

NCR Region to receive an infrastructure boost of Rs 11,000 crore



Divya Delhi : Two massive highway projects in the Delhi-National Capital Region, valued at almost Rs 11,000 crore, were launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In Rohini, the green light was given this afternoon for the 10.1-km Delhi part of the Dwarka Expressway and the Alipur-Dichaon Kalan length of Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II). Ahead of the launch, Prime Minister Modi met with construction workers, or shramyogis, and toured the sites. Subsequently, he spoke to the audience about the projects' importance after the launch. The celebration is taking place in Rohini, the expressway is named after Dwarka, and the air is electric with the pleasure of Janmashtami. The entire surroundings has become truly 'Krishnamayi,' and I too am a native of Dwarka," he remarked. He went on to say, "This month of August is coloured in the colors of freedom and revolution," referring to the new infrastructures' ability to alleviate congestion. Delhi, the nation's capital, is experiencing a development revolution.

Threatens India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement Negotiations

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Divya Delhi : India and the United States will not be able to finalize the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA) draft in the sixth round of discussions that were originally slated to take place. The American group was reportedly supposed to arrive from August 25th to the 29th to negotiate the bilateral trade pact, according to government sources. The deadline to enforce US President Donald Trump's decision to slap 50% tariffs on India would come into effect on August 27, coinciding with the decision by the US trade delegation. Similarly fruitless have been the talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his American counterpart, Donald Trump, that took place in Alaska. Earlier, a deal between the US and India was unsuccessful. Reasons for this include India's refusal to comply with US demands for reduced tariffs on agricultural.



Landslides strand 200 Rudraprayag tourists, interrupt Uttarkashi roadways

Divya Delhi : Multiple landslides in Rudraprayag and Uttarkashi stranded pilgrims and blocked Himalayan shrine routes after heavy rain. A landslide in Rudraprayag detained 200 tourists on the Madmaheshwar temple hike. State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams evacuated people. About 150 tourists were rescued and moved to safety by evening. SDRF official Vinit Vaibhav stated the rest will be evacuated soon. "The team is closely monitoring the situation at the spot to respond to any emergency."

The Gangotri National Highway was shut all day by additional landslides near Nalupani. Traffic stopped in Netala and Ratudisera around 6 am but resumed within four to five hours. Heavy rain and landslides have closed the section beyond Dabrani for 13 days. Rain has obstructed 32 district roads. District disaster management officer Shardul Gusain said BRO equipment are clearing Nalupani, but debris keeps sliding. Officials noted that massive cracks in a 100-metre length near the Salang bridge.

Prime Minister Modi expresses pride in space entrepreneur Shubhanshu Shukla

Divya Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi warmly welcomed India's first astronaut, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, at his 7, Lok Kalyan Marg residence following Shukla's successful trip to the International Space Station (ISS). After Shukla, alias Shux, returned to India from the United States on Sunday, the prime minister congratulated him for leading the Axiom-4 mission to a successful conclusion. While in space, he conducted zero-gravi-



ty experiments and shared images of Earth taken by the International Space Station with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to Modi's post on X, "Had a great interaction with Shubhanshu Shukla" was written after his privately scheduled meeting. Among many other things, we spoke about his time in space, the advancement of science and technology, and India's lofty Gaganyaan objective. The people of India are really pleased with his achievement. Space minister Jitendra Singh,

VP candidate CP Radhakrishnan welcomed in NDA meeting

New Delhi: National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Vice Presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan was felicitated at a meeting of the ruling party MPs



on Tuesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and top leaders of BJP's allies felicitated Radhakrishnan during this meeting. Radhakrishnan will file

his nomination at 11 am on Wednesday. All the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members of NDA were present in the parliamentary party meeting held at GMC.

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Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' against SIR begins in Bihar today

Divya Delhi : Dehri, in the western Rohtas district, Congress leader and Lok Sabha opposition leader Rahul Gandhi will begin his Voter Adhikar Yatra, a 16-day march, to champion electoral reforms and expose alleged manipulations in the voter lists, in response to the mounting criticism of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter rolls. The SIR procedure has allegedly removed over 6.5 million names from the electoral rolls; the opposition claims this is an intentional attempt to manipulate votes, which will have a disproportionate impact on minority groups, disadvantaged neighborhoods, and migrant workers. Starting with a massive inaugural rally at Saura Aerodrome Ground next to Dehri in Sasaram, the Yatra will traverse the varied landscapes of Bihar.



The Congress Party has made changes to its MP units and has dismissed 68 district chiefs.

Divya Delhi : Six current and eight former legislators are among the 71 new chiefs appointed by the Congress after the party ousted 68 district presidents from office in Madhya Pradesh. Rahul Gandhi's Sangathan Srajan Abhiyan, a drive for organizational renewal, which he initiated in the state two and a half months ago, includes the revamp. Digvijaya Singh's nephew Priyavrat Singh assumes leadership in Rajgarh, while Jaivardhan Singh, a member of the Raghogarh assembly and the son of the previous chief minister Digvijaya Singh, is designated as the district president for Guna. The number of district chiefs who have remained in their positions is very low at three. In the eyes of state Congress chief Jitu Patwari, all three of them are close.

Yogi unveils Rs30,000,000,000 Braj scheme on Janmashtami

Divya Delhi : On the auspicious day of Janmashtami, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath presented 118 development projects totaling ₹646 crore to Mathura-Vrindavan and unveiled a ₹30,000-crore master plan for the comprehensive development of the Braj area. The chief minister referred to Braj as holy land and declared that every particle of the sacred soil of Mathura is inhabited by Lord Krishna. The chief minister reaffirmed the dedication of the double engine government to preserving the cleanliness of the Yamuna and ensuring its uninterrupted flow while



speaking at Panchjanya Auditorium in Mathura. The world is looking to India's spiritual wisdom, he said, for long-term peace. Our strength comes from the essence of Shri Krishna's altruistic deeds, which render

us unbeatable. No number of times have I bowed to this sacred ground. The chief minister asserted that Uttar Pradesh is writing its own success tale, guided by the teachings of Lord Krishna.

'Special economic packages' announced by CM Nitish

Divya Delhi: Chief Minister Nitish Kumar of Bihar unveiled a number of "special economic packages" designed to entice companies to set up shop in the state. The prime minister made the announcement on social media. Aiming to hire one crore young people



over the next five years, his government has set this goal in an X post. In

order to entice people to build up business and become self-employed in the state, the government is offering a number of benefits. Now, a special economic package will be provided to entrepreneurs who establish companies in Bihar.

Punjab MLA's residence covered in Khalistani graffiti; SFJ threatens CM Mann

Divya Delhi: A Khalistani group called Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) in the United States has been threatening "political death" for Bhagwant Mann, the chief minister of Punjab, since August 31, the same day that Beant Singh was assassinated. While celebrating Republic Day, Gurbatwant Singh Pannun—head of the Sikhs for Justice and a recognised terrorist—had pre-



viously made an explicit threat to assassinate both Mann and the Punjab DGP.

Also on Friday morning, in the vil-

lage of Pandori in the district of Barnala, pro-Khalistani graffiti was discovered on the house of Mehal Kalan MLA Kulwant

Pandori. There was a similar ominous sign posted close to the village bus stop. Later on, in an effort to cover it up, officials sprayed the graffiti with black paint. At about 3 in the morning on August 15, surveillance footage shows two males riding a motorcycle. The messages were painted in a flash. The lawmaker announced that a police report had been lodged.

The victims' families in J&K receive 2 lakh as an expression of gratitude

Divya Delhi : Chief Minister Omar Abdullah visited villagers of Kishtwar who were affected by the cloudburst. The victims' families and friends of the Kishtwar cloud burst flash flood were given ex-gratia payments of 2 lakh and 1 lakh rupees, respectively, by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

Those who suffer minor injuries will get Rs 50,000 from the government of Jammu and Kashmir. Damaged buildings could receive up to three different amounts from the Chief Minister's Relief



Fund: one lakh, fifty thousand, and twenty-five thousand rupees, respectively. In Kishtwar, which was hit hard by the cloudburst, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah met with affected families today before delivering the

statement.

