

## Congress deletes 'gayab' post on PM Modi after backlash



**Divya Delhi:** The Congress party on Tuesday deleted the controversial post on PM Modi, which criticised the Prime Minister for "not taking the responsibility" for the "security lapse" that led to the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. The BJP had strongly objected to Congress's "Gayab" (missing) jibe against the PM. Earlier today, the Congress shared a poster featuring the word 'Gayab' (missing) placed over an image of a kurta, pyjama, and black footwear. The outfit appeared to be worn by someone, but the figure had no visible face. BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya accused the grand-old-party of using the "Sar Tan Se Juda" imagery and said that the "dog whistle" was aimed at its Muslim vote bank and a veiled incitement against the Prime Minister. "The Congress leaves little doubt with its use of 'Sar Tan Se Juda' imagery. This is not merely a political statement; it is a dog whistle aimed at its Muslim vote bank and a veiled incitement against the Prime Minister," Malviya said. "It is not the first time the Congress has resorted to such tactics.

## 'Decide on targets, mode, timing': PM gives complete freedom to forces

Rajesh Chauhan

**Divya Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday gave the Indian armed forces complete freedom to decide on the mode, targets and timing of response to the Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed lives of 26 civilians. During the high-level meeting, which Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Anil Chauhan and chiefs of all three armed forces attended, PM Modi affirmed that "it is our national resolve to deal a crushing blow to terrorism". "PM Modi expressed complete faith and confidence in the professional abilities of the Indian armed forces. The Prime Minister said that they have complete operational freedom to decide on the mode, targets, and timing of our response," reported news agency PTI. Amid heightened tension between India and Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack, Union home secretary Govind Mohan chaired a high-level meeting on Tuesday, PTI reported citing



## India informs Taliban; Afghanistan condemns Pahalgam attack

**Divya Delhi:** The government alerted Afghanistan's Taliban about Pakistan's role in the April 22 Pahalgam attack to rally international opinion against Pakistan's backing for cross-border terrorism. In a meeting with an Indian team led by MEA joint secretary Anand Prakash,

sources. The meeting was attended by the heads of key paramilitary forces and senior officials from other security agencies.

Among those present were Director General of the Border Security

Force (BSF) Daljit Singh Chaudhary, Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG) Brighu Srinivasan, and Director General of Assam Rifles Lieutenant General Vikas Lakhera.

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## Military action by India is imminent after Pahalgam attack: Pak Defence Minister

**Divya Delhi:** Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif warned of an Indian military strike after a terror assault in Pahalgam last week killed 26 people, mostly tourists, heightening tensions between the two nuclear-armed adversaries. India urges immediate retribution against Islamabad, which it accuses of harboring terrorists. We've strengthened our forces because it's imminent. That circumstance required strategic deci-



sions, which were made, "Asif told. The minister also stated that the Pakistani military had informed the government of the possibility of an Indian assault, but he did not identify what intelligence or developments led to this determination.

"Pakistan is on high

alert and it would only use its arsenal of nuclear weapons if there is a direct threat to our existence," he said. Five to six Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) proxy The Resistance Front (TRF) terrorists massacred 26 persons, mostly tourists, at Pahalgam, purportedly targeting them by religion. The massacre, the bloodiest civilian attack in the Valley in years, has prompted public outcry and damaged India-Pakistan relations.

## Curse be upon me if I ask for statehood now: J&K CM Omar

**Divya Delhi:** J&K CM Omar Abdullah choked back tears in a charged assembly session as he vowed not to exploit the Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed 26 lives to press for restoration of the Union territory's statehood. "Curse be upon me if I go to Centre and push for statehood at this critical moment," he said. His father and National Conference



president Farooq Abdullah, speaking to reporters outside the assembly, said Pakistan's actions in Pahalgam had eliminated any possibility for dialogue.

## Leader vows punishment for Pahalgam perpetrators

**Divya Delhi:** In a statement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed his commitment to punishing the perpetrators of the Pahalgam incident with the "harsh-est" measure possible. Modi further asked the people of India to remain united in their battle against terrorism. Regardless of one's regional or linguistic identity.

## Pakistani government reviews cargo damaged by airspace closure

**Divya Delhi:** The government is examining how Pakistan's airspace shutdown could affect Indian air cargo to the Gulf, Europe, and the US. Exporters predict lit-

tle impact. Most goods are shipped by sea, however 3-4% of clothing and some gems and jewelry are exported by air on passenger or freight flights.

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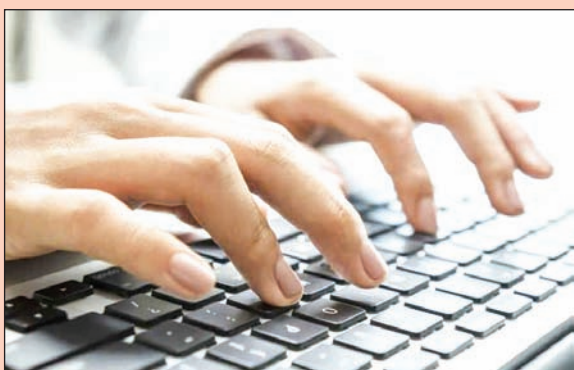
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## 28 health officials transferred in a massive reorganization

**Divya Delhi:** A huge healthcare administration overhaul in Delhi saw 28 senior doctors and medical officers move to new posts immediately. The Department of Health and Family Welfare announced that Dr. Rati Makkar, formerly of Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Hospital, has been appointed Director General of Health Services. Doctor BL Chaudhary, DDU's Forensic Science Director, will become Lok Nayak Hospital's Medical Director. Other notable appointments include Dr. Muhammad Abid as Medical Director of Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital, Dr. Suresh Kumar as Director Principal of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College, and Dr. Hema Malik as Medical Director of Burari Hospital. D. Manoj Kumar and Dr. Jyotsana Bharti will lead the Bhagwan Mahavir and Satyawadi Raja Harish Chandra hospitals, respectively. Other notable appointments include Dr. Muhammad Abid as Medical Director of Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital, Dr. Suresh Kumar as Director Principal of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College, and Dr. Hema Malik as Medical Director of Burari Hospital.



### BJP claimed that Stalin is spreading falsehoods regarding the three-language policy

**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

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.

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## Why startup investors are eyeing sports teams

**Divya Delhi:** Tech entrepreneurs, startup founders, and venture capitalists are broadening their investment horizons by acquiring stakes in sports teams. This strategic diversification demonstrates their understanding of sports leagues as effective channels for community development, brand establishment, and asset creation. The expansion beyond established sports like cricket and football signals a transformation in India's sporting landscape, with business leaders identifying untapped potential in sports leagues. Accel partner Prashanth



Prakash, along with Zerodha's Nikhil Kamath and Curefoods' Ankit Nagori, acquired the Bengaluru Badgers franchise in the Global eCricket Premier League (GEPL), a structured esports league organised by JetSynthesys. Separately, Swiggy, together with cricketer

Rishabh Pant, co-owns the Mumbai Pickle Power team in the newly launched World Pickleball League. PhonePe founders Sameer Nigam and Rahul Chari, meanwhile, bought the Mumbai Meteors team in the Prime Volleyball League earlier.

## DDA to promote events and projects online using influencers

**Divya Delhi:** The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has hired a digital marketing agency to promote its projects. It issued a request for proposal. The agency will promote all DDA projects using social media influencers and professionals. Campaign goals include

branding DDA by increasing awareness and sharing information about its work. "If we are organizing a kite festival, we will promote it through all media and invite influencers. The selected agency must invite five Instagram or X influencers with at least 100K

followers to events or campaigns annually (as needed). Selected agency will also submit a list of relevant influencers to promote DDA events or initiatives "said the authority. Social media reels will be created by the firm in addition to event photos videos.

