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Doda terror snuffs out Indian Army's Capt Deepak Singh



Army personnel keep vigil near the site of an encounter between security forces and terrorists, in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, on Wednesday

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Fighting valiantly, a young captain of the Indian Army sacrificed his life, on the eve of the 78th Independence Day, while leading an ongoing anti-terrorist operation aimed at flushing out Pakistani terrorists hiding in the forested belt of Assar in Doda district of Jammu on Wednesday.

The security forces also neutralised a Pakistani terrorist while the hunt was going on to eliminate two to three other terrorists hiding in the area. It is suspected the terrorists may have fled the area leaving behind one M4 rifle, three bags, and a blood trail.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday morning convened a meeting in New Delhi on the rising terror-related incidents in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the 78th Independence Day, it was learnt.

Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Director General of military operations-Lieutenant General Pratik

Sharma and heads of the security-related agencies attended the meeting, sources said.

Tension prevailed in the area as residents woke up to the deafening sounds of heavy gunfire. In view of the the Independence Day events on Thursday, the security arrangements were further stepped up to prevent any other incident of terrorist violence across the region. The security forces have already been kept in a State of high alert for the past few days to maintain tight vigil along the International border and the areas closer to the line of control.

Army's White Knight Corps Wednesday posted on X stating, "One terrorist has been neutralised in the ongoing operation. One AK 47 has been recovered in addition to the M4 rifle." "Intermittent exchange of firing continues as the operations are ongoing," said the Army.

Meanwhile, the army officer who laid down his life has been identified as Captain Deepak Singh.

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Doctors seek Justice for Kolkata colleague, Now

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

On the third day of their strike on Wednesday in protest against rape and murder of their colleague in Kolkata, junior residents from over 60 Government medical colleges in cities, including Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Rishikesh, Delhi, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Guwahati, and Bangalore among others across the country demonstrated a united front, expressing their frustration at the tragic incident through various forms of protest — from wearing black bands and holding candlelight marches to shouting slogans, and staging demonstrations.

Their anguish was palpable as they refused to relent until enactment of the Central Protection Act for healthcare workers. In Telangana, Seethakka garu, Minister of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development of the State came forward to show solidarity with doctors across the country.

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CBI collects evidence from rape and murder scene

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Within hours of Calcutta High Court ordering a court-monitored probe by the CBI into the RG Kar Medical College rape and murder case, the Central agency slued on Wednesday reached Kolkata and took charge of the case. The CBI team from Delhi comprising medical and forensic experts visited the place of the occurrence after lodging four FIRs and taking custody of the prime accused Sanjoy Das earlier arrested and grilled by the Kolkata Police. Two CBI officers had taken the case diary and other documents pertaining to the case from the Kolkata Police on Tuesday.

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SCPCR may ask CS for a meeting on unregistered madarasas

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

State Commission for Protection of Child Right may urge the chief secretary Radha Raturi to convene a meeting on the actions to be taken against the unregistered madarasas operating in Dehradun. Additionally, she found 80 students staying cramped in a single room with inadequate ventilation.

Informing this, its chairperson Geeta Khanna said that this meeting is needed against the backdrop of an unregistered madarsa operating in Azad Colony of Dehradun. Talking to The Pioneer, she further said that the existence of the unregistered madarsa had come to their notice during a meeting between the commission and the madarsa functionaries. "The madarsa functionaries failed to show essential documents such as their building permits, affiliation certificates and other necessary credentials. Further, they had not submitted a list of the enrolled students as per the requirement. They even acknowledged that their institution is unregistered. Consequently, we instructed them to complete the registration process," she said. Piqued with the dilly dallying on the part of the Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA) and the State education department in addressing such matters, the commission has written a letter to them, seeking prompt action. "We have urged the State government to conduct a survey of the unregistered madarasas operating across the State," she said. To recall, following a report of 30 students being hospitalised after they suffered food poisoning while consuming meals at the Azad Colony madarsa, Khanna conducted an inspection recently. She further noted that approximately 250 students are enrolled there with over 60 students coming from other States like Bihar and Uttar

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Collective participation a must for success of sanitation campaign: CM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami participated in 'Swacchhata Apanao Bimari Bhagao' programme organised under the ongoing special sanitation campaign at Gandhi Park here on Wednesday. In the programme, the CM flagged off the litter picker cleaning machine's of the Panchayati Raj department for the 13 districts of the State. Speaking on the occasion the CM said that the sanitation campaign can be effectively implemented with collective participation only. He appreciated the efforts of sanitation workers and said that they are discharging their duties with dedication during the ongoing monsoon season. Special sanitation campaign is being organized in the State from August 12 to 15.



close association between sanitation and environment and we should keep sanitation our priority to keep the environment clean. He said that use of new technology should be encouraged for cleanliness and

soon a QR code system will start for monitoring the sanitation.

Dhami said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has initiated a programme 'Ek Ped

Maa Ke Naam' campaign for environment conservation and appealed that everyone should plant a sapling in the memory of mother in the campaign.

Cabinet minister Premchand Agarwal said that a campaign to clean every city of the State is underway in the State and the role of sanitation workers is important in the campaign. He said that the remuneration of the sanitation workers has been increased under the leadership of CM Dhami.

Rajya Sabha MP Naresh Bansal, MLA Khajan Dass, Umesh Sharma Kau, outgoing Mayor of Dehradun Sunil Uniyal Gama, Mahanagar president Sidharth Agarwal, district magistrate (DM) Dehradun Sonika and others attended the programme.

Uttarakhand's Army captain martyred in Jammu & Kashmir

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

An army captain Deepak Singh, a 25-year-old resident of Dehradun, lost his life during an encounter with militants in Doda district, Jammu and Kashmir, on Wednesday. The incident took place in the Assar area near the tourist hill resort of Patnitop. Singh was leading his team in a search operation conducted by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police. During the exchange of fire, Singh was injured and later succumbed to his injuries.

The senior army officials confirmed his death through X. Four militants were also reportedly killed during the operation. Security forces continue to conduct search operations across various areas, including mountains

and valleys, to address ongoing militant activities in the region. Singh was commissioned into the Indian Army on June 13, 2020. His family lives in the Race Course area of Dehradun. His body will be brought back to Dehradun on Thursday. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also paid tribute to Singh on social media on Wednesday.

He acknowledged the captain's service to the nation and expressed condolences to his family. The Chief Minister prayed for strength for the family during this difficult time. He said that the Captain Deepak Singh's loss is recognised as a significant contribution to the ongoing efforts to maintain security in Jammu and Kashmir.

7 police officers of U'khand to receive President's Award on I Day

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The officiating director general of police Abhinav Kumar announced the names of seven police officers from Uttarakhand who will be honoured with the Medal for Meritorious Service by the President of India on the occasion of Independence Day.

These officers are inspector general of police (Fire and Emergency Services) Neeru Garg, deputy inspector general of police (Police Telecommunications) Jagat Ram, additional superintendent of police (Government Railway Police) Sarita Dobal, additional sub-inspector (Police Headquarters) Rishi

Ballabh Kothiyal, platoon commander in SDRF, Harak Singh and two leading firemen Digambar Prasad and Prabodhan Singh Negi.

The DGP extended his best wishes to all the medal recipients for their exemplary service. He said that these awards recognise police's dedication and significant contributions to the safety and well being of the people of Uttarakhand. The recognition reflects their outstanding commitment and the high standards they have set in their respective roles within the police force, he added.