"The Chief Minister met with households in Kishtwar today who were affected by the cloudburst," JK CMO writes on X. Despite the government's stance, he expressed sorrow for the casual-

ties and destruction. To show his condolences and provide some quick help, the chief minister stated that the CM's help Fund would be allocating 2 lakh rupees to each deceased person. Up to one million rupees for major injuries and 50,000 rupees for minor ones. Rs 1 lakh is the cost of a completely damaged building. Damaged buildings cost Rs 50,000. It costs Rs 25,000 to fix partially damaged structures. It was also mandated that the infrastructure undergo immediate restoration.

Aero sports operators in Goa are required to hold 25L of insurance.

Divya Delhi : Pilots and passengers on hot air balloon, paragliding, paramotoring, or drone flights in Goa are now required to have accident insurance covering Rs 25 lakh. Violators face fines of up to 2 lakh and possibly arrest. Registration with the tourism department is also made essential in the draft Goa Aero Sports Rules, 2025, which were notified this week. This action is in response to the paragliding accident at Keri plateau earlier this year, which killed a 27-year-old tourist and her instructor. Included in your insurance policy should be coverage for accidental death, incapacity, medical expenditures, and equipment worth 5 lakh rupees.



Strict new conversion bill in Uttarakhand permits warrantless arrests and seizure of property

Divya Delhi : Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2025, has received the approval of the state cabinet. The bill makes it possible to punish those found guilty of "forced conversion" with a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh and a maximum sentence of life in prison. When the House returns for its three-day monsoon session on August 19, the administration will most likely bring the bill up for approval.

safety certificate is required for paragliders and paramotors, and the DGCA must certify paramotor engines. Flying loca-

tions will be regulated and pilots will be certified by a technical panel. Flights can only take place during the day.

All minority institutions in Uttarakhand will be covered by a new law

Divya Delhi : With the approval of the Uttarakhand Minority Educational Institutions Bill, 2025—an initiative that the state's cabinet hailed as the "first in the country"—the state will be able to grant minority status benefits to schools affiliated with Sikhs, Jains, Christians, Buddhists, and Parsis beginning in the upcoming legislative session. Historically, only Muslim institutions were recognized as minority educational institutions by the state.



9With effect from July 1, 2026, the new law would supersede the Uttarakhand Non-Governmental Arabic and Persian Madrasa Recognition Rules, 2019 and the Uttarakhand Madrasa Education Board Act, 2016.

Establishment of the Uttarakhand State Minority Education Authority (USMEA), recognition of minority institutions as a legal entity, protection from interference, and registration under the Society, Trust, or Company Acts are all important parts

of the new law. Officials informed of the situation said that the Uttarakhand School Education Board has designated USMEA to monitor the quality of education in the state and administer evaluations in accordance with their norms.

Delhi could be at Yamuna's danger mark

Divya Delhi : The Hathnikund barrage in Haryana has achieved a new seasonal high for the hourly discharge of Yamuna water: 100,000 cusecs. As a result, the CWC has issued a warning that the water level is likely to rise significantly. A water level of 205.70 meters is expected In a flood advisory, CWC stated, "The above forecast may further be affected with the releases from Wazirabad and Okhla barges." Over the next two days, the Yamuna River in Delhi is expected to surpass the "danger" level of 205.33 meters, having surpassed the "warning" level of 204.5 meters. The season's peak hourly discharge, which occurred at 65,861 cusecs, was reported before Sunday. It continued to grow on Sunday, reaching a peak of 67,333 cusecs around 11am. The release rate increased from 70,965 cusecs at noon to 109,029 cusecs at 1 pm, bringing it beyond 100,000 cusecs.

Aadhaar, PAN, and voter ID are not evidence of citizenship

Divya Delhi : Aadhaar, PAN, voter ID, or passport alone does not constitute sufficient proof of Indian citizenship, according to a 12 August ruling by the Bombay High Court. An alleged man from Bangladesh was denied bail while facing charges of unlawfully entering India and obtaining fraudulent credentials. The responsibility of providing evidence of citizenship rests on the individual, as stated by the bench in Section 9 of the Citizenship Act, 1955. The accused did not present proper identification, such as a passport or a certificate issued under Indian law, despite their claim to be an Indian citizen. The decision emphasizes once again that having widely used identification documents does not negate the need to provide proof of nationality. His phone apparently had birth certificates



All 226 police stations in Delhi notified for court depositions via video conference

Divya Delhi : In an effort to streamline procedures and cut down on travel time, officials informed us that Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena authorized a notification designating all 226 police stations in Delhi to have their personnel participate in virtual court appearances by submitting evidence through videoconferencing. The move will allow police personnel to depose before courts without traveling, freeing up significant manpower and resources, according to a senior member of the LG secretariat. This is in accordance with the draft model guidelines of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. No one other than law enforcement officers will be able to use the facility; there will be no interrogation of witnesses conducted there. In the past, these types of facilities were exclusively found in certain government offices, prisons, hospitals, the Forensic Science Laboratory, and the Delhi High Court and district courts.

DDA plans to unveil the premium housing concept

Divya Delhi : End of August will see the debut of the Delhi Development Authority's Premium Housing Scheme 2025. In Jahangirpuri, Nand Nagri, Pitampura, Ashok Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Jasola, Rohini, and Shalimar Bagh, approximately 250 apartments and garages for cars and scooters would be up for grabs through online bidding under the scheme. The plan, which was greenlit at the July 11 meeting of the authority presided over by LG VK Saxena, comprises of the following: 39 apartments for the



high-income group in Vasant Kunj, Pocket 9B in Jasola, and Sector 19B in Dwarka; 48 apartments for the middle-income group in Jahangirpuri, Nand Nagri, Dwarka, and Pitampura; and 22 apartments for the low-income group in Rohini.

"The scheme also includes 16 car garages in Pitampura and 51 scooter garages across Mall Road and Ashok Vihar, offering comprehensive options for both housing and parking in some of Delhi's most prominent localities," the government said.

Indian nationals living abroad face stricter regulations from the govt.

Divya Delhi : Some restrictions have been imposed on Indian nationals living abroad by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Any person found guilty of a crime carrying a seven-year prison term or a two-year prison sentence would

have their OCI registration revoked, according to the ministry. According to the Akashvani correspondent, Indian nationals and their spouses can apply for OCI cards, which grant them perpetual, multi-entry visas and specific eco-

nommic and educational privileges. This rule is applicable regardless of where the conviction took place, so long as the crime is recognized under Indian law. Foreign nationals of Indian origin are eligible for special rights and privileges as OCIs.

The DDA has allotted 55 r for a 5-star hotel on land in Nehru Place

Divya Delhi: The initial effort by the Delhi Development Authority to sell property for a five-star hotel with an incremental licensing charge garnered 27.2 crore rupees per annum, compared to the reserve fee of 18 crore rupees. During the 55-year license period, DDA will earn Rs 10,000 crore from the auction that was won by one of the largest hotel chains in the country. The proposal will bring in much-



needed funds for DDA while also bolstering the hospitality sector. "It was on the directions of lieutenant governor VK Saxena that DDA decided to move

away from the existing freehold and perpetual lease models and chose a 'special licence property' mode to offer lands for prominent projects on annual incre-

mental licence fee," a government source said. The official went on to say that the high cost of land meant that the freehold and perpetual lease models were not working as intended during the past 20 years. "On the other hand, the special licence property project is doing great things for Delhi's future as a world-class hub for healthcare, business, and tourism by making good use of the DDA's land holdings.