## Farmers Threaten to Boycott Talks if Punjab Ministers Attend

**Divya Delhi:** armer unions have issued a stern ultimatum to the Centre ahead of the crucial May 4 meeting in Chandigarh. The Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) have categorically asked the Centre to keep Punjab Government representatives out of the scheduled meeting in Chandigarh, warning that any participation by Punjab Ministers would compel them to boycott the talks altogether. Citing "betrayal" by the Punjab Government as the main reason, the farmer unions conveyed their strong reservations in a letter addressed to the Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Sunday. Confirming the devel-



opment, SKM (Non-Political) spokesperson Abhimanyu Kohar said that the letter outlined the reasons behind the farmers' demand and sought a prompt written response from the Centre. The farmer bodies stressed that while they remain committed to dialogue as the only path to resolving agriculture-related issues, the

"betrayal" they faced following the previous meeting on March 19 has left them with no choice but to insist on the exclusion of Punjab Ministers. According to the unions, the March 19 meeting between the farmers and the government had ended amicably, with both sides agreeing to reconvene on May 4 to continue discussions.

### 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 CJI 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.

## 29 trees heavily pruned in Paschim Vihar in violation of norms

**Divya Delhi:** A joint committee appointed by National Green Tribunal has found that 29 trees were heavily pruned in violation of the set conditions in west Delhi's Paschim Vihar. Earlier, permission was given only to light prune 40 trees. Three trees were found to be dead and no tree was found to have been planted at the site in place of the dead trees. The committee informed the tribunal that MCD has been recommended to plant 1,000 saplings for these violations. The tribunal is hearing a plea based



on the complaint of a local resident alleging trees were excessively pruned. In Sept last year, it had constituted a joint committee, comprising members from the Union environment ministry, member secretary at Central Pollution Control Board, member secretary at Delhi Pollution Control Committee and district

magistrate of north Delhi. In a report dated April 28, the joint committee said it conducted two inspections on Feb 13 and April 11 of blocks A1, A3, A5, BG-6, BG-7 and B-1 of Paschim Vihar and the trees, which were excessively pruned, were identified using the corresponding tree numbers and photographic records.

## Delhi Forest Department Should Use Electric Vehicles

**Divya Delhi:** An official claimed Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa directed the Forest Department to replace all diesel and petrol vehicles with electric vehicles (EVs) within 60 days in a significant green drive. The Minister said his decision was driven by the urgent need to reduce forest pollution and protect animals. The Forest Department must analyze vehicles and propose a transition plan within seven days. The official stated that all non-essential, non-electric vehicles—government and private—are banned from Delhi's woods and protected regions immediately. Minister Sirsa remarked "Delhi's forests deserve quiet, clean mobility -- not smoke and noise." He noted that this critical move is part of Delhi's strategic push to tackle pollution and improve green infra-



### 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.

structure. Greener Delhi with clean air is our daily commitment. He added clean technologies and forest care are creating a healthier, stronger future for Delhi

residents. The Environment and Forest Departments received Rs 506 crore to improve environmental monitoring, pollution management, and biodiversity.

## Bihar assembly election seat sharing talks begin by NDA

**Divya Delhi:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies are identifying seats to be shared among partners for the upcoming Bihar elections. Depending on candidate winnability, partners may swap seats. Allies agree that Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar



will lead the state election. The BJP-led National

Democratic Alliance (NDA)—JDU, HAM, RV, and RLSP—will contest the October-November elections. Senior BJP leaders said seat identification will precede candidate selection and partners will be consulted. We've also discussed increasing the NDA's tally from 125 in 2020. To

increase striking rate and numbers, allies may switch seats. A seat that is normally ours (BJP) but we haven't won in the last two elections could be offered to an ally with a better chance of winning, the BJP senior added. The same procedure will apply to other allies' seats.

### High Court upholds influencers' fact-based criticism

**Divya Delhi:** The Delhi High Court allowed social media influencers to criticize consumer goods with scientific facts. The Court denied San Nutrition Private Limited's request for an interim order to stop four influencers from criticizing its whey protein products. The judge, Justice Amit Bansal, ruled that restricting speech before a trial would be unreasonable. "Reasonable criticism, comment and parody is largely protected within the right to free speech under the Constitution.

## Police crackdown on illegal immigration invalidates Aadhaar, PAN, Ration Cards as proof of citizenship

**Divya Delhi:** When investigating illegal foreigners in Delhi, police will only accept voter ID cards or passports as proof of Indian identity. Officials stated Aadhaar, PAN, and ration cards will no longer be valid proof. A top Delhi Police officer claimed the Centre made the decision after several illegal foreign immigrants, especially Bangladeshis and Rohingyas, showed Aadhaar, ration, or PAN cards during verification campaigns



since October last year. "During our verification drives, we found illegal migrants using Aadhaar, ration, and PAN cards to falsely claim Indian

citizenship. Some Rohingya refugees have UNHCR cards. Voter ID cards or passports are now required to prove Indian citizenship, the

official added, seeking anonymity. The officer stated that all Delhi deputy commissioners of police must thoroughly monitor "suspicious people" in their districts. "Our fight against illegal immigrants will continue until they are deported. UNHCR refugee status without appropriate travel documentation is invalid in India, hence such foreigners can be deported. We will work with intelligence agencies to deport illegal immigrants if necessary.

## CM Rekha Gupta wants 500 creches built in Delhi

**Divya Delhi:** Delhi Two new working women's hostels and 500 additional creches or 'Palna' centres were announced by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to supplement the 187 daycare facilities. The CM chaired a review meeting with Department of Women and Child Development officials at the Delhi Secretariat and ordered comprehensive redevelopment of Anganwadi Centres and regular visits to make them safer, cleaner, and more child-friendly to provide nurturing, safe, and educational facilities for every child. Policies alone cannot empower women and children; their effective and compassionate implementation is needed. All women and children deserve respect and safety. Only safe, empowered, and self-reliant women and children would make 'Viksit Delhi' possible, she remarked. The city has 187 Palna Centres that provide childcare and child protection.



### Government distorting AQI data: AAP, BJP respond

**Divya Delhi:** The opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of manipulating air quality data by installing six new continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations (CAAQMS) in "green zones". BJP minister Manjinder

Singh Sirsa replied that the AAP chose the spots. Three of the stations are intended for lush green campuses at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in south Delhi, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in south Delhi.

The CM ordered officials to open 500 Palna Centres in industrial zones, markets, and near building sites to meet growing demand. The Chief Minister said the Palna plan provides outstanding

creche facilities in a safe and secure environment, nutritional support, health and cognitive development, growth tracking, and immunization. All mothers, regardless of job, have creche facilities.

## ED claims FIITJEE took 206 crore from present students

**Divya Delhi:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said that FIITJEE received 206 crore from existing students for educational services that were not provided. In the 'FIITJEE fraud case', the agency searched seven Noida, Delhi, and Gurugram premises. The operation covered director D.K. Goel's official houses and other high officials' homes. It reported the seizure of 4.89 crore in jewelry and 10 lakh in cash. The ED probe involves instances from Noida, Lucknow, Delhi, Bhopal, and other cities. The senior management of FIITJEE allegedly collected large fees from



students and parents assuring them of quality educational services but instead committed large-scale financial fraud, criminal breach of trust, and educational malpractice. The agency found that FIITJEE collected 206 crore from current students for educational services that were not provided. The

centers in issue were shuttered despite collecting ₹181.89 crore from 9,823 students in the 2025-2026 academic year. The academic year ending 2026-27 saw ₹47.48 crore from 3,316 students, ₹17.07 crore from 1,008 students, and ₹3.76 crore from 264 students for 2028-2029.

