



Inspiration: Late. Dr. L.C. Wallia



Congress top brass raps state unit for Bengaluru stampede

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NEW DELHI/BENGALURU:

The much-anticipated meeting on Tuesday between the Congress high command, CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar to discuss alleged lapses that led to the stampede outside cricket stadium resulted in putting up a united front with the party leadership backing its govt. However, the main takeaway from the meeting was that a fresh caste enumeration would be taken up in the state. The meeting, attended by AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and KC Venugopal, saw the high command accepting the action taken by the govt in the aftermath of the tragedy. "The CM and PCC chief briefed the leadership about the incident and



the action taken post incident. Certainly, we are concerned about every human life. Anyway, the govt has constituted a judicial inquiry to look into the entire incident. During the inquiry, the party did not want to involve itself in the nitty-gritty of the issue," said Venugopal after the meeting. It is said the govt may use the opportunity to push for a cabinet reshuffle and a possible expansion. Portfolio reshuffle may happen before Aashada. Venugopal, however, added that the party has asked the govt to be more people-friendly in this regard.

"But generally, the party clearly viewed that there needs to be a pro-people attitude on this issue (from the govt)," said the AICC general secretary. "If things go as planned, the CM may consider a cabinet expansion with the inclusion of one or two ministers and reshuffle the portfolios to suggest political accountability," said one govt officer, hinting it may happen before the onset of inauspicious month of Aashada in mid-June. However, DK Shivakumar dismissed any discussions on a possible cabinet reshuffle.

According to Congress insiders, the situation is too volatile for an inclusion process, with at least 8 to 10 serious aspirants waiting for their turn, and any decision to add only 1 or 2 persons would create unrest. "We do believe there may be a portfolio reshuffle with controversy-ridden ministers being asked to change their departments," said a legislator. The top among the portfolios that are likely to see a change, if any, would be the home department and excise department, both of whose ministers have been in the news for the wrong reasons.

Meghalaya horror: Sonam returned to MP after hubby's murder, met lover, then left for UP

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Madhya Pradesh police claimed Tuesday Sonam Raghuvanshi had returned to Indore days after her husband's murder in Meghalaya, met her alleged lover in a rented room, and plotted her next move before resurfacing 2,000km away - dazed and dishevelled at a dhaba in eastern UP. Also read: Sonam paid Rs 50k for killers' travel; 2 accused have confessed, say police. Sonam, 24, had vanished on May 23 near Wei Sawdong Falls in East Khasi Hills, where she and her husband Raja Raghuvanshi, 28, had travelled on a sudden honeymoon. On June 2, Raja's body was found in a gorge near the falls' parking lot. She remained missing. Her reappearance in Ghazipur on June 9 deepened the mystery. Indore police said she was never abducted as she claimed. "We have information that Sonam reached Indore between May 25 and



May 27 by train and stayed in a rented room in Dewas Gate," additional DCP (Crime Branch) Rajesh Dandotiya said. "Raj Kushwaha, her co-accused, met her there. He later arranged a taxi to UP." Police didn't explain why she was sent to Uttar Pradesh. CCTV footage is being examined to track her route, which investigators said was deliberately confusing. Railway records show she may have taken a train from Guwahati to Patna after May 23-24, dodging flight records and misleading police. A senior UP officer said: "We have CCTV footage of her getting off a Guwahati-Patna train. The route was chosen

to misguide investigators." The 15-day gap between Raja's death and Sonam's arrest is being described by police as a calculated effort to fabricate a tale of trauma-induced amnesia. At the Ghazipur One-Stop Centre, a govt support shelter, she reportedly slept for seven of her 15 hours there, avoided doctors and police, and repeated: "Mujhe kuch yaad nahi hai (I don't remember anything)." Her appearance — swollen face, messy hair, quiet demeanour — baffled the staff. "She looked nothing like a bride. No grief, no mention of husband. Just fatigue and sleepiness," said a woman

officer. According to Indore police, the murder conspiracy was hatched on May 17, six days after the wedding and three days before the trip. Sonam had returned to her parental home on May 15, and reconnected with Raj on another SIM. They spoke for hours on May 16. The next day, Raj allegedly met three childhood friends — Akash Rajput, Vishal Singh Chauhan, and Anand Kurmi — at a restaurant in Indore's Super Corridor, where the killing was planned. The trio left Indore on a train to Guwahati via New Delhi, reached Shillong on May 21, and allegedly shadowed the couple using a rental car. Sonam sent live locations, lured Raja to isolated spots for photos, and waited for the right moment, police alleged. "They tried to push him off a cliff in a forest first, but it didn't work out," said an officer in Indore. "Instead, the attackers used a machete bought in Guwahati.

Trade breakthrough: US, China agree on 'framework' to ease trade tensions



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NEW DELHI:

The United States and China have agreed on a framework to move forward on trade, marking a potential turning point in the prolonged 'trade war' between the two nations. The announcement came after two days of talks at London's Lancaster House. "We have reached a framework to implement the Geneva consensus," said US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick. While the plan still requires approval from both presidents, Lutnick expressed confidence that issues such as rare earth exports would be resolved. "Once the presidents approve it, we will then seek to implement it," he said. US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said the US was moving "as quickly as we can," adding: "We feel positive about engaging with the Chinese." "I think the talks are going really, really well," Lutnick told reporters during the discussions, which lasted nearly 20 hours. "Everybody's got their head down working closely." Talks resumed in London after President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping spoke by phone last week, attempting to put relations back on track. Trump said he wants to "open up China" to US products, warning.

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MUMBAI: More than 24 hours after the Monday morning rush hour Mumbra tragedy in which four commuters died and nine others were injured — some after falling off two passing local trains and others while inside the compartment — Central Railway (CR) is still to conclusively determine what led to the unprecedented accident on the city's suburban railway network, reports Manthan K Mehta. In



the absence of clear CCTV footage or inconclusive eyewitness accounts, the cause remains a mystery. CR on Tuesday set up a five-member committee of senior offi-

cials to investigate, but did not specify a deadline. They will examine all possibilities, including overcrowding, brushing of bags, possible quarrels, or passengers on footboards

losing balance at a curve. Cops tracked another man injured in the incident to a private hospital in Diva, taking the count of injured to 10. Central Railway on Tuesday set up a five-member committee of senior officials to investigate the sequence of events leading to the Mumbra tragedy. The probe panel includes the senior divisional security commissioner-mechanical engineer, senior divisiona-

CCTV unable to explain Mumbra deaths

Bullet for ballot: 6 get life for killing man who voted 'wrongly'

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AGRA: A court in Agra has sentenced six men to life imprisonment for killing a fellow villager who had refused to vote for their preferred candidate during the panchayat elections in Ladam Mankeda under Malpura police limits on Aug 23, 2005. The court found Jitendra Singh, Bablu Singh, Pawan Singh, Sattoo Singh, Girraj Singh, Govind Singh and Balvir Singh — all in their late 40s — guilty of murdering Dharampal Singh, 35, after he and his brother Dharamveer Singh refused to support the accused's chosen candidate. Both parties had backed Independent candidates. "They tried to



force us to vote for their nominee, but we declined. That angered them," Dharamveer Singh had told police during the investigation. On the evening of the incident, the accused allegedly attacked the brothers first with sticks and then shot Dharampal during the clash. Dharampal was taken to SN Medical College, where he succumbed to his injuries. Police registered an FIR the next day under IPC sections 147, 148,

149 and 302, along with relevant sections of the Arms Act. The accused were arrested on Sept 15, 2005. Investigating officer NC Gangawar recovered a .315 bore country-made gun and two live bullets from a bajra field on Sept 16 based on Bablu's disclosure. "He led us to the field and showed us where the weapon was hidden," Gangawar said. The chargesheet was filed on Sept 30, 2005. During the

trial, Balvir Singh pleaded for leniency, saying, "This is my first offence. I have two children and am the sole breadwinner in my family." The court rejected his plea. After nearly 20 years of proceedings, additional district and sessions judge (Agra) Rajendra Prasad sentenced Jitendra, Bablu, Pawan, Girraj, Govind and Balvir to rigorous life imprisonment. Sattoo Singh died during the trial in 2006. The court also fined each convict Rs 28,500 and warned that failure to pay would lead to an additional three years in prison. Seventy percent of the fine is to be allocated to Dharampal's family.

Techie-lover stabs mom of two to death in Bengaluru hotel

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BENGALURU:

A reunion of a 33-year-old married woman and her 25-year-old lover at a hotel in South Bengaluru's Poornaprajna Housing Society Layout recently ended in the murder. The youth stabbed the woman, mother of two children, 13 times after she revealed her decision to end the relationship. The accused, Yashas from Kengeri Satellite Town, informed police about the murder after stabbing himself. The deceased is Harini R, a resident of Hemmigeppura in Banashankari 6th Stage.

Yashas, a BCA graduate and employee of a private firm, attacked Harini with a knife while she was resting in the room at 9.30pm on June 6, police said.

ED locks Rs 100 crore properties in Muda scam, total now Rs 400 crore

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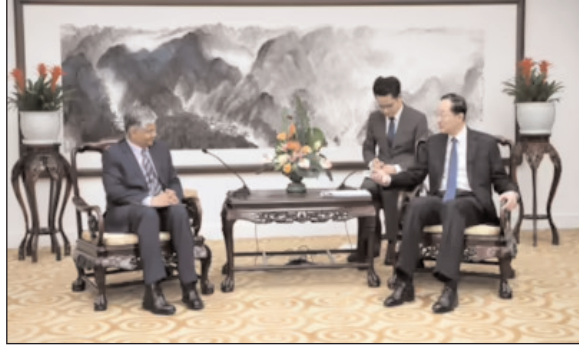
MYSURU: Enforcement Directorate, which is probing the alleged Mysore urban development authority site scam, has attached 92 properties in Muda-developed layouts collectively valued at Rs 100 crore. Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and family were under the scanner in the alleged scam as the CM's wife, Parvathi, had been allotted 14 sites in fashionable layouts in



Mysuru in a land-swap deal for three acres and 16 guntas under the 50:50 scheme. After a controversy erupted, she returned the sites to Muda. A Lokayukta probe had cleared the CM in the alleged case.