In Just Two Years, E-rickshaws Have Tripled the Number of Violations Seen on City Roads

Divya Delhi : E-rickshaws invade the exits, block roadways, and willfully disobey traffic regulations every day, especially during peak hours. This causes metro stations, prominent markets, and even important arteries across Delhi to become battlefields. Day after day, things deteriorate. They may have twice as many people on the ground as their official registration figure of about 1.2 lakh. As



a result, e-rickshaws from the eastern city of Laxmi Nagar to the southern city of Chittaranjan Park overcrowd, park in an erratic manner, and squeeze past larger

cars, frequently using the incorrect side of the road, due to their diminutive size. They have upset the traffic rhythm by repeatedly honking, abruptly stopping, making

irregular turns, and jumping red lights. From January to July of this year, the number of challans against these electric vehicles increased from 89,551 in 2023 to 2,69,612, which is more than double the number from July of the previous year, at 1,30,284. These tricycles used to be a lifesaver for the city's public transportation system's last-mile link, but today they're just a nuisance.

ELV owners seek Supreme Court redress as it reviews its 2018 ruling

Divya Delhi: The Supreme Court has effectively stayed the implementation of its own October 2018 order that signed off on a 2014 National Green Tribunal order to keep polluting vehicles off the roads in an attempt to combat the Capital's noxious air, by directing no coercive action to be taken against those driving diesel and gasoline vehicles in Delhi that are 10 and 15 years old, respectively. The orders from 2014 and 2018 were never strictly enforced, but in April 2025, the newly elected Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Union territory attempted to do so



by refusing fuel to vehicles with excess emissions, but faced strong opposition from the public. The BJP had made pollution a central issue in its campaign. On July 25, the Delhi administration argued that the prohibition lacked scientific validity and that the proper measure to determine a vehicle's fitness is its pollution level, rather than its age. Justices K Vinod

Chandran, NV Anjaria, and Chief Justice Bhushan R. Gavai of India's bench ruled that, "In the meantime, no coercive steps shall be taken against the owners of cars on the ground that they are 10 years old and 15 years in respect of petrol vehicles." After four weeks, the Delhi government's application was noticed by the court, and the matter was postponed.

A daily expenditure of 110 per dog could be imposed by SC on MCD

Divya Delhi : The early assessment by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) indicates that relocating the city's around one million stray canines to permanent shelters could cost the financially challenged organization almost 11 crore per day. The enormous financial ramifications of the recent Supreme Court judgment on stray dog relocation are highlighted by the fact that officials estimated a daily cost of at least 110 per dog, which would include expenses such as feeding, transportation, cleaning, medical treatment, personnel, and utilities. Elderly members of the community



made the statement. Efforts to determine costs and possible shelter locations began with preliminary talks, which were postponed until an official Supreme Court order could be obtained. Feeding, boarding, cleaning, medical

treatment, personnel, and operational costs like water and energy add up to an estimated daily cost of one dog based on inputs from shelter operators and officials. According to a senior civic official, the daily expense of relocating all one

million stray dogs in Delhi to shelters would be approximately ₹11 crore. However, the current plan is limited to "a few thousand" canines, namely those who have been involved in many biting episodes or are ill.

Record bank earnings benefit poor, MSME loans

Divya Delhi: Modi said record bank profits in FY24 would enhance credit to the poor, farmers, and MSMEs, celebrating the revival of financial institutions that were plagued by bad loans. Modi posted on X that the banking sector had a remarkable comeback in the last 10 years' with net profit topping Rs 3 lakh crore in FY24. Due to UPA's phone-banking policies, our banks had large NPAs and losses when we took power. The underprivileged were denied bank accounts "Modi remarked. "This improvement in the health of banks will help improve credit availability to our poor, farmers and MSMEs," he said Modi's X comments on the banking sector's FY24 milestone earnings. Public sector banks made a record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in net profit in FY24, up 34% from Rs 1.05 lakh crore. Private banks grew 42% faster, raising their net profit to Rs 1.7 lakh crore from Rs 1.2 lakh crore a year earlier.

Editorial

India must switch gears or be dealt out of the game

Even the ghosts had begun to rebel in those months of horror, it was said. Tossed into the cemetery in Tamwe—a northeastern suburb of Yangon—denied a dignified cremation and Buddhist rites, the souls of young pro-democracy protesters massacred by the army roamed the area, demonstrating whenever bodies of junta supporters were brought through the gates. For a time, the ghosts ruled, together with the people who had overthrown the one-party state of the Burma Socialist Programme Party. Then, the army unleashed a second round of massacres, annihilating the protestors and the ghosts. This month, the military junta ruling Myanmar began preparations for fresh elections that are to be held by December. It has ended a long-running state of Emergency and has shipped in Indian-manufactured electronic voting machines. Little imagination is needed, though, to know what kind of government those voting machines will produce. The National League for Democracy (NLD), and its leader Aung San Suu Kyi—whose landslide win in 2020 led to the coup the next year—has been barred from competing. A new proportional representation system has been implemented to ensure no one party commands a clear majority. For India, the elections pose a complex challenge. The collapse of the junta’s authority in the face of an increasingly successful campaign by ethnic rebels has left space for insurgents from India’s Northeast to expand their presence and infrastructure. For its part, China is exercising its deep influence with insurgents in northern Myanmar to ensure it has a chokehold over the new government. To retain influence in Myanmar, India will have to maintain ties with both the new regime and ethnic insurgents, which hold territory along its borders—no small ask. For decades now, Indian policy on Myanmar has continued to be haunted by the ghosts of the democratic uprising of 1988. Following the massacres, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi’s government threw its weight behind Aung San Suu Kyi and the pro-democracy movement. Elections in 1990 saw the NLD register a sweeping victory, but the Generals refused to recognise the results and continued to hold on to power. The military, scholar Donald Seekins noted, entrenched itself by making deals with ethnic warlords and criminal cartels. The military consolidation was to have serious consequences for India. The regime of General Than Shwe, who took power in 1992, allowed ethnic-Meitei insurgent groups from Manipur to embed themselves across the border in the town of Tamu. Factions of the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN) also found refuge in Sagaing, together with the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA). Soon after it took power in 1991, Prime Minister Narasimha Rao’s government sought to rebuild ties with the Generals. The results, however, were slow to come. In April-May 1995, the Indian Army launched operations against some 200 insurgents from ULFA, the People’s Liberation Army of Manipur, and the All Tripura Tiger Force. Things had improved enough in India-Myanmar ties, Rumel Dahiya has recorded in his first-person account of the operations, for the Myanmar Army to use force against the insurgent column on some occasions. Four times, though, Indian troops poised to cross the border were forced back by their counterparts. The grant of an award to Aung San Suu Kyi ended what little cooperation there was. To make things worse, Dahiya records, Indian troops were ill-prepared for jungle warfare and suffered



A changing Kashmir votes and vents about education, aspiration, and 3 de-hyphenations

The metaphor Writings On TheWall came from 30 years of travel, especially in poll-bound India. This installment comes from Kashmir. It's my first time witnessing an election in such a sensitive, important, and fascinating location. What is Writings On The Wall? It involves literally gazing at the walls to see what's changing, what's not, and what people want and don't want. The walls reveal what people are buying (branded underwear, Nitish's Bihar, 2010) or if they're too broke to buy anything (Lalu's Bihar, 2005). That shows an

economy's state and change. For improvement in Kashmir. Read all the previous reports in this series here. Three things stand out in the Kashmir Valley, where Srinagar and Baramulla have already voted and Anantnag-Rajouri votes on Saturday. Say three de-hyphenations stand out, but only one can be read from the walls. The other two require entry. Three de-hyphenations: First, a large portion of Kashmiri youth have distanced themselves from radicalism, separatism, resentment, and grievance. Don't think it's over. It waits until young people

trust you enough to talk. Education, competitiveness, jobs, and careers are priorities. Pakistan's de-hyphenation is noteworthy. Political instability, Imran Khan's detention despite his popularity, and economic collapse are hot topics. It also stems from Pakistan's tragic decline and India's ascent. Third, security agencies' tactical and ground-level achievements in de-hyphenating weapons and people. Everyone knows there are lots of weapons in the Valley and many trained and motivated users. For now, that cord is cut, or de-hyphenated. The like-

ly users can't get the weapons and vice versa. Coaching academy hoardings and posters are common in most of India, except in the north, especially Punjab, where immigration/visas/IELTS dominate. I don't think they're as prominent anywhere as in Kashmir. Allen Career Institute, Chanakya IAS Academy, Elite IAS, Emerge Institute of Coaching, The Commercians, Vedantu, Nucleus Institute Of Excellence—hundreds of brands line walls, trees, unipoles, and anywhere else you can hang something.