## CM commits to helping cowsheds address the problem of stray cows

**Divya Delhi:** Rekha Gupta, chief minister of Delhi, has stated again that her government will investigate cow shelters and provide financial aid to those that find solutions to the problem of wandering cows on Delhi's roads. The suffering of cows who are left

to their own devices on the roadways, sometimes hurt in accidents, is something that deeply saddens us. "Some of them wander for food after getting milked," Ms. Gupta remarked at a religious gathering in Bawana, north Delhi, at Gramin Gaushala. In addition,

the chief minister announced that ₹1,200 crore has been set out for rural areas' road and drainage infrastructure. Last month, while presenting the budget for Delhi, she had stated that the BJP administration would pass a legislation to safeguard stray cows.

## CAPSULES

### Hashim Baba gang guns suppliers detained in Rohini, Jafrabad raids

**Divya Delhi:** The Delhi Police Crime Branch detained two Hashim Baba-affiliated gun suppliers, police claimed. The raids in Rohini and Jafrabad yielded three semi-automatic pistols and six live cartridges. Mohammad Rihan was arrested while supplying firearms to a gang member. Following his confession, his supplier, Salman Ahmad, was detained. DCP (Crime) Harsh Indora noted, "Mohammad Rihan was captured red-handed delivering two semi-automatic weapons and four live bullets to a Hashim Baba gang member. His firearms were found after a thorough search. Based on intelligence, a police team prepared a trap outside a hospital in Sector-24, Rohini, arresting Rihan. Rihan told interrogators he got the guns from Salman. Salman from Jafrabad, northeast Delhi, was found by the squad. "The team arrested Salman that day. His capture yielded a semi-automatic weapon and two live ammunition, "Indora added. Police have filed a charge under Arms Act Sections 25, 54, and 59. The motorcycle Rihan used to deliver weaponry was also seized. Rihan was from Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, and lived in Jafrabad. His first job was in a private hospital after class XII.



## Rs 38 crore for DDA's new Netaji Subhash Place parking facility

**Divya Delhi:** Delhi Development Authority budgeted Rs 38 crore for its third multi-level parking complex at Netaji Subhash Place in Pitampura, joining Nehru Place and Bhikaji Cama Place. In attendance was LG VK Saxena at the authority's 2025-26 budget presentation on Thursday. "Due to the many trees, the District Centre's Netaji Subhash Place parking layout plan, which includes surface and multi-level parking, is being revised. A DDA spokesman said new estimates will be made after the process. The project was planned previously, but the DDA finally approved money recently. Three levels of park-



ing, including a basement, are envisaged. Local traders have requested this amenity due to heavy daily traffic in the business center. The five-level Bhikaji Cama Place parking lot received Rs 40 crore. Finalization is expected by

August's end by DDA. The parking complex has 19,354 square metres of covered space. "The facility will hold 452 cars, including 20 disabled ones. Officials stated 193 two-wheelers can also be parked there.

### ABVP wins 23 of 44 JNU councilor seats

**Divya Delhi:** A day before the students' union election results are due, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has won 23 of 44 councillor posts across 16 schools and joint and special centres of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), breaking into new territory on campus. The United Left coalition gave AISA and DSF seven seats. Five seats went to the Left-Ambedkarite Unity Panel of SFI, AISF, BAPSA, and PSA.

## MCD accelerates Rajendra Nagar drain work

**Divya Delhi:** In order to connect the Bada Bazar Road drain in Rajendra Nagar to the main barrel, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has hastened construction. Last year, rains flooded a coaching institute's basement, killing three students. The drain was redesigned to provide smooth water flow and greater capacity. The barrel's capacity was raised at the stretch's end to prevent water-logging. "Water flows automatically from this barrel to the main nullah. We are working hard to finish in the



next few days. The saucer-shaped area is low-lying relative to nearby roads. We've asked the Public Works Department (PWD) to build and desilt road drains to prevent water from neighboring roads from accumulating here after heavy rain. These

must have enough capacity to flow water smoothly "MCD officials stated. The civic body said it inspected the site with local MLA Umang Bajaj and PWD officials last month. The agency was notified of the PWD road's drainage issues in a letter.

## 12L given to accused for impersonation in CBSE racket

**Divya Delhi:** According to police, four persons have been arrested for impersonating others during a CBSE recruitment exam in a south Delhi school last week. Police reported that one of the suspects was given 12 lakh for serving as a sham applicant during the exam on April 20. They stated that the accused had taken several such exams for other candidates. announced the arrest of three individuals in the investigation. DCP (south) Ankit Chauhan named the accused as Haryana residents Sachin (only first name known), 26, Nitin, 28, Baljinder Singh, 27, and Shyam Sunder, 29. Sachin stood in for Nitin on the April 20 exam. During applicant screening, the noise was discovered. "During the verification process, the biometric device flagged a mis-



match between the candidate's picture and the uploaded biometric data/picture during the process of screening the candidate...", the complainant, a school teacher, told police. Sachin and Nitin were arrested the same day. Sunder and Singh from Greater Kailash were arrested after the two revealed their associates' involvement during interrogation. Singh and Sunder agreed on a ₹15 lakh arrangement with Nitin, with Sachin receiving 12 lakh to represent him.

### 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.

## After five years, the Kailash Mansarovar yatra resumes in June

**Divya Delhi:** India declared that 750 pilgrims will return to Kailash Mansarovar in June. After the border standoff in eastern Ladakh was resolved last October, India and China announced in January that they would resume the pilgrimage in the summer of 2025 and cooperate on rivers. The Indian government announced the ministry of external affairs' yatra, which was suspended by the Chinese government in 2020 because of COVID-19, will take place from



June to August 2025. The move is expected to allow the return of people-focused services like direct flights, which India and China agreed on in January, and media-thinktank

interactions. Beijing also wants India to provide more Chinese visas and resume "resident-journalist" exchanges. Despite better relations, India wishes to continue communica-

### Vehicles that do not have fuel stickers with color coding will be subject to penalties

**Divya Delhi:** The Delhi Transport Department has issued a new warning, stating that offenders will face consequences if they continue to operate vehicles without the High Security Number Plates corresponding stickers. Vehicles that do not have stickers that show the fuel type will not be issued Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificates. In light of a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, the Transport Department has issued a public notice which states, "The Supreme Court has directed that PUC certificates will not be issued to vehicles unless they comply with the Motor Vehicles (High Security Registration Plates) order.

tion mechanisms step by step to address each other's issues and priorities. Trade and eco-

nomic transparency and predictability are major priorities for India.

## Advertising on FOBS should be authorized by the government

**Divya Delhi:** In order to raise more money for their maintenance, the Delhi government has chosen to allow advertising on approximately 120 pedestrian bridges, according to In order to better maintain the foot overbridges, PWD minister Parvesh Verma said that he instructed the depart-

ment's engineers to develop a thorough proposal. A lot of these bridges need to have their escalators and lifts fixed because they're in bad shape. Verma said that the plastic roofs over the building had cracked and become discolored. The advertising rights on public buildings and instal-

lations are owned by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, thus Verma mentioned that they will work on a revenue-sharing plan with the local authority. Over the city's main thoroughfares, the FOBS and subways have been constructed. At the moment, just a handful of FOBS, including

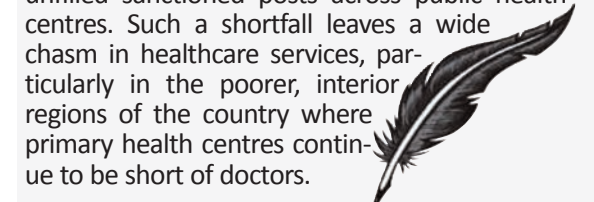
the one in east Delhi near Akshardham Temple, permit advertisements.

Using over a hundred of these facilities would generate a significant amount of money, according to PWD officials. Courts have repeatedly cited PWD for the FOBS' deplorable condition.

Editorial

Why Quacks Survive And Thrive In India?