Earlier, about 160 sites, worth Rs 300 crore, had been attached, taking total value of seized land to Rs 400 crore. Karnataka govt recently renamed the urban body as Mysuru Development.

In another step forward, India to host vice minister for talks



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NEW DELHI Chinese vice foreign minister Sun Weidong is likely to travel to India this week for what will be the second high-level bilateral visit from either side this year, following foreign secretary Vikram Misri's visit to Beijing in January during which Sun and Misri had agreed to a slew of measures aimed at normalizing ties. The 2-day visit by Sun will be the latest reinforcement of the improvement in bilateral ties resulting from the completion of the troop disengagement process in eastern Ladakh, after almost 5

years of a military standoff that wrecked the relationship. This was quickly followed by a meeting of PM Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in Russia in October and the resumption of the Special Representatives' (SR) Talks on the Boundary Question 2 months later. ToI has learnt that Sun will arrive in India on Thursday for a 2-day visit that will likely see him calling on NSA Ajit Doval, apart from holding talks under the foreign secretary-vice minister mechanism. Doval is also likely to host the Chinese Special Representative, Wang Yi.



Editorial

Post-Cold War era and Great Power competition

Ritu Walia

Post-World War II saw the emergence of two power blocks: the US-led North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), formed in 1949, and the Soviet Union-led Warsaw Pact, formed in 1955. NATO was meant to defend against the spread of Soviet-led communism. The Warsaw Pact was to counter NATO. The resultant Cold War saw huge military buildups and competition in the space and nuclear fields. At its peak between 1975 and 1985, the US and Soviet Union had a nuclear weapons stockpile of nearly 60,000 warheads. The collapse and breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 brought an end to the Cold War. The period saw arms control treaties and a significant reduction of nuclear weapons, and stockpiles between the two are now around 6,000 each. The period also saw the folding up of the Warsaw Pact, but a significant increase in NATO, which, as of date, has 32 members. The world became unipolar, with the US dominating the security scene. This was also the period when the world concentrated on the War against Terror. West Asia became the area of focus. By 2007, Russia had begun to consolidate its power under President Putin. China had started rising as an economic and military power. China unilaterally usurped nearly three million sq. km of the South China Sea (SCS), and became aggressive for Taiwan unification. The Quad was formed with the US, Japan, Australia and India to thwart China's expansionist designs in the Indo-Pacific. Meanwhile in Europe, Ukraine was showing interest in joining NATO. This would have brought the alliance on the Russian doorstep. This was unacceptable to Russia. Initially to secure its Black Sea fleet, Russia arranged to annex Crimea in 2014. With Ukraine still not relenting on NATO, Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. Effectively that brought an end to the post-Cold War era.

Post-Cold War Era Begins

Despite massive NATO support to Ukraine, Russia continues to hold nearly 20 percent Ukrainian territory. The American and European public opinion shows war fatigue, and are not keen to pump more money or weapons. Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Houthis in Yemen and several militias in Syria and Iraq are part of Iran funded and backed "Axis of Resistance". Now, they have a new backer: Russia. Developments in West Asia (Gaza war and Houthis) have also complicated the US' desire to focus more on the Indo-Pacific. Russia has secured lifelines for its economy and defence enterprises, while navigating to retain its military influence outside of Europe. In spite of economic sanctions, Russia has once again emerged as a power to contend with. Russia supports legacy multilateral institutions, along with China. It is strengthening BRICS, and is pushing for the de-dollarisation of international finance. Russia and China want to prevent the US and its allies from writing international rules. Russia has recalibrated its entire foreign policy to fit the needs of a long struggle. Russia has already expanded its trade and political relations with non-Western countries. The pillars of Russia's global foreign policy are self-preservation and global de-compartmentalisation. China has not only emerged as an economic power that is peddling influence around the world through Belt and Road and other economic initiatives, but has also become a significant military and Space power that wants to initially exert influence in Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, and later across the globe. China has also been modernising and expanding its nuclear arsenal. It is not willing to sit with the US and Russia to discuss arms control or evolve new treaties. The antagonism between Russia and the US has already put arms-control treaties.

India and the Greater Indo-Pacific: Balancing geopolitical equations

Suman Singh

Looking at the complex geopolitical and geoeconomic challenges the Indo-Pacific region is currently grappling it is necessary that there is a need to broaden the geopolitical concept of the Indo-Pacific to the Greater Indo-Pacific. The Greater Indo-Pacific can rebalance the global geopolitics and geoeconomics while checkmating China's hegemonic role. India, being the Centre of Indo-Pacific geopolitics, can play a central role in the formation of Greater Indo-Pacific.

Introduction

The recent war between Israel and Hamas, as well as Russia and Ukraine war along with the Red Sea crisis demonstrates that some of these crises are having an impact on the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific. Along with these wars, the rise of China is also posing a substantial challenge to the Greater Indo-Pacific encompassing major countries of the "Eurasian Heartland" in the phraseology of Halford Mackinder, like India, the US, Japan, South East Asian countries, South Korea, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Israel, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Russia and Kazakhstan. Though the idea appears to be entirely imaginary, understanding the present geopolitical complexities is necessary to consider the Greater Indo-Pacific concept. Both the US and Russia should



learn from Israel's and Saudi Arabia's relations. Improved relations between Moscow and Washington can enhance peace and security in West Asia, the Mediterranean and Indo-Pacific regions as well also in the post-Soviet space. Bringing these above-mentioned regions into a Greater Indo-Pacific framework can give impetus to peace and security in the region as well as enhance economic cooperation. A Greater Indo-Pacific can also provide a necessary challenge to China's hegemonic geopolitics. In this context, India can play a vital role in giving the necessary leadership to Greater Indo-Pacific. The prolonged crisis in the "heartland" in the form of a war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as the onset of the war between Israel and Hamas and its spiral impact in the form of the Red Sea crisis, is providing a new

kind of geopolitical equation in the global map. One thing is sure: phrases like alliances and block politics (though not in an ideological framework) and issues relating to armament and disarmament are currently gaining broader importance in geopolitical discourses. The two wars, as discussed above, demonstrate the significance of the metaphor of "Eurasia" as coined by British geopolitical thinker Halford J Mackinder in his classic work Democratic Ideals and Reality published in 1919, where he eulogised the concept of "World Island" and also "Heartland" in the lexicon of geopolitics. The reason for discussing the metaphor of "Eurasia" or "Heartland" in the present strategic polemics on the Indo-Pacific is to highlight how these two trajectories can be relevant in the context of the geopolitics of the region. Though Mackinder has not

talked about the concept of Indo-Pacific, his article titled Geographical Pivot of History, published in 1904, discussed the concept of "Inner Crescent" and "Outer Crescent", where much of the Indo-Pacific comes under the ambit. For instance, India is in the inner crescent of Eurasia and Japan and the United States are in the outer crescent as per Mackinder. Highlighting the strategic significance of both "Inner Crescent" and "Outer Crescent", Mackinder, in his book Democratic Ideals and Reality, suggested that "The actual balance of political power at any given time is, of course, the product, on the one hand, of geographical conditions, both economic and strategic, and, on the other hand, of the relative number, virility, equipment, and organization of the competing peoples" (p.192). Similarly, German geopolitical analyst Karl Haushofer in his seminal work Geopolitics of the Pacific Ocean, published in 1924, outlined the strategic significance of this region in the global geopolitics. Describing the strategic significance of this region, Haushofer describes this region as a "giant space is expanding before our eyes." He further highlights that this region "awaits the dawn of the Pacific age, the successor to the ageing Atlantic, the over-age Mediterranean and the

European era." (as quoted in Weigert, H. W. (1942). Reviewed work(s): geopolitik des pazifischen ozeans by Karl Haushofer (Review: Haushofer and the Pacific.). Foreign Affair, 20(4), 732-742). Similarly, Nicolas J Spykman in his classic work Geography of Peace, outlines the concept of Rimland where countries like Japan, India, South Korea and Saudi Arabia, located to adjacent Heartland can play a greater role. In this context, he highlights Rimland's logic, which contrasts the Mackinder approach. Spykman stated, "Whoever rules the Rimland commands Eurasia, and whoever rules Eurasia commands the world." The necessity for delving into some of the issues relating to theoretical polemics of Indo-Pacific, as highlighted in the above works of both Mackinder, Haushofer and Spykman is to trace out the significance of the concept of Indo-Pacific, which is gaining much importance in the present-day geopolitical analysis. One may recall here that Indian scholar Kalidas Nag, in his work Greater India, explains India's role in global geopolitics. In the same book, Nag highlights that "India, through the hands of Ashoka, showered her blessings of peace and progress over this symbolic union of Asia, Africa and Europe with the ties of Internationalism"(p.127). Nag's work.

How women are navigating challenges and taking centre stage?

Abhinav

Amid rapid digitization, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a buzzword but has emerged as a priority for businesses across industries. Whether it is voice assistants like Siri and Alexa fulfilling our wishes at a simple voice command, the ETA of cabs we book, or Natural language processing (NLP) and Machine learning (ML) algorithms-enabled chatbots resolving our queries instantly, AI is revolutionizing different aspects of our lives. However, to ensure its impactful development, equal and inclusive participation is essential. And women are rising to the occasion to explore prospective opportunities and break barriers with a vision to shape the future of AI.

