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‘Why these frequent disappearances?’: BJP alleges Rahul on 'secret' foreign trip; Congress hits back

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NEW DELHI: The Congress on Tuesday hit out at the BJP after they criticised Raebareli MP Rahul Gandhi's overseas travel, and said that he is in London, attending his niece's graduation ceremony and will return soon. BJP's IT chief Amit Malviya criticised Gandhi on X, questioning his "frequent disappearances" and undisclosed foreign trips. He demanded explanations from Gandhi as the Leader of the opposition. "Rahul Gandhi was on a secret foreign holiday just last week. Now, he has flown abroad again to yet another undisclosed location," Malviya said on X. It's an important platform for dis-



cussion It should be used responsibly "Why these frequent disappearances? What is so compelling that keeps him away from the country so often? As the Leader of the Opposition, he owes the people of India answers," he added. Rahul Gandhi Slams Modi Govt Over Make in India: ‘We

Assemble, China Profits, Youth Suffer’ While social media speculated about Gandhi visiting Bahrain, Congress sources confirmed his travel route was New Delhi-Bahrain-London. Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera defended Gandhi, stating on X: "The PMO is, as usual, up

to its dirty tricks. It knows nothing else. Rahul Gandhi has gone to London to attend the graduation ceremony of his niece and will be back shortly." The occasion pertains to Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Robert Vadra's daughter Miraya Vadra's graduation in the UK.

All a speculation': Black box of crashed AI plane not sent abroad, says Naidu; currently with AIIB

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Civil aviation minister K Rammohan Naidu said on Tuesday that the black box from the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad is being examined by the aircraft accident investigation bureau (AAIB) and dismissed media speculation that it has been sent abroad for analysis. The London-bound Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed into a hostel complex in Ahmedabad on June 12, shortly after takeoff from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, killing 241 people on board. One passenger survived. The black box was recovered from the crash site on June 13. Speaking on the sidelines of the helicopters & small aircraft summit 2025, jointly organised by FICCI and the ministry of civil aviation, Naidu said, "...it is all speculation. The black box is very much in India and it is currently being investigated by the Aircraft Accident Investigation



Bureau **Vatika Times** (AAIB)." When asked about the timeline for retrieving the black box data, Naidu said it was a technical matter and that the bureau is following proper procedures. "Let the AAIB conduct the probe and go through the entire process," he added. Following the incident, the government had announced the formation of a high-level panel to investigate the causes of the crash. The minister had earlier said that decoding the black box would provide crucial insight into the

Israel-Iran conflict: Air India halts all flights to Middle East; Europe and US east coast also affected

NEW DELHI: The closure of UAE and Qatar airspace late Monday night as missiles were fired from Iran towards US bases in Qatar and Iraq threw commercial air traffic completely out of gear. Hundreds of lights to and from the region — that houses mega

hubs like Dubai, Doha and Abu Dhabi along with multiple smaller ones like Sharjah — were impacted. Flights headed there from across the world, including multiple Indian cities, were diverted, returned to origin or were put on hold.

moments leading up to the crash.

'Prime asset for India on global stage': Tharoor praises PM Modi again



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NEW DELHI: Shashi Tharoor, whose frosty ties with the Congress leadership is now an open secret, has yet again taken a diametrically opposite stand from his party and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the global diplomatic outreach following "Operation Sindoor". In an article published in The Hindu, Tharoor said: "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's energy, dynamism and willingness to engage remains a prime asset for India on the global stage but deserves greater backing." "The diplomatic outreach following 'Operation Sindoor' was a moment of national resolve and effective communication. It affirmed that India, when united, can project its voice with clarity and conviction on international platforms," the Congress leader wrote in the article. Tharoor had led one of the seven multi-party delegations to convey India's stand following the Pahalgam terror attack and the military operation. Only last week, Tharoor had admitted to "differences of opinion with some in party leadership". Ironically, Shashi Tharoor's latest round of praise for PM Modi comes on a day the Congress made a notable electoral victory in Kerala wresting the Nilambur assembly seat from the LDF after nine years. Tharoor had stayed away from party's campaign in Nilambur bypoll. While the Congress MP had said that he was not invited, the Congress maintained that his name was in the list of star campaigners for the bypoll. The Congress had dubbed the Nilambur bypolls as the semi-finals ahead of the assembly elections in the state next year.

'All elections held as per law': EC rebuts Rahul's rigging claim

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NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) formally wrote to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi regarding his allegations of rigging in the 2024 Maharashtra polls, asserting that all elections are conducted strictly in accordance with laws passed by Parliament and established rules. The poll body also highlighted that the entire electoral process involves thousands of personnel, including booth-level agents



appointed by various political parties. In a letter emailed to the Congress leader on June 12, responding to his article published in a leading daily, the ECI explained that the election process is carried out in a decen-

tralised manner at the assembly constituency level. It noted the involvement of more than 1,00,186 Booth Level Officers (BLOs), 288 Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), 139 General Observers, 41 Police

Observers, 71 Expenditure Observers, and 288 Returning Officers (ROs) appointed by the Commission. In addition, 1,08,026 Booth Level Agents (BLAs) from national and state political parties, including 28,421 from the Congress, were deployed across Maharashtra. "We presume that any issue regarding conduct of elections would have already been raised through election petitions filed in the competent court of law."

Gulf tensions: Multiple flights disrupted across India; airlines issue alert

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NEW DELHI: Flight operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport have been heavily disrupted since last night, with 48 cancellations reported, 28 arrivals and 20 departures, according to airport sources quoted by ANI news agency. National carrier Air India and low-cost airline IndiGo were the most affected. Air India cancelled 17 arriving and 10 departing flights, while IndiGo saw 8 arrival and 7 departure cancellations. Other domestic and international airlines also faced disruptions, with 3 arrivals and 3 departures cancelled. The impact was not limited to Delhi. Airports across India, including Ahmedabad (SVPIA), Thiruvananthapuram, and Mangaluru, reported delays and



cancellations due to airspace restrictions over Qatar and parts of the Gulf region. Poll Should airlines offer better compensation for flight cancellations due to geopolitical issues? Yes, they shouldNo, it's not necessary Cochin International Airport in Kerala issued a statement confirming multiple flight disruptions due to operational reasons. Affected services included flights between Cochin and Doha (A1953), Dubai (SG018), Abu Dhabi (6E1403), Riyadh (6E1493), Muscat

(6E1271 and 6E1272), Bahrain (6E1206/055), and return flights from these locations, such as SG017 (Dubai to Cochin) and 6E1404 (Abu Dhabi to Cochin). Operation Sindhu: 2,003 Indians Evacuated From Conflict-Hit Iran Amid Escalation Concerns Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport in Lucknow also issued a travel advisory, asking passengers to confirm flight schedules with airlines before heading to the airport. The ongoing tensions in the Middle

East also led to significant airspace restrictions, affecting major international carriers. The situation has created a humanitarian challenge at various airports worldwide, with passengers facing unprecedented difficulties. The situation was also challenging for international travellers with limited-validity visas, who found themselves confined to the airport premises. "We were left stranded for hours at Schiphol Airport with no clarity, no support, and absolutely no regard for the hundreds of passengers affected. First, we were told that boarding was delayed due to intense checks. Minutes later, we saw our luggage being offloaded — and only then were we told the flight was cancelled."

Gujarat bypoll results: 'AAP will defeat BJP in 2027

NEW DELHI: Declaring a turning point in Gujarat politics, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) state president Isudan Gadhvi on Monday said, "If there is anyone who can defeat the BJP, it is AAP... AAP is going to form the government in 2027. A foundation has been laid today." He was speaking shortly after AAP candidate Gopal Italia won the Visavadar by-election by a margin of over 14,000 votes. "This is a victory of the people of Visavadar, of the farmers, of labourers and unemployed youth. This is a victory of the people of Gujarat," Gadhvi said, adding, "You must have seen that the BJP is not popular here. It does poaching with money, with power... But it poached one leader."

'Will present key issues related to Uttarakhand at 25th central regional council meeting,' says CM



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Varanasi: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said he will present important issues related to the state at the 25th meeting of the central regional council, chaired by Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah in Varanasi. "Today, I will present important issues related to Uttarakhand in the 25th meeting of the central regional council, chaired by Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah in Varanasi," Dhami said. Dhami said that as a border state, protecting borders, improving interstate coordination,

and ensuring the safety of tourists and pilgrims are top priorities. He added that the upcoming central regional council meeting will include important discussions on disaster management, transportation, health, tourism infrastructure, and other key issues affecting the state. "Being a border state, our priority is to protect the borders, interstate coordination, and provide safe and convenient experience to tourists and pilgrims. In the meeting, meaningful discussions will be held with the Center and other states on disaster management, transportation."