Quacks or jhola chaps are usually known to operate in rural areas or outskirts of towns. That an Unlicensed Medical Practitioner (UMP) could practise as a cardiologist in a large, reputed hospital is unthinkable.Narendra John Camm, a "cardiologist" at a Missionary Hospital in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh district, was arrested recently for the deaths of seven patients who allegedly died after being treated by him. This fake 'doctor' had performed angioplasty on 15 heart patients in January-February 2025. Hundreds of lives are lost in India at the hands of UMPs every year. In September last, there were reports of three lives lost back-to-back in Bihar due to quacks. Mohi Yadav, a middle-aged man, died after a surgery for piles by a 'fake surgeon' in Jehanabad, Bihar. Krishna Kumar, 15, died after a failed gallbladder surgery performed by a fake doctor who allegedly learned the procedure from YouTube videos. Lakshmi Devi, a resident of Bihar's Saharsa district, died after being administered the wrong injection by a so-called doctor operating out of a pharmacy in her neighbourhood. In 2023, 33 people tested positive for HIV in Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district after a fake 'doctor' injected what he called 'magic treatment' for Rs 10 to all 33 with the same syringe. The list, unfortunately, is endless. There are two issues facing the public healthcare system across India. First, the lack of doctors or reliable and affordable healthcare. Second, the flourishing business of quacks or UMPs, who have exploited ignorant patients and continue to fill the gaps in healthcare. The dearth of doctors, both in the urban and rural areas, push people towards UMPs. It is more rampant in small towns and rural areas where these imposters are readily available, respond quickly and charge nominal fees. The UMPs exploit the ignorant and the impoverished, who cannot afford treatment in urban centres. Some operate from pharmacies or small clinics. Some establish fake hospitals operating out of large buildings, which pretend to be reputable institutions but often turn fatal for those seeking treatment. The strange case of Narendra John Camm now raises the question about unqualified Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) in established hospitals. "People like Narendra John Camm infiltrate big hospitals by exploiting lax verification systems, forged credentials, and the desperation of patients. Unlike unqualified RMPs, these imposters operate under the guise of legitimacy, leveraging hospital reputations," says Amulya Nidhi, the National Convenor of the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan India based in Madhya Pradesh. "This trend now extends to urban hospitals due to unchecked private sector growth and doctor shortage. The government must enforce the Clinical Establishment Act, mandate rigorous credential checks, and set uniform treatment rates," he adds. In healthcare, the doctor-patient ratio is a key indicator of medical access, quality of care, and system efficiency. According to the National Medical Commission (NMC), the doctor to patient ratio in the country is around 1:836, which, though better than the WHO standard of 1:1,000, is deplorable. The distribution of healthcare professionals in India is extremely lopsided - mostly urban centred. The report 'Health Dynamics of India 2022-23' put out by the Union health ministry in September flags a nearly 80% shortage of specialist doctors at community health centres across rural India. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports of various states have also consistently highlighted the crisis in public health infrastructure. A CAG report on public health infrastructure and management of health services in Madhya Pradesh - where Narendra John Camm operated - exposed several failings. It was based on an audit done from 2017-18 to 2021-22. Shortage of 22,845 healthcare workers due to unfilled sanctioned posts across public health centres. Such a shortfall leaves a wide chasm in healthcare services, particularly in the poorer, interior regions of the country where primary health centres continue to be short of doctors.



After Pahalgam Terrorist Attack: India's Options

A major terrorist attack from across the border has once again plunged our nation into a crisis, provoking nationwide anger. This time it is the cynical murder of 26 tourists in Pahalgam. But we have seen this movie once too often, with antecedents going back to the 1980s and 1990s. The script is tiresomely familiar: Islamist groups created, armed, trained, and guided from Pakistan, often directed by the ISI, kill innocents in India; Pakistani authorities deny involvement even as groups based on its soil "take credit" for the attacks; the world denounces the crime; India's response is carefully calibrated

so as not to provoke a larger war; and after a period of tension, everyone settles back to business-as-usual. Until it happens again. This pattern cannot be repeated forever. Over the past three decades, there have been numerous instances of terrorist attacks in India linked to Pakistan-based terror groups. The Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) stars in most of them, along with the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and hybrid offshoots calling themselves names like the People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF) and The Resistance Front (TRF), with a guest-artiste appearance for the "Indian Mujahideen".

The TRF claimed responsibility for Pahalgam, then withdrew the claim in the face of worldwide condemnation. But the denials are disbelieved because of the litany of Pakistani-directed terrorist attacks this century following the Kargil conflict (from May-July 1999 into 2000). On March 20, 2000, in the village of Chattisinghpura, Anantnag district, Jammu and Kashmir, 15-17 LeT gunmen entered the village and ordered all Sikh men and boys to assemble at the village gurdwara. Thirty-five of them were systematically shot and killed. The massacre occurred on the eve of the then US President Bill

Clinton's visit to India, and was clearly meant to send a signal. On December 13, 2001, terrorists from JeM and LeT attacked the Indian parliament, resulting in the deaths of 14 people. On May 14, 2002, near Kaluchak in Jammu and Kashmir, three LeT militants dressed in combat uniforms attacked a Himachal Road Transport Corporation bus traveling from Manali to Jammu, killing seven passengers. They then entered the family quarters of an Indian Army camp and fired indiscriminately, killing 23 people, including 10 children, eight women, and five army personnel.

No Flood Data, New Dams: How India May Target Pak With Indus Treaty Suspension

India has thrown down the gauntlet before Islamabad by suspending the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) of 1960. Through the treaty, Pakistan gets roughly 80% of the waters of western rivers (Indus, Jhelum and Chenab) that flow through India into Pakistan; India's share from the eastern rivers (Beas, Ravi and Sutlej) is 20%. The Indian action in suspending the treaty, which has seen many wars and alarms between the two countries, is in response to the Pahalgam terror attack. If Pakistan has sought to strike a blow against India in Kashmir, India has just dangled a sword over what Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir called its "jugular vein". The Indian action could be only a part of retaliatory measures, which may yet see a military strike on Pakistan. But the IWT suspension has confronted Pakistan with a dilemma for which it does not have easy answers. It is true that right now, India lacks the infrastructure in terms of dams, canals, tunnels or storage areas to divert the waters that flow to Pakistan. But in the immediate term, India can hurt Pakistan by halting data sharing, publicising new projects, optimising existing dams and escalating diplomatic pressure, thereby causing public anxiety in the already water-stressed country. In the medium term, the situation may become more dire for Pakistan if India accelerates dam construction, maximis-



es its eastern river use, and develops diversions and affects the flow of the western rivers. It could significantly impact Pakistan's water-dependent agriculture, hydropower, and economy. India could immediately stop the sharing of river-flow data, flood warnings and planned projects, as required under the IWT framework. This includes refusing to hold technical meetings or responding to Pakistani queries. Actually, agricultural disruptions are likely if India simply does not provide flood warnings this year, or chooses to open the sluice gates of the Bhakra Dam in the high monsoon season, in August. In the longer term, India could publicise plans for accelerating the development of hydro projects with storage capacity, such as Pakal Dul, Ratle, Kiru or Sawalkot, all on the Chenab or its tributaries. India already has the right to use a certain amount of water of the western rivers for irrigation and storage for hydropower projects. Now, with the suspension of the treaty, this storage can be increased beyond the IWT limits. The Pakal Dul (1,000

