilometers long. Repair of flushbars and cleaning of sluice-wells will also be done. Various events including Sadanera Film Festival, Water Conference, Narratives on the water traditions of the state, picture exhibition will be organized.

Jal Ganga Samvardhan Abhiyan-Year 2024

Last year, Jal Ganga Samvardhan Abhiyan was run from 5 to 30 June 2024. During this period, 38 thousand 851 works were done at a cost of 1056 crores. During the campaign, more than 302 crores were spent on 21 thousand 577 renovation/improvement works. In the year 2024, 5672 old stepwells and wells were renovated and 3751 new wells were constructed at a cost of Rs 93 crore. Also, an amount of 616 crores was spent on the construction and renovation of 7709 ponds. Similarly, the construction and renovation of 2925 check dams and stop dams cost Rs 119 crore. In the campaign, 7158 recharge pits and recharge shafts construction and renovation work was completed. More than 30 thousand works were done in other water conservation and promotion works at a cost of about Rs 458 crore.

conservation awareness programs in rural areas, making children aware about water conservation in schools, building ponds in

rural areas, small dams on rivers and plantation of fruit trees around water streams for conservation of rivers and encouraging organic farming,

making arrangements for drinking water at major intersections in rural and urban areas. He has also appealed to all the citizens of

the state to actively contribute towards water conservation and make it a mass movement during the campaign in the state.

BRIEF NEWS

Such a horrifying conspiracy was hatched to trap his enemies, when the truth came out, even the police was stunned

Delhi (Agency): The accused who had hatched a conspiracy to trap his enemies in the firing case in Sangam Vihar has been arrested by the police along with his two accomplices. The police have recovered a pistol and a bike from them. The main accused had his accomplices fire at his house to trap his enemies. Deputy Commissioner of Police Ankit Chauhan said that the accused have been identified as Dinesh alias Amit, Shahrukh alias Gahiya and Nasir, residents of Sangam Vihar. The Deputy Commissioner of Police said that on March 21, information was received about firing in Sangam Vihar I Block. On this, a police team was sent to the spot. Here the complainant Nasir told the police that two unknown boys came to his house and fired two rounds. They also threatened to kill him and his family and fled. The police registered a case on the basis of the complaint and started investigation. The police searched the footage of CCTV cameras to trace the miscreants. It was found that two youths had come on a bike. The police also found two shells from the spot. In the footage, the faces of both the accused were covered with clothes. Then the police saw the footage from other places. During this, it was found that the accused changed their clothes to escape from the police. The police traced the number of the bike used in the crime. It was found registered in the name of Nasir. Then the police arrested Dinesh and Shahrukh on the basis of the informer. Both the accused told that the complainant Nasir had fired bullets at his own house to trap his enemies. Earlier, three cases have been registered against Dinesh, one against Shahrukh and two against Nasir. Police interrogation revealed that in April 2024, Nasir's brother Azruddin alias Aju and his associates Javed, Amit Thakur, Waris, Manish, Arif, Shahrukh and the other side Sohail alias Jisan, Rahul, Irsad and Sahil had a fight. A cross case was registered by both the sides in this. To take revenge for this, Nasir had fired bullets at his own house, so that he could trap his enemies.

Energy Minister Ashish Sood rejected Arvind Kejriwal's allegations

Delhi (Agency): The Aam Aadmi Party and the Bharatiya Janata Party government have come face to face over power cuts in Delhi. The Aam Aadmi Party alleges that after the formation of the BJP government, power cuts have increased in Delhi and the public is facing problems. However, Delhi Government's Energy Minister Ashish Sood has completely rejected these allegations. Energy Minister Ashish Sood said that Arvind Kejriwal is making false allegations while sitting in Punjab. He said, "If the electricity problem is to be fixed, will it be done by cutting power or without power cuts?" Meanwhile, he claimed, power cuts used to happen in Delhi even during the Arvind Kejriwal government, but now false propaganda is being done. From January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025, there have been more than 21 thousand power cuts in Delhi, many of which were for an hour or more. Ashish Sood said that his government is making full preparations for the increasing demand for electricity in summer. He told that the Delhi government is working on the Summer Action Plan and arrangements are being made to supply up to 9000 MW of electricity. Apart from this, a control room is also being set up, from where the power supply of every area will be monitored. Ashish Sood also clarified the speculations about free electricity. He said, "The electricity subsidy given to the people of Delhi will continue. The subsidy money will go directly to their account and when the bill comes to zero, what will Arvind Kejriwal say?" The Energy Minister also accused Arvind Kejriwal of colluding with power companies.

