

China agrees to ease shipments of rare earth elements



Divya Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi acknowledged the "positive and steady" progress in bilateral ties, which have been guided by respect for each other's interests and sensitivities, and accepted President Xi Jinping's official invitation to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in China. This appeared to be a major milestone in the recent Sino-Indian detente. After meeting with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval to discuss the boundary issue, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called on Prime Minister Modi to deliver the invitation and a message from Xi. Think back to when he and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met for the Special Representatives' discussions on the border issue. While attending the Eurasian bloc summit in Tianjin on September 1, Modi recalled his October meeting with Xi in Kazan, which paved the way for normalization of the relationship following a severe and protracted military standoff.

India will also build its own space station: PM Modi

Rajesh Chauhan

Divya Delhi: On the occasion of National Space Day, a special program was organized at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. During this, Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla along with other astronauts going on the Gaganyaan mission were also present. Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh and ISRO Chairman V Narayanan were also present in the program. Prime Minister Modi addressed this program virtually. In his address, PM Modi congratulated the countrymen on the second National Space Day. 'India is achieving new achievements one after the other in the space sector'. The Prime Minister said that 'The theme of this time's Space Day is from Aryabhata to Gaganyaan. It has the confidence of the past as well as the resolve of the future. Today we are seeing that in such a short time, National Space Day has become a matter of enthusiasm and attraction among our youth. This is a



India is going to build a space station by 2035: Narayanan

New Delhi: ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said on Saturday that based on the guidance and vision of the Prime Minister, we are going to do Chandrayaan-4 mission. We are going to do a Venus orbiter mission. We are going to build a space station by 2035, which will be called the Indian Space Station and its first module will be launched by 2028. Addressing a program organized at Bharat Mandapam on the occasion

matter of pride for the country.' The Prime

Minister said that 'achieving new achievements.

Space is the key to India's future security, Rajnath Singh

Divya Delhi : India's defense minister Rajnath Singh stated that the country cannot afford to lag behind in the space race because it views space not just as a scientific field but as vital to the future of humanity, its economy, energy, and security. Our progress beyond Earth's surface into uncharted space is increasing at a rapid pace. The nation is now completely prepared for expeditions like Gaganyaan, and we have already made our presence known from the moon to Mars," Singh



stated. according to Singh, "for missions like Gaganyaan". The minister spoke highly of the "gems of the country and pioneers of national aspirations"—IAF Group Captains Shubhanshu Shukla, P B Nair, Ajit Krishnan, and Angad Pratap—who are participating in Isro's first space flight mission,

Gaganyaan. Notable attendees were Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, Chief of the Indian Air Force, and Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan. As one of the world's top space powers, India takes great pride in its position. Its space program encompasses more than just research facilities and rockets. It embodies our dreams for the future and our place in the world. "Our films, from Chandrayaan to Mangalyaan, have proven that with little means and boundless.

'Operation Sindoor gave us chance to use space technologies on Pak soil'

Divya Delhi: Space minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday revealed during National Space Day that space technology played a significant role during Operation Sindoor.

While mentioning the operation during which India launched missiles deep into Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack, the minister said, "A few

months ago, you saw Operation Sindoor. What you saw was the full presentation of Indian space technology from Earth to space. All you saw was the energy of two key departments — the department of space and department of atomic energy. But what is more important is that these capabilities have been achieved in the last 10 years.

Shah made the record of being the longest serving HM

New Delhi. Former President of Bharatiya Janata Party and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday made a unique record in his name. He has now become the longest serving Home Minister of the country. Amit Shah has completed 2,258 days on this post, leaving behind the tenure of 2,256 days (6 years 64 days) of BJP veteran.

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TVK will script political history in Assembly elections: Vijay

Divya Delhi: Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) founder and actor-turned-politician C. Joseph Vijay said the electoral fight in the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly polls will be between his party and the DMK. The Assembly poll next year will see the TVK scripting a new chapter in Tamil Nadu's political history, similar to the achievements of the regional parties in the 1967 and 1977 Assembly elections, said Mr. Vijay. The Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) reflected the voices of the people and that it was an unstoppable voice, and an unstoppable force, he added. Pointing out the criticism by his political adversaries about his electoral prospects, Mr. Vijay said the TVK will prove them wrong through its achievements. In a veiled attack on Edappadi K. Palaniswami's leadership of the AIADMK, he questioned the present condition of a grand party founded and run by former



VB accuses Majithia in 40,000-page chargesheet

Divya Delhi: In the matter of disproportionate assets (DA), the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) filed a 40,000-page chargesheet against Bikram Singh Majithia, a leader of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and a former minister, in a Mohali court. In the court of additional sessions judge Hardeep Singh was presented the chargesheet, which was enclosed in four sealed trunks.

Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran. He added that the

The chargesheet has been filed in court, according to public prosecutor Ferry Sofat.

On June 25, as part of the DA case that supposedly deals with the laundering of 540 crore of "drug money," the VB had taken Majithia into custody from his Amritsar residence. While incarcerated in Patiala's Nabha jail, Majithia had her bail application rejected by a Mohali court on August 18.

AIADMK cadres are upset over their party's state of affairs.

Didi, SP won't join JPC on bill for removal of PM & CMs

Divya Delhi : TMC and Samajwadi Party rejected the proposed constitutional change and measures that would have required the dismissal of chief ministers, ministers, and the prime minister in the event that they remained in custody for 30 days, describing the move as a farce. The boycott by TMC was predictable, but SP's move has ratcheted up the pressure on Congress to do the same for the sake of opposition unity. A sense of disquiet has been generated in the opposition camp by SP's decision to ally with TMC. Even within



Congress, many are uncertain about the party's ultimate position and whether or not the leadership will be compelled to shift in order to maintain unity. Up until this point, the tide in Congress has been turning in favor of joining the panel. Party

member Derek O'Brien of the TMC claimed, "The Modi coalition pushing to form this JPC to examine an 'unconstitutional bill' is a stunt performed to create a distraction from SIR." A stunt required to be called a stunt. Yes, I'm pleased we did.

Akhilesh, Stalin, Soren to join Rahul's poll yatra

Divya Delhi : The ongoing 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' of Rahul Gandhi-Tejashwi Yadav is set to become a show of opposition unity, with senior netas of regional parties scheduled to join the 16-day roadshow ahead of its culmination in Patna on September 1. While Tamil Nadu CM and DMK chief MK Stalin will join the yatra on Aug 27,

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav will be part of the show on Aug 30. Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren and other opposition netas will also join the yatra in coming days. Among Congress CMs turning up for the roadshow are Karnataka's Siddaramaiah, Telangana's Revanth

Reddy and Himachal's Sukhwinder Sukhu. MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will be part of the yatra for two days on Aug 26 and 27. The roadshow designed to take forward opposition's offensive of "vote chori" came after a rare unity in anti-BJP ranks which even led to a washout of proceedings in the just-concluded Monsoon session.

In Haryana, 650 private hospitals have discontinued Ayushman Bharat services due to outstanding payments

Divya Delhi : The Ayushman Bharat plan services in Haryana have been suspended by the state chapter of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) due to outstanding dues from empanelled institutions. This is despite the state government's promise to disburse the payments as soon as possible. Nearly 650 private hospitals in Haryana are represented by the IMA. These institutions are part of the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), a government program that offers ₹5 lakh in annual health coverage to families for secondary and tertiary care. Prior to this, the organization had issued a



warning that, beginning on August 7, private hospitals would no longer provide care under the program unless outstanding payments were settled. Sudhir Rajpal, the additional chief secretary (health) of Haryana, had pleaded with the IMA to rethink their decision after meeting with its

representatives on Wednesday. On Thursday, Dhirender K. Soni, the Haryana secretary of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), stated that the state government has not cleared the reimbursement of private hospitals. A sum of ₹490 crore is overdue.

DTC will launch e buses connecting three Delhi ISBTs with Noida

Divya Delhi ; Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) have announced that electric bus services will begin connecting the capital to the soon-to-be-built Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar. Despite the airport's probable failure to meet the May operational deadline, buses will depart from three Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBTs) in Delhi: Maharana Pratap ISBT at Kashmere Gate, Swami Vivekanand ISBT at Anand Vihar, and Veer Hakikat Rai ISBT at Sarai Kale Khan.

Kerala is now India's first digitally literate state

Divya Delhi: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that after achieving full literacy, Kerala has once again set a model by becoming the first state in India to achieve complete digital literacy. Declaring Kerala as the first fully digitally literate state in the country at a function held in Thiruvananthapuram, the chief minister said that as part of the second phase of the Digi Kerala project, every essential documents of citizens will be digitised and linked to DigiLocker. "With this, Kerala is set to become



the first state in the country to universally implement such a system," said the chief minister, addressing the gathering after the official declaration. To ensure continuity of digital literacy, the second phase of the Digi Kerala will also include training to identify and prevent cybercrimes and misuse of social

media, he said. At present, around 9,000 government services have been made available online. In addition, services are being provided through K-SMART. Citizens can now obtain documents such as birth and income certificates, and even file police complaints, without having to visit offices.