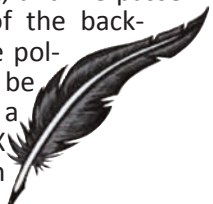


Editorial

Is Airbus Safer Than Boeing?
No, And That's Not The Point

Ritu Walia

When a Boeing 787 Dreamliner crashed in Ahmedabad last week, the fallout extended far beyond the scorched wreckage. For Air India, it was a devastating blow, as it was engaged in a long-overdue brand revival. But for Boeing, it was something worse. It was a jolt that reopened wounds the company had barely managed to scar over after years of public scrutiny, software failures and shattered reputations. This was no ordinary aircraft. The Dreamliner was Boeing's comeback symbol. Sleek, long-range, fuel-efficient and technologically advanced, it was meant to restore faith after the 737 MAX fiasco, a debacle that had cast a dark shadow over the American aerospace giant. But as flames lit up the sky over Gujarat, so did old questions and new doubts. No one yet knows what went wrong. The black boxes will take time to yield answers. Was it pilot error? Mechanical failure? A freak accident? Until we know more, speculation will fill the void and fear will follow. This sentiment, which first gained traction after the 737 MAX crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia, when many travellers began saying, "I'm not flying Boeing again, is being felt again. For Boeing, the crash happened in Ahmedabad but the damage to trust could be felt around the world. Globally, there are just two most dominant aircraft manufacturers: America's Boeing and Europe's Airbus. The duopoly has shaped the global aviation landscape for decades. The two aerospace titans have forever locked in an eternal dogfight, their names stamped invisibly beneath our boarding passes. Which one has better safety records? Between 2013 and 2022, Boeing aircraft were involved in 60 accidents, while Airbus had 50. On the surface, that makes Boeing look worse. But the catch is that Boeing also has more aircraft in service. When adjusted for the number of flights, the fatality rates are neck-and-neck. The difference is just a few hundredths of a point per million departures. In purely statistical terms," says aviation analyst Richard Aboulafia, "you are as safe flying an Airbus as you are flying a Boeing. The plane itself is rarely the problem." Still, perception isn't bound by data. Boeing's problems in recent years haven't just been mechanical, they have been moral. The 737 MAX disasters in Indonesia and Ethiopia killed 346 people. Investigations pointed to a flawed MCAS (Mast Cell Activation Syndrome) software system that overrode pilot commands. What truly damaged Boeing's brand was the revelation of a toxic internal culture - one that prioritised cost-cutting over safety. Airbus, meanwhile, has avoided such intense scrutiny. But it hasn't been faultless. In 2009, an Air France A330 crashed into the Atlantic after a sensor failure caused the autopilot to disengage. The pilots stalled the plane fatally. In 2020, Airbus paid a \$4 billion settlement over a global corruption probe. A cynical industry insider once said, "Airbus sins in boardrooms. Boeing sins in cockpits." A brutal summary, but one that sticks. Boeing and Airbus aren't just competitors; they are geopolitical avatars. Boeing enjoys close ties with the US government and Pentagon contracts. Airbus, a European creation, was meant to counter American aviation dominance. Their rivalry has spilt into trade disputes, WTO battles, and lobbying skirmishes. When Boeing's 737 MAX was grounded worldwide, some pointed fingers at a US regulator being too cosy with the manufacturer. Meanwhile, Airbus faced multibillion-dollar investigations across Europe for corporate bribery. It's capitalism at 40,000 feet, and we passengers are mostly unaware of the backroom turbulence behind the polished check-in counters. To be honest, Boeing has had a rough decade. The 737 MAX saga was a crisis of design



Ravi Singh

In 2019, during the UN Climate Action Summit in New York, leaders from industrialised nations delivered impassioned speeches about the urgency of addressing climate change. Yet, behind closed doors, they continued to approve new fossil fuel projects and delay meaningful climate finance commitments. This dichotomy highlights a fundamental hypocrisy in global climate politics: The West often preaches sustainability but falls short in practice, prioritising economic interests over environmental imperatives. As the countdown to the COP29 climate summit in Azerbaijan this November continues, the Bonn Climate Change Conference in Germany concluded in a stalemate last week. Nations disagreed on the size and scope of loss and damage financing, representing a significant setback in global climate negotiations. The Bonn talks did not achieve meaningful progress on climate financing, underscoring a persistent issue: industrialised nations, which bear the greatest responsibility for the current climate crisis, resisted calls from Global South countries to compensate those who suffer the most but have contributed the least to greenhouse gas emissions. Over a decade ago, developed nations pledged to mobilise \$100 billion annually by 2020 to support climate action in developing countries.

Copenhagen Accord in 2009 and reiterated in the Paris Agreement, has not been met. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reported that climate finance reached only \$79.6 billion in 2019. It was only in 2022 that developed countries provided and mobilised \$115.9 billion in climate finance for developing countries. By the end of COP29, all parties must agree on a "new collective quantified goal" (NCQG) to guide the provision of climate finance, intended to replace the \$100 billion target after 2025. Progress on negotiating the NCQG has been slow. Disagreements persist on almost every aspect of the new target, including the amount of money to be provided, the sources of these funds, the recipients, and the specific forms of financial assistance. Ready to move in 4 BHK from 4.15 Cr* for a limited period. TS Triumph, Gurgaon by TaboolaSponsored Links Current climate finance is grossly inadequate for the scale of action required. The \$100 billion target for climate finance is laughably insufficient. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2021 estimates that the costs of adapting to climate change in developing countries could reach \$140-300 billion per year by 2030, escalating to \$280-500 bil-

lion per year by 2050. Furthermore, the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2021 report highlights that global climate finance flows reached a record \$632 billion in 2019/2020. Despite this record, the funding falls significantly short of the \$4.13 trillion annual investment required by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement targets, as estimated by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in its Net Zero by 2050 report. Now even these estimates are seen as low. As highlighted by the Independent High-Level Expert Group on Climate Finance in their November 2022 report, emerging markets and developing countries (excluding China) are starving at a financial chasm. These nations must mobilise approximately \$1 trillion annually by 2025, amounting to 4.1 per cent of their GDP—double the 2.2 per cent spent in 2019. Fast forward to 2030, and the figure balloons to a staggering \$2.4 trillion per year, or 6.5 per cent of GDP. This glaring disparity underscores the urgent need to recalibrate climate finance targets if we are to meet the colossal demands of climate adaptation and mitigation. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's AR6 Synthesis Report on Climate Change 2023, the 2018 UNFCCC biennial assessments and the IPCC

1.5°C report estimated that global financial needs for achieving a 2°C warming target are \$1.7 trillion annually from 2020 to 2030-2035, and \$2.4 trillion annually for the 1.5°C target, specifically for the energy sector. The report concludes that global climate finance flows must increase by three to six times the current levels to meet the average annual financial requirements until 2030. This cannot happen in the absence of reforms in multilateral development banks (MDBs). A high-level expert group established by the G20 under India's presidency has proposed a 30-point roadmap to reform multilateral development banks (MDBs) and triple their lending by 2030. The Independent Expert Group, led by former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and India's 15th Finance Commission Chairman NK Singh, emphasized urgent action to scale MDBs to be "fit for purpose" by 2030. Their report, "The Triple Agenda: A Roadmap for Bigger, Bolder and Better MDBs", advocates for tripling MDBs' sustainable lending limits, introducing new financial instruments like pooled portfolio guarantees and hybrid capital, and attracting private investors. The report underscores the urgency of these reforms, warning against delays and weak responses, and sets a target of increasing MDB financing to \$390 billion annually

by 2030. It also suggests establishing a pilot Global Challenges Funding Mechanism (GCFM) to attract additional resources from various investors for priority goals.

Thus, the pressure on developed nations to increase their financial contributions intensifies. Transitioning from billions to trillions in climate finance will necessitate leveraging innovative financial instruments, such as green bonds, blended finance, and climate funds. This cannot happen if the developed world continues to preach from a moral high ground on climate change while shirking its duty to fund climate mitigation and adaptation in developing countries. As John Rawls might argue, justice as fairness demands that those who have historically polluted and benefited from it should now shoulder the responsibility to aid others. Immanuel Kant's categorical imperative would insist on treating developing nations not merely as means to an end but as ends in themselves, deserving of the same opportunities for growth and development. The hypocrisy of expecting developing countries to curb pollution without providing the necessary resources to transition to cleaner energy is an affront to these philosophical principles. It stifles their growth and perpetuates inequality.

What Ram Vilas Paswan did to Lalu in 2005 must
haunt Nitish in 2025 as Chirag enters poll fray

Why would a Union Cabinet minister contest an Assembly election in which his party is a marginal player and the chief ministerial chair is seemingly out of bounds? Many in Bihar political circles are looking for an answer after food processing industries minister Chirag Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) declared on Sunday that he would contest the upcoming Assembly election. It's not casual political bravado, for sure. Look at the way he bounced back from a hopeless political situation after the death of his father, Ram Vilas Paswan, and desertion by his uncle and other party MPs. The 42-year-old leader has a wise head on young shoulders. So, what is he up to? He was evasive when I asked him a couple of weeks back about the speculation around him contesting the Assembly poll. His party colleagues were thinking that it would bolster the party's prospects, he said. Plausible but not very convincing. The National Democratic Alliance

(NDA) is crowded in Bihar. Given that the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Janata Dal (United) are likely to contest around a hundred seats each, barely 35-40 remaining seats in the 243-member Assembly would be available for the other NDA constituents. This includes Paswan's LJP, Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) and Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Morcha. Paswan would, of course, get a lion's share of these remaining seats, but that's still not big enough for him to harbour large ambitions and enter the poll fray. The LJP has said that Paswan will contest from a general, not a reserved seat. He is looking to expand his party's support base beyond the six per cent Paswan votebank. But there is more to it than meets the eye. One must go back 20 years to understand why Nitish Kumar would be wary of Paswan's moves in Bihar. In the February 2005 Assembly elections, Ram Vilas Paswan ended the Lalu Yadav family's 15-year rule.

