

CM Dhama marks three years in office with key announcements

Divya Delhi: On the occasion of completing three years in office, Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama made several major announcements on Sunday, with a focus on students, youth, UPNAL, and contractual employees. The state government will offer financial assistance to students preparing for competitive exams and graduates. A dedicated platform will also be created to provide employment-oriented training. To oversee this initiative, a high-level committee will be formed. Additionally, a policy for the regular appointment of UPNAL and contractual employees will be introduced soon. Furthermore, government projects worth up to Rs 10 crore will be exclusively awarded to local contractors. Celebrating three years of governance The announcements were made during an event at Parade Ground, marking three years of service, good governance, and development. The event witnessed an enthusiastic supporters. In his address, CM Dhama paid tribute to the martyrs of Uttarakhand, as well as to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev on Shaheed Diwas. He credited Prime Minister Modi for guiding Uttarakhand through challenges, enabling the state to achieve remarkable milestones.

Lied to Parliament': Kharage attacks Nadda & Rijiju amid row over quota

Divya Delhi: After a massive showdown in Parliament with BJP over Karnataka deputy CM DK Shivakumar's remark, Congress chief Malliakarjun Kharage on Monday said he would take legal action against JP Nadda and Kiren Rijiju for making a "false claim". Kharage also claimed the BJP has been bringing up the Karnataka quota issue to "hide its corruption". "JP Nadda and Kiren Rijiju have lied to the Parliament, and we are preparing to take action against them. They claimed that Congress is providing reservation on the basis of religion which is completely false. BJP is the one which is making laws on the basis of religion. We have never provided reservation to anyone on the basis of religion. Our leaders, Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru, never touched upon this issue in the Constituent Assembly, but the BJP is raising this issue to hide its corruption," Kharage was quoted as saying by news agency PTI. Parliament on Monday wit-



Chhattisgarh leads in Left-wing extremist violence as national incidents drop

Divya Delhi: Chhattisgarh witnessed over 70% of the Left-wing extremist (LWE) violence recorded across the country last year, even as all-India incidents and resulting fatalities declined by 25% as compared to 2019, the home ministry told the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Sharing all-India statistics on Maoist terror for the period 2019-2024, junior home minister Nityanand Rai, in reply

to a question, said that incidents were down from 501 in 2019 to 374 in 2024, "a reduction of 25%". The total number of civilian and security forces deaths combined, also declined by 26% over the six-year period, he added. Though incidents of LWE violence had started to decline in 2019, falling to 470 in 2020 and 361 in 2021, they again picked up in 2022 and 2023.

Shivakumar's reported remarks about "changing the Constitution".

Delhi's budget Rupee origins, destinations

Divya Delhi: Delhi's largest budget ever, Rs 1 lakh crore, was set for 2025-26, up from Rs 69,500 crore the year before. The budget, presented by chief minister and finance minister Rekha Gupta, prioritized development, openness, effective governance, and welfare. Taxes are expected to bring in Rs 68,700 crore for the Delhi government. Key contributors include Rs 9,000 crore (13%) stamps, registration fees Rs 7,000 crore (10%) state excise Motor vehicle taxes: Rs 3,700 crore (6%). The remaining financial



resources will come from non-tax revenue, central government grants, capital receipts, and borrowing. The Budget prioritizes infrastructure, transport, and social welfare. The administration doubled capital investment to Rs 28,000 crore for roads, sewers, and water supply improvements. Important allocations include Education: 19% (Rs 19,251 crore)

Transport & roads: 12% (12,195 crore) Health: 12% (12,143 crore) 9% (Rs 9,000 crore) housing and urban development Water and sanitation: 9% (Rs 9,000 crore) Social welfare: 8% (Rs 8,000 crore) Energy: 4% (Rs 4,000 crore) Agriculture and rural development: 2% (Rs 2,000 crore) 2% (Rs 2,085 crore) interest and debt servicing Important announcements and allocations Welfare: Rs 5,100 crore provided under the Mahila Samridhi Yojana to pay eligible women aged 18 and older Rs 2,500 per month.

PM POSHAN Scheme Fight Obesity by Cutting Oil in Mid-Day Meals

Divya Delhi: The decision is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent emphasis on the need of encouraging healthy eating habits among kids during his Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 and Mann Ki Baat broadcasts. In an effort to decrease childhood obesity, the Ministry of Education has issued a warning about the need of reducing oil consump-



tion during lunchtime. Educating pupils about the harmful health implications of excessive oil consumption is crucial, as "Childhood obesity is an increasing concern in today's world."

Schools Urged to Avoid Single-Use Plastic

Divya Delhi: The Directorate of Education DoE has issued a circular encouraging all government-aided schools to eliminate single-use plastics to reduce environmental deterioration. The movement-wide program was lauded for its sustainability.

India receives Gandhi-related artefacts from South Africa

Divya Delhi: External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Sunday received historical artefacts and documents related to Mahatma Gandhi from the Phoenix Settlement Trust - Gandhi Development Trust (PST-GDT) in South Africa. The materials will now be housed at the National Gandhi Museum in New Delhi. Mahatma Gandhi founded the Phoenix Settlement in 1904 near Durban, South Africa, as his first ashram-like community. It became a crucial site in the development of his philosophy.

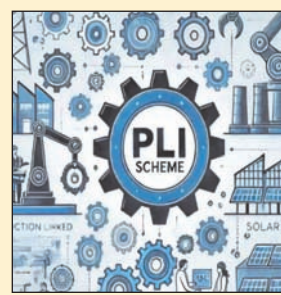


of Satyagraha (non-violent resistance), which later shaped India's independence movement. Jaishankar, in a post on X, expressed gratitude, writing, "Privileged to witness the handing over of artefacts and documents related to Mahatma Gandhi by @PST_GDT (Phoenix Settlement Trust - Gandhi Development Trust), South Africa to

National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi." He further said that "Bapu's life and message continue to inspire generations to come". Gandhi's South African legacy Between 1893 and 1914, Gandhi lived in South Africa, where he first experienced racial discrimination and developed his resistance philosophy.

The govt.offers 14k cr in incentives through 10 PLI programs

Divya Delhi: According to an official statement, the government has paid out incentives totaling approximately Rs 14,020 crore under production linked incentive (PLI) schemes for ten industries, including: IT hardware, bulk drugs, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, telecom and networking products, food processing, white goods, automobiles and auto components, drones and drone components, and large-scale electronics manufacturing. PLI programs target 14 industries to increase the nation's capacity for exporting and manufacturing. PLI programs, which were



introduced in 2021, target 14 industries to increase the nation's capacity for exporting and manufacturing. In contrast to the aim of Rs 15.5 lakh crore up to FY 2024-25, an actual investment of approximately Rs 1.6 lakh crore (\$18.7 billion) has been reported up to November 2024, generating production/sales of approximately Rs 14 lakh crore (almost \$162.8 billion).

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RSS asks for 'one nation-one culture' amid Aurangzeb issue

Divya Delhi: Rashtriya

Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) stressed its commitment to "one nation-one culture" and advised people to choose idols "wisely" by questioning if they wanted a "invader" like Aurangzeb or his brother Dara Shikoh, who "loved the spirit of Indian After the Sangh's three-day Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha ABPS, RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale told reporters that "one nation-one culture" aims to correct a "distorted narrative in written history" and create "a harmonious and organised Bharat". He claimed RSS will reach mandals and basthis (small pockets with less than 10,000 people) through a series of programs. The project will help the organization celebrate its centenary on Oct. 2, Vijaydashami. RSS was started by Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar on Vijaydashami Day



BJP claims Tamil Nadu liquor fraud worth Rs 1,000 crore, DMK denies it

Divya Delhi: The BJP has accused the Tamil Nadu government, led by Chief Minister MK Stalin, of a Rs 1,000-crore liquor fraud through the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation. The ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam DMK denies the BJP's assertions that Enforcement Directorate raids

1925. Hosabale responded to Nagpur riots: "Independence in 1947 gave the country liberty, but mental decolonization is still needed.

have revealed massive financial irregularities. The BJP further claimed that CM Stalin is spreading falsehoods regarding the three-language policy and other national problems to distract from the fraud. DMK presented the Tamil Nadu Budget 2025-26 in the state Assembly on the same day as the claims.

Before Independence, Rana Pratap Singh fought for freedom. If someone changes the story based on Aurangzeb, we will battle it.

70% of Manipur firearms surrendered after governor call

Divya Delhi: In response to governor Ajay Bhalla's call last month, about 70% of Manipur's guns surrendered came from four Valley districts: Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, and Bishnupur. CRPF sources reported that 991 guns were surrendered between February 20 and the governor's deadline to voluntarily return weapons looted after ethnic unrest in Manipur in May 2023. This period saw rebels and protests across the state surrender 11,526 ammo, 366 hand grenades, 230 explosives, and 10 IEDs. Rebels in Imphal West



surrendered 349 arms, 2,460 ammunition, 115 grenades, 2 explosives, and 1 IED. The authorities retrieved 204 guns, 5,764 rounds, 109 grenades, and 45 bombs from Imphal West. Over 15 days, Thoubal and Bishnupur surrendered 124 firearms, 1,329 ammo, 58 grenades, 9

explosives, and 2 IEDs. Fewer surrenders occurred in Valley and hill districts. Sources say 4,500 guns were found in Manipur since ethnic conflict began, 1,050 of which were surrendered. The rest were taken by police and security during raids and searches.