Assisting India's constitutional aspirations, ONOE

Divya Delhi: The reform will change the country's economic landscape and help achieve the constitutional goals of social, economic, political, equality, and fraternity. Union cabinet ministers Arjun Ram Meghwal and Bhupinder Yadav, who spoke at a symposium in Delhi in strong support of One Nation One Election (ONOE). According to Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, ONOE is not a hurried choice but rather a change that has been thoroughly debated for decades and can only be enacted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to Bhupinder Yadav, the Union Minister of Environment, holding elections at the same time is not a partisan goal but rather an essential measure for



the sake of the entire country. At the Lawyers Voice symposium on "One Nation One Election: Need of the Hour" held at the Delhi high court, Meghwal stated that if the Lok Sabha and state assemblies were to be elected at the same time, the country's GDP could rise by 1.5 percent, and India's progress towards becoming the third largest economy could be accelerated. Our economy is rapidly growing and will soon surpass all but two of the world's largest.

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.

K'taka cabinet approves internal quotas for SCs; 3 groups to share 17% reservation

Divya Delhi: The Congress government in Karnataka has agreed to revamp the SC internal reservation system after decades of talks, protests, and commissions.

During Wednesday's continuing assembly session, an official announcement will be made regarding this. Some members of the government claim that five categories were initially proposed by the Justice Nagamohan Das Commission, which investigated internal reservation among the 101 SC castes in order



to guarantee a balanced representation. But the government decided to make the matrix easier to understand by limiting it to just three elements. The revised structure states that the Madigas will get 6% of the total

allocation, with the Holeys and Alemari castes sharing that 6%. Fifthly, 5% of the population can be reserved for the Bhovi, Lambhani, and other groups. The cabinet decision has been characterized by backward

During India-Pakistan tensions, Delhi tests air sirens

Divya Delhi : The national capital heard air raid sirens as part of a simulated practice amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan and two rounds of missile and drone attacks from across the border. The Delhi government warned that the Directorate of Civil Defence would test air raid sirens at the Public Works Department (PWD) headquarters in ITO before the rehearsal and not to panic. Testing will begin at 3 PM and last 15-20 minutes. The statement demanded significant social and electronic media publicity to advise the people to be calm and not panic throughout the exercise. District Magistrate (Central) G Sudhakar advised people to stay calm when sirens sound.

classes welfare minister Shivaraj Tangadagi as having community acceptability and con-

sensus. In his post-cabinet media briefing, H K Patil, minister of law and legislative affairs.

Thackerays support Rahul Gandhi, warn workers

Divya Delhi : The Thackeray cousins are invoking 'vote chori' ahead of Maharashtra municipal elections, supporting Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's claims of polling and voter enumeration anomalies. Sena UBT leader Uddhav Thackeray urged party members to check ballot records



for fake voters a day after MNS chief Raj Thackeray raised this issue in Pune. At a Dahisar party worker meeting, Uddhav warned, "Keep your eyes peeled open and check the voter's list to ensure that there are no bogus voters and people are not voting 2-3 times." "How did 40-42 lakh

state voters increase? Find out who inflated the voter list and don't let them vote "If elections are honest, the governing parties can't win. Particularly in Maharashtra." Sena UBT's Sanjay Raut: "Raj Thackeray highlighted this matter before. PM Modi was elected by fraud.

Teens who are in love should- n't have to deal with Pocso

Divya Delhi: Supreme Court emphasized the need to safeguard young romantic relationships rather than criminalize them under the Pocso Act, noting that falling in love is not a crime and that teens should not be regarded as criminals and sent to prison. A bench consisting of Justices B V Nagarathna and R Mahadevan stated that true romantic relationships should be treated differently, whereas the Centre is vehemently opposed to the concept of lowering the consent age from 18 to 16 years. The problem of young people falling in love and then running away is something we're dealing with. That much is true. It is inappropriate to use the same statute (Pocso) in these instances. In cases of true romantic relationships, do not treat the youngsters like ordinary offenders. At the hearing, the court stated, "Social reality should be kept in mind."

The petitions were



SC rejects request to delay central portal registration of Waqf properties

Divya Delhi : The Supreme Court has ordered individuals and organizations to comply with the requirement to register all waqf properties on a centralized digital portal within six months. This order was made because the court is considering the validity of the Wakf Amendment Act 2025, and it has declined to stay the

notification from the Union government. It is now crystal obvious that the court cannot halt the ministry of minority affairs' June 6 notification until it renders its reserved ruling on petitions challenging the 2025 law, according to a bench headed by Chief Justice Bhushan R Gavai. What might possibly be the issue with following the instruction?

HC orders that had protected juveniles who had eloped.

Ensuring the safety of UER-II is our utmost concern: Parvesh

Divya Delhi: A meeting of the UT-Level Coordination Committee was presided over by Parvesh Verma, the Minister of the Public Works Department (PWD) in Delhi, with the purpose of reviewing important infrastructure concerns and speeding up ongoing projects under the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), with a focus on safety measures on UER-II. The newly opened Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II) corridor was the main topic of discussion. This road is expected to greatly



improve regional connectivity and alleviate traffic congestion in Delhi. Parvesh Sahib Singh ordered the Delhi Traffic Police to increase awareness of the importance of safety precautions on UER-II through the use of signage, public announcements, and awareness initiatives.

To ensure a rapid response mechanism in the event of an emergency, the Minister also ordered the deployment of patrolling vans, sufficient personnel, and surveillance cameras along the corridor, with ambulances stationed at regular intervals.

DMRC plans audio ads on pink line, later on violet line

Divya Delhi: The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is set to launch audio ads on the pink line and expand them on the violet line following a nearly two-year trial run, according to an official. Seven trains on the pink line, running from Majlis Park to Jafrabad, and six



trains on the violet line, running from Kashmiri Gate to Tughlakabad, would carry audio

ads. There are commercials for many brands' products and services played over the audio ads. Some of these brands are KFC, McDonald's, LIC, and others. A representative from the DMRC informed that the service will be extended to additional lines based on demand.

CMs, ministers, and the prime minister could face 30 days in prison on major charges

Divya Delhi: Home Minister Amit Shah introduce three bills that would make it mandatory for the Prime Minister, chief ministers, and ministers at the federal and state/UT levels to resign or be removed from office if they have been held for 30 days in a row on charges of crimes punishable by five years or more in prison. But once they're out of jail, the president or governor can appoint them to the same position as prime minister, chief minister, or minister. Both the timing and the consequences of the amendments took political circles by storm, coming only two days before the Monsoon session of Parliament came to a close. Anyone serving a term



of two years or more in prison is disqualified from holding public office under the Representation of the People's Act, 1951. Irrespective of the length of sentence, disqualification follows conviction for major offenses including drug trafficking and corruption.

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Over 200 properties, to be auctioned off by DDA

Divya Delhi : In order to make room for more events over the forthcoming holiday season, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has started an online auction for more than 200 prime sites that are available for a license fee. The properties that are being auctioned off consist of over 115 function sites, kiosks, Aarambh Cafés, Amrit Dhara Food Court, a shopping center, and about 80 locations of mobile towers. The venues are open areas that can accommodate both religious and secular gathering.

Delhi Govt. notifies rules for e-delivery of summons, warrants

Divya Delhi : Officials in Delhi have announced the Delhi BNSS (Service of Summons and Warrants) Rules, 2025, which will allow court summonses and warrants to be sent electronically via WhatsApp and email. They claimed this change will make the summons go out faster. Lieutenant Governor V. K. Saxena had already authorized the notification, which was issued by the home department of the Delhi Government. According to a senior government official,



the police force will be able to focus more on policing and investigations once they are no longer burdened with paperwork and clerical chores thanks to electronic delivery. These days, judges' digital seals and signatures are attached to court summonses that are prepared electronically. After that, the

police will notify the individual by WhatsApp or email. If the electronic delivery fails or the necessary details are not available, the courts have the authority to order physical delivery of the summons, as stated in the Rules. The Rules go a step further in protecting the identities of victims, particularly young girls and women by ensuring that their phone numbers and email addresses are not made public in specific types of cases, such as those involving the POCSO Act.