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Surge in viral fever & stomach infection cases noticed at GDMC

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

With the monsoon rain expected to continue till the end of September, a notable spike is discernible in the cases of viral fever and stomach infections among patients at the Government Doon Medical College (GDMC). Stating this, the medical superintendent at GDMC Dr Anurag Aggarwal said that these seasonal ailments tend to rise during the monsoon season due to the common growth of viruses and bacterial infections. "In tune with the trend, physicians at GDMC have noticed an increase in the number of viral fever and stomach infection cases this monsoon season too," he added.

He further said that the average daily Outpatient Department (OPD) visits at GDMC have increased from 2200 to 2500 patients. "This

rise is due to the surge in cases of viral fever and stomach infections such as diarrhoea and vomiting," he said

Queried on the common symptoms of these ailments, he cited fever, body aches and stomach pain. "Drinking contaminated water and consuming street foods are the main causes behind the rise in these illnesses. What happens during the monsoon season is that the moisture levels in the atmosphere increase and this increase indirectly raises the chances of infections spreading through water, food and other means. To prevent viral fevers and stomach infections, people are advised to consume filtered or boiled water," he said.

Moreover, he urged people to keep away from street food

Arya thanks CM on cabinet approval for Sports University Bill

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State sports minister Rekha Arya expressed gratitude to the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama for approving the proposal of Uttarakhand Sports University Bill-2024 during the cabinet meeting held on Tuesday. The bill is all set to be tabled and passed in the upcoming

their sports talent. "As things stand now, the day is quite near when the State will be among the select States of the country with its own sports university. This will definitely open new avenues of possibilities for our high-energy youngsters inclined to sports and the State will make its presence increasingly felt in the sports world," she added.

She further said that the State government would leave no stone unturned to adorn the upcoming university with state of the art sports facilities. "The approaching



State Assembly session beginning on August 21.

Visibly happy over the development, Arya said on Wednesday that this bill after becoming an act would provide the youth and players of the State a new platform to hone and enhance

National Games slated in the State in October and November this year will be a big opportunity for the emerging players of the State to display their sporting skills. I am sure that the NG -24 will launch a host of promising and talented players at the national level," she added.

Higher education dept inks MoU with British High Commission on Chevening Scholarship

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

After a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the State higher education department and the British High Commission on Chevening Scholarship on Wednesday, the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that the State higher education department has been consistently developing the human resources of Uttarakhand. The higher education department secretary Shailesh Bagoli signed the MoU with the British Deputy High Commissioner to India Caroline Rowett. Lauding the initiative, the CM said that the MoU between the British High Commission and Infosys Springboard with the State higher education department is all set to herald new era in the field of higher education in Uttarakhand. "This marks an important step towards connecting the State with the international education system," he said

and added that in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the government here has been hosting skill development training and seminars in higher educational institutions. Speaking on the matter, the State higher education minister Dhan Singh Rawat said that under the proposed cooperation and agreement, the expenses would be shared equally by Chevening and the State government. "Besides, Springboard Infosys will provide IT-based free training modules for teachers and free courses for students under corporate social responsibility (CSR) on its virtual platform with the courses being selected in accordance with the NEP and offered as optional courses," he added. He added that there are 35 universities in the State with more than five lakh students pursuing higher education. "Chevening Scholarship is set to provide global

opportunities for meritorious students, particularly those from remote areas and female students, and to develop their leadership skills. Under the higher education department, five students studying in state universities and government colleges who are eligible for the Chevening Scholarship will be sent annually to a reputed university in Britain for postgraduate studies," he said.

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Tanzanian national caught with cocaine in Doon

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The police apprehended a notorious foreign drug peddler and Tanzanian national, Pascal John, on charges of supplying cocaine from Delhi to Dehradun. He was arrested with 44.50 grammes of cocaine late on Tuesday following a special checking operation led by Rajpur police as part of the Drug-Free Devbhoomi 2025 campaign. The Dehradun senior superintendent of police Ajai Singh said that John is a key member of the Cobra Gang, who was caught near Canal Road with 44.50 grammes of cocaine, worth approximately Rs 31 lakh. He was planning to supply the drugs to a high-profile party in Dehradun, he said. He informed that the police had also arrested two



female members of the Cobra Gang and six others involved in drug trafficking in recent months who have been sent to jail. He said that John revealed during interrogation that he frequently travelled between Tanzania and Delhi, supplying cocaine across various parts of India based on demand. The

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Tender No.	132-DRM-MB-24-25 Dt. 14.08.2024	134-DRM-MB-24-25 Dt. 14.08.2024
Name of work	Provision of Electronic type based rail Gauge Face Lubricator - 33 Nos under jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/IV/MB.	Replacement of 10 Beds Male Barrack at RPF/post/HPU and 20 Beds Male Barrack at RPF/Post/GJL after renovation in the section of Sr.DEN-IV/MB.
Tender Closing Date	09.09.2024	09.09.2024
Tender Closing Time	16:00	16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	4,50,19,409.40	35,74,229.94
Earnest Money (Rs.)	3,75,100.00	71,500.00
Period of Completion	60 months	6 months
Bidding Start Date	26.08.2024	26.08.2024
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NDUSSL announces big discounts on Aanchal ghee from Aug 15 to 31

PNS ■ LALKUAN

Nainital Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh Limited (NDUSSL) on Wednesday announced special discounts to its consumers on lump-sum purchase of Aanchal ghee from August 15 to 31. Announcing this, the president, NDUSSL, Mukesh Bora said that on purchasing 2000 litres of Aanchal ghee in one go, the maximum discount to the tune of Rs 80,000 would be given whereas on purchasing 1000 litres at a time, the consumers would save Rs 30,000. Similarly, on purchase of 500, 200, 100, 75 and 50 litres, one would get the benefit of a special discount scheme of Rs 12500, 4600, 2000, 1350 and 750 respectively, he added. Besides, customers will get a discount of Rs 100 on the one-time purchase of 10 litres of Aanchal ghee while the discount amount is Rs 240 on the purchase of 20 litres of the same. Bora further said that with these discounts on offer, Aanchal brand's consumer-reach would expand while providing the company an advantage in the increasingly competitive milk market. "This



Canara Bank, Doon office distributes scholarship to SC/ST girl students

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Dehradun regional office of Canara Bank felicitated meritorious 5-10 grade girl students from the Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe communities with Dr Ambedkar Vidya Jyoti Scholarship 2024-25 under the bank's corporate social responsibility (CSR) commitment. The chairman, Uttarakhand Scheduled Caste Commission Mukesh Kumar was present as the chief guest. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of education and CSR, calling them progressive levers in society. The Dehradun head of the Canara Bank regional office Mayank Mohan Kaushik also spoke on the occasion.