Gzb fast rail station may provide co-working spaces

Divya Delhi: NCR opened a co-working space at Ghaziabad's Namo Bharat station concourse. The area will serve 42 people and 11 organizations with 42 open workstations, 11 private cabins, and two meeting spaces. An NCRCTC spokesman said

video conferencing, wireless screen sharing, and high-speed fiber-optic internet are available. "IoT-enabled workspaces will have smart lighting, climate control, and meeting room scheduling. QR scan-and-use hot desks, vending machines, and feed-

back gathering will be available. The official stated that integrating these technologies will give professionals a future-ready, connected, and efficient co-working experience. This cost-effective strategy will allow startups, small enterprises.

The Singhu border has reopened all lanes

Divya Delhi: According to the Delhi Police, all four lanes of the Singhu border have been cleared for vehicular passage and the barriers have been removed. The shambhu border in Haryana, which borders Punjab, was cleared the day before, thus this new development followed suit. According to a senior police official, "the concrete barriers that restricted traffic flow for years have been completely cleared." With the opening of all four entrance lanes, traffic should move much more slowly in the area. Up to this point, only one lane was available. Since the farmers' protests of



2020-2021, the Singhu border has seen significant traffic problems. The concrete barricades were still there two years after the demonstration ended, turning the once-free-flowing three-lane section into a bottleneck with only one lane available. There is constant, heavy traffic along

the area's important commerce route, which passes through towns like Singhu and Kundli and is home to a number of enterprises. A major focal point of the farmers' demonstration, the border blockade severely disrupted people's ability to go about their everyday lives. next time.

Supreme Court verdict will simplify government land acquisition

Divya Delhi: Out of frustration with land acquisition litigation that delays projects for decades, the Supreme Court declared that a government cannot be hindered by third-party rights after acquiring land for public use. A bench of CJJ Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar ruled that only the government can rescind acquisition for the full land or a portion of it, hence even a public organization that acquired land cannot surrender it to someone privately. Litigation over purchased land, mostly due to third-party rights, has delayed numerous projects.

Punjab section to be led by Sisodia, in Delhi by Saurabh Bharadwaj

Divya Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party suffered a crushing defeat in the Delhi Assembly elections. In response, the party announced a massive organizational shakeup, with former minister Saurabh Bharadwaj taking over as president of the Delhi unit and veteran leader Manish Sisodia being named in-charge for Punjab. Gopal Rai has been assigned the responsibility of Gujarat, where the AAP is seeking to broaden its support, according to AAP general secretary (organization)



Sandeep Pathak, who announced the reshuffle. Pankaj Gupta will head the AAP chapter in Goa, while Mr. Pathak, a Rajya Sabha MP, will be in charge of the party's Chhattisgarh unit. The party's Jammu and Kashmir

unit now reports to Mehraj Malik. According to Mr. Pathak, the meeting also covered the "unfulfilled" pledges made by the BJP in Delhi, such as providing women with free LPG cylinders and a monthly cash assistance of 2,500.

Fadnavis details 2014 Shiv Sena-BJP split 'Yuvraj reluctant to compromise'

Divya Delhi: BJP-Shiv Sena partnership collapsed in 2014, as Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis admitted for the first time. The CM blamed seat-sharing disputes with Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena for the split. "When alliance talks began, the Shiv Sena had agreed to fight only 151 seats. We proposed contesting 127 seats and Shiv Sena 147 seats, and giving the rest to our minor alliance partners" said. Fadnavis spoke at Sikkim Governor Om Prakash Mathur's felicitation. The coalition ended when Shiv Sena refused to compromise on seat demands, the CM stated. After BJP leaders like Om Prakash Mathur escalated the situation to the central leadership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah made the deci-



Aadhaar verification has raised concerns among online gaming operators

In a number of cases challenging the restrictions placed by the Tamil Nadu Online Gaming Authority (TNOGA) that real money games (RMG) could not be played between midnight and 5 a.m. Indian Standard Time (IST) or without Aadhaar verification through one-time passwords (OTPs), the Madras High Court chose not to issue an interim order. Justices S.M. Subramaniam and K. Rajasekar of the Division Bench expressed their preference to hear the writ petitions submitted.

sions, he said. "Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to the Prime Minister, and it was decided that the alliance could continue only if the formula was

127 for BJP and 147 for Shiv Sena," he claimed. "I trusted Amit Shah and Om Prakash Mathur. We believed we could win, but the party did not.

Stage productions cannot depict Sikh Gurus, Sahibzadas

Divya Delhi: The Punjab Directorate of School Education has ordered all District Education Officers (DEOs) and school heads to stop students from playing Guru Gobind Singh's "Sahibzadas" (sons) and their families in plays and dramas. After National Commission for



Minorities chairman Iqbal Singh Lalpura wrote to the state's Chief Secretary, the directive was issued. The

Commission received a complaint that certain schools across the country had misconstrued the instructions by producing plays that depicted the Sahibzadas being bricked alive. To prevent anyone from misrepresenting the Sahibzadas and their families, the Commission has created a

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The SOP specifies that no one, especially kids, may mimic Sikh Gurus or their families on stage. The Commission stressed the cultural and theological value of portraying historical personalities, particularly Guru Gobind Singh's Sahibzadas.

Shooting, football competitions to be organized by DDA

Divya Delhi: The Delhi Development Authority is planning to add shooting, archery, and football competitions to its calendar of sporting events, replicating the Lieutenant Governor's Cup for golf as a template. All across the city, DDA's sporting facilities will play home to the various events. The authorities recently announced that the duration of the tournaments for each of the nominated sports complexes' activities will be determined by that facility alone.

Delhi to sign MoU with Centre on April 10 to implement Ayushman Bharat

Divya Delhi: Delhi Health Minister Pankaj Singh said the government will sign an MoU with the Centre on April 10 to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana AB-PMJAY in the national capital with the goal of enrolling one lakh people within a month. Antri Jan Arogya Yojana. Photo credit.

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implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana AB-PMJAY in the national capital with the goal of enrolling one lakh people within a month. The BJP prom-

ised to implement the policy in the Delhi Assembly elections. About seven Mohalla Clinics rent space in each assembly constituency. Why not develop Mohalla Clinics on our land Around 160 rent-

acquired clinics that don't work will close" Singh stated. The AB-PMJAY offers ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 55 crore beneficiaries, or 12.37 crore economically vulnerable families in India's lowest 40%. The AB-PMJAY was enlarged by the Central government to offer free treatment benefits of up to 5 lakh per year to all senior persons aged 70 and above, regardless of socio-economic condition.

Delhi govt intends to deploy 900 electric buses

Divya Delhi: transit minister Dr. Pankaj Singh stated thousands of new buses have been purchased for public transit. We met with merchants who assured me there would be no shortage. He said depot charging infrastructure is being updated. As of April 1, buses will be plentiful. 900 new electric buses will increase weekly based on demand "Singh said. The minister said 2,000 cluster and 3,000 DTC buses will be phased off this year. Electric buses would replace them. The DTC fleet has 1,231 AC CNG, 1,878 non-AC CNG, and 1,250 electric low-floor buses. Cluster bus service has 750 AC CNG, 1,997 non-AC CNG, and 379 electric buses. Some new buses are 12- and 9-meter long. The government informed the top court in 2018 the city needs 11,000 buses. Since then, population has grown. The government will struggle to replace CNG buses with elec-



Transport department fined 95L for 2019 tree felling

Divya Delhi: In 2019, the National Green Tribunal NGT order Delhi's transport department to pay ₹95.05 lakh for cutting 495 trees for bus depots in Burari without afforestation. The tribunal ruled that the forest department's license to transplant 168 trees

and plant 4,950 saplings was violated, making the practice "illegal." A panel of judge and expert Dr. Afroz Ahmed computed environmental compensation using U t t a r a k h a n d Pollution Control Board (UKPCB) rules and asked all states, including Delhi.

He added the companies want to sell buses but are afraid to sign annual

maintenance contracts because government buses are used in harsh conditions and wear out faster. Singh claimed he talked with manufacturers and ordered buses ASAP.

At Vatika Park, DDA proposes a former CNG bus mobile kitchen

Divya Delhi: Development Authority visited a solution to employ an out-of-service CNG bus. It wants to turn the 2010 model bus into a mobile kitchen for catering at Vatika Park on the Yamuna flood-plain opposite Rajghat power station. DDA will turn the decommissioned bus into a mobile kitchen, like Delhi's food trucks. Recently, it published an expression of interest, seeking private organizations and entrepreneurs to submit a feasibility analysis, layout drawings, and creatives on how to convert CNG-powered, air-conditioned low-floor buses into working kitchens. It



also requested transformation cost and material information. Submit the application by the deadline to demonstrate how end-of-life vehicles can be reused to build a mobile kitchen at Vatika Park. Officials said the conversion concept might be reproduced at other locations or future recreational areas if it works. Baansera. The project bus is obsolete. The 2010-built DTC bus

is 12 meters long, 2.7 meters wide, and seats 36 people. Officials said DDA lacked expertise in this field and had asked agencies to provide detailed information about the conversion process, structural changes needed for the flooring, walls, ceiling, exterior, and installation of professional kitchen equipment like stoves, refrigerators, storage units, sinks.