In an industry historically dominated by men, women have defied bias to occupy a prominent position in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) sector. They have made significant strides in facilitating AI and ML advancements. In fact, women are credited with being one of the most prominent pioneers in the field of AI. Dating back to the mid-19th century, Ada Lovelace, known as the world's first computer programmer, worked collaboratively with Charles Babbage on the design of the Analytical Engine. Even in the mid-20th century, Katherine Johnson was instrumental in the success of the first manned space flights and went on to become a role model for women in the STEM field.

Closer home, several women are leading the AI revolution. India has the highest skill penetration rates, and women are contributing by being at the forefront of AI research and development. Take Aakanksha Chowdhery, for instance. She is a staff research scientist at Google DeepMind whose extensive research and contributions extend to fields like signal processing, ML, edge computing, etc. Additionally, strong-headed women like Tessy Thomas at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ishu Jain leading central analytics at Swiggy and Divya Mittal, Director of data science at American Express, among others, are shining examples.

Africa's agricultural sector is a win-win game

Radhika Singh

Exciting things were happening in Nairobi at the end of February. Indian models for Global South cooperation were in focus over a few days. This was particularly evident at the 11th Sankalp Africa summit session on scaling agricultural innovation through South-South collaboration. As many as 1500 people with ideas for impacting the development of their communities gathered at this annual event from across Africa. Investors and impact financiers looked at them and interacted to find solutions. Many sessions focused on possible solutions using the success of models in different countries, particularly India. The agriculture and South-South cooperation session aimed at creating a deeper understanding of the challenges that agriculture value chains face in Africa. The role of agricultural innovations and how targeted interventions and sustainable development approaches could positively impact them and consequently benefit small farmers were emphasised. These have particular relevance for an enhanced understanding of the enabling aspects, barriers to technology transfers, and their adaptability. One of the areas that was focused on was South-South collaboration through innovative agricultural enterpris-

es, which could perhaps foster cross-border cooperation. As per a recent book, The



der partnerships. This is relevant as the East African Community expands to include more countries and the Africa Continental Free Trade Area takes more steps towards implementation. A focused discussion brought together major stakeholders like development partners, policymakers, representatives of farmers, innovative agricultural enterprises, and investors. The Indian model of a bustling innovative agricultural ecosystem, which has been impacted by innovative enterprises serving 15 million farmers, was in focus. The context was set by discussing how India-Africa cooperation has traditionally focused on the private sector and heavily on agriculture. Even bilateral cooperation at the government-to-government level and through the India-Africa summits has had agriculture at its core. Agriculture features in PM Modi's 10-point action plan for Africa, enunciated in Uganda in 2018. Yet, do government-to-government initiatives

Harambee Factor, many of these initiatives, like seed demonstration centres, rural technology centres, farm science centres, and the like, were offered by India to African countries, but these were not easily absorbed by African governments. Wherever the private sector or civil society is involved, the absorption is better and more conducive to backward integration. This approach was then discussed with several partners at the session. There were two entrepreneurs: Giraffe Bioenergy and Everest Enterprises. They were complimented by investing companies, the Delta 40 and the Katapult VC. The World Bank and the Gates Foundation also participated, as did the CEO of the Cereal Growers Association of Kenya, which brings together half a million cereal growers for better marketing. Giraffe Bioenergy is developing a focus on three aspects of sustainable development: food security, renewable energy.

The small island nation, a long-standing Indian vassal, has now moved into Sinosphere

Simran Singh

The small island nation, a long-standing Indian vassal, has now moved into Sinosphere, providing China with a long-desired foothold in the Indian Ocean. "This is unprecedented. It's the first time the Maldives has signed a defence agreement with Beijing to provide military assistance," Azim Zahir, a Maldivian political analyst, told the BBC. "We knew that Mr Muizzu would forge closer ties with China in terms of investment

and capital, but no one expected him to go to this extent," he said. In anticipation of China's move, India commissioned the INS Jatayu, an upgraded naval base in the Lakshadweep Islands, marking a significant development in India's maritime security strategy, particularly in the context of growing Chinese influence in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Additionally, the Indian Navy commissioned its first MH-60R multi-role helicopter squadron Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 334 at Kochi, a major capability boost for its

rotary fleet and its anti-submarine warfare capabilities. Situated in Minicoy, the southernmost atoll of the Lakshadweep archipelago, INS Jatayu strategically overlooks vital Sea Lines of Communications (SLOCs). Minicoy Island, where INS Jatayu is located, sits at the intersection of crucial SLOCs like the Eight Degree Channel and the Nine Degree Channel. Eight Degree Channel separates Indian Minicoy Island from Maldives. The Nine Degree Channel separates the island of Minicoy from the

Lakshadweep archipelago. The growing tension in the Indian Ocean between the two Asian giants seems to be one of the reasons for the reorganisation of the Indian Army on the Indo-Tibetan border, one of the most treacherous and strategic battlefronts for both countries. The Indian move increases pressure on China which attaches great political, spiritual and strategic importance to Tibet. Tibet's Dalai Lama and its government in exile has sheltered in India, adding to tensions between the neighbours.

Venkateshwar Hospital, Dwarka Partners with We Care Multispeciality Hospital

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Rohtak: Venkateshwar Hospital, a 500-bed multispecialty hospital based in Dwarka, Delhi, announces the launch of Super Specialty OPD in partnership with We Care Multispeciality Hospital, Rohtak. This collaboration brings the expertise of Delhi's leading specialists directly to Rohtak, offering convenient consultations to patients from Rohtak and neighboring regions. Through this partnership, patients can now access consultations in Rohtak for Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Neurosurgery, Nephrology and renal transplant surgery from nationally acclaimed specialists. Each expert will visit Rohtak on a scheduled day each month, enabling local patients to receive world-class consultation and plan their treatments without the need to travel to Delhi. Super specialists from Venkateshwar



Hospital, Delhi, Dr. P K S a c h d e v a Neurosurgeon, Dr. Sidhartha Sahai Medical Oncologist, Dr Deepika Chauhan Radiation Oncologist and Dr Amit Kumar N e p h r o l o g i s t expressed their views, Dr Bhushan Kathuria Director, We Care Multispeciality Hospital, Rohtak says This new service allows patients with complex health needs to receive direct consultations from super specialists at We Care Hospital in Rohtak, reducing the need for travel for initial evaluations. Along with this OPD, Venkateshwar Hospital and We Care Hospital, Rohtak will also organize many more information programs so

that the residents of Rohtak city are aware about importance of healthy lifestyle. Specialists from We Care Multispeciality Hospital, Rohtak, Dr Vikas Kakkar (HOD-Head & Neck Onco surgeon) Dr. Himani Dhingra (Pediatric Hematology), Dr Shyam Nagpal (General Surgery), and Dr Rohit Arora (Medicine) highlighted, "We look forward to Super Specialty OPD by V e n k a t e s h w a r Hospital, Delhi and will fully cooperate with Doctor's team from Venkateshwar Hospital to make this OPD successful so that maximum population of Rohtak and surrounding areas can benefit from this initiative.

Grand Nagar Kirtan to be Organized from Historic Gurdwara Sahib Patshahi Chhevin on the Occasion of Prakash Parv

Jasbir Singh Duggal

Kurushetra: On the occasion of the Prakash Parv of Dhan-Dhan Sahib Shri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji Maharaj, a grand Nagar Kirtan will be organized on Wednesday from the historic Gurdwara Sahib Patshahi Chhevin, sanctified by the holy presence of the Guru. Under the auspices of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and the leadership of the Panj Pyare, the Nagar Kirtan will commence from Gurdwara Sahib. On the fifth day of the religious event, the second series of Shri Akhand Path Sahib concluded and the third and final series commenced. A large number of devotees bowed their heads and received the blessings of the Guru during this spiritual gathering. Several dignitaries paid their respects during the event, including Executive Committee Member of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee Kuldeep Singh Multani, Members Inderjeet Singh and Bibi



Kartar Kaur, Harmanpreet Singh Butter, former Junior Vice President Bibi Ravinder Kaur Ajrana, former spokesperson Kawaljeet Singh Ajrana, DSP Gurmeh Singh and Ameer Singh. Gurdwara Sahib's preacher Bhai Gurdas Singh offered prayers at the holy feet of the Guru. Keeping in mind the intense heat, the Sangat arranged for cold water and refreshing drinks (jal-jeera) through dedicated stalls (chhabils), while a variety of dishes were served in the langar with the community's cooperation. On the other hand,

Modern Path Lab set up a free health check-up camp for devotees attending the event. Hundreds of patients are being examined daily, and free medicines are being distributed. Winners of Daily Turban Tying Competition Being Awarded During the event, children and youth are also being taught the art of tying turbans. This service is being led by turban coach Simranjeet Singh and his team, who are educating the participants about the significance and history of the turban while also inspiring them to wear it proudly.



Partnership between Noida Airport and Uber to provide on-site ridesharing

Delhi : In order to provide visitors with transportation options right from the airport, Noida International Airport (NIA) has partnered with the ride-hailing company Uber. According to NIA, as part of the strategic partnership, Uber will run designated areas for driver partners to be picked up, as well as provide on-site assistance and special parking. According to the airport operator, the partnership will provide several benefits to customers using Uber at Noida International Airport, including the ability to follow their rides in real-time and get projected arrival times through the app, as well as the opportunity to pay without using cash, which is more convenient. Speaking about the importance of app-based taxi services like Uber, Christoph Schnellmann, CEO of Noida International Airport, stated that it is crucial for travelers to have access to last-mile transit alternatives. that are convenient, dependable, and safe. A variety of connectivity alternatives, including app-based taxis, will be available at the airport to meet the needs of all travelers, according to NIA. An easy booking experience through the Uber app, backed by dedicated on-ground support, and smooth and comfortable last-mile connectivity are the goals of our partnership, according to Arnab Kumar, Director, Business Development, Uber India and South Asia.