Congress gave award to Razakar—a propaganda film that demonises Muslims

Saariq It hardly surprised anyone that the movie Razakar: The Silent Genocide of Hyderabad was produced by Telangana BJP leader Gudur Narayan Reddy. After all, the propaganda film was intended to push the narrative that Muslims in the erstwhile state of Hyderabad attacked Hindus before its annexation into the Indian Union on 17 September 1948. So when Razakar bagged the Best Cinematography and Best Debut Director awards at the 15th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival 2025—again, not surprising. What did shock me and many others, however, was the Congress-run Telangana government giving Razakar an award at the inaugural Gaddar Telangana Film Awards, under the 'Environment/Heritage / History' category. Balladeer Gaddar, a former Naxalite turned activist who fought for Telangana statehood, is a name long associated with the Left in the state. He was linked with everyone who was ideologically opposed to Hindutva and right-wing politics. So the Congress has left many puzzled by awarding a film produced by a BJP

leader. What's even more striking is that AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi—who called Chief Minister Revanth Reddy an "RSS Anna"—has remained silent on the matter. So why is this movie winning an award a problem? For starters, its portrayal of Muslims is a terrible caricature of the community in the state, and it distorts the facts of what happened in the days leading up to Hyderabad's annexation. I tried to watch the movie—but I had to walk out halfway because I simply couldn't take any more. The false portrayals of everything were just too disturbing. One of the most ignored aspects of Hyderabad's history growing up was information about the annexation of the erstwhile Hyderabad state. Formed in 1724 as a Mughal vassal state by the Asaf Jahi Nizams, the last Nizam of Hyderabad was Mir Osman Ali Khan, who ruled from 1911 to 1948. The state was one of the largest in India—around 82,698 square miles—including present-day Telangana, five districts of Maharashtra, and three of Karnataka (including Bidar and Gulbarga). It was relatively peaceful, thanks to a treaty with the British East India

Company in 1798 and later with the British Crown, under which the Nizams enjoyed semi-autonomous rule. But as independence approached, things changed. Osman Ali Khan—like a few other princely rulers—wanted to stay independent. That became a problem in 1947. But what is often missed is that, even before that, by 1946, peasants in Telangana had started mobilising under the banner of the Communist Party of India (CPI) against extreme feudal oppression. Vetti Chakiri—or bonded labour—was the norm. Thousands of peasants and lower-caste people were forced to slave for Jagirdars (land revenue collectors) who controlled around 60 per cent of the state. Many of these landlords were from dominant Hindu castes. Muslims made up about 10 per cent of the state's population. The Telangana Armed Struggle, a peasant uprising, began in 1946, a year before independence, and lasted until 21 October 1951, when the CPI officially called it off. Hyderabad was annexed on 17 September 1948, when the Indian government under Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Netanyahu - And Trump - Are A Bit Deluded About Iran.

Ravi Singh

Israel's sustained strikes on Iran may have focused on nuclear facilities, but no one is fooled. The timing, precision and messaging suggest something far bigger is at play. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu isn't just trying to delay or dismantle Iran's nuclear programme, he is openly flirting with a broader, riskier ambition: regime change. He has said it plainly. The war with Iran, he said, "could certainly" end with the Islamic Republic's collapse. This statement could be interpreted this way: dismantle the nuclear threat, and if the regime falls along the way, so be it, maybe even better. Multiple

sources suggest, corroborated by US President Donald Trump himself, that Israeli intelligence had been planning a high-level assassination, with less than Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei being on the target list. But the operation, reportedly floated to the US president, never got a green light. Trump, who had earlier authorised the killing of General Qassem Soleimani, seemed to think that killing a sitting head of state was a step too far. Trump has shifted gears. After days of playing it cool, he has begun speaking in ominous tones. Iran must surrender, he warns, or face consequences. He refers to Netanyahu and Israel as "we" and says the

Ayatollah is "in our sights" - a chilling phrase that blurs the line between deterrence and a death threat. The US media has reported that he has already approved an attack plan for Iran, although the details are not clear yet. But there's a catch. Trump's own political instincts are at war with his geopolitical urges. His MAGA ('Make America Great Again') base, fiercely anti-interventionist and scarred by Iraq and Afghanistan - has no appetite for another foreign adventure. "America First" wasn't just a slogan; it was a barricade against exactly this kind of entanglement. And it is not just the grassroots pushing back. Eight US senators, including voices from both

sides of the aisle, have tabled legislation urging the administration to stay out of any Israeli-initiated war with Iran. The message is loud and clear: "This fight isn't ours". But with missiles flying, rhetoric escalating, and history repeating itself, the question becomes urgent: whose fight is this really, and where does it end? Bombs and missiles began raining down on Iran last Friday. Israeli jets, in a series of carefully calibrated airstrikes, have repeatedly been striking sites reportedly linked to Iran's nuclear programme. Israel says it wants to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons for its own security. Netanyahu is now openly calling for regime change.



Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India inaugurates its First-Ever EV Concept Store in Bengaluru

Vatika Times Karnal: In a significant step towards electric mobility journey, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) today inaugurated its first-ever EV Concept Store in India, located at Mantri Square Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru. This one-of-a-kind Concept Store is designed to offer customers an immersive & futuristic experience, giving them a glimpse into Honda's world of mobility, technology, and innovation. HMSI also announced a new BaaS Lite Plan for ACTIVA e: where customers can pay just Rs 678/month, making EV ownership more accessible than ever before. A Glimpse into the Future: Inside Honda's EV Concept Store

Honda's new EV Concept Store is designed to offer a fascinating experience of the company's technological advancements. From electric mobility to personal aviation, it captures the essence of Honda's global innovation. At the heart of the store is a main LED Display, which serves as a digital focal point to engage visitors through interactive content, brand storytelling, and product highlights. It provides dynamic insights into Honda's electrification journey. A history wall is also on display, exhibiting the remarkable journey and key milestones of Honda over the years. The Product Display Zone showcases Honda's latest electric offerings in



India – the ACTIVA e: and QC1. Visitors can get up close with these models, explore their features, and understand the engineering that powers them. For families and younger visitors, the Kids Interaction Zone offers engaging experiences. This section has been specially designed to make the store welcoming to all age groups, reflecting Honda's inclusive brand philosophy. The Safe Tech Zone gives a detailed look at the core components behind

ACTIVA e: and QC1, including the PMS motor, hub motor, charger, battery and Mobile Power Pack (MPP). Visitors will also witness Honda's advanced battery swapping technology at the dedicated Honda Power Pack Exchanger e:. This innovative system enables seamless battery replacement for the ACTIVA e:, providing unmatched convenience to users. Live demonstrations of the system will showcase the efficiency and user-friendliness of this technology. Adding an interna-

tional flair, the store features a scale model of the Honda Jet, symbolizing the excellence in personal aviation. Honda's Electric Racing Go-Kart (eGX), showcasing the company's innovative approach to sustainable performance, is also on display. Powered by Honda Mobile Power Pack e: swappable batteries, the electric Go-Kart delivers impressive acceleration & precision handling. Another exciting highlight is the Honda Moto Compacto, a foldable electric scooter. Weighing just 19 kg, it is ideal for urban commuting with a top speed of 24 kmph and range of 20 km per charge. This display illustrates how Honda blends nostalgia with cutting-edge tech to create modern solutions.

Joint Operation by STF Haryana and Delhi Special Cell

Jasbir Singh Duggal Kurukshetra: In a joint operation, the Special Task Force (STF) has neutralized notorious gangster Romil Vohra in an encounter. Romil Vohra, son of Kapil Vohra and a resident of Ashok Vihar, Yamunanagar, had a reward of ₹3 lakh on his arrest. Addressing a press conference at the SP Office auditorium on Tuesday, STF SP Vikrant Bhushan and Kurukshetra SP Nitish Aggarwal informed that the STF had received intelligence that Romil Vohra was planning to execute a major criminal act in Delhi and northern Haryana, operating from Gurugram and Faridabad. Acting swiftly, the STF Central Unit in-charge Sub-Inspector Rakesh Kumar and STF Karnal Unit shared the information with Delhi Police's Counter Intelligence Special Cell. Inspector Manjeet Singh from the Delhi Special Cell and his team joined the operation. The two agen-



cies set up intensive checkpoints early in the morning on the routes from Gurugram and Faridabad to Delhi. When the accused was intercepted, he opened fire on the police. In self-defense, the police retaliated. In the exchange of fire, STF Haryana Sub-Inspector Rohan, Delhi Special Cell Sub-Inspector Praveen, and the accused Romil Vohra sustained injuries. All were rushed to the hospital where Romil was declared dead. The two injured officers are undergoing treatment. Box: Wanted in Murder and Firing Cases Romil Vohra was a dreaded criminal wanted in eight serious cases, including the Khedi Lakkha

Singh triple murder and the Shantanu murder case (Shahabad). His criminal record included firing incidents, illegal arms supply, conspiracy to murder, and organized criminal activities. He had been absconding for a long time and was on the STF's most wanted list. Major Breakthrough in Shantanu Murder Case – 10 Accused Arrested In a major breakthrough in the investigation of the Shantanu murder case that took place on June 13, 2025, in Shahabad, STF teams from Ambala and Karnal, led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Aman Kumar, have arrested 10 accused. These individuals were involved in planning the murder,

Emergency of June 25 Remembered as a Dark Chapter in Indian History: Vidushi Rai

Jasbir Singh Duggal Barara: BJP Barara Mandal Vice President Vidushi Rai stated that the Emergency declared on June 25, 1975, is remembered as a dark chapter in India's democratic history. Acting on the advice of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed declared a state of Emergency, which lasted for 21 months—from June 25, 1975, to March 21, 1977.

Vidushi Rai explained that the primary reason behind the imposition of Emergency was the Allahabad High Court's verdict declaring Indira Gandhi's election invalid, which threatened her position as Prime Minister. In addition, growing internal unrest and nationwide protests created pressure on the government. During this period, the government took several drastic steps, including the suspen-



sion of fundamental rights, press censorship, and the arrest of opposition leaders. Citizens lost their freedom to speak against the government or organize protests, striking at the core of democratic values. Rai emphasized that

the Emergency had a severe impact on India's democratic institutions and civil liberties. The suppression of dissent and the authoritarian measures taken during those 21 months are a stark reminder of the fragility of democracy. She added that even 50 years later, the nation remembers this dark phase of history—a time when democratic voices were silenced, and constitutional rights were curtailed.

Drugs, Scams, Blackmail: Actor Srikanth's Arrest In Cocaine Case Blows Lid Off Big Racket

Chennai: The arrest of actor Srikanth in a high-profile cocaine case has led to explosive revelations about a widening criminal network in Chennai—one that allegedly spans drug supply, job scams, blackmail, and land grabbing. Police say the main accused, Prasad, who allegedly supplied cocaine to Srikanth, has now been found to have hosted drug-fueled parties and sold cocaine to multiple individuals.