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Tender No. Date	135-DRM-MB-24-25 Date: 14.08.2024		
Name of work	Provision of Electronic type track based rail Gauge Face Lubricator-09 Nos. Under Sr. DEN-III/MB		
Tender Closing Date/Time	09.09.2024 (15:00 hrs.)		
Advertised Value(₹)	₹1,23,31,017.00	Tender Doc. Cost(₹)	₹5,000/-
Earnest Money(₹)	₹2,11,700.00	Validity of offer(Days)	90 Days
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सभी देशवासियों को स्वतंत्रता दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ



“ मैं, भारत माता की स्वाधीनता के लिए अपने प्राणों की आहुति देने वाले सभी अमर शहीदों, महान स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों तथा स्वतंत्र भारत की सुरक्षा एवं अखंडता में अपना महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देने वाले सभी वीर सैनिकों को नमन करता हूँ। प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में नए भारत के निर्माण में नए उत्तराखण्ड का योगदान अमूल्य है। आइए, स्वतंत्रता दिवस के पावन पर्व पर हम उत्तराखण्ड को देश का सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य बनाने के विकल्प रहित संकल्प को लेकर राष्ट्रीय पर्व को धूमधाम से मनाएँ। ”

जय हिन्द, जय उत्तराखण्ड

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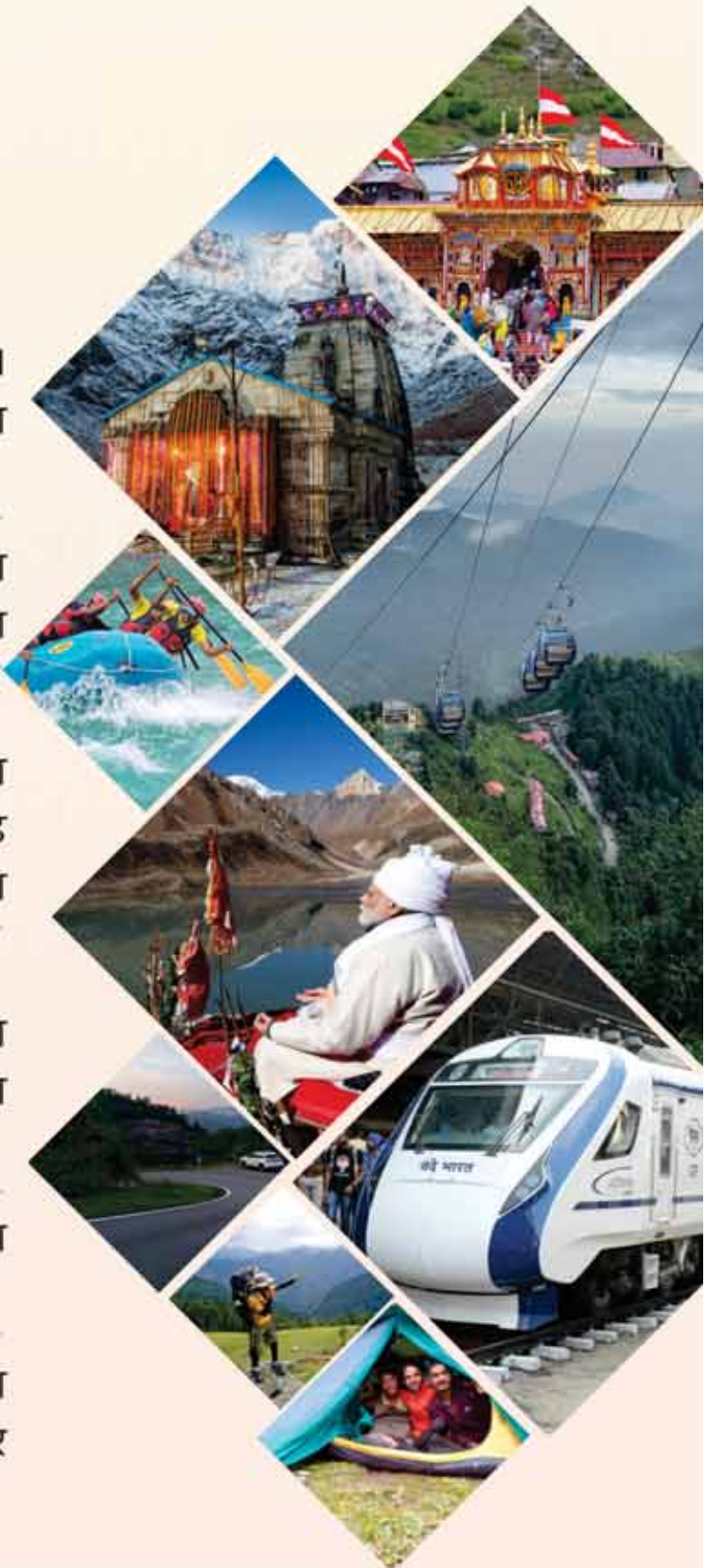
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“ 21वीं सदी के विकसित भारत के निर्माण के दो प्रमुख स्तंभ हैं। पहला, अपनी विरासत पर गर्व और दूसरा, विकास के लिए हर संभव प्रयास। आज उत्तराखण्ड, इन दोनों ही स्तंभों को मजबूत कर रहा है। ये दशक उत्तराखण्ड का दशक होगा। ”

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- ▶ प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में उत्तराखण्ड ग्लोबल इन्वेस्टर समिट-2023 के दौरान राज्य सरकार के साथ कुल 3.5 लाख करोड़ रुपये के हुए निवेश समझौते। जिसमें 81 हजार करोड़ के समझौते की ग्राउण्डिंग।
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- ▶ उत्तराखण्ड जल विद्युत निगम की लखवाड परियोजना पर कार्य प्रारंभ।
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- ▶ जौलीग्रान्ट एयरपोर्ट एवं पंतनगर एयरपोर्ट को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट के रूप में विकसित करने हेतु कार्य गतिमान।
- ▶ प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने दिया वेड-इन-उत्तराखण्ड का मंत्र। जिसके तहत राज्य सरकार नए वेडिंग डेस्टिनेशन कर रही विकसित।



नीति आयोग, भारत सरकार की ओर से एसडीजी 2023-24 की रिपोर्ट जारी की गई है।
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PAPER WITH PASSION

Happy Independence Day

As the proud nation celebrates the 78th Independence day it is time to ponder over the journey so far

As we celebrate 78th Independence Day, the air is filled with pride, nostalgia, and hope. This day is not just a commemoration of freedom from colonial rule but a reflection on the journey that has shaped the country. The path to where we stand today, has been nothing short of a roller coaster-marked by triumphs and challenges. As the nation looks back on its accomplishments, it must also cast its eyes forward, contemplating the road that lies ahead. India's post-independence journey has been a remarkable tale of resilience and growth. From the ashes of partition and the burden of colonial exploitation, the nation emerged with a spirit of unity and determination. The early years were fraught with challenges – economic instability, social unrest, and the monumental task of nation-building. Yet, India persisted. The Green Revolution transformed India from a food-deficient country to a self-sufficient one, while the White Revolution made the country the largest producer of milk. It made great strides in space exploration and reached the moon. The nation also saw the rise of a strong industrial base. However, the road was never smooth. India saw wars, political turmoil, and economic crises. The Emergency period in the mid-1970s was a dark chapter, testing the resilience of its democracy. The 1991 economic liberalisation marked a turning point, propelling India onto the global stage, but it also brought new challenges in the form of inequality and social disparities.



The turn of the millennium saw India making strides in various fields. The IT revolution positioned the country as a global technology hub, while advancements in space exploration and nuclear technology showcased

India's scientific prowess. Social progress was evident in the growing emphasis on education, healthcare, and women's empowerment. Landmark legislation such as the Right to Education Act and the decriminalisation of Section 377 reflected the country's commitment to social justice. Yet, there was no dearth of challenges. The rise of communal tensions, growing environmental concerns, and the struggle for inclusivity have reminded the nation that the journey is far from over. The COVID-19 pandemic, the most recent challenge, exposed vulnerabilities but also highlighted India's resilience, as the country emerged as a global leader in vaccine production and distribution. The nation today stands at a crossroads. The country must tackle environmental degradation, and ensure that economic growth is inclusive and sustainable. India's youth, now the largest demographic group, will play a crucial role. We must continue to uphold the democratic values and secular fabric. As the tricolor flutters in the wind this Independence Day, it is a reminder that this was achieved with many sacrifices and efforts on the part of millions of people who make it what it is. The road ahead may be challenging, but it is also filled with possibilities. No country is perfect; it's always a work in progress. But if the people of India commit to making it a shining example for the world, it will become one. Jai Hind!