Everyone has to work together to eradicate the evil of drug addiction: Pitambar Singh Rana

Said: Appeal to save the youth from drug addiction, advice to parents to be cautious

Vikas Kumar
Kaithal: During a special interview at his establishment, famous

social worker Pitambar Singh Rana said that drug addiction has become the most dangerous and destructive evil of today's society, which not only harms the body of a person, but also ruins his intelligence, conscience and future. Expressing concern, he said that the future of our country depends on our young generation, and if this generation falls prey to drug addiction, it will be fatal



for both society and the nation. He said that drug abuse weakens the functioning of the

brain, affects memory and decision-making ability, due to which a person can fall prey to mental stress, paranoia and serious diseases. Social worker Pitambar Rana made a special appeal to the parents to keep an eye on the activities of their children and make them aware about the ill effects of drug addiction from time to time. He said, "Addiction is not a matter of pride but a

path of destruction, the sooner it is left, the better it is." He appealed to the youth to stay away from intoxicants like alcohol, cigarettes, gutkha, tobacco and play an active role in making the society drug-free. In the end, Pitambar Singh Rana said, "Society can become healthy and advanced only when we all together uproot the root of addiction."

Automotive manufacturer Tata Motors saw its workforce shrink in a fiscal year

Delhi: For the first time in five years, automotive manufacturer Tata Motors saw its workforce shrink in a fiscal year, when its employee base fell 3% in FY25 compared with the previous fiscal. Alongside, the fiscal also saw median salary hikes for its senior-most executives at just 3% com-

pared with 15% in FY24, the company's annual report for FY25 showed. The twin developments happened against the backdrop of falling demand for its cars, trucks and buses in the fiscal. The total employee count of the country's third-largest automaker, excluding employees of its UK-based

subsidiary Jaguar Land Rover, fell from 60,113 employees, including workers, in FY24 to 58,442 employees in FY25, the first such fall since 2019-20. In FY24, Tata Motors had No. of employees at Tata Motors fell for the first time in five years amid rising challenges in the auto industry increased its work.

Kurukshetra University Becomes the Only University in Haryana to Receive Environmental Protection Champion Award



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Kurukshetra: The talented students of Vishwas Public School, Payal and Palak, have once again proven that dedication and hard work can achieve any milestone. The duo captivated the audience with their semi-classical dance performance at the "International Dance Festival" held at Kala Academy Auditorium, Panaji, Goa from June 2 to 5, 2025. By securing first place, they not only brought glory to their school but also made Haryana and the entire nation proud. Payal and Palak competed in the "Open Age Group" semi-classical duet dance category and clinched the first position. Under the guidance of their dance instructor, Ms. Khushi, they also performed in a ten-member team for the senior group dance competition. Their perform-

He further shared that 40 acres of land on the university campus have been preserved specifically for environmental protection. Moreover, under its environmental policy, the university has made tree plantation a mandatory part of the student curriculum. It is noteworthy that KU had applied in the "Wildlife Warrior" category by submitting a compilation of its institutional and academic environmental activities over the past three years. Based on this, the

university was selected for the Environmental Protection Champion Award 2025. On receiving the award, Vice Chancellor Prof. Somnath Sachdeva congratulated everyone and said that the award reflects KU's significant contribution to environmental conservation. He mentioned that the university has set an ambitious target of planting 75,000 trees in one year, a campaign that has already been underway since last year.

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ance earned them the first prize along with the prestigious "Best Performance of the Session" award. In total, these talented students won three awards, marking a hat-trick of achievements at the competition. As a result of their outstanding performance, Payal and Palak have now been selected to represent India in the upcoming international dance competition to be held in Thailand — a matter of immense pride for their school and the entire region. Upon their return, the school welcomed them with a grand celebration. Principal Sneha

Rajpal congratulated the girls and their parents, stating that this success is the outcome of their hard work, discipline, and dedication. She expressed her pride in the students for bringing honor to the school, Shahabad, and the state. She also expressed confidence that the girls will raise India's flag high in Thailand and once again make the country proud. This achievement has not only boosted the girls' self-confidence but has also inspired other students of the school to hone their talents and aspire to reach international platforms.

In FY 25, general insurance premiums total Rs 3.07 lakh crore

Delhi : Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman chaired a PSGIC review meeting. The Minister assessed premium revenues, insurance penetration and density, and incurred claims ratios. From Rs 80,000 crore in 2019 to approximately Rs 1.06 lakh crore in 2025, PSGIC premiums increased. The general insurance market also grew, collecting Rs 3.07 lakh crore in FY 2024-25. While general insurance penetration in India is low at 1% of GDP (compared to 4.2% globally in 2023), insurance

density has progressively increased from \$9 in 2019 to \$25 in 2023. The finance minister stressed that PSGICs must increase penetration and density to preserve financial assets. Officials also provided a five-year health insurance report demonstrating constant premium growth across Private, SAHI, and PSGICs. PSGICs had 126% incurred claims ratios in FY21, while private insurers had 105%. This ratio dropped to 103% for PSGICs, 89% for private insurers, and 65% for SAHI by FY24.

Student visa applicants have been hampered by US embassies canceling interviews

Delhi: Student visa applicants have been hampered by US embassies canceling interviews due to the Trump administration's social media profile screening process. Some countries simplify student visas. Five countries offer faster visa approvals and post-graduation jobs to international students: Germany is a popular destination for overseas students since its public universities forgo tuition. Student visas are also simplified. Applicants must show they can afford €11,904 per academic year to support themselves. Visas are easy to get after a German institution's admission letter. Students must show admittance, health insurance, and finances. Germany permits students to work part-time and gives them 18 months to



find work after graduation. Indian students must apply for a "D Study visa" to study in Ireland. This visa is for students studying in Ireland for longer than 90 days. The process comprises applying online through AVATS, providing papers, paying the visa fee, and maybe biometrics. Most Irish applications are handled in four to eight weeks. Part-time work is allowed, and post-graduates have two years to find work. France has a surpris-

ingly easy non-EU student visa process.. After admission, academic programs require applications, financial support, and health insurance documentation. The average visa processing time is 15-30 days. Students in France can work part-time and stay for a year after graduation to find work. Online student visa processing has been simplified in the Netherlands. The university normally handles visa procedures for admitted students.

Poll promises unfulfilled, iron factory linked to Dalai Lama waits for revival

KODERMA: On the outskirts of Jharkhand's Koderma town, a defunct iron factory stands abandoned and corroded, greeting visitors at the entrance of Hirodih, a dusty and sleepy settlement of four villages next to a forgotten legacy. Thousands of residents of Hirodih swing between hope and despair every election, as their demand to revive the plant, once owned by Tibetan spiritual leader and Nobel Prize winner, the Dalai Lama, getting them promises and assurances from candidates seeking

votes every time, only to be forgotten after the polls. After the Buddhist monk crossed into India from Tibet in the 1950s, he set up this plant, spread over 350 acres of land bought from the villagers for Rs 4 crore in 1960, and named it Gayday Iron & Steel Company. The only venture owned by the Tibetan spiritual leader, the factory was a major avenue for employment in the region. But, more than four decades since its closure, hopes of its revival have only diminished due to half-baked attempts, failed promis-

es and administrative apathy, turning Koderma into a migration-prone region. Jung Bahadur Singh, who is now in his late 70s, was among the first employees of this factory. He continued to be on the rolls even when the factory's ownership kept changing hands, but the jobs continued to shrink owing to a lack of proper patronage to run the factory. The septuagenarian lives in Gamarwad village, one of the four villages where people voluntarily gave up their lands for the factory, hoping it would usher in prosperity.

In jail, J&K candidates' assets up, liabilities dip

BARAMULLA: Independent candidate from Baramulla Lok Sabha seat Abdul Rashid Sheikh, who is lodged in Tihar for alleged terror-funding activities, has significantly reduced his liabilities and increased assets in the last five years, his poll affidavit

shows. Better known as 'Engineer Rashid', the former MLA's assets are now valued at Rs 1.5 crore compared to Rs 80 lakh in 2019. It includes a 41,072 sq ft non-agriculture land in his home town Langate and a house in Srinagar

worth Rs 90 lakh. Rashid has declared Rs 11.3 lakh home loan and Rs 3.1 lakh Kissan Credit Card loan as liabilities. The former MLA has only Rs 1,424 in his sole bank account, his financial disclosures show. In the affidavit, he cited pension as his source.



After British, it's fight against 'desi Angrez': Amit Shah in Bundelkhand

LUCKNOW: Union home minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that there was a time when Uttar Pradesh was known for "producing country-made pistols (kattas)" but, after PM Narendra Modi built a defence corridor in Bundelkhand, "cannonballs are made". Addressing an election rally in Lalitpur, Shah said, "If Pakistan makes any mistake", shells made in Bundelkhand will be used to "destroy" that country. At a rally in Jhansi, in an apparent reference to Congress functionaries, he asked Bundelkhand voters to fight the "desi Angrez" just like they fought against the Mughals and the British. In Amethi, Shah attempted to give a last-minute push to BJP's campaign with a roadshow. Addressing a crowd in Amethi, Shah attacked Congress for referring to Amethi and Rae Bareilly as their "family seats". "Did Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, or Priyanka turn up in Amethi or Rae-Bareilly when the Covid pandemic struck," Shah asked as people shouted "No". Shah also asked the people to choose between Modi and Rahul. He said that after losing from Amethi, Rahul fled to Wayanad and is now back in Rae Bareilly. "I have been in Rae Bareilly for three days and can say with confidence that he (Rahul) is losing from there also," he said. In Jhansi, he told voters they have a choice to make between two categories of leaders: one, a person behind a Rs 12 lakh crore scam who was born with the proverbial silver spoon and holidays in Thailand; and two, Modi, whose tenures as CM and PM have been unblemished, and who was born in a poor house and never took a holiday.