But drug trafficking is only one part of what police are calling a multi-layered criminal operation. According to investigators, Prasad also ran an elaborate job racket, cheating over 200 people by promising them government jobs. Victims were lured with fake assurances of placements in the Chennai Corporation, Railways, Income Tax Department, and Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC).

Farmers Oppose Illegal Commission Charges in Grain Market

“Our Fight is with the Government, Not the Farmers,” Say Leaders

Jasbir Singh Duggal

Shahabad Markanda: A critical meeting regarding the procurement of sunflower was held at the Kisan Rest House on Tuesday, attended by a large number of farmers and core committee members of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Chaduni). Secretary of the Shahabad Market Committee, Krishan Kumar Malik, was also present as a special invitee. The meeting aimed to bring transparency to the sunflower procurement process and address farmer grievances.



After the meeting, BKU Chaduni spokesperson Rakesh Bains expressed strong resentment over commission agents (arhtiyas) forcibly collecting commission (aadhat) from farmers in the mandi. He said that prior to June 16, when arhtiyas were on strike, a meeting was held after receiving a notice from the market committee secretary. In that meeting, it was reportedly decided that while 1% commission would be charged to the government, farmers would be made to pay 1.5% per quintal—something Bains called completely illegal and unethical. He emphasized that while the dispute over commission is between arhtiyas and the government, the burden must not be passed on to the farmers. “Charging commission from farmers is not only illegal but also worsens their already fragile financial situation,” he said. Farmer leader Jasbir Singh from Mamumajra also strongly opposed this practice, stating that in other grain markets across Haryana, no commission is being charged from farmers, yet such illegal practices are occurring in Shahabad mandi.

Satish Goyal unanimously became the head again

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Karnal: The general body meeting of Urban State Sector-6 Welfare Association was held at the Community Center, in which the elections were discussed. All the members unanimously re-elected the old office bearers—Pradhan, General Secretary and Cashier. Satish Kumar Goyal was elected the President of the Association for the second time and he was also given the right to elect a new executive. After the election, President Satish Goyal said, I thank all the members who reposed faith in me again. I will work with full honesty, dedication and loyalty. On this occasion, General Secretary Lalit and Cashier



Raj Kishan Saini also expressed their views and pledged to make the organization more active and public-friendly. On this occasion, Sankalp Bhandari (MC) Ward No. 8, Alka Chaudhary, Hari Mohan Goyal, Dr. MK Goyal, Sanjay Chawla, Indrajit Sharma, Satish Thukral and other members were present.

AAP's Historic Victory in Gujarat and Punjab By-Elections : Jawahar Lal Goyal

Jasbir Singh Duggal Kurukshetra: Jawahar Lal Goyal, State Vice President of the Legal Cell of the Aam Aadmi Party Haryana (AAP), has termed the party's sweeping victory in the Gujarat and Punjab by-elections as historic. He said that voters have outrightly rejected the BJP and other parties. He stated that the voters of Visavadar (Gujarat) and

Ludhiana West (Punjab) have sent a clear message — the people of the country are fed up with lies and opportunistic politics, and now see their future with the Aam Aadmi Party. He further highlighted that AAP won both assembly by-election seats with almost double the margin compared to the previous elections, which is a strong indicator of the party's growing



popularity. According to Goyal, AAP has demonstrated its strength in Gujarat, which is traditionally considered a BJP stronghold. In the Visavadar by-election, AAP candidate

Gopal Italia defeated BJP's Kirit Patel by a significant margin. Similarly, in Ludhiana West, AAP candidate Sanjeev Arora registered a resounding victory, defeating candidates from Congress, BJP, and Akali Dal. Goyal said that the people of the country are tired of BJP's false promises and have completely rejected the party in these assembly by-elections.



Karnataka Govt. Increases Minority Housing Quota to 15%

Delhi: Minorities would receive 15% housing plan reservation from the Karnataka government, up from 10%. The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah increased minority quotas in urban and rural housing initiatives. "The Centre ordered priority housing for homeless families. To promote social fairness and reduce minority homelessness, the government has increased housing scheme quotas by 5%. H K Patil, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, informed following the meeting that this decision was data-driven. The Opposition BJP accused the Congress Government of appeasing politics for personal benefit. "Minority appeasement intensifies under the Karnataka Congress Government. "First, the unconstitutional 4% Muslim reserva-



Jagannath temple body to apply for patents on names

Delhi: Amid the tussle between Odisha and West Bengal over naming of the Jagannath temple in Digha as Jagannath dham, the Jagannath temple management committee of Puri on Monday said it would apply for patent for expressions such as 'Srimandir', 'Jagannath Dham', and 'Mahaprasad'. The temple management committee

which met in Puri said. The Sri Jagannath Temple Administration would apply for patents of terms such as 'Srimandir', 'Jagannath Dham', 'Mahaprasad', 'logo of Srimandir', 'Shrikshetra', and 'Purushottam Dham'. It has been approved in a high-level meeting today," said SJTA chief administrator Arabinda Padhee.

tion in government tenders, now 15% in housing schemes," stated Assembly Opposition Leader R Ashoka. He called this vote bank poli-

tics at its best, not inclusive administration. "This is divisive politics to solidify vote banks at the expense of equal growth.

Karnataka plans crowd management bill

Delhi: State law and legislative affairs minister HK Patil announced a draft legislation on crowd control and management in Karnataka, which might result in a three-year jail sentence or a 5 lakh fine for organisers without permission. The Karnataka Crowd Control (Managing Crowd at Events and Venues of Mass Gathering) Bill, 2025, was considered at the state cabinet meeting along with three other laws, and the minister said it will likely be approved at the next meeting. "Four bills were proposed today—Karnataka crowd control, manag-



ing crowd at events and venue of mass gathering Bill, 2025; Rohith Vemula Bill, 2025; misinformation, fake news prohibition Bill, 2025; and hate speech and hate crimes prevention Bill, 2025," Patil told reporters after the cabinet meeting. Some suggested measures need detailed talks, the min-

ister added. The crowd control bill was presented days after 11 people were killed in a stampede outside Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4 during the Royal Challengers cricket team's Indian Premier League winning parade.

CM Nitish Kumar triples widow, handicapped, elderly pensions

Delhi: The state government virtually tripled social security benefits for widows, seniors, and disabled people from Rs 400 to Rs 1,100. Over 1.9 crore recipients would receive the increased amount next month. CM Nitish Kumar called the elderly a "precious part of society" and stressed



the necessity of a decent existence on social media. He stated that

beneficiaries' bank accounts would get the additional pension by the 10th of each month. "I am pleased to inform you that the Social Security Pension Scheme now pays aged, crippled, and widowed women Rs 1,100 per month instead of Rs 400.

Shiv Sena factions compete for party legacy

Delhi: Eknath Shinde and Uddhav Thackeray commanded the two Shiv Sena factions, which perpetuated Bal Thackeray's tradition. Shinde questioned Shi Sena (UBT) for celebrating its 59th foundation day despite being founded in 2022, while Uddhav warned Shinde's BJP of grave consequences if it attacked the "Thackeray brand". Since June, when Shinde's revolt broke the party and his side was declared the "real" Shiv Sena, both sections have been at odds. He told a crowd to celebrate his father Bal Thackeray's undivided Sh Sena's 59th anniversary: "The BJP and



Shinde want to finish the Thackera brand and our Shiv Sena." Thackeray remarked of the 1990 film Pahaar, in which Nana Patekar played an army man: "Pahaar's Nana Patekar challenges the thugs to assassinate him. I

also challenge the BJP and Shinde: "I am standing here, and if you kill me, I will send you back on a stretcher." We shall win BMC and Mumbai again." He also accused the BJP of scuttling his party's Maharashtra coalition.

Will Not Divert Water To Punjab: J&K CM Omar Abdullah

Delhi: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said that he will not divert water to Punjab for the Union Territory's residents. Punjab received three rivers under the Indus Water Treaty (IWT), but they didn't offer us any water when we needed it most. After fighting the Shahpur Kandi barrage project, we obtained some water, but I won't let Punjab get Jammu and Kashmir's water "Omar stated. The Chief



Minister addressed reporters at the Convention Centre after launching his Rabta office today. He stated Jammu needs water since taps are dry. "My priority will be to provide water to people of Jammu and Kashmir, and are

working on lifting the water from Akhnoor towards Jammu and also on the Tulbul navigation barrage," said he Omar added, "The cabinet accepted the cabinet sub-committee on reservation report and referred it to the law department for legal review. There were other government committees nationwide, but this is the first time a committee filed its report on time. Following the process, the report has been given to the law department for legal review."

