

India overcomes Korea in Asia Cup, qualifies for 2026 World Cup



Divya Delhi: India won the Asia Cup final 4-1 over defending champion Korea to secure a ticket at the 2026 World Cup after an eight-year wait. Though the scoreline suggests an easy triumph, it was anything but. Korea battled valiantly, but India won due to individual talent and tactical dominance. India adjusted to a very different and difficult opponent by swapping flanks and moving in the middle to create space. Coach Craig Fulton said his team would play the game, not the occasion, be clinical, and improve in some areas despite the big win against China the day before. Less dominant yet equally clinical, the team performed. Sukhjeet received Harmanpreet's ball on the dotted line and sent a reverse shot into the Korean goal 31 seconds into the game, India's fastest goal of the competition. Clinical accuracy produced chances, not brute force. After Harmanpreet 28th-minute aerial was wonderfully caught by Sanjay inside the circle, Dilpreet made it 2-0 at halftime.

Kunbi certificates to Marathas, Bhujbal would petition the court

Divya Delhi : The decision to approve the Hyderabad Gazette and the 'one-club' formula for issuing Kunbi caste certificates has caused a schism within the BJP-led Mahayuti government, which allows beneficiaries to claim Other Backward Class (OBC) membership. Not only has Mahayuti's action splintered the current administration.

MPs elect VP today

Rajesh Chauhan

Divya Delhi: The stage is set for the vice-presidential election on Tuesday, with National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee and Maharashtra governor CP Radhakrishnan holding a commanding lead against opposition INDIA bloc candidate and former Supreme Court judge B Sudershan Reddy.

The poll was triggered by Jagdeep Dhankhar's sudden resignation on July 21. With BJP-led NDA commanding approximately 427 votes in the 781-member electoral college - well above the required majority of 391 - Radhakrishnan is poised for a decisive victory. Support from non-INDIA bloc parties, such as YSR Congress Party (11 MPs), further strengthens NDA's position, while Biju Janata Dal (7 MPs) and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (4 MPs) have confirmed they will abstain from voting. Polling will take place in Parliament House from 10am to 5pm and counting of votes will begin at 6pm. The result is expected late evening. Unlike other votes where MPs have to follow the party 'whip', election



Electoral college for the VP election comprises 781 members

According to election rules, "The figures may be marked in the international form of Indian numerals, in Roman numerals, or in any Indian language's numeral form, but shall not be indicated in words." This ensures clarity and uniformity in the voting process. The electoral college for the VP election comprises 781 members -

for VP is by secret ballot, and members are not obliged to follow directives. In practice, however, few can stray, and that should ensure, barring the unlikely prospect of large scale cross-voting, a comfortable win for NDA's nominee.

542 from Lok Sabha and 239 from Rajya Sabha. The majority mark to elect VP is 391. NDA's 427 MPs significantly outnumber the opposition's 354, giving Radhakrishnan a clear advantage. The seven nominated MPs, who have not joined any party, could invariably go with the governing alliance Radhakrishnan.

On the poll's eve, both the NDA and the Congress-headed opposition held separate meetings with their MPs to explain the election process and conducted mock polls to ensure preparedness.

The president's tone changes as he calls US ties with India "special"

Divya Delhi : Praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "great Prime Minister" and acknowledged that the relationship between India and the United States was going through a "momentary hiccup," assuring that there was "nothing to worry about" in the two countries' agreements. Just the day before, Trump had said that the United States had "lost" Russia



and India to China, and officials of his cabinet had ratcheted up their rhetoric against New Delhi. These comments show a significant

change in tone for Trump. When confronted about his social media post that alluded to the loss of "India and Russia to deepest, darkest China," Trump responded, "I don't think we have [lost India]." The fact that India is purchasing so much oil from Russia has saddened me greatly. "And I made sure they knew that." Modi and I will always be buddies.

Why Off-Campus DU Colleges Find It A Struggle To Fill Seats

Divya Delhi : Despite the fierce competition for a Delhi University (DU) seat, hundreds of undergraduate spots lie vacant every year, mostly in off-campus colleges. This year, the university is trying something new: allocating up to 100% more students to these colleges to ensure fewer empty seats. But why do these institutions fail to attract

enough students in the first place?

Is it the branding gap between North Campus and the rest of DU, or do deeper concerns like poor infrastructure and lack of visibility drive students away? Stakeholders to understand what keeps aspirants from opting for off-campus colleges, even when it means giving up a DU degree.

Canada recognizes that Khalistani groups are receiving funding from Canadian sources

Divya Delhi : Canadian officials have confirmed that violent extremist groups in Khalistani receive funding from inside the country. The Canadian government's assessment of the risks associated with money laundering and terrorist financing in the year 2025



revealed this. The Canadian people and networks provide financial

support to pro-Khalistan groups, which fall under the category of politically motivated violent extremism (PMVE). This information has been noticed by law enforcement and intelligence services. Two of these organizations are on Canada's criminal registry as terrorist groups.

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Hindu marriage valid even if not registered: High court

Divya Delhi: Holding that a Hindu marriage does not become invalid merely because it is not registered, the Allahabad high court has clarified that a family court cannot insist on the production of marriage registration certificate in a petition filed for divorce on mutual consent. "It is settled that the registration certificate of a marriage is only a piece of evidence to prove the marriage and absence of registration of marriage will not invalidate the marriage," the court added. With the above observation, the court set aside the order of a family court at Azamgarh, junking applications of petitioners for exemption from producing a registration certificate. Allowing the writ petition filed by one Sunil Dubey, Justice Manish Kumar Nigam in his order delivered on August 26 observed, "When a Hindu marriage is solemnized in accordance with the provisions of Hindu



NGT imposes Rs 25 lakh fine on two units in Noida

Divya Delhi : In view of depleting groundwater, there is a threat of irreversible damage to the environment leading to scarcity of drinking water, the National Green Tribunal has said while slapping Rs 25 lakh on two units in Noida for unauthorised extraction of water. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel noted that there is no operative non-objection certificate (NOC)

Marriage Act, 1955, in order to facilitate proof of such marriage by

as far as Noida Golf Course and Advant Navis Business Park are concerned. Noida Golf Course and Advant Navis Business Park have to pay an interim compensation of Rs 25 lakh, which may be deposited with the Central Pollution Control Board within one month, the tribunal said. The green panel was pursuing a report filed by a committee of the CPCB and Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

Section 8(1) of the Act, 1955, the state governments are empowered.

Save the nation's soul by voting for me: Oppn VP pick to MPs

Divya Delhi: opposition vice-presidential candidate B Sudershan Reddy urged MPs to vote for him above party lines to save the nation's soul, lamenting that government policies are marginalizing weaker groups and youth and hinting that Rajya Sabha proceedings are guided by partisan interests of the governing party. A former SC judge said his candidacy is not a "personal aspiration but a collective effort to protect and strengthen our democratic fabric". Reddy pleaded with the electoral college in a 12-minute video, "This election has no party



whip and a secret ballot. Love for the country, not political party affiliation, should lead your choice. Each of you must uphold our nation's conscience and soul." In the wake of the Jagdeep Dhankhar resignation controversy, Reddy repeatedly urged the VP to be impartial

and guide discussions beyond immediate political concerns and in the national interest. As an experienced public servant, he claimed "to serve as an impartial and dignified custodian of parliamentary traditions" due to his knowledge of democracy.

RLJP and JMM are expected to join the INDIA group in the state

Divya Delhi : The Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) under Pashupati Kumar Paras and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha under Jharkhand Chief Minister Soren are expected to join the opposition alliance "soon" to contest the upcoming assembly elec-

tions in Bihar, potentially extending the INDIA bloc. Held at the official residence of RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, the issue was discussed during a crucial meeting of INDIA bloc leaders. "Two more parties are expected to be part of the INDIA bloc soon and

we all have to sacrifice our share of seats to accommodate the new partners." He went on to say that the 243 constituencies were all being worked on by the coalition. The bloc's initial gathering following the successful two-week Voter Adhikar Yatra.

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Centre, Kuki-Zo groups & Manipur sign pact: Hill state's integrity in focus; NH-2 reopens

Divya Delhi : The Ministry of Home Affairs, the Manipur government, and Kuki-Zo groups signed a tripartite Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement paving the way for peace in the ethnic conflict that erupted. In the fresh agreement, the central government, the Manipur government and the Kuki-Zo groups have agreed to maintain the territorial integrity of Manipur, open National Highway-2 (NH-2) for free movement, and relocation of militant camps. NH-2, a vital supply route linking Manipur with Nagaland and the rest of the Northeast, had remained blocked during the ethnic unrest that broke out in May 2023.



The conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities has since caused extensive violence, loss of lives, large-scale displacement, and a worsening humanitarian crisis. The three sides also agreed on the need for a negotiated solution to bring lasting peace and stability to Manipur, reduce the number of designated camps, relocate the weapons with nearest CRPF/BSF camps and stringent physical verification of militant cadres by security forces to delist foreign nationals, if any, reported news agency,

HC vacates Rampal's death sentence in 2014 assault case

Divya Delhi : After a police siege at his Hisar ashram in 2014 killed five women and a toddler, self-styled godman Rampal had his life sentence suspended by the high court of Punjab and Haryana. Since November 2014, Rampal, the seer-styled godman who oversees the satiok Ashram in Haryana, has been incarcerated in relation to the assassination of five women and an 18-month-old infant. After a series of confrontations between police and his followers outside the ashram in Barwala, Hisar, lasting several days, he was finally taken into custody on November 19, 2014. A mother and a toddler eventually passed away at the hospital, while four women were found killed in the ashram after the stand-off



ended. As a result of the altercation, 110 police officers and 70 civilians were wounded. In relation to the violence in 2014, senior advocate Vinod Ghai, who represents Rampal, stated that he was the subject of five separate criminal prosecutions. In separate hearings held on August 28 and

September 2, the self-styled godman's sentence was suspended in two cases involving the deaths of five women and a child. The bench of justices Gurvinder Singh Gill and Deepinder Singh Nalwa noted that the man, who is 74 years old, has already served 10 years, 8 months, and 21 days

59K applicants affected by technical difficulties will be able to retake the SSC exam

Divya Delhi : S Gopalakrishnan, the chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), stated that over 59,000 applicants who experienced technical difficulties during the examination will be given a special re-exam in three sessions. In order to "resolve the matters, retest the solution and improve operational matter," he said, the SSC Combined Graduate Level (CGL) exam, which was originally planned for August 13, has been pushed back to mid-September.

of actual imprisonment. Everyone was able to see the hearing orders.

Delhi Police cracks down on UER-II motorcyclists

Divya Delhi : Delhi Police have started cracking down on bikers and motorcyclists using the recently opened Urban Extension Road II (UER-II), penalising at least 24 errant riders given that these vehicles are not allowed to move on the multi-lane corridor connecting Delhi and Haryana, two officers said. Police said that most of the motorcyclists are using the road for joyrides and recording reels. "We deployed police personnel on the UER-II corridor's



section falling under the territorial jurisdiction of the Najafgarh police station to conduct surprise checks and prosecute motorcyclists moving on the stretch. During the drive, we stopped at least 24 two-wheelers and

issued challans to their riders. Some of them were members of bikers' groups, who usually go on a joyride on weekends on their sports bikes that cost lakhs of rupees. They were let off with no further action," an officer said.

Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana is Launched by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar

Divya Delhi: Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana, a new initiative in Bihar spearheaded by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, was launched with the purpose of creating job possibilities for women. In addition to launching the scheme's homepage, the Chief Minister kicked off multiple publicity vans to spread the word about the Yojana. One woman from every household in the state will receive seed money to launch her own business under this program. The initial round of funding will consist of 10,000 rupees sent to each chosen woman via DBT so that she can launch her chosen career path. The project will be carried out by the Bihar Rural



Livelihood Promotion Society, Jeevika, with the Rural Development Department serving as the coordinating agency. The following step is an evaluation six months after the start of employment. If necessary, the chosen women would receive additional help of up to 2 lakh rupees. Villages and towns will be equipped with local markets, often known as haat bazaars, where women can sell their wares.

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.

Supreme Court Dismisses PIL Challenging E20 Petrol Policy & Seeking Ethanol-Free Fuel Option

Divya Delhi : The Supreme Court dismissed a PIL challenging the Union Government's Ethanol Blending Programme mandating the sale of petrol blended with 20% ethanol (E20). Senior Advocate Shadan Farasat, for the petitioner, referred to a 2021 NITI Ayog Report, which he said, expressed concerns about the impact on older vehicles which are not compliant with E20. He clarified that the petitioner was not against Ethanol-blending, but was only seek-



ing an option of Ethanol-free petrol for vehicles manufactured before 2023, which are not compatible with E20. Farasat said that only vehicles which are manufactured after April 2023 are compliant with E20 petrol. He

referred to reports regarding 6% drop in fuel efficiency due to the use of E20. He highlighted that the NITI Ayog also expressed concerns about the lack of availability of E10 or E0 petrol options in parallel.

Trying to return to UP , BSP organized a Lucknow rally on Kanshi Ram's death anniversary.

Divya Delhi: Mayawati aims to launch the 2027 Uttar Pradesh assembly election with a display of strength on October 9, party founder Kanshi Ram's death anniversary. The BSP will rally at Lucknow's Kanshi Ram Memorial. The party has called on workers across the state to attend the protest and used the



"Lucknow Chalo" slogan to motivate them. After losing the 2012 assembly election, BSP leader Mayawati will address party workers at the event. She has been spending most of her time in her bungalow on Mall Avenue. "Behenji will give a message to the party cadre from the Kanshi Ram Memorial

for the preparation of the 2027 assembly election and motivate the workers who are downcast due to successive defeats of the party in the assembly and Lok Sabha elections," a BSP leader said. The Manyavar Kanshi Ram Ji Smarak Sthal, or Kanshi Ram Memorial, built after BSP won the 2007 UP assembly election.

CM launches NDMC’s ‘Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi’ educational initiative

Divya Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the New Delhi Municipal Council’s (NDMC) educational initiative, “Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi”, at Talkatora Stadium. The initiative includes the introduction of a new curriculum for NDMC school students. "The initiative emphasized Indian philosophies and the Guru-Shishya model, yoga and wellness education, and learning in natural surroundings, along with environmental stewardship and nature-based learning," said the CM. She added, "Under the new curriculum, we are not only teaching development but also heritage - ensuring our students connect life values with cultural values and grow into great personalities for the nation." Vice Chairman NDMC Kuljeet Singh Chahal, who was present at the event, said, "The first objective will be to help in furthering the thinking and idea of a developed India of the Prime Minister.



Free electricity up to 1,200 units for Ramleela and Durga Puja committees

Divya Delhi : The Delhi government will provide free electricity up to 1,200 units to Ramleela and Durga Puja committees and meters for the same will be installed on just 25% security deposit, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said. Moreover, to ease administrative hurdles, the government will issue no-objection certificates (NOC) for various services through a single-window system, eliminating the need for these organising committees to approach multiple departments, the CM said. Gupta added that public amenities such as toilets, security arrangements, health-care services, ambulances and fire brigades will also be ensured at the venues of Ramleela and Durga Puja. She made the announcements after meeting representatives of Ramleela and Durga Puja committees at the Delhi Secretariat. Under the "Vikas Bhi Aur Virasat Bhi", new courses have been included from Panch Pran, Learning from Nature, Yoga, and the Indian Knowledge Tradition."

Student concession Metro passes on the way, says CM

Divya Delhi : Rekha Gupta, chief minister of Delhi, recently announced that the city will finally grant students' long-sought request for discounted metro passes. "This Delhi government will ensure that the metro passes are supplied shortly. Up till now, they have been unavailable. During her talk at the annual function 'Swayamsiddha 2025' at Delhi University's Sports Complex, Gupta assured the audience that the facility would be made available to their pupils. Gupta, who was president of



DUSU many years ago, reflected on her undergraduate days as the Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) elections approached. The primary contestants included the RSS-backed ABVP, the Congress-backed NSUI, and the Left-backed student wings AISA and SFI. The CM gave an impassioned speech in which she thanked the ABVP for helping her launch her career and encouraged college students to find a "cause" to devote their time to. "Joining ABVP means joining a cause," the CM told the students.

NDMC approves night food bazar at Connaught Place & India Gate

Divya Delhi : NDMC approved 16 major proposals aimed at improving civic infrastructure, enhancing public services and promoting citizen welfare. Among the key initiatives that received the nod was a 'night food bazar' at Connaught Place and India Gate. The project

will see 50-60 food trucks operating daily between 10.30pm and 1am, offering a wide range of food and enriching the night-time experience for locals and tourists. The concept was proposed by Delhi minister and NDMC ex officio member Parvesh Verma. He said the project will be developed along the lines of successful night markets in other parts of India. "Indore's Sarafa Bazaar, a jewellery market by day, transforms into a night street food market, serving a wide variety of local delicacies late into the night.

CAPSULES

Angry Delhi attorneys want BNSS changed because of LG's witness VC ruling



Divya Delhi : The leaders of the bar in Delhi have called for the modification of four "contentious" parts of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in response to the recent order permitting formal police witnesses to appear through video conferencing. Among these sections are Section 530, which allows for the expedited conduct of all trials and proceedings through electronic means; Section 308, which mandates the recording of evidence in the presence of the accused, at locations designated by the state government, using audio-video electronic means; and Sections 265 and 266, which permit the recording of prosecution and defense witnesses using audio-video electronic means. According to the attorneys, the remaining two parts could potentially provide the prosecution an unfair advantage during the trial. Members of the bar association went on to say that although VC should be used for regular appearances and bail arguments, witnesses should not be allowed to record evidence outside of the courtroom.