PICTALK



Young students participate in a programme on the eve of Independence Day at a school, in Moradabad, PI

Nano technology revolutionises car care

This cutting-edge technology is changing the car detailing process by enhancing protection, durability, and aesthetic appeal of cars

The automotive industry is progressing rapidly, with nanotechnology emerging as a transformative force in redefining car care. This cutting-edge technology is revolutionising the car detailing process and offering unmatched protection, durability, and aesthetic appeal, ushering in an exciting new era for car owners and enthusiasts.



and chemical protection. Nanotechnology offers a revolutionary approach to car detailing, providing superior protection and easier maintenance than traditional methods. There are several benefits of nanotechnology in car detailing, such as:

Enhanced protection: Nanoparticles form a microscopic barrier that shields the car's paint and glass and protects it from UV rays and environmental problems, such as bird droppings, during weather conditions. This results in a long-lasting shine and reduced risk of fading or wear and tear.

Deeper cleaning and glossier finishing: Nano-formulated polishes and cleaners can penetrate deeper into the car's surface due to the particles' tiny size. It removes dirt and grime more effectively,

revealing a glossier finish to the car after detailing. **Durability & longevity:** Nanotechnology car care products typically offer extended protection compared to traditional waxes and sealants. It translates to fewer detailing sessions and keeps the car looking its best for longer.

Easier maintenance: The hydrophobic coatings created by nanoparticles make future washes a breeze. Dirt and grime slide off, requiring less scrubbing and reducing the risk of introducing swirl marks. While the benefits of nanotechnology in car care are undeniable, it is important to approach its implementation with a clear eye. Not all nano-coated products are created equal, and selecting reputable brands that adhere to stringent quality standards is crucial. Moreover, proper application and maintenance are always vital to maximising the performance and longevity of these treatments.

As nanotechnology evolves in the rapidly increasing technology world, there are expected to be even more groundbreaking advances

ments in the car care industry. The future holds immense potential, from self-healing paintwork to intelligent coatings that adapt to environmental conditions. By embracing this technology, the automotive industry can be poised to deliver cars that look stunning and offer unparalleled protection and convenience. From the car owner's perspective, there will be several benefits, such as enhanced car ownership experiences characterised by less time spent on maintenance and greater pride in the cars' appearance, instilling a sense of hope for the future of car care. In conclusion, nanotechnology is ushering in a new era in the car maintenance industry by improving aesthetics, protection, and durability & longevity.

By understanding the principles and applications of this technology, car owners can make informed decisions to optimise the care of their cars and enjoy the full benefits of this exciting development, empowering them as informed consumers in the automotive industry. (The writer is an expert on car care; views are personal)



KUNAL SETHI

The former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, abruptly left her country a week ago, causing immediate concern in her country and the region. According to the BBC, Hasina's family, not security officials, convinced her to leave due to safety concerns. Her son stated, "We begged her to leave as soon as the violent mob arrived." Crowds entered her residence shortly after her escape. Political, social, and economic issues, external involvement, and unhappy political opposition caused the downfall.

India's Foreign Minister, S. Jaishankar, has informed Parliament about her visit to India and the potential impact on India's relationship with Bangladesh. The unrest that led to her departure resulted in around 560 deaths and could strain the relationship between the two countries, potentially impacting regional security and foreign relations. Initially, in her long reign of 15 years, Hasina was perceived as a democratic and secular leader of Bangladesh, overseeing an economic turnaround. However, she later became intolerant and authoritarian, cracking down on media critics and imprisoning opponents. She maintained cordial relationships with Indian leaders, which sparked anti-India protests.

Prime Minister Modi mentioned that he had met her ten times last year. The friendship has been mutual, as Begum Hasina also reciprocated by driving out the terrorists who targeted India and allowed concessions for transit facilities. She was the first state guest during the Modi government's third term. India has had a special relationship with Bangladesh since it was born in 1971. After her father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh, was assassinated in 1975, Hasina spent six years in India. After that, she shifted to Dhaka to lead the Awami League. The current student protests, which started on July 5 against the 30% reservation for descendants of freedom fighters



and the 56% quota for government positions, have impacted the political situation in Bangladesh. The Hasina government's proposal to expand this quota led to widespread protests and 200 deaths. Bangladesh opposition parties organized a 'long march' to express growing discontent with the government's policies. At the international level, tensions rose between Hasina and the U.S. when her American visa was revoked after she fled the country. The U.S. State Department emphasized the importance of the interim government in establishing long-term peace and political stability in Bangladesh. The U.K. and other countries also took the same stand. The international community is working to support the interim government led by Yunus, who is responsible for restoring normalcy. New Delhi has set up a monitoring committee and increased border control to address the situation. Madam Khaleida Zia and other opposition leaders were released after Hasina's departure. During Khaleida's two terms, Bangladesh-India relations weakened. Her visit to Delhi was also a disaster. Khalida's release may enable her to lead her party, and she stressed the

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need for a democratic Bangladesh and emphasized peace and unity. Hasina and Khalida's sons are ready to take over their respective parties. The potential returns of these two and the other Opposition leaders could bring significant changes to the political landscape of Bangladesh. According to Hasina's son, she is ready to face any inquiry but has yet to decide on the party's leadership. Meanwhile, Hasina blames the U.S. for her ouster. Her son claims she had no time to resign and is still the Prime Minister. Bangladeshis have protested in front of the White House and the U.K. New Delhi closely monitors the situation, especially concerning border and regional security, as well as the security of Hindu minorities in Bangladesh. The Modi government is apprehensive about the safety of the Hindu minority in Bangladesh. Prime Minister Modi has called for the protection of Hindus in Bangladesh after violent incidents targeted them. The Hindu minority also protested on the streets. Bangladesh's economy, which was looking up, is declining due to Hasina's intolerance, violence, unemployment, and inflation. The country relies on India for essential commodities and

infrastructure. India needs to reconsider its Bangladesh policy after the leader's departure. The third issue concerns the porous border between India and Bangladesh, with allegations of Bangladeshi infiltrators and refugees entering India. A friendly Hasina government helped check this problem while Khalida was in denial mode. New Delhi's decision to adopt a wait-and-watch policy is a positive step. The situation depends on the elections' timing and the two Begums' potential return. If new leadership emerges, New Delhi will need to take a stand. To maintain regional peace, India's role in assisting Bangladesh in returning to normalcy is crucial and urgent. A peaceful, stable, and prosperous Bangladesh is in India's best interests. India should do everything to ensure it. The situation is still evolving, and the uncertainty of the future political landscape of Bangladesh is palpable. We will know more once the elections are announced and the plans of the two begums are revealed. The potential return of the dynastic rule adds an element of intrigue to the situation. (The writer is a popular columnist; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LHAMO'S NEVER SAY DIE SPIRIT

Madam — Kinzang Lhamo of Bhutan may have crossed the finish line last in the women's marathon at the Paris Olympics, but she captured the admiration of many with her remarkable tenacity and unwavering determination. Despite battling adverse conditions, Lhamo completed the grueling 26.2-mile course in 3 hours, 52 minutes, and 59 seconds, choosing to persevere rather than quit. Lhamo, embodying the spirit of the "last woman running," sends a powerful message: regardless of the final outcome, we must maximize our capabilities and approach our tasks with a positive, persistent mindset. There is no shame in finishing last if the effort was sincere and wholehearted. Bhutan has already gifted the world with its unique concept of Gross National Happiness, which measures progress through health, education, and environmental parameters rather than traditional economic metrics. The country has also demonstrated the essence of democracy by having its Royals voluntarily relinquish power to allow for a citizen-led government through free and fair elections. Now, Kinzang Lhamo emerges as Bhutan's latest treasure. At just 26 years old, she has a promising future ahead. With more experience and exposure, Lhamo is poised to elevate Bhutan's presence on the international stage.

