

BRIEFS

Moral values are the foundation of spiritual happiness



Staff Reporter Rewa. The 6-day training of teachers from various Sandipani schools of Rewa and Shahdol divisions by the State Anand Sansthan in collaboration with the School Education Department has started at Utkrisht Vidyalaya Martand School No. 1. The inaugural session included the state's resource person Uday Jatav, resource person Abha Mishra from Delhi, State Anand Sansthan's program officer Dr. Kamlesh Prasad Tiwari, Joint Director School Education K.P. Tiwari, Madhya Pradesh State Anand Sansthan's district contact person Dr. Mukesh Yengal, District Education Officer Sudama Prasad Gupta, Principal of Utkrisht Vidyalaya J.P. Jaiswal, Principal Devraj Singh, Senior Lecturer Shivesh Srivastava, including male and female teachers of Rewa and Shahdol divisions. Addressing the teachers from various schools of Rewa and Shahdol divisions of the state on the occasion of the inauguration of the 6-day teacher training workshop based on universal values, the Joint Director Education expressed gratitude to the Anand Department and said that this training will benefit not only the teachers of the state but also lakhs of students. Anand Sansthan Bhopal's Program Officer Dr. Kamlesh Tiwari provided detailed information about Anand Sansthan. In the preparation meeting held in Rewa before the start of the training, State Anand Sansthan Anand Department Director Satya Prakash Arya informed about the various activities of the institute and said that the teacher trainees should not have the intention of merely learning moral values and then teaching them to others, first try living these values in your own daily routine. Our aim is not to teach others but to first inculcate them in our own lives. In the training sessions to be held in five batches, 100 teachers are being enrolled in each batch. In the inaugural session of the training, Dr. Kamlesh Tiwari of Anand Department from Bhopal, trained volunteer Asha Ahirwar, Shama Bano, Rewa's district contact person Dr. Mukesh Yengal, SK School Principal Dr. Mithilesh Singh Gaharwar, Anand associate Shahid Parvez, Shivanand and other teachers were present.

Anand Sabha residential training for school teachers begins

Ankit Basu saved the life of Suraj, who was suffering from a serious disease like jaundice, by donating blood

Staff Reporter Banda. Sunil Saxena, media in-charge of Savers of Life organization, said that on Saturday, President Salman Khan got information that 19-year-old Suraj, who is suffering from jaundice in the district hospital, has only 2 points of blood left and he needs blood urgently. Please help me. On getting information about the demand placed in the demand group, Municipal Council President representative Ankit Basu, who is an active BJP official, immediately came to the blood bank and donated blood to Suraj and gave him life. Let us tell you that Savers of Life organization has been helping the needy for many years with the help of its blood donors. It has saved the lives of about 3000 people with the blood donation of its colleagues. Gradually people are becoming aware and are giving their important contribution in this noble work, for which we thank all that there is no religion greater than humanity. Because service to man is service to God. Ankit said that by joining the Savers of Life organization, inspire every needy person to donate blood and I appeal to the people of the city to become witness to the works for human welfare by donating blood to every needy person. We all wish for a bright future for Ankit Basu and all appreciate him for donating blood to help the needy in the society. On the occasion of blood donation, Chairman of Savers of Life Salman Khan, Advisor/Media Incharge Sunil Saxena, Divesh Kumar Monu, Pramod Dwivedi, Pankaj Jaiswal, etc were present.

Accused of demolishing the boundary wall with JCB machine and taking away the material

Staff Reporter Maudha. Last night in the town some people demolished the boundary with a JCB machine and took away the material in a tractor trolley. The victim has appealed for justice by giving a complaint letter to the police station. Fayyaz son of Bashir Khan, a resident of village Gusiari of Kotwali area, told in the complaint letter given to the police station that a long time ago he had bought a plot of 40×40 feet in Kapasa road from Momina wife of Abdul Hameed, a resident of Hussainia. After which he got the construction work done by registering it in the records of the municipality, but last night Farid Uddin alias Mahmood, Abdul Shakoar, Aqeel, Anjum Bano etc., residents of Hussainia, came with a JCB machine and demolished his construction and also took away the material in a tractor trolley, due to which the victim has suffered a loss of about four lakh rupees. Not only this, the said people are threatening his life and property. The victim has appealed for justice by giving a complaint letter to the Kotwali police.

Successful disclosure of the blind murder case of a young girl

- The deceased's cousin had killed her by hitting her neck with an axe
- The accused was arrested by the police, the murder weapon and the deceased's mobile phone were recovered

Staff Reporter Banda. On the instructions of SP, in the campaign being run to control crime and criminals in the district and to arrest wanted accused, Bisanda police station successfully uncovered the murder of a girl by slitting her throat with a sharp weapon in the early hours of May 9 and arrested the accused. It is noteworthy that in village Lauli Tikamou of Bisanda police station, Priyanka daughter of Ram Pratap, aged about 25 years, was badly injured by an unknown accused in a room with a sharp weapon by attacking her neck with a sharp weapon. She was taken to the hospital by her family for treatment where she died



during treatment. In this regard, a case was registered at Bisanda police station. The Superintendent of Police had deployed 03 teams under the leadership of Area Magistrate Baberu Saurabh Singh for quick disclosure of the incident and arrest of the accused. In the course of investigation and inquiry, the police collected physical and technical evidence and after analyzing the evidence, successfully disclosed the incident within 24 hours and arrested the accused. The sequence of events in the investigation was that Harishchandra, the son of the real aunt of the deceased Priyanka, was talking to her for the last few months and both were having a love affair, the family members of the deceased also had some

doubts about this. Harishchandra often came to meet Priyanka and asked her to marry him, but being a cousin, Priyanka refused to marry him. On the night of 08/09 May also, he came to meet Priyanka and started talking to her about marriage, but Priyanka refused him. Angered by this, he attacked Priyanka's neck three times with an axe lying nearby and thinking her dead, ran away from there. In the morning, when the family members saw Priyanka soaked in blood, she was admitted to the hospital. Where he died during treatment. The name of the arrested accused is Harishchandra son Chunnun Verma, age 20 years, resident of Punahur police station Bisanda.

MP's 'Meena' is increasing the pain of UP's roads

- Illegal sand extraction continues under the patronage of mining businessmen
- The bridge situated in Girwan can collapse anytime
- Rampur mine of MP started with sand from UP

Staff Reporter Banda. The bridge connecting two states situated on Ken river in Girwan can collapse anytime due to the activities of notorious mining businessman Meena of two states. The reason is clear that the overloaded trucks filled with sand from Madhya Pradesh are taken out in the dark of night by ignoring the orders of the former District Magistrate. The condition of

the roads of Uttar Pradesh has deteriorated due to overloaded vehicles from Madhya Pradesh. This is the reason that people keep losing their lives in accidents on



these roads every day. Let us tell you that this bridge connecting Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh was built by Nasimuddin Siddiqui, a powerful minister of the BSP government. But the game of taking sand from the Ken river in Nikalpur, UP to Madhya Pradesh by pulling it with the help of lifter machines by the notorious

businessman Meena and his alleged associate Javed, who are notorious for looting the red gold of UP and MP, is going on openly. As if this was not enough, ever since the entry of the mining businessman named Javed in this syndicate, the theft of sand has increased manifold. A huge amount is being earned by stealing sand from UP, loading it in overloaded

DM heard the problems of the complainants on the police station resolution day

The event was held in Kotwali Nagar

Staff Reporter Banda. On Saturday, Samadhan Diwas was organized in Kotwali Nagar under the chairmanship of District Magistrate J. Reebha. In Samadhan Diwas, the District Magistrate listened to the problems of the people and directed the police and revenue officials to resolve them immediately. While hearing the police cases related to land disputes and measurement and mutual department, he instructed the revenue officials along with the police to go to the spot and resolve the problems. In Samadhan Diwas, after listening to both the parties



on the complaint of a complainant about his house being occupied, instructions were given to take action on the basis of mutual agreement. In Samadhan Diwas, Superintendent of Police Palash Bansal also instructed the police officers to resolve the problems

received in Samadhan Diwas quickly and in a quality manner. He instructed that the problems should not remain pending for a long time. In Samadhan Diwas, the police station in-charge of Kotwali along with the concerned police officers and Tehsildar Sadar were present.

Middle aged man hanged himself in wedding house, died

Staff Reporter Hamirpur. After seeing off his niece, the uncle got drunk and hanged himself in the room and committed suicide. The family took him to the district hospital where the doctors declared him dead. On receiving the

information, the police filled the Panchnama of the dead body and sent it for postmortem. Ramnarayan son of Brajlal Khangar (30), a resident of Bajheta of Lalpura police station area, had a wedding procession of his niece Neha from district

Jalaun on Thursday. After seeing off his niece on Friday, Ramnarayan got drunk and hanged himself inside the room at around 2.30 pm. The family and relatives took him to the district hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

DM had banned overloading with power

Taking cognizance of media reports, the then District Magistrate had banned the movement of overloaded vehicles from Madhya Pradesh from the bridge built on Ken river situated under Girwan area. As long as she was posted here as District Magistrate, the movement of overloaded vehicles remained stopped. After her departure, a notorious mining businessman named Javed flouted her orders and set up the responsible persons and started illegally taking out overloaded trucks in the dark of night with the help of the location of his trucks. Which is continuing unabated even today.

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Accused of raping a girl and making the video viral, complaint lodged

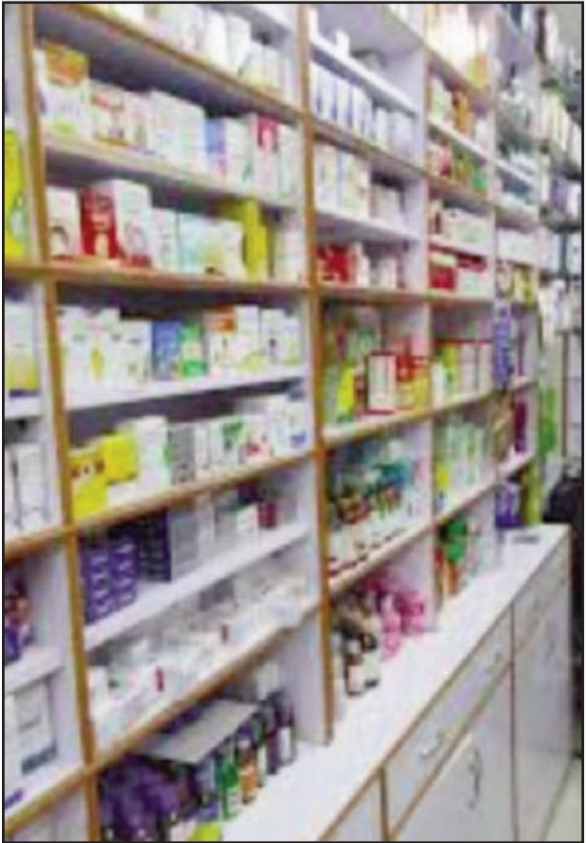
Staff Reporter Pratappgarh, Lalganj. The victim has demanded action by giving a complaint letter to the CO on Saturday regarding the allegations of raping the girl and making the video viral. The victim of a village in the Udaipur police station area alleges that her marriage was fixed last year with the accused, a resident of a village under Deeh police station of Raebareli district. Meanwhile, the accused deceived her and committed the crime of rape. Not only this, the accused also made her video clip and photograph. After this, the accused refused to marry. When the victim's family fixed her marriage elsewhere, the accused with bad intentions sent the victim's video to people and made it viral. CO Ramsurat Sonkar says that the Udaipur police station in-charge has been instructed to investigate the matter and take appropriate action.