Over 393 unlawful abortions, Haryana has decided to send notices to their anganwadi workers

Delhi : By additional chief secretary (health) Sudhir Rajpal, the decision was made after evaluating the current campaign's success in combating illicit sex determination tests, abortions, and the misuse of medical termination of pregnancy (MTP) kits . As part of a focused monitoring program, these anganwadi workers were designated as SAHELIs, or companions, to offer counseling and support to pregnant moms who are carrying daughters, according to a government spokeswoman. Their inaction in either reporting or preventing illicit abortions in their assigned regions led to the recommendation of the show-cause notes. Each pregnant lady with at least one daughter will be assigned an ASHA or anganwadi worker as part of the SAHELI initiative, which is part of the state's plan to erad-



Waqf property portal launched by government

Delhi: Delhi high court has upheld the 2017 termination of an Army officer who refused to participate in regimental weekly religious parades on the grounds that he belonged to the Christian faith. Samuel had challenged his dismissal without pension and gratuity, and sought reinstatement in service. In a May 30 order, a division bench of Justice Navin Chawla and Justice said: "Our armed forces comprise personnel of all religions, castes, creeds, regions and faiths, whose sole motto is to safeguard the country .

icate female foeticide. Health officials and civil surgeons are presently monitoring more than 50,000 women in this category across the state. The women and

child development department was ordered by Rajpal to act swiftly against the careless employees and to step up their efforts . to stop sex discrimina-

Goa CM bans Ola and Uber

Delhi: In response to coastal belt MLA pressure, chief minister Pramod Sawant declared that Ola and Uber will not be allowed in Goa, even as the state government sought feedback on the proposed Goa Transport Aggregator Guidelines, 2025. Coastal belt MLAs argued the state should suspend the guidelines and create a taxi system. MLAs stated the government should set equitable taxi pricing. Sawant said all stakeholders will be consulted before deciding on cab aggregators. He met with coastal

BCCI challenges arbitration rulings

Delhi : The BCCI suffered a defeat when the Bombay High Court declined to intervene in two arbitration rulings that ordered the cricket governing body to pay 385.50 crore to Kochi Cricket Private Ltd (KCPL) and 153.34 crore to Rendezvous Sports World



(RSW) in relation to the Kochi

Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise. Two arbitration petitions, one contesting an April 2010 franchise deal with RSW and the other a March 2011 joint venture between BCCI and RSW called KCPL, were both rejected by a bench of one judge, Justice Riyaz Chagla.

June 22, 2015 was the date of both arbitral awards. In a dispute arising from the non-provision of the guarantees specified in the franchise agreements, BCCI terminated the agreements with RSW and KCPL on September 19, 2011, following the invocation.

In addition, Mamata Banerjee's revised OBC list faces a significant legal challenge

Delhi: The Calcutta High Court momentarily halted on the move by the Bengal government to replace the previous 113-group list that had been invalidated by the court in May of last year with a new list of 140 sub-groups, 80 of which are Muslim and 60 of which are non-Muslim. The stay will be in effect until July 31. The webpage accepting applications for OBC caste certificates, as well as any relevant state orders, were halted on June 3,



by a division bench comprising Justices T a p a b r a t a Chakraborty and Rajasekhar Mantha. Following the adoption of the law in 2012, the HC discovered procedural errors in the state's imple-

mentation of the West Bengal Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993.

"The next obvious step after passing the draft notification on OBC laid in the assembly would have been to introduce an

amendment to the 2012 Act," stated the judge. You followed the legal process that the court mandated in May 2024. While the case was still before the Supreme Court, Justice Chakraborty questioned the state's decision to proceed under the 1993 Act rather than the 2012 Act.

"Remain silent until the case reaches the highest court in the land. "We will not issue any interim order," he declared.

DTC gets second Delhi Automated Testing Station in Tehkhand depot

Delhi: This would be Delhi's second ATS after the overloaded Jhuljhuli center in southwest Delhi. Last year, the Union government required states to verify commercial cars through ATS for permit issuing, putting pressure on the single station. "The Tehkhand ATS will eliminate manual inspection and reduce backlog, improving transparency and efficiency. A top transport department official claimed automating crucial procedures will reduce corruption. The station will examine emissions, brakes, suspension, alignment, steering, headlights, speedometers, and sound with advanced equipment and software. Officials stated automation will include roller brake tests, side slide detection, steering linkage, gear function, insulation, and noise emission. Smoke opacity meters, onboard diagnostics scanners, and exhaust gas analysers will be employed. The location will provide



By March 2026, NDMC intends to have replaced 6,500 road signs

Delhi: Municipal Council plans to replace the 6,500 signs that are now posted on the city's roadways in the near future. The Rs 19-crore project has a deadline of March 2026 according to the council. The NDMC requested certain clarifications from an agency and invited bids, according to an official. "As soon as clarification is obtained, the task will

be awarded, and the process will start on the ground," according to the representative. The Indian Road Congress (IRC) has mandated that highway signage in the NDMC area be painted green. Misunderstandings and inconsistencies result from this. All signs will be created using software to assure consistency and uniformity, according to the project plan.

Delhi will give small criminals community service

Delhi: Officials said community service demands, which include sanitation and public welfare, are appropriate punishments for minor crimes. Community service penalties were previously at the courts' discretion. With the new policy, the prosecution may accept this adjustment. Delhi courts will adopt the new regulation in July 2024. The campaign focuses on unlicensed vending, trespassing in government offices, public immorality, and thefts under 5,000. Public disruption, slander, and other low-severity offenses without jail penalties are also



included, claimed a senior official. Parliament adopted the community service framework under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, but states must notify the policy change. An informed official stated a notification was issued last week. The officer stated community service will last 40–240 hours, depend-

ing on the crime. Since the program seeks progressive criminal justice reform, a specialized monitoring mechanism will ensure compliance and efficacy. By permitting judges to give socially constructive work instead of fines or short-term imprisonment, the policy intends to reduce jail workloads and instill accountability in offenders, the source added.

Rates of health coverage differ among states

Delhi: Insurance companies in India are moving away from consistent pricing and toward health coverage tailored to individual regions due to the large disparity in healthcare expenses throughout the country's states. Health insurance policies tailored to each state by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance take into

account local medical expenses, infrastructure, and rules when determining premiums and benefits. The inefficiencies of conventional, one-size-fits-all pricing models are the target of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance's new program.

"The idea behind this cover is to increase coverage of the

missing-middle by making health insurance more affordable for them," stated Bhaskar Nerurkar, head of health administration at Bajaj Allianz General Insurance. There is currently some form of cross-subsidy where those in areas with inexpensive health care are subsidizing those with more expensive options.

A Delhi Jal Board website feature leaks millions to scammers

Delhi: A weakness on the Delhi Jal Board website may have allowed scammers to obtain personal information of tens of thousands of residents, potentially enabling scams worth at least ₹10 crore in four months, according to police. The DJB's "Know Your KNO" portal, which helps citizens locate their 10-digit water connection identifier, accidentally collects data. Any user can enter a 10-character partial address to see residents' full names, addresses, cell numbers, and unique connection numbers. Individual customer bills can be obtained using these KNO numbers. Due to this vulnerability, fraudsters pose as DJB officials



and threaten to disconnect 2.9 million Delhi water connections, using their personal and bill details to establish credibility before stealing money through malicious mobile apps or other means. Multiple police station house officials in Delhi said the scam

accounts for 20% of all cyber-crimes. Delhi cyber officials report 5,000 NCRP complaints every month. Over 700 are DJB fraud complaints. Police limit FIRs to 100-200 since complainants often double-file or provide incorrect information.

Delhi Medical Council informs HC on public awareness campaign

Delhi: In response to rising fears of quack medicine and unlicensed practitioners in the nation's capital, the Delhi Medical Council (DMC) has notified the Delhi high court of various methods by which residents can confirm the legitimacy of their physicians. These include scanning QR codes on displayed certificates and making use of the online verification tools that the DMC provides on its website. In December 2023, counsel Sachin Jain petitioned the court, bringing up the issue.

Panel to Decide on Revision of Delhi's Circle Rates

Delhi: The insiders also noted that the CM had already brought up the "existing inconsistencies" during the meeting of the government-industry task team at the Delhi Secretariat, hence the revision is expected to involve both lowering and raising the circle rates in urban areas. When determining stamp duty and valuing properties, the government uses circle rates, which are the lowest values issued to properties for registration purposes, as a baseline. The current circle rates were evaluated under the CM's



direction during the meeting. Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, along with officials from the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Development Authority, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII),

were present at the meeting. Using the committee's recommendations as a basis, the government will decide on the revision — including whether rates will be raised or lowered—a senior revenue department person familiar with the matter said, requesting anonymity.

Paperless Delhi Assembly in July

Delhi: Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju broke ground on the e-Vidhan (Paperless Assembly) project, which uses technology to improve legislative efficiency, transparency, and procedure. With this endeavor, the Assembly should be paperless by July. While speaking, Mr. Rijiju stated, "The e-Vidhan initiative is not merely about going paperless, but about enhancing transparency, public participation, efficiency, and digital security in the legislative processes." Speaker Vijender Gupta stated the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) project will digitize parliamentary operations, minimize paper use, and give parliamentarians



real-time digital access to legislative activity. "The Delhi Assembly has received grants of over 9 crore from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, with over 1 crore released as the initial instalment," Mr. Gupta stated. He stated that attempts are underway to convert the Assembly's traditional library into an e-library and finish the House remodeling before the Monsoon Session.

A refurbishment around 1.84 crore is planned for Talkatora indoor stadium

Delhi : Officials announced that a ₹1.84 crore project will see the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, the oldest indoor athletic arena in the capital, undergo a complete renovation by the Municipal Council (NDMC). The project will include upgrading the audio-visual systems and replacing the seating. Built in 1974 and recently renovated in preparation for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

For 10% property tax relief, pay before June 30, advises NDMC

Delhi: The Municipal Council (NDMC) approved a 10% property tax relief for payments made by June 30, 2025. The rebate covers NDMC's service charges on government-owned properties. Under the annual tax cycle, NDMC announces a new assessment and invites objections before finalizing tax bills at the start of each financial year. The rebate encourages early reporting, said an NDMC official. To avoid a last-minute rush and get the rebate, taxpayers should pay early. Physical property tax bills have been



sent, according to the city authority. If not received, duplicate copies can be obtained from the Accounts Officer (Tax) at Room No. 9009 on the 9th floor of Palika Kendra on

Sansad Marg. About 15,600 properties are under NDMC, including 14,000 private and 1,600 government-owned. About 1,000 properties are tax-exempt. With over 10,000 taxpayers,

Delhi to enforce fuel ban on ELVs using high-tech cams from July 1

Delhi: All pumps are now covered. The trial run has been going on since December, and we're ready to go live," said Virinder Sharma, technical member of CAQM. As a vehicle pulls into a fuel station, the ANPR system scans its number plate and instantly checks it against the central VAHAN



database for registration

details, fuel type, and age. If the vehicle exceeds the permissible limit—10 years for diesel and 15 years for petrol—it is flagged as an ELV. "Once identified, an announcement will be made at the station, and the staff will inform the driver that fuel cannot be provided," Sharma said. The rule will ini-

tially apply to Delhi from July 1 and to five high-traffic NCR cities—Gurgaon, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar, and Sonapat—from November 1. Other NCR cities will follow in phases. ELV bans were first mandated by the National Green Tribunal in 2015 and reinforced.