Take helmet violations more seriously

Divya Delhi: Senior officers informed that the Delhi Traffic Police have been directed to take harsher action against helmet-related offenses, including disqualification and revocation of driving licenses and challans. Late last month, assistant commissioner of police traffic headquarters Satya Vir Katara sent a circular to all traffic

prosecuting staff directing them to enhance action against two-wheeler riders. Officers reported 611 two-wheeler riders killed and 2,233 injured in crashes around the national capital last year, roughly 40% of road crash deaths. According to Delhi Traffic Police, 1,551 individuals died in road crashes last year.

An investigation of two-wheeler rider deaths found that many were either without helmets or had not correctly attached their headgear, causing severe head injuries.

The deaths were also caused by poor helmets. Riding against traffic, high-speed, and red light jumping also killed and injured such riders.



Delhi's health minister promotes mobile dentistry vans to expand oral care

Divya Delhi: Health minister Pankaj Singh launched six National Health Mission mobile dental vans at Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences. The kickoff ceremony on World Oral Health Day



aimed to expand dental services across the state. Minister Pankaj Singh remarked, "We will deliver the promised services to Delhi. This pilot project provides important dental treatment to children in government hospitals, senior individuals, and residents of slums and poor communities where such services are scarce." Singh said the mobile dental vans will deliver fillings, scaling, and general care. Our six-month plan includes adding vehicles after the state budget to broaden our reach. Our website will include all necessary information, and each van has GPS tracking so the public may track their locations across Vidhan Sabha constituencies. The vans will be available 24/7 to help the needy "said. Mobile dental vans will work with Delhi government dispensaries to improve primary care. They will also work with education, Delhi government schools, social welfare, and social justice ministries. On April 10, the Delhi government will sign an MoU with the Centre to execute the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in the national capital and enroll one lakh people.

Delhi Govt Plans Tihar Jail Shift Court Infrastructure Improvement

Divya Delhi: Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced plans to move Tihar Jail to the city's outskirts and set up Rs 10 million in the 2025-26 budget for survey and consultation services. Tihar Jail, one of India's largest prison complexes, opened in 1958 and has nine prisons on over 400 acres, one in Rohini and six in Mandoli.



"To decongest the existing Tihar Jail Complex for the welfare of prisoners, a new scheme for development of a new Jail Complex by shifting the existing Tihar Jail Complex to another location has been formulated," the Delhi chief minister said while presenting the budget

In her first budget,

in the assembly. Tihar is near Tilak Nagar and Hari Nagar in West Delhi. Overcrowding and security issues result from housing nearly 19,000 offenders in a facility designed for 10,025. The Delhi government is building new Narela prisons to reduce congestion.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced the foundation of a Delhi Jail society. The society will reform and rehabilitate inmates. Through skill-imparting programs, it will improve their overall skills. In addition, society will professionalize jail factories and production units.

MPs Get 24% Salary, Pension Increase; New Allowances

Divya Delhi: MPs' wages would rise 24%, along with pensions and allowances for former MPs, according to the Indian government. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs notified these adjustments, matching them with the 1961 Income Tax Act Cost Inflation Index. This national revision follows the Karnataka government's large wage boost for the Chief Minister, ministers, and MLAs.

Not PUC-certified From April 1, Delhi won't allow this

Divya Delhi: Old cars without pollution certificates will be banned from Delhi roadways in April. Officials stated fuel outlets won't fill such autos. Several fuel stations in the national capital feature government-authorized testing chambers that give PUC certificates. Car owners must have their vehicles inspected annually to renew PUC certificates. A new technology at every Delhi fuel station will identify automobiles with expired PUC certifications to make this system foolproof. Any vehicle with an expired PUC certificate



will be denied gasoline. The new approach is being introduced at all 500 Delhi fuel stations. If a car that violates emission laws is refueled, the system will flag it as a defaulter and the fuel station workers will not serve it. A central database retrieves registration numbers from the government database to check for violators.

Environment Minister

Manjinder Singh Sirsa said a team will identify such vehicles. "We are installing gadgets at petrol pumps which will identify vehicles older than 15 years and no fuel will be provided to them," Mr Sirsa said after meeting with officials to discuss air pollution in Delhi and the NCR, which bans diesel and petrol vehicles older than 10 and 15 years, respectively.

No maintenance for educated wife

Divya Delhi: A well-educated, working wife must not stay idle to get husband support. The court denied relief to an estranged wife who earned a master's in international business from Australia and worked in Dubai but preferred not to work, saying legislation doesn't encourage idleness. A well-educated lady with experience in a good lucrative work should not stay inactive to receive maintenance from her husband. Thus, interim support is discouraged because the petitioner has the opportunity to earn and benefit from her schooling "Justice CD Singh noted. The court stated wives with earning capacity and qualification but idle should not demand interim maintenance. "Section 125 of CrPC carries the legislative intent to maintain



equality among the spouses, provide protection to wives, children, and parents, and not promote idleness... A well-educated wife, with experience in a suitable gainful job, ought not to remain idle solely to gain maintenance from her husband," it said, dismissing the woman's plea against a trial court order denying her interim HC explained that courts must be satisfied if the wife is genuinely in need of maintenance and the factors leading to it.

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

The BJP government, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, presented its maiden budget on Tuesday, March 25. Gupta presented 1 lakh crore budget for 2025-26, a 31.56% increase from last year. In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, the government has allocated 12,952 crore to improve Delhi's public transport system. It has allocated 1,000 crore to improve the connectivity of Delhi with the NCR region.

The Delhi High Court Bar Association chose Senior Advocate N Hariharan as its president

Divya Delhi: By a margin of 87 votes, Senior Advocate N Hariharan won with 2,967 votes. With 2,880 votes, Senior Advocate Kirti Uppal finished in second. Hariharan has been in profession for more than 38 years and is a graduate of Campus Law Centre Delhi University. His designation was Senior. Senior Advocate Vivek Sood received 339 votes, while Senior Advocate Abhijat received 1,429 votes. The DHCBA has elected Senior Advocate Sachin Puri as its vice president.



With 4,515 votes, he won. His designation was Senior. Puri has an LLB from Delhi University and a Political Science degree from Shaheed Bhagat Singh College. The

other contenders, Senior Advocate Inderbir Singh Alagh and Advocate Shyam Sharma, received 1,080 and 1,895 votes, respectively. With 4,389 votes, attorney

Delhi government is using a budget of Rs 100 crore to pay for the affordable meals served at 100 Atal Canteens

An enormous 1 lakh crore is proposed, an increase of 31.5% over the previous year. The BJP-led Delhi government, which won the Delhi Legislative Assembly elections in 2025, finally submitted its budget after 26 years. In order to ensure that low-income populations in Delhi have access to cheap food, the budget allocates one hundredth of a crore rupees to be shared among one hundred Atal Canteens. Atal Canteens serve low-income people with nutritious, subsidised meals.

Vikram Singh Panwar was elected to the post of Secretary. With 2,958 votes, advocate

Mohit Gupta finished in second. Advocate Anil Kathuria, meanwhile, received 152 votes.

Nap and go! In-transit pod hotel at New Delhi metro station

Divya Delhi: A new pod hotel at New Delhi metro station gives travelers a space to rest while waiting for their trains. This service serves transit travelers who require a place to stay near New Delhi Railway Station. To generate non-fare revenue, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is

developing retail, entertainment, and office spaces at metro stations. At New Delhi metro station, which connects the Yellow and Airport Express Lines, the vendor has built a pod hotel for overnight passengers. The Pod hotel is open. The hotel occupies part of the 3,000-square-metre

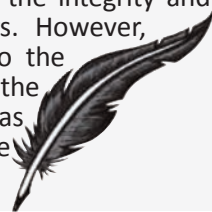
space, while the rest is used for business purposes "DMRC official. DMRC recently built retail, dining, and office spaces at Malviya Nagar, Punjabi Bagh, Azadpur, and Faridabad Sector 20B metro stations, in addition to the pod hotel. A banquet facility is also at Noida Electronic City

metro station. According to DMRC, these property development activities are similar to worldwide metro systems, which are capital-intensive and rely on non-operational revenue sources like retail, real estate, and advertising to survive without government subsidies.

Editorial

Civil servants are running India's regulatory bodies. It dilutes institutional independence

Looking back at India's reform story of more than three decades, it is worthwhile to recall that economic liberalisation of the 1990s had a few implicit assumptions of how an economy should function and grow on a sustainable basis. One of those assumptions followed from the government decision to allow the private sector to operate in areas that were hitherto monopolised by state-owned enterprises. Under such liberalisation, it was assumed that while the government would continue to frame policies for areas opened up to the private sector, the regulation or enforcement of those policies would be undertaken by independent regulators through rules framed by them. A classic example of this thinking was India's telecommunications sector that was opened up to the private sector in the early 1990s. This was followed by the setting up of the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of India or Trai a few years later. Subsequently, the business of basic telephone services, run in large parts of the country by a government department, was hived off to a newly created state-owned enterprise. Something similar, in varying degrees, happened in other areas such as the insurance, airports, and power sectors. In addition, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) was set up to regulate and adjudicate upon issues of market dominance and practices that undermined competition in various sectors. The principle was clear: Let the government frame the policy (and not run a business), while independent regulatory bodies could enforce the policy by framing necessary rules. Another implicit assumption behind such a separation of responsibilities between the government and the regulators was about who should steer those regulatory bodies. To impart autonomy and independence to these institutions and insulate them from government interference, the pool of talent for hiring key personnel was widened. Experts and private-sector professionals in related fields, along with even retired members of the judiciary (though under some pressure as was seen when the legislation for setting up the CCI was framed), were among those the government believed could be hired to head these regulatory institutions. Thus, the first chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission was an economist. Trai was set up under the chairmanship of a retired judge and its next chairperson was a former banker. Even the first capital market regulator was a banker in the late 1980s, and the first chairperson of the insurance sector regulator was a former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes. The first full-fledged chairperson of the CCI was a retired Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer. So, there was a mix of regulatory heads chosen from a pool of experts from both the government and the private sector. In spite of a few civil servants heading these institutions, the idea that continued to be pursued was to insulate regulation from the stranglehold or influence of the political executive. The third significant aspect of regulation in the early days of economic reforms was the framing of rules for appointing heads of regulatory bodies in a way that effectively ruled out conflicts of interest. Thus, a regulator would usually not be considered for another job in the government system after the completion of his or her term. The idea was that the regulator should be able to act freely and fairly without any expectation of future assignments from the government or the private sector. Indeed, one of the regulators under the law was, until recently, barred from accepting any government job after having served in that regulatory post. These were guardrails to preserve the integrity and independence of regulators. However, the situation with regard to the last two assumptions behind the regulatory framework has changed significantly in the last few decades.