Despite the NDPS Act, drugs are being sold openly, when will strict action be taken?

- Treatment without license, playing with the lives of patients!
- Indifference of the Health Department is increasing arbitrariness

Staff Reporter Pratappgarh. Most of the medical stores in the district are no longer just places to sell medicines. Rather, they have become notorious centers for illegal sale of drugs, treatment without license and black marketing of fake medicines. This is not only a violation of the law, but the lives of patients are also being played with. Drugs like Tramadol, Corex, Alprazolam and other narcotics are being sold

openly at medical stores. Which are causing addiction especially among youth and students. These drugs are banned under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS). But despite this, the trade of these drugs is increasing day by day. Along with this, treatment is being done without license at many medical stores in the district. The owners here are examining and treating patients by considering themselves doctors, which is a crime by law. Generic medicines are being sold at high prices by packing them in patent medicines at these illegal medical stores, due to which patients are being cheated. Commissioneering is also involved in this entire racket. Where patients are pressured by doctors and hospitals to buy medicines



from specific medical stores, and in return they get commission. This game is harming the patients both financially and health wise, violating the rights to health and medicine. The indifference of the Health Medicine Department has given an opportunity to these illegal activities to flourish. These activities of selling narcotic drugs and unlicensed treatment fall under the category of quackery and fraud, which is a punishable offense under the Indian Penal Code. The department officials will have to rein in these illegal medical stores. In public interest, it is necessary that strict steps be taken to stop these illegal activities as soon as possible. So that patients can get safe and effective treatment and illegal sale of narcotic drugs can be stopped.

LIC launches facility for ‘Premium payment through WhatsApp Bot’

MUMBAI: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Friday unveiled online facility for “Premium payment through WhatsApp bot”.

This feature was launched at the hands of Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD in the presence of Managing Directors, M Jagannath, Tablesh Pandey, Sat Pal Bhanoo and R Doraiswamy and other Senior Officials of the Corporation.

This option will provide LIC customers one more alternate option to pay Premium online. Registered Customer portal users can use WhatsApp number 8976862090 to find out the policies which are due



Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)

for payment and directly make the payment through UPI/Net banking/Cards within the WhatsApp bot. The full Customer journey of identifying policies due for premium till payment and receipt genera-

tion happens within the What-sApp bot.

Speaking on this occasion, Shri Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD, LIC of India, said that this option will provide ease of operations for LIC’s Customers and will be a handy tool to pay LIC premiums from anywhere, anytime through the fast growing medium of What-sApp. This option will help to enhance efficiency and productivity ensuring better services to LIC’s customers. LIC’s customer portal has over 2.2 crore registered policyholders, with over 3 lakh customers logging in every day for availing various online services.

PSBs refute rumours, say ATMs well stocked & fully functional

NEW DELHI: Dismissing rumours, public sector banks including State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Friday said their ATMs are fully functional, well-stocked, and that digital services are operating smoothly.

The announcements came against the backdrop of reports on social media that ATMs are likely to be shut in the coming days on account of rising tension between India and Pakistan. They also said that all their digital services are operating smoothly.

“All our ATMs, CDMs/ADWMs and digital services are fully operational and available for public use,” India’s largest bank, SBI, said in a post on X. India’s largest lender also advised its customers not to rely on unverified information.



“All our digital services too are operating smoothly, ensuring a seamless banking experience from the comfort of your home,” PNB said in social media post. Similar messages have been posted by Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank

Union Bank of India MD and CEO A Manimekhalai has said the bank has asked its staff in the border states to be cautious and follow all the guide-

India’s largest lender SBI advised its customers not to rely on unverified information

lines issued by the local state level banking committee.

Apart from that, the bank is ensuring that adequate cash is kept at the branches and ATMs so that economic activities are not impacted, the CEO said, adding that it has also upped the cybersecurity defence.

Canara Bank in a post on X said, “all out ATMs are functioning as usual. Please don’t fall prey to the rumours. Canara Bank is always at your service and your money is safe with us.”

Birla Corporation Q4 net profit rises 33% to ₹257 crore

This came after three challenging quarters that had affected the entire industry

KOLKATA: Birla Corporation Ltd concluded FY25 with robust quarterly production and sales by volume, which resulted in a consolidated net profit for the March quarter, growing 33 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y), to Rs 257 crore.

This came after three challenging quarters that had affected the entire industry. An uptick in demand and prices during the quarter led to better realisation and a higher capacity utilization of 105 per cent in the March quarter.

Though realisation for the quarter at Rs 5,103 per ton was still marginally lower than the

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» Birla Corp & its subsidiary, RCCPL, will invest Rs 4,335 crore to scale up production capacity by 2028-29

» EBITDA per ton rose to Rs 1,014—one of the highest in recent years. It represents a growth of 5 per cent year-on-year and 78 per cent sequentially

same period last year (Rs 5,178 per ton) owing to the changed geographical mix, consolidated revenue for the quarter at Rs 2,863 crore was 7 per cent higher yoy. EBITDA per ton rose to Rs 1,014—one of the

highest in recent years. It represents a growth of 5 per cent y-o-y and 78 per cent sequentially. The Cement Division’s operating profit margin was 20 per cent for the March quarter, compared to 18.6 per cent in

the same period last year, and 14 per cent for the full year (15.5 per cent in FY23-24).

Capex: With stabilization of earlier expansions, mainly at Mukutban, in Maharashtra, and Chanderia, in Rajasthan, and consolidation of the Company’s position in the core markets of central India, Birla Corporation Ltd is now embarking on its next phase of growth. The Board of Birla Corporation Ltd, along with its subsidiary, RCCPL Pvt Ltd, approved an investment of Rs 4,335 crore to scale up the production capacity from 20 million tons (mt) to 27.6 mt by 2028-29, by expanding an

integrated unit and setting up three new grinding units. The expanded capacity includes the ongoing expansion at Kundan-ganj, which is progressing on schedule.

RCCPL Pvt Ltd will invest Rs 2,300 crore into its Maihar (Madhya Pradesh) unit to expand its clinker production capacity.

The clinker produced at Maihar will be fed to the three new grinding units, to be set up at Prayagraj, Gaya and Aligarh, for which Birla Corporation Ltd, and its subsidiary, RCCPL, have budgeted for an investment of Rs 2,035 crore.

State Bank, 7 other lenders to sell 20% stake in Yes Bank to Japan’s SMBC for ₹13,483 crore

NEW DELHI: State Bank of India (SBI) and seven other lenders on Friday announced selling 20 per cent of their combined stakes in Yes Bank to Japan’s Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) for a consideration of Rs 13,483 crore, making it the largest cross-border investment in the Indian banking sector.

Following completion of the transaction, SMBC will become the single largest shareholder of Mumbai-based Yes Bank.

Of the 20 per cent stake, SBI would dilute 13.19 per cent stake in Yes Bank in favour of SMBC for a consideration of Rs 8,889 crore, while 6.81 per cent shareholding will be offloaded by seven other lenders -- Axis Bank, Bandhan Bank, Federal Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank and Kotak

After the completion of the transaction, SMBC will become the single largest shareholder of Yes Bank

Mahindra Bank -- for about Rs 4,594 crore.

SBI and the seven investor lenders had invested in the bank as part of the YES Bank Reconstruction Scheme in March 2020. The share sale is proposed to take place at a price of Rs 21.50 per equity share, it said.

The executive committee of the central board (ECCB) of the bank in the meeting has accorded approval to divest 413.44 crore shares or equivalent to 13.19 per cent stake in

Yes Bank for a consideration of Rs 8,888.97 crore, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

SBI, which currently holds 24 per cent stake in Yes Bank, will be left with a little over 10 per cent stake after the dilution.

Among other lenders, HDFC Bank had 2.75 per cent, ICICI Bank 2.39 per cent, Kotak Mahindra Bank 1.21 per cent, Axis Bank 1.01 per cent, IDFC First Bank 0.92 per cent, Federal Bank 0.76 per cent and Bandhan Bank 0.70 per cent as on March 31, 2025.

“This transaction is the largest cross-border investment in the Indian banking sector... the transaction is a significant milestone to drive YES Bank’s next phase of growth, profitability and value creation and we expect to leverage SMBC’s global expertise in this phase,”

Yes Bank said in a separate filing.

The transaction is subject to the necessary regulatory and statutory approvals including from the Reserve Bank of India and Competition Commission of India and will be subject to customary closing conditions, it said.

SMBC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc (SMFG). SMFG is the second largest banking group in Japan with total assets of USD 2 trillion as of December 2024 with strong global presence.

SMBC is among the leading foreign banks in India and SMFG’s wholly-owned subsidiary SMFG India Credit Company Limited is among the largest diversified NBFCs in India.

SAT refuses to stay SEBI’s interim ban order on Gensol Engineering



Mumbai (Agency): The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Wednesday refused to stay an interim order of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) that barred Gensol Engineering Ltd (GEL) and its promoter-directors Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi from accessing the securities market amid allegations of fund diversion, forgery and misleading disclosures.

SAT directed Gensol to file its reply to the interim order passed by SEBI and further directed the market regulator to pass a final order within four weeks of hearing Gensol. SEBI in April barred Gensol Engineering and its promoters from the securities markets till further orders in a case related to alleged fund diversion and governance lapses. The regulator has also debarred Anmol and Puneet Singh Jaggi from holding the position of a director or key managerial personnel in Gensol until further orders. Further, the markets watchdog directed GEL to put on hold the stock split announced by it.

UK PM Starmer says British workers not sold out in India trade deal after Opposition complains about concessions

London (Agency): British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Wednesday dismissed the idea that he had sold out British workers by giving a tax break to some Indian workers as part of a free trade agreement with India, calling the claims “incoherent nonsense”.

The trade deal announced on Tuesday, which includes a range of tariff cuts on British imports to India, also exempts some short-term workers from India from paying into Britain’s social security system for three years. The exemption under the so-called Double Contributions Convention (DCC) also applies to British workers in India, but while Britain barely made mention of this element of the trade deal, India hailed it as a “huge win”.