Maintain pre-2010 7% OBC quota: Calcutta high court

Delhi : Calcutta high court ordered the West Bengal University of Health Sciences (WBUHS), a government medical university in Kolkata, to enroll students with 7% reservation for 66 OBCs notified in the state before 2010. In its ruling, justice Kausik Chanda noted that a division bench of the high court had set down the state's reservation policy in May, which divided OBCs into A and B categories and offered 10% and 7% quota, respectively. The state must apply OBC reser-



vations solely to the 66 backward classes recognized by the backward class department before 2009. Justice

Chanda that the state's OBC reservations should be 7% per November 6, 1997 notification. Caste certi-

ficates for 66 grades produced before 2010 have been preserved and 7% reservation maintained, the decision stated. The government suspended quota-based recruitment and admissions after a division bench of the high court revoked OBC designation for 77 Muslim communities granted by the state since 2010. Supreme Court challenge by TMC government. West Bengal offered 17% OBC reservation in public sector jobs and state-run schools.

Rules for the use of GenAI tools by students and teachers at IIT Delhi have been updated

Delhi: Officials at India's premier tech university, IIT Delhi, have issued a set of rules for the responsible application of artificial intelligence (AI), Delhi reports. The goal is to ensure that researchers can utilize the technology for their intended purposes without fear of unforeseen repercussions. The rules are based on the suggestions of a panel that looked at data from an internal poll that showed that



77% of teachers and 80% of students have been utilizing AI tools. Thanks to their capacity to produce information that is contextually fitting in many cases,

GenAI technologies are becoming increasingly popular in academic areas, where they are welcomed by both students and staff. "Educators and admin-

istrators are rethinking how they reshape classroom teaching, design assignments, and exams, and determine more effective methods of assessment," said Rangan Banerjee, director of IIT Delhi, in response to the tools' widespread adoption. There are legitimate worries, but there are also potential advantages, like a more tailored learning experience and immediate, individual feedback, to these technologies.

Rename namesake disease hitting Ranikhet's fame: HC

DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand high court has directed the state to propose a new name for a disease that has Ranikhet, a picturesque tourist spot, in its name. After a PIL highlighted that the hill station's reputation suffers due to its association with an avian disease known as 'Ranikhet disease', the administration has now been told to file an affidavit suggesting an alternative name by June 27. During the hearing, Chief Justice Ritu Bahri and Justice Rakesh Thapliyal discussed the negative impact of the disease's name on Ranikhet's tourism. Ranikhet renowned for healthy air, Himalayan views



The petitioner, Satish Joshi, of Ranikhet, said "the picturesque town's allure is overshadowed by this association". Ranikhet, about 50km from Almora, is renowned for its healthy climate, pleasant breeze, stunning Himalayan views, and pollution-free greenery with deodar and oak trees. The area's attractions, including Kumaon Regimental Centre, museum, & golf course, offer memorable experiences for visitors. Ranikhet disease,

also known as Newcastle disease, affects the birds and poultry, leading to severe respiratory issues, nervous system problems, and high mortality rates. This affliction has significant economic implications for poultry farmers and can affect the large local bird populations. The petitioner contended other celebrated hill stations like Mussoorie and Nainital are exalted. Ranikhet, therefore, should not be overshadowed.

An important development for the Maharashtra FYJC Admissions 2025 is that minority junior colleges can now willingly

Delhi : An important development for the Maharashtra FYJC Admissions 2025 is that minority junior colleges can now willingly relinquish their empty reserved seats right after the first round of admissions. Until the third admission round was finished, these seats could only be forfeited. Junior colleges in several regions, including Mumbai, Pune, and Nagpur, now have more leeway to handle seat distribution efficiently thanks to this new regulation. Extra leeway is provided by the announced



alternations. Registration for the Maharashtra FYJC Admissions 2025 can now be done online till 2 PM on June 5, 2025, at 11thadmission.org.in, rather than on June 3,

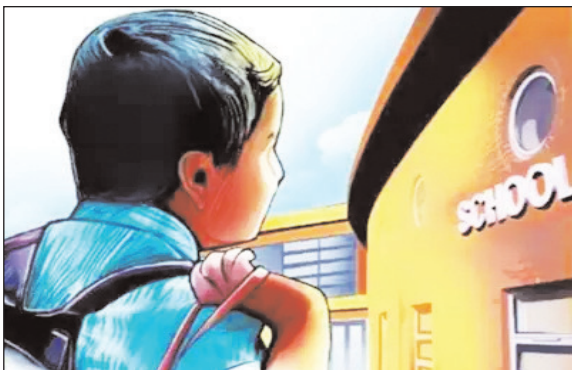
2025, as was originally scheduled. This extension is to allow for the smooth implementation of these new standards. This add-on lets parents and students modify their in-house quota choices and lets

junior colleges update information about linked schools, junior colleges in various divisions, enabling them to manage seat distribution more efficiently, including Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur.



Unrecognized schools are instructed to cease operations

Delhi-163 unrecognized schools in Gurugram have received letters from the district elementary education department requiring them to close and forbidding further enrollment. The list was created as a result of the schools' failure to meet the standards necessary for recognition until March 31, according to people with knowledge of the situation. According to the agency, unrecognized schools will not be permitted to continue operating. The education administration published a list of 282 schools in the district earlier this month that did not meet the requirements for recognition. Of them, 20 have ceased business, 163 have received notices, and 99 have sought affiliations. They said that those who received notices had been asked to reply. The district elementary education officer, Muni Ram, stated that they had begun the process of bringing



"PS Baghel is in charge of enrollment, making sure that rules are followed and that, in the event that parents are not present, a legal guardian is named"

IIT-Kharagpur has announced graduated fines for fighting and alcohol misuse

Delhi: IIT Kharagpur has proposed graded fines of Rs 5,000 for the first offense and Rs 10,000 for a repeat offense for students caught consuming alcohol on campus. In both situations, parents will be notified. A disciplinary committee will be tasked with reviewing cases involving students found guilty more than twice. The committee's recommendation will include "appropriate punishment" and a minimum penalty of Rs 50,000.

criminal charges against these institutions. They have requested that police look into and take action against schools that continue to accept new pupils in defiance of government directives. "We have intervened and notified the police in the suburbs of Manesar, Patodi, Farrukhnagar, and the city.

27 companies, 3,000 students: DU job mela resonates

Delhi: A two-day placement-cum-internship employment fair ended at Delhi University. The university central placement unit organized the career fair. The expo attracted around 3,000 kids this year. The university's placement department expects many students to be placed this year. The placement exercise included 27 companies, according to DU. The placement cell reported that 1,000 of 3,000 registered students were shortlisted by firms. "The job mela was a hit. Student involvement was high across disciplines and colleges. Around 27 companies offered placement and internships to over 3,000



students. We are certain that our students will receive good gifts and hope this trend continues in future melas and recruitment efforts." She said the institution barred registration this year to simplify placement, unlike usual. "We will know the exact packages offered during the placement and how many students actually got placed only in the coming days after the entire process is over,"

stated. Jasleen Kaur, 21, a BSc mathematics student at the employment fair, stated, "I like that the institution organizes job fairs. That way, students can find work." Subham Kumar, 20, a BSC student, said the employment fair offers students possibilities and should be held more often. Some students wanted more companies and more detailed career options at the job fair.

National Eligibility Test to replace PhD entrance exams at JNU

Delhi: JNU will use the National Eligibility Test (NET) score instead of the National Testing Agency (NTA) entrance test for PhD admission starting this academic year. JNU reported that UGC, as part of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has decided to

allow universities/HEIs to use the score of the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC and CSIR for Ph.D admission in place of an entrance test. According to this decision, JNU will use NET scores for PhD admissions, replacing the NTA

entrance test. "Accordingly, JNU has decided to use NET score in place of the entrance test conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission to Ph.D Programmes in the University from the academic session 2024-25," said the note.

HC lets Stephen's interview minority applicants

Delhi: Delhi High Court allowed Delhi University's St Stephen's College to interview minority students applying for post-graduate courses and to give 15% of the marks to the interview and 85% to the CUET score. The high court said non-minority students would not be interviewed for PG courses in the college and would be admitted based on their CUET score, which is assessed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for central university admis-



sion. Justice C Hari Shankar said Delhi University (DU) would keep college post-graduate (PG) seat allocations fair. The DU may

high court said these are guidelines and the DU can use any objective criterion ". The court noted that universities had no standard for allocating PG seats and concluded "this is not an acceptable situation". PU regulating panel approves NEP 2020 undergraduate program extensions at associated colleges. Colleges will implement NEP for UG courses in 2024-25. Training programs for college faculty to implement new requirements.

MCD commissioner inspects primary schools' infrastructure

Delhi: MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti visited elementary schools across the city to inspect their facilities, maintenance, and student services, including book and uniform distribution. The commissioner, along with additional and deputy commissioners and education department officials, visited MCD-run schools a day after Delhi High Court expressed its displeasure over the lack of textbooks, uniforms, and stationery. In a routine tour, the com-



missioner visited schools in Old Gandhi Nagar, Kailash Nagar, South Gandhi Nagar, and Subhash Mohalla. The goal was to improve school facilities and atmosphere, "explained an official. He stated that department heads have been ordered to use mainte-

nance monies and allocate school budgets based on urgency. "The department will take necessary steps for the schools that need extensive repair or maintenance work." The commissioner told the court that two lakh students lacked bank accounts and were

being opened on a "war footing". He further blamed the delay in book delivery on the lack of a Standing Committee with authority over Rs 5 crore contracts. With 1,534 schools, MCD allocates maintenance money annually based on classroom count. Schools with one to 10 classrooms receive Rs 1 lakh, those with 10 to 20 Rs 1.5 lakh, and those with 20+ Rs 2 lakh. The official said schools must utilize the monies by March 31 or MCD will take them back.