Centre might need to do business with J&K's mainstream parties. Even if it's painful for Modi

For fifty-two hours one summer in 1893, rain fell across Kashmir. A bear and a panther were found drowned side by side, their ancient hatred forgotten; ponies and cattle climbed into the verandahs of the elegant homes on the right bank of the Jhelum river. Faced with the wall of water, colonial civil servant Walter Roper Lawrence writes, the villagers of Tullamulla ripped the holy flags from their shrines and planted them along the flood plain to warn the waters away. Even nature, they reasoned, would not dare insult the

ancient saints. Everyone wasn't pleased with this deep popular faith—or charlatanism, if one so wished to call it. Kashmir was entering a new period of religious ferment amid messianic claims that the flood had been retribution for the sins of its people, like the Flood of Nuh, which destroyed the idolaters. Armed with ideas from Aligarh and Lahore, Mirwaiz Rasul Shah, the head of Srinagar's Jamia mosque, set about eradicating bid'a, the syncretic folk practices woven through folk Islam. In 1889, Rasul Shah established a semi-

nary, the Nusratul Islam, at Rajouri Kadal, the first formal school offering both secular and religious education to Kashmir's Muslims. The seminary, today known as the Islamia School, flowered into an educational organisation, the Anjuman-i-Nusratul Islam. "Islam is a sick child that needs its mother's care and sympathy," one student at the Islamia School declaimed. In his public speeches, Mirwaiz Rasul Shah left little doubt about what that was: The deification of saints and veneration of holy relics were Hindu practices

which had corroded Islam from within. Late in the 19th century, scholar Yoginder Sikand writes, the neo-conservative Ahl-e-Hadith began to preach an even more austere new faith based on the laws of Sharia. The kernels of an Islamist movement had been planted in Kashmir's flood-ravaged soil. This month, almost unnoticed outside Kashmir, the Home Ministry banned the Awami Action Committee, the political platform that emerged from the Anjuman-i-Nusratul Islam and a once-powerful element of the secessionist

Aurangzeb is political, not historical. Bury his ghost, Indian Muslims

Hindus who appended "the Great" to Akbar's name and have nothing against Jahangir or Shah Jahan are so bitter about Aurangzeb? Why do Muslims who despise Akbar's religious liberality and Jahangir and Shah Jahan adore Aurangzeb? They honor him by adding Rahmatullah Alaihi, the Islamic phrase for soul mercy. Alamgir, his regnal name, is more prevalent than Akbar. At the least criticism, orthodox and Left-liberal Muslims defend Aurangzeb. The orthodox praise him, while Left-liberals blame political dynamics for his policy and prejudice. Hindus resent Aurangzeb for obvious reasons. He was a narrow-minded bigot who violated all kingdom rules with his Hindu subjects. He tormented them, damaged their temples, enforced Jizya, taxed their pilgrimage and festivals, discriminated against their commerce, exacted backbreaking land revenue, and put salt in their wounds. Muslims also love him for this. Muslims may venerate Aurangzeb because he offered temple maintenance funds or because his nobility was more Hindu? Perhaps because he was pious and funded his expenditures by making hats and copying the Quran? Aurangzeb destroyed a dozen temples for every one he granted. His many cruelties—including to his father and brothers—outweighed his public piety. Let's be honest and ignore nationalist history's sleaze. Muslims revere Aurangzeb for showing Hindus "their place". The only Mughal and Sultanate monarch with an honorific prefix and benedictory suffix,



Hazrat Aurangzeb Rahmatullah Alaihi, was the most Islamic! Hindus and Muslims in India regularly disagree over history. One side wins, the other loses, and heroes are villains. Islam invaded India and stayed alien. It alienated converts from their country, culture, and history instead of integrating them. Thus, two warring societies were created. Indian Muslims and Hindus frequently disagree about Akbar and Aurangzeb. Hindus don't have a tradition of lamentation (vidhwa vilap, widows' lament) and tend to forget or move on from their biggest disasters despite their turbulent history. Most of Muslim control, including the periodic destruction of the Somnath temple by monarchs from Mahmud Ghaznavi to Aurangzeb, has not been recorded. Romila Thapar argued that Hindus didn't mind this catastrophe because there were no lamentations. Despite centuries of Muslim dominance, Hindus have never denigrated Muslims. The Sultanate and Mughal authority prevented sultans from being good to Hindus, no matter how well they were liked by Muslims. Ziauddin Barani, a 14th-century Islamic statecraft theorist, said in Fatawa-i-Jahandari that

Muslim kings who repressed Hindus were admired. Except for a few outliers that fail to redeem the Muslim period, every monarch attacked Hindus, razed temples, imposed Jizya, and taxed 70-80% of their products. No one vilifies Alauddin Khilji or Muhammad bin Tughlaq. Instead, Razia is honored as a woman sultan, Sher Shah for his rule, and Akbar as the Great. Babur, like Humayun, was above calumny before his mosque symbolized India's wounded civilization. Why, even Mahmud Ghaznavi doesn't move Hindus nowadays. Muslims have followed historical Muhammad Habib's Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni (1927) line out of sincerity or caution. Ghaznavi has been universally denounced as a marauder, even though he was spurred by Jihad to punish idol worshippers. Even while the "wealth in the temples" alibi is irritating, he has been denounced as a greedy fanatic and plunderer. Publicly, Muslims don't identify with him. Doing so would reignite Hindu wounds and require Indian Muslims to make amends for their spiritual forefathers. Aurangzeb would have been forgotten like other terrible memories. He would have kept

to scholarly history and schools, not public conversation. The society agreed that Aurangzeb was bad for harmony. A book created during Muslim communalism's incubation at the MAO College in Aligarh and the Muslim League's founding changed this. The best Indian Islamic historian, Maulana Shibli Nomani, a protégé of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and MAO College lecturer, published Aurangzeb Alamgir Par Ek Nazar in 1909. Aurangzeb's abuses against Hindus were blatantly justified in the book as a necessary response to their insubordination to Muslim rule. Instead, Shibli criticized Akbar's liberality, which emboldened Hindus and invited Aurangzeb's crackdown. "The Islamic world hasn't since produced a man like him [Aurangzeb]," the book concludes. This material should be understood in its time. British midwifed Muslim communalism's birth. Aurangzeb was exonerated and hailed for discriminating against Hindus. It's fitting that Aurangzeb is the patron saint of Muslim communalism. In Rumuz-e-Bekhudi (1918), the Persian poet Iqbal compared Aurangzeb to Prophet Abraham for his fervor for smashing Hindu idols while criticizing Akbar and Dara Shikoh for syncretism (apostasy). Islamic politicians view Aurangzeb as the ideal Muslim king. Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, the Muslim League's head maulvi, called Jinnah the greatest Muslim after Aurangzeb following his death. In Rumuz-e-Bekhudi (1918), the Persian poet Iqbal compared Aurangzeb to Prophet

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China isn't panicking about the US. It's looking at new EV markets for world dominance

In China, tariffs on electric vehicles by the United States are not considered mere trade restrictions but a direct challenge to the country's growing dominance in the global EV market. Far from dwelling on short-term disruptions, these tariffs are framed as catalysts for strategic shifts—igniting a new era of self-reliance, technological innovation, and market expansion. New regions beyond the US are now part of China's EV strategy. Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and parts of Africa now present more favourable opportunities, with fewer regulatory hurdles and growing demand. The tightening of tariffs by the West has only pushed China further into these regions. Chinese data shows that BYD's market share in Singapore reached 14.4 per cent of all new car registrations in 2024, marking a historic achievement for a Chinese brand.

EVs are central to China's long-term economic, technological, and environmental leadership vision. The

strategy focuses on bolstering domestic innovation, ramping up investment in battery technology, and shifting toward regions with fewer trade barriers. For China, Western tariffs present an opportunity to refine policies, enhance industrial competitiveness, and reduce reliance on foreign markets. It seems China's push to accelerate its EV sector is unrelenting. The upcoming China EV 100 Forum (28-30 March) in Beijing, featuring key players from China's EV and tech giants, underscores this drive. As one Chinese vlogger observed, the goal is clear: China wants to foster scientific and technological innovation that will elevate its global standing and position it as a leader in the automotive industry. A major theme in Chinese discourse is the push for greater self-reliance in EV technology. In response to the imposition of Western tariffs, China has redoubled efforts to develop homegrown solutions that will succeed both domestically and globally.