India’s strategic pillars are crumbling. Complacency is not an option



The global order is once again in a state of flux, overtaken by multiple crises that have shattered old convictions and exposed new vulnerabilities. In this altered landscape, India must urgently recalibrate its national security policy and defence architecture to meet the demands of a more volatile, multipolar world. The wars in Ukraine and Gaza rage on with no clear end in sight, each serving as a proxy battlefield for deeper geopolitical rivalries. Meanwhile, the US, the self-appointed global policeman, has turned inward and beligerent, unleashing a tariff war that has upended global trading norms and strained relations with erstwhile allies. India, caught squarely in the crosshairs of these upheavals, finds itself in a precarious position. Its principal adversary, China, has deepened its strategic partnership with Pakistan. The US, under the Trump administration, has grown openly hostile, with Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir even issuing nuclear threats from American soil. The erosion of the post-Cold War construct has been gradual but unmistakable. The war in Ukraine, now in its fourth year, has exposed the limits of Western deterrence, the resilience of Russia, and its resolve to recover lost territory and status. Despite suc-

cessive waves of sanctions, Moscow remains defiant, bolstered by Chinese dual-use exports and North Korean ammunition. The Gaza conflict, meanwhile, has become a humanitarian catastrophe, with ceasefire talks repeatedly collapsing due to mutual distrust and unreasonable expectations. These conflicts are not isolated but indicative of a broader unravelling of the rules-based order, where power is increasingly coercive, transactional, and the solidity of alliances suspect. India’s strategic calculus is based on a few pillars: a robust deterrent posture against China and Pakistan; a growing partnership with the United States; and a commitment to multilateralism through forums like the UN, SCO, and BRICS. But each of these pillars is now under strain. China’s aggression along the Line of Actual Control, its naval assertiveness in the

Indian Ocean, and its deepening ties with Pakistan—manifested in joint military exercises, intelligence sharing, and infrastructure projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor—pose a multi-dimensional threat. Pakistan, emboldened by Chinese backing and the militarisation of its polity, has escalated both its rhetoric and capabilities. Munir’s recent threats to target Indian economic assets such as the Jamnagar refinery and other intemperate remarks on nuclear retaliation while on US soil mark a dangerous new phase in Pakistan’s strategic signalling. Compounding these challenges is the deterioration in US-India relations. President Trump’s tariff blitzkrieg of imposing duties of up to 50 per cent on Indian goods, has been vaguely justified on the grounds of India’s continued trade with Russia, partic-

ularly in oil and defence. The irony is that the same administration which once hailed India as a counterweight to China now penalises it for pursuing strategic autonomy. The optics of Munir being hosted at the White House and issuing threats from Florida have not gone unnoticed by the strategic community in India, driving home a stark message that we can no longer rely on the US as a consistent strategic partner. In light of these developments, India must undertake a comprehensive overhaul of its national security doctrine. In light of these developments, India must undertake a comprehensive overhaul of its national security doctrine. First, it must embrace the reality of a multipolar world and diversify its strategic partnerships. While the Quad remains important, India must also deepen ties with middle powers like France, Japan, and Australia, and explore new alignments with ASEAN, Africa, and Latin America. A new ‘Quad’, comprising Australia, Japan, and India, and including other countries of the South China Sea littoral—most notably the Philippines, which has shown the gumption to stand up to Chinese bullying in the region—must be explored. In this period of uncertainty, it is very unlikely that the Quad summit scheduled to be held in India later

this year will materialise. Attempts should also be made to resuscitate SAARC, a fitting platform to engage our immediate neighbours. The aim should be to build a web of relationships that reduces dependence on any single power and enhances India’s leverage in global and regional forums. Second, India must accelerate its defence modernisation. The recent success of the S-400 air defence system in intercepting Pakistani aircraft during Operation Sindoor underscores the importance of technological superiority. India’s nuclear triad, bolstered by MIRV-capable Agni-V missiles, provides credible deterrence, but conventional capabilities must also be upgraded. Investments in cyber warfare, space-based surveillance, and unmanned systems are no longer optional but inescapable operational imperatives. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) must be restructured to incentivise innovation, concentrating solely on R&D and moving away from production. Reduction in procurement timelines remains a constant priority. Third, India must rethink its internal security architecture. The threat from cross-border terrorism remains acute, especially with Pakistan’s military increasingly aligned.

Have we reached a stage where we can say we’re proud of India?

We have just celebrated India’s 79th Independence Day, and as we traverse into the 79th year of our existence as a free nation, I reminisce on these famous and oft-quoted lines of the ‘Bard of Bengal’, Rabindranath Tagore. “Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake.” Have we reached a state where we can hold our heads high and say that we are proud to be India? Is our mind without fear? Can we sleep safely and consciously at night, knowing that our people are being done right by? For me, the run-up to 15 August has always been a time of introspection, to laud the successes of

the past year and to understand where we need to improve. As we head toward “Azaadi Ka Amrit Kaal”, let us remember the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and pay homage to our ancestors by keeping the growth engine turbocharged and bringing energy and prosperity to all. India’s population has nearly quadrupled since the 1951 census, from approximately 361 million to about 1.455 billion. A child born in 1947 was expected to live for 32 years. A child born in 2025 has a life expectancy of 72 years, slightly below the world’s average of 73.4. Life expectancy is considered an indicator of a nation’s development level as it is a reflection of the population’s health and

well-being. It is influenced by factors like access to healthcare, standards of living and socioeconomic conditions. Developed nations boast higher life expectancies due to better resources and an improved quality of life. Fertility rates dropped from nearly six births per woman in the 1950s to approximately 2 now, close to replacement level. This demographic transition has been central to India’s changing economic and social profile. In 1947, India had around 7,000 hospitals and dispensaries with 700 primary care centres. In 2025, this will expand to about 24,000 government hospitals, supported by numerous private hospitals. India, today, is a destination for medical tourism.

Nobel committee, note how Trump allowed Munir to make nuclear threat against India from US soil

Pakistan Army chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, has threatened India with a nuclear attack if it dares to build a dam on the Indus River. More alarming than the threat itself is that he issued this warning while on American soil, in the presence of several senior military officials from the Trump administration. As reported by ThePrint, Munir is learnt to have said, “We are a nuclear nation. If we think we are going down, we’ll take half the world down with us if faced with an existential threat from New Delhi.” This is probably the first time a foreign army chief has used American soil to issue a nuclear threat against India — and “half of the world.” That the Trump administration has remained a mute spectator to such an irresponsible and dangerous statement is disturbing. It should concern the Norwegian Nobel Committee, the body that awards the Nobel Peace Prize. Significantly, Munir’s threats also belie Trump’s tall claims about brokering peace between India and Pakistan. While New Delhi was cautious in its response to Trump’s earlier claims, it should not let Munir’s remarks slide. So far, India has responded to his threats with a meas-

ured, diplomatic, strategic, and multi-dimensional approach. Now, it needs to react firmly. The twin aim should be to punish Munir’s Pakistan militarily, and Trump’s US economically. If that happens, no one but Trump would be responsible for dragging India-US relations back to the era of “estranged democracies”. In Tampa, Munir attended the retirement ceremony of outgoing US Central Command (CENTCOM) Commander General Michael Kurilla and the change-of-command ceremony for Admiral Brad Cooper, who succeeded him. Munir praised Kurilla’s leadership and his role in strengthening US-Pakistan military ties, while wishing Cooper success in tackling shared security issues. He also met the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dan Caine, inviting him to visit Pakistan. Munir also held talks with US defence chiefs from several friendly countries on the sidelines. The US President must recognise the seriousness

of the threat posed by Pakistan’s nuclear programme to global security. It’s not as if he is unaware of it. Former US president Barack Obama had warned that “battlefield nuclear weapons, by their very nature, pose [a] security threat.” Trump 1.0 endorsed these fears in 2017, with an official noting that the administration was worried about Pakistan’s nuclear weapons landing in the hands of terror groups. That same year, US Director of National Intelligence Daniel R Coats warned in his Worldwide Threat Assessment that Pakistan was developing new types of nuclear weapons, including short-range tactical weapons, sea-based and air-launched cruise missiles, and longer-range ballistic missiles, which “will introduce new risks for escalation dynamics and security.