MW) project, started in 2018, aims to store 0.125 million acre feet (MAF) of water and also generate electricity. While India says it is permitted storage, Pakistan says it has exceeded the 0.15 MAF limit. However, even this storage could enable India to regulate the Chenab flow, especially during the dry season from April to May. The Sawalkot (1856 MW) project, also on the Chenab, is a run-of-the-river project with a small reservoir for electricity generation. Construction is yet to begin, but India could increase the size of the reservoir, providing it with a means of disrupting river flows. The Ratle (850 MW) project is downstream from Pakal Dul, and is a run-of-the-river project with minimal storage. Construction resumed in 2023 after delays, but here, too, India could enlarge the reservoir, something that will affect Pakistan. Kiru (624 MW) is near Ratle, also on the Chenab, and is essentially a hydropower project; its dam and civil works are 50% complete. Finally, while the Kwar Hydroelectric (540 MW) project on the Chenab has a

small reservoir for hydropower, the Nimoo Bazgo (45 MW) is on the Indus in Ladakh and is a small run-of-the-river scheme with no storage. There are other proposed or under-development projects too, such as the Bursar Hydroelectric Project (800 MW) on the Marusudar tributary of the Chenab, with a 0.3 MAF storage; this is higher than the limits because India plans to use it for irrigation and hydropower. This is still at the planning stage, and the reservoir can be increased further. There are also a number of existing projects in Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal, which are technically run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects, with some involving limited storage. But these could be changed. There is also Baglihar (900 MW) on the Chenab, with a 0.287 MAF storage. The Kishenganga (33 OMW) project is on a tributary of the Jhelum, where India already diverts 7.5 MAF of water through a canal that goes to another Jhelum tributary. This diversion reduces flows to Pakistan's Neelum-Jhelum project, which relies on the same river system. The Salal Dam (690 MW) also has a small storage capacity within IWT limits, but the project does have the capacity to reduce river flows. The Dulhasti power station (390 MW) on the Chenab again has minimal storage capacity, but its operation contributes to the cumulative downstream effects when

taken together with other dams. While most of the western river projects are, as of now, run-of-the-river schemes where India can only impound a limited amount of water, Pakistan has been afraid that their combined effect could reduce the flows of the Chenab by 5-10%. If India actually sets out to hurt Pakistan, the damage could be more severe. As it is, estimates are that there is a 7-12% reduction of the flow during the lean season, something that could increase on account of climate change. Indeed, Indian officials have now announced that among short-term strategies, there will be the desilting of the existing dams on the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab rivers, which could significantly reduce water flows to Pakistan. Predictably, Pakistan has talked tough against India on account of the IWT suspension. A statement from the office of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that any attempt to stop or divert the waters "will be considered as an act of war and responded to with full force across the complete spectrum of national power". That reference to "complete spectrum" is a threat to use nuclear weapons as well. According to a report, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief Hafiz Muhammad Saeed has warned that the LeT will "pull out [India's] tongue" and "stop its breath" in response to the Indian action of suspension of the IWT.

Are US And Taliban Drawing Up A 'Secret' Deal?

The past few weeks, Afghan media has been abuzz with reports about the Taliban having handed over the Bagram air base, north of Kabul, to the US. The original report was made by journalist Zark Shabab. American C-17 aircraft recently landed at the base, bringing military vehicles, equipment, and senior intelligence officials, including that of the Deputy Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). It is important to note that the report comes almost on the heels of a high-profile US delegation visit to Kabul. Zalmay Khalilzad, the former US special envoy for Afghanistan, and Adam Boehler, the US presidential envoy for hostage affairs, met with Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Taliban's foreign minister, in Kabul, on March 20. The statement said the discussions focused on bilateral relations, consular services for Afghan citizens in the US, and prisoner exchange. Muttaqi welcomed the US delegation, calling the visit "a positive step toward improving bilateral relations". He reiterated that the Taliban seek "balanced foreign relations" and are "committed to engaging with all parties in a constructive manner". He

further stated that "both countries should move beyond the consequences of the 20-year war and build positive political and economic relations". The meeting resulted in the release of two American prisoners held captive by the Taliban. The news also follows US President Donald Trump's first cabinet meeting in his new term. During a discussion on Afghanistan with his Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth, Trump stated that in his previous Afghanistan withdrawal plan, his administration was going to "keep Bagram... not because of Afghanistan but because of China". Trump further claimed that China was occupying it now because "Biden gave it up", and said, "So, we are going to keep that." This gives us an idea of what the Bagram air base means for America. Built in the 1950s by the Soviets during the Cold War, Bagram is one of the biggest air bases in the world today, with one of the most powerful runways, constructed of heavy concrete and steel. It became a vital military hub for the Soviet Union after its invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, and they vastly expanded.

How ministers are making holes in PM Modi's Teflon coating?

Every time there is a big tragedy exposing the incompetence of those ruling the country or a state, two things invariably happen—demand for the resignation of the minister concerned and announcement of ex gratia payments to the victims' families. The same followed the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini declared compensation to the tune of Rs 50 lakh for the family of Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, one of the victims. His Odisha counterpart, Mohan Majhi, announced Rs 20 lakh as ex gratia payment for the next of kin of accountant Prasanta Satpathy. Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal governments declared Rs 10 lakh each. Other governments also made similar announcements. Some added a job or free education to make it look more generous. How insensitive and pathetic our politicians can be! Is this how you console the grieving wives, parents, and children—offering Rs. 5, 10, or 50 lakh? And they make a public show of what they think is their generosity. Even if they were to offer this money from their own pockets—which is never the case—the timing and the manner of such announcements would still be very insensitive and disgraceful. There are various ways of helping the family discreetly—without making a show of it. But, then, how would our politicians show their 'magnanimity' to the world? Do they really think that their offer of money lessens the grief of the families? Or is it a cover-up for the incompetence of the ruling dispensation, which fails the people, be it a terror attack or a rail accident, or a bridge collapse? Just think of their mindset. Eighteen people died in a stampede at the New Delhi Railway Station on 15 February. The Indian Express reported that in the early

hours of 16 February, when the families of those killed arrived at the hospital to collect their bodies, they were given bundles of Rs. 100 and Rs. 500 notes, totaling Rs 10 lakh. The Indian Railways had announced Rs 10 lakh for the kin of the deceased, Rs 2.5 lakh to the grievously injured, and Rs 1 lakh for passengers with minor injuries. It's quite a surprise how government officials could withdraw so much cash from banks within hours after the stampede. The government's message was clear: Take the cash, take the bodies home, and forget what happened and why. "When I went to claim my mother's body, they insisted that I take the compensation. I really want to ask, how did they calculate that number? How does one attach a price to someone's life?" Anubhav Sahay, whose mother died in the stampede, told The Indian Express. Families of the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack must be asking similar questions as governments smugly announce ex gratia payments. These families must be waiting for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to punish the perpetrators and the conspirators "beyond their imagination".

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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 aluminum 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.

Investigation finds IndusInd lost 2,000 crore rupees due to derivatives

**Divya Delhi:** Long-standing anomalies in IndusInd Bank's derivatives valuation will be addressed with a charge of Rs 1,956 crore in the fourth quarter of FY25. The private lender intends to punish workers for the mistakes that inflated the company's reported earnings for a number of years. As of March 31, 2025, an independent investigation had established an adverse accounting impact of Rs 1,960 crore, the bank disclosed to stock markets. The research was commissioned in March 2025. The board received the investigation report, and over the course of they



deliberated on it. Although Grant Thornton was rumored to be the external agency chosen by the bank, the bank itself has remained tight-lipped about the matter. The differences originated from the fact that the asset-liability management desk and the treasury conducted their own derivative contracts using accrual accounting, whereas the trades with external counterparties

were marked to market. Given this discrepancy, IndusInd was able to artificially inflate its profitability by deferring internal losses and prematurely booking external gains. To primarily hedge its foreign currency borrowings in dollars and yen, the bank started an internal derivatives transaction in 2017-18 between its asset-liability management department and treasury.