Nemetschek Group plans to take 20% of the \$200 million



Delhi: The German company Nemetschek Group plans to take 20% of the \$200 million Indian market for architect-engineering software over the next three years. Nemetschek Group first arrived in the country last year to supply software solutions to the construction industry. The Nemetschek Group recognized enormous

potential for real estate and infrastructure projects in India, so it joined the Indian market in July of last year. Globally, the AEC/O (architecture, engineering, construction, and operation) business relies on the software provided by this company to facilitate digital transformation. According to a statement released by Nemetschek Group ,

the company plans to adopt a strategy centered on local innovation, university partnerships, and ecosystem collaborations to gain 15-20% of India's expanding AEC/O software industry in the next 2-3 years. With a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 8%, the company predicts that India's AEC/O software industry.

The site streamlines application processing and cooperation

Delhi: LG Saxena's unified public entertainment licensing platform, launched earlier this month, has made business easier and helped turn Delhi into a dynamic city, restaurateurs claimed. Restaurant operators may now schedule gigs without worrying about getting a license at the last minute with a long-term license. Before launching the service, they had to file a police license form before hosting singer, band, percussionist, or stand-up shows. Permissions were slow, so you couldn't book good artists or host last-minute shows. This link lets you apply for a longer license online. Sandeep Goyle, National Restaurant Association of India



Delhi chapter head, said this will help many businesses. The manager of a popular restaurant stated even a casual gig required a license and much documentation before submission. "Permission could take two weeks to a month. It could also be refused. This nearly ended live music and performance in restaurants, which mostly used DJs or recorded

music "said. An LG secretariat official said the webpage was designed to streamline, simplify, and standardize the capital's licensing process for amusement parks, auditoriums, and video game parlours. According to the source, the licensing unit of Delhi Police, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and National Informatics Centre created the transfor-

mational portal to improve licensing operations across Delhi. The paperwork and documentation requirements are much reduced, streamlining the application procedure. The site streamlines application processing and cooperation by combining municipal organizations, Delhi Fire Service, and Delhi Police onto a single platform."

Former wrestler Narsingh named WFI's seven-member athletes' panel

Delhi: former Commonwealth Games gold medalist Narsingh Pancham Yadav was chosen chairman of the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) Athletes' Commission, as required by the sport's world governing body. Eight people competed for seven seats. Paper ballots were used. Narsingh made news before the 2016 Olympics when two-time Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar, who missed the qualification event due to injury, demanded a match against him. After Sushil's Delhi High Court petition was dismissed, Narsingh was confirmed for the Rio Olympics. In a startling turn of events, Narsingh failed two dope tests before the Games and was banned for four years by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) despite the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) clearing him on the grounds of sabotage.

A circular states that committees would be reconstituted

Delhi: The Directorate of Education (DoE) in Delhi has ordered the immediate dissolution of all school management committees (SMC) in government and government-aided schools. A circular states that committees would be reconstituted on May 9 through new elections. A school-level election committee managed by the head of school and supported by a teacher convener would elect new SMCs in each school, according to the circular. Due to an apparent cost hike, parents are frustrated and protesting. When SMCs should have addressed such concerns, many parents blamed mismanagement.

"The responsible authority dissolved all school management committees for government and government-aided schools of the Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi, immediately. The circular states



that a school-level SMC election committee, led by the school's head and assisted by its teacher convener, would hold elections to form a new SMC. Several DoE guidelines were issued. The new SMC shall comprise at least 50% women and representation from marginalized groups including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and Economically Weaker Sections. The elected parents will choose a vice-chairperson. The SMC will also invite three social science, science, and math instructors as special invitees.

Hindu University establishes public policy institute

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

New heat-reduction measures at schools have been added

Delhi: As Delhi temperatures rise, schools have released new heat rules to safeguard pupils. New heat-reduction measures at schools have been added by the DOE. DOE requires "no classes be conducted in open-air environments" and no afternoon assemblies to protect kids. It ordered schools to cancel outside activities until the weather improves. Schools must always provide clean drinking water to emphasize hydration. The DOE requires planned water breaks and RO system and water cooler maintenance. Schools are required to ventilate



and have working fans in classrooms for comfort. According to the DOE directive, all corridors must have fire extinguishers for fire safety. It has also advised schools to teach children to cover their heads in the sun, especially while commuting. It further states that "no student, parent, or

staff member shall stay or sit in open or exposed areas under direct sunlight." Health readiness is paramount. Any heat-related disease must be treated immediately. First aid packs should include oral rehydration for sick pupils. It requires reporting all heat-related illnesses to the nearest hospital.

Global democracy has changed: Rahul

Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said democratic politics have changed worldwide and that a decade-old rule no longer applies. The Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition argued that old political techniques are no longer effective against the modern concentration of capital, media, and social media. Gandhi stated the exist-

ing political leadership paradigm is "obsolete" and a new style of leadership must be built. Reclaiming democratic spaces and reinventing priorities like healthcare are the real challenges. "The modern concentration of capital, media, and social media overwhelms old tools. He claimed the traditional political model is anti-

quated and a new leadership style is needed. He said the Congress felt "trapped and isolated" in a political climate that no longer permitted it to operate freely, which led him to the "Bharat Jodo Yatra". The party felt confined and isolated some years ago. These new, aggressive politics aim to crush the opposition without talking.

A survey on cybersecurity activities for curriculum design and education

Delhi: As our technological era progresses, cyber attacks have emerged as a major issue. Cybersecurity experts who can identify, stop, react to, or lessen the impact of cyberattacks are in great demand as a result of this problem. Nevertheless, there is a severe lack of trained cybersecurity experts around the globe. Many new cybersecurity education programs have emerged to meet this challenge; for example, computer science graduate programs now offer cybersecurity as a concentration. High schools, universities with computer science and information systems programs, and even some government agencies are offering cybersecurity courses in response to rising demand. Cybersecurity is so unique that it presents numerous challenges for schools when trying to develop cybersecurity curricula or programs. This article examines the current cybersecurity curriculum and the methods and exercises that are already in place. Case studies on cybersecurity education from different parts of the world are also included.

Report crimes from home with a few clicks to modernize and expedite the procedure

Delhi : Delhi Police will release a smartphone app that allows residents to report crimes from home with a few clicks to modernize and expedite the procedure. Development is underway on the app. Police said its user-friendly interface will allow individuals to download the app, complete a one-time registration, and register complaints from serious crimes to small street offenses without visiting a police station. They promised timely follow-up and action with the feedback mechanism and status alert system. Burglary, theft, and pickpocketing complaints are filed online.

Capital sees the debut of Dola and Rahul's archery academy.

Delhi: The archery ground of the Sports Authority of India, which is part of the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium complex, was inaugurated by the Banerjee brothers, Dola and Rahul, who are Indian Olympians. The siblings intend to continue their fight to overcome India's Olympic medal drought in recurve archery even when they retire, and their academy will be the first of its type in the nation's capital. Archers Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari are moving forward with their goals. As the Indian team prepares to depart for Shanghai for the second stage of the World Cup, which will take place from May 6 to 11, the pair was in attendance for the inauguration. After the Paris Olympics, Deepika and Atanu began training at



Rahul's academy in Kolkata, he announced. No other archery academy here is headed by former Olympians. Learning from their experience is the nicest part of this academy, and it's one of a kind. Their insights, both conceptual and practical, have proven invaluable. Atanu and

Deepika are getting ready for the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, from September 5 to 12, and Deepika mentioned that both Dola didi and Rahul are up-to-date on the newest news and bring a fresh perspective to solving technical problems.

NTA offers a paper leak reporting portal

Delhi: The NTA launched an internet website to report dubious NEET (UG) 2025 medical entrance exam allegations. This campaign follows the 2024 NEET-UG exam fiasco, which included question paper leaks and cheating in various states. NTA advised candidates to avoid fake claims in its publication. The organization cautioned candidates not to be deceived by unscrupulous elements who commit malpractice and make false claims. NTA Director General Pradeep Singh Kharola said candidates can report suspicious activities in three categories unauthorised websites or social media accounts claiming access to NEET question paper.

Delhi: The Directorate of Education has ordered all schools, including government, aided, private, and those under local bodies like the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Municipal Council, to screen every student for 21 types of disabilities as defined by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The Prashast mobile app and checklist instruct teachers to look for overt and subtle symptoms of difficul-



ties in pupils, such as bad handwriting, trouble making eye contact, lack of direction, and being lost in an imaginary world. Early disability identification, support, and inclusive education are the main goals. Teachers will learn how to utilize the app and record observations. Parents must

give a no-objection certificate before screening a youngster. Screening-identified disabilities will be evaluated by experts. School-level screening must end by July 25 and district coordinators must receive final reports including class-wise and consolidated data by July 31.

Implications for management education in the creation and validation of a scale measuring student well-being in higher education

Delhi: In the increasingly stressful world of higher education, students' physical, mental, and social health are all part of what is known as student well-being (SWB). The higher education sector is confronted with the increasing difficulty of preserving and improving SWB in the face of excessive workloads, unmet expectations, and uncertainty around degree completion and employment. The current tools for evaluating SWB are too narrow in scope to adequately represent its complex character. Our research fills this need by creating and validating a multi-dimensional scale that accurately measures SWB's subtleties using a rigorous multi-study, multi-method, and multi-



sample strategy. Generation, purification, refinement, validation, and generalizability were the five systematic steps that made up this process. The outcome is a five-factor SWB scale that offers a comprehensive instrument for assessing and enhancing SWB in academic settings. These dimensions include academic, financial, physical, psychological resilience, and relational well-

DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

Delhi: Teachers from Delhi University brought up issues with professor recruitment in front of a Parliamentary Committee, claiming that the SC/ST populations were marginalized on a systematic level. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Long regarded as a suitable area for doctors to practice in medical institutions

The Delhi government has adopted a one-year bond program for doctors

Delhi: Long regarded as a suitable area for doctors to practice in medical institutions and hospitals after MBBS/MS/MD courses, it gave service-bond-free status and other benefits. The Delhi government has adopted a one-year bond program for doctors, who will face significant financial penalties if they fail. Doctors are angry about the government bond notification. Delhi doctors want the policy revoked or regularized. An anonymous senior health ministry official states, "Health services like bond policy, working hours,



and salary come under the state administration.