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

PARIS OLYMPICS COME TO A CLOSE

Madam — The 2024 Paris Olympics have concluded, with India securing a total of six medals: five bronze and one silver. Despite its status as the world's most populous nation, with a staggering 1,450,935,791 people, India's medal haul, though commendable, highlights a larger issue. The United States led the medal tally with 126 medals, including 40 gold, while China followed with 91 medals and Japan with 45. These countries, despite their smaller populations compared to India, have achieved greater success by investing uniformly in a wide range of sports. In

Har ghar tiranga!



The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative has sparked a nationwide movement, awakening the spirit of patriotism across the country. This campaign has united people from every corner of India, creating an atmosphere

of pride and respect for the national flag. It fosters a deep sense of unity and encourages active participation, bringing neighbors and fellow citizens together. By embracing this movement, people are enhancing their understanding of the significance and values embodied by the Indian flag.

The campaign has revolutionized the nation's ideology, symbolizing our independence, pride, and commitment to a developed India (Viksit Bharat). It underscores India's rise as a global power, moving swiftly from a nation once seen as economically challenged to one poised to become the third-largest superpower in the world. As citizens, we are reminded of our duty to uphold the guiding principles enshrined in the Directive Principles of State Policy, the Preamble, and the Constitution of India.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

India, cricket is often considered a religion, overshadowing other sports. This narrow focus, compounded by political shortsightedness, has hindered the growth and encouragement of athletic talent across other disciplines.

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai

WAYANAD TRAGEDY COULD BE AVERTED

Madam — The picturesque Wayanad, a hilly district located in the Western Ghats Mountain range in Kerala, is prone to landslides during heavy rains. In Kerala's history, the landslide that occurred recently there and claimed over 400 lives was the deadliest. According to the Geological Survey of India half of Kerala's land area is vulnerable to landslides. Wayanad region has had many tea and coffee plantations. The first landslide occurred in an uninhabited forest area with no access road. The torrent of water carrying mud and boulders swept away or buried the villages of Panchirimattam, Mundakkai and Chooralmala, and wreaked havoc in Meppadi, Attamala and Kunhome.

Mundakkai is a village located more than a kilometre down from the hill that slid first. Chooralmala caved in under the pressure of gushing water from the first landslide and heavy downpour. Irunjipuzha river split into two raging streams and wreaked havoc along its path. When it comes to discussing the early warning of rainfall, the less said, the better.

On July 24, the Agricultural Meteorological Division of the Indian Meteorological Department issued a forecast for Wayanad that predicted only 15 mm rainfall, the day when landslides occurred. Mundakkai, where the landslide hit Wayanad first, got 572 mm of rainfall within 48 hours. However, it shouldn't be overlooked that the Hume Centre for Ecology and Wildlife Biology, an NGO specializing in weather patterns of Wayanad with a network of more than 200 weather monitoring units, had warned of possible landslides two days before the landslide happened.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

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Unlike parents, whose guidance can be flawed, God encompasses all wisdom, power and impartiality



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The following verse will shed light on this, which is, "You alone are my mother; You alone are my father; You alone are my relative and You alone are my friend; You alone are my knowledge and You alone are my wealth; O Lord of all Lords, You alone are my everything." In verse #7.19 of the Bhagavad-Geeta, Lord Krishna states, "After efforts of many births, a yogi in the end becomes wise, and he takes My shelter. A great soul, who considers Lord Vasudeva thus as everything is very rare." The answer, therefore, is: that God is very much more than a mother or father can ever be. These entities, i.e., a mother or a father have severe limitations. Their knowledge is very limited. They don't know the Big Picture. Far from it, they may guide their children wrongly. On the other hand, God is omniscient. He knows past, present and future also. Lord Krishna informs us what He can do. "By being specially kind, I, situated within, destroy the darkness, born of ignorance, by the shining lamp of knowledge." (10.11) Then, a parent has limited resources that he or she can give to his or her children, whereas God has all the opulence in full. Sanjaya of the Mahabharata fame informs, "Where there is yogeshwara Shri Krishna, and where there is a soul linked to Him, there will be opulences ('soubhagya'), victory (success), wealth, and morality." (18.78) A parent can help only in a limited way. Suppose his or her child is unwell. What can he or she do besides arranging medical facilities and taking care of the best way possible?



A good parent prays additionally for the rapid cure of the child. Because Only God has the power to help us get out of the trouble we get into quickly (18.53); only God has the power to forgive. Parents can be whimsical in their decision-making. They can be partial in dealing with their children; it is natural, but God is always impartial. Lord Krishna states, "I am similarly inclined towards all beings, no one is hateful for Me, and no one is dear; that is God has no preconceived and prejudiced notion towards anyone." (9.29) Many parents are poor role models. They lie but expect their children to be truthful.

What has God instructed us to do? "Whatever a superior person does, other people follow that only. Whatever standard he establishes a common man tries to emulate that." (3.21) What does God do? He always goes by dharma. God is so strict about dharma that He incarnates to reestablish it if it becomes weak. (4.7) Additionally, God is always engaged in doing duties, Lord Krishna says, "I am always carefully engaged in action, because men follow My lead in all respects." (3.34) For parents, only their children are their own, but for God, all souls are His parts. (15.7) He has to consider all of them in all His actions. God is very compassionate towards all of them. Lord Krishna confirms, "I am a well-wisher of all living entities."

Our children are forever competing against children of other parents, but for God, all children are His parts and must be dealt with fairly. That is the reason our selfish prayers are not answered. Many parents do not consult their children about their future and try to impose their desires on them. God has forbidden this, when He stated, "Svadharm (duty) of all souls are according to what their natures are." "The four divisions of the human society, based on qualities and activities, have been created by Me." (4.21)

One can excel in whatever suits one's nature because it comes naturally. What is the message? God is a parent alright but not in a conventional way. He only takes charge of those souls, who take His shelter. Parents should also try to be self-supporting to the end by taking active shelter from God; He will take care. Is God not responsible for keeping the Creation going? Is it not our responsibility as parents to do ours? I take mine towards my descendants very seriously.

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Water crisis and the battle for resources

As the world grapples with the escalating effects of climate change, the urgent need to rethink our approach to water management becomes ever more pressing



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Whenever we face drought and heat waves we are reminded to take a relook at efficiency of water management. More than one-fourth of the global population, nearly 2.2 billion people do not have proper access to clean drinking water. United Nations (UN's) goal in this regard is to provide clean drinking water and sanitation for all by 2030. UN's coordination mechanism on water and sanitation (UN-Water) sets the theme every year. This year's theme was "Leveraging Water for Peace". Air and water are important to sustain life on Earth. The conflicts between the countries, between the states and within society arise when we have to share water for crop irrigation, household purposes, industrial uses and power generation.

The conflict gets often aggravated especially when the availability of water becomes scarce during the pinch period. Treaties between the countries have resolved the disputes. Different forums are also available for the resolution of conflicts at international and national levels. India has 25 major river basins with most rivers flowing across the states. There is the Interstate Water Dispute Act, of 1956 for resolving disputes in the use, control and distribution of river and river valleys. The disputes are continuing challenges to federal water governance in the country. To resolve the disputes, there are water dispute tribunals in India namely the Ravi and Beas Water Tribunal, Vansandhara water dispute tribunal, Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal, Mahanadi water dispute tribunal, Krishna water dispute tribunal and Cauvery dispute tribunal etc.