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Production of Samsung Laptops in India Commences at Greater Noida Factory



Divya Delhi : Adding to its already substantial local production portfolio, Samsung reportedly broke new ground at its Greater Noida plant and began making laptops in India. Samsung has been making phones, tablets, wearables, and other gadgets in India for a long time, but this move adds a new dimension to their activities there. Reports indicate that Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, met with high-ranking Samsung officials, including SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, and JB Park, President and CEO of Samsung Southwest Asia. Following the gathering, Vaishnaw made the following statement: "Samsung continues to expand manufacturing of its advanced technology devices in Bharat, driven by talent and innovation." Among the first global electronics manufacturing facilities in the country, the Greater Noida facility of Samsung was founded in 1996 and presently acts as a hub for a varied range of products. In addition to being the country's number two exporter of handsets, behind only Apple, Samsung also has its second-largest mobile phone manufacturing operation in India. When it comes to smartphone market share and value, Samsung is ranked second by Counterpoint Research.

UPI connection boosts RuPay credit cards

Divya Delhi: UPI (Unified Payments Interface) integration has boosted RuPay credit cards, with 75% of 'Credit Cards (CC) on UPI' transactions happening at small businesses, according to a Thursday report. Kiwi found that 'Credit Cards on UPI' was most popular among young folks under 40. CC on UPI is the main payment method, with consumers spending over Rs 22,000 monthly. UPI CCs average 21 transactions each month, four times more than real credit cards. "RuPay Credit Cards' market share rose from 3% in FY23 to 10% in FY24. "UPI's success is



largely responsible," stated Kiwi Co-founder Mohit Bedi. Virtual credit cards are growing rapidly. He stated that about 20% of credit cards issued in the country are virtual. The survey found that UPI CC transactions average Rs 1,125, compared to Rs 4,000 for standard credit cards. The survey also found that super-market and Kirana stores used CC on UPI the most (33%), followed by clothes and electronics (15%) and food and dining (7%).

Claims of wrongdoing in duty-free import system made by GTRI

Divya Delhi : Unsavory characters allegedly used the duty-free import-authorization (DFIA) scheme to bring in saffron, walnuts, and lithium ion batteries to make biscuits, pickles, and tractors, according to think tank GTRI's allegations. The process was being abused

because licenses could be traded, and some of these commodities are subject to significant charges. Honestly, they were never even considered for a production role. As authorities turn a blind eye, a group of dealers has been able to drain the government coffers thanks to a con-

coction of ill-defined policies, slack enforcement, and unrealistic legal interpretations. It said that what should have been a lifeline for exporters had instead become a path for legalized smuggling. Upon inquiry, the commerce department clarified that the plan solely.

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Results for Hindalco Industries' first quarter: 4,004 crore net profit, a 30% increase

Divya Delhi : Despite a 30% increase in net profit for the June quarter, metals major Hindalco Industries cautioned that its subsidiary Novelis will be affected by the 50% tariff that has been placed on aluminum shipments to the US. The Canadian factory of Novelis is responsible for the export of aluminum products. Hindalco's managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO), Satish Pai, stated that the tariff imposed by the US could damage demand in India, even though demand for its goods remained high. While Hindalco's exports from India to nations in the Southeast are unaffected, Pai did say that the demand would be affected by the tariff's increase from 25% to 50%. According to him, demand from American car manufacturers was strong, while demand from the housing and aluminum can industries was slow. For the first three months of fiscal year (FY)26, Novelis reported a net income of \$96 million, a decrease of 36% year over year.

Sign in to shop high-end: labels like Bvlgari and Sabyasachi use e-tail

Divya Delhi: People usually picture massive physical stores when they think of high-end labels. But new entrants, such as the Indian luxury label Sabyasachi and international powerhouses Bvlgari, Chanel, and Rado, are shaking up the industry standard by moving their operations online.

Reduced minimum account balance requirement at ICICI Bank from Rs 50,000 to Rs 15,000

Divya Delhi: The monthly average balance (MAB) requirement for new savings accounts established after August 1 has been withdrawn by ICICI Bank and replaced with a new barrier of Rs 15,000. The higher balance requirement was criticized for restricting access to banking, leading to a social media reaction that prompted this modification. After hearing from customers, the bank stated it has adjusted its pricing schedule and MAB criteria. Salary accounts, accounts for seniors over 60, basic accounts/PM Jan Dhan Yojana accounts, and accounts created prior to July 31, 2025 are exempt



from the modifications. The news that HDFC Bank has increased the MAB threshold to Rs 25,000 has been disputed by the bank. The bank clarified that

the 'savings max' account is the one with the 25,000 rupee cap, while the ordinary savings account maintains its 10,000 rupee average monthly value.

Infosys will acquire a \$153 million (75% share) in Telstra's cloud services division

Divya Delhi : The goal of the joint venture between Infosys and Telstra is to help Australian businesses accelerate their digital transformation and use of the cloud, both of which are powered by artificial intelligence. Among the many industries served by Versent Group's cloud and digital transformation offerings include banking, utilities, energy, government.

Reduced oil prices cause ONGC's net earnings to fall

Divya Delhi : As a result of falling oil prices and flat output from its ageing fields, state-owned ONGC saw a 10% drop in its net profit for the June quarter. An announcement from the business revealed that in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2025-26, the net profit was ₹8,024 crore, down from ₹8,938 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. The company made USD 67.87 for every barrel of crude oil it extracted from the earth and seabed. This is a decrease from the



USD 80.64 realized in April-June 2024. Refiners use this oil to make fuels like gasoline and diesel. Electricity generation, fertiliser production, compressed natural gas (CNG) and piped cooking gas all rely on natural gas, which saw a lit-

tle increase in price to USD 6.64/mBtu in Q1 from USD 6.5/mtu in the previous year. According to ONGC, the gas produced by its newly drilled wells can be sold for a 20% premium above the APM, the government-set price.

Anil Ambani's Settlement Proposal in the Investment Matter Rejected

Divya Delhi : Anil Ambani's plan to settle fines linked to investments in Yes Bank's additional tier-1 bonds was rejected by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Regulatory documents examined by Reuters indicate that he would be subject to a penalty of 1,828 crore (\$208.4 million) in the event of the rejection. Reliance Mutual Fund, which was controlled by Ambani at the time, put 2,150 crore (\$245.3 million) into Yes Bank's AT1 bonds from 2016 to 2019. Following the bank's insolvency in 2020, these bonds were written off.

The costs relate to the time prior to the 2019 sale of the mutual fund business to Nippon Life Insurance. Based on SEBI's findings, the investments were associated with loans made by Yes Bank to



The moment to invest in India is now, according to Jefferies' Wood.