UGC's Latest Caste Rules: When The Cure Worsens A Disease

The malaise of casteism took the lives of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadv. Their parents have pleaded with the Supreme Court of India to treat this malaise on campuses. If they needed medical advice on the inefficacy of an existing treatment for a physical malaise, then the physician may have mistakenly recommended something less effective to them. This is the case with the University Grants Commission's (UGC) response to the parents of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadv by proposing the 2025 draft regulations on equity. The draft tapers down the existing regulations of 2012 as it narrows the definition of caste-based discrimination, adopting a non-intersectional approach, and dispensing with commonly recurring situations of discrimination and the effects thereof. The 2025 regulations define discrimination as "unfair, differential, or biased treatment or any such act against any stakeholder on the grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, or any of them". The isolated definition of caste-based discrimination as "only against the members of the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes" excludes the broader ways in which it operates. For example, a dairy caste Gujar student may be denied entry into a sponsorships and accounts-keeping committee on the assumption of being unreliable and unworthy of trust. In contrast, a trader caste Vaish student may be preferred on the assumption that Vaish people are good with money. A priestly caste Brahmin student may be placed in a supervisory role on the assumption that Brahmins are morally upright and trustworthy. As much as this is caste-based discrimination, it would not be addressed in the 2025 draft regulations despite Gujar being a protected legal category of Backward Classes. The 2025 draft wording "on the grounds only of" has served as the rationale for non-inter-

sectional interpretations. In 1981, the Supreme Court of India ruled that the alleged discrimination against air hostesses was not "on grounds only of" sex because of other factors that also constituted the category of air hostesses. This court ruling has established a non-intersectional approach to reading the given categories—of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth—in Article 15 of the Constitution. "Or" places a mutual exclusivity in the given categories. It can be caste or sex, it cannot be both. The 2012 regulations facilitate the possibility of intersectional reading by replacing or with and: "based on caste, creed, religion, language, ethnicity, gender and disabilities." The prospects of the words "or any of them" in the 2025 draft could be interpreted as the intersectional operation of given categories.

It's a distant possibility contingent on the courts making this kind of interpretation. Until then, women and LGBT queer students in the SC and the ST categories will struggle to prove that the discrimination against them is on grounds only of caste, because it could well be because of their gender identity and sexual orientation along with caste.

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India's metal business to receive Rs 45,000 crore from Hindalco

Divya Delhi: Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman of Aditya Birla Group, said that Hindalco will spend Rs 45,000 crore in India's metal business. "We are committing Rs 45,000 crore across the aluminium, copper and specialty alumina businesses," Birla told Hindalco. Birla stated the company "pioneered" a 100-MW renewable energy solution for aluminium smelting in Odisha using wind, solar, and pumped hydro storage for 24/7 energy. Birla stated that the company is developing solutions in EV mobility, renewable energy, energy storage, semiconductors, and high-end electronics. He said Hindalco has designed and manufactured lightweight battery enclosures for two-wheelers and cars, making them lighter, more fuel-efficient, and EV-ready. Birla said the company is building India's first Copper Foil EV factory and



looking at high-speed transportation. The first hyperloop test track uses Hindalco's high-precision aluminium extrusions. It is also producing defense hard alloys and working with ISRO on unique Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan components. The head of Birla Copper said the company is building India's first e-waste recycling factory to extract metals from old electronics. metals flagship firm of Aditya Birla Group. Hindalco, the world's largest aluminium firm by revenue and second-largest copper rod maker outside China, with 26 billion dollars in revenues.

Amazon reduces vendor fees

Divya Delhi: Amazon is lowering seller fees, which may cut goods prices. Since the company is eliminating referral fees or compensation from sellers for products under Rs 300, shoppers with smaller budgets will benefit most. E-commerce sites like Amazon and Flipkart charge commissions for each sale. Amit Nanda, director, selling partner services at Amazon India, said households buy a lot of Rs 300 products. Some price cuts can help the middle class, which has been hit hard by high inflation, spend more.

The government will do away with fees for using telecom spectrum

Divya Delhi: Spectrum Usage Charges (SUC) for airwaves purchased in auctions would be eliminated, saving telecom corporations thousands of crores. The decision will help Reliance Jio, Vodafone Idea, and Airtel save money while improving telecom networks and introducing 5G services, according to an official source. The government removed SUC for bandwidth auctioned across frequencies in June 2022. Spectrum's purchase auctions were controversial before this time. It may soon be possible to authorize the SUC waiver for the spectrum. "The



policy provides telecom companies with relief so they can expand their networks," the individual said. Since the exchequer had secured the highest airwave pricing through a competitive, often aggressive bidding process, spectrum taxes were considered unnecessary. Telecom businesses pay the gov-

ernment an 8% license fee, which includes 5% for the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), in addition to SUC payments of 3-4% of adjusted gross revenue (AGR). The source claims that DoT and pertinent ministries have discussed the waiver and that an announcement may be made soon.

Free journalism has no copyright, OpenAI says Delhi HC

Divya Delhi: OpenAI told the Delhi high court in November that it had blocked ANI's domain in October to prevent its AI chatbot from using its content. Open AI denied news agency ANI's claims that it was violating its agreement by using the latter's content

to train its ChatGPT software, saying it was being utilized for search. Open AI's senior attorney Amit Sibal argued before justice Amit Bansal that using ANI's content for search did not constitute infringement. Since there is no copyright in freely available news,

the lawyer contended that his client's use of publicly available data for non-expressive objectives to train its program did not constitute infringement. The November filing to the high court indicates the content is blocklisted for training.

CAPSULES

ATM cash withdrawals cost more starting May 1

Divya Delhi: Expect to pay more for ATM withdrawals starting May 1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised ATM interchange fees, which banks pay each other for cardholder ATM use. This fee covers ATM ownership, maintenance, and exclusive services for other banks' customers. After exceeding their free withdrawal limit, users will pay Rs 2 each transaction, reports say. Also, the non-transaction fee has increased by Rs 1. New ATM withdrawal fees are Rs 19 per transaction, up from Rs 17. ATM balance checks now cost Rs 7 instead of Rs 6. Recently approved RBI reforms will affect credit card and savings account benefits. The revised fees will apply whenever consumers reach their free transaction limit. Five free ATM transactions per month at other banks in metro cities and three in non-metro areas are currently allowed. NPCI recommendations led to an RBI-authorized ATM fee increase. White-label ATM operators and banks have long requested an increase, citing rising operational costs that made earlier payments unsustainable. The hike in transaction fees is likely to hit smaller banks harder because they have fewer ATMs and rely on larger banks for withdrawals. This will increase the cost of cash withdrawals and balance checks for clients who use ATMs outside their home bank's network.



Zepto targets 'planned' mass grocery

Divya Delhi: This change targets household bulk purchases. HSBC notes that the change has trade-offs, particularly in profitability. New value-focused programs like Zepto's Super-Saver provide huge discounts but need minimum order numbers that are typically double the average order value. This method increases basket sizes but lowers ebitda margins from 6% to 3%, according to HSBC analysts. Market leader Blinkit avoids heavy discounts to extend categories and geographical reach, it noted. Swiggy Instamart offers competitive prices without bulk purchases. Zepto Pass and Swiggy One have loyalty



programs, while Blinkit does not. High-frequency, low-ticket orders drive quick commerce, which supplements modern retail. Expanding into value retail could change this. "BigBasket started like this. Even rapid trade looks this

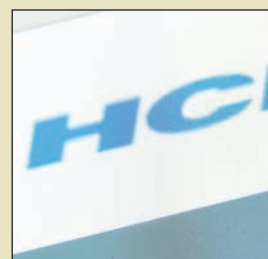
way. They're targeting DMart's target audience to dispel the idea that speedy commerce is expensive. Satish Meena, Datum Intelligence adviser, said Amazon India's early grocery bid followed this strategy.

Concerns about missing out on customers' 5G experiences

Divya Delhi : Although it has launched its 5G cellular broadband network, Vodafone Idea Ltd, is still thinking about strategies to overtake Airtel Ltd. and Reliance Jio, its bigger competitors in the Indian satellite internet race. Airtel and Jio have joined together with Starlink Services to bring Musk's planned satellite internet service to India, subject to regulatory clearance. In areas far from fixed-line broadband fiber connections, Vodafone Idea's chief technologist has hinted that the country's third-largest telecom operator may supply high-speed internet via satellite.

Promoters of Prudential, HCL to form health insurer

Divya Delhi: Prudential and HCL Group promoters announced a separate health insurance joint venture. Prudential Group Holdings, Prudential's UK affiliate, would own 70% of the joint venture, while HCL Group promoter Vama Sundari Investments will own 30%. HCL founder Shiv Nadar gave his daughter Roshni Nadar Malhotra large shares in Vama Sundari Investments, giving her power. Prudential had its first branch in Kolkata in

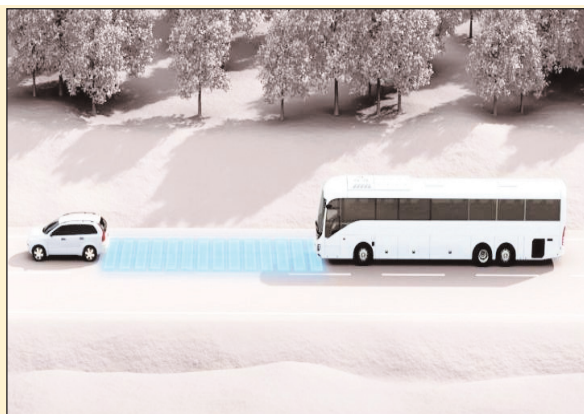


1923, making India a critical market, according to CEO Anil Wadhvani. "Today, we have a significant presence with life insurance and asset management businesses providing a comprehensive offering of insurance and wealth products," Wadhvani. ICICI Bank has partnered with Prudential, a FTSE 100

company, for over two decades in life insurance and asset management. The Prudential cooperation intends to provide quality health insurance in India, according to Vama executive director Shikhar Malhotra. "Through this collaboration, we aim to advance our common mission to enhance access to quality health insurance and drive greater penetration across the country," stated. If approved by regulators, Amar Joshi will lead the joint venture.