Employees will be moved from non-operating Mohalla Clinics to operational ones

Divya Delhi : Delhi administration has instructed employees of the shuttered Mohalla Clinics to report to other operational Mohalla Clinics located throughout the city. In response to the "non-availability" of doctors, the Delhi health department ordered the closure of 31 Mohalla Clinics that had been operating out of temporary buildings and portacabins around the city. Another order was issued mandating the prompt relocation of personnel from these clinics to other operational Mohalla Clinics. The authorities remained vague regarding the specifics of the transfers. Following the approval of



health and family welfare minister Pankaj Singh, 31 Mohalla Clinics, including 17 porta cabins and 14 rented AAMCs, have been closed with immediate effect, according to an earlier order seen by, which was issued by Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, state programme officer, Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinic (AAMC) Cell. "All chief district medical officers (CDMO) are requested to post a message in their respective Mohalla Clinic groups that the staff posted in 31 Mohalla clinics (17 Porta cabins and 14 Rental) which are already non-functional due to the non-availability of doctors are shifted to other Mohalla Clinics very soon."

DJB proposes new groundwater contamination rules

Divya Delhi : Jal Board (DJB) submitted an affidavit to NGT on rainwater harvesting pit groundwater contamination. Among other ideas, the board suggested banning stormwater drain collection systems. DJB claimed that a joint committee expert meeting was convened on July 31, 2025, to identify groundwater contamination from RWH structures in Delhi when developing new rules. Separators were needed to prevent the first rain from entering. In 2023, a Dwarka homeowner complained that rainwater collection pits were polluting.

NCERT Offers Free Online Mathematics Classes For Class 12, Details Here

Divya Delhi : A strong foundation in mathematics is essential for sharpening the mind, developing a scientific temperament, and building problem-solving skills that benefit individuals in every sphere of life. From pursuing engineering and science degrees to careers in data science and research, proficiency in mathematical concepts is crucial. To support students in strengthening their mathematical knowledge, especially those who cannot afford private tuition or coaching, the National



Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is offering a free online mathematics course on the government's SWAYAM portal. The course is designed to help learners clarify doubts, strengthen concepts, and achieve proficiency in problem-solving. Students can register for the course through the official portal: SWAYAM Mathematics Course Link.

SC rules Aadhaar isn't proof of citizenship

Divya Delhi : The Supreme Court rejected political parties' request for EC to accept Aadhaar cards as standalone proof of citizenship to enroll people in the Bihar voter list prepared after special intensive revision (SIR) and said Aadhaar's status cannot be enhanced beyond the law. Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said "Aadhaar will be one of the documents for verification" after previously saying it could be an identity document along with other EC-specified documents for voter list enrolment. The bench replied to RJD counsel Prashant Bhushan's claim that EC is not adopting Aadhaar as a solitary evidence of identification for the 65 lakh names



removed from the draft voter list notwithstanding the court's orders: "We cannot elevate Aadhaar beyond the Aadhaar Act. We cannot exceed what a five-judge court said in Puttaswamy while supporting Aadhaar". Aadhaar Act Section 9 states: "The Aadhaar number or the authentication thereof shall not, by itself, confer any right of, or be proof of, citizenship or domicile in respect of an Aadhaar number holder."

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.

Attorneys general's office: "Nearly 50% ministers face criminal cases"

Divya Delhi : Serious allegations, including kidnapping and murder, have been filed against over half of India's ministers, spanning both the Union government and individual states. The latest research from the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) alleges. Among the 643 ministers examined—representing 27 state assemblies, 3 Union Territories, and the Union Council of Ministers—302, or 47%, listed criminal charges in their election affidavits. There are



174 ministers in this group who are facing serious accusations, including murder, abduction, and crimes against women. The report's release followed the introduction of laws in Parliament by the Centre to remove a

serving minister, chief minister, or prime minister from office and imprison them for 30 days on suspicion of a major crime. The bills were submitted to a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) that has not yet been created after being tabled in the Lok Sabha on August 20 amidst a

DJB informs NGT of 33 Sangam Vihar colonies on Ridge forest

Divya Delhi : While building a sewage network in Sangam Vihar, the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) found 44 unauthorized colonies, 33 of which are forest land encroachments. The affidavit states that 22 of these colonies are totally on forest property and 11 are partially on it. The NGT took suo motu notice of a news article in March showing Sangam

Vihar's internal roadways damaged and waste strewn in illegal colonies. The DJB reported on August 13, 2025, that 44 of Delhi's 1,799 unauthorized colonies were in Sangam Vihar and 33 were on the southern and south-central Ridge. 11 of these 33 illegal woodland communities are undergoing sewer work.

ed after being tabled in the Lok Sabha on August 20 amidst a storm of protests and sloganeering by the opposition.

Dec: IGI Airport T3 would handle 50% more international passengers

Divya Delhi: Terminal 3 (T3) at IGI Airport will handle 50% more foreign travel this winter as its capacity increases from 2 crore CPA to 3 crore. T3 has four piers, two for domestic (3 CPA) and international traffic. Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL) received the final approval to convert a domestic dock to inter-



national last week and began work. This should be done by

December, insiders indicate. T3 will have a capacity of 3 CPA internationally and 1.8 àA domestically (with one pier). "Bureau of Immigration, BCAS, customs, and CISF clearances were needed to start work. Only BCAS approval remained. A source stated DIAL has begun preparations. T2 will

reopen after the middle of next month, but Pier C of T3 will handle domestic traffic until then. On October 26, domestic flights from the 1.5-CPA at T2 will resume for the winter timetable. DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuriar said dock C will not serve passengers in November before becoming international dock.

Editorial

India’s online gaming ban shows today’s thriving sector could be tomorrow’s casualty

It took a mere six minutes in the Lok Sabha and a few minutes more in the Rajya Sabha to wipe out an established industry. In a matter of 48 hours, the passing of the Bill on Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025 has adversely impacted 2,00,000 direct employees, Rs 23,613 crore in investments, over Rs 4,500 crore in advertisements and Rs 20,000 crores in direct and indirect taxes. The Bill, now an Act, was introduced in Parliament without undergoing the due process of a draft for public opinion, stakeholder consultations, or, at the very least, a warning. Policy corridor whispers imply that even allies were not aware of such a move. A decade-old, established sector constitutionally guaranteed under Article 19 has been asked to wrap up operations and told it will be held liable for criminal actions, including those of its employees, if it doesn’t comply. While the Act aims to safeguard public health and address the concern of offshore illegal platforms, any ban, especially in the digital space, has consistently proven to have amplified the issue multiple times. The immediate fallout would include economic disruptions, shifts in user behaviour, and social harms. The opaque strategy adopted by the government in this case highlights the grave direction that policy-making is taking in India. The uncertainty goes far beyond the online real money gaming sector and will set a precedent for future policies in each sector. This swift and unconsulted legislative strike is not just a regulatory misstep but a stark warning of the growing unpredictability in India’s policy landscape, one that could unravel investor confidence, domestic business trust, and exacerbate systemic issues like brain drain of talent and businesses. The immediate economic toll is staggering and underscores the bill’s shortsightedness. Beyond the 2,00,000 direct jobs at risk, it affects ancillary industries like fintech, advertising, and content creation. Annual GST revenues of Rs 20,000-25,000 crore and TDS of Rs 1,080 crore (FY24) will evaporate, creating fiscal gaps at a time when India’s fiscal deficit stands at Rs 15.77 lakh crore, amounting to 4.8 per cent of GDP. But the real cautionary tale lies in the investor disarray this creates. A reported foreign direct investment (FDI) of \$2.7 billion and startup funding of \$2.8 billion in real money gaming are now stranded. This unpredictability echoes broader patterns in India’s policy environment, where sudden changes deter long-term commitments. For instance, the 2019 e-commerce FDI rules, which restricted inventory models for e-commerce platforms, led to a reported slowdown in US-India tech investments, with firms citing regulatory whiplash as a key barrier. Similarly, retrospective tax demands in the past (e.g., the Vodafone case) have been linked to a dip in FDI inflows, with studies showing that economic policy uncertainty reduces FDI by up to 30 per cent in emerging markets like India. The 2025 Kearney FDI Confidence Index highlights regulatory complexity and ease of doing business as concerns for investors in India, potentially shoving off billions in inflows amid global uncertainties like US tariffs. Businesses, particularly in the digital economy, thrive on stability. This bill’s passage without stakeholder input, bypassing the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, sends a chilling message: Today’s thriving sector could be tomorrow’s casualty. As the industry voices alarm, with petitions likely heading to courts, the precedent risks cascading effects on adjacent digital fields where India aims for global leadership but faces investor hesitation due to such volatility. In the larger scheme, this policy unpredictability is accelerating India’s brain drain, particularly in tech and digital innovation, where skilled professionals seek more stable environments abroad. Data from 2025 reveals a stark reality: Over 1,05,000 global tech layoffs this year alone, with 20 per cent occurring in India, have pushed thousands of engineers and developers to migrate.