Divya Delhi : India should resist US President Trump's efforts to increase tariffs, according to Christopher Wood, a prominent developing markets analyst at global brokerage giant Jefferies. Given the current global circumstances, he urged Jefferies' customers to purchase India instead of selling. According to Wood, if Trump continues to oppose major economies, de-dollarization of the Brics bloc—which includes South Africa, Brazil, Russia, India, and China—could be expedited.

other Anil Ambani group firms. The fund's activities, according to the regulator, resulted in 1,828 crore in investor losses and had a "market-wide impact."

Google makes a minority investment of \$350 million in Flipkart

Divya Delhi: According to reports, Google contributed roughly \$350 million to Flipkart's almost \$1 billion fundraising round, which was spearheaded by parent company Walmart. Flipkart declined to comment on the funding's details, but sources informed that the internet giant has contributed roughly \$350 million for a minority interest in the company. The investment round has concluded with Google joining, increasing Flipkart's worth to much beyond \$35 billion, according to sources. Walmart contributed approximately \$600 million to Flipkart during the investment round that concluded in December of last year. In 2021, Flipkart completed its largest funding round, raising \$3.6 billion at a valuation of \$37.6 billion from

Boost For Quick Commerce Foray

- Google has been ramping up its India investments and may look at extending its partnership with Flipkart to other areas as well, according to market advisors
- With Google on board, the \$1bn investment round has been closed, taking Flipkart's valuation to over \$35bn. The funding comes in handy for

Flipkart as it looks to enter the quick commerce space

- Flipkart has been in a partnership with Google Cloud since 2022
- The co, which competes with players like Amazon and SoftBank-backed Meesho to cater to customers who are increasingly going digital, has been leveraging Google's cloud stack to widen tech capabilities and reach more users

investors in a deal co-led by Walmart. It is believed that the company's valuation was modified to \$33 billion following the 2022 separation of fintech PhonePe from the group. Flipkart stated that regulatory permissions are a prerequisite for the investment. "Google's proposed investment and its cloud collaboration will help Flipkart expand its business and advance the modernisation of its digital infrastructure to serve customers across the country,"

the company said in a statement. Google Cloud and Flipkart have been partnered since 2022. Flipkart has been using Google's cloud stack to expand its IT capabilities and reach more consumers. Flipkart competes with players like Amazon and Meesho, which is sponsored by SoftBank, to cater to clients who are increasingly turning digital. In a \$1.4 billion investment round in 2017, Flipkart received backing from Tencent, Microsoft, and other competitors of Google.

Looking beyond textiles for India sourcing, Ikea



Divya Delhi : CEO of the Swedish retailer's India unit, who assumed control earlier this month, companies are being compelled to diversify their supply chains in response to global trade wars. India will play a crucial role in this strategy, as Ikea is expanding its sourcing capabilities beyond textiles to include plastic, metals, and furniture. The Importing goods (mostly textiles) from India to the US

would drive up retail costs for Americans, but in India, Ikea might increase its overall exports and lower prices for locals by increasing its use of local suppliers. Despite Europe and Asia being Ikea's largest supplier regions, the business has been mum on the topic of whether it will move US sourcing away from India. The majority of Ikea's US sales are made in other nations.

UPSC raises concerns about understaffing, while aviation regulator seeks independence

Divya Delhi : Citing internal projections showing that only 294 new hires are probable in the next six months due to bureaucratic delays, India's aviation safety body seeks more autonomy from government recruiting processes. Concerns about safety are on the rise in the industry. Despite these additions, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) informed the government that it will only be able to function with 847 personnel out of 1,063 sanctioned positions. This shows that conventional recruitment strategies are not enough to meet the demands of the world's fastest-growing aviation business. The DGCA has proposed extensive changes, according to internal documents.

These include autonomy in technical recruiting, the ability to hire directly from prestigious technical institutes like IITs and NITs for a maximum of five years, and a pool of advisors composed of former aviation workers. Recruiting for the UPSC



takes more than a year, as pointed out by the DGCA. An official from the ministry claimed that the shortage restricts the number of qualified individuals who may be posted to sector deputa-tion positions. This is just one example of how the regulator is utilizing recruit-ment failures as grounds to demand autonomy from the Union Public Service Commission. Regulatory gaps are crucial because the aviation industry in India carries 376 mil-lion passengers per year. As of July 1, 2025, 553 of the DGCA's openings had been filled; this left 48% of the technical posts vacant, and 216 of those posi-tions are expected to remain unfilled after recruitment.

Assam agri university's Rs 30 crore guest-house turns luxury hotel, sparks row

Divya Delhi: Rohika AAU-International Guesthouse came up in Khanapara here at a veterinary college affili-ated to Jorhat-based AAU. It was inaugurated in 2023 by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma with the promise of advancing academic and research collaboration. However, within a year of its inau-guration, the state-of-the-art guesthouse was leased out to a private firm for a five-year term, subject to renew-al every 11 months. The decision, taken by AAU's board of management, was attributed to a lack of trained manpower to manage the facility of such scale, officials said. It boasts 12 VIP rooms, 43 executive rooms, a 40-seat VIP dining area, an eight-seat private dining space, and a con-ference hall, among other amenities. "Before construction, it was not decided that the property would be leased out. But after construction was com-pleted, it was decided it would be leased out on rent as staff members could not go there (Guwahati) to manage



How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

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

ing. One reason NCERT textbooks are so popu-lar is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. These textbooks are accessible and inclu-sive for various pupils. Experts curate the infor-mation to ensure accu-racy and relevancy, meeting current educa-tional requirements. NCERT textbooks guar-antee national curricular uniformity.

the guest house," said AAU registrar Tapan Kumar Gohain. Student and teacher bodies have

decried the handover, arguing that university property should remain in public control.



Pradhan urges IIT students to lead innovation journey in India

Divya Delhi : Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day message of national independence, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan urged students at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi to spearhead the country's innova-tion drive t o w a r d s "Atmanirbhar Bharat." During his time interact-ing with the insti-tute's undergrad-uates, graduate students, and doctorate researchers, Pradhan spoke about the "unique opportunity" to advance national priorities and realize the goal of a Samridhh Bharat by 2047. In an address to the student body, he said, "keep hustling until we achieve self-reliance in every sphere" and prom-ised that the government will back their efforts to turn their theories into practical, internationally applicable solutions. "Our youth's talent, deter-mination, and self-reliance will empower Bharat's capabilities and strengthen her technological and economic sovereignty," the minister stated, stat-ing that the IITs are the "bedrock" of this goal. To cement India's position as a world leader in tech-nology, he emphasized the importance of the country's innovators and researchers.



Colleges are advised by DU to adhere to the notified syllabi

Divya Delhi: College admin-istrators are being instruct-ed by Delhi University to adhere strictly to the regis-tered syllabi, following the university's contentious removal of Manusmriti from the Sanskrit curricu-lum . The university was made aware of "several instances where the col-leges have taught either the wrong courses or unap-proved or unnotified syllabi of courses to students due to which students are put at unnecessary inconveni-ences" in the August 5 commu-nication from the registrar about the university. "All are hereby informed that the students must be offered and taught only the syllabi notified on the web-



Axiata Arena to advance to the final. Sindhu defeated the higher-ranked Thai shuttler 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in the 88-minute match. Her first tournament final since March last year. Sindhu has reached four BWF World Tour Super 500 finals

site of the university," according to the document. "Therefore, all are request-ed to kindly rely on the syl-labi notified on the website of the university," it said,

stressing that course descriptions presented to the Academic Council or Standing Committee are sometimes the last to receive final approval.

The US is the top study abroad location for Indian students

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

BCCI introduces 'serious injury replacement substitute' rule in multi-day competitions

Divya Delhi: To ensure that wounded players do not put themselves in danger any more during domestic cricket matches, the BCCI has implemented a "serious injury replacement substitute" regulation. With the Duleep Trophy, which kicks off the 2025-26 season on August 28, this rule will be in place for multi-day games. It will also be involved in India's most prestigious first-class cricket tournament, the Ranji trophy. After both sides have medical



reports that highlight the extent of the injured player's injury, the match referee will need to approve a like-for-like replacement from with-in the non-playing squad. An exterior injury, like a severe cut or fracture, must have occurred during the

game, as opposed to an interior injury, such as a hamstring strain, for the injury to be considered. This change has been quickly implemented into the rules of the game after some discus-sion within the BCCI fol-lowing Rishabh Pant's broken foot .