British opposition parties accused the government of signing up to a deal that would unfairly benefit India.

“Our India trade deal ... is good for British jobs. The criticism on the double taxation is incoherent nonsense,” Starmer told parliament. “It’s in the agreements that we’ve already got with 50 other countries.”

Britain has social security agreements with the European Union and countries including Switzerland, Canada, Japan and Chile, with some deals allowing for five-year exemptions, which ensure migrant workers are not taxed in two countries at one time. India also has similar agreements with other nations.

Britain expects the DCC agreement with India to cost around 100 million



pounds (\$133 million) a year.

Social security, known as National Insurance in Britain, is the country’s second-biggest tax, which raises over 170 billion pounds in government revenue through employee and employer contributions. Earlier, Britain’s Trade Minister Jonathan Reynolds said that the changes would affect only a “very small number” of people.

Nigel Farage, the leader of Reform UK, which is currently leading in the opinion polls, said the government had “sold out British workers”.

He said that Indian workers and firms would pay 20 per cent less tax than their British counterparts.

Indian officials have said the social security exemptions would benefit Indian information technology companies operating in Britain, which often transfer employees to the country on short-term contracts.

Official data shows Britain granted more than 81,000 work visas to Indians last year, more than any other nationality, although many represent health and care or other non-temporary workers who would still be expected to pay social security in Britain.

SEBI said that the amount actually transferred was more than 23 times the disclosed figure (Rs 80 lakh), raising concerns about the nature, basis, and legitimacy of these payments.

Mumbai (Agency): The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in an interim order, has restrained Mumbai-based Synoptics Technologies Ltd (STL), a small and medium-sized (SME) information technology products and solution provider company, from trading in securities market for diversion and misutilisation of funds raised through initial public offering (IPO). Taking stern action on First Overseas Capital Ltd (FOCL), the merchant banker to the IPO, the regulator barred it from undertaking any fresh IPO-related assignments.

STL came out with a Rs 54.04 crore IPO and got listed on the SME Platform of NSE Ltd on July 13, 2023. The IPO was a fixed-priced issue priced at Rs 237 per share. Of the Rs 54.04 crore, Rs 35.08 crore was raised through a fresh issue of shares and the remaining Rs 18.96 crore was through an offer for sale of shares made by two promoters — Jatin Shah, also the company’s managing director, and Jagmohan Manilal Shah.

As per the disclosures made in the red herring prospectus (RHP) filed by STL, issue-related expenses amounted to Rs 80 lakh, of which Rs 50 lakh was to be paid from the



proceeds of the fresh issue, while the remaining Rs 30 lakh was to be met by the selling shareholders under the offer for sale. Net of these expenses, STL was projected to receive Rs 34.58 crore from the public issue, to be utilised for repayment of borrowings (Rs 5 crore), working capital (Rs 17.58 crore), investment in strategic acquisition/ joint venture (Rs 5.3 crore) and general corporate purpose (Rs 6.7 crore). The issue proceeds from STL’s IPO were deposited into an escrow account maintained with Fort Branch, Mumbai, of HDFC Bank, the banker to the issue, on July 12, 2023.

In its investigation, SEBI found that Rs 19 crore from the issue proceeds was transferred out of the escrow account on July 12, 2023—a day prior to the listing of the shares of the company and the grant of trading approval. The funds were transferred to ABS Tech Service (Rs 7 crore), CNIT Solutions (Rs 6 crore) and to Dev Solutions (Rs 6 crore) on an instruction issued by FOCL to HDFC Bank. FOCL said the

payments pertained to ‘amounts due from the company as issue management fees, underwriting and selling commissions, registrar fees, and other IPO related expenses’.

SEBI said that the amount actually transferred was more than 23 times the disclosed figure (Rs 80 lakh), raising concerns about the nature, basis, and legitimacy of these payments.

When the regulator sought an explanation from STL on this transfer of funds, the company informed that the payments were not related to issue expenses and were instead for working capital (payment made to Dev Solutions) and strategic investment/joint venture objects (payment made to CN IT Solution and ABS Tech Services), as disclosed in the RHP.

The order said that as on the date of filing the RHP (June 22, 2023), STL disclosed that the target entities for the proposed strategic investment had not yet been identified. However, within 20 days of the RHP filing—and on the very day the IPO

proceeds were credited to the issue account—funds earmarked for strategic investment and general corporate purposes were transferred to CNIT Solution and ABS Tech Services toward the object of strategic acquisition.

The agreements with CN IT Solutions and ABS Tech Services were executed on July 11, 2023—a day prior to the credit of IPO proceeds to the escrow account maintained with HDFC Bank. Both agreements listed the same address for CN IT Solutions and ABS Tech Services. However, during a site visit conducted by NSE, it was found that neither of the entities was present/located at the stated address. With respect to the Rs 6 crore transferred to Dev Solutions—classified by STL as utilisation towards working capital—SEBI said the company failed to provide any reasonable justification for divergence in classification. A site visit to the address of Dev Solutions revealed that no such business existed at the stated location, raising serious concerns about the

SEBI’s interim order

The markets regulator said that the facts brought out during the examination reveal a ‘well laid out plan of the Company (STL) and the Lead Manager, FOCL, to siphon away funds raised in the IPO’.

“It, therefore, becomes necessary to restrain the promoters of the Company (STL) from alienating or encumbering their shareholding during the pendency of proceedings,” it said.

SEBI, in the order, barred Synoptics Technologies Ltd, and its three promoters — Jatin Shah, Jagmohan Manilal Shah and Janvi Jatin Shah — from “buying, selling or dealing in the securities market or associating themselves with the securities market, either directly or indirectly”.

The regulator also prohibited First Overseas Capital Ltd from taking up any new assignment relating to merchant banking activities in the securities market till further directions.

“Findings, taken together, lead to a strong prima facie conclusion that FOCL, acting in concert with the company (STL), siphoned off a substantial portion of the issue proceeds,” the interim order said.

nature and authenticity of the payments made.

On scrutinising the bank statements of the accounts to which funds were directed to be transferred by FOCL, SEBI found that these bank accounts were not held by the entities to whom FOCL had directed the transfers and with whom STL had purportedly entered into agreements.

India’s forex stocks fall \$2.065 bn to \$686.064 bn



MUMBAI: India’s forex reserves dropped \$2.065 billion to \$686.064 billion for the week ended May 2, the RBI said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the overall kitty had increased \$1.983 billion to \$688.129 billion.

The forex reserves had touched an all-time high of \$704.885 billion in end-September 2024.

For the week ended May 2, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased \$514 million to \$581.177 billion, the data released on Friday showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves decreased \$2.545 billion to \$81.82 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The special drawing rights were down \$30 million to \$18.558 billion, the apex bank said.

India’s reserve position with the IMF was also down \$3 million at \$4.509 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

EDITORIAL

In the line of fire

Ensure safety of border villagers

PAKISTAN's retaliation against Operation Sindoor has left a trail of death and destruction along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir. Heavy shelling has claimed the lives of 13 civilians in the Poonch sector, while many houses have been damaged in border villages. Following the Pahalgam terror attack, Pakistan has been riding roughshod over the ceasefire agreement that was renewed in February 2021. Its military has brazenly targeted civilian areas in recent days, unlike the Indian forces which responsibly confined their strikes to terror infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. It is apparent that India's kinetic action has rattled Pakistan as well as the terror outfits that operate from its territory. Having delivered a powerful message to the neighbour about zero tolerance to terrorism, India must make every effort to ensure the safety of residents in Poonch and other sectors near the LoC. The evacuation and temporary resettlement of displaced families should be a top priority of the UT authorities and security personnel.

The fact that Pakistani troops have not even spared places of worship, including Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Poonch, shows how desperately low they have stooped. The Indian Army claims to have responded proportionately to the shelling; the larger objective should be to deter Pakistan from indulging in unprovoked firing. The nation as a whole must stand in solidarity with the border villagers, who are more vulnerable than ever before to Pakistan's nefarious activities. Amid the nationwide euphoria over Operation Sindoor, it is vital to safeguard the lives and property of these hapless people who often act as the eyes and ears of the armed forces.

Strikes to strategy

National resolve amidst rising tensions

IN the immediate aftermath of Operation Sindoor — India's precision strikes on terror camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir — the government on Thursday projected unity and resolve, even as tensions remain high and retaliatory hostilities continue. In response to attempted strikes by Pakistan, India pre-emptively neutralised missiles aimed at 15 major cities and destroyed a key air defence system in Lahore. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's high-level review meeting underscored the gravity of the situation. Terming this a "sensitive period", he called for institutional synergy and citizen safety as top priorities. The Whole-of-Government approach — focussing on civil defence, countering disinformation and safeguarding critical infrastructure — signals readiness beyond the battlefield. The directive to ministries to ensure emergency response protocols and operational continuity reflects a sober understanding of hybrid threats, including cyberattacks and misinformation campaigns. Lending equal weight to the day was Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's detailed briefing to an all-party meeting, where he confirmed the neutralisation of at least 100 terrorists. The Opposition, notably the Congress and the AIMIM, displayed commendable maturity, putting aside political divisions to rally behind the national interest. This rare moment of bipartisan consensus sends a strong message to both domestic and international audiences: when India's sovereignty is challenged, its political fabric holds firm.

However, the larger picture remains fraught. With India stating that it has no intent to escalate but is fully prepared to retaliate, strategic restraint must continue to be balanced with credible deterrence. The emphasis must now shift from tactical victories to strategic stability. In the days ahead, civilian protection, diplomatic messaging and internal security will demand unwavering focus. India must continue briefing global partners and maintain transparency with its citizens, without compromising operational security. Even as Operation Sindoor continues, the unified political posture and institutional alertness offer a template for democratic resilience in the face of external threats.

Physicists snaps first images of 'free-range' atoms: Study

Washington Dc (Agency): Physicists captured the first images of individual atoms freely interacting in space. The pictures reveal correlations among the 'free-range' particles that until now were predicted but never directly observed. MIT physicists have captured the first images of individual atoms freely interacting in space.

Their findings, appearing in the journal Physical Review Letters, will help scientists visualize never-before-seen quantum phenomena in real space.

The images were taken using a technique developed by the team that first allows a cloud of atoms to move and interact freely.

The researchers then turn on a lattice of light that briefly freezes the atoms in their tracks, and apply finely tuned lasers to quickly illuminate the suspended atoms, creating a picture of their positions before the atoms naturally dissipate.

The physicists applied the technique to visualize clouds of different types of atoms, and snapped a number of imaging firsts. The researchers directly observed atoms known as "bosons," which bunched up in a quantum phenomenon to form a wave.