It will only take Sarvam AI six months to create India's first artificial intelligence platform

**Divya Delhi:** Sarvam AI, financed by Lightspeed Venture Capital, will build India's initial artificial intelligence platform in six months, according to the founder of the business. Sarvam AI has been chosen by Union Minister Ashwini

Vaishnav to construct the first GenAI platform in India. Compared to models from around the world, Sarvam will undoubtedly be competitive. The owners of Sarvam promised the minister that the platform would be ready in six

months when he requested an estimate of how long it would take to create. Sarvam will have access to 400 GPUs from the government for a period of six months so that they can build 70 billion parameter huge language models in India.

Zepto targets 'planned' mass grocery orders

**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.

The promoter business will sell their Australian terminal to Adani Ports.

**Divya Delhi :** The port terminal in Queensland, Australia, will be acquired by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) of Ahmedabad. The deal is non-cash and the asset has a capacity of 50 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The enterprise value of the asset is estimated to be A\$3,975 million, which is approximately 21,640 crore or \$2.5 billion. Singaporean firm Carmichael Rail and Port Singapore Holdings Pte Ltd (CRPSHPL) would get 143.8 million equity shares from the Adanis' main port venture. CRPSHPL is the legal owner of the North Queensland Export.

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.

Microsoft and FITT IIT's Unnati AI will support and mentor AI businesses with Rs 30 lakh

**Divya Delhi** promotes AI-powered social impact enterprises. Nikhil Agarwal, managing director, FITT, says "We will commit up to Rs 30 lakhs to each of the 10 selected startups, bringing the total initial budget to Rs 30 crores. Additionally, we are partnering with industry leaders for future funding." Microsoft has pledged Rs 5.25 crores for the initial cohort, which may last four to five years. Applications are accepted until June 30, 2025, and IIT Delhi plans to commence the program on August 1, 2025. The program encourages small-town innovators to join the AI revolution. So we want to help companies from tier II



and III locations close the opportunity gap. Metro startups are more visible and have more opportunities. We want fair opportunities for all, including small businesses, says Agarwal. New technology talent is scarce, especially in tier II and III locations, but the goal is to foster AI innovation and talent. Unnati AI Accelerator accepts entrepreneurs, student innovators, and

researchers. "This initiative has two main parts. First, the accelerator program will select and support 10 AI-for-social-good firms. Second, create an AI ecosystem platform. AI is happening nationwide, but it's fragmented and siloed. We want to connect entrepreneurs, industry, and government agencies to share expertise," Agarwal adds.

As China lifts Boeing out of the sky, Indian airlines may see a meteoric rise

**Divya Delhi :** China has told its airlines not to buy Boeing planes because of US 50000DA President Donald Trump's 145% tariffs. This could be good news for Indian carriers which are having trouble acquiring planes because of global supply chain constraints. planes, including the



identical kind that Air India Express and Akasa have placed orders for, and eleven Boeing

787 Dreamliners, which are also on Air India's wish list. We expect that some of these planes, which were going to Chinese airlines, would end up going to Indian clients instead. "White tails, or aircraft made for specific customers but acquired by others, were allocated to AI Express and Akasa

in the previous year or two," according to experts in the airline business. Last year, AI Express bought 25 white tail MAX and was supposed to get 25 more planes. Additional white tails or purpose-built aircraft may be secured by the airline in response to the latest US-China tariff dispute.

Government Might Receive 80,000 Cr in Dividends From PSUs

**Divya Delhi :** Expected to maintain the surge in dividend inflows are robust profitability in these sectors and a focus on enhancing returns from public sector assets. The dividend collections of the Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) were around 74,016.68 crore in FY25, surpassing revised projections of 755,000 crore by a substantial margin, even though there were global headwinds and pressures on domestic demand. The first person mentioned, who



requested anonymity, stated that the top dividend contributors among CPSEs in FY25, ONGC, Coal India Ltd, National Aluminium Company Ltd, Powergrid Corporation of India Ltd, Hindustan Zinc Ltd, NPCIL Ltd, and NTPC Ltd, will likely continue to be the primary drivers of divi-

dend payouts in FY26. According to the first person cited, "the growing resilience of India's public sector enterprises" is demonstrated by the steady performance of important sectors, even against external problems. "With strategic reforms and a sharper focus on profitability,

Center hopes for 5-day turnaround for EV subsidy claims under PM E-DRIVE plan

**Divya Delhi:** The PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) program is an effort by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) to speed up the distribution of subsidies for electric vehi-

cles (EVs). The present processing period is forty days; it aspires to be shortened to five days. A senior government official stated that this change is a response to the backlog of claims, specifically for electric two-wheelers.

CPSEs could play an even bigger role in supporting the government's non-tax revenues going forward," according to the source.

The increasing demand for petroleum products is expected to reach a record 252.9 million tonnes in FY26, a 4.65% year-on-year increase.

## Delhi disbands school management committees

**Divya 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

**Divya 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.

## School rules protected kids from the heat

**Divya 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

**Divya 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-

quoted 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.

## NEET-UG on May 4 amid malpractice prevention measures

**Divya Delhi:** The National Testing Agency will hold NEET (Undergraduate) 2025 at 5,500 exam centres in India and abroad, up from 4,750 in 571 cities last year. The test will be held in 552 Indian and 14 overseas cities this year. The education ministry has tasked 180 central entities with checking center readiness. Assam's CM Himanta Biswa Sarma requested that all centers be at government-run institutions. Several cities have expanded due to candidates' first-choice center allocations. NTA officials say 90% of the centers are at government-run Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, and state schools. The datesheet for CUET-UG 2025, starting May 8, is still pending. After paperleak claims and widespread complaints about NEET-UG 2024, NTA organized state- and district-level logistics and security committees. The NTA consulted district magistrates (DMS), superintendents of police (SPs), and senior local officials before choosing exam centers. They and district coordinators will oversee operations to ensure smoothness.



## A survey on cybersecurity activities for curriculum design and education

**Divya 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.

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

**Divya 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.

able. 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 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

**Divya 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: unauthorized websites or social media accounts claiming access to NEET question paper.

## Students to be screened for 21 disabilities

**Divya 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

**Divya 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.

### DU teachers raise issues of unoccupied reserved seats

**Divya 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.

## Doctors want standardization and oppose service bond policy after course completion

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

**Divya 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 pol-



icy, 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

**Divya 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

**Divya 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.

Yash starts shooting for Ramayana in Mumbai

**Divya Delhi:** Yash starts shooting for Ramayana in Mumbai; Ready for a month long journey with Nitesh Tiwari and co. Earlier in the month, Pinkvilla exclusively reported that Rocking Star Yash is all set to take charge as Raavan in the Nitesh Tiwari-directed Ramayana in the last week of April. We also informed our readers of how he will be visiting a temple in Ujjain, before stepping into the world of this divine epic. And now, we have exclusively learnt that Yash has joined the sets of Ramayana on April 30, 2025 and gave his first short as Raavan. "Yash will be shooting for his part in Ramayana for almost a month, which includes portions of part one and also some bits of part two. He has commenced his journey with solo sequences and will soon shoot for the combination scenes with Sai Pallavi (Sita), Ranbir Kapoor (Lord Ram) and Sunny Deol



Ameesha Patel on equation with Priyanka Chopra after replacing her in Humraaz

It is not a hidden fact now that Ameesha Patel had replaced Priyanka Chopra Jonas in Humraaz. The film, which also starred Bobby Deol and Akshaye Khanna in pivotal roles, was a box office hit. Well, several reports at that time suggested that there was a rift between the 2 actresses. But now, in a recent interview, the Gadar actress claimed that she has 'great camaraderie' with the global icon. Ameesha Patel was asked about her equation with Priyanka Chopra while working in Aap Ki Khafir. Answering this question, the actress spoke about how she has worked with actresses like Lara Dutta in Elaan.

(Lord Hanuman)," revealed a source close to the development. The source further added that the principal shoot for Ramayana: Part One will be wrapped up in the fortnight and the team continues their journey uninterrupted for the sequel, which arrives exactly a year later on the big screen. For those unaware, Ramayana: Part One is slated to release during the Diwali 2026 weekend, whereas Ramayana.