DU delays Savarkar College opening as approval pending



Divya Delhi: The commencement of the newly con-structed Veer Savarkar College is contingent on the education ministry's financial permis-sion, since Delhi University has decided without conducting a sepa-rate admission exer-cise for the college. "If approval does not come by the end of the month, the college will not open this year. Instead, it will take

its first batch of stu-dents in 2026," vice chancellor Yogesh Singh said. As a first for the institution, the college will reserve thousands of extra seats for local students. Officials have stated that there is no room for a late entrant because the admission cycle for current DU colleges is almost over. "Unless the propos-al is cleared this month, admissions will not happen this

year," stated Singh. In an effort to allevi-ate congestion on its North and South campuses, Delhi University is expanding into underprivileged parts of the capital through the West Delhi project. The 18,816-square-meter complex, con-structed at a cost of more than Rs 140 crore on land in Roshanpura, was officially inaugurat-ed in January by Prime Minister.

Disagreement sparked by NCERT accusation of Jinnah and Congress

Divya Delhi: The recently published Partition Horrors Remembrance Day modules by NCERT have caused a political uproar due to their clear designation of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Congress, and then-iceroy Lord Mountbatten as "cul-prits" in the 1947 par-tition of India. Not included in standard textbooks, the addi-tional modules are intended for use in class discussions, debates, and projects; there are separate ver-sions for classes VI-VIII and IX-XII. The first is a message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021 designat-ing August 14 as the Remembrance Day for the Partition Horrors: The anguish of Partition will always be remembered. A great number of our brethren perished as a result of senseless acts



India gets its first privately fund-ed institute for maths research

Divya Delhi : Bhargava, Canadian by nationality but of Indian origin, believes classrooms need an overhaul-"experimental, playful," he said, with teachers "trained" to spark curiosity. Speaking on the sidelines of the launch of the Lodha Mathematical Sciences Institute (LMSI), he added: "I'm happy with the new textbooks and the changes brought in them. But they will only show impact in a few years." On the scientific advisory council of LMSI, Bhargava will lead ses-sions on arithmetic statistics, its new develop-ments, and future directions.

of violence and hatred, and millions more were forced to flee their homes. The sec-ondary-stage module's "Who Was Responsible for Partition?" portion explains that histori-

cally, three people were accountable for the partition: 1. Jinnah, who called for it. Second, Congress, which took it up. 3. It was formalized and put into action by Mountbatten.

All new law schools in India are subject to a three-year ban by the Bar Council

Divya Delhi : The Bar Council of India (BCI) has declared a three-year statewide embar-go on the creation of new centers of legal education. This is part of a larger regulatory effort to address the proliferation of sub-standard law colleges across India. The announcement was made on August 13, 2025. According to the regulatory agency, no new centers would be approved or set up in India during the moratorium. Additionally, it was stated that no current center can add a new section, course, or batch without the BCI's explicit written consent. "To arrest the decline in quality across segments of legal education, evidenced by the unchecked mushrooming of sub-stand-ard institutions, routine issuance of no objection certificates (NOCs) by State gov-ernments and affiliations by universities without proper inspection," the council stat-ed, explaining its decision to take this maneuver. An additional goal of this meas-ure was to forestall "the commercialization of legal education, widespread academic malpractice, and persistent shortages of qualified faculty," according to the notifica-tion.



Farhan Akhtar was upset by Naseeruddin Shah's criticism of his acting being ‘thrown out publicly’: ‘I



realized they disrespect you’

Divya Delhi: Zoya Akhtar's 2011 coming-of-age road drama Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara poignant reunion between Farhan Akhtar's Imraan and his estranged father, Naseeruddin Shah's Salman, is unforgettable. As the scenario concluded without a resolution, the two actors appear to have unfinished business personally. Naseeruddin said in 2013 that he “clearly” doesn't “care for” Farhan's films, except for his 2001 breakthrough directorial debut, Dil Chahta Hai. The legendary actor told the Times of India, “I'm not a great fan of his acting or his films,” while appreciating Farhan's multihyphenated personality. Farhan Akhtar addressed Naseeruddin Shah's statement. He responded, “It must be done with love and respect for the other person. I felt it wasn't from there. I felt like it was a public statement. If someone doesn't appreciate you, why should I reach out to them? “If he truly believed he knew my parents, Shabana, and me, it was evident. We worked together in ZNMD, so it would have been easy for him to say, "I want to talk to you, why don't you come over," said Farhan, who said he'd also give younger artists constructive input. Instead of discussing their skills publicly. , he would do so privately.

Developers release unique footage of Ram Charan's impending power-packed look

Divya Delhi: Global Star 'Peddi', directed by 'Uppena' director Buchi Babu Sana, is Ram Charan's next film. The film is in production, but directors released a teaser teasing Charan's look. The makers posted a video of Ram Charan meeting famous hairstylist Aalim Hakim on social media. Hakim, known for designing iconic looks for actors, is helping the team complete Ram



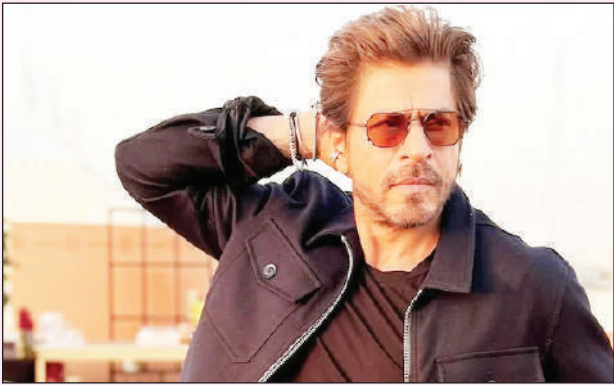
Charan's Peddi look. Creators posted the video and said, "Peddi's power-packed. Global Star Ram Charan and imaginative director Buchi Babu Sana are

locking the final looks, and the enthusiasm is high." Fans expressed their excitement in the comments for the look. Ram Charan plays the title role,

with Janhvi Kapoor and Shiva Rajkumar. Other notable actors are Divyendu Sharma and Jagapathi Babu from 'Mirzapur' The story is situated in a country community and mixes true and fictional stories. It will complement a story about village life and sports. Ram Charan's rugged appearance, scarred face, long hair, and beard in 'Peddi' show his raw and fierce character.

Bhai ab umar hogyi: Shah Rukh Khan denies social media user's retirement request

Divya Delhi: Shah Rukh Khan answered fan inquiries online and revealed fresh project details. The actor also responded quickly to a troll who mocked his age and advised him to retire. The Ask SRK segment on X returned after a long break while Khan recovered from a filming injury. A person on X suggested that the older brother retire and allow younger individuals to take their place. “Bhai Tere Sawaalon Ka Bachpana Jab Chala Jaaye...Phir kuch acchha puchna! Please allow me to take



a little break from your childish questions. Request something good! Please retire temporarily until then. Khan said he was rehearsing lines and would soon return to ‘King’. He was injured

filming an action scene last month, halting production. The Siddharth Anand-directed film stars his daughter Suhana Khan. “Now, only physio...”I read, rehearse lines for King, and sleep a lot," he

informed a fan about his present schedule. We had a successful shoot and will resume soon. Focus on leg shots before moving to the upper body.Will finish quickly, inshallah. He said in another post that Siddharth Anand is working hard to finish. Khan also said he would appear in his son Aryan's directorial debut, Ba*ards Of Bollywood. He gave the production a ‘honest review’, calling it “very entertaining, wacky, and emotional”. image.