They also captured atoms known as "fermions" in the act of pairing up in free space -- a key mechanism that enables superconductivity. "We are able to

Adolescence, love and POCSO: Intimacy must not be criminalised

Ramvilas Sharma

As far as cautionary tales about unintended consequences in criminal justice go, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 has its share to offer. The primary purpose of the Act is to prevent and punish sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children. But its provisions are so rigid that adolescents or teenagers consensually engaged in romantic sexual relationships are themselves not spared severe punishment. On top of criminalising such children, the law also criminalises "any person" (therefore, potentially, other children too) who knows about their "crime" and yet fails to report it to the police. Although many, including courts and experts, believe that bringing an arguably vast swathe of the population within the penal ambit could never have been the intention of lawmakers, the law on consensual cases and mandatory reporting remains unchanged.

Amid concerns surrounding this status quo, the Supreme Court is reportedly going to take up the matter of mandatory reporting of even voluntary sexual activity (if either or both parties are under 18) on May 8. According to reports, the Court in Nipun Saxena vs Union of India has recognised the issue as "serious and relevant" and agreed to hold a detailed hearing on it. This raises hopes for a more progressive and principled approach to consensual POC SO cases than has been possible so far. When dealing with alleged sexual offences arising out of adolescent love affairs, different high courts have naturally found it unconscionable in several instances not to provide relief to the children concerned by dismissing or quashing cases against them. While this shields those children from ongoing criminalisation, it can neither undo the damage already done nor protect them from future consequences of contact with the criminal justice system. Moreover, it can be argued as a counterfactual that more than the courts' liberal stance in cases that have made their way to them, many adolescents in positive intimate relationships might possibly have been saved by the law's non-enforcement against them by the police. One need only imagine how grotesquely the number of cases could soar if the police were to prioritise detecting these relationships and filing criminal cases. Similarly, a concerted campaign by the police to book a wide range of individuals — including guardians and medical professionals whose knowledge about such relationships may come from providing vital care to the parties — for the offence of failure to report could again have brought the situation to a head. In other words, rather counterintuitively, non-implementation of the contentious provisions by the police might actually have prevented the issue from boiling over. That said, the problem clearly calls for a more sustainable and well-considered response.

Therefore, the Supreme Court's engagement with it assumes considerable significance. Going forward, much will depend on how the problem is constructed, framed, and defined. There are at least three paths to consider. The first is to take a solution-oriented, but hands-off approach. From this perspective, consensual POC SO cases and their mandatory reporting stem from overcriminalisation — the excessive use of criminal law to regulate adolescent behaviour. Considering that love affairs among adolescents are commonplace and criminalising them appears more detrimental than beneficial, this approach favours decriminalisation and non-intervention. The second way is also solution-oriented and pro-decriminalisation, but in contrast to the first, it adopts an interventionist approach. It advocates replacing blunt criminal justice/penal responses with individualised ones that focus on education, counselling, and behaviour modification.

The third way seeks to frame the issue in terms of adolescents' development, rights, and autonomy. It is underpinned by the understanding that adolescence constitutes a critically significant developmental stage marking the transition from childhood to adulthood. Adolescents experience an array of physical, psychological, and emotional changes. The inclination to explore, experiment, and exercise independence is regarded as integral to their developmental process. Many experts think that romantic relationships among adolescents are both natural and advantageous for their self-esteem and general well-being. In light of these considerations, the third perspective suggests acknowledging respectful sexual activity among adolescents as part and parcel of their right to healthy development.



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Red alert for Pak on the terror front

Operation Sindoor has signalled key shifts in India's strategy for dealing with the neighbour

Ramvilas Sharma

ON the night of May 6-7, India launched Operation Sindoor, comprising a series of military strikes against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan. Nine terror camps were hit, which included five in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and four in the Punjab province. Among the most significant targets were Muridke and Bahawalpur.

Muridke, about 40 km from Lahore, is the headquarters of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its front organisation, Jamaat-ud-Dawa. The Resistance Front (TRF), which initially claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam massacre, is known to be affiliated with the LeT. Bahawalpur is home to the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), which operates from the Jamia Masjid Subhan Allah complex, also known as the Usman-o-Ali campus.

Operation Sindoor is significantly larger in scale and scope than the cross-border strikes in 2016 and 2019. The message that it sends out is also far more powerful and unequivocal. And in this message, there are some key shifts in India's future strategy for dealing with Pakistan.

First, major terror attacks will meet with a punitive response. Since the limited strikes of 2016 and 2019 failed to deter Pakistan from using terrorism as an instrument of state policy, greater pain must be felt by those who are

directly controlling the terrorist movement. If the Pakistani military is unwilling to rein in the terrorist leadership, then India will do so using the military instrument.

India has long adopted a posture of strategic restraint. However, the shifting security environment, particularly after the gruesome Pahalgam attack, has triggered a recalibration. Targeting deeper locations like Bahawalpur and Muridke indicates that India no longer considers mere retaliation sufficient. The new approach seeks to alter cost-benefit calculations for those orchestrating terrorism from across the border.

At the government briefing after Operation Sindoor, a montage of past terror attacks (from the 2001 Parliament attack to Mumbai 2008, Uri 2016, Pulwama 2019 and the Pahalgam attack) was shown to underscore the toll of cross-border terror, after which the message "...No More" flashed. The presentation may have appeared dramatic, but it underlined India's resolve that it would no longer tolerate terrorism emanating from Pakistani soil.

Second, there are two choices in front of the Pakistan Army. It must either dismantle the entrenched military-jihad complex it has long nurtured, or risk plunging the country into a ruinous conflict with India, one that could push Pakistan deeper into instability and peril.

For decades, the Pakistan Army has treated jihadi groups as strategic assets, using them to bleed India while maintaining plausible deniability. With Operation Sindoor, India is making it clear that there is no distinction between the state and the proxies it sponsors. This blurring of lines is deliberate. By hitting targets in Punjab, India signals that safe havens are no longer immune, regardless of their political sensitivity.

In his briefing to the press, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said India's "actions were measured, non-escalatory, proportionate, and responsible. They focused on dismantling the terrorist infrastructure and disabling terrorists likely to be sent



The burden of submitting criminal past of the accused shouldn't be on individuals

The Supreme Court in a recent order (Munesh v State of Uttar Pradesh) asserted that criminal antecedents should be disclosed compulsorily in any Special Leave Petition (SLP) seeking bail. The Court highlighted how bail applications are being filed (increasingly so) without disclosing the criminal antecedents of the person seeking bail. The order further directed that any person who is seeking bail in the apex court must mandatorily disclose, in the synopsis of the petition, if they have knowledge of their involvement in any criminal case. Another aspect that has been brought to the fore by the Court is that the SLPs, which lack these puzzle pieces, are often completed by the state through their counter-affidavits. The above order reflects how oblivious courts are to the ground reality. It can be exceptionally difficult for a person behind bars to know their criminal antecedents or the stage of their pendency. For instance, in the recent case involving Kunal Kamra, there were five FIRs registered — four of them were lodged in Khar police station, and one was in Dombivli. Now, it is easier for a public figure like Kamra to know that there are five FIRs lodged against him, but the same cannot be said for a person who doesn't have such resources at his disposal. Take, for example, cases where the bail applications are filed by the family or the pairokar of the person in jail. These family members who genuinely do not possess any information about the criminal history of their relative, pass on to their lawyers this "hollow information", resulting in a bail application having no mention of the criminal antecedents, which, as per the above order, will lead to a dismissal of the bail application. What is important for the courts to realise is that a citizen cannot be burdened with the responsibility to find out the details of all the cases registered against him while behind bars. It is also unfair to shift this responsibility upon his family members or pairokar. The courts now have the right to dismiss such applications without having to distinguish false disclosure from genuine incapacity to know one's criminal history. This mandate of disclosing one's history is not wrong per se, but the burden for this should be cast on the state, not the other way around. It is the state that can reveal an entire list of cases, if any, against a person. The precedent being set by the Supreme Court flies in the face of the principle of "bail is the rule and jail the exception". According to a report by the National Crime Records Bureau published in 2015, the majority of under-trial prisoners are illiterate or semi-illiterate. They require major resources and additional support to understand the court process. The new order further complicates this process for them. Lord Russell of Killowen, Chief Justice, in his address to the grand jury at Salisbury Assizes in 1899, said: "...it was the duty of the Magistrate to admit accused persons to bail, wherever practicable, unless there were strong grounds for supposing that such persons would not appear to take their trial. It was not the poorer classes who did not appear, for their circumstances were such as to tie them to the place where they carried on their work. They had not the golden wings with which to fly from justice." This unawareness cannot be put in the same box as being ignorant of the law. Interestingly, in the above-mentioned order it is apparent that the Court was apprised about the criminal history of the applicant only after the state pointed out the same in their counter affidavit.



42558 cases disposed of in National Lok Adalat, Rs. 6.64 lakhs recovered, nod to compensation of Rs 4.10 cr

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, District and Sessions Judge/ Chairman Arvind Kumar Mishra, under the direction of National Legal Services Authority, Supreme Court and Uttar Pradesh Legal Services Authority Lucknow. Santosh Kumar Gautam DLSA Secretary/Additional District Judge Vinay Arya and all the judicial officers inaugurated the National Lok Adalat program in the civil court complex by lighting the wreath and lamp on the statue of Maa Saraswati. District and Sessions Judge Arvind Kumar Mishra. Necessary meeting with all judicial officers and bank officials and the success of the National Lok AdalatsTo help the purpose and the poor, their cases were directed to dispose of maximum numbers and provide maximum convenience to the

litigants.
Description of settled cases
District Judge Arvind Kumar Mishra. A total of 01 arbitration execution cases, 01 disposal of 01 Nysselinous cases and passed the Arbitration Award 40.23 thousand rupees. Chief Justice Sanjay Kumar ShuklaA total of 35 cases of cases were disposed of. Pestive officer Motor Tribunal Satya Prakash disposed of 63 motor accident cases and gave 71 lakh, 28 thousand rupees to the families of the dead and the families of the deceased as a compensation. Permanent Lok Adalat Chairman Brijesh Narayan Mishra disposed of a total of 02 cases. Additional District Judge/Secretary DLSA Vinay Arya disposed of 389 bank loan pre-litigation casesGet it done on the basis and make a loan by

compromising the defaulters at about 2.43 crores. Additional District Judge/Special Judge EC Act Asif Iqbal Rizvi disposed of a disposed of a total of 478 cases and fined Rs 01 lakh 91 thousand 400. Civil Judge (Zoo D). Ms. Anima Mishra disposed of 03 Malvad and 06