A \$100 Million Fund for Skill Development Has Been Established

Delhi: Google announced the establishment of a \$100 million fund to support a bold initiative to increase access to quality job placement and skill training programs for low-income Americans. Nearly two-thirds of American workers lack a bachelor's degree, and this program supported by Google is aiming to address a major issue: how to identify, educate, and provide opportunities for these workers to secure meaningful jobs in today's market. Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai stated in an interview that he "truly thinks this is one of the important areas for society to figure out." Pichai works for Google. The project's success, according to Mr. Pichai, will serve as an example for other corporations to "do



more" and prove to lawmakers that there are more effective options than the conventional government training programs. Along with Year Up—an organization that helps the economically disadvantaged get back on their feet—and Merit America—which provides technology training to adults without a bachelor's degree—the tech giant is collaborating with Social Finance—a nonprofit that creates repayment plans and financing options that are affordable for students.

Rare earths shortage limits Maruti Suzuki EV output near-term

Delhi : Due to rare earths shortages, Maruti Suzuki (MRTI.NS), opens new tab, has cut its first electric vehicle, e-Vitara, manufacturing goals by two-thirds, the latest sign of auto sector disruption from China's export bans. India's largest carmaker said it had not noticed any impact from the supply crisis and planned to produce 8,200 e-Vitaras between April and September, down from 26,500. It noted "supply constraints" in rare earth elements needed to create high-tech magnets and components.

ICICI Pru MF acquired 85 lakh shares from RIL's Asian Paints division

Delhi : Reliance Industries acquired 85 lakh shares of Asian Paints in a single transaction for ₹1,876 crore, or ₹2,207 per share. The ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund purchased the whole lot. In block sales RIL sold 3.5 crore shares of the paint company at 2,201 each, leaving it with 87 lakh shares remaining in its holdings. Selling their investment in Asian Paints today, RIL will now own about 2 lakh shares. The stake was acquired by SBI MF



last week. In January 2008, for 500 crore, the conglomerate bought a small interest in Asian Paints. With the acquisition of a stake during the global financial crisis, RIL became a significant paint company in

the sector, Asian Paints. On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), RIL's share price ended 0.6% higher at 1,436.90, and Asian Paints' share price closed 1.2% higher at 2,241.

SBI MF buys 3.6% Asian Paints from Reliance for \$900 million.

Delhi : SBI Mutual Fund paid Rs 7704 crore (\$900 million) to Reliance Industries Limited for 3.6% of Asian Paints. This may be the largest bilateral block agreement between a seller and a domestic asset management. The share sale will let the oil-to-telecom

company recover a large portion of its 17-year investment with high profits. GQG Partners and its affiliates bought Rs 8,700 crore (approximately \$1.1 billion) in Adani Power Ltd. from the promoters in 2023. The greatest buyer-seller trade in India's stock

markets so far. However, offers were 6-7% below market pricing, prompting RIL to stop. Reliance told exchanges it sold 3.5 crore Siddhant Commercials Ltd. shares for Rs 2201 each. The company's stock finished at Rs 2218.05 per share. Including dividends.



Nearly one-third of all bank deposits—roughly 72 lakh crore rupees—are held in mutual funds



Delhi: From a little under 13% a decade ago, the percentage of Indian bank deposits held in mutual funds has increased to 31%. A record-breaking Rs 72.2 lakh crore (\$865 billion) was added to mutual fund assets under administration in May 2025, with an additional Rs 13.3 lakh crore added in the preceding year alone. Mutual fund AUM has increased by 24% in the past five years and 20% in the last decade, according to Franklin Templeton India. In contrast, the US mutual fund business grew at a more moderate 8 percent CAGR during the same time frame. In the United States, however, mutual fund AUM often equals or surpasses the amount of bank deposits, hovering near the 100% mark, while the 31% share is significantly lower. On X, veteran banker Uday Kotak stated: "India's saver turns investor. There has been a doubling of the equity portion of mutual fund AUM share to 31% of bank deposits after COVID. Indicates a shift in the way money is transferred between different entities. It fosters an equity culture and increases domestic risk capital.

Reliance, Dassault to build luxury jets in India

Delhi: Dassault Aviation and Reliance Aerostructure Limited announced their agreement to produce Falcon 2000LXS business jets in Nagpur, India, for the first time. At the Paris Air Show, India agreed to produce the jets for the global market. Falcon 2000LXS jets hold 8-10 people. The French aircraft manufacturer says the first Made-in-India jet will fly from DRAL's Nagpur factory in 2028. Dassault partners with Anil Ambani's Reliance Aerostructure Limited in DRAL. According to sources, the new manufacturing line will produce 24 planes annually. "This is for the first



time that Dassault Aviation will manufacture Falcon 2000 jets outside France, positioning India as a strategic global aviation hub," Dassault Aviation said. The USA, France, Canada, and Brazil also manufacture next-generation business jets. The revelation comes days after Dassault Aviation

and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) announced their agreement to produce the Rafale fuselage at a Hyderabad facility, a major step for the government's Make-in-India drive. The fighter jet's fuselage will be made outside France for the first time. image.png

Hackers are using a modified Salesforce app to trick employees

Delhi: Google has found evidence that hackers are attempting to blackmail European and American businesses by tricking their staff into installing a hacked version of a Salesforce-related software. Once installed, the app would grant the hackers access to other corporate cloud services, allowing them to steal massive amounts of data. Hackers known as UNC6040 have "proven particularly effective at tricking employees" into installing a modified version of Salesforce's Data Loader, a proprietary application used to bulk import data.

Amazon will spend around 2,000 crore to improve its India business



Delhi: Amazon claimed this new expenditure was in addition to its existing investments in an operations network to deliver to all serviceable pin-codes in India. We've been constructing the best logistics infrastructure in India for over a decade to deliver safety, speed, scale, and reliability for our customers. Abhinav Singh, VP-Operations, Amazon India and Australia,

said these investments show our commitment to expanding and improving our fulfillment, sortation, and delivery network. He noted that Amazon was positioning itself to better serve customers nationwide by improving infrastructure, process-

ing, and technology. Amazon wants to use these investments to open new fulfillment, sortation, and delivery locations and update current ones. This investment should boost processing capacity, fulfillment speed, and operations network efficiency.

TCS policy on deployment states that 225 billing days are required

Delhi : TCS's new associate deployment policy limits bench time to 35 business days per year and requires staff to be billed for 225 days per year. In order to achieve organizational and personal objectives, the policy promotes a proactive strategy for associate allocation. "At any given point in time, associates must be allocated for a minimum period of 225 business days in the last 12 months," the paper said. "Long periods of remaining unallocated shall adversely impact associate compensation, career growth, avenues of over-



seas deployment in future, and continuity of employment with the organisation," according to the report. The new policy was outlined by Chandrasekaran Ramkumar, the global head of The Resource Management, and it went into force on June 12. At TCS, RMG is in charge of

workforce deployment, making sure that projects are assigned to people with the correct expertise. Making sure every associate is optimally engaged and assigned to tasks at all times is the goal of this team, which aims to maximize organizational utilization. image.png

Restricted import of precious metals by the government

Delhi: In an effort to stem the illicit migration of liquid gold into India, the government has implemented import restrictions on some colloidal precious metals. Colloidal precious metals are liquid solutions containing nanoparticles of precious metals, such as gold or silver. The import of



gold in the form of chemical compounds needed this regulation, according to an official. Some importers were taking this path for goods coming from countries like Thailand, say specialists in the field. "The import policy of items covered under CTH 2843 is revised for free to restrict the immediate

effect," informed the directorate general of foreign trade in a notification. Colloidal precious metals, as well as inorganic and organic compounds of precious metals, fall under this inventory number. In order to meet the needs of domestic industry without causing any disruption.

In order to return, Meesho must pay a \$288 million tax

Delhi: Meesho has received approval from the NCLT to reestablish its domicile in India from the United States. With the tribunal's approval, the e-commerce firm Meesho can now reverse-flip its structure by merging with its Indian subsidiary and decoupling its Indian operations from its US parent company. According to sources, Meesho is anticipated to pay over \$288 million in taxes upon returning to India. The business verified the NCLT's approval but



refrained from commenting on the tax payments. The re-domicile process in India is ongoing, and this (NCLT) file is a component of it. This move brings our corporate structure in line with our day-to-day business footprint, as most of our operations, including customers,

sellers, creators, and Valmo partners, are already situated here, according to a spokesman from Meesho. Meesho is the latest firm to redomicile to India, following in the footsteps of Zepto, Razorpay, and Groww. This move allows them

Maintaining Record-High Wheat Export Curb Prices

Delhi : On the strength of a strong harvest, the government has bought the most wintersown wheat—roughly 30 million tonnes—in four years. However, according to an anonymous official, the government has no plans to lift export restrictions. The world's second-biggest wheat producer is expecting better harvests, which should help keep

prices down and supplies stable. In 2022, when global cereal prices reached multi-year highs due to the Russia-Ukraine crisis, the country stopped exports of the grain. According to the official mentioned earlier, there is currently no plan to alter the current export policy, which suggests that export restrictions would remain in place