Accused who committed corruption by conspiring and misusing their position were sentenced

Bhopal (Agency): Special Public Prosecutor Hemlata Kushwaha said that today on 29/03/2025, the Honorable Special Court Manoj Kumar Singh, by the Prevention of Corruption Act, found the officers of the District Cooperative and Rural Development Bank, including Sales Officer Harihar Prasad Mishra, Vijendra Kaushal, General Manager Ashok Kumar Mukharaiya, Cooperative Inspector A.P.S. Kushwaha, Paramjeet Bedi guilty under Section 420 read with Section 120-B IPC 13-1 (D) read with 13 (2) PC Act. Kushwaha, Paramjeet Bedi have been sentenced to 03 years rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 2,000 fine each (to each accused) under Section 420 read with Section 120-B IPC and the accused sales officer Harihar Prasad Mishra, Vijendra Kaushal, General Manager Ashok Kumar Mukharaiya,



13 (2) PC Act. The said case has been pleaded on behalf of the government by Assistant District Public Prosecution Officer Mrs. Hemlata Kushwaha. About 3.50 acres of land of farmer Shayra Banu of village Fatehpur Dogra Tehsil Huzur District Bhopal, which was worth

about 1 lakh 76 thousand rupees, was auctioned by the accused on 30.06.2001 to accused Paramjeet Bedi for only 50 thousand rupees in a conspiracy. Farmer Shayra Banu had taken a loan of Rs

18000 in the year 1985-86 for a well and pump. The process of auction of agricultural land was going on for several years between the years 2000 and 2007 and only Rs. 9000 remained to be paid to the indebted farmer, but the officials, without informing the farmer and

without giving proper notice, auctioned his land illegally against the rules at a price much lower than the market value and the price fixed by the collector for not paying the loan amount, and by cheating and misusing their position, prepared forged documents of the auction related note sheet and sent it to the Joint Registrar Cooperative Societies, Bhopal for confirmation, where he illegally passed an order confirming the auction. Joint Registrar B.S. Vaskel died during the trial. On the basis of the said written information, the Lokayukta police investigated and registered the crime. After investigation, the charge sheet was presented before the Hon'ble Court. The Hon'ble Court agreed with the prosecution evidence, documents, and written arguments and punished the accused under the said sections.

6-6 liquor shops on one road in Delhi, public angry-MLA upset



Delhi (Agency): The way six liquor shops have been opened on each road in the last 10 years, the public is angry with this and many MLAs are also upset with this resentment of the public. In fact, despite the opposition of the public and MLAs, liquor shops have been opened at many places on the instructions of the previous AAP government. Even the MLAs of the area have staged a dharna along with the public, but there has been no effect. Now that the power has changed in Delhi, the MLAs also hope that they will now be heard and will be able to work according to the sentiments of the people of the area. The MLAs want a change in the excise policy so that they can also give their opinion in this matter in view of the

CM Rekha Gupta reached Puri Dham with Minister Pravesh Verma

Delhi (Agency): Delhi CM Rekha Gupta reached Puri with her cabinet minister Pravesh Verma and BJP MP Sambit Patra. She reached Puri Dham and had darshan of Lord Jagannath, Mata Subhadra and Balram ji. After darshan in the temple, she said in a conversation with the media that she prayed that the way we are trying to take Delhi and the country on the path of progress under the leadership of PM Modi should always be paved. CM Rekha Gupta said, it is my good fortune that after taking the responsibility of Delhi CM, I have come to Puri Dham for the first time and had darshan of the Lord. Today on the day of Amavasya, I prayed at the feet of the Lord that the path of progress on which we are



trying to take the entire country and Delhi under the leadership of Narendra Modi should always be paved. Rekha Gupta further said that I thank the feet of the Lord that with his blessings we all are starting to work together for a developed Delhi. I congratulate every Odisha resident and Odia brothers and sisters living in Delhi on Utkal Day. May God's blessings remain with us. May the country move on the path of progress. Odisha Day is celebrated on 1 April.

On this, Rekha Gupta said, for the first time, the Delhi government will celebrate Odisha Day with great pomp. Delhi is the country's capital. People from different states come here with their dreams. Thousands of people from Odisha are working to give momentum to Delhi. I want to say that they are an integral part of Delhi and the government is standing with them in their happiness and sorrow and is working for their prosperity while protecting their future.

Grand fireworks in Narela Assembly on the eve of Hindu New Year



Bhopal (Agency): Grand fireworks and huge bhajan evening were organized on the eve of Hindu New Year in Narela Assembly constituency. On this occasion, Cooperation, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang wished all the citizens a Happy Hindu New Year. Chaitra Navratri and Gudi Padwa. Minister Sarang said in his address, Hindu New Year brings new energy and new inspiration for us. This festival provides us an opportunity to connect with our cultural and spiritual values. I wish happiness, prosperity and auspicious life to all the citizens. Bhopal Mayor Mrs. Malti Rai, dignitaries of Narela Assembly constituency, local public representatives and a large number of devotees were present in the program.

Money looted from Dwarka, Delhi recovered

Delhi (Agency): Delhi Police has solved the case of robbery of Rs 25 lakh from a company located in Dwarka. 6 people have been arrested in this case, including three employees of the company. Police have recovered Rs 24.5 lakh cash, car and knife used in the crime from them. Delhi Police has arrested six people in the case of robbery of Rs 25 lakh from a company located in Dwarka. An official said on Saturday that three of the arrested people are employees of the company. The accused have been identified as Pramod Kumar Kamat (36), Chhotu Lal (25), Subhash (23), Suraj Kumar (28), Ravinder Kumar (25) and Gauri Shankar (23). Police said that all the six accused have no previous criminal record. They allegedly committed the crime to repay debt and to live a luxurious life. According to the police, a case was registered on March 23 at Dwarka South police station after receiving a complaint of robbery of Rs 25 lakh at knife point. A senior police officer said that the complainant Aman Chauhan told that he was carrying a bag full of money.