Former Delhi Riots Responder Satish Golcha Appointed Police Chief

Divya Delhi: After SBK Singh's brief 21-day tenure as commissioner, senior IPS officer Satish Golcha was named the 26th commissioner of the Delhi Police. A public hearing at Rekha Gupta's office in Civil Lines was held, the day before the appointment, and she was attacked. Nonetheless, the authorities insisted that the message was unrelated to the incident. This order was issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, formally appointing Golcha, an officer from the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre who was born in 1992, to the position of chief police officer. Serving as the Special



Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) during the 2020 northeast Delhi riots, Golcha is renowned for his no-nonsense approach and forceful leadership. His tenure runs till April 2027. After Sanjay Arora's retirement, SBK Singh, an officer from the 1988 batch, became chief of the Delhi Police on August 1. His term was probably the shortest of any chief in the force's history. Golcha succeeded him.

The Capital Sees a Surge in Hepatitis Cases During the Monsoon Season

Divya Delhi: On World Hepatitis Day, experts warned that hospitals in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) have seen an alarming increase in hepatitis A and E cases since the rainy season has begun. Children, pregnant women, and individuals with liver illness are particularly vulnerable to this seasonal rise, which doctors attribute to unclean water.

MCD councillors express dissatisfaction over operation of mechanical road sweepers

Divya Delhi: MCD councillors expressed dissatisfaction over the operation of mechanical road sweepers engaged on the ground. They claimed that the functioning of these machines was not supervised properly. The matter was raised by deputy standing committee chairman Sunder Singh Tanwar, who argued that there are 52 MRS machines engaged through contractors for the cleaning of wide roads. "While MCD is spending an average of Rs 2 crore per month on



operating these sweepers, there are no visible changes on the ground, and there is no clarity on when these machines take a round of the area," he said. Councillors have demanded that the route maps of mechan-

ical road sweepers should be shared with them in advance. "These machines operate on roads more than 60 ft wide, and often councillors have expressed dissatisfaction with the waste or dust collected from the

The single window system will be used to grant all permissions to Ramlila

Divya Delhi : A single-window clearance system and a decreased security deposit are just two of the improved services that the Delhi government is providing to Ramlila organizations in the nation's capital. The decision was reached during a special meeting at the Raj Niwas, which was presided over by Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena. Gupta, along with members of the Delhi Ramlila Federation's executive board and high-ranking government officials, attended the meeting. From September 22nd until the 2nd of October, the capital will host this year's Ramlila. The chief minister claims that out of 600 Ramlila performances, 100 are held on a large stage in Delhi.

site. We just want to improve sanitation, and that's why I have asked the department to sub-

mit a plan specifying the operation of these machines and officials supervising them.

Metro link for IGI airport's T1, T3 moves ahead

Divya Delhi: A long-proposed Metro line connecting Terminal 1 of Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) to a new station at Aerocity that will facilitate passenger transfers from Terminal 3 could get off the drawing board soon, people familiar with the matter said.



The Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been finalised to

integrate T1 with the upcoming Golden Line, allowing international passengers arriving at T3 to connect to their domestic flights at T1 via Aerocity within ten minutes," one of the officials aware of the plan said. To be sure, Delhi International Airport Ltd

(DIAL), which manages IGIA had first proposed the extension in 2023, after which the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) conducted a study and submitted a DPR. The plan, however, did not take off then. Work on the rest of the Golden Line, from Aerocity-Tughlakabad, started in 2022.

Editorial

Amit Shah looks sure of ruling till 2049 but Team Modi is losing steam and imagination

Amit Shah had declared at the Bharatiya Janata Party’s national executive meeting in 2018 that the party will win the 2019 Lok Sabha election and “no one can dethrone the BJP for the next 50 years”—that is, till 2069. Last month, the Union Home Minister and BJP chief strategist said in the Lok Sabha that the Opposition parties would be there (on the Opposition benches) “for the next 20 years”— that is, till 2045. Let’s make it 2049 because the Lok Sabha election will have taken place in 2044. It also takes into account Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s goal of making India a developed country by 2047.Modi is looking to remain at the helm till 2035, at least. In his Independence Day address, he said that “in the coming 10 years, till 2035, I want to expand this (national security shield) ...strengthen it, modernise it”. “I” is key here. He will be only 85 by then. And he is much fitter than Joe Biden who demitted the US President’s office at 82. Mahathir Mohamad was the Prime Minister of Malaysia till he was almost 95. You may think I can’t be serious. Talks of 20 or 50 years are just rhetorical, aren’t they? A former BJP MP advised me not to take PM Modi’s reference to 2035 seriously. “The day a leader throws a hint that he is even thinking of a retirement plan, everybody around him starts abandoning him. You can’t afford to do that in politics,” he explained. Maybe. What if BJP leaders truly believe what they say? How else could you explain the Modi-led government’s sudden decision to bring the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, envisaged to unseat the Prime Minister, chief ministers, and ministers on the 31st day of their arrest or detention in custody? The PM figures in it for effect, of course. The proposed legislation places the CMs and ministers at the mercy of mostly Central investigation agencies whose track record in impartiality is better left undiscussed. These central agencies are known to often go out of their way to please the political bosses. The CMs and ministers who are not from the ruling party/coalition at the Centre have reasons to be alarmed by the proposed legislation. It is always prone to being used against the Opposition. Former Union minister Sharad Pawar recently pointed out how during the Manmohan Singh government, it was P Chidambaram who had backed the amendment in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to put the onus to prove innocence on the accused. Pawar told Singh that it was dangerous. “If the government changes, we will also have to face consequences. But the advice was not heeded,” disclosed Pawar. In 2019, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Chidambaram in a PMLA case. He had to spend 106 days in jail before he got bail. The proposed law—Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill—can potentially be weaponized by a ruling party at the Centre (not necessarily BJP) to destabilise governments in states ruled by rival parties (the BJP, included). So, why would Shah or the BJP want to make such a law? The most conceivable answer is that the BJP doesn’t see itself sitting on the Opposition benches in the Lok Sabha ever—till 2049, at least. Look at the Centre’s stand on the Supreme Court setting a timeline for the governors to act on the bills passed by state assemblies. It wants the elected governments in the states to be placed at the mercy of its nominees in the Raj Bhawans. Only a party that is confident of being in power at the Centre forever would want to take such a stand. This confidence of the BJP is reflected in so many other ways—from overturning the SC’s ruling to end government’s control over the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioners and ECs to the alleged use of central investigative agencies to target Opposition leaders. There are many other instances. Here is the catch, though.



GST reform is pointless if it doesn’t simplify tax slabs

Over the last few days, there have been extensive discussions on the prospects of reforming India’s Goods and Services Tax (GST). An important element of the proposed reform is to reduce the present 4-rate structure to a 3-rate one. There could be several objectives behind such a reform. Simplification of the tax structure is an obvious one. Revenue mobilisation could be another, as simpler tax structures are easy to administer and improve compliance. The third is to provide a stimulus to the economy, which is presently dealing with significant uncertainty. I am young enough to be excit-

ed by the prospects of tax reforms, but old enough to know better. More so, given my prior experience in trying to understand the GST. Popular perception suggests there are just four GST tax slabs: 5, 12, 18, and 28 per cent. Why so many slabs for an indirect tax? Because somehow Indian policymaking believes in the progressivity of taxes—even for consumption goods. A lesser-known reality of the GST is that it has a total of eight tax slabs, excluding the exemptions. These start at 0.25 and go all the way up to 28 per cent. Tax rates of 0.25, 1.5, 3 and 7.5 per cent apply to just 1.5 per cent of total

goods traded in India. Some sectors, such as construction services, have six different applicable tax rates ranging from 0 to 18 per cent. The sheer complexity of India’s present GST, even after nine years of existence, should be reason enough for an urgent reform. A major issue with the GST’s present structure is the pervasive use of end-use exemptions. That is, for certain items, a GST rate is applicable – but if the goods are used for a specific purpose, then there is no GST on the item. Therefore, the same item has two different tax slabs depending on the buyer and end-use of the item.

Moreover, it creates room for rent-seeking, as many would exploit the tax arbitrage introduced by having a 0 per cent and 18 per cent tax rate as applicable on the same goods. Administering such exemptions is excessively costly and goes against the spirit of a self-enforcing tax such as the GST. A comprehensive reform would do away with such end-use exemptions and identify a specific list of items, such as food – irrespective of whether packaged, processed, or prepared in a restaurant – to be classified as exempt. Similar exemptions could be extended to certain kinds of insurance.

Why Modi, BJP should worry about bad blood between CEC Gyanesh Kumar and Rahul Gandhi?