Imtiaz Ali, Mahaveer , and Mrighdeep Singh Lamba make a friendship film

**Divya Delhi:** After "Naagzilla" with Kartik Aaryan, Mahaveer Jain and Mrighdeep Singh Lamba's MJF teamed together with Imtiaz Ali for his next. An insider said, "The film with Imtiaz Ali is set in the heartland of India. Friendship, pleasure, and nostalgia are the themes of this reunion narrative. The source stated that Mahaveer and Mrighdeep are thrilled to have Imtiaz on board because they love his films and cinema. The source added that the drama is being cast, and like other Imtiaz Ali films, music will be a highlight. An official drama announcement is immi-



nent. As "Naagzilla" is about snakes, the makers will release it during Nag Panchami next year. In 2026, it will hit theaters on August 14 and benefit from Independence Day week. Kartik will play Preyamvadeshwar Pyare Chand, a shape-shifting (ichchhadhari) naag on a magical quest. Mrighdeep Singh Lamba is directing the unique

Director Karan Tyagi inspired Madhavan to give his all in 'Kesari 2'

**Divya Delhi:** Actor R. Madhavan thanked 'Kesari 2' director Karan Singh Tyagi for his encouragement during filming. Madhavan wrote a touching statement on Karan's birthday about how the director pushed him to give his best in the historical drama. On his

special day, the 'Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein' actor posted a candid photo of Tyagi and behind-the-scenes photos from 'Kesari 2'. Madhavan captioned, "To the most true, hard-working, honest, and gifted first-time director I've worked with. I feel lucky to have you @karanstyagi.

Thank you for your love, caring, and encouragement to do my best. Your work was excellent, and you deserve all the praise. Dear, I'm thrilled for you." A video montage of Karan Singh Tyagi on the film's set shows him coaching and explaining the scenes to the performers.



North America grossed over Rs 12 crore for Akshay Kumar's Kesari Chapter 2.

**Divya Delhi:** World box office performance of Akshay Kumar's Kesari Chapter 2 is good. The patriotic action-drama, a sequel to 2019's Kesari, has done well in India and North America. In North America, the film grossed \$132,300 from 128 sites, according to trade figures. This brings the film's regional gross to US \$1,443,000 (Rs 12.30 crore). Kesari Chapter 2, a sequel in a historical patriotism and emotional narrative franchise, has resonated with fans abroad, notably the Indian diaspora. Its intense combat drama, Akshay Kumar's outstanding performance, and emotional resonance have appealed to both US and Canadian audiences. Regular weekday holds and good weekend numbers have helped the film's North American performance. Trading experts say Kesari Chapter 2's appeal lies in its larger-than-life action sequences and patriotic undertone, a genre that has typically done well overseas, especially among NRIs who feel emotionally connected to such themes. The film is also doing well in India. Indian box office collection for Kesari Chapter 2 is Rs 65.45 crore in 10 days. Despite new releases and the IPL season, the film has maintained constant footfalls, especially in its second week. The film made Rs 46.1 crore in its first week and Rs 19.35 crore in its second. Its mass circuit performance has boosted Akshay Kumar's fame among family audiences and action fans.

Vishnu's 'Kannappa' will be promoted globally

**Divya Delhi:** Sources indicate Vishnu Manchu will launch the US-based 'Kannappa Movement' on May 8, launching the film's global promotion. In New Jersey, Dallas, and Los Angeles, the Kannappa roadshow will premiere rare footage, music, and unseen moments from the film to select audiences. Industry insiders say this international initiative mirrors the project's size, as Vishnu Manchu and his crew expect a major US and Indian release for 'Kannappa'. Akshay Kumar plays Shiva, and Mohanlal is Kirata. As Rudra, Prabhas creates an amazing film. The unit's teaser shows



Kajal Aggarwal and Preity Mukhundhan, boosting the film's star power. Earlier, Vishnu Manchu added, "This film is incredibly close to my heart. It animates a mythological historical narrative. From the stunning locations to the amazing star cast, Lord Shiva has blessed

.Director Mukesh Kumar Singh remarked, "'Kannappa' is more than just a story; it is a tribute to faith, devotion, and transformation. Every frame has been carefully created to bring this classic tale to life for modern viewers while maintaining faithful to its roots.

SS Rajamouli says Nani will be in his Mahabharata dream

**Divya Delhi:** SS Rajamouli announced that Nani will star in his Mahabharata-based film 'HIT: The Third Case' during a Hyderabad pre-release event. In an X (previously Twitter) footage provided by Suresh PRO, Rajamouli confirmed Nani's casting in his dream project. He stated, "Nani will be in my Mahabharata film. The 'Baahubali' filmmaker, famed for his huge cinematic vision and blockbusters, has always expressed his intention to turn the Mahabharata into a decade-long film series. His announcement that Nani will star is the first casting news for this big project.

After 11 years, Padmini Kolhapure discusses her TV homecoming

**Divya Delhi:** Padmini Kolhapure will return to television after 11 years as Rajmata in the historical drama "Chakravarti Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan." The actress was excited to return to Sony Entertainment Television, where she started her career. She said playing Rajmata is special because of the character's depth and the challenge. Rajmata's calm strength, grace, and depth made her a compelling on-screen presence and a testament to great women in history, according to



Padmini. Padmini Kolhapure said, "Stepping into the world of Chakravarti Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan is incredibly special for me, not just because of the powerful role I'm playing, but also because it marks my return to television after almost 11 years. . She is the soul of the realm, not just a queen or moth-

er. I love playing Rajmata because it honors all the brave women who quietly changed history. His mentor, anchor, and greatest influence, she and Prithviraj have a fantastic relationship. It's an honor to play such a complex and deep character, and I hope the audience feels her journey as much as I do," she said. The epic historical play "Chakravarti Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan" follows Prithviraj Chauhan from an innocent prince to a revered warrior ruler.

Criminal Justice Season 4: Pankaj Legal Thriller Debuts This Date

**Divya Delhi:** Criminal Justice, starring Pankaj Tripathi, will air its fourth season on JioHotstar on May 22, 2025. The next chapter, A Family Matter, is directed by Rohan Sippy and produced by Applause Entertainment and BBC Studios. The official premise for Criminal Justice's fourth season is that Tripathi will return as the eerie law attorney Madhav Mishra, who will investigate "a torrid love affair and an unforeseen murder". "I feel at home in criminal justice. Every time I return as Madhav Mishra, it's like seeing an old friend who can teach me something new. He has an honesty and warmth that audiences have retained season after season.



That love humbles. I carry Madhav, not simply as a persona. Each chapter strengthens that bond "Said Tripathi. Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Surveen Chawla, Mita Vashisht, Asha Negi, Shweta Basu Prasad, Khushboo Atre, and Barkha Singh join him for Season 4.Sippy said it was great working with Tripathi again for the new season. Criminal Justice premiered in 2018 and was based on the 2008 British TV series.

Kriti Sanon could replace Kiara Advani in Don 3

**Divya Delhi:** Last month, reports surfaced that Kiara Advani, who was originally cast as Don 3's lead, will finish War 2 and Toxic and leave the picture. She and husband Sidharth Malhotra are having their first child later this year. Among the rumored candidates for the action franchise opposite Ranveer Singh were Kriti Sanon and Sharvari.

The fake poster shows Aamir as Guru Nanak as "completely fake"

Aamir Khan's team has firmly denied any involvement with a controversial AI-generated poster and teaser falsely depicting the actor as Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The situation escalated after a fake YouTube channel impersonating a popular music company circulated the fabricated content, spark-



ing outrage. According to the Bhaskar English website, Pritpal Singh Baliawal complained to the SGPC (Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee), describing it as a "deliberate conspiracy to provoke the Sikh community and disrupt religious harmony." An official

statement from Aamir Khan's spokesperson clarified, "The poster showing Aamir Khan as Guru Nanak is completely fake and AI generated. Aamir Khan has no connection to any such project. He holds the highest respect for Guru Nanak and would never be part of anything disrespectful.