Dhanush starrer is fascinating crime drama with philosophical edge

Delhi : Dhanush's 51st film, 'Kuberaa', is taking off. Early reviews laud its performers, gripping story, and stunning images. Sekhar Kammula directed and co-wrote the film . He calls the picture "visually rich, emotionally layered, and phenomenally directed," and Dhanush does a "phenomenal job" portraying a man's climb from poverty to power. As a clever chartered accountant managing black money, Nagarjuna is impressive. Rashmika adds emotional depth and strategic sophistication. The cinematographer and editor received recognition for their stylish and immersive visuals. The review says, "Smart editing balances pace, tension, and emotion. The second half is rollercoaster-like. Good music and composition. Strong, impactful dialogue, screenplay, writing."Jim Sarbh plays a mysterious and powerful enemy with possible worldwide



Aamir Khan's 'Sitaare Zameen Par' is funny, says Vir Das

Delhi : Fans appreciate stand-up comedian and actor Vir Das for his honesty on social media and his wit, humour, and sarcasm. After seeing Aamir Khan's 'Sitaare Zameen Par' , Vir wrote about it. Aamir, Genelia D'souza Deshmukh, and disadvantaged children star in the remake of 'Champions' from Spain. Vir wrote about the film and was impressed. He wrote, "People! See #SitaareZameenPar Not simply because it's great and breezy. Not just because you love the outfit. Not just because a powerful person shares relevant stuff on his platform. Not merely because it breaks up action overload. Because it's funny too. One party must drive a comic moment. That choice makes the best humor so surprising. It's heartfelt and delivers humor punch lines it doesn't usually have. political ties, and Dalip Tahil plays a corrupt senior figure. The critic adds, "Kuberaa is a smart, slow-burning crime thriller that keeps you interested for 3 hours. It captivates with dramatic performances, visual drama, and deep storytelling.



Akshardham Operation Vajra Shakti' will hit theaters in July

Delhi : Akshaye Khanna's action drama "State of Siege: Temple Attack" became OTT. Five years later, "Akshardham Operation Vajra Shakti" will be released in theaters on July 4. The drama's makers released a new poster on social media with a disturbing image of temple pillars throwing shadows on an armed commando to announce the release date. An act of terror was confronted with amazing bravery #AkshardhamOperationVajraShakti in theaters July 4, 2025, tells the narrative of heroism, sacrifice, and survival. Stay tuned "after reading. Ken Ghosh's film may depict the 2002



Gujarat Akshardham Temple attack. It illuminates the subsequent operation to kill the offenders. "Akshardham Operation Vajra Shakti" is a standalone sequel to "State of Siege: 26/11" on the 2008 Mumbai attacks. The drama stars Akshaye Khanna as Major Hanut Singh, Gautam Rode as

Major Samar, Vivek Dahiya as Captain Rohit Bagga, Akshay Oberoi as Captain Bibek, Abhilash Chaudhary as Iqbal (Lead Terrorist), Parvin Dabas as Colonel Nagar, Samir Soni as Gujarat CM Choksi, Abhimanyu Singh as Abu Hamza, Mir Sarwar as Bilal Naikoo, Manjari Fadnis as Saloni.

Before Detective Sherdil's release, OTTplay will broadcast Sherlock and Detective

Delhi : Diljit Dosanjh's Detective Sherdil, premiering on ZEE5 on OTTplay Premium on June 20, highly anticipated. While you wait for the film, which may introduce another great sleuth to Indian cinema, stream popular detective series and movies to get you in the mood to solve brain-

racking problems. Sherlock, currently on OTTplay, is one of Detective Sherdil's main inspirations, so you must watch it. The four-season TV series, based on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories, intrigues with each case. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, a former army

doctor, solve many puzzles together. They just get justice right. Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes by Vennela Kishore combines mystery and comedy. Even as the detective searches for the perpetrator of beach killings in a seaside village, this 2-hour ETV. Win film is enjoyable.

Raashii Khanna Celebrates 11 Years in Film

Delhi : In 2013, Raashii Khanna made her Bollywood debut with "Madras Cafe". She has 11 years in industry. She shared a fan-made video of her movie sequences. Raashii added, "Started with curiosity. Stayed in chaos. The picture keeps spinning after 11 years. Watching me grow frame by frame is appreciated. Picture baaki, mere dost." Telugu and Tamil films are Raashii Khanna's specialty. After a supporting part in "Madras Café" starring John Abraham, she made her Telugu debut with "Oohalu Gusagusalade," which garnered critical acclaim. "Bengal Tiger," "Supreme," "Jai Lava Kusa," "Tholi Prema," "Imaikkaa Nodigal," "Venky Mama," "Prati Roju Pandage,"



"Thiruchitrabalam," "Sardar," and "Aranmanai 4." are among the 34-year-old actress's successful Telugu and Tamil films. She is preparing for her upcoming film, "Telusu Kada," directed

by iconic stylist Neeraja Kona. The People Media Factory/TG Vishwa Prasad film stars Siddu Jonnalagadda, Srinidhi Shetty, and Viva Harsha in key roles.

Rachel Gupta quits Miss Grand International 2024.

Delhi: Miss Grand International 2024 Rachel Gupta resigns. Rachel posted on Instagram that being crowned was one of her greatest ambitions and that she was proud to represent India. "However, the months following my crowning have been marked by broken promises, mistreatment, and a toxic environment I can no longer endure in silence," stated. Rachel stated her resignation was not easy and vowed to broadcast a full video in the coming days outlining the incidents. She closed her speech with a touching request for support.

In his citizenship battle, Adnan Sami called Pakistan a 'ex-lover'

Delhi : Adnan Sami finally addressed his Indian citizenship controversy, calling the backlash an "ex-lover" who can't accept him moving on. Sami says it's time to focus on his decades-long music career rather than his ethnicity. Adnan told Bollywood Bubble that his citizenship frequently overshadowed his singing. He compared it to an ex-lover trying to move on. He said his retaliation is more from lingering emotions than actual criticism, implying that unresolved affection and inability to let go lie



behind it. Although such reactions are strange or emotional, Sami said he understands their psychology. The musician added that many people don't know what led to his decision, so it's unreasonable to presume they understand. He stressed that his decision was sensible

and personal. He asked why worldwide migration is accepted yet his decision is criticized, highlighting India-Pakistan geopolitical tension. He concluded that "ex-lover syndrome," a persistent emotional reaction rather than a reasoned one, causes much of the hostility. He also noted his decades-long music career's lack of Pakistani government recognition. He was disappointed that the industry never honored or acknowledged him despite his nearly 40 years of service.

Shikhar Pahariya's Plate Bite by Janhvi Kapoor

Delhi : Janhvi Kapoor and Shikhar Pahariya had long been rumored to date. Shikhar and Khushi Kapoor are with the actress in London. Online footage of Janhvi Kapoor and Shikhar having a sweet moment has surfaced. Janhvi Kapoor shared the clip in her London dump. The video commences with Janhvi and Shikhar at a table. Janhvi eats from Shikhar's plate a few seconds into the clip. Shikhar's expression is unmistakable. Janhvi's brother, Arjun Kapoor, responded to the post, stating, "U have a 'NAC' of doing this while eating..." Janhvi's Bawaal co-star Varun Dhawan said, "Please be calm and eat sugar-free ice cream." Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari is their next film. Janhvi Kapoor followed Varun's sug-



Alia Bhatt, Sharvari Plan Alpha's 'Lavishly Mounted' Song Sequence

Delhi : Alia Bhatt and Sharvari are preparing a grandiose promotional song video for Yash Raj Films' action film Alpha. Alia and Sharvari will dance to a big song like Jai Jai Shivshankar in War

and Jhoome Jo Pathaan in Pathaan. A source said the two are preparing for an extravagant song sequence that will be a spectacle. Insiders say Alia and Sharvari will appear in this song Kapoor's album: An online video showed Janhvi Kapoor and Shikhar Pahariya strolling in the park. Khushi joined. Janhvi walks hand in

Ronit credits Mr. Bajaj and Virani for changing his work and life

Delhi : The actor called his roles as Mr. Bajaj in 'Kasautii Zindagii Kay' and Mihir Virani in 'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi' life- and career-defining, helping him evolve as a performer and a person. Roy said that both roles helped him grow personally and professionally and garnered him



fame. The 'Chakravarti Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan' actor also thanked producer Ekta Kapoor for giving him "career-shaping" projects. Ronit Roy: "Yes, my performance as Mr. Bajaj in Kasautii Zindagii Kay remains legendary. I'm thrilled and proud to have gotten the role and grateful for its impact

on my life and character. And I thank Ekta Kapoor for giving me the role and Mihir in Kyun Ki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi." These are my life- and career-defining roles." Ronit Roy is famous for playing Mihir Virani in 'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi.' After the show ended, he

Salman Khan mocks Aamir Khan's past marriages and new girlfriend on Kapil

Delhi : Comedy is Salman Khan's passion after acting. According to viral clips from comedy gigs he has attended, the Bollywood superstar has great humor and loves laughing. It's fun to see him giggle uncontrollably while watching good comedy! Salman's laughter is contagious, and we can't wait to hear it on Kapil Sharma's The Great Indian Kapil Show season 3's premiere episode this weekend. The clip, which mocks Netflix and Aamir Khan, has split netizens.



Sikandar (Salman Khan) will open season 3 of The Great Indian Kapil Show. The Bhaijaan of Bollywood joins the set with style and leaves fans in splits with his one-liners in a clip released today. Netflix, where Kapil Sharma's new show is streaming,

has the first joke. The Kapil Sharma Show, which Salman supported, was mentioned, "Yeh jo show pehele humare paas hua karta tha, humare se Netflix waalo ne show nikaal ke pehle guest mujhe daala hai." Kamaal ka power!" Next, Kapil

Sharma noted how Aamir Khan introduced his new girlfriend Gauri Spratt this year. Kapil said to Salman, "Woh ruk nahi rahe hain, aap kar hi nahi rahe hain" in reference to Aamir's former marriages, new relationship, and Bhaijaan's single state. After hearing this, Salman joked, "Aamir ki baat hi kuchh aur hai. He's meticulous. I don't think my marriage is flawless..." Salman laughed before finishing his sentence, leaving Kapil and the audience in stitches.