Why hasn’t India won the Nobel Prize for literature after Independence? Quality of education

Speaking in a distinguished institution, a political leader expressed concern that after Rabindranath Tagore in 1913, no Indian has received the Nobel Prize in Literature. His question—“Is the writing of our country not at the level anymore? Or has it been ignored by international institutions?”—was thought-provoking. But the tone was aloof. However, when you think about it, the answer is obvious. During the British Raj, India produced a number of great poets, artists, scientists, scholars, and thinkers. Many of

them have an international reputation. The solitary Nobel Prize in literature was also received during the British period. Under the British, our talents flourished. The educational institutions of the British rulers encouraged talents without discrimination on any ground. Did our desi leaders, post-British rule, continue that noble tradition? It is well-recognised that the educational institutions of British India declined rapidly after Independence. Instead of nurturing talent, new policies, knowingly or unknowingly,

worked toward their suppression or migration to the West. Isn’t it curious that during the British Raj, hardly any Indian writer, scientist, artist, or scholar decided to settle abroad? Whereas in Independent India, talent of all kinds began settling in Europe and America, leaving India for good. To come to the issue, the leader who pointed out our lack of Nobels seems unaware that there are two essential prerequisites to help grow quality writers. One, to connect children & youth with great literature, taking care that they also get time

and encouragement to savour it. Second, to maintain a whole system of good institutions and platforms for learning, teaching, writing, publishing, and interacting. To ensure all this, staying away from narrowness or compromise must be a rule. But desi leaders, preachy and voluble, did the opposite! The British made arrangements in every field of knowledge and science to promote talent—modern public institutions, great libraries, newspapers, magazines, entire new learning disciplines like history, civics, etc.

Edward Heath, Great Britain’s Prime Minister, felt the words wash over him, hot like a dragon’s breath: “The United States had received nothing from India except a kick in the teeth, in exchange for \$¾ billion last year,” President Richard Nixon raged. The Indians, Nixon went on, thought “the white nations had no choice but to come in and bail India out.” Alarmed, British Foreign Secretary Alec Douglas-Home stepped in. “The Indians were admittedly intolerably high-minded,” he accepted. “But there was an important common interest in preserving Indian independence from Soviet and Chinese domination.” The invective against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her nation, provoked by her refusal to back down on Bangladesh, continued in the privacy of Nixon’s office, though: “A slippery, treacherous people,” “bastards,” “old witch,” “b*tch”. Even as the political leadership in both countries raged against each other, the relationship between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Research and Analysis Wing remained robust, historian Paul McGarr writes. In 1973, the head of Prime Minister Indira’s secretariat, Prithvi Nath Dhar, and the chief of R&AW, Rameshwar Nath Kao, lobbied for CIA chief William Colby to visit New Delhi. As President Donald Trump appears to be leading the India-United States relationship into an abyss from which there is no return—adding restrictions to the outsourcing of jobs on the back of crippling tariffs—the period



between 1971 and 1973 shows the two countries have been locked in airless places before. The intelligence services of both countries, though, found ways to bypass potholes and cul-de-sacs, ensuring strategic conversation continued. Little understood, India-US intelligence ties flourished in the shadow of the Cold War, as New Delhi resolutely proclaimed its commitment to non-alignment. Late in the summer of 1949, India was struggling to contain its first post-Independence insurgency, an uprising by communists in the Telangana region. The Indian Army, sent to Hyderabad to battle the Nizam’s armies, found itself at war with peasant insurgents in Telangana. Thousands died in the brutal conflict, Jonathan Kennedy and Sunil Purushotham have recorded, as the Army herded Adivasis into concentration camps in near-starvation conditions. Less than forty-seven years old and with little experience in global politics, an unassuming police officer was tasked with helping India find the right tools to deal with the crisis. TG Sanjeevi, earlier a Superintendent of Police in Madras, and now Director of the Intelligence Bureau, was

ordered to make a three-week visit to Washington. For decades before Independence, the Intelligence Bureau had been relentlessly focused on the threat of communist terrorism. Telangana was its first challenge after Independence—and, it seemed, its first potential failure. To Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, it seemed that the threat was transnational and a danger to the survival of the Indian republic. The colonial legacy meant India had a substantial relationship with the United Kingdom’s intelligence services. The Security Service, popularly known as MI5, was a critical source of assistance in the first years after Independence. India became debilitatingly reliant on this relationship, Avinash Paliwal has recorded. “This is satisfactory,” an MI5 memo on general dependence smugly noted—but India understood the need to widen its partnerships. George Kennan, then director of policy planning at the State Department, agreed with Prime Minister Nehru’s assessment. To address the challenge, Kennan recorded, Sanjeevi would have to “look beyond India’s borders and

seek to influence policy in regard to dangers from without.” This meant that, despite Nehru’s socialism, America would help him push back against the Communist threat. The visit did not begin well, though. Sanjeevi was affronted by the imperious behaviour of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J Edgar Hoover, and vowed never to allow contact between the Intelligence Bureau and the FBI. The damage was contained, however, during his subsequent meetings with the Central Intelligence Agency. Sanjeevi came away with positive impressions of his meetings with Colonel Richard Stilwell, Kermit “Kim” Roosevelt, and the director of central intelligence, Roscoe Hillenkoetter. Even though the two countries clashed over questions of ideology and global politics, the alignment of their interests wasn’t particularly opaque. India’s government provided arms and training to Tibet’s ramshackle military after 1949, and even considered deploying troops in support of its independence. The problem was that the Indian Army just didn’t have the resources. In 1954, India formalised this reality, ceding many of its colonial-era rights, like stationing troops in Lhasa, historian Karunakar Gupta has written. The Intelligence Bureau, though, looked the other way, as the CIA supplied weapons and equipment to Khampa insurgents from 1958 on, historian Claude Arpi has written. India also ignored CIA flights in support of Tibetan insurgents, which

crossed over its territory en route from Dhaka. Langley supported the founding of the Special Frontier Force, intended to carry the PLA along the China-India Line of Actual Control. The CIA also oversaw the insertion of nuclear-powered surveillance equipment to gather intelligence on China’s nuclear-weapons programme. Even as this intelligence cooperation continued, Prime Minister Nehru publicly complained that the United States was interfering in Indian politics, “buying up newspapers and spreading a network of publicity organisations.” Later, Prime Minister Indira assailed foreign powers plotting to “run down India.” CIA agents, American intelligence officer Russell Jack Smith wrote sharply, “were to be found according to Madame Gandhi, beneath every charpoy and behind every neem tree.” Even as Prime Minister Indira frequently railed against CIA intervention to bring about regime change—and public outrage erupted when the journal Ramparts disclosed CIA funding for Indian anti-Communist political parties in 1967—the relationship carried on in the darkness, as it were. As Sanjeevi told CIA interlocutors in 1950, “he frequently had to take independent action without the knowledge of his government”. The intelligence relationship survived even in the face of contradictory United States objectives. For example, CIA personnel told India they had detected signals linking the jihadist warlord Sirajuddin Haqqani.

China will be more central to India now. Though an anti-US unity is premature

As I write this column from Boston, the biggest American newspapers have the Tianjin meeting of Prime Minister Modi, President Putin, and President Xi—all three smiling and shaking hands—as a leading news item. The sub-theme is also that President Trump’s policies are driving them closer, perhaps opening the door to an anti-US unity in international geopolitics. The talk of an anti-American unity is perhaps premature. At least two of the three nations, China and India, have significant ties with the US, which can be ruptured only at a very great cost. Despite the talk of a decline, the US is still the world’s largest economy. At the end of 2024, according to the World Bank, America’s GDP was \$29.18 trillion, which amounted to 26.2 per cent of the world economy (\$111.33 trillion). A market of that size cannot easily be shunned. Indeed, most countries and corporations would covet access to it. But there is no doubt that Trump’s radi-

cal break from America’s post-Cold War foreign policy, especially his use of tariffs as an economic and political tool, is creating new geopolitical and economic scenarios. Countries must take into account these changes as they make adjustments in their foreign policies. Of course, Trump is known to be mercurial and abrupt changes in his policies cannot be wholly ruled out. However, three things are likely to remain constant: use of trade tariffs, opposition to immigration, and smaller American investments in international security. The changes in these realms, if any, are likely to be of degree. Fundamental changes can take place only if the results of these policies are catastrophic for his MAGA base, especially via inflation or if the judiciary intervenes more firmly than it has done so far. How should India, severely jolted by Trump’s tariffs, imagine its way forward? Let me suggest that China will become even more central to India’s foreign policy.