Nysa Devgan to Debut in Bollywood

**Divya Delhi:** Kajol and Ajay Devgn's daughter Nysa Devgan's social media posts become viral due to her big fan-base. Designer Manish Malhotra recently posted images of her in a lovely lehenga. The post went viral for Nysa's lovely photos and Manish's fascinating text. He suggested Nysa enter Bollywood. His caption sparked fan anticipation that Nysa might start in Bollywood like her parents. Manish Malhotra posted photos of Nysa Devgan in



a golden and bright pink brocade lehenga. She poses beautifully in a hotel corridor! Manish Malhotra captioned, "Nysa Cinema Awaits you @nysadevgan stunning in our #Evvara collection

hand woven brocade lehenga with intricate embroidery by indian artisans." His caption made admirers question if Nysa will debut in Bollywood soon. The post prompted Kajol

to drop red heart emoticons. Orry, Nysa's buddy, said, "Can't wait for your debut @nysadevgan," with heart-emojis. Singer Kanika Kapoor called it "gorgeous." The caption thrilled followers, and one netizen responded, "Very beautiful!!!! A user wrote, "Excited for the next Kajol era!"while another said, "Stunning photo of you @kajol." Rising Bharat Summit 2025 that her daughter Nysa will not enter the film industry She said her daughter had no plans to act, despite rumors.

## Enjoy great deals and a chance to win prizes at the Dwarka Suzuki, Tilak Nagar Dealership

**Divya Delhi :** At the Dwarka Suzuki shop in Tilak Nagar, a woman was presented with a Maruti Suzuki Franco as a gift when she purchased a scooter. Actually, the woman won a Maruti Suzuki Franco after becoming the fortunate draw winner nationwide under the company's policy. Meenu, a resident of Tilak Nagar, Delhi, is the name of the lucky draw winner of the automobile. The company had a special function with Tilak Nagar MLA Jarnail Singh as the principal guest; Singh praised the woman and gave her the automo-



bile keys at the same time. While speaking with the media, the woman conveyed her joy and claimed that she was in disbelief when she first received the phone call announcing her victory. She ini-

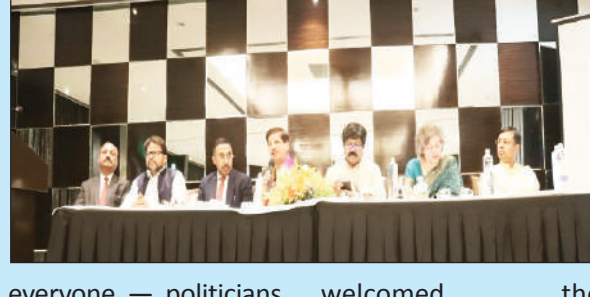
tially mistook the call for a fraud attempt, but upon more investigation, she learned that she had actually won the scooter drawing. According to the company's disclosed information, the lucky draw was planned



as part of a secret plan. held a contest, with this woman receiving a Maruti Suzuki Franklin as her reward for coming out on top.

## CSR Research Foundation's 'One Nation, One Election' Seminar Promotes Political Stability

**Divya Delhi:** BJP MLA Kernail Singh shared similar sentiments, stating that the initiative would not only strengthen democracy but also enhance governance, conserve resources, and support efficient policy-making in the march toward Viksit Bharat @2047. He proposed introducing remote voting options to enable citizens to cast their votes from home, further reducing election expenses. He also highlighted the vital role the Chartered Accountant community could play in taking this mission toward success. In the concluding session, NAFED Director Ashok Thakur emphasized that 'One Nation, One Election' would benefit



everyone — politicians, citizens, and the nation at large — leading to stronger democratic institutions and streamlined governance. SR Research Foundation Chairman, CA Deendayal Agarwal, welcomed the esteemed guests and reiterated that this initiative could become a historic milestone in realizing India's 2047 vision. Dr. Amit Jain, Editor of Chanakya Varta, applauded

Agarwal's leadership and vision for successfully organizing an impactful and meaningful event. The seminar also saw valuable contributions from eminent personalities such as Ved Prakash Mahavar, Dr. Naresh Maheshwari, chairman of Farsight Group, Former Chairman, Asia International Forum of Exchange, Dr. Anu Mehra law faculty (DU), CA Veni Thapar, Independent Director, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Atul Kumar Gupta former President (ICAI), Dr. Rajkumar Falwaria, chairman, CSD & Associate Professor (DU) who shared their insights and perspectives on the subject.

## Fern Events holds a press conference in Delhi to reveal ambitions for global expansion

**Divya Delhi :** At the Park Inn Hotel in Patpargra Delhi, Fern Events hosted a press conference. Harish Pal Babbbar, the owner of the company, led the conference and provided the media with information about their upcoming concerts. He announced that the eagerly anticipated performances by Fern Events will take place in Delhi, Thailand, and Jaipur. The event realized its primary mission of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" and highlighted talent, creativity, and true entrepreneurship. Fern Events, which is well-known for empowering real companies and people, offered a lot of distinctive features at the event.

Among them was



Nano Heat, a groundbreaking device intended for both home and commercial applications. Target Sky, a new travel agency that views travel as a chance to experience life rather than just a way to go somewhere, was another inspirational name

that appeared on stage. The event was a fantastic gathering of innovators, business owners, and industry professionals who were all collaborating to support Fern Events' goal of mutual development.

Dr. Archana, Nitin Malhotra, Gulshan

Suman, Sam, and Safi Khan all expressed their delight to the media on this occasion and provided details on the show's highlights.

The press briefing also covered Fern Events' future ambitions and international expansion tactics.

## Charges related to obscene dancing and the POCSO Act dismissed, according to the Crime Branch's charge sheet

**Divya Delhi:** The criminal branch received confidential information on 07/10/2022 about underage girls performing semi-naked dances at Green Chilli Bar in Paharganj, Delhi. During the raid, the police discovered a juvenile girl engaging in a sexually explicit dance at the establishment in question. The individuals in question were detained by the authorities, who subsequently filed a chargesheet against



them. In his defense before the sessions court, Rishabh Jain's attorney contended that his client was not guilty of the charges against him.

There were surveillance cameras all over the bar, but the cops never turned them on. The cops did not seize the victim's clothing.

The record does not indicate that the aforementioned individuals were patrons of the aforementioned bar. Even though the police were present for two hours during the raid in question, they failed to apprehend the photographer and cameraman. No details on the

dancers' indecent dancing style were uncovered by the investigation. No evidence supporting the claims made in the chargesheet has been submitted by the police.

As the aforementioned proposals were being considered in accordance with sections 294/109/34 of the Indian Penal Code and 12 of the POCSO Act, the accused were acquitted of the charges.

## IPU's Second Phase Entrance Exams on May 3 and 4, Centers Outside Delhi

**Divya Delhi:** IP University's second phase of entrance exams (CETs) for various majors will be held on May 3 and 4. Dr. S.L. Bhandarkar, University Controller of Examinations, said that MAMC, MPT, MCA, B.Sc (Yoga), and MS (Packaging

Technology) admission exams will be taken in the morning on May 3. Lateral Entry to B.Tech for Diploma Holders, B.Ed (Special Education), and MS (Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Design) entrance exams will be held in the

evening. BBA/BBA-MBA and B.Com (Hons) entrance exams will be held on May 4 in the morning and evening, respectively. The University's website allows admit card downloads five days before entrance exams. OMR sheets

will be used for these entrance exams, which will be multiple-choice with negative marking. According to Dr. Bhandarkar, exams will be given in the morning and evening. Morning sessions will be 10 am–12:30 pm.

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