From April 2026, new vehicles must have advanced emergency braking and sleepiness warning

Divya Delhi: The ministry of road transport's draft notation requires all new passenger vehicles with more than eight passengers, buses, and trucks to have advanced emergency braking systems AEB, driver drowsiness and attention warning systems DDAWS, and lane departure warning systems LDWS by April 2026. These standards will apply to existing cars made after October 2026. The ministry wants to mandate safety elements and ADAS in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules. If drivers are late, these modifications inform them and apply brakes to avert accidents. The ministry's draft notification from last week



requires mini and ordinary buses and trucks made after the deadline to have vehicle stability function and AEB. The technology will automatically brake to avoid a forward collision in the same lane. If an AEB detects a forward collision, it will alert the driver immediately. If the driver does not reply fast to the warning, it will decelerate the car to avoid or reduce

an accident. LDWS, which informs drivers when their car drifts out of a lane without signaling, must be mandatory in these vehicles. These automobiles' drowsiness alert systems analyze vehicle systems and warn drivers via auditory alerts if necessary. Monitor the steering movement pattern, vehicle lanes, and driver eyes and face for drowsiness.

India's restrictions on five Chinese imports

Divya Delhi: In an effort to stop unfair trade practices, India recently levied anti-dumping tariffs on five Chinese products, including PVC paste resin and aluminum foil. The action, which complies with WTO regulations,



attempts to shield home businesses from low-cost imports. India is taking action to guar-

antee fair competition and economic stability in the face of a widening \$85 billion trade deficit. Did you know that five Chinese products were recently subject to anti-dumping duties from India. This action is intended to counter-

act the impact of lower-priced imports that might displace domestic producers. Aluminum foil, Poly Vinyl Chloride Paste Resin, Trichloroisocyanuric Acid, Soft Ferrite Cores, and specific vacuum-insulated flask thicknesses are among the goods that are being targeted.

US investor Bain to buy 18% of Manappuram Finance for Rs 4.4k crore

Divya Delhi: Bain Capital has agreed to buy joint control of Kerala-based Manappuram Finance, India's second-largest gold loan company. Bain Capital would invest Rs 4,385 crore for an 18% interest in a preferential equity and warrant issue at Rs 236 per share, a 30% premium over the six-month average trading price. The largest private equity NBFC deal will trigger a mandated open offer for 26% more ownership. Bain Capital might reach



41.7% depending on open offer subscription. Bain Capital bought 25% of 360 One (previously IIFL Wealth Management) for Rs 3,680 crore. TPG bought a controlling share in Poonawalla Housing Finance for Rs 3,004 crore the same year. Shriram Finance

sold Shriram Housing Finance to Warburg Pincus for Rs 4,630 crore last year. Blackstone invested Rs 800 crore to buy out the majority owners of Aadhar Housing Finance. BC Asia Investments XXV and XIV, private equity affiliates, acquired the company

For 525cr, Hero Moto will acquire 33% of EV Co

Divya Delhi: Hero MotoCorp has acquired a 32.5% share in Euler Motors for Rs 525 crore, allowing them to enter the electric three-wheeler category. "Our strategic investment in Euler is a bold step towards realising our vision to be the future

of mobility," stated Pawan Munjal, executive chairman of Hero MotoCorp, in a regulatory filing. The importance of and adaptation in a constantly changing industry is underscored by this investment, which further solidifies the company's will.

with existing promoters, who will stay fully invested. Partners stated, "The investment is expected to strengthen operational efficiency, lead-

ership, and market presence". The Nandkumar family will retain 28.9% after the acquisition, subject to regulatory approvals and closing conditions.

80 German institutions visit India to improve Education Collaboration

Divya Delhi: The German academic exchange program, announced that India is hosting more than 80 German universities and research organizations to strengthen academic and scientific collaborations. The APAIE Conference 2025, the Indo-German Forum on Research, Innovation, and Transfer in New Delhi, high-level visits to Indian universities, and the opening of the German School of Technology at PSG College of Technology in Coimbatore are major events. The 65th anniversary in India and 100th year of promoting international academic partnership are also celebrated. Indo-German science and education cooperation is a cornerstone of our relations. In the press release, German Ambassador to India and Bhutan Dr. Philipp Ackermann said he was pleased to see this exchange increase year after year. Nearly



50,000 Indian students study in Germany, the greatest group of any country, according to Ackermann. The 16-22 March Higher Education Policy Information tour will bring together 20 heads of top German universities and academic leaders in Hyderabad and New Delhi. This visit seeks academic and institutional interactions. Also in Coimbatore, delegates from German Universities of Applied Sciences will inaugurate the German School of Technology. Both nations' higher education and research institutes will send 250 representatives to the Indo-German Forum on Research.

Telangana govt resolute in raising reservation

HYDERABAD:

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao announced on Monday that the Congress government is determined to increase reservation for backward classes in education, employment, and political representation from 23% to 42%. In a post on the social media platform 'X,' he highlighted that the population of backward classes in the state stands at 56.36%, based on the recent caste survey conducted in Telangana.

Physics Wallah raises 4,600 cr with a confidential IPO

Divya Delhi: Physics Wallah (PW), a domestic edtech business, sent its draft red herring prospectus DRHP to SEBI confidentially in a new primary market development. This is the ninth business to list its shares on public exchanges via secret pre-filing, after Tata Play, Oyo, Swiggy, Vishal Mega Mart, Credila Financial Services, and Indira IVF. The creator and CEO Alakh Pandey-led edtech unicorn hopes to raise 4,600 crore through an IPO that will blend new equity shares and an OFS by current shareholders. The newest tracxn data values it at \$3.7 billion.



PW secured \$210 million in Series B fundraising in September 2024 from Hornbill Capital, Lightspeed Venture Partners, GSV Ventures, and WestBridge Capital at a valuation of \$2.8 billion. It raised \$312 million in two stages, starting with \$102 million in June 2022. WestBridge Capital, Hornbill Capital, and Lightspeed Venture Partners are among 8

institutional Physics Wallah investors. WestBridge Capital is Physics Wallah's largest institutional investor. Tracxn shows Rajat Pandey is Physics Wallah's single Angel Investor. According to the latest shareholding pattern, Physics Wallah founders Alakh Pandey and Prateek Maheshwari own 77.40%, funds own 20.47%.

NTA returns to pre-Covid NEET UG format

Divya Delhi: To do well on the NEET UG 2025 exam, candidates must answer 180 questions in 180 minutes. The NTA has reverted to its pre-Covid exam design, which is expected to increase competition in the May 2025 exam. As per the modified pattern, section B which consisted of optional questions have been

removed which has decreased the exam time from 200 minutes to 180 minutes. The NTA declaration made candidates and experts anxious, as it may reduce the overall competition. Health Ministry officials say question paper difficulty will determine competition levels. The NTA cut the extra 20 minutes and optional

questions to restore regularity in the exam schedule. Because the pandemic is finished, candidates must return to the original exam format. The adjustment isn't frightening as the syllabus is unchanged. Additionally, we need to enhance our time management abilities to complete the exam within 180 minutes.

Rajasthan's school mergers endanger first-gen students, especially girls.

Divya Delhi: With three decrees in January, the Bhajan Lal Sharma-led BJP administration in Rajasthan set into motion the merging of 449 schools with larger, better-performing schools in their neighborhood. The government claimed low enrollment (fewer than 15 kids per the Rajasthan government policy), distinct schools on the same campus, and schools near to each other as explanations. The idea has generated protests statewide, with parents strongly opposing it, since it threatens to compel youngsters, primarily girls and those from impoverished families, to drop out. The merging of all-girls institutions into co-ed institutes is a critical issue, as seen in last week's rallies in Jodhpur and Bikaner. Many parents worry this shift could endanger their daughters' safety and education. Other issues are the rise in home-to-school distance for many pupils and changes in school medium and culture. EX-CM Ashok Gehlot and parents have opposed the move. BJP MLA Jethanand Vyas of Bikaner West asked Education Minister Madan Dilwar for an exemption for his district's girls' school. Over 1,400 pupils will fit into 20 classes post-merger. The girls worry that if the merger happens, their parents would stop them from going to school, ruining their dreams. No other all-girls government school exists. I don't know if I can finish school. I just want to study and go to college. "How will we handle a shift?" "I don't know if I can keep studying," she remarked. District education officials know of the issues but said, "No schools are closing; they're merging with better-performing ones." "This move expands educational options for boys and girls, allowing for a broader range of streams." We'll keep girls in school. Modi claimed schools have been told to do this. Rajasthan has 70,233 state schools. 32,598 are primary schools. School consolidation isn't just in Rajasthan. In Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Odisha, smaller, low-enrollment institutions are merging with larger ones.