Vijay is winning the nickname war in Tamil Nadu. He’s attacking Brand Stalin with ‘uncle’ taunt

In the world of marketing, a new entrant’s toughest task is to break the perception built around the old guard. Established brands don’t crumble because of direct attacks. They erode when their aura is punctured, when their carefully constructed image is made to look smaller, or even laughable. Politics is not different. Though for decades, MK Stalin was no more than a ‘possible’ political heir to former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M Karunanidhi, things changed in 2019. Stalin was turned into a brand, crafted meticulously as the only answer, as an able administrator, and a calm and composed CM post the 2021 elections. He was presented as the inevitable figure, the steady numero uno of contemporary Tamil Nadu Politics, a man positioned above ridicule. Even his critics rarely succeed in dismantling his image. Actor turned politician Vijay was out to destroy that brand when he called him, “My dear Stalin uncle.” With such an open taunt at his second public rally, Vijay wasn’t merely addressing the Chief Minister; he was reframing him. What at first sounds like cinema dialogue is,

in LinkedIn lingo, classic disruption. A single word that wedges into the aura of authority, triggering what one might call the ‘uncle-ification of a statesman’. Stalin was recast as just another politician, a figure who is now the subject of memes. This is not an insult for insult’s sake, but rather is a strategy through vocabulary. Political authority in Tamil Nadu has always been theatrical. MGR’s heroism, Jayalalithaa’s imperiousness, Karunanidhi’s oratory skills, Stalin’s calm—these are curated performances. Brands with narratives. “Uncle” in this context is not reverential. It’s casual, familiar, and even patronising. The strength of Stalin’s brand lies in the distance it creates, and Vijay’s jab collapses that distance instantly. It is lethal in politics. It forces a new narrative onto the mainstream discourse, away from discussions on policy and performance, and instead drags it into a battle of personalities. Marketing teaches us that the

most viral campaigns are not the longest ones, but the most repeatable ones. The same applies to political communication in the social media age. Uncle’ is not just a word but a weapon in what Tamil politics increasingly resembles—nickname warfare. A meme-ready shorthand handed over to the trolls, clipped into reels, recycled into jokes, hash-tagged into tweets. DMK’s own and meticulously built digital army, usually skilled at dictating the narrative, is now forced to rebut it. And rebuttal, sadly, is half the battle lost. As one would have expected, social media is abuzz with the keyword ‘Uncle’. Not one but a thousand iterations of the same comment are afloat across the state’s digital space – “What uncle.

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Carmakers cut dealer deliveries

Divya Delhi : Rarely, car sector dispatches to dealerships have dropped during the festive season as purchasers postpone deliveries in expectations of price discounts due to a projected GST rate reduction in an upcoming review. August car wholesales were anticipated at 3.3 lakh units, down from 3.6 lakh last year. All leading companies—Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Tata Motors—reported dropping dealer dispatches. Companies purposefully curtailed dispatches as dealers worried customers would refuse deliveries in expectations of cheaper retail prices after a GST cut. There are great hopes that GST on smaller automobiles and two-wheelers will drop from 28% to 18%, while bigger cars and SUVs may see some reduction. Wholesale sales fell 8% in August as Maruti shipped roughly 1.3 lakh units to dealerships compared to 1.4 lakh last year.

Partho Banerjee, senior executive officer (marketing & sales) at Maruti Suzuki, stated



PM to inaugurate SEMI-CON 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

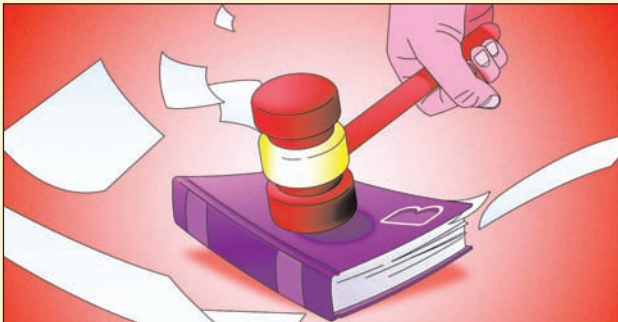
each host one of six country-specific roundtables. The number of states set to take part in the tournament is nine, up from six the previous year. China is a world leader in semiconductors, but this year they won't be sending any exhibitors. compared to a mere 200 the year before. There are 350 exhibitors this year, up from less than 200 the year before. As a result of the growing interest in India's semiconductor industry.

that while bookings have been good during Onam in the south and Ganpati in , purchasers are still not ready for deliveries. "Despite delivery delays, foot-falls and queries

remain high. We had 16% more bookings during Onam, which is good "Banerjee hopes a favorable GST rate decision will boost demand and deliveries.

SC to hear Centre's plea seeking transfer of online gaming law challenges

Divya Delhi : The Supreme Court agreed to hear the Centre's plea to transfer petitions challenging the constitutionality of the new law banning online money gaming from multiple high courts to the apex court. Gaming companies have filed writ petitions before the high courts of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Delhi. Union has filed a transfer plea... The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act has been challenged before three high courts. If it



can be listed (8 September) since it's listed for interim orders before the Karnataka high court," the counsel representing the Centre told the court.

The plea was mentioned before the Chief Justice B.R. Gavai-led bench, which directed it to be

listed before Justice J.B. Pardiwala-led bench on 8 September. Justice Pardiwala's bench had earlier heard challenges related to the 28% goods and services tax (GST) on online gaming for several months and had reserved its judgment.

IMC 2025 will highlight 5G, AI, and 6G's real-world implications

Divya Delhi : India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 will discuss 5G, 6G, AI, IoT, and machine-to-machine communication and how they can improve the lives of farmers, students, MSMEs, and society, according to Union Minister

Communications and Development of North East Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. At the launch of the AI-powered mobile app for IMC 2025, which will be held from October 8 to 11 here, the Union Minister said the goal is to "innovate and transform," reflecting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push for 'Atma Nirbharta' and self-reliance to develop India by 2047. He stated our aim to innovate and transform this year is crucial given the Prime Minister's emphasis on Atma Nirbharta, self-reliance.

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Samsung partners with India R&D for next-gen phone speech AI



Divya Delhi : Samsung is counting on its India research hub to drive a global push toward voice-first AI, putting its engineers at the center of the Galaxy AI ecosystem. At a media roundtable, Samsung R&D Institute India - Bengaluru (SRI-B) representative Mohan Rao said India is one of the company's main AI locations outside Korea. "When it will be voice-first relies on research discoveries. Current research is extensive." Rao stated. "We faced numerous hurdles in making AI models run in the gadget. Native platforms must develop and operate natural language ASRs well. We can then consider voice-only phones." Multiple ecosystem stakeholders say voice will be the main way consumers connect with AI. In an interview, IndiaAI Mission CEO Abhishek Singh said the organization was creating voice-first AI models for Indian languages. Tech companies like Google and OpenAI will favor voice interfaces globally. Voice-first AI could help Samsung's phones stand out from competitors, as it sells its AI directly in consumer hardware.

GST cut for mid-market hotel segment may spur travel

Divya Delhi : As part of the next generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms announced late The GST rate on the mid and upper-mid segment hotel accommodation are set to reduce to 5 per cent from 12 per cent, a move that the travel and hospitality sector stakeholders believe will spur domestic travel and hotel demand by easing the tax burden for consumers in this volume-heavy accommodation segments. The hotel industry, however, is disappointed on a few counts, primarily the removal of the input tax credit (ITC)



benefit on the reduced tax rate. On air travel, the decision to keep tax on economy class fares at the prevailing 5 per cent rate is also being seen as a positive from the lens of accessibility and affordability of air travel for the common Indian. However, the

increase in GST on premium class fares to 18 per cent from the current 12 per cent has not been received well by the global airline industry body International Air Transport Association (IATA), which has four Indian airlines as members.

India, UAE set \$100 bn non-oil trade goal by 2030

Divya Delhi : India and the United Arab Emirates are targeting \$100 billion in trade by 2030, excluding oil and precious metals, India's commerce ministry said in a statement. The target was decided during a meeting between Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal and the UAE's minister of foreign trade, Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, in New Delhi last week. They were reviewing bilateral trade between the two countries under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that came into effect in 2022. Both leaders stressed deeper cooperation in emerging sectors renewable energy.

Credit notes and invoices no longer need matching after GST amendments

Divya Delhi: The GST Council has relieved businesses, notably FMCG players, by removing credit notes from invoices, which created complications for corporations and sellers. Every business transaction—from manufacturer to wholesaler to retailer to retailer—uses credit notes. Businesses had no trouble selling goods to retailers through the chain, but short-lived products were difficult. For example, toothpaste

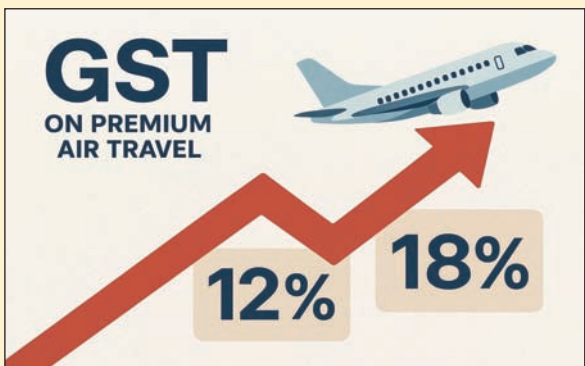


with a year-long shelf life is returned to the manufacturer after nine or 10 months of sales. Credit notes circulate throughout the chain. A huge corporation like Hindustan Unilever or Colgate had to reconcile billions of invoices and

credit notes under the old standards. Rule changes eliminate the need to match the two documents. Credit notes will no longer need to be linked to invoice numbers, eliminating a long-standing issue for all firms.