Amit Malviya must be a harried man as Rahul Gandhi set out on his ‘Voter Adhikar Yatra’ in Bihar on Sunday. Bharatiya Janata Party’s social media department, headed by Malviya, is facing flak in the Right-wing ecosystem. The reason: its purported failure to counter the Opposition’s narrative about the Election Commission’s special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar. Let’s look at one such thread. Tushar Gupta, whose bio proclaims him to be “anti-Left”, took to X to express his concern about the “fake news” being spread about the electoral process. “Absolutely zero resistance. EC’s press releases are not going to cut it...,” he wrote. His argument was that the 18-24 age group in 2029 would be “reelers”, not readers, and could be easily swung by Gandhi. “And this is exactly what he (Gandhi) is doing right now,” he added. X users reacted to the thread, venting their ire on Malviya, with some even demanding his resignation as the BJP’s IT cell chief. Dr Ratan Sharda, who has written several books on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), agreed with Tushar and said that Gen Z is “not clued on” to the BJP. “The communication, the enunciation, the slogans – all present a middle-aged projection of a young successful party led by the most popular PM of all times whom youth love. @BJP4India needs to reinvent its SM approach and communication,” he wrote. To be fair to Malviya, headline management and narra-



tive-building aren’t so easy after 11 years in power. The belligerence of the Election Commission (EC) in dealing with the Opposition isn’t helping him either. “Give an oath or apologise to the nation. There is no third option,” Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said at a press conference Sunday, taking on Gandhi’s ‘vote theft’ charge. Many Constitutional experts like former Lok Sabha Secretary General PDT Achary have rubbished the EC’s demand for Gandhi’s oath under Rule 20(3)(b) of the Registration of Electors Rules 1960, maintaining that it does not apply in this case. Kumar wouldn’t bother. Since when has the CEC assumed the authority to instruct public representatives to apologise? Even former CEC MS Gill, who joined the Congress and went on to become a Union Minister after retirement, never demanded it from Opposition leaders as long as he helmed the EC. One may not agree with Gandhi’s phraseology—from ‘chowkidar chor hai (the gatekeeper is the thief)’ to ‘vote chori (vote theft)’. He often gets carried away, trying to bring

‘earthquakes’ in Indian politics. But that can’t be the reason for a constitutional body to publicly berate the Leader of the Opposition. Also, it’s not the first time that the EC has been accused of favouring the ruling party. After all, the fact is that the CEC was and still is essentially Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s handpicked man—the ruling party’s choice in that chair. After losing the South Delhi Lok Sabha seat to the Congress in the 1971 elections, Jan Sangh leader Balraj Madhok had gone to court complaining of rigging allegedly facilitated by the ruling Congress and the EC. He had alleged that the ballot papers were chemically treated and mechanically stamped to favour the Congress candidate, Shashi Bhushan. The Supreme Court dismissed his appeal. In 2002, then Gujarat Chief Minister Modi drew censure from Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee for attacking CEC JM Lyngdoh. There are myriad instances of politicians attacking the EC, but no CEC made it a personal issue until now. The body is entrusted to conduct free and fair polls, with no malice toward any party or politi-

cian. If there is bad blood and a public spat between the CEC and the Opposition leaders, it will shake the people’s trust and faith in the election results. And that is the worst thing that could happen to Indian democracy. Instead of attacking Rahul Gandhi, the EC could have simply ordered an investigation into his claims of fake voters in Bengaluru’s Mahadevapura—or, for that matter, the supposedly inflated number of voters in Maharashtra. It could have done a Bihar-like special intensive revision (SIR) in Mahadevapura immediately to rebut the allegations. That would have bolstered its credibility and its Bihar SIR case. BJP leader Anurag Thakur also made allegations about fake voters in the constituencies of Opposition leaders such as Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav, and others. Thakur also accused them of ‘vote theft’. Gandhi and Thakur were making the same disclosure—that voter lists across the country have issues. CEC Kumar hasn’t reacted to Thakur’s allegations yet. Fake voters’ list is no news, anyway. The CEC could have thanked the Congress and BJP leaders for highlighting this issue again and used it to justify a countrywide SIR. What to speak of allegations of irregularities in Assembly or Lok Sabha elections, in the recent Delhi Constitution Club election (in which incumbent and former MPs are voters), Congress leader and former MP Brijendra Singh found to his dismay that his vote had already been cast. So did

another former MP from the BSP. It’s plausible that Kumar—who was Secretary in Amit Shah’s cooperation ministry—is extremely upset by Gandhi’s diatribe against the Commission. The best way to deal with this would have been to invite Gandhi over for Kashmiri Kahwa, as he used to treat journalists with, and thrash it out. But Kumar has chosen to slug it out publicly with the Opposition. What must worry the BJP is the fact that the Opposition’s diatribe against the EC seems to be resonating on the ground. As per a Lokniti-CSDS survey published in The Hindu on Sunday, 45 per cent of the respondents believe that genuine voters may get removed from the voters’ list under the SIR, as against only 25 per cent who said ‘no’. Only 60 per cent of respondents were very or somewhat confident of the EC’s ability to ensure inclusivity. The survey was conducted in six states: Delhi, Assam, Kerala, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. The Lokniti-CSDS survey, as compared to its 2019 and 2024 post-poll surveys, shows declining trust in the Commission. In Assam, the number of respondents who said they have “no trust” in the EC increased from 6 per cent in 2019 to 10 per cent in 2024 and 17 per cent in 2025. In Kerala, this increased from 10 per cent in 2019 and 2024 to 24 per cent in 2025. In Madhya Pradesh, the lack of trust in the EC rose from 6 per cent in 2019 to 22 per cent in 2024 and 2025.

After rosogolla, Odias and Bengalis fight over Mamata’s Jagannath Dham

In the season of Conclave, what if a church suddenly decided to call itself Vatican – not just a tribute, but a claim to spiritual status? That’s what the Mamata Banerjee government effectively did, as far as Odias are concerned, when it named the new Jagannath temple in Digha after Jagannath Dham in Puri, Odisha. For the Odias, this ‘appropriation’ was the last straw and has put them eyeball to eyeball with the Bengalis like never before.Why did Banerjee tread this path? If a temple was her big trip, why a Puri Jagannath lookalike and not something in the tradition of Bengal’s own terracotta temples that dot Bishnupur in Bankura district? Alternatively, it could have opted for something original.Bengalis, it seems, have a peculiar fondness for replicas. During Durga Pujas, Buckingham Palaces, Golden Temples and the Pyramids pop up all over the state – pandals built with bamboo and tarpaulin to house the goddess in the festive season.But

those are temporary structures, dismantled once the pujas end. The Jagannath Temple in Digha is permanent, a silent testimony to the Bengalis’ copycat gene.A few months after becoming the chief minister in 2011, Banerjee was on her way home via Newtown, parts of which today resemble Gurgaon from 50 years ago, when she suddenly halted her vehicle, got off, and stood to survey 480 acres of green dotted with waterbodies.On the spot, she declared it a park – and the next thing we know, in 2013, she was inaugurating Eco Park, a brand-new destination in Kolkata a la Victoria Memorial, or the historic Botanical Gardens with the centuries-old Banyan Tree.That wasn’t the end of it. Past the tree-lined boundary came up the Pyramids of Giza, an Eiffel Tower, a Taj Mahal, a Colosseum, and even a towering Christ the Redeemer – all of them exact replicas of the originals in miniature form.

History teaching requires revision more than textbooks

What does it mean to be a historian in India? Both of us have formally studied the subject. In the years we’ve spent working as public historians, we’ve told myriad stories of India’s chequered pasts through heritage walks, museum trails, cultural events, podcasts, an annual journal, book reviews, articles, and social media posts. We’ve pored over archives and conducted on-ground research. We’ve also translated scholarship into language and experiences that anyone, from an academic to a casual listener, can connect with. Yet, despite this range of work, one question almost always follows when we explain what we do: “Okay, but what is your real job?” The question says as much about our profession as it does about how history itself is perceived in India. After all, how often do Indian households encourage history as a job? A base-level problem here is: how do you support the study of history when it isn’t even clear what a historian does? In childhood, history may occasionally bask in the dreamy, cinematic glow of Indiana Jones and Night at the Museum. Or Bharat Ek Khoj, Akbar-Birbal adaptations, the delightfully

gory Horrible Histories, and Amar Chitra Katha. In adulthood, though, it either fades into collective amnesia, gets wrapped in nostalgia, or turns into a battlefield of contested claims. Where is the middle ground where we carry forward that childlike curiosity, tempered with adult discernment, to engage with the past with the depth and nuance it deserves? A polarising debate has recently been sparked after yet another round of revisions in NCERT history textbooks. But more than textbooks, history teaching requires revision. What do you remember from your history classes? For most, the answers fall into familiar buckets: rote learning of names, dates, dynasties, and wars. There was little room to explore the texture of lived experience, or to ask: how can this subject help me become a better thinker, a more reflective human? The discipline was frozen in time, and with it, many of us felt we too were trapped —

learning about the past in a way that felt wholly disconnected from the present, let alone the future. This is part of the reason historical studies aren’t seen as foundations for sustainable careers. But paradoxically, history seems to dominate our headlines. It’s everywhere: in TV debates, political speeches, social media threads. Everyone, it seems, has something to say about the past. That’s why the current debate on revisions matters. The problem isn’t with ‘updating’ history. Our understanding of the past evolves as our present changes. Every historian is shaped by their time, drawing not only on the materials and theoretical bases available, but also on their own perspectives and questions. So revisions themselves aren’t the issue.