61.6% of Indian schools provide 3-language clubs. TN and Arunachal are lowest, Gujarat and Punjab lead

Divya Delhi: The Union Education Ministry presented data in Parliament showing that 61.6 percent of Indian schools offer three languages to 74.7 percent of students, despite the ongoing dispute between Tamil Nadu and the Centre over the three-language formula. The research shows that Gujarat and Punjab have the most three-language schools, while Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Tamil Nadu have the fewest. Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) Lok Sabha member Kanimozhi Karunanidhi of Tamil Nadu requested a state-by-state breakdown of the three-language formula languages and the number of students study-



ing each language. DMK-led Tamil Nadu has fought the Centre over the three-language formula in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, calling it "Hindi imposition". This method requires pupils to learn three languages, at least two of which are Indian, up to Class 8 or 10, preferably Class 10. After presenting the data,

Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Education Jayant Chaudhary wrote. Demand from students is pushing private schools to offer foreign languages as a third option. The Ministry reports that 906,225 (61.6%) of 1,471,891 Indian schools offer the three-language strategy. Compared to 149,065 schools (10.1%)/

Irish education minister invites Indians for education, research

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

TN should appeal SC ruling on domicile quota

Divya Delhi: A day after the Supreme Court banned domicile-based reservation in specialized and higher education including PG medical courses, MK Stalin's Tamil Nadu government declared it would file a review petition to vindicate its rights and uphold social justice. Health minister Ma Subramanian said the SC order would affect the state's 69% reservation and quotas for in-service applicants in government medical colleges and minorities in self-financing



medical colleges. He said that the order would violate state rights. The Union government receives 15% of undergraduate medical seats and 50% of postgraduate medical and super speciality seats through the state quota each year. "All super speciality

seats were lost. "TN gave government doctors a quota for super speciality courses after a court battle," he told reporters. He stated the Centre takes seats unfilled due to a lack of candidates. He said states invest fully in PG and super speciality medical education but share 50% of all-India quota seats. "Now, the judgment deprives us of all seats," Subramanian told reporters. According to him, the verdict will have a major impact on 2025-26 admissions but not 2024.

The House panel says Centre withholding funding for states not implementing PM

Divya Delhi: A parliamentary panel report tabled called withholding funds over non-adoption of the flagship PM Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) scheme "unjustifiable" and recommended that Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and West Bengal receive pending funds immediately.



Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and West Bengal have declined to sign an MoU with the Centre to implement the PM-SHRI project, which intends to modernize 14,500 schools and make them NEP 2020 model institutions. The Centre withheld funds from these states under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan scheme (SSA), a flagship Indian government initiative to ensure universal elementary education (UEE) for children aged 6 to 14,

making free and compulsory education a fundamental right. In its 2025-26 demand for grants report for the Department of School Education & Literacy, chaired by Congress Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth, and Sports expressed serious concern over the non-release of SSA funds to states that have not signed MoUs for PM SHRI implementation. The audit states that West Bengal, Kerala,

Hospital visits decreased, learning metrics improved. Meal program passes test

Divya Delhi: The State Planning Commission SPC found that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's breakfast policy had improved health and education in government schools, which shows that hospital visits among government primary school pupils reduced by 68.4% in rural areas and 29.4% in urban areas throughout this period, illustrating the program's impact on nutritionally challenged regions. In addition to health metrics, the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission reported to Stalin on 13 March that the plan has increased student involvement in class. Nearly 5,300 urban and rural children showed improvements in attention and comprehension. Students' attention without urging grew from 85.8



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Government wants to cut 6% of online ad tax, so US giants may benefit

Divya Delhi: Go recommends eliminating the 6% equalisation fee or digital tax on online ads in April, benefiting Google and Meta advertisers. The adjustments recommended by FM Nirmala Sitharaman come as India and the US work to strengthen relations. Last year, the government eliminated the 2% e-commerce equalisation charge. The US criticized the 2% levy, but the government is trying to appear more accommodative in anticipation of more tariff retaliation, and removing the 6% equalisation levy on online advertising is a step in that direction. "Amit Maheshwari, tax partner at AKM Global. Sumit Singhania of Deloitte India said the action supports legal simplification. "From an international tax policy perspective, most of the unilateral measures taken by governments around the world in recent years to deal with tax challenges of digitalization of economies must be gradually wound back to make way for OECD's two-pillar tax rules. Given the setting before the equalisation levy, this would be a progressive policy measure to give taxpayers more assurance." said. Government has also suggested tax cuts for offshore fund investments and sought Parliamentary approval for tax assessments under search and seizure rules and I-T return reconciliation. "The key change is replacing 'total revenue' with 'total undeclared income'.



Will Pandya guide the Mumbai Indians to improve on their past

Divya Delhi: The five-time champion Mumbai Indians, led by Hardik Pandya, had a disappointing shift of leadership as they finished 10th in the previous IPL season's points standings after winning only four of their 14 league games. To the dismay of the Mumbai camp, he is anticipated to miss the early round matches. Because of Bumrah's unavailability, left-arm pacer Trend Boult and India's standout fast bowler Deepak Chahar will have a lot of work ahead of them, and captain Hardik is expected to contribute to the important breakthroughs while keeping the runs-flow under control. It would be an understatement to say that Mumbai hopes to see these big guns fire on all cylinders if it were to be a force to be reckoned with, especially with players like Hyderabad's Tilak Varma already making



Delhi Capitals may lose WPL 2025 to Mumbai

Divya Delhi: Delhi Capitals did everything right night until their batters again failed on the big stage, allowing Mumbai Indians to capture their second WPL title at the Brabourne Stadium. DC bowlers justified winning the toss by reducing TA Mumbai Indians to 149/7. MI were already dreaming of winning at 83 for six, but Marizanne Kapp's 26-ball 40 put DC within reach. Nat Sciver-Brunton (3/30) and Hayley Matthews, as usual this season, sent the South African back. Kapp tried to throw Sciver-Brunton over long-off but found Matthews patrolling the boundary. The fans cheered MI as they started aggressively with the ball and dismissed DC's top-three scorers this season by 6.2 overs with the score at 37.

waves on the international circuit, Surya Kumar Yadav, who is known for playing strokes 360 degrees, and Rohit Sharma, who is arguably the best batter in the white-ball format and is full of confidence

after leading India to the ICC Champions Trophy in Dubai recently. Even before the season began, the Mumbai team was dealt two serious blows when two foreign players.

India finishes the Special Olympics World Winter Games with 33 medals.

Divya Delhi: India won 12 medals in four events on the final day of the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy, for a total of 33 medals. India earned 8 gold, 18 silver, and 7 bronze medals. India won four more snowshoeing medals to go with its six earlier. Vasu Tiwari, Shalini Chauhan, Tanya, and Jahangir won silver and bronze in 25m Snowshoeing, respectively. Indian skiers excelled in Alpine skiing.

In the Intermediate Slalom (F01 and F04 categories), Radha Devi and Nirmala Devi won sil-



ver medals, while Abhishek Kumar won another silver in the Novice (M02 category). In Cross Country Skiing, Akriti won a bronze medal in 100m Classical Technique (F02) for her endurance. In Floorball, Indian Women's Traditional Team won bronze with excellent collaboration.

India won six snowboarding medals and 10 in snowshoeing and Alpine skiing. The country earned four medals in short track speed skating, two in cross country skiing, and one in floorball. "Coaches, families, and the Special Olympics Bharat fam supported them throughout the process.

Rajasthan Royals and Mirchi and Gaana ink pact IPL deal

Divya Delhi: As the Official Entertainment Partners for IPL 2025, Mirchi a radio and digital entertainment station and Gaana an audio streaming platform have signed an exclusive collaboration with Rajasthan Royals (RR). Rajasthan Royals announced in a state-



ment that listeners to Mirchi's radio network will be able to connect with the team through match updates, expert

analysis, and interviews with RR players. The CEO of the Rajasthan Royals, Jake Lush McCrum, stated that the team's partnership with Mirchi and Gaana presents a chance to increase fan involvement and a sense of connection to the game all season long, not only on game days.

ICC T20I all-rounder rankings Hardik Pandya leads

Divya Delhi: India all-rounder Hardik Pandya remained No. 1 T20I all-rounder, while Abhishek Sharma, No.2 batter, and Varun Chakravarthy, No.2 bowler, also won their spots in the latest ICC Men's T20I rankings. After his impressive efforts against Pakistan in the five-match series, New Zealand pacer Jacob Duffy broke into the top five for the first time in the ICC Men's T20I Bowling Rankings. Duffy rose seven spots to seventh in the latest standings after scoring 4/20 in Mount Maunganui and 1/37 in Auckland. His contributions helped New Zealand win 115 runs over Pakistan and take a 3-1 series lead. Other New Zealand bowlers rose in the rankings besides Duffy. Zakary Foulkes, who helped him with 3/25 in



Mount Maunganui, rose 26 ranks to 64th. Pakistan's Haris Rauf rose 11 places to 15th after taking three wickets in his last two outings. Due to his continuous series performance, Abbas Afridi attained a career-best 36th place. Batter gains were also noteworthy in the recent rankings report. Finn Allen, who scored a 20-ball 50 at Mount Maunganui, rose two spots to 16th. After

his 94-run knock in Auckland, his partner Mark Chapman rose even further from 51st to 41st. After scoring 105 not out in Auckland, young Pakistani batter Hasan Nawaz rose to 77th. The rankings update also considered Namibia's 5-0 win over Canada in the five-match T20I series in Windhoek. Namibia's captain Gerhard Erasmus rose four places to 98th in bowling.