Doctor bond measures have been strongly opposed by the NMC advisory. State governments make the final decision."

Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Goa, West Bengal, Assam, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh,

and others have implemented service bond policies with different bond tenures. Dr. BN Gangadhar, Bengaluru NMC chairman, said the NMC can only advise states on bond policy. State governments impose bonds for numerous reasons. NMC wants to increase the number of doctors in the country so that the healthcare sector, even peripheral states, has enough qualified doctors and states can eliminate the mandatory bond policy.

In order to incorporate AI across all academic streams, the AICTE has formed an expert group

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

A professor from IIT Delhi to head up IIM Lucknow

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

Indian medical students benefit from Philippines standards changes

Delhi: Philippine law-makers have allowed international medical graduates to obtain licenses and practice locally, benefiting Indian students. Since the National Medical Council requires returning students to take the Indian screening test with a valid practicing license, the move advantages Indian doctors-to-be. The move follows several other nations' efforts to attract Indian medical students overseas. Russia, Belarus, and Georgia have adopted similar policies after NMC's 2021 amendment, which required medical graduates from other countries to have a valid practicing license before taking the Indian screening test. NMC de-recognized the Philippine Bachelor of Science in 2023. It only accepted candidates from their four-year MD program, similar to India's MBBS. It fell short of NMC's 54-month minimum, therefore candidates had to complete a year of internship before taking the screening test to become doctors. In India Foreign



education agent Kadwin Pillai stated all worries are gone. The Philippine UG medical course duration now meets NMC standards. Welcoming foreign medical students to practice medicine locally or abroad will help our students and boost the Philippines' status as a major Asian-Pacific medical education destination "said. About 2,000 Indian UG medical students study in the Philippines each year. A record 24 lakh students took the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test this year. Foreign education agents expect 5 lakh Indians to study medicine abroad when local admissions close. Students spend Rs 40 lakh on schooling on average.

The 15-year-old Indian weightlifter shattering the world mark for gold

Delhi: At the IWF World Juvenile Championships, 15-year-old Indian weightlifter Preetismita Bhoi won a gold medal after shattering the world record for juvenile clean and jerk in the women's 40 kg division. She lifted an amazing 76kg, breaking the previous record of 75kg. On the first day of the competition, Bhoi's overall effort weighed 133 kg, barely 2 kg less than the young world mark thanks to her 57 kg snatch lift. Jyoshna Sabar of India won the silver medal with a total lift of 125 kg (56 kg + 69 kg), and Fatma Kolcak of Turkey took home the bronze medal with a total lift of 120 kg (55 kg + 65 kg). The result was a 1-2 finish. Two more weightlifters from India made it to the podium, making it an excellent day for them. Payal finished second in the women's 45kg category, losing to Colombian Lawren Estrada, who won her second world title with a total lift of 151kg (67kg+84kg). Payal took home a silver medal in the 45kg



How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

Delhi: NCERT textbooks dominate Indian education. These texts have underpinned Indian education for decades. The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across. In this post, we will discuss the benefits of NCERT textbooks, their broad use, and how NCERT Solutions for Class 6 and other courses improve learning.

One reason NCERT textbooks are so popular is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. These textbooks are accessible and inclusive for various pupils. Experts curate the information to ensure accuracy and relevancy, meeting current educational requirements. NCERT textbooks guarantee national curricular uniformity.

event. With a total lift of 193 kg (86 kg + 107 kg), Babulal Hembrom won the bronze in the men's 49 kg event, making him the fourth lifter from India to place on the podium.

Sindhu beat Ongbamrungphan to reach the Malaysia

Delhi: Indian shuttler PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan in the Malaysia Masters women's singles semi-final at Axiata Arena to advance to the final. Sindhu defeated the higher-ranked Thai shuttler 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in the 88-minute match. Her first tournament final since March last year. Sindhu has reached four BWF World Tour Super 500 finals. In his first semi-final of the year, the two-time Olympic medalist lost the first game before showing her real courage. After a fierce battle, she took the lead from world no. 10 in the second game and led by two points at halftime. Keep calm and extend your lead to win 21-



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16. In the final game, she went all out and left her opponent no chance to recover. Sindhu led 11-5 before exchanging sides and closing with eight match

points. She easily won 21-12 to win the match. Sindhu will face Wang Zhi Yi of China in the final. The incumbent Asian champion defeated Zhang Yiman in

The US is the top study abroad location for Indian students

Delhi: The US is the top destination for Indian students seeking higher education abroad. Most Indian students prefer US education due to its universities, cultural diversity, and academic opportunities. Indian student enrollment in U.S. universities rose 35% in 2022-23. USA is known for academic brilliance and offers international students learning and job possibilities with close to 200 universities in the top 1500 QS world university rankings.

straight games to reach the final.

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team wins 2-2 (4-2 SO) versus Belgium

Delhi: As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeated Belgium with a resounding 4-2 shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impression. Kanika Siwach

rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goalless second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner, but the Indian defense

was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead. Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2. India prevailed in the subsequent shootout to win the match 2-2 (4-2 SO).The next game for the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is scheduled for May 26 in Breda, against Germany.

Para-Athletics Worlds: India wins most medals ever



Delhi: India continued their medal run at the Para-Athletics World Championship in Kobe, Japan, with Simran Sharma winning gold in the Women's 200 meters T12. Preethi Pal won her second Championship medal, a bronze in the Women's 100m T35. Preethi previously won 200-meter bronze in the same category. India's Navdeep earned a bronze medal in the Men's Javelin Throw F41 with a season-best 42.82 meters.

India won 17 medals, including six gold, five silver, and six bronze, surpassing the 2023 total. Indian para-athletes' performance in Kobe is a credit to their hard work, resilience, and strong support system from coaches, support staff, and the Athletics Federation of India. Their achievement inspires prospective athletes and boosts India's para-athletics profile. Deepthi Jeevanji established a world record of 55.06

seconds in the Women's 400m T20, winning the gold medal with amazing hard effort and motivation. Breaking the world record and earning gold at the World Championships is a dream. I appreciate my coaches, family, and Indian contingent. After breaking the world record, Deepthi Jeevanji commented, "This is just the beginning, and I am excited for the future, especially with the Paris Paralympics."

Indian women's compound team wins third straight Archery World

Delhi: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Swami won their third straight Archery World Cup gold medal at stage two. The three defeated Turkey's Hazal Burun, Ayse Bera Suzer, and Begum Yuva 232-226 to prove their dominance. The world-number one Indian team showed skill and consistency from the start. They kept a six-point lead throughout the final, preventing Turkey from closing in. This win continues their winning trend, having won gold at World Cup Stage 1 in Shanghai and Stage 4 in Paris last year. India won silver in compound mixed team in addition to women's team. Olivia Dean and Sawyer Sullivan of the US faced Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Priyansh



Jain in the final. After an early lead, the Indian duo succumbed by two points, 155-153. Jyothi and Priyansh opened the match with a near-perfect 39 out of 40, giving India a two-point advantage. They lost consistency in later rounds. By halfway, the USA pair tied the score and beat the Indians with a perfect third end to win the gold medal. Prathamesh Fuge just missed a bronze

medal in the individual events after losing to world number one Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands in a shoot-off. Fuge defeated Austrian world number six Nico Wiener in the quarterfinals. He lost in the shoot-off after overcoming a two-point deficit to force a tiebreaker, losing his first World Cup medal. In the compound men's individual semifinal, Fuge lost to world number seven James Lutz of the US 143-148.

HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. While the matter is pending with a division bench, the student in the previous petition was allowed to continue studying at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, as an interim measure. The high court overturned the petitioner's exclusion from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur. "The petitioner is entitled to Class 6 admission to the JNV (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur) in 2024-25 and continues education there.



Qualcomm Launches Chipset to Lower 5G Phone Prices in India

Delhi: It stated Xiaomi and other large OEMs will initially use the chipset, with the first commercial device due before the end of the year. Qualcomm will shortly reveal talks with other OEMs, both old and new. India's digital development and global competitiveness depend on 5G access. As India's 5G deployment succeeds, we want to make sure everyone can use affordable devices "Qualcomm India president Savi Soin stated. He added the



company wants to deliver affordable 5G connections to remote places. 5G can bridge the digital gap, providing Indians with essential

education, government, healthcare, and payment tools and services more reliably and securely, and driving India's 'Made in India' goal.

He stated Snapdragon 4S Gen 2 strengthens India's 5G environment and democratizes connectivity.The chipset was designed and devel-

oped in India for India, Soin added.Qualcomm wants to make technology accessible to all, keeping 'India-first' in mind.

To achieve this mission, the Government is promoting generation of green power through solar

Delhi Hi-Tech Pipes Limited (NSE: HITECH, BSE: 543411), one of the leading Steel Pipes companies in India, has announced decarbonisation of its Manufacturing Facilities, Additional 5 MW Green Power through Roof Top Solar & Open Access and Generation & captive consumption of Green Hydrogen Gas. The Government of India has taken the mission for zero carbon emission by

2070 (30% to 35% by 2030). To achieve this mission, the Government is promoting generation of green power through solar & wind energy along with other environment friendly measures. The Government of India has also approved National Green Hydrogen Mission on 4th January, 2023. This Mission aims to make India a Global Hub for production, utilization and export of Green Hydrogen and its

derivatives. Mission will help in India becoming energy independent and Decarbonisation of major sectors of the economy. In alignment with the government's broader strategic climate goals for 2030 and 2070 set by honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi. , Hi-Tech Pipes has also taken the mission for decarbonisation of its manufacturing facilities by 2033 (60% by 2030).