Premium plane travel to become more expensive due to GST spike

Divya Delhi : Experts predict that premium economy (PE), business, and first class rates will increase as a result of the Goods and Services Tax Council's decision to increase the charge on non-economy air travel from 12% to 18%. Airlines and online travel agencies are worried about the higher GST on elite classes, while the rate for budget travel remains intact to keep airfares low for bulk travelers. Three government sources acknowledged that two major airlines had asked for a 5% GST on all classes before the Council announced the new tax regime on Wednesday. The new GST rate has arrived at a "very sensitive phase" for the Indian aviation business, according to Ajay Prakash, a former president of the Travel



PhysicsWallah has amended its draft documents and submitted

Divya Delhi: Educational technology superstar To fund development and growth activities, Physics Wallah has amended its draft documents and submitted them to markets regulator Sebi in an effort to raise 3.820 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The updated draft red

herring prospectus (UDRHP) states that the promoters want to sell up to 1,720,000 shares in the upcoming initial public offering (IPO), which includes a fresh issuance of 3,100,000,000 equity shares valued at 3,100,000,000 and an OFS of up to 1,720,000 shares.

Agents Federation of India (TAFI). "Increasing the GST for upper class fliers directly means airfares for all the three

classes will shoot up," according to him. "While the government claims to promote Indian aviation.

Fujifilm Electronic aims to build a facility in India by 2025: Semicon India

Divya Delhi : Fujifilm Electronic Materials, a Japanese supply chain giant, has expressed interest in establishing a facility in India as part of its efforts to invest and recruit in the country's burgeoning fabrication ecosystem, lending credence to India's semiconductor ambi-



tions. When it comes to supply chain management, semiconductor production, and even

the development of new technology, innovations, and capabilities, India is a promising country. India is attracting the attention of multinational corporations like Micron. General manager of Fujifilm's Electronic Materials Business Division Tetsuya Iwasaki told on the sidelines of the

Semicon India 2025 event that India's strong foundation in technology is founded on its skilled people, unlike China or other countries. Fujifilm serves customers such as TSMC and GlobalFoundries by providing semiconductor materials for wafer processing in produc-

Prices for Hyundai and Tata Motors' CVs are set to drop

Divya Delhi: In order to pass the savings from the reduction in the GST rate on to consumers, Hyundai Motor India has slashed prices across the board by as much as Rs 2.4 lakh. The business announced that beginning, customers may take advantage of a price decrease on the Verna starting at 60,640 and on the Tucson premium SUV, starting at 2.4 lakh. Managing Director Unsoo Kim of Hyundai Motor India said that the change will help the sector and make personal mobility more accessible and inexpensive, which would



benefit millions of customers. The whole advantage of the GST decrease will be passed on to customers across the board by Tata Motors' entire commercial vehicle range, according to a separate statement. The lower rates will be effective September 22,

2025. Prices for the CV range would drop between Rs 30,000 to Rs 4.65 lakh, according to the car manufacturer based in Mumbai. An announcement to lower prices across the board for passenger vehicles has already been made by the corporation.

E-commerce giants aim to update GST quickly

Divya Delhi: E-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart are changing their internal systems to allow scores of vendors to pass on GST rate reductions to their customers starting Sept. 22, when the new tax slabs take effect. "To ensure seamless compliance, we are proactively updating our systems with the revised GST codes, enabling our sellers to smoothly transition to the new tax structure and to be able to pass on the

benefits to customers in accordance with government regulations," Amazon stated in a note. To reflect GST rates, e-commerce platforms must change tax codes for every product. competitor Flipkart had sent a notice to merchants urging them to plan pricing changes and update the tax codes of key products so that the platform systems are ready for the tax launch, has reported. There's no official word from the firm.

Medical seat domicile rule of T'gana flawed: SC

Divya Delhi : The

Supreme Court criticized the Telangana government's domicile policy, which requires students to have attended Classes 9–12 in the state to be eligible for state quota medical seats through NEET, saying it was distant from reality. Many students now study in Kota for Class 11 and 12 to get better coaching for medical and engineering entrance exams. Should they be denied admission because they are not Telangana residents? "CJI BR Gavai, Justices K Vinod Chandran and Joymalya Bagchi asked. "You must have a humane approach." Such students should not be harassed. Students whose parents are from Telangana are entitled for state quota seats regardless of where they finished Class 11 and 12, "CJI warned, "Either



you (the govt) rectify the matter, or we will set it right." Advocate Ragenth Basant told the bench that the domicile bar has created a sensitive situation for kids whose parents were born in Telangana and have lived there.

Children of a Kerala resident posted in Telangana for four years who complete Class 9-12 in Telangana are eligible for state quota medical seats. He said youngsters who study outside Telangana despite their parents being natural citizens cannot apply for state quota medical seats.

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 .

CEO tells DUSU hopefuls to submit bond and affidavit, no deposit required

Divya Delhi : The DUSU Election Commission has made it clear that all that is needed to run for student union office in the forthcoming elections is an affidavit and a Rs 1 lakh surety bond. Neither the school nor their own bank accounts will require them to deposit this sum. It is sufficient for a candidate to submit an affidavit and a surety bond, stated Chief Election Officer Prof. Raj Kishor Sharma during a news conference. Neither the university nor their account will



request the payment of this sum. He emphasized that the goal of this measure was to increase clarity and simplicity. In addition, the presiding officer, Dr. Rajesh Singh, emphasized the Election Commission's dedication to holding fair and free elections and urged all parties

involved to work together. While outlining the DUSU 2025–26 election program and code of conduct, Sharma made sure to mention that campaigning with hand-made posters is strictly forbidden and can only be done on dedicated "Democracy Walls."

Assess UV technology in sewage treatment, NGT directs IIT Delhi

Divya Delhi : National Green Tribunal (NGT) asked IIT Delhi to examine the effectiveness of UV technology in sewage treatment and directed the DPCC to take punitive action against 14 STPs, which, as per a report, failed to meet the standards.

A tribunal

bench, headed by NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava, in an order took notice of a report by Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The report stated that of 37 STPs in the city, seven were yet to be installed with a disinfection system, four had not installed any sys-

tem, while among others, 15 had deployed UV and 11 had chlorination-based disinfection systems to treat bacteria in sewage before discharging the treated water into drains. For those yet to be installed, the process was initiated or tenders awarded.

Delhi dominates India's top college list

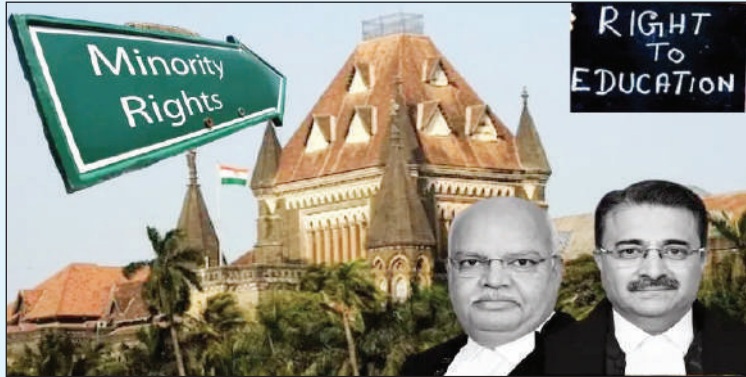
Divya Delhi : Delhi University's Hindu College has topped the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 list, followed by Miranda House, Hans Raj, Kirori Mal and St Stephen's, emerging as the top five colleges in the country. Delhi University (DU) also recorded its best-ever performance in the Universities category, rising to fifth position from last year's sixth. It advanced to 12th place in the Research Institutions list and retained the 15th spot overall. Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh called the achievement "a landmark moment", crediting the collective efforts of faculty, students, alumni and staff. Hindu College Principal Anju Srivastava said the recognition reflected the college's focus on holistic education. "We have created an ecosystem where students get opportunities for research, innovation and practical exposure. Under NEP reforms, they are pursuing interests beyond the classroom with flexibility and industry linkages," she told. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) secured the second spot among universities. Vice Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit said the ranking was a matter of great pride, highlighting JNU's model of "excellence with equity and innovation with inclusion".

CBSE and NCB to Raise Drug Abuse Awareness

Divya Delhi : Together, the NCB and the Central Board of Secondary Education are working to eliminate drug use from schools and raise public awareness about the dangers of substance misuse. The CBSE board headquarters hosted an agreement signing event. The CBSE announced in an official statement that the two organizations have reached an agreement that will allow them to work together on various projects. These projects will include community outreach, counselling services for students and parents, e-modules on drug prevention, capacity-building workshops for teachers and counsellors, and quarterly awareness programs.