Pakistan will be led by Fatima Sana in ICC World Cup qualifiers

Divya Delhi: Host Pakistan named a 15-member lineup for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup qualifiers, with pace all-rounder Fatima Sana leading the team in the 50-over event. Pakistan will host the six-team competition from April 9-19 at the Gaddafi Stadium and LCCA stadium in Lahore. The six teams are competing for two slots at the 13th 50-over World Cup in India later this year. returns to the national team following a shoulder injury in December 2023's tour. The squad lacks bowling all-rounder Nida Dar, who was one of 19 players called to the qualifying.

PM congratulates the Indian Sepak Takraw teams for their seven World Cup medals

Divya Delhi: At the Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025 in Patna, India made history. India's first-ever gold medal in the tournament's history was won by the Men's Regu squad. With seven gold overall, the Indian contingent had an incredible run, demonstrating their increasing supremacy in the sport. Winning the gold medal in the Men's Regu competition is a significant accomplishment. In India, Sepak Takraw, a sport that combines quickness, accuracy, and collaboration, has



been progressively gaining popularity. This triumph represents the nation's growing prominence on the global stage. In the final, India's men's regu squad played Japan. Japan took the lead early in the match, winning the opening set 15-11. The Indian squad, however, pulled off a spectacular comeback, winning the fol-

lowing two sets 15-11 and 17-14. India won its first-ever gold medal at the Sepak Takraw World Cup thanks to their tenacity and talent. India won more than only the gold medal at the competition. The contingent brought back a remarkable haul: Men's Regu team won gold, women's doubles team took silver, and mixed quad, women's quad, men's quad, and women's doubles teams took bronze. In their last match against Myanmar, the women's doubles team put up a fierce fight.

Vyshak was an impact sub against GT because 'Shreyas said, just bring him

Divya Delhi: After Punjab Kings beat Gujarat Titans by 11 runs in a high-scoring match, head coach Ricky Ponting said captain Shreyas Iyer asked him to bring on Vyshak to bowl a couple of yorkers and close the game. After Iyer led from the front, scoring an unbeaten 97 in 42 balls at 230.95 to help his side reach 243/5 in 20 overs, Vijaykumar Vyshak's important middle-over spells reduced GT to 232/5 to seal a tight win. While sitting in the dugout, I stated they need 13 or 14 runs per over and asked Shreyas what he wanted to do. He urged Vyshak out. He will nail a few yorkers, and we will close the game. Vyshak transformed the game,



Ponting stated. Vyshak, who turned the game with his amazing bowling, said, "It's a surreal feeling when you win the game, especially when you do it for the team in that situation, it really feels good and you can go to bed with a lot of happiness. Today was also a terrific lesson for me. Despite running about, I didn't realize I could be an impact player until we started bowling. Glad I had this chance and won it for the team.

The CPL completion time may be used to rate flying schools in India

Divya Delhi: The average time it takes for students to obtain a commercial pilot license (CPL), which necessitates flying training aircraft for 200 hours and passing multiple DGCA subject tests, may soon be used by India to rate flying training organizations (FTOS) in this area. This process, which may take two years or longer, has no deadlines.

Kapil advises balancing family travel during long cricket tours

Divya Delhi: Kapil Dev, former India captain, said that while family presence is crucial, it should not overwhelm the team's focus on extended cricket trips. The BCCI limited family stays on tours over 45 days after India's 1-3 Test series loss to Australia and sparked debate over family



travel. The new rule allows family members to join players for up to 14 days for series or tournaments over 45 days, but only seven days for shorter tours. In our day, we told ourselves, not the cricket board, that in the first half, we played cricket and the family should enjoy the second half.

PGTI press conference sideline reporter Kapil said it should be a blend. At the RCB Innovation Lab Summit in Bengaluru, star batter Virat Kohli stressed the importance of having family on extended tours to help players cope with the tough days on the field.

'Incomplete without Paralympics medal'

Divya Delhi: Bhagyashree Jadhav, India's Paris Paralympic flagbearer with Sumit Antil, wants a medal at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympics. She aims to win a medal in LA 2028 after missing out at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024. The 37-year-old from Maharashtra loves the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, the second Khelo India Para Games 2025 track and field venue. Bhagyashree won two gold medals in shot-put and javelin throw, demonstrating.

Pichai wonders why Washington was benched against Punjab Kings in IPL 2025

Divya Delhi: IPL surprises abound, but Google CEO Sundar Pichai casually weighing in on squad choosing was unexpected. Washington Sundar was absent from Gujarat Titans' playing XI for their match against Punjab Kings at the Narendra Modi Stadium, leaving Sundar Pichai and other cricket fans wondering. Instead, he and Glenn Phillips were Impact Substitutes. One fan asked: "How Sundar sneaks into the best 15 of India but doesn't get a place in



any IPL XI when 10 teams exist is a mystery," causing social media chaos. Sundar Pichai unexpectedly replied, "I have been wondering this too." Suddenly, cricket Twitter exploded.

Some admirers laughed, others were confused. "Actually insane," said a fan. Another joked, "Sunder guards his name. Other thunder exists." Sundar from Washington

replied instead of Washington Sundar. Fans imagined even weirder IPL scenarios for Pichai. One said, "If you were to buy a team, which team would it be & what name would you give it?" Punjab Kings scored 243/5 thanks to captain Shreyas Iyer's 97* despite Sai Kishore's three-wicket haul. Sai Sudharsan and Jos Buttler scored fifties for Gujarat Titans, but they lost by 11 runs. GT must rebound quickly for their next home game against Mumbai Indians.

Babbu Maan Inspires with 'Save Water Save World' Initiative and Sneak Peek into 'Shaunki Sardar' at Rohini Press Meet



Divya Delhi: In the heart of Delhi's bustling Rohini Sector 7, an electrifying press conference unfolded as Punjabi music icon Babbu Maan took center stage. With palpable excitement, he shared a sneak peek of his upcoming film, Shaunki Sardar, set to

hit screens on May 16th. During the event, Babbu Maan not only spoke passionately about the film but also championed an important cause – water conservation. As an advocate for the Save Water Save World movement, he stressed the

urgent need for water preservation, emphasizing how crucial it is for our planet's future. "Water is life," Babbu Maan declared, urging everyone to come together in this vital mission. His words resonated deeply, reminding us all that safeguarding this pre-

vious resource is no longer a choice, but a necessity. As the press conference concluded, Babbu Maan left the audience with a message of hope and action – a call to not only enjoy the art of cinema but also to stand united for a sustainable future.

Johnny Sufi shared his experience after performing in Pakistan

Divya Punjab: Delhi: singer Johnny Sufi organized a press conference at Anmol Vatika in Tilak Nagar, in which he told the media that in his recent performance in Pakistan, he shared the message of Dheerendra Shastri



and proposed to do Ram Katha in Pakistan. Along with this, Johnny Sufi also chanted the slogan "Har Har Balaji, Ghar-Ghar Balaji" in his performance. Johnny Sufi shared his thoughts with the media about this experience.

Vimmi V.K., organized "Mr., Miss, Mrs. & Kids - Heer Aur Ranjha Season 2, 2025."



"A magnificent fashion and talent event called "Mr., Miss, Mrs. & Kids - Heer Aur Ranjha Season 2, 2025" was held by Punjabi artist and director Vimmi V.K. at the Golden Glory Hotel in MBS Nagar, Delhi. This event featured a number of well-known individuals, such as actor and dancer Tiger Handsome, Miss Mutual winner Amrit Kaur, gift partner Gurmeet Singh, child artist and influencer Nimrat Pratap Singh, and



Hardeep Krishna Art Group. Vimmi V.K. and other guests captivated the audience with their outstanding performance to bring even more glory

to the event after the program began with the amazing performance of young youngsters. This time, the jury members were honored by Vimmi

V.K. Following the program's grand performances of Mata Durga, Maa Saraswati, and Maa Kali, everyone in attendance was engrossed in devotion. Along with all of the attendees and makeup artists, Vimmi V.K. performed a Ram Walk during the occasion. The winners of "Mr., Miss, Mrs. & Kids – Heer Aur Ranjha Season 2, 2025" were congratulated and announced at the conclusion.

A Night to Remember Faiz Saifi's Star-Studded Birthday Bash



The political capital was set ablaze with glamour and grandeur as Faiz Saifi, the trailblazing Chairman of Saifi Films Pvt. Ltd., marked another milestone in his illustrious journey. His birthday celebration unfolded as a dazzling fusion of power, creativity, and

entertainment, bringing together the brightest stars from the world of cinema, politics, and music. The event was graced by an impressive roster of guests, including industry giants like Giriraj Singh, Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, Nitin Gadkari, Ekta

Kapoor, Divyanka Tripathi, and Murali Manohar Joshi, among many others. Each presence added to the evening's aura of celebration and camaraderie. In a heartfelt message, Faiz expressed his gratitude, saying, "This isn't just a celebra-

tion of my life; it's a celebration of the friendships, collaborations, and unforgettable moments we've shared in the world of cinema and beyond. I am truly blessed to have such incredible support from my friends, colleagues, and well-wishers."

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