Apollo Micro Systems Ltd. (BSE: 540879, NSE: APOLLO), a pioneer

Delhi : Apollo Micro Systems Ltd. (BSE: 540879, NSE: APOLLO), a pioneer in Design, Development and assembly of Custom-Built Electronics and Electro-mechanical solutions, has announced that its board has approved raising of upto Rs. 264.61 Cr through the issue of convertible warrants at a price of Rs. 108 per warrant, subject to the approval of the regulatory/ Statutory Authorities and the members of the Company. Promoter group is amongst proposed allottees, along with certain identified members of non-promoter group. FPIs Eminence Global Fund, North Star Opportunities Fund & AG Dynamic Funds are amongst proposed allottees. Recently, the company announced that it received a project from the Indian Army. Apollo Micro Systems Limited is shortlisted keeping in view the capability and was awarded Make II project by the Indian Army. This project is for the procurement of a Vehicle Mounted Counter Swarm Drone System (VMCSDS) (Version I) under the Make II category of DAP-2020. This project is very prestigious and first Make II project for the Company. The company is happy to share that the systems developed out of it are 'state of the art' and highly futuristic in nature. As a Make II project, there will be no cost obligation involved. Earlier, the company reported its earnings for quarter and year ended 31 March . AMS achieved significant financial growth in FY24, driven primarily by robust order execution. The revenue for Q4 FY24 was Rs. 1,354.37 Mn, up from Rs. 1,068.46 Mn in Q4 FY23, with the full-year revenue standing at Rs. 3,716.34 Mn compared to Rs. 2,975.26 Mn in FY23 showcasing a healthy growth of 24.91%. The company's EBITDA for Q4 FY24 increased to Rs. 287.43 Mn from Rs. 228.83 Mn in Q4 FY23, and for the entire fiscal year, it reached Rs. 838.66 Mn, up from Rs. 640.91. Mn in FY23, marking a growth of 25.61% for

Canara Bank has conveyed its approval to the One Time Settlement (“OTS”) proposal

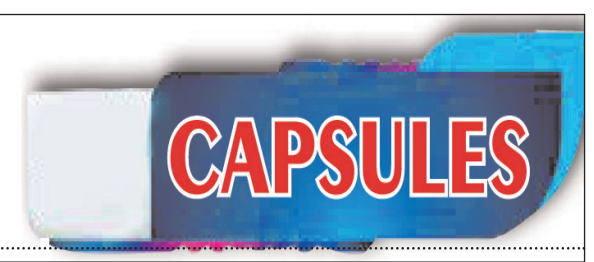
Delhi : PC Jeweller Ltd. (BSE: 534809, NSE: PCJEWELLER), one of the leading and fastest-growing jewellery retail chains in India, has announced that Canara Bank has conveyed its approval to the One Time Settlement (“OTS”) proposal submitted by the Company. The Company had opted for OTS to settle the outstanding dues. The terms and conditions of approved OTS include cash and equity components payable under settlement, release of securities and mortgaged properties etc. Recently, Bank of Baroda had also approved a One Time Settlement approved by the company. Earlier, the company announced that its board approved raising

of funds up to Rs. 2705 Cr by preferential issue of fully convertible warrants, at an issue price of Rs. 56.20 per warrant, in accordance with ICDR Regulations and other applicable laws subject to approval of Members and other necessary regulatory, statutory and other approvals, as may be applicable. The promoter group News Track Garments Pvt Ltd, Balram Garg (HUF) and Pooja Garg are amongst proposed allottees. Further, multiple Foreign Investors such as Elara India Opportunities Fund, Capri Global Holdings Pvt Ltd., Aries Opportunities Fund, etc. are amongst proposed allottees within the non-promoter group. PC Jeweller Ltd. embarked on its journey in 2005 with the

inauguration of its first showroom in Karol Bagh, New Delhi. The company's vision was to redefine elegance, allure, and style through exquisite jewellery. Today, PC Jeweller stands as one of the fastest-growing jewellery retail chains in India, with showrooms in multiple cities across over 17 states. Since its inception, PC Jeweller has been a pioneer in design, with each product crafted to perfection. Whether it is elaborate wedding jewellery or affordable everyday wearables, PC Jeweller has consistently produced exceptional designs of unmatched quality. Over the years, their timeless pieces have transformed intimate moments into cherished lifetime memories.

Odisha's FY25 budget is Rs 2.65 lakh crore

Delhi: The Odisha government submitted a Rs 2.65 lakh crore -25 budget focused on agriculture and irrigation in the state parliament. Chief Minister Mohan Majhi, who also holds the finance portfolio, presented the BJP government's maiden budget and proposed an outlay of Rs 33,919 crore for agriculture, 36% more than the previous year.He said program cost was estimated at Rs 1.55 lakh crore, administrative expense at Rs 97,725 crore, and Disaster Risk Management Funds at Rs 3,900 crore.The "Samrudha Krushak Yojana" for farmers received Rs 5,000 crore from the chief minister. He also proposed a Rs 1,935 crore state budget initiative for farmers called 'CM Kisan'. Majhi called the paper a "people's budget" and stated the government consulted stakeholders.



Servotech Power Systems Ltd. Secures Additional Order

Delhi : Servotech Power Systems Ltd. (NSE: SERVOTECH), a leading manufacturer of EV chargers and solar solutions has received an additional order of approx. 400 units of DC Fast EV Chargers from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and other EV charger OEMs. The project valued at around ?20 Crores will involve manufacturing, supplying, installing, and deploying these chargers nationwide, particularly at BPCL petrol pumps as part of the BPCL E-drive Project. Previously, the company received an order for 1800 DC Fast EV chargers from BPCL and other EV charger OEMs valued at 120 Crs. which they have now increased by 20%. This increase comes as a result of the company's timely deliveries and consistent performance. Servotech has already completed 35% of the dispatches on time and has met 100% of their requirements as per their plan. Seeing our commitment and efficiency and as a matter of praising Servotech's commitment BPCL has given this order to the company. Sarika Bhatia, Director, Servotech Power Systems Ltd. commented, Servotech feels extremely elated to have worked for BPCL and is committed to living up to the trust BPCL has placed in us. Time and again we have showcased our manufacturing capabilities with our production team relentlessly working keeping a strong focus on delivering exceptional products in-house.

The proposed allottees include FIIs and other investors from non-promoter group

Delhi: Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. (HMPL) (BSE: 532467), a leader in Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contracting services, has announced that the board, in its meeting held on 26 July , approved the sub-division/spilt of the Equity shares of the Company in the ratio of 1:10 (1 share to be subdivided in to 10 shares), subject to member and other approvals.Earlier this year, the board has approved a fund raise of Rs. 4860 Mn through preferential issue of fully convertible warrants, at an issue price of Rs. 300 per warrant, subject to necessary member and statutory approvals. The proposed allottees include FIIs and other investors from non-promoter group. The board also approved the increase in authorized share capital and the constitution of a fund raising committee. Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. stands at the forefront of India's rapidly evolving infrastructure landscape, having strategically ventured into the development of a business vertical dedicated to providing high-quality.

The state of Telangana has unveiled its –25 budget

Delhi: With total revenues of 2.21 lakh crore and capital expenditures of 33,487 crore, the Telangana government tabled a budget of 2.91 lakh crore .The expected total revenues were 2,90,814 crore Indian rupees, which includes more than 57,000 crore rupees in Open Market Loans.State government plans to invest

72,659 crores rupees in agriculture, according to Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Portfolio Head Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who presented the budget to the Assembly.A further Rs.21,292 crores would go toward education, while Rs.22,301 crores would go toward irrigation, according to the government's plans.

Our recommended allocation for Panchayath Raj and Rural Development in this budget is 29,816 crores rupees.Debt in Telangana has surpassed 6.71 lakh crore rupees. Bhatti noted that the state government's debt has multiplied by ten in the past decade despite a corresponding lack of development.

Why Muslims oppose Vande Mataram

Delhi: After the Muslims refused to sing this song, Hindutva ideologues accused them of being anti-national without giving them a chance to respond.Thus, Muslim objections to Vande Mataram must be examined. As a monotheist religion, Islam condemns the apotheosis of all deities except God, the supreme creator.Ascribing divinity to Prophet Mohammad is blasphemous, defeating Islam's goal of uniting humani-

ty through worship of a common creator.Those who disagree with Islam should know that Vande Mataram contains verses that contradict Islam.In the hymn, the fourth line praises India as "Thou art Durga, Lady and Queen, with her striking hands and shining swords, Thou art Lakshmi lotus-throned..."A Muslim must deify India by comparing it to Durga and Lakshmi when singing these lines. This contradicts tawheed, which states.

Apple's objections may have halted Tata group's proposal to buy a majority stake

Delhi Sources told that Apple's objections may have halted Tata group's proposal to buy a majority stake in Vivo's India operation.Sources stated Vivo (FY23 revenue: Rs 30,000 crore) was considering selling 51% of its Indian business to Tata as part of its efforts to 'Indianise' operations under

government pressure.Apple wasn't happy with the deal because Tata makes its smartphones in Bangalore."This has been one of the key reasons that scuttled the plan," stated a source. Apple thought any merger with Vivo by the Tata group, its manufacturing partner, would be a competitor. This may have ended Tatas-

Vivo discussions "The insider added a "re-think looks exceedingly improbable 'as of now'." A survey conducted by Apple and Vivo went unanswered. Tata's representative remarked, "We are denying this development."Chinese companies are considering selling controlling stakes to local partners to gain easier access to

funding, which has become harder after the government's increased scrutiny on investments from bordering countries. Having a respectable local partner in their firm helps them become trusted partners in the government's ect, which many believe protects them from regulatory measures .