District and Sessions Judge Arvind Kumar Mishra II inaugurating the National Lok Adalat by lighting the lamp

total of 75 cases of the Electricity Act. Chief Judicial Magistrate Garima Singh disposed of a total of 1614 cases and 03 lakh 95 thousand 350/- Jurmana. Provided succession certificates. First Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Pallavi Singh success promises and provided succession certificates of lakhs of rupees. Civil Judge (Ju D) Chunar Gyanendra Pratap Singh disposed of 03 original promisesHe did and provided succession certificates of lakhs of rupees. Village Court

Madihan Ms. Preeti disposed of 103 cases and fined Rs 1030. Ms. Zeenat Parveen Village Court Lalganj disposed of 120 cases and fined Rs 15,000. Mina Akhtar Additional Civil Judge (Ju D) disposed of 80 cases and recovered 800 rupees. Abhishek Singh Civil Judge (Ju D)/ FTC/ Women Demonstrated a total of 104 cases and recovered a fine of Rs 1000. Additional District Magistrate (F/R)/ Nodal Officer Ra. L.A. With the good efforts of Shiv Pratap Shukla, a total of 36775 cases were disposed of by the courts of city magistrates, sub-officers and Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars, Consolidation Courts. The municipal Atirad disposed of 2335 cases. Electrical department 216 pre-litigesh cases disposed of. 2973 challans of e-challan traffic were disposed of and Rs 05

lakh 89 thousand was fined online and the Assistant Labor Commissioner disposed of 01 cases and Rs 11.83 lakh was given to the victims. The Chief Medical Officer disposed of 9042 pre-induction medical cases. 2845 challans were disposed of from the RTO department and recovered 226.36 lakh mitigation fee. B.S. NLThe department disposed of 03 bills and recovered Rs 7000. National Lok Adalat, ADJ First Santosh Kumar Gautam, Special Judge Pocho Surendra Kumar Rai, Additional District Judge/FTC Chandragupta Yadav, Senior Advocate Badri Vishal, Computer Operator/Clerk Ranjit Kumar PLV Jai Prakash, Om Prakash, Satish Yadav, Krishna Kumar, Pradeep Shrivastava and all the judicial employees were present.

DM visited three temples and conducted terrestrial inspection



DM Priyanka Niranjan giving instructions to the concerned officials after inspecting the three temples of Vindhyachal

Gave instructions to remove encroachment shops at Ashtabhuj temple

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjan reached Vindhyachal and received blessings by bowing the head at the feet of mother Vindhyavasini. He also distributed prasad with his hands after philosophy. After religious work, the District Magistrate. While conducting terrestrial inspection, directed to expedite the safe house work being constructed on the old

VIP route. After observing the permanent shadow management installed on gate number two, he asked the city magistrate Vineet Kumar Upadhyay present on the spot to complete the permanent shadow management to be held on Gate No. 3 Kotwali Marg as well. Mother's blessings after reaching Kali Khoh and Ashtabhuj temple after Received. On the stairs of Ashtabhuj Temple, the shopkeepers encroached and made the route quite quite quite, which the District Magistrate expressed his displeasure and directed to remove the said shops. Municipal magistrate Vineet Kumar Upadhyay and concerned officials were present during the inspection.

Consultant increased anger among electricity workers for privatization

By demanding data of all distribution corporations

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, The anger of the electricity workers has erupted due to the illegally appointed Consultant Grant Thorton demanding five years of data from the power corporations. Keep in mind that Electricity Employees Joint Conflict Committee, UP on the borderIn view of the situation of war, it was announced yesterday not to make any movement till 14 May. It was hoped that the Power Corporation management would also cancel the process of privatization to avoid conflict in view of the war situation. But it has become clear from the consultant asking for the data of all the distribution corporations that the power corporation management is going to privatize all the power distribution corporations. To ask for data of all distribution corporations Outrage among electricity workers has increased due to the documents coming out. Officials of the Sangharsh Samiti said that Chandan Chatterjee, Associate Director of the illegally appointed Transaction Consultant Grant Thorton, sent an e-mail to the Chief

Engineer Revenue Affairs Unit and said that the financial year 2024-25 should provide data of the last five years till 31 March. The Sangharsh Samiti said that



Engineers and employees protesting against electricity privatization and demanding cancellation of appointment of grant thorton

Power Corporation gave Grant ThortonFor privatization of Purvanchal Electricity Distribution Corporation and Dakshinchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam, Illegal Transaction Consultant has been appointed to prepare RFP documents. But instead of asking for data from Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam and Dakshinchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam only by the appointed consultant, the data of all power distribution corporations has been sought. This makes it clear that the

decision of Power Corporation allElectricity distribution corporations are to privatize. Due to this revelation, there has been a lot of resentment among the

appointment of the consultant Grant Thorton, who gives false affidavits and forgery, should be immediately canceled and filed an FIR against it. The Sangharsh Samiti has instructed the engineers and employees after the documents of privatization of all the distribution corporations come out that no letter or data available to the illegally appointed Consultant Grant ThortonBe done The Sangharsh Samiti said that it was expected that the Power Corporation management would also celebrate a healthy environment of work by canceling the process of privatization after the Sangharsh Samiti's decision not to make any movement till May 14, but it is being reverse, whose sharp reaction is natural. He said that the power corporation management is responsible for deteriorating the situation during crisis on borders. Shakti in Lucknow. Engineers Deepak Singh, Vinay Kumar Gupta, Prithvi Pal, Shivshankar Singh, Pradeep Kumar, Maheshwari Kumar, Dharendra Kumar Patel, Satya Prakash Maurya etc. were present in the building fast.

Grand events held to mark birth anniv of Maharana Pratap, Maha Samagam of Kshatriya Samaj and Sarva Samaj

- Maharana Pratap's giant statue will be installed in Mirzapur: Shyam Narayan Singh
- City Club Auditorium Hall will be named after Maharana Pratap: Shyamsunder Kesari

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, Under the aegis of Kshatriya Samaj Mirzapur, under the joint aegis of All India Kshatriya Mahasabha, Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena and Pratap Sena, On 09th May 2025 from 03.00 pm, a grand ceremony of Maharana Pratap was organized in the local City Club Auditorium on the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Hindu society and Kshatriya society, true patriot and Bharat Mata son Maharana Pratap ji, in which a grand ceremony of Maharana

Pratap's birth anniversary was organized in the local city club auditorium in which the entire Hindu society as well as the entire Hindu society participated. MLC Shyam Narayan Singh alias Vineet Singh as the chief guest at the program During the address, we said that we Kshatriyas need to be more aware. He made a public announcement on the demand of the Kshatriyas that a grand statue of Maharana Pratap will be unveiled in Mirzapur district soon after talking to the Chief Minister Uttar Pradesh government. During his address, Municipality President Shyam Sundar Kesari said that the announcement of paying true tribute to Maharana Pratap ji on today's occasionI will propose in my committee that the City Club Auditorium should be named Maharana Pratap Auditorium. It may be noted that the program organizer Dilip Singh Gahwar had proposed to name the City Club Auditorium as

Maharana Pratap Auditorium. The organizer and convenor of the



Public representatives and other special people attending the program organized on the birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap

program, Thakur Dilip Singh Gahwar, called upon the entire Hindu society and said that Maharana Pratap was not only the guide pioneer of the Kshatriya society, but alsoWas a true son of the

whole of India. Therefore, people of Hindu society all over India gather to celebrate

need to be organized and united so that we can be fought unitedly with any calamity and crisis on the country. Distinguished guests State Minister of State Sohanlal Shrimali also expressed his expression on the birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap ji, not only the Kshatriyas but also the Kshatranis. Anil Singh, a philanthropist carpet business professionally on the stage, also expressed himself on the birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap ji. Atul Jaiswal, the manager of Babulal Jaiswal Inter College, also said that Maharana Pratap ji's work courage and historical qualities Keep before. Shyam Narayan Singh (Vineet Singh) MLC Mirzapur-Sonbhadra), Chief Guest Sohan Lal Shrimali (State Vice President Backward Classes Uttar Pradesh), Shyam Sundar Kesari Ji President, Municipal Council, Anil Singh Ji Con Block Chief, Social,Rajya Sabha Atul Jaiswal Advocate Manager

BLJ Inter College, Shyam Singh, State General Secretary, Kshatriya Mahasabha City Block Chief Manchseen was. Among those who expressed their views on the occasion, youth speakers Ayush Singh, Prince Singh, Kavita Singh Rajput, former BJYM leader Ramod Singh, Rajkumar Singh, Bhola Singh, Amit Srinet, Shailendra Agrahari, Dr. Dharmajit Singh Principal Babu Upodh E. College Lalganj, Program organizer Dilip Singh Gahwar, Vinay Singh, Dr. Shyam Singh, Sujit Singh, Dr. Rajeev Singh, Sudhir Singh, Dr. Sunil Singh, Kamal Nayan Singh, Vivek Gahar, Pushkar Singh, Gudda Singh, Devbrat Singh, Raghuraj Singh, Man Singh Singh Gahwar, Sujit Singh, Chandan Singh, Bhole Singh, Green Guru Ji, Gulo Chaman Singh, Dr. Galu Singh, Dr. Seva Sadan Hospital, Jayaprakash Seth, Sanjay Gupta, etc. were present. Successful operation of the program Sujit Kumar Verma did it.

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First Copy of Indian Edition of “Admin in India “Presented to UP CM Yogi



Staff Reporter
Varanasi: In a moment of high honour and deep respect, the first copy of the Indian edition of the book Administration in India: Challenges and Innovations was formally presented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji, by Dr. Ashish Kumar Srivastav, IAS along with co-author IVA Ashish Srivastav, IAS, and Mr. Shailesh Shahi from Routledge - Taylor & Francis, the global academic publisher of the title. The Hon'ble Chief Minister graciously accepted the first copy, marking a proud and symbolic moment that celebrates thought leadership in public administration and a commitment to innovative governance. Administration in India: Challenges and Innovations is a timely and authoritative work that explores the evolving framework of governance in India. Drawing from the authors' rich administrative experience, the book delves into critical areas such as institutional structures, policy implementation, public service delivery, bureaucratic reforms, and citizen engagement. It aims to serve as a valuable resource for administrators, policymakers, scholars, and anyone interested in the future of governance in India. Mr. Shailesh Shahi shared how Taylor & Francis, through this publication, continues its mission to support impactful academic and professional work that bridges research and real-world application, strengthens institutional dialogue, and fosters innovation in governance at both national and global levels.

Blood donation camp organized by District Legal Services Authority



Additional Judge Vinay Kumar Arya giving certificates to those who donate blood in blood donation camp

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, On the occasion of National Lok Adalat, a blood donation program was organized in District Court Mirzapur under the direction of District Judge under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority Mirzapur and as the order of Secretary Vinay Kumar Arya Additional District Judge. In which blood donation was done by Sanjay Sonkar Senior Assistant and Naveen Kumar Verma Senior Assistant Deewani Court and the certificate was also distributed to the said employee stronghold by the Secretary, Senior Assistant and Naveen Kumar Verma Senior Assistant. On this occasion, the District Legal Services Authority and the employee of Civil Court Mirzapur participated in a big way.