Fans say ‘Laut aao PC’ when Priyanka posts Kaminey clips

Divya Delhi: Piya Chopra Jonas, one of our best performers, seeks worldwide dominance. She won hearts in Hollywood after making an unforgettable impact on Hindi films. Indian fans support her, but movie-buffs can't bear it anymore since PeeCee hasn't appeared in a Hindi film in years. We miss her, and Priyanka's recent nostalgia posts have made netizens more aware of her Bollywood absence. The actress's latest photo dump honors her 2009 film Kaminey, Shahid Kapoor, and Vishal Bhardwaj. Priyanka Chopra remembers being offered Kaminey while filming Dostana (2008) in Miami, Florida, with glimpses of her character Sweetie Bhope and Shahid Kapoor as Guddu. PeeCee stated



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 Vishal Bhardwaj flew down to visit her, saying, “I remember him telling me the story and I said, “Well, she has around 8 scenes.” He answered, "With

their first child later this year. Among the rumored candidates for the action franchise opposite Ranveer Singh were Kriti Sanon and Sharvari. The newest reports say Kriti will join the project soon.

our help, it will be much more. Trust me.” And I did. After this, he promised to make me something amazing for playing the part.

Anil Kapoor to Return to Tollywood After 45 Years?

Divya Delhi: Bollywood veteran Anil Kapoor has a loyal following. Even at sixty, he works hard as a skilled character artist. Because of Animal, Telugu audiences bonded with him more. With his signature mustache and unique flair, Anil Kapoor challenged the Khans in the 1990s.



Interestingly, his career began in Tollywood. He debuted solo in 1980 with Babu's Vamsa Vruksham. Since the film failed, filmmakers here didn't see his potential and he returned to Mumbai. Anil thereafter had blockbuster successes and earned a solid Bollywood presence. Anil

Kapoor may return to Telugu cinema after 40 years, according to rumors. Venky Atluri has reportedly offered him a crucial role in his Suriya-starring film. Confirmation would boost Northern interest in this project. It is unclear if Anil has approved, as he is quite busy with Hindi films.

Soha Ali Khan: 'Being a woman is chaotic

Divya Delhi: The actress and novelist Soha Ali Khan has debuted her podcast series, "All About Her". The show will cover diet, fitness, hormones, work, investing, and mental health for women."All About Her" will feature enlightening and interesting interviews with Malaika Arora, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Smriti Irani, Radhika Gupta, Patralekha, Sunny Leone, and other Bollywood stars. Leading specialists like Dr. Kiran Coelho, Dr. Ranjana Dhanu, and Rujuta Diwekar.

India's most lucrative film produced 100x its budget without stars, ran in multiplexes for a year

Divya Delhi: A layman may think a successful film is a hit. Today, superhit and blockbuster are often used casually. These phrases are mostly defined by the entertainment industry. Superhits are films that double their box office expenditure. Anything more is a blockbuster. Few movies spend more than 5x their budget.This picture made nearly 100 times its budget and ran in theaters for over a year. The narrative of India's most profitable film. Yograj



Bhatt directed Mungaru Male, a 2006 romance drama. Young performers Ganesh and Pooja Gandhi and veteran actor Anant Nag appeared in the low-budget Kannada film. The film was produced for ₹70 lakh.

Mungaru Male became the highest-grossing Kannada film after its December release, celebrating golden jubilees in numerous regions. With 460 days in PVR Bangalore, it was the first Kannada film to surpass ₹50 crore

worldwide and complete a year in a multiplex. By the end of its run, Mungaru Male grossed approximately ₹75 crore globally. An impressive ₹57 crore came from Karnataka, where the film was a business success. Ganesh and Pooja Gandhi were little known when the film was released. But its success made them overnight stars. Over the next five years, both actors became Kannada cinema's most sought-after male and female stars with other hits.

Prena Award Ceremony Held, Women and Teachers Honored



Divya Delhi: The award ceremony was organised by Prena Social Development and Welfare Society at Aman Hotel in Adarsh Nagar, Noida. The event was presided over by the founder of the institute, Palwinder Singh. On the occasion, the women trainees of Prena Foundation were felicitated with certificates of appreciation.

The youth present on the occasion spread awareness and shared useful tips to prevent online frauds. Prena Foundation is a social organization working towards making women self-reliant by training them in sewing machines and beauty parlors free of cost. Active since 2002, it has so far connected more than 20,000 children with education and is constantly striving for a positive change in society. At the end of the programme, prizes were distributed to the winners.



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79th Independence Day Celebrations at Vasant Kunj Enclave, Delhi



Divya Delhi: Delhi's Vasant Kunj Enclave RWA organized a grand event on the occasion of 79th Independence Day. The programme was led by Ashu Chauhan, general secretary of RWA and co-incharge of Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi.

Sangharsh Trust and Bihar. RWA president Dharamveer Singh and Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Sangharsh Trust's Delhi state president Mahipal Birla were also present on the occasion. The programme

began with the hoisting of the flag by all the members. Asian Championship silver medallist Jeevika Tokas was felicitated on the occasion. Children of the society participated in the painting competition and presented their art on

Independence Day, while patriotic songs filled the entire atmosphere with enthusiasm. All the participants were felicitated at the end of the programme. Local residents participated in large numbers to make the festival a memorable one.

Yasha Foundation inaugurates Education Centre at Pathredi, Bilaspur

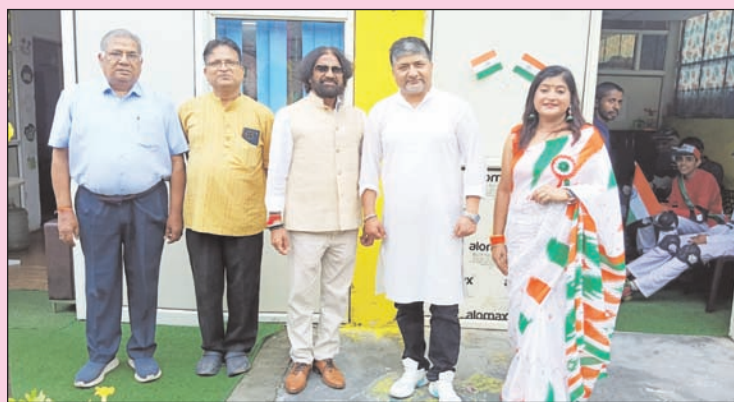


Divya Delhi: On the occasion of Independence Day and Krishna Janmashtami, an education centre for poor children was inaugurated by Yasha Foundation at Pathredi village in Bilaspur, Haryana. The event was organised under the leadership of Foundation Chairman Vinay Sehrawat. He said that the aim of the institution is to connect more and more poor

children with education so that they can not only move forward in studies but also lead a competent life by getting a good job in the future. Among those present on the occasion included Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, BJP state president Swatantra Dev Singh, Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma, BJP

state president Swatantra Dev Singh and national general secretary (organisation) Sunil Bansal. Children presented cultural programmes and dances to entertain the crowd. On this occasion, Ashu Chauhan gave financial assistance of Rs 11,000 to Yasha Foundation, while Mahipal Birla assured all possible support from Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Sangharsh Trust to the organization.

A Noida special school and therapy center celebrated Independence Day



Divya Delhi: The Noida Special School and Therapy Centre celebrated Independence Day with a lot of energy and passion. Principal Anita, Harish Babbar, and chief guest Gulshan Suman hoisted the flag to officially begin the program. The children captivated everyone with their patriotic song the moment the flag was hoisted. Gulshan Suman, the chief guest, was felicitated and, from the platform, sent his thanks and best wishes for



a happy Independence Day. Along with the guests, Principal Anita offered words of encouragement to the students. Concurrently, Harish Babbar expressed his excitement about the impending performance, which will be the first for the special needs students at this school, and wished them well for their future endeavors. At the end of the event, the kids wowed everyone with a ramp walk while carrying the tricolor.

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