ICC set for 2027-29 WTC 4-day Tests; India, Australia, England will play 5-day matches

Delhi: Cutting matches by one day would be a big adjustment that may enable smaller nations to play more Tests and longer series. 'The Guardian' reported that 'ICC head, Jay Shah, is known to have expressed his support for four-day Tests, with a view to sanctioning them in time for the 2027-29 WTC cycle, during discussions last week during the WTC final at Lord's. "England, Australia and India would still be permitted to schedule five-Test series of five-day matches for the Ashes, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and the newly named Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the first iteration of which begins with the first Test between England and India at Headingley (June 17, 2025)." The ICC originally allowed four-day bilateral Tests. England played



Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge this month after four-day Tests against Ireland in 2019 and 2023. In the research, "many smaller nations are reluctant to host Tests due to the time they take out of the schedule and the cost, but a move to four-day cricket would enable an entire three-Test series to be played in less than three weeks." "In four-day Tests the playing hours are extended to mandate a minimum of 98 overs per day rather than 90 overs to mitigate the time lost," stated.

Tejaswini's 25-meter pistol gold lets India top the medal tally

Delhi: India took first place in the shooting sport with eleven medals, thanks to Tejaswini's victory in the women's 25-meter pistol event at Monday's ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in Suhl, Germany. India took home the most medals at the junior ISSF World Cup with nine total, including three golds, four silvers, and the same number of bronzes. China came in second with three golds and one bronze.

Books noticeably absent from these educational institutions

Delhi: A long-standing problem reappeared in a few of Delhi's public schools many months into the new school year, pupils were still missing the complimentary textbooks that had been promised at the start of the year. The government is obligated to supply elementary-level students with free textbooks during the first week of the academic year according to the Right to Education Act of 2009, however this practice of delaying textbook delivery has become routine. Year after year, textbooks are either not distributed at all or are delayed to



such an extent that they are practically useless. Books don't always make it until the very end of the school year, which can be a major setback for classroom instruction. Even after delivery, teachers say their students' books are full of printing mistakes and made of low-quality paper, which makes them worry

about the books' longevity and legibility. "Already stretched thin by overcrowded classrooms and administrative responsibilities, we are forced to prepare supplementary study material to keep the lessons going," declared a Delhi government school teacher in north-east Delhi. Educators, students, and

Tech in marriage, religion to be taught at Delhi University

Delhi : The Delhi University (DU) anthropology department will teach three courses in its seventh and eighth semesters : "Anthropology of Technology", "Primate Behaviour", and "Anthropology of Public Policy". These courses will cover the role of

technology in social institutions like marriage and religion, how non-human primates can be studied to understand human behavior, and anthropological approaches to public policy. The institution is finalizing the seventh and eighth semester syllabi for the first fourth-

year class starting this year under the National Education Policy 2020. The academic council accepted the department's fourth-year (seventh and eighth semester) syllabus in the last week of December 2024. This was an experiment in innovation.

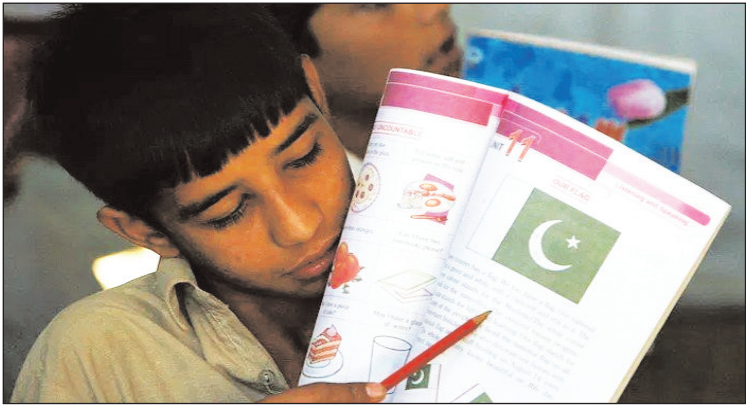
Experimental advancement in quantum communication is successfully demonstrated by DRDO and IIT-Delhi



Delhi : The defence ministry announced in Delhi that India has achieved a breakthrough in experimental quantum communication, opening the door to real-time quantum cyber security applications. "A free-space optical link established on the IIT-Delhi campus enabled free-space quantum secure communication using quantum entanglement over a distance of more than one km," the statement stated. The Indian government has entered a new quantum era of secure communication, according to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who praised the DRDO and IIT-Delhi for their groundbreaking work, calling it a "game-changer" for future conflicts. The statement went on to say that this entanglement-assisted quantum secure communication opens the door to future quantum internet use cases, creation of quantum networks, and long-distance quantum key distribution (QKD), among other real-time applications in quantum cyber security.

Get Pakistan out of the curriculum

Delhi : The vice chancellor of the University of Delhi (DU), Yogesh Singh, has informed department heads that they are being asked to review their curricula and remove "any unnecessary glorification of Pakistan, their poets or writers or anyone against the interest of our country." Singh explained that, regardless of whether discussing the partition or our long history, Pakistan is a fact and that this fact must be taught. We will not tolerate the teaching of Pakistani poets or writers who are opposed to India; nonetheless, we will not tolerate the teaching of facts. Unnecessary glorification is not essential," Singh stated. The VC went on to say that they might consider department heads' proposals



for modifications. Herculean effort is required. At the next academic council meeting, we may also discuss any proposed modifications in this area if certain departments do so. Nevertheless, he warned that the procedure can be lengthy because it is ongoing. The declaration is in response to

a suggestion by the varsity's standing committee for academic affairs to swap out Muhammad Iqbal for Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the eighth semester history course outline for May. The academic council and the executive council both later approved the move.

Irish education minister invites Indians for education, research

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

An MoU has been inked by the Telangana govt. with ed-tech businesses Physics Wallah and others

Delhi : Memorandums of Understanding were signed by six organizations with the Telangana education department. Technology firms in education such as EkStep (founded by Nandan Nilekani), Physics Wallah, Khan Academy, Pi Jam Foundation, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Prajwala Foundation and Educate Girls have formed partnerships with the state government. "No child is left

behind in this digital age," stated Revanth Reddy, chief minister of Telangana, who added that the alliance demonstrates the dedication of the Congress-led administration. The EkStep Foundation will make sure that students in grades 3–5 learn basic mathematics and provide educational services to over 5,000 elementary schools across 33 districts in both Telugu and English. Physics Wallah will provide coaching to inter stu-

dents for NEET, JEE and CLAT examinations and provide free training to students from school level for competitive exams. Students in grades 6–10 in the state will have access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) instruction through Khan Academy's video platform, while students in grades 1–10 will have access to coding and computational thinking instruction through the Pi Jam Foundation.

The Women's One-Day International World Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on October 5

Delhi: At Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium, the women's One-Day International World Cup will begin with a match between Sri Lanka and India. Matches between India and Pakistan are scheduled for October 5 in Colombo's neutral R Premadasa Stadium, while the match against Bangladesh is scheduled for October 26 in Bengaluru. On October 1, in Indore's Holkar Stadium, the reigning champions Australia will face off against the New Zealand national team. On October 22 in Indore, the highly



anticipated match will take place between India and England, a replay of the final from the previous edition. Visakhapatnam was the site of India's match against the holders on October 12. According to the hybrid agreement reached between the BCCI and the PCB, Pakistan will play all of their games in Colombo. On October 2.

IP University to launch 100% fee-free orphan quota in 2025-26.

Delhi: Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (IPU) will add an orphan quota to its programs, joining the Single Girl Child quota from last year. The university's Academic Council authorized this increased quota for 2025-26. The proposal will reserve one spot in each university school and program.

JEE Advanced 2025: IIT cutoffs at three-year low

Delhi : The JEE (Advanced) results released showed an almost 10-point decline in the minimal cutoff for admissions to the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) from 30.34 percent last year to 20.56 percent. IIT Kanpur held JEE (Advanced) 2025 on 18 May. The exam had 1,80,422 applicants, and 54,378 (30.1%) qualified. Pass rates increased from 26.7 percent last year when 48,248 of 1,80,422 candidates qualified. This year's minimum aggregate cutoff for the general category is 20.56 percent, down 10 points from last year's 30.34 percent. In 2020, the COVID-19 epidemic reduced it to 17.42% from 25% in 2019 and



2018. Minimum cutoff stayed at 17.5 percent in 2021 and dropped to 15.28 percent in 2022. However, it recovered to 23.89 percent in 2023 and 30.28 percent in 2024. The overall exam format was stable, but Physics and Mathematics were harder than in previous years. Such difficulties damage a competitive exam's reputation and stress and confuse hopefuls, he said. A professor at IIT Delhi stated there were

17,700 IIT seats and at least three candidates must be shortlisted for counseling. The exam may have been harder this year, lowering student achievement. The criteria may have been decreased to guarantee enough people were in, the professor said. This year's general cutoff was 74, down from 109 last year. OBC applicants declined from 98 to 66 points, while SC and ST candidates.

IIT-Delhi offers wire-free quantum messaging over 1km



Delhi: In a major quantum technology breakthrough, IIT Delhi researchers transmitted highly secure information over 1km without cables or wires. Quantum entanglement joins two particles so that every change to one instantly affects the other, regardless of distance, making communication nearly hard to intercept or hack. The demonstration was part of the 'Design and Development of Photonic Technologies for Free Space QKD' project by IIT Delhi and DRDO. The Directorate of Futuristic Technology Management authorized Professor Bhaskar Kanseri's research group to deliver it. IIT Delhi's IHFC chair professor of physics Prof. quantum entanglement.