Student committed suicide due to unknown reasons

Staff Reporter
Hamirpur. BA student consumed poisonous substance due to unknown reasons. Family members took her to the district hospital where she died during treatment. Police reached on the information and took the body in custody and sent it for postmortem. Bardani Prajapati's 19-year-old daughter Akanksha, resident of Dhanpura Kalla of Biwar police station area, consumed poisonous substance last Friday evening due to unknown reasons. Family members rushed her to the district hospital where she was being given first aid. Late night around 02 o'clock Akanksha had pain in her stomach, on which the doctors referred her to Kanpur. But when the family members did not take her to Kanpur, she was being treated, she died during treatment. Sadar Kotwali police reached on the information and took Akanksha's body in custody and sent it for postmortem. At the same time, the deceased's Baba Moolchand told that the deceased Akanksha was the eldest of three sisters and she also has an elder brother. He told that the deceased's mother had passed away in her childhood and her father raised her. He told that the deceased was a BA final year student.

OBC youths will get free computer training

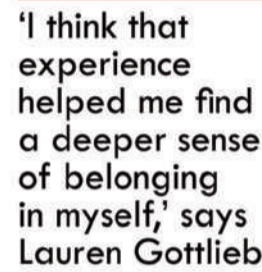
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Banda. The government will provide free O Level and CCC computer training to the poor backward caste youth who have passed Inter. Applications have been sought from the youth for this. The O Level training will be for one year and CCC training will be for three months. District Backward Classes Welfare Officer Abhishek Chaudhary said that applications will be accepted online. The last date is 27th May. Apply by 27th May and after applying the hard copy will have to be submitted to the Backward Classes Welfare Department. The applicant should be a native of the district and the annual income of the family should not exceed one lakh. In many departments, Triple C has been made mandatory for the recruitment of clerical category of Group C. The government is providing free training to poor youth.

Deepika Padukone spoke about growing up in a celebrity household, and how that has created a blueprint for her own journey as a mother.

similarly grounded childhood, something as she describes it, “free from any expectation.” Deepika shared with Marie Claire, “We weren’t burdened with our parents’ hopes and dreams.” Even though Dua is the daughter of two of India’s most recognisable faces, Deepika wants her to experience the same kind of normalcy she once did. “I don’t ever remember my father sitting me down and saying, ‘Hey, I’m a professional badminton player and I’m a celebrity,’” she recalled. “I remember it being he was a father first and everything that we got to know of him was based on just our own curiosity and the fact that everything was just so normal. It was, in fact, only much later on in our lives where we found out that our father was a celebrity,

when people approached him for autographs.” Protecting Dua’s innocence is a priority for Deepika. So far, Deepika has shielded Dua away from the cameras. She hasn’t even shared any of her daughter’s photos on social media. Navigating parenthood under the constant scrutiny of the public eye isn’t easy, but Deepika is no stranger to living life in the spotlight. She’s learned to shut out the external noise early on. “Whether it’s what movies I want to do...how I want to live my life or the things that I’m really passionate about, and beyond that, it doesn’t even matter what anyone else thinks,” she said. “I am someone who has always been able to tune out and just listen to my instinct.”

On the work front, Lau-



ren choreographed and performed the number 'Who Rules The World' from 'The Royals'. It stars Ishaan Khatter, Bhumi Pednekar, Sakshi Tanwar, Nora Fatehi, Dino Morea, Milind Soman, Chunky Panday, Vihaan Samat, Kavya Trehan, Sumukhi Suresh, Udit Arora and Luke Kenny.AGENCIES

SUPERBOYS OF MALEGAON

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quickly the blood starts filling up the entire room. As we see more horrifying visuals, a message appears on the screen which reads, "Discover why this case was their last." The Conjuring: Last Rites, which is releasing on September 5, will be helmed by Michael Chavez, who has directed films like The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It (2021), Nun 2 (2023) and The Curse of La Llorna (2019).



Singer-actress Lisa Mishra talked about 'The Royals'

Singer-actress Lisa Mishra, now seen in the drama series 'The Royals', opened up about the intense audition process she went through to bag the role of Niki.

Lisa revealed that she underwent several rounds of auditions before finally being cast as Niki. "It was a long casting journey. I had to really push myself out of my comfort zone. The character of Niki is layered, stylish and emotionally complex. I remember going through multiple rounds of auditions, each one different than the last. But I think the team saw something in me, a version of Niki that

felt real. It wasn't easy, but it was worth it," she shared.

'The Royals' also stars Ishaan Khatter, Bhumi Pednekar, Sakshi Tanwar, Nora Fatehi, Dino Morea, Milind Soman, Chunky Panday, Vihaan Samat, Kavya Trehan, Sumukhi Suresh, Udit Arora, and Luke Kenny.

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Rao got his break in movies with Kar Banerjee's comedy movie 'Love Sex Aur Dhokha'

The song, released in 2006 as part of Mohapatra's album 'Sona', saw Rao making an appearance as a strict schoolmaster in a vibrant rural setting only to later shake a leg with his students and fellow villagers. "I'm still the same boy who was in that 'Aaja Ve' song. I made him up like a pansy schoolteacher. He's a schoolteacher but I thought kuchi to alag karte hain," Rao, 40, told PTI in an interview.

And it wasn't just him in the video. Vijay Varma and Jaideep Ahlawat, Rao's batchmates from Pune's Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), also appear as a barber and a sadhu, respectively. "It has almost all my batch-

with his batchmates. "There were 20 of us in the class and it was just fun, just being with your classmates and shooting," he added.

After graduating from FTII, Rao got his break in movies with Dibakar Banerjee's anthology movie 'Love Sex Aur Dhokha' in 2010, followed by appearances in movies such as 'Ragini MMS', 'Shaitan', 'Gangs of Wasseypur' and 'Talaash'.

People eventually took note of him with Hansal Mehta's 2012's 'Shahid', which also won him the best actor National Award. Since then, the actor has built a storied filmography of critically acclaimed and commercially successful titles such as 'Aligarh', 'Bareilly Ki Barfi' and more.

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Squash World Championships: Anahat Singh and three Indians advance to round 2

New Delhi (Agency): Four Indian players have advanced to the second round of the PSA Squash World Championships on Saturday. Ramit Tandon, Anahat Singh, Abhay Singh, and Veer Chotrani won their respective first round matches. Ramit Tandon faced Japan's Ryunosuke Tsukue in the first round encounter and made a comeback after losing the first game 10-12. He won the next three games with scores of 11-7, 13-11, and 11-7. Teenage Indian star, Anahat Singh was up against Marina Stefanoni of the USA and won a thrilling 3-2 victory.

After losing the first game 10-12, she cameback to win 11-9, lost the third game 6-11, and then clinched the



final two games 11-6, 11-6, securing a 3-2 victory. "We had really long rallies and she's a great player. I've

seen her play in the last few tournaments, she's been playing really well and she's broken into the top 30 so I

knew today it was going to be a battle," she told the PSA World Championships website. "It was really tiring

and I'm exhausted and I'm really happy I was able to get through it. Abhay Singh also produced a solid performance against Switzerland's Nicolas Mueller. His only blip came in the second game when he lost 2-11 but convincingly won the other three games to book his berth in the next round. Other Indian in fray, Veer Chotrani caused an upset as he defeated former world number 15 Declan James of England in a very tight contest. Both players fought toe-to-toe in the game pushing each other to the limits.

Virat Kohli tells BCCI he wants to retire from Test cricket

New Delhi (Agency): Virat Kohli has told the Indian cricket board (BCCI) that he wishes to retire from Test cricket, but top officials have asked him to reconsider the decision, "He has made up his mind and has informed the board that he is moving on from Test cricket. The BCCI has urged him to rethink as the crucial England tour is coming up. He is yet to revert on the request," sources told this newspaper. Kohli's decision comes on the back of Rohit Sharma's Test retirement a couple of days ago. India's selectors are set to meet in a few days to pick the team for the five-Test series in England next month. It is learnt that Kohli has been contemplating his Test future since the Border Gavaskar Trophy in Australia earlier this year when he went through a lean run after scoring a century in the first Test. If Kohli doesn't change his mind, and with Rohit out of the picture, it will leave India with a largely inexperienced middle-order to join forces with KL Rahul, Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal at the top, and Rishabh Pant later down the order. Besides, the team will be left without the guiding hands of two veterans who, between them, have led the Test team for nearly 11 years till now. Kohli became India's Test



captain in December 2014 followed by Rohit in February 2022. The 36-year-old Kohli has played 123 Tests for India and has scored 9,230 runs at an average of 46.85. His average dipped in the last five years, aggregating 1,990 runs in 37 games with three hundreds. During the recent tour of Australia, he ended up with an average of 23.75 from five Tests. Out of his eight dismissals on the tour, Kohli got out to deliveries outside off stump on seven occasions. Later, he spoke about the disappointment from that tour during an event in March for his IPL team RCB, saying, "I might not have an Australia tour again in me in four years' time." Speaking at the event about the mental pressures after the recent Test failures, he had said, "Once you start taking

on the energy and the disappointment from the outside, then you start burdening yourself way more... And then you start thinking about things, like 'I've got two or three days left on this tour, I need to make an impact now'. And you start getting more desperate. That's something I've surely experienced in Australia as well." Elaborating on that thought, he had said, "Because I got a good score in the first Test. I thought, 'right, let's go'. There's going to be another big series for me. It doesn't turn out that way. For me, it's just about the acceptance of 'okay fine, this is what happened. I'm going to be honest with myself. Where do I want to go? What are my energy levels like'." The ace batsman had already retired from T20Is after India won the T20 World Cup in West Indies last year. However, he was in supreme form during this IPL with 505 runs in 11 matches, including seven fifties, at a strike rate of 143.46. At the RCB event, he had also spoken about a chat he had with former captain Rahul Dravid that helped him realign his mental state about his career. "It pretty much comes down to just the pure joy and enjoyment and love for the game. And as long as that love is intact, I will continue to play the game.

FIFA Women's World Cup to expand to 48 teams in 2031

New Delhi (Agency): The FIFA Women's World Cup will be expanded from 32 to 48 teams, like the men's competition, starting with the 2031 edition, the global football body announced on Friday. The 48-team World Cup will adopt a 12-group format, increasing the total number of matches from 64 to 104 – the same as the expanded men's World Cup in 2026 – and extending the tournament by one week. Meanwhile, the next iteration, the 2027 Women's World Cup to be held in Brazil will continue to have 2027 teams like the previous edition in 2023 in Australia and New Zealand, which was the first to host 32 sides, up from 24 in 2019. "This is not just about having 16 more teams playing in the FIFA Women's World Cup but taking the next steps in relation to the women's game in general," FIFA president Gianni Infantino said in a statement. "...more FIFA member associations have the chance to benefit from the tournament to develop their women's football structures from a holistic point of view." Infantino highlighted that the success of the 2023 edition won by Spain prompted the move and brushed aside concerns of more one-sided contests.