SC: Why are minority institutions excluded from RTE?

Divya Delhi : The Supreme Court said its 2014 verdict by a five-judge constitution bench that the Right to Education (RTE) Act did not apply to religious and linguistic minority educational institutions "strikes at the heart of good quality universal elementary education, its consequences are far-reaching" and should be reconsidered. A two-judge bench forwarded a bundle of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra appeals on whether minority-run schools required passing the Teacher Eligibility Test to CJI to consider advancing the matter to a larger bench. It claimed exempting minority institutions from the Act would erode inclusion. Minority schools are exempt



from teacher appointment and free education for underprivileged children laws. The SC court noted its 2014 verdict basically divided RTE under Article 21A from collective rights under Article 30(1), which allow minority communities to construct and run educational institutions.

The Pramati Educational

and Cultural Trust (case) exempts minority schools, whether aided or unaided, from the RTE Act using clause (1) of Article 30 of the Constitution, which we disagree was correctly decided. Thus, a revisiting of the ruling seems inevitable "Justice Dipankar Datta, who wrote the bench verdict with Justice Manmohan, stated.

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.

Supreme Court asks Centre, NCERT on transgender-inclusive

Divya Delhi : The Supreme Court notified NCERT, the Union government, and six states to respond to a plea to integrate transgender inclusive sex education in school curricula. Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran sent notices to the Centre, NCERT, and Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu on the case brought by 16-year-old Delhi student Kaavya Mukherjee Saha.

Class 12 student from Vasant Valley School in Delhi filed the case, com-



plaining about the lack of transgender-inclusive

Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in NCERT and SCERT textbooks. The student wants binding gender sensitisation and transgender-inclusive CSE rules in all schools nationwide. Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing Saha,

told the bench that NCERT had recently admitted in a Right to Information (RTI) reply that it had "no information" on integrating CSE into school education, despite a 2024 Supreme Court order. Saha's petition claimed that NCERT and most state councils of educational research and training (SCERTs) have failed to include structured or examinable content on gender identity, gender diversity, and sex and gender despite Sections 2(d) and 13 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

Pradhan Mantri Kalyan Yojana relies on NCERT

Divya Delhi : Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan voiced his faith in NCERT's ability to push educational reforms and bring about a paradigm change in teaching and learning, despite the fact that the council has been criticized for its textbook updates. In his support of NCERT's initiatives to implement the reforms proposed in NE, Pradhan compared it to a "Gyan Kumbh" that has had a profound impact on the lives of many Indians. At its 65th Foundation Day, Pradhan emphasized that NCERT needs to take the lead in transforming India's education system by adopting a reform-oriented and tech-driven role. It has come a long way since its start, especially in terms of education's role in nation-building.

He emphasized that



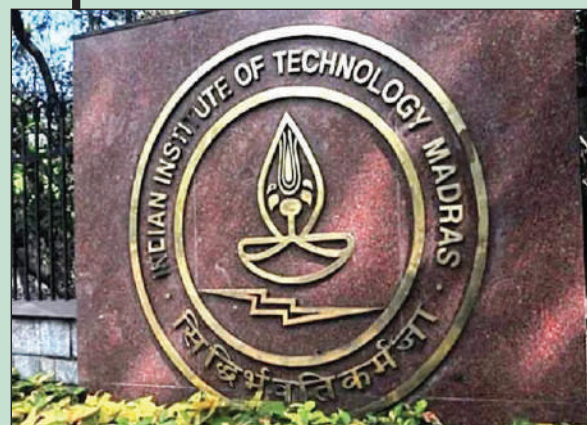
the organization needed to "don a new avatar" that was reform-oriented, tech-driven, and focused on best practices in order to embrace its role as a change leader. With unwavering conviction, Pradhan declared that NCERT will "bring a paradigm shift in teaching and learning and play a key role in actualising the goal of Samridhh Bharat." "Confident that NCERT will continue shaping critical and creative thinking in the 'Amrit Peedhi'," stated the professor.

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-

IIT Madras, IISc B'loru, IIT Bombay top 3 in NIRF 2025

Divya Delhi : The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has topped the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 for the seventh consecutive year, and also emerged the top engineering college in India for the 10th year since the rankings were introduced in 2016. Like last year, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru is ranked second in the overall ranking, and IIT Bombay third. The first non-engineering institution in the Top 10 of the overall ranking is the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi at eighth (seventh last year); the IITs at Delhi, Kanpur, and Kharagpur, and



Roorkee (which swapped places with AIIMS) hold the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places. Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi) and Banaras Hindu University (Varanasi) have moved up to the ninth and tenth spots, respectively. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and minister of state for education Sukanta Majumdar

announced the overall rankings and rankings across 17 categories for higher education institutions (HEIs).

The categories include engineering, management, medicine, university, law, research, and agriculture. There is also a category just for colleges. A total of 14,163 higher education institutions participated in the 10th edition of NIRF Rankings.

BCCI to hold AGM on Sept 28 to elect president, secretary, other office bearers

Divya Delhi : The Board of Control for Cricket in India will conduct elections for the post of all its office-bearers - president, vice-president, secretary, joint secretary and treasurer, in Mumbai on September 28. In a notice, seen by to all the state associations, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia stated, "Notice is hereby given that the 94th Annual General Meeting (hereinafter referred to as "AGM") of the Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI"), which will be held at 11.30 AM on September 28, 2025, at BCCI headquarters at Mumbai, to transact the business as per the agenda provided below." "The minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting held on September 29, 2024, the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on January 1, 2025, and the minutes of the Special General Meeting held 2025, are attached herewith. Rest of the agenda papers will follow shortly. You are kindly requested to attend the meeting," Saikia concluded.

NMC asks medical colleges to deploy PG students in flood-affected areas

Divya Delhi : The National Medical Commission (NMC) has asked all medical colleges across the country to deploy post-graduate medical students in flood-affected areas. The deployment would be a part of the district residency programme, according to its recent directive. The directive states: "In view of recent floods/disaster-like situations in northern states/UTs, there is an urgent requirement for healthcare professionals as part of the ongoing relief measures.

Actor Radhika Apte's diet, health habits, and family recipe on her 40th birthday

Divya Delhi: Birthday girl Radhika Apte has made a name for herself in Lust Stories, Andhadhun, Sacred Games, and more films and series. The actor turned 40 on September 7. She is known for her unusual acts on and off film. For the momentous occasion, Radhika shares her culinary and fitness thoughts. She was also open about her anxiety. Radhika never dieted until lately. "I never dieted. In the 2023 interview, she revealed she started dieting three days earlier. She said her three days on a diet were 'pretty okay' and that she needed to lose weight for a movie role. She also said she had to stick to the diet for a year and was hopeful. The actor has a set morning regimen. She normally started her days with black coffee, but now she drinks seed water and a cleansing juice. Radhika added, "I have this water with coriander seeds and a little bit of cumin seeds, followed by a fresh cucumber-celery juice with mint and a lemon.



For a month, an actress married to India's richest producer, worth Rs 10,000 crore, lived in slums near a gutter.

Divya Khosla Kumar is promoting her film Ek Chatur Naar with Neil Nitin Mukesh. The actress-director, married to T-Series president Bhushan Kumar, confessed that she shot alongside a gutter and spent a month in the slums in a candid interview with Archana Puran Singh, her husband Parmeet Sethi, and son Aaryamann Sethi. Also present, director Umesh Shukla said they shot in a "real slum."



Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)
Whether or not you are aware of it, your mind is open to new ideas, new ways of working and new philosophies. You may consider learning a new skill, or taking up a course either online or by attending some classes after work. Financial gains are indicated. If there is an ongoing project you seem to have figured it out and things are proceeding fairly smoothly however you may need to pay more attention to details. In terms of your personal life.



Taurus (Apr 20- May 20)
You may get an unexpected break, opportunity, increment or some good news which could bring in the breath of fresh air into your routine. Some investments may pay off, or you may find yourself more optimistic and enthusiastic than usual. Use this time to get things done and go for the things you want, the good luck will be sure to help you. You may have an opportunity to relocate/transfer to another location, company or industry in this phase of positive changes.



Gemini (May21- June 20)
If things are not moving, time to go inwards and recalibrate. What is it that you want for yourself careerwise? Why haven't you achieved it so far? And how can you? Time to take a step backwards, re-evaluate your achievements and set clear goals where you wish to go in 1 year, 3 years or 5 years professionally. Communications are highlighted in the following weeks. Do be very clear in what you want or are trying to express. Misunderstandings may occur which could either be costly errors.



Cancer (June 21 – July 22)
A little change in the mindset can do wonders. You may be thinking about what you don't have and there may be concerns about "losing it all" Turn this energy around and focus on what you have, what you have learnt, achieved and been blessed with. A sense of gratitude will not only usher in greater positive energy into your life, it may also bringing in renewed optimism about the future. You are an achiever in your own right, you have secured a place and position by wealth of your own talent .