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A competition in India is now Rapido, not Ola, according to Uber's CEO

Divya Delhi : In Bengaluru, According to Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi, Rapido has surpassed Ola in India and is now the company's most formidable rival. Our primary rival in the past was Ola. At this point, Rapido is the more formidable rival in India. They entered the two-wheeler and three-wheeler markets with a zero-commission subscription model in a robust way. Very flimsy too. In an interview with Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath that was released on Sunday, he mentioned that Ola is currently in third place. Khosrowshahi stated that Uber views India as a crucial market. With over 1.4 million drivers spanning vehicles, two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and cars, the country has surpassed all others to become the third-largest in the world according to the company's trip count. "India is a must win for Uber, not just tomorrow, but ten years



from now," stated the CEO. Khosrowshahi credited Rapido's early success to the company's subscription model, which allowed drivers to keep more of their money. However, he did mention that Rapido was "not making money" and that the company's ability to grow financially will be evaluated. "We've got a lot of respect for them and we intend to compete really hard," according to him. The CEO of Uber pondered the larger realm of fast commerce and mobility, telling entrepreneurs not to be paralyzed by concern over market size. "Successful businesses are constantly changing to stay ahead.

PM to inaugurate SEMICON India 2025

Divya Delhi : The administration boasted that the fourth edition of SEMICON India 2025, which has grown double the size of last year's edition, will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 2. New Delhi's Yashob-hoomi (IICC) will host the gathering from September 2-4, 2025. Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, and South Korea will all have their very own pavilions during SEMICON India. The United States, Malaysia will each host one of six country-specific roundtables.

Starting operations with iPhone 17 manufacture, Foxconn's B'luru unit

Divya Delhi: According to individuals familiar with the matter, the Bengaluru facility of the Taiwanese electronics company Foxconn has recently started operations with small-scale manufacture of the iPhone 17. With an investment of \$2.8 billion (about Rs 25,000 crore), Foxconn was established at Devanahalli near Bengaluru, becoming the second-biggest plant outside of China and the largest assembler of iPhones. The manufacturing of the iPhone 17 has begun at the



Foxconn Bengaluru factory. This is on top of what its Chennai unit is already producing, according to a source familiar with the matter. Neither Apple nor Foxconn responded to an email seeking comment on the matter.

Hundreds of Chinese engineers returned suddenly, briefly halting operations. Nevertheless, Foxconn has managed to fill the void by enlisting the help of specialists from a variety of locations, including Taiwan.

DOT Is Waiting for PMO's Decision on Vodafone Idea Relief Options

Divya Delhi: In what could be a lifeline for the faltering telecom provider, the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) has proposed multiple relief alternatives for Vodafone Idea. This comes at a time when the firm is encountering serious financial difficulties

due to the intense competition in the Indian telecom industry. It is clear that the government is cognizant of the dire condition facing one of India's leading telecom companies, Vodafone Idea, because the DOT has taken action to propose relief measures for

them. Although the details of the potential relief options have not been revealed, it is anticipated that they will try to alleviate the financial strain on the corporation. PMO will now decide whether or not to provide Vodafone Idea any kind of help.

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Raw cotton import tariffs will be waived for 40 days as part of government efforts to reduce input prices



Divya Delhi: A government decision published late by the Indian government announced the temporary suspension of the 11% import duty on raw cotton from 19 August to 30 September. This will help the country's textile and garment industries. The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) and other industry groups have been continuously fighting for this policy, claiming that high input costs are reducing competitiveness compared to regional peers. As a result, the proposal has been passed. A tax of 11% was applied to cotton imports before the exemption. Now that September is behind us, experts in the field expect duty-free cotton imports to go on. Cotton imports were subject to levies in India as early as February 2022. From 40-50% to 19% in fiscal 2024-2025, the United States is expected to account for a smaller share of India's cotton imports. When taxes made American cotton too expensive for Bangladesh and Vietnam to import, the textile industry in India began using Brazilian cotton instead, since it was much cheaper.

Expect price cuts for SUVs and sedans as a result of 40% GST cut

Divya Delhi : With the goods and services tax (GST) set to drop from its current level of up to 50% to a suggested 40%—the slab for luxury and sin items—price reductions are likely to affect not only tiny automobiles and two-wheelers, but also large sedans and SUVs. The possibility that the GST Council would impose a new tax on luxury cars is another source of concern. In addition to the 40% tax, several states wanted a cess at the ministerial panel conference on rate rationalization. Sedans and SUVs



with engine capacities above a specific level and length exceeding four meters are currently subject to a cess of 22% and a GST of 28%. Following hints that the Centre is keen on a flat 40% levy on

a handful of sin and luxury products without a cess, the GST Council, headed by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will make a final rate decision next month.

Another setback causes Oyo to postpone IPO plans

Divya Delhi: Due to pushback from SoftBank and the unpredictable stock market this year, Oyo Hotels has decided to postpone its October IPO. Sources close to the situation say that SoftBank has expressed concerns about the planned timeframe and has asked Oyo to delay an IPO until its earnings are more stable. With investor appetite for risk dwindling due to Trump's trade policies, Oyo encounters a bleak market in its third attempt to go public since 2021. While Oyo founder Ritesh Agarwal indeed owns more than 30% of the company.

Meta signs over \$10 billion cloud deal with Google

Divya Delhi : The news comes after Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg's comments in July that the company would spend hundreds of billions of dollars to build several massive AI data centers. The company raised the bottom end of its annual capital expenditures forecast by \$2 billion, to a range of \$66 billion to \$72 billion last month. Meta is seeking outside partners to help it fund the massive infrastructure needed to power AI by offloading \$2 billion



in data center assets, the company disclosed in a filing earlier this month. In June, Reuters reported that OpenAI was planning to add Alphabet's Google Cloud service to meet its growing needs for computing capacity, a surprising collaboration

between two prominent competitors in the artificial intelligence sector. Amid this flurry of deals, Google parent's cloud-computing unit delivered an almost 32% jump in second-quarter revenue in July, which surpassed expectations.

The president signs off on an online gaming bill, and regulations will soon be drafted

Divya Delhi : An announcement states that the comprehensive prohibition on internet gambling in India was signed into law by President Droupadi Murmu after the bill passed the parliament in a record-breaking three days. Both the Lok Sabha and the Senate had already approved the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025 and the president gave his assent to the bill, as reported on the Rashtrapati Bhavan website and by a spokesperson for the Ministry of



Electronics and Information Technology (Meity). Dream11, MPL, and PokerBaazi are among the popular apps that are banned under the new rule, which takes a two-pronged approach by restricting real-money gaming and while supporting e-Sports and online social gaming.

Online money gaming services, including their offering, operation, facilitation, advertising, and financial transactions, are prohibited. According to Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's statement in Parliament, over the past few years, these kinds of games have cost around 450 million gamers ₹20,000 crore.

Sale of IDBI Bank nears as LIC obtains Sebi approval

Divya Delhi : Sebi has approved Life Insurance Corporation's reclassification as a public shareholder from IDBI Bank's promoter after the sale. The RBI's approval is contingent on LIC's voting rights being capped at 10%, no board



representation or influence over the bank's business, and lowering its holding to

15% or less within two years of the deal closing. Dipam informed LIC of Sebi's decision after the Cabinet's 2021 strategic disinvestment in IDBI Bank. UAE NBD received an RBI license to operate a wholly owned subsidiary in India, sparking rumors that

it will acquire IDBI bank. "We acquired up to 51% of IDBI Bank because their recapitalization provided an opportunity," stated LIC chairman R Doraiswamy. Currently 49.2%. The government and LIC will sell part of our interest during

Buyers anticipate GST and price cuts as holiday retail sales take a nosedive

Divya Delhi : Though the news of a decrease in the goods and services tax (GST) has brought joy to consumers and businesses alike, it has also created an unusual dilemma for brick-and-mortar and online stores. According to businesses, festive demand, which typically starts with the Ganesh holiday in Maharashtra and Onam in the south, is being subdued while consumers wait for the GST rates to truly decrease, leading to a decline in retail prices.



In the days leading up to Dussehra and Diwali, the festive opening is typically a very busy time, so this is causing us concern. Companies selling automobiles and consumer products, as well as retailers, are sit-

ting on their hands until a decision is made on the ground, due to the news of a GST rate cut and the imminent fall in retail prices. Stores selling white goods, such as televisions, air conditioners, and

Get ready to travel the world with Indian Ports Global!