The sharing of water of the Cauvery River has been the source of serious conflict between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. In 2018, the tribunal awarded Karnataka to annually release 192 tmc of water in ten equal monthly instalments to Tamil Nadu. 2023-24 was El Nino (Spanish word meaning little boy) year and there has been a deficit in rainfall in the catchment of the river from July 2023 onwards. As a result, the reservoirs were half empty and it became difficult for Karnataka to follow the orders of the tribunal.

Two states started a blame game till early July 2024 when there were good rains in the Cauvery catchment in the latter part of July. As nature was kind, the dispute was resolved and the blame game stopped. The prolonged dispute between the states for sharing water is always traced back to destruction as well as poor maintenance of the catchment of the river and unfavourable weather conditions like El Nino. World Meteorological Organization (WMO) announced that El Nino, a climate pattern associated with the warming of the ocean surface in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean has impacted the monsoon causing below-normal rainfall last year, has gradually weakened.

This has been one of the five strongest El Nino on record but remained weaker than 1997-98 and 2015-16. "El Nino typically has the greatest impact on global climate in the second year of its development - in this instance 2024," WMO said. This impact has led to above normal temperature in India till June 2024. WMO further added that there is a chance of La Nina (Spanish word meaning little girl) developing later in the year. La Nina is a climate pattern associated with periodic cooling off the ocean sur-



face temperature and brings normal rains in the region. Western World, Canada and the US are experiencing heat wave conditions even in August this year. The underground water table receded during summer. There has been a public hue and cry in many places in central and peninsular India to access potable water for household needs. The Government and Civic agencies are facing the challenge. Karnataka is one such state where there was an acute drinking water problem in the summer.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah directed the district administration to establish a helpline and control room to enable the public to register grievances and supply water in tankers to all affected areas. He also directed to tender the work of digging more bore wells to tap underground water for public emergencies. Bengaluru too faced a water shortage. Water supply to the city comes through the pipeline from the Cauvery River located 100 km away. The water has also to be pumped up at many intermediate locations to achieve an altitude of 1 km, where the city is. The arrangements have been made to supply water in tankers from adjoining towns.

Water supply to high-rise apartments was also reduced. Residents used disposable cutlery and wet wipes to ration their water consumption. It will generate more waste and agencies may have to step up the disposal. They have also banned vehicle washing and swimming pool activities. Deepening of the bore wells is another environmental challenge. Every time the groundwater level recedes, we go for the deepening. Is it environmentally sustainable? Recharging the ground through rain harvesting structures has to be adhered to by each Government continuously.

Rivers originating from the Himalayas are snow-fed and satisfy the water needs of the people, especially in the northern belt of the

country from west to east. Rivers in the central Indian landscape and peninsular India originate from forests.

Often big rivers originate from the same place and flow in different directions. Johila, Narvada and Son originate from Amarkantak and flow in different directions. Five rivers namely Koyana, Krishna, Venna, Savitri and Gayatri originate from Mahabaleshwar near Pune. Several important rivers like Tungbhadra and Cauvery also originate from the Western Ghats. Apart from providing drinking water to several villages and towns, there are numerous irrigation and power projects located on these rivers.

Life is fully dependent on these rivers and except the Himalayan Rivers all others originate from forests. Let us be clear that water is not produced by forests, yet the rivers originate there. Forests are the mothers of rivers and are systems to conserve rainwater in the subsoil and the roots of the trees. The river source provides a small volume of water trickling from the roots of each of the millions of trees on undulating hills around. As it forms the stream and the flow of water proceeds under gravity, many more such streams join to increase the volume of water. Sometimes bigger streams or even rivers also join to increase the volume of flowing water in the river. The water in the streams is nothing but rainwater. During the monsoon substantial quantity of water is absorbed by the earth charging the underground aquifers and some portion of it is retained in the subsoil and roots of the trees.

The roots hold the water like a sponge and continuously release it during warm weather, making the streams perennial. While traversing in the forests we come across several perennial streams even in summer months when there is no rainfall. Every stream has a catchment and if it is a forested catchment, the

stream would be perennial in the non-rainy season, or else it would be a seasonal stream flowing on rainy days. Forests play a significant role in conserving water and making the streams perennial. Further, the streams flowing out of forested catchment would always carry cleaner water without even soil particles in it.

On the contrary, streams flowing through areas dominated by human activities would be muddy and mixed with chemicals and sewage. Further, the rainwater carries a lot of soil and the reservoirs get silted up losing their water holding capacity.

Reservoirs located closer to forested areas have a longer life. Maintenance engineers have a difficult time in de-silting reservoirs receiving water from human areas. The rainfall pattern and distribution not only depends upon weather conditions and the direction of wind but also depends upon the density and distribution of forests on land. The pledge we must take is to preserve and conserve natural forests. Forests also play a vital role in the maintenance of the water cycle. More than two years ago, on the sidelines of COP 26 at Glasgow, leaders holding 90% of forests on the planet had pledged to end deforestation by 2030.

Of course, India did not sign this pledge. Two more COP meetings have taken place since then, but the issue has not been reviewed by those who pledged. On the contrary, there are reports suggesting that natural forests are being lost at an alarming rate unprecedented warming has also taken its toll and forest fires have remained uncontrolled for months in the US, Canada, European countries, Russia, China, Brazil, and Australia. If we don't save our forests, the perennial water streams will become seasonal.

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FORESTS PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CONSERVING WATER AND MAKING THE STREAMS PERENNIAL. FURTHER, THE STREAMS FLOWING OUT OF FORESTED CATCHMENT WOULD ALWAYS CARRY CLEANER WATER

The perils of blind faith and the rise of India's fraudulent godmen

While India has a rich tradition of genuine spiritual leaders, the influence of these charlatans has surged, fueled by politics and societal insecurities

The Mundaka Upanishad warns of the dangers posed by those who, though ignorant, present themselves as wise. The verse (1.2.8) loosely translates to, "Living in the midst of ignorance and considering themselves wise, fools think of themselves as learned. They wander around, bewildered, like blind men led by the blind." This verse serves as a caution against self-proclaimed spiritual gurus who mislead others. India has long been a land of genuine spiritual gurus who have guided millions, providing a path for the masses to follow. However, times have changed. Today, genuine spiritual leaders are often overshadowed by flashy godmen, or "babas," who frequently



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deceive people for personal gain. This trend has become particularly dangerous when combined with the politics of numbers, creating a powerful politico-religious phenomenon. These so-called babas often become demigods with political leaders as their disciples, wielding immense power and wealth, even though they claim to have renounced it. A recent incident in Hathras

highlights the tragic consequences of such influence. Over 150 people, mostly women from poor Dalit families, were killed in a stampede during a satsang by Bhole Baba, also known as Narayan Sakar Hari. Baba, a former policeman who retired 28 years ago amid rape allegations, had attracted around 150,000 people to the event, despite only 80,000 being allowed. The stampede occurred when the crowd rushed to collect soil believed to have healing powers after Baba's departure. His popularity and wealth have only grown, despite such tragedies. While some of his followers were arrested, Bhole Baba himself was not named in the FIR, and his ashrams remain untouched by authorities.

And he is not alone. Many others are doing just that. A couple of years back a proclaimed baba gave unique recipe for peoples woes: keep 500 rupees in your wallet for prosperity, keep your spouse photo for better relationship and so on. Gurmeet Ram Rahim Insan ran schools for girls in which they had to eat rose petals as prasadam on which he walked.