Leo (July 23- Aug 22)
A test of patience. You may have to deal with difficult people at work or at home. And it would be wise to count to 10 and not take them personally. In work matters, stay one step ahead. Be prepared and finish pending chores as the days will get busier soon. You may feel pulled in different directions at home as well. Family may be extra demanding. Or you discover the chores have piled up. Don't worry, it will all be done and sorted with focus and a calm state of mind.



Virgo (Aug 23- Sept 22)
It's all about being mindful in the days ahead, especially when it comes to what you're saying or not saying. Silence can be powerful. Choose your timing before you respond. Changes at your workplace may require you to travel more or connect with clients from overseas. Don't take things too personally at this time. Let some comments go. Marriages may begin to feel a little stale so you and your partner may decide to go out or better still, host a party. Healthwise be a little more careful about your eating and drinking.



Libra (Sept 23- Oct 22)
Be authentic. Be true to yourself. The more real you are about your successes and failures, the more trust you will build. Someone needs your honest opinion and this week could see you in and out of several meetings. Remember, you're allowed to walk away if something doesn't feel right and even if everyone else stays. Even in personal relationships you may realise you don't have to impress those who don't see the real you.



Scorpio (Oct 23- Nov21)
Work smart. More effort doesn't always mean better results. Figure out when enough is enough and know when to cut your losses and walk away. You may have to deal with some difficult coworkers or customers in the days ahead, and a cool head and calm composure should get you through the tricky bits. There may be minor explosions at home as a loved one gets emotional. Remember to keep your volume down and be a little more understanding of what they are going through.



Sagittarius (Nov 22- Dec 21)
Someone may provoke you. Refuse to take the bait. Not every comment deserves a response. Allow silence to be your weapon. Your heart may not be in work as you see the environment get more toxic and critical and you may begin to update your resume or start the job search for alternatives. On the domestic front you may spend your time problem solving and get things repaired. A sibling may need a little guidance .



Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan19)
Don't do something because everyone else is. Do what you know you're good at and you love. Self employed Capricornians - if you focus on what you're passionate about, the money will come by itself. Stop trying to please everyone. Take things step by step and keep clocking in whether it feels right to you. Confusion at the workplace can be sorted when you rely only on your better judgement. Too many opinions may be delaying things unnecessarily.



Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 18)
Time to reflect. About your vision, your goals and your strategy. The environment around you has changed and it's time to adapt and become more relevant to the marketplace. You may choose to network again or participate in an international conference or forum. News from overseas brings relief and a sense of optimism. Financially you may seek the help of an advisor for help towards becoming debt free. On the personal front, work towards staying in touch with those who matter.



Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)
Work on being a better listener. Things may be happening at work which you aren't aware of because you haven't been paying attention. Someone in the team may have a valuable suggestion that can change things for the better. Job seekers may need to prepare more for upcoming interviews. Empathy and understanding with a special someone brings you two closer. A parent may need you to be a little more responsible. Everything feels a little lighter and more relaxing.

Unofficial film bans only serve to avoid questions of the past

Divya Delhi: The riots in Kolkata and Noakhali in 1946 are the subject of "The Bengal Files," which the West Bengal government is said to have banned. The film questions long-held accounts of the Partition period by centering on the plight of Hindus. The rising controversy over the West Bengal government's informal ban on screening 'The Bengal Files' has notables who often sign petitions and take part in candle-light protests under-



standably reluctant to become embroiled in the issue. Depriving the filmmaker of his right to free speech is unlikely to incite individuals who assert control over "constitutional morality" because of

his track record of scathing criticism of the Left-liberal system (he even came up with the evocative term "urban naxals") and revealing its deliberate silences, such as regarding the ethnic cleansing of

Kashmiri Pandits. Curiously, a political party that professes to be dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Bengali asmita reacted hostilely to a film that revolved around the terrible 1946 pre-Partition riots in Kolkata and Noakhali. After the Muslim League's (ML) Direct Action Day on August 16, 1946, a five-day bloodbath broke out in Kolkata. This was not an example of a political program that accidentally got out of hand

Baaghi 4 review: Tiger Shroff stumbles in cheesy actioner

Divya Delhi: The Iron Age toolset has reached Bollywood from the South during the pan-Indian surge. Not always when tempers or stakes are high. Just to hack. They use an axe and hammer to pulverize the resistance after getting tired of shooting from afar. Makers can use as much blood as they like with an adult certificate indicating improper maturity. Nobody likes excess nowadays. What's stopping Tiger Shroff if Ranbir Kapoor can? Ronny (Tiger) falls madly in love with



Alisha (debutante Harnaaz Sandhu) in this fourth action series film, who the world considers nonexistent. Tiger generally preens, frowns, and leaps, as we've learnt in recent years. Love involves

expression. The writers made a reason for the constraint. Hallucinations plague the hero. Tiger does freestyle wrestling as acting. He looks everywhere but doesn't connect. One line has the hormone and harmoni-

um. This balance between hormone, harmonium, and hammer makes a film with a weak plot and emphasis on style work. Tiger annoys, and Harnaaz, the latest beauty contest winner to try Bollywood, preens and pouts for performance. When it fails, the camera focuses on her costume slits. Baaghi's buildup drags, loosely based on Tamil film Ainthu Ainthu Ainthu. The writing stagnates as Ronny searches for Alisha, making one wish they could scroll up.

Anupam describes his meeting with Adani as a "amazingly inspirational story

Divya Delhi: Bollywood star Anupam Kher met with Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani and Kher described the encounter as "inspirational" because of the candid conversation that ensued regarding Adani's achievements, Kher's early difficulties, and India. The actor posted a selfie with Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani online, expressing his joy at finally meeting the billionaire. The "delicious" breakfast and Adani's warmth were also appreciated. "It was an absolute pleasure to meet the legendary and self-made Indian billionaire and philanthropist Mr. Gautam Adani," Anupam Kher wrote on the social media platform X. Had an in-depth discussion with him regarding his humble beginnings, his achievements, the practice of meditation,



Boney Kapoor says, "I paid Rs. 3.5 cr for the remake rights of Comali

Divya Delhi: Boney Kapoor said, "Besides these 6 films, I have shooting scripts ready. However, I cannot start several films. Second, my kids should enjoy making my films. They should not work on my film because 'Dad has and our cherished Bharat! Originally hailing from a little Gujarati village. The narrative of how he began working when he was seventeen years old and built

requested me to do the film'. He needed convincing." I must have spent Rs. 30-35 crores in acquiring remake rights. The most expensive remake rights were for Comali (2019), a film I have not made. I paid Rs. 3.5 crores for rights. an empire is quite remarkable and motivating. Your warmth, gratitude, and tasty breakfast are much appreciated, Mr. Adani.

'Captain Cool' with firearms! Watch Dhoni-Madhavan teaser go big-screen

Divya Delhi: MS Dhoni and R. Madhavan featured in a teaser video wearing tactical gear and holding firearms, stoking suspicion about his film career. Vasan Bala's action-packed trailer has the two stars in black costumes, bulletproof vests, and sunglasses, simulating a high-octane task



force. Madhavan captioned

the Instagram teaser: "One purpose. Two fighters. Hold on for a wild, explosive chase. The Chase teaser available now. Director: Vasan Bala. Coming shortly." Fans debate if the initiative is a movie, web series, or ad. The cricketing icon last played professional cricket in May, for Chennai

Super Kings (CSK) against Gujarat Titans in Premier League 2025. He quit international cricket in August 2020. Last year, CSK paid Rs 4 crore for his uncapped status. In the Indian Territorial Army Parachute Regiment, Dhoni is Lieutenant Colonel (Honorary).

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.

Why Deepika Padukone Fans Hate Alia Bhatt: "You Take Everything Away From Her"

Divya Delhi: Film celebrities Deepika Padukone and Alia Bhatt are currently top female stars. Though constantly pitted against each other, both have maintained a cordial friendship and solid bond. Alia Bhatt succeeded Deepika Padukone as Levis' worldwide brand spokesperson. The American clothing firm introduced Alia Bhatt as their global brand ambassador. The Piku actress's replacement disappointed Deepika Padukone supporters,



who sought an explanation. Alia Bhatt was accused of stealing Deepika's job. Many admirers called Alia Bhatt "jealous" and "inse-

cure" for being Levis' worldwide spokesperson. One commenter said, "You steal everything away from Deepika," while another said, "Why her...

Want Deepika back. We need Deepika, not Alia." Another termed the new substitute "definitely off." "Congratulations, but the way Levi's denim looks on Deepika is UNPARALLELED!!" said a. Alia ko le aao har jagah," said one. She's ravenous and envious. Isko ghusna matlab. Why does she adore Deepika? Breathe, bro. It's tiring to see her same face again and again. She has numerous brands yet is unhappy."

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