Divya Delhi: The consortium plans to buy and run twenty ports in various parts of the world, including India, Africa, and Asia. The Indian government-owned Indian Ports Global Ltd is spearheading a consortium that plans to buy and admin-

ister twenty ports across Asia, Africa, and India, according to two sources familiar with the situation. The Iranian firm that runs the famous Chabahar terminal is looking to expand into other ports in the Indian subcontinent.

dishwashers, have the same challenge. Customers are already contacting us in droves to find out when they may expect to see price reductions. According

to the CEO of a leading consumer products company, buyers are now saying they will wait for the price cut before taking delivery.

Two-third drop in Indian study permits: Canada data

Divya Delhi : In the second quarter, Indian study visa holders for Canadian universities dropped by over two-thirds. The number of Indian study permits issued between April and June 2025 was 17,885, up from 55,660 in 2024, according to IRCC data. Over 66% drop. Compared to 45% in 2024, 32% of study permits were awarded to Indians. The first six months of 2025 saw a drop in Indian students from 99,950 to 47,695. Total study permits fell by about 100,000, from 245,055 in the first half of 2024 to 149,860. The significant fall in 2025 continues a pattern that began in 2024 when Canada cut study permits. These numbers, according to IRCC, are "preliminary estimates" and subject to change, but they reflect Canada's changing acceptance of foreign students, including Indians, amid growing anti-immigrant sentiment. After the intake



exploded post-Covid under then Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Canada's international student program was heavily criticized, becoming an election issue before the 2025 Federal election. Policy adjustments were made due to record immigration, which contributed to housing unaffordability and health and transport infrastructure strain. After leading his party back to power after the April 28 Federal election, Prime Minister Mark Carney stated that temporary residents, including students and foreign workers, will not exceed 5% of the population by 2027.

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 .

Within days of starting, schools in Delhi's CM Shri garner 50,000 applications

Divya Delhi: The recently opened CM Shri Schools in Delhi have received an enormous amount of interest from parents in the short time that admissions have been open. The number of applications has surpassed 50,000 in less than seven days, according to data from the Department of Education.

The numbers show a spike in middle school applications across the board, with over 20,000 for Class 8, over 15,000 for Class 7, and nearly 15,000 for Class 6. The schools, which were included in the budget for the year



2025-26 by the Delhi government, are planned according to the National Education Policy 2020 and the Prime Minister Shri program at the federal level. The plan's stated goal is to raise public school standards to those of highly regarded private schools. Biometric attendance systems, robotics labs,

artificial intelligence (AI) libraries, smart classrooms, and augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) tools have been installed in every CM Shri School. The government has prioritized environmentally friendly infrastructure alongside technological advancements to encourage.

Ajay Singh Maintains His Position as President of the Boxing Federation of India

Divya Delhi : After his panel won easily, incumbent Ajay Singh was re-elected as president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for a third consecutive term. With a score of 40-26, Singh prevailed over Jasal Pradhan of the Sikkim unit. Meanwhile, Pramod Kumar of the UP

unit was chosen secretary general, defeating Digvijay Singh of the MP unit by a score of 36-30. Hemanta Kalita of Assam, who had already served two four-year terms as office-bearers and was thus unable to run for reelection, was succeeded by Kumar. Kalita will now enter the

required cooling-off period. Later in the day, the other candidate, Neeraj Jain of Delhi, rescinded his nomination. In a three-way battle for the position of treasurer, Pon Baskaran of Tamil Nadu prevailed over Anil Kumar Bohidar of Odisha and R Gopu of Pondicherry.

Jamia Millia students will pay a year for failing internals

Divya Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia students must pass internal examinations to take the end-semester exams, or they may lose an academic year. From 2025-26, Jamia's Executive Council will apply the sciences' 40:60 evaluation model—40% internal assessment and 60% final exam—to all undergraduate and postgraduate courses across streams. Official notification states that the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme and postgraduate programmes have been updated to comply with the NEP, 2020. Students must now score at least 40% in internal assessment and final exams independently. Theory exams are now two hours instead of three, while lab courses will remain 50:50 with a 40% pass rule. These restrictions do not apply to statutory entities like the All India Council for Technical Education, Council of Architecture, Dental Council, National Council for Teacher Education, and Bar Council of India. According to the announcement, the new examination and assessment method will apply to all university UG (Four Year UG Programme under NEP-2020) and PG programmes save those administered under regulatory council rules. This signals a major change from the previous system, where many arts and social science courses relied on end-semester exams. As per the internal assessment structure, students in these streams will be assessed through assignments, examinations, projects, presentations, and class participation.

A New NCERT Unit Assigns Partition Blame to Congress, Jinnah, and Mountbatten

Divya Delhi : In a special module published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which implicates the Congress, Md Ali Jinnah, and Louis Mountbatten in the Partition, the Congress has voiced its strong disapproval in New Delhi. Separate editions have been created for Classes 9-12 and Classes 6-8 to commemorate the Partition Horrors.

HC overturns CIC ruling; DU need not divulge 1978 BA records

Divya Delhi: The Delhi high court overturned a Central Information Commission (CIC) order to disclose Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bachelor's degree on Monday. After hearing Delhi University's petition against the CIC verdict, Justice Sachin Datta delivered the reserved judgment on February 27. Neeraj brought the case with an RTI request. PM Modi graduated in 1978, and the CIC opened the records of all 1978 BA test passers in December 2016. The Delhi high court stayed the CIC order on January 23, 2017. Delhi University Solicitor General Tushar Mehta urged to cancel the CIC order during the hearing. He suggested the university



may provide the court with the records. University is fine with showing the court the record. Mehta mentioned a 1978 Bachelor of Arts degree. DU countered the CIC ruling by arguing that student records are fiduciary and that "mere curiosity" without public

interest cannot justify RTI Act publication.

However, the RTI applicants' counsel justified the CIC judgment, stating that the Right to Information law authorizes disclosure of the prime minister's educational details for the public interest.

Companies in the electronics industry are the most welcoming to LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

Divya Delhi : A whopping 71% of businesses in the electronics sector have shown a great desire to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices, making it one of the most welcoming sectors for this demographic. Overall, 64 percent of Indian companies are welcoming of LGBTQIA+ apprentices, so this is just one more example of a larger trend. The January-March TeamLease Degree Apprenticeship Outlook Report emphasizes this change. The majority of electronics and telecom firms (71%) are eager to hire LGBTQIA+ apprentices.

SBI Foundation, IIT Madras give para-athlete scholarships

Divya Delhi : IIT Madras and the SBI Foundation launched a Para-Athlete Sports Scholarship program to empower 100 para-athletes in India. 100 selected athletes will receive a Rs 40,000 monthly stipend and scientific instruction as part of the scholarship. The institute supports their national and international sporting success. Acrophase, IIT Madras' center of excellence for human performance, is giving technical help for this endeavor under Professor Mohanasankar



Sivaprakasam. Interested in inspiring para-athletes, SBI Foundation MD and CEO Sanjay Prakash said, "We feel India's para-athletes have limitless potential. They are inspired by their talent, devotion, and resilience. We launch SBI PASS (Para Athletes Sports Scholarship) to help them achieve their

goals and represent our nation." He continued, "This effort gives our para-athletes recognition, resources, and confidence, not just money. Join us in supporting their journey and achievement. We're happy to support them now and always." Ashwin Mahalingam, IIT Madras dean (alumni and corporate relations), praised the financing, "We cherish our cooperation with SBI Foundation and the opportunities it brings. Our longstanding ideals of diversity and inclusiveness in sports.

Gurukul students apply to IITs for research grants

Divya Delhi : The Setubandha Scholar Scheme, which was established in partnership with the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) division of the Union education ministry to allow scholars trained at Gurukul to do research at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, has garnered nearly three hundred and seventy applications from students at Central Sanskrit University (CSU), New Delhi, for fifty scholarships. Selected applicants can receive doctoral and postgraduate degrees through the program even if they do not have official academic credentials. They will be provided with a monthly stipend ranging from 40,000 to 75,000, a yearly contingency grant of 1-2 lakh, the opportunity to be mentored by faculty



members at both CSU and IIT, and access to state-of-the-art research facilities and workshops. The scholars will work under the guidance of two mentors at IIT laboratories, but they will receive their degrees from CSU. The program's website boasts that it "bridges traditional Indian knowledge systems with modern academic frameworks" and helps "integrate scholars trained in traditional Gurukul systems" into mainstream academia.

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. They paid a visit to DU and had in-depth interviews with eighty people, including faculty, stu-

ED unearths NRI quota admission racket in private medical colleges

Divya Delhi : A large-scale NRI admission racket was uncovered in an investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), with the help of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and its embassies and foreign missions. The racket involved private medical colleges offering admissions on approximately 18,000 reserved MBBS undergraduate and postgraduate seats under the quota, but applicants had to use fake documents. It has been confirmed by India's diplomatic missions abroad that the NRI credentials that were confiscated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) from many private medical colleges and utilized to provide admissions were fraudulent. Additionally, these



admissions were accompanied by counterfeit stamps issued by US-based notaries. Over the past few months, the ED has seized vital evidence through raids at multiple medical colleges in Odisha and West Bengal. The confiscated NRI certificates were thereafter transferred to Indian missions and embassies for verification by the agency.