Figures like Asaram Bapu and Gurmeet Ram Rahim Insan are serving prison sentences for serious crimes. The number and influence of such godmen have grown, partly due to the rise of religious politics. This trend is mirrored globally, though it is particularly pronounced in India. The following of these god-



men often stems from the insecurity and faith of their followers, who may feel abandoned by both God and the system. This combination distances them from rational thinking. In countries with less economic and social insecurity, the influence of religion tends to wane, but not entirely. In the United States, faith

healers or Televangelists wield significant influence over their followers, claiming to cure people in the name of Jesus Christ. While the number of those cured remains questionable, these healers amass enormous wealth, owning Caribbean islands and flying in private jets. Addressing the influence of these Babas is a significant challenge. The Indian Constitution's Article 51A emphasises the duty of citizens to develop a scientific temper and humanism, which these fake godmen often ignore. While organizations like the Andhashradha Nirmulan Samiti in Maharashtra work to expose fraudulent practices, activists like Dr. Narendra Dabholkar have paid the ultimate price,

allegedly at the hands of conservative groups like Sanatan Sanstha. Similar forces were responsible for the deaths of Govind Pansare, Gauri Lankesh, and Professor Kalburgi. Following Dr Dabholkar's murder, the Maharashtra Assembly passed a law against superstition and miracle cures. To curb the influence of fake godmen, a combination of education, awareness, and strong legal frameworks is essential. Promoting critical thinking and spiritual education can empower individuals to discern genuine spiritual guidance from deception. Educational institutions, community programs, and media can play a crucial role in spreading awareness about

the characteristics of false gurus and the dangers of blind faith. Encouraging open discussions about spirituality and ethics can help people recognise the difference between authentic spiritual leaders and charlatans. Additionally, it is crucial to strengthen laws and regulations to hold fraudulent godmen accountable. Publicising such cases can also serve as a warning to potential victims. Ultimately, by encouraging critical inquiry, supporting victims, and ensuring justice, society can reduce the influence of fake godmen and safeguard the integrity of spiritual practices.

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Education dept postpones revocation of affiliation of Sun Valley School

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Following the direction of the State education secretary Ravinath Raman, the education department has postponed the revocation of affiliation for Sun Valley School. Informing this, the chief education officer (CEO) Pradeep Rawat said that the postponement decision followed a meeting of the senior education department officials, including the additional secretary.

on hold until the department submits a comprehensive report to the secretary on the school's affiliation issue. To recall, in 2023, the school came into critical focus after some students slated for enrollment under the Right To Education (RTE) Act were not enrolled, prodding their parents to take the matter to the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR).

"During the meeting, it came to light that approximately 2,100 students are enrolled in the school and then the education secretary instructed the department to defer the revocation to safeguard the students' academic pursuits," he said and added that revocation of the school's affiliation would be kept

The school in defence flaunted its minority status and averred that they could not be forced to comply with the Right to Education Act. After numerous warnings spanning nearly a year, the education department decided to revoke the school's affiliation.

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एफएमडीपी से सीखने के बारे में कैंपस में संकाय और छात्रों के लिए एक ब्रीफिंग सत्र का आयोजन किया गया।
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विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा विभिन्न संस्थानों से किये गये एम.ओ.यू. का विवरण:

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स्पेक्स, देहरादून के साथ एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
प्लाटिका संस्था, देहरादून के साथ एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
केंसर रिसर्च एंड केयर (सीआरसीए), नई दिल्ली के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
सीएसआईआर-संश्लेषण इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ मेडिसिनल एंड एरोमैटिक प्लांट्स (सीएसआईआर-सीएमए) के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
सोशल रिस्पॉन्सिबिलिटी एशिया (एसआर एशिया) के साथ एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
त्रयंबक फाउंडेशन, देहरादून के साथ एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
सीमा डेंटल कॉलेज और अस्पताल, ऋषिकेश के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
उत्तराखंड संस्कृत विश्वविद्यालय, हरिद्वार के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किये गये।
उत्तराखंड आयुर्वेद विश्वविद्यालय, देहरादून के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किये गये।
विवेकानंद पर्वतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान, अल्मोडा (भारत सरकार) के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।
एरोमैटिक प्लांट देहरादून के लिए केंद्र के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए।

कार्यशालाएँ (Workshops):
विश्वविद्यालय परिसर ऋषिकेश के एमएलएटी विभाग में यूसर्क, देहरादून व एम्स, ऋषिकेश के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में सात दिवसीय हैंड्सऑन प्रशिक्षण कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।
यूसर्क और एम्स, ऋषिकेश के सहयोग से एक सप्ताह की अवधि में 02 कार्यशालाएँ आयोजित की गईं।
विश्वविद्यालय परिसर ऋषिकेश के मेडिकल लैब टेक्नोलॉजी विभाग में प्रोजेक्ट मैनेजमेंट यूनिट (पीएमयू), यूकोर्स देहरादून व उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, देहरादून के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में क्षेत्रीय जल गुणवत्ता अनुभव तथा प्रबन्धन प्रशिक्षण कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।
विश्वविद्यालय परिसर ऋषिकेश के मेडिकल लैब टेक्नोलॉजी विभाग के तत्वावधान में विश्व टीवी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य पर दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।
"लॉ कॉस्ट टीचिंग एड्स पर कार्यशाला" का आयोजन किया गया।
विश्वविद्यालय परिसर ऋषिकेश के मेडिकल लैब टेक्नोलॉजी विभाग में विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संचार परिषद, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग, भारत सरकार के उत्प्रेरण व स्पेक्स देहरादून के सहयोग से ग्रासरूट अवैयरेस एंड टेक्निकल इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर सोसाइटी (गति) के तत्वावधान में "लॉ-कॉस्ट टीचिंग एड्स" पर आधारित कार्यशाला का आयोजन हुआ।
विश्वविद्यालय ऋषिकेश परिसर के मेडिकल लैब टेक्नोलॉजी विभाग में यूसर्क की ओर से हैंड्स ऑन ट्रेनिंग ऑन बायोमेडिकल टेक्निकल विषय पर साप्ताहिक सर्टिफिकेट प्रशिक्षण कार्यशाला का आयोजन हुआ।
आर एंड डी सेल द्वारा "इन्वेंशन और आईपीआर" पर एक दिवसीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें परिसर के लगभग 60 शोध विद्वानों और लगभग 30 संकाय सदस्यों ने भाग लिया।
यूसर्क के सहयोग से "अनुसंधान पद्धति" पर 03 दिवसीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें उत्तराखंड के कैंपस और अन्य विश्वविद्यालयों के 70 शोधार्थियों ने सक्रिय रूप से भाग लिया।
विश्वविद्यालय ऋषिकेश परिसर के मेडिकल लैब टेक्नोलॉजी विभाग में विषय आइसोलेशन एण्ड आईडेंटिफिकेशन ऑफ बैक्टीरिया फ्रॉम वॉटर स्वायल (मिड्री) पर साप्ताहिक कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।
राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया जिसका विषय जीनोमिक्स प्रोटीमिक्स व सूक्ष्म जीव टेक्नोलॉजी व नवाचार व अनुप्रयोग था जिसमें 150 प्रतिभागियों ने प्रतिभाग किया।