India-Pakistan matches under spotlight

New Delhi (Agency): The 'draw' is doing a lot of the heavy lifting here. There has sort of been an unwritten rule that both India and Pakistan will face each other in the group stages of ICC and ACC events. Going by that, they are scheduled to meet at least four times before next April. Three times in men's events and one in a women's meet. All of the four games, at least on paper, are slated to be held in India. Two in the Asia Cup, one in the women's World Cup and one in the men's T20 World Cup. But an agreement between the two nations mean that all four games will be held in a neutral venue, either in Sri Lanka or the UAE. Officially, yes. But unofficially, a lot of the murmurs. There was some sort of reportage that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had written to the ICC about asking the

world body to keep the two teams in separate groups. One ICC insider has told this daily that there has been no sort of communication to the ICC. India coach, Gautam Gambhir, in his personal capacity, has said India

single India v. Pakistan match. These two nations have faced other in 11 back-to-back men's global events. With cricket having a lot of TV audience from this part of the world, it's understandable that this one



shouldn't play Pakistan. This is where the cricket body differs from say, FIFA. The latter goes out of its way to ensure warring nations don't face each other in the group stages. But the ICC do the opposite. One of the reasons why they do this is the money on the table from a

match generates a lot of revenue in terms of TV rights deal. Even if ICC sells rights deal for the entire package and not on a per match basis, broadcasters pay top dollar because of the guarantee of a single game inside that package. The ICC could lose out on a lot of revenue if that

Guardiola says Man City season has been toughest in management



LONDON (Agency): Pep Guardiola admits this season has been the toughest of his 16-year managerial career as Manchester City's Premier League title challenge collapsed and they exited the Champions League early. The Spaniard has experienced little but success in glittering spells at Barcelona, Bayern Munich and City. But after four successive Premier League triumphs, City's form nosedived from late October

"It's been more demanding - much more. When you don't win it's more demanding emotionally and (in terms of) preparing and the moods and everything. "It's been more difficult than the previous seasons when we played for the titles." Injuries, particularly to midfielder Rodri, have been a huge factor in City's decline while a number of individuals have suffered a drop in form. Guardiola does not absolve himself from blame. "We had a lot of injuries, we didn't have the energy," he said. "We tried most of the time but we were not able to do it. "I didn't find the way to let them feel comfortable and winning the games." Guardiola, whose third-placed side travel to relegated Southampton on Saturday, admitted City's high standards had slipped. "But, even with that, I would say, it could be worse. I was not good enough to find a way but we didn't give up," he said. "We're still fighting to qualify for the Champions League -- that is a big, big prize -- and the FA Cup."

‘We’re doing well’ Hansi Flick says Barcelona are focussed on El Clasico against Real Madrid after UCL defeat to Inter Milan



New Delhi (Agency): Manager Hansi Flick on Saturday said that Barcelona are ready to move on from their Champions League semifinal defeat against Inter Milan and concentrate on their upcoming clash against La Liga title rivals Real Madrid. Barcelona will be keen for a win here as a victory against Real and then another win next week will ensure that they win the La Liga title for the 28th time. "We're doing well. After the defeat in Milan, everyone knows it's not easy... but we're doing things right. We've talked about what we want to do in these two weeks. There are four more games to go. El Clasico is important, we have to show how well we can play. We have to show confidence. The players are doing very well... We've been talking about what they are thinking, what they are feeling" Flick said. "We had to

talk about it as a group. Everyone knows that in a Clasico you have to give 100%. You have to be active, intense, dominant. Real Madrid is a very good team, and we need the fans," he added. Flick also addressed the criticism his side often face due to the use of a high line while defending. "When we started, I was clear about the philosophy... There have been games, especially at the beginning, where we saw doubts, but the team has adapted well. They have also been improving and are happy with the style and how we want to play. When you see the quality of the players you are happy." The German also praised defender Inigo Martinez while also adding that striker Robert Lewandowski, returning from a hamstring injury, and full back Alejandro Balde would not start against Real.

‘Daryl Mitchell said he will never return Pakistan again, Tom Curran was crying’: Rishad Hossain ‘Relieved’ after reaching Dubai amid PSL postponement

New Delhi (Agency): Bangladesh leg-spinner Rishad Hossain said on Saturday that he and the other overseas players were relieved to reach Dubai after

situations, as the overseas players were all horrified. "Foreign players like Sam Billings, Daryl Mitchell, Kushal Perera, David Wiese, Tom Curran... all of them

he added. Rishad was a part of the Lahore Qalandars team and, alongside pacer Nahid Rana (Peshawar Zalmi), were the two Bangladeshi players participating in PSL 2025.

All foreign players in the Pakistan league were flown out to the UAE, from where they were booked on connecting flights to their final destinations. "Alhamdulillah, we have reached Dubai after overcoming a crisis, and I am feeling well now," said Rishad.

"After landing in Dubai when we heard that a missile struck the airport 20 minutes after we took off from the airport. The news was scary as well as sorrowful and now after reaching Dubai we are feeling relieved," he said, adding that his family spent some sleepless nights," he added. According to Rishad, the PCB chairman, Mohsin Naqvi, initially wanted to hold the remaining PSL matches in Karachi. However, the decision was later changed after several players raised safety concerns with him.



the Pakistan Super League (PSL) was put on hold amid the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced the postponement of PSL on Friday after the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) suspended the ongoing Indian Premier League 2025 after the heightened tensions between the nations. Rishad also said New Zealand batting all-rounder Daryl Mitchell told him he would never 'return to Pakistan', especially in these

were so frightened... Landing in Dubai, Mitchell told me that he would never go to Pakistan again, especially in this kind of scenario. Overall, they were all horrified," said Rishad at Dubai Airport, as quoted by Cricbuzz. He also mentioned how difficult it was to console worried English cricketer Tom Curran, who started crying. "He (Tom Curran) went to the airport, but heard that the airport was closed. Then he started crying like a little child, that it took two or three people to handle him,"

Sanjay Bangar analyses Rishabh Pant’s batting: If you do look to score down the ground...then all those other areas open up

New Delhi (Agency): Lucknow Super Giants skipper Rishabh Pant has been going through a torrid time in the Indian Premier League 2025. The southpaw is yet to make an impactful contribution with the bat for his side. Additionally, LSG did start the tournament well, but the performances started to take a downward spiral and his form has come under sharp focus. In 11 games thus far, Pant has scored 128 runs at an average of 12.80. "We have to recognise that he's still yet to totally understand the white-ball game – both formats, 50-over cricket as well as T20 cricket. A fabulous Test match batter, make no mistake about it, but here in this particular season, what I noticed is that he got out a number of times looking to play shots behind the wicket," said former Indian cricketer Sanjay Bangar. "If you do look to score down the ground a lot of times, then all those other areas open up. But if you're only looking to score behind, then whatever is in front of you, you sort of are very much late and not in a great position to play." Bangar said. "Now, you pull out the best innings of Rishabh – where has he looked to score the runs? Drives through covers, step down the track and try to hit the sight screen or go over midwicket, square.



assumed guarantee is removed. It's very hard to put a number. For what it's worth, it has been communicated to this daily that the ICC have not even privately put a number for this game over the course of a rights circle. But one insider broke it down like this. "Hypothetically speaking, let's assume every men's ICC event is worth 100 crore. That one guaranteed game could be worth Rs 7.5-10 cr. You remove that 7.5-10 cr from every tournament and all teams will be financially hit." It will affect all teams on a pro rata basis but the actual effect will be felt inequally. For example, the loss of that proportionate revenue will not affect BCCI, Cricket Australia and the England and Wales Cricket Board. However, almost all other full members as well as associates depend on ICC funding.

Pakistan Cricket Board decides to postpone PSL

New Delhi (Agency): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday decided to postpone the ongoing Pakistan Super League with eight matches remaining because of the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan. Earlier in the day BCCI too has suspended the ongoing Indian Premier League 2025 after the heightened tensions between the nations. "The decision to postpone has been taken pursuant to advice received from the Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif who has kept in view the reckless aggression from India that has escalated to a point where national attention and sentiments are rightly focused on the courageous efforts of the Armed Forces of Pakistan who are vociferously upholding the sovereignty of our beloved Pakistan," PCB said in a statement said. "The last 24 hours have seen a worsening of the situation on the LOC, increased incursion of 78 drones, and the firing of surface to surface missiles from India," read PCB's statement. Earlier, PCB confirmed that the last eight fixtures, which were previously scheduled in Rawalpindi, Multan and Lahore, will now be played in the UAE. "The PCB confirms that the remaining fixtures of the HBL PSL X have been shifted to the UAE," PCB said in a media release. However, a PTI source was quoted today "The Emirates Cricket Board has enjoyed a strong relationship with BCCI in recent years having hosted the 'India' edition of the ICC T20 World Cup 2021, editions of the IPL as well as India matches during ICC Champions Trophy 2025." Dubai is also the headquarter of the International Cricket Council, which is currently headed by former BCCI secretary Jay Shah. The PCB said it recognises the efforts and support of its partners, franchises, participating players, broadcasters, sponsors, and organizers in having ensured the smooth conduct of the tournament thus far, however; cricket while being a unifying force and a source of joy, must take a respectful pause when the country is facing such callous opposition. India attacked the terror infrastructure in Pakistan, two weeks after 26 civilians, including a Nepalese citizen, were gunned down by terrorist in Pahalgam – a popular tourists destination in India.

Alert in all districts of MP amid Indo-Pak tension, Mohan Sarkar issued advisory; action will be taken immediately

Bhopal (Agency): Home department in Madhya Pradesh has issued advisory for all districts of the state keeping in view national security. As per the guidelines issued late last night, in case of any emergency, all types of necessary medicines, machines should be available in all hospitals. The entire staff should be present along with the doctor and sufficient quantity of blood of all groups should be available in the blood bank. Along with this, arrangements for generators should also be ensured in different hospitals and schools. Similarly, keep complete vigil on social media and take immediate legal action on inflammatory posts or

material against the country, so that the atmosphere in the state does not deteriorate. For this, ensure compliance of the instructions issued



from time to time by the Government of India. District administration should ensure that sufficient food items, petrol-diesel, domestic gas etc. are

available in the districts in case of emergency. People should not unnecessarily store food items and other essential items.