It was discovered that the majority of them were counterfeit. These medical

schools were paying middlemen to get false NRI paperwork made, according to the investigation. In order to take advantage of the NRI quota for student admissions, the brokers also created false family trees of NRIs, posing as students' relatives when in fact they were completely unrelated. Agents and medical schools have admitted numerous unrelated individuals using the paperwork of a single non-resident Indian (NRI).

UGC Draft Incorporates Ancient Indian Mathematics into Undergraduate Program



Divya Delhi : University Grants Commission (UGC) has recently drafted a new curriculum that includes ancient Indian knowledge systems in undergraduate mathematics courses. These systems include Bharatiya Bijganit (Indian algebra), Kala Ganpana (traditional timekeeping), the Puranas, and concepts from texts like the Surya Siddhanta and Aryabhatiyam. In the proposed curriculum, which is part of the Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) that is in line with the National Education Policy 2020, the UGC has suggested that students study the evolution of Indian algebra and methods such as the Paravartya Yojayet Sutra, a Vedic mathematics approach that means "transpose and apply." In this math, mythology, and astronomy course, students will learn about prime meridian points, ancient observatories, and how Vedic time units (such the Ghatiks and Vighatis) compare to modern-day GMT and IST. In addition, it explains how to find the auspicious times for festivals and ceremonies, or mahurtas, and how to calculate the panchanga, the Indian calendar.

Mukesh refused to accept Ranveer Singh as Shaktimaan after a fan suggested it



Divya Delhi: Mukesh Khanna played India's favorite superhero Shaktimaan from 1997 to 2005, entertaining and educating kids. Even after all these years, watching him defeat baddies in flair is one of the generation's finest memories. The announcement that the beloved TV series and superhero will get a movie thrilled fans. The next Shaktimaan may be Ranveer Singh, according to rumors. The veteran actor has stated in various occasions that Mukesh is not ready to pass the torch to Ranveer.

Mukesh explained his decision in his last engagement. In a Filmygyan interview, Mukesh Khanna refused to accept Ranveer Singh as Shaktimaan after a fan suggested it. You like Ranveer Singh, and I do too. We talked for three hours, and he's an energetic actor. I told him directly: you can play Tamraj Kilvish. Mischievous joy is on his face. People may like Shaktimaan because he makes you dance, but the part deserves a mature actor." Mukesh added that fans warned him not to let Ranveer become Shaktimaan. OG Shaktimaan said, "Actor nahi chahiye, face bhi chahiye. For real-life image galat, toh woh beech mein aati. "Arrey sahab, yeh nashedi ko Shaktimaan mat banana, humare bachpan ki yaadien khatam ho jaayengi."

Good luck this week

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)
It's always the people who have nothing going on who will be the most judgemental. Ignore the criticism and continue on the path you are on. Work through past differences with someone in the team. You're going to be spending long hours at work together and it would be wiser to get along. You may get a job offer or a transfer in the coming weeks. Family matters are manageable as long as everyone minds their own business. Siblings may need you to be a little more understanding .

Taurus (Apr 20- May 20)
Don't regret your choices. Deal with what's in your control and detach from the uncontrollable. There may be a lot of infighting within the team. Or you hear of a scandal at the workplace. Focus on finishing tasks, there may be a lot more work coming your way and it would be wise to be organised. In relationships some issue may be standing in the way. You either detach or turn cold towards someone. The only way forward is to talk about it but you may not be ready to forget or even forgive.

Gemini (May21- June 20)
Don't underestimate yourself. Don't hold back. Tap into your full potential and give it all you've got. You're enroute to success and rewards and there is no time and place for self doubt. Teamwork is highlighted in the days ahead and the more you collaborate for a common goal and the more credit you share, the better things will be. Even in personal matters, breathe a sigh of relief as you get the break you deserve. Toxic connections will be cut once and for all.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)
Detach and disconnect. If you've been feeling overwhelmed by the demands made on you, take a break for a while. Switch off the phone and just recalibrate. Surprising news may come by way of a sudden phone call or message. On the personal front, decline the invites if you need to. Your body may be in need of some complete rest and relaxation. Consider alternative therapies as a long term relief measure.

Leo (July 23- Aug 22)
Stay detached and neutral. Other people are responsible for their words and behaviour. And you can't let them affect you. Minor delays surround you for now, so patience will be the key to getting through this temporary phase. Even at home, someone's constant bickering and complaining may make you feel like running away. Just hold on, this too will pass. On the money front expect a few pleasant surprises in the weeks ahead. Self employed Leos can expect to boost their income .

Virgo (Aug 23- Sept 22)
Looks like you're out and about a lot. Expect sudden short trips out of town for work or travel. And don't expect to get much notice about it either. Issues with a product or service slowly get resolved. And you may find yourself opening up and trusting someone you earlier didn't like. At the home front, there is peace. You and your better half may reach a point of compromise. Or decide to make everyone's wellbeing a priority. Singles may have to face the pressure of getting married.

Libra (Sept 23- Oct 22)
Time for a reality check. Is everything really as rosy as it appears initially. You may find promises have not been kept. Or discover the job is a lot more complicated than you imagined originally. Stick to the facts and take the tried and tested route for now. Discussions with experienced professionals give you the answers you seek. In matters of the heart a person you've been dating may show you their true intentions.

Scorpio (Oct 23- Nov21)
Whatever challenges you may have faced or are currently facing, understand that you will get past this and come up on top. Strength and courage are yours for the asking and don't back down now. Work situations can turn around for the better in an instant. Or an enemy can become a friend. Be prepared for sudden developments and new insights. Good news around your children and younger siblings should lift the spirits. There may be a family celebration.

Sagittarius (Nov 22- Dec 21)
Busy days ahead as you manage resources, make practical decisions, get a clearer idea of your customer and flit from meeting to meeting. Staying calm and organised gets a lot of things done. And you may be given greater responsibilities at work. Don't relax now, the team is watching you and getting inspired by just how you do things. At home you may stay busy nurturing and caring for your loved ones.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan19)
You may find yourself a lot more sensitive than usual. You may react to small triggers. People's callous words. Something you saw on TV. Allergies. Or even certain environments. An innocent conversation could turn into a debate or misunderstanding. Before you react, ground yourself and understand your own energies are changing and preparing you for the next stage of your growth. Healthwise start taking better care of yourself.

Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 18)
If you're feeling tested, frustrated or just tired, remember this is your sign not to give up. Dig deeper and believe you are braver than you think. Hang in there. Problems with coworkers at the workplace need you to be less emotional and a lot more practical while dealing with them. A project that requires a lot of rework may get tiresome but will be rewarding when it's over. Even in your personal life you may make peace a priority as you choose some much needed quiet time for your soul.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)
It's all about communication. How you speak, how you write and most importantly how you listen to others. Watch your tone and refrain from giving it back to someone who is rude to you. Double check any message, document or presentation for errors and be very mindful while taking instructions. Your love life perks up as you could meet a sparkling stranger who feels like a burst of fresh energy. Travel opens up your mind and refreshes your spirit.

Net worth of renowned Indian comedians and hosts Kapil Sharma, Bharti Singh

Divya Delhi: Laughter Chefs' Bharti Singh and Krushna Abhishek have won hearts with their comedy and hosting. A new season is coming shortly. Kapil Sharma, Sunil Grover, and others have entertained audiences with The Great Indian Kapil Show. Indian humor has become one of the biggest features of TV, with comedians becoming famous and wealthy.



These comedians rose from Comedy Circus to The Kapil Sharma Show. Let's examine the wealth of some of India's most famous comedians and hosts.

he started his career with Rs 500. Kapil has established himself in the entertainment sector via hard work and dedication. With an estimated net worth of Rs 300 crore, Kapil is one of the most successful and highest-earning TV superstars. Bharti Singh is a prominent Indian comedian. Barti's 2025 net worth is projected at Rs 25–30 crore. The Kapil Sharma Show's funny characters, including Gutthi.