विश्वविद्यालय मुख्यालय एवं परिसर ऋषिकेश में निर्माण कार्यों की प्रगति :-
विश्वविद्यालय के ऋषिकेश परिसर के ऑडिटोरियम का निर्माण कार्य पूर्ण हो चुका है विद्यार्थियों के लिए परीक्षा हॉल का निर्माण कार्य एवं विज्ञान संकाय ब्लॉक का कार्य निर्माणाधीन है।
सम्पूर्ण परिसर के नवीनीकरण का कार्य प्रगति पर है।
विश्वविद्यालय मुख्यालय में कुलसचिव कार्यालय ब्लॉक के अग्रभाग में रिक्त पड़ी भूमि पर प्री-फैबीकेटेड हॉल का निर्माण कार्य पूर्ण हो चुका है।
विश्वविद्यालय मुख्यालय में पार्किंग स्थल का निर्माण कार्य तथा विश्वविद्यालय के मध्य प्रवेश द्वार का कार्य गतिमान है जो कि इसी माह जुलाई, 2024 में पूर्ण किया जाना है।
विश्वविद्यालय मुख्यालय में शैक्षणिक एवं प्रशासनिक ब्लॉक का निर्माण, लैबवर रूम एवं लाइब्रेरी रूम निर्माण, प्रोफेसर रूम, फेकल्टी रूम, गैर शिक्षण कर्मचारी हेतु कार्यालय एवं रिपोर्टिंग रूम निर्माण, रिशेथल एवं कैंटीन ब्लॉक, सूचना डेस्क निर्माण, ट्रेजिस्ट्रार ऑफिस निर्माण तथा कुलपति, कुलसचिव, परीक्षा नियंत्रक एवं मुख्य वित्त अधिकारी हेतु आवासीय भवनों का निर्माण कार्य गतिमान है।

पेटेंट:-
विश्वविद्यालय परिसर ऋषिकेश के प्राध्यापकों द्वारा विगत 02 वर्षों में कुल 24 पेटेंट फाईल किये गये, जिसमें से 20 पेटेंट प्रकाशित हो चुके हैं एवं 04 पेटेंट भारत सरकार के पेटेंट विभाग द्वारा मंजूर (Granted) किये जा चुके हैं जो कि अभूतपूर्व उपलब्धि है।

परीक्षा परिणाम:-
विश्वविद्यालय के सत्र 2024 की सेमेस्टर्स एवं वार्षिक पद्धति की परीक्षाएँ मई, 2024 को आयोजित की गयी थी। एक परीक्षा, एक परिणाम के फॉर्मूले के तहत अधिकतम स्नातक एवं स्नातकोत्तर स्तर के परीक्षा परिणाम सार्वजनिक कर दिये गये हैं।
उत्तराखण्ड राज्य के 03 राज्य विश्वविद्यालयों श्री देव सुमन विश्वविद्यालय, कुमाऊ विश्वविद्यालय नैनीताल एवं सोबन सिंह जीना विश्वविद्यालय अल्मोड़ा से सम्बद्ध विभिन्न राजकीय, अशासकीय एवं स्वयंसेवक पोषित बीएड/शिक्षण संस्थानों में सत्र 2024-26 के प्रथम वर्ष में प्रवेश हेतु प्रथम बार राज्य संयुक्त बीएड/प्रवेश परीक्षा का आयोजन किया गया। सत्र 2024-26 के प्रथम वर्ष में प्रवेश हेतु बीएड/प्रवेश परीक्षा की विनियमों सरकार व शासन द्वारा श्री देव सुमन उत्तराखण्ड विश्वविद्यालय को सौंपी गयी। प्रवेश परीक्षा के पश्चात् तय समय में विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा दिनांक 25.06.2024 को प्रवेश परीक्षा परिणाम सार्वजनिक किये गये

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Judge rejects Trump's latest demand in hush money case

AP ■ NEW YORK

Donald Trump has lost his latest bid for a new judge in his New York hush money criminal case as it heads toward a key ruling and potential sentencing next month.

In a decision posted Wednesday, Judge Juan M Merchan declined to step aside and said Trump's demand was a rehash "rife with inaccuracies and unsubstantiated claims" about the political ties of Merchan's daughter and his ability to judge the historic case fairly and impartially.

It is the third that the judge has rejected such a request from lawyers for the former president and current Republican nominee. All three times, they argued that Merchan, a state court judge in Manhattan, has a conflict of interest because of his daughter's work as a political consultant for prominent Democrats and campaigns. Among them was Vice President Kamala Harris when she sought the 2020 nomination for president. She is now her party's 2024 White House nominee.

A state court ethics panel said

last year that Merchan could continue on the case, writing that a relative's independent political activities are not "a reasonable basis to question the judge's impartiality".

Merchan has repeatedly said he is certain he will continue to base his rulings "on the evidence and the law, without fear or favour, casting aside undue influence".

"With these fundamental principles in mind, this Court now reiterates for the third time, that which should already be clear — innuendo and mischaracterisations do not a conflict create," Merchan wrote in his three-page ruling. "Recusal is therefore not necessary, much less required."

But with Harris now Trump's Democratic opponent in this year's White House election, Trump lawyer Todd Blanche wrote in a letter to the judge last month that the defence's concerns have become "even more concrete".

Prosecutors called the claims "a vexatious and frivolous attempt to relitigate" the issue. Messages seeking comment on the ruling were left with Blanche.

The Manhattan district attorney's office, which prosecuted the case, declined to comment.

Trump was convicted in May of falsifying his business records to conceal a 2016 deal to pay off porn actor Stormy Daniels to stay quiet about her alleged 2006 sexual encounter with him. Prosecutors cast the payout as part of a Trump-driven effort to keep voters from hearing salacious stories about him during his first campaign.

Trump says all the stories were false, the business records were not and the case was a political maneuver meant to damage his current campaign. The prosecutor who brought the charges, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, is a Democrat.

Trump has pledged to appeal. Legally, that cannot happen before a defendant is sentenced. In the meantime, his lawyers took other steps to try to derail the case. Besides the recusal request, they have asked Merchan to overturn the verdict and dismiss the case altogether because of the US Supreme Court's July ruling on presidential immunity.

That decision reins in prosecutions of ex-presidents for official acts and restricts prosecutors in pointing to official acts as evidence that a president's unofficial actions were illegal. Trump's lawyers argue that in light of the ruling, jurors in the hush money case should not have heard such evidence as former White House staffers describing how the then-president reacted to news coverage of the Daniels deal.

Earlier this month, Merchan set a Sept 16 date to rule on the immunity claim, and Sept 18 for "the imposition of sentence or other proceedings as appropriate".

The hush money case is one of four criminal prosecutions brought against Trump last year. One federal case, accusing Trump of illegally hoarding classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, was dismissed last month. The Justice Department is appealing. The others — federal and Georgia state cases concerning Trump's efforts to overturn his 2020 election loss — are not positioned to go to trial before the November election.

'Americans give Harris an advantage over Trump on honesty, discipline'

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Vice President Kamala Harris has a perceived advantage over former President Donald Trump on several leadership qualities such as honesty, a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds, although Americans are slightly more likely to trust Trump on the economy and immigration.

Nearly half of Americans say that "committed to democracy" and "disciplined" are attributes that better describe Harris. About 3 in 10 say these qualities better describe Trump.

About 4 in 10 say Harris is someone who "cares about people like you" while about 3 in 10 say that about Trump. About 4 in 10 say "honest" better describes Harris and 24% say that quality better describes Trump.

Both parties are racing to define Harris as she prepares to accept the Democratic nomination at the party's convention next week. The poll suggests she carries some of the same baggage that weighed down President Joe Biden before he ended his reelection bid but has advantages over Trump when they're compared to each other. And Democrats continue to be much happier about her candidacy than they were about Biden's.

Trump has spent the campaign championing himself as a strong leader who is capable of handling tough crises facing the country and suggesting that foreign leaders wouldn't respect Harris in the White House. But he doesn't have an advantage with Americans on that characteristic, according to the survey. Four in 10 US adults see Trump as a strong leader, and roughly the same share say that about Harris. About 4 in 10 say Trump is capable of handling a crisis, and a similar share say Harris is better positioned to do so.

Americans