The Public Health and Engineering Department will ensure that complete arrangements for drinking water are available in case of emergency. Update the list of

highly sensitive places in the districts, in which information about hospitals, power plants, oil and gas depots, religious places, institutions of the Government of India should be kept updated. Information related to civil security should be given at the village and panchayat level in the districts so that people have a sense of security and confidence. Fire services should be kept active. For this, equipment should be checked etc. The Home Department issued an advisory saying that communication services should be made smooth. For this, coordinate with telecom companies. Public address systems should be kept in working condition in sufficient numbers. In view

of mock drills and warnings of disaster management, arrangements for sirens should be ensured in cities. For this, the local administration, district administration and police administration should ensure necessary coordination. In case of disaster, participation of NGOs, National Service Scheme and NCC and civil volunteers should be ensured so that effective cooperation can be provided in relief and rescue work. Production in industries should continue smoothly. Ensure the safety of industries. The Public Works Department should ensure the maintenance and safety of roads and bridges. The Energy Department should ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity.

MP-Maharashtra sign agreement on Tapi Basin Project



Bhopal (Agency): An important agreement has been signed between Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. According to the official statement, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Saturday to jointly launch the Tapi Basin Mega Recharge Project. The agreement is being described as historic as the project is being described as the world's largest groundwater recharge scheme. Know

in this report how this project will become a means of prosperity for the farmers. MP Irrigation Minister Tulsi Silawat and his Maharashtra counterpart Girish Mahajan were also present on the occasion of signing the MoU. Tapi river is known as Tapi in Maharashtra. It originates from Betul district of MP. It flows through different parts of Maharashtra. The official statement said that the purpose of this project is to provide adequate water for drinking in north-eastern Maharashtra including Nagpur and for irrigation in southern Madhya Pradesh, especially Chhindwara district. Officials said that as per the agreement between the two states regarding the Tapi Basin Mega Recharge Project, a total of 31.13 thousand million cubic (TMC) feet of water can be used. Out of this, 11.76 TMC water has been allocated for MP while 19.36 TMC has been allocated for Maharashtra.

BRIEF NEWS

Delhi CM raps civic body for slow disposal of waste at landfills



Delhi (Agency): In a high-level meeting with MCD officials, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta Friday issued instructions to ensure that work to clear Delhi's three landfills is done in a fast-paced manner.

According to a statement from the Chief Minister's office, Gupta expressed displeasure over the slow pace of waste disposal work and instructed the officials to carry out immediate removal of garbage from the three landfills — Okhla, Ghazipur and Bhalswa.

The Chief Minister was also briefed on the progress of waste-to-energy plants that are operational in Narela-Bawana, Ghazipur, Okhla and Tehkhand, along with plans on their expansion.

"The CM specifically instructed that the operation and expansion of these projects must be carried out with complete transparency, accountability, and strict adherence to timelines to ensure effective outcomes for the public," the statement said. The MCD and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) have recently initiated a mega city-wide cleanliness drive. In this regard, the CM directed MCD officials to submit daily progress reports of the ongoing drive.

The CM has directed that the officials should ensure no one throws garbage in the drains and take serious note of the issue of stray cattle. The corporation has been directed to launch a special stray cattle campaign.

She also instructed MCD to develop a comprehensive plan for better public use of reclaimed land from the landfill sites.

"Every street, lane, and colony across the capital — regardless of location — must have equal access to cleanliness. She emphasised that sanitation should not be limited to garbage collection alone but must be a system involving solid waste management, drain cleaning, public toilet maintenance, and active citizen participation," Gupta's office said in its statement

138 flights cancelled at Delhi Airport

Delhi (Agency): At least 138 flights to and from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) were cancelled on Friday, amid escalating tension along the India-Pakistan border. Delhi Airport authorities also issued an advisory urging flyers to follow all baggage regulations and cooperate with security staff. At least 63 arriving and 66 departing domestic flights were cancelled at the airport as of 9 pm on Friday, said a source. Four international arrivals and five international departures were also cancelled during the same period, the source added.

In an advisory posted on X, the Delhi Airport stated that while airport operations remain normal, some flight schedules may be impacted "due to evolving airspace conditions and strengthened security measures". It also urged passengers to avoid spreading or relying on unverified information.

Airlines have issued advisories asking passengers to report at least three hours before their flight's departure. "In view of an order by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on enhanced measures at airports, passengers across India are advised to arrive at their respective airports at least 3 hours prior to scheduled departure to ensure smooth check-in and boarding. Check-in closes 75 mins before departure," Air India posted on X.

IndiGo also issued a similar appeal, stating: "We request you to allow some extra time for your journey to accommodate security checks and formalities."

India has already suspended commercial flight operations at 27 airports, mainly those close to the India-Pakistan border or housed at key Air Force bases.

Clouds will thunder heavily in 3 dozen cities including Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal (Agency): A big update has come in the weather forecast of Madhya Pradesh. Alert has been issued for rain and thunderstorm in more than three dozen cities in MP. After the warning of the Meteorological Department, the police-administration has also come on alert mode. If the forecast of the Meteorological Department is to be believed, then thunderstorms and storms can occur along with rain in Tikamgarh, Vidisha, Balaghat, Narmadapuram,

Rewa, Chhindwara, Seoni, Damoh, Sagar, Panna, Betul, etc. cities including the capital Bhopal.

The mood of the weather will remain the same for the next two to three days in Madhya Pradesh. The period of rain will continue due to the activation of Western Disturbance. The period of rain will continue in many cities of the state, due to which people will get relief from the scorching heat. After the rain, the day and night temperature will also decrease.



This is the weather forecast for MP from May 10 to the next 2 days

Rain and storm will continue in many cities of Madhya Pradesh for the next two to three days. Due to the rain, the temperature will also decrease, after which people will get a lot of relief from the scorching heat.

Rain will continue in cities like MP's capital Bhopal, Mandsaur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Vidisha, Indore, Sagar, Raissen, Ujjain, Chhindwara, Khargone, Panna, Dewas, Damoh,

Tikamgarh, Ratlam, Sehore, Rewa, Neemuch, Seoni, Khandwa, Satna, Rajgarh etc.

Administration alert after weather department's warning

After the weather department's warning of rain and storm, the police-administration has also come on alert mode. Strict instructions have been given to the people living on the banks of the rivers to be especially cautious. Additional police force has also been deployed.

O P Jindal university shifts exams to online mode

Delhi (Agency): In light of the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan, the O P Jindal Global University (JGU) on Friday announced that all end-semester examinations for Spring 2025 will now be held entirely online. The examinations, initially scheduled for this week, will now commence from May 13 to give administrators time to shift to the online mode, the university added.

In an email sent on Friday by the Registrar's office, the university said the decision was taken "not due to any direct threat to campus safety, but as a proactive and

precautionary step". "The JGU campus remains secure and fully functional, and we continue to function with



complete preparedness and abundant care," it added. In the email, the university clarified that students are not required to vacate campus

and may choose to appear for online exams from their hostel rooms. "Accommodation and

return to their families. "We understand that there is a likelihood of Internet services getting disrupted in certain sensitive areas... the university will conduct examinations for them later as per the institutional policy," the email stated. The announcement comes at a time when students are grappling with confusion and anxiety. "There was panic on campus until yesterday, everyone was glued to the news and trying to figure out what was going on... Many students have started booking flights to return home," said a fourth-year law student.

SC rejects plea to review Allahabad HC decision that ended toll collection on DND flyway

Delhi (Agency): The Supreme Court on Friday rejected a plea to review its decision upholding the Allahabad High Court order, which had ended toll collection by Noida Toll Bridge Company Limited (NTBCL) on the DND (Delhi-Noida Direct) flyway connecting Delhi to Noida. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh dismissed NTBCL's plea seeking review of its December 20, 2024 judgment. The company sought a relook at the decision, stating that the report of the CAG — which was relied upon by the court — had some positive remarks, too, about it, but the order did not reflect the same.

The origin of the flyway dates back to April 1992, when Noida and the Delhi administration entered into an MoU with IL&FS,

intending to construct the bridge. The concession agreement was executed on November 12, 1997. The HC's October 26, 2016,



ruling came on a plea filed by the Federation of Noida Residents' Welfare Association, which had moved the HC nearly 15

years after the execution of the concession agreement. It sought a direction to discontinue toll charges from those who used the DND

flyway, saying NTBCL had already recovered the project costs. The NTBCL had then approached the SC. On

December 20, 2024, the SC had dismissed the appeal, saying, "NTBCL has recovered the project costs and substantial profits, eliminating any justification for the continued imposition or collection of user fees or tolls."

It added that there was no infirmity in the HC judgment and that it found no reason to interfere with it.

The SC also said that the contract awarded to NTBCL through the concession agreement by state authorities and New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) was "unfair, unjust and inconsistent with Constitutional norms".

It added that NOIDA "exceeded its authority by delegating the power to levy fees or impose tolls to NTBCL, rendering such delegation invalid".

Delhi's Vigilance dept seeks Centre nod to probe AAP's ex-health ministers Jain and Bharadwaj



Delhi (Agency): The Delhi government's Vigilance Department has sought permission from the Centre to initiate an inquiry against former health ministers Saurabh Bharadwaj and Satyendar Jain for allegedly committing corruption of Rs 5,590 crore in the construction of 24 hospitals, said officials.

According to officials, the department sought permission to probe these AAP leaders under the Prevention of Corruption (PoC) Act. Hitting back, the AAP accused the BJP government of not providing funds to complete the project, which led to cost escalation.

Officials said a complaint was filed by BJP MLA and Delhi Legislative Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta with the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) alleging rampant corruption plaguing the Health Department with the connivance of Bharadwaj and Jain. Gupta alleged that in 2018-19, the 24 hospital projects — 11 greenfield and 13 brownfield — were sanctioned for Rs 5,590 crore, but these projects have been mired in inexplicable delays and astronomical cost overruns, which indicates large-scale siphoning of funds. The ACB then conducted an inquiry which, prima facie, revealed that the consistent inflating of the aforesaid project costs;

deliberate delays by the departments; rejection of cost-effective solutions; mis-allocation of funds; and creation of idle assets are the tactics and patterns of misconduct and corrupt activities which resulted in a huge loss to the government exchequer of the health department concerned. "The allegations levelled in the complaint are serious and require an inquiry... It is, therefore, requested that prior approval u/s 17-A of the PoC Act against Saurabh Bharadwaj and Satyendar Jain, Former Health Minister, GNCT of Delhi, [be granted] for conducting the enquiry," said the ACB in its report.

Officials said the ACB sent this report to the Vigilance Department in January. Following this, the Vigilance Department recently sought permission from the Centre. Officials said the Centre has sent the file to the President. Permission is required from the President as the charges are levelled against two former ministers.

The AAP, in its response, said, "In the early days of... Covid, there were projections that Delhi could see 5.5 lakh cases... and would require 80,000 hospital beds, especially ICU beds... The AAP government mobilised its financial resources to build these hospitals at the fastest possible pace.