Chaddha says she'd 'want to be offered roles beyond just being a mother'

Divya Delhi: In ZEE5's slice-of-life dramedy "Bakaiti", versatile actress Sheeba Chaddha reprises her realistic approach as Sushma Kataria. Sheeba said she wants scripts that push her as an actor, despite her successful career. She loves exploring components that break molds and reveal additional levels. "It would be even more exciting to have more exciting writing offered to me," she stated. Sheeba said, "I am phenomenally happy with the kind of sets I go to, the kind of people I



work with—honestly, such a blessing, but I would love to have more exciting writing offered to me where the role is not just a mother but a lot more In her most recent excursion, Sheeba played the Kataria family matriarch with warmth, humor, and unshowy depth in "Bakaiti". She binds the family. In the colorful streets of ancient Ghaziabad, "Bakaiti" followed the Kataria family

as they dealt with sibling rivalry, financial difficulties, and daily mayhem. Sheeba's character becomes the emotional anchor when Naina (Tanya Sharma) is forced to share her room with her prankster brother Bharat (Aaditya Shukla) and a sudden twist threatens their fragile peace, reminding us that love and laughter can hold a family together. Sheeba has played noteworthy characters in films including "Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam", "Parzania", "Delhi 6", "Luck by Chance", and "Talaash".

Court summons YouTuber Armaan and his two wife for multiple weddings

Divya Delhi: YouTuber and Bigg Boss OTT 3 star After two Patiala district court summons, Armaan Malik and his wives, Payal and Kritika, are in legal jeopardy. Court has summoned all three to appear on 2 September. The summons follows Davinder Rajput's petition alleging that Armaan Malik had four marriages, breaking the Hindu Marriage Act, which allows just one marriage per Hindu. The petition charges Armaan and Payal of bigamy and religious insensitivity. Outrage ensued when Payal dressed as Hindu goddess Kali in an Instagram video. Petitioner argues this behavior offended religion and is illegal under Indian law. Post-backlash, Armaan and Payal Malik sought public atonement. The couple prayed at the



Do You Wanna Partner' stars Tamannaah and Diana Penty?

Divya Delhi : “Do You Wanna Partner” starring Tamannaah Bhatia and Diana Penty will premiere on Prime Video on September 12. Tamannaah Bhatia and Diana Penty star in Do You Wanna Partner, a September

12 Prime Video debut about two best friends starting an alcohol company. Prime Video announced the series on their Instagram account with the poster. “Raising a toast to their lovely brew. formed a seven-day religious punishment of temple cleaning and rites. The couple then requested pardon from Niranjani Akhara Acharya .

Raghav Chadha, Parineeti Chopra announce pregnancy

Divya Delhi : Actor Parineeti Chopra revealed her first pregnancy with politician Raghav Chadha. The pair informed fans and well-wishers on social media. They captioned a sweet video of them walking hand-in-hand, "Our tiny universe is coming. Abundantly blessed." The couple received



congratulations from Sonam Kapoor, Bhumi Pednekar, Huma Qureshi, and Neha Dhupia in the comments. Raghav Chadha and Parineeti Chopra wedded in a magnificent Udaipur wedding on September 24, 2023. The couple was joined by intimate friends, family, and politicians

and actors. On Kapil Sharma's Netflix comedy show on August 9, the couple was asked about having a child. Chopra and Chadha smiled and joked about having a baby soon. Fans have followed Parineeti's rise from screen to public life and are thrilled by her pregnancy.

Vanga Says Vijay Starrer ‘Changed His Life Forever’

Divya Delhi : Vijay Deverakonda and Shalini Pandey appear in Arjun Reddy, which opened on August 25, 2017. As the film becomes eight years old today, director Sandeep Reddy Vanga reminisced about its shoot. He wrote a touching note thanking fans for their unwavering support of his directorial debut. He released a nostalgia video alongside Vijay Deverakonda and dubbed it a life-changing film. Vijay shared the director's tweet and added a heart.

Manish Malhotra's Gustaakh Ishq is about nostalgic love

Divya Delhi : Famous designer Manish Malhotra launched the teaser for his film 'Gustaakh Ishq' starring Naseeruddin Shah, Vijay Varma, and Fatima Sana Shaikh. Movie trailer looks like a moving painting. Stage 5 Productions, Manish Malhotra's production company, will bankroll this film, marking his producing debut. The film's vintage love teaser makes it even more remarkable for cinephiles. Beautiful cinematography and production



design enhance the experience. Gulzar and Vishal's charm will return in 'Gustaakh Ishq'. After the teaser, Naseeruddin Shah adds, 'Na hanste hain, khush hote hain toh rote hain, ye musafir mohabbat ke ye bade ajeeb hote hain...'

'Gustaakh Ishq' is a love story of passion and hidden desire set amid Old Delhi's bylanes and Punjab's fading kothi. Architecture retains memories and music conjures longing. The Vibhu Puri-directed film stars Naseeruddin Shah,

Sharib Hashmi, Vijay Varma, and Fatima Sana Shaikh. Vishal Bhardwaj composed 'Gustaakh Ishq' and Gulzar wrote the lyrics. Vishal Bhardwaj and Gulzar have worked on over 20 projects, including The Jungle Book and other films. Their critically acclaimed films Maachis, Omkara, Haider, and Kaminey feature Gulzar's lyrics for Bhardwaj's music. After 'Dhadak 2' and 'Saiyaara', 'Gustaakh Ishq' may be the next romantic film.

Dr. Ishan Shivanand's book The Practice of Immortality was released in a grand way



Divya Delhi. Acharya Dr. Ishan Shivanand's new book *The Practice of Immortality* was released in a grand way at Yoshbhoomi in Dwarka, Delhi. IAS officer Preeti Agarwal from the Home Ministry was present as the chief guest on this occasion. Within a few days of its launch, it became a USA Today bestseller and reached the first position on Amazon India. This book has been published by Penguin



Random House and Hachette in 4 languages in 15 countries. The Yoga of Immortals protocol presented in it was found to be 82%

effective in medical tests. A press conference was organized during this. In the press conference, Dr. Ishan Shivanand informed that

this book has been written to inspire the youth. Ishan Shivanand's *The Practice of Immortality* has given a new direction to the universities. After the launch of the book, many educational institutions have adopted the Yoga of Immortals program. This book is proving to be effective in resolving the stress of students and the Indian knowledge system is now becoming the pivot of global health and wellness.

Organizing a blood donation camp on World Brotherhood Day



Divya Delhi : In honor of World Brotherhood Day and the memorial of Prakashmani Dadi Ji, Brahma Kumari Sanstha held a blood donation camp in Paschim Vihar, Delhi. Expert medical professionals and their Rotary Club colleagues offered technical assistance on this occasion. The selfless act of donating blood was carried out

by thousands of individuals. Officially lighting the lamp, program chief guests Madhu Suri and Arun Tandon were among those present to launch the camp. From the stage, they welcomed the blood donors and offered them certificates and medals as encouragement. The vibrant dance performances by the children during the cultural



event won over the hearts of everyone in attendance. All of the guests agreed at the end of the show that Brahma Kumari

Sanstha was doing a commendable job of planting the seeds of brotherhood, unity, and collaboration in the community.

A memorial to martyr Ramfal Mandal, held as part of the grand Nav Jagriti Katheria Dhanuk Samaj



Divya Delhi : An iconic social event was staged at the Raja Rammohan Rao Memorial Hall, ITO, Delhi, by the Nav Jagriti Katheria Dhanuk Samaj Mahasangh (Regd.). In observance of the seventh anniversary of the Mahasangh's foundation and the martyrdom day of Ramfal Mandal, this gathering was planned. As the event's host, National President Sagar

Katheria thanked the community members who had traveled from all across the nation and offered floral tributes to victim Ramfal Mandal. Nav Jagriti Katheria Dhanuk Samaj Mahasangh is striving to educate, organize, and empower the grassroots level of society, he said in his address. At this event, numerous luminaries, such as Munnalalal

Katheria, Jamuna Katheria, and former IRS officer Kamal Kishore Katheria, encouraged the public to emulate Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. Additionally, President Sagar Katheria stated that the Dhanuk community will soon reach new heights and establish its own national identity due to the Federation's rapid activity.

A magnificent event called "Sanatan Sanskriti Samagam Samman Samaroh" was conducted by the Geetanjali Foundation.



Divya Delhi : The "Sanatan Sanskriti Samagam Samman Samaroh" was held in Delhi's Maharashtra Sadan by the Geetanjali Foundation. Annu Jha was instrumental in the smooth running of this operation. There were numerous luminaries in attendance, including chief guest Ramdas Athawale and Jitendra Singh Senti. A spellbinding Ganesh Vandana and the lighting of lamps marked the beginning of the show. Distinguished individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the realms of art, culture, and



social service were feted on this momentous occasion. The program's standout highlight was the Divyang children's stunning pers-

formances. The guests and audience were captivated by the cultural acts, which included music, dance, and more. The entire envi-

ronment was positively charged by the children's ability and energy. The distinguished visitors offered their praises for the occasion, noting that events like these motivate individuals who feel they have no power and contribute to societal transformation for the better. Such gatherings, they said, should go on. The goal of the Geetanjali Foundation's initiative is to foster a more egalitarian, culturally sensitive, and socially engaged society. The move was admirable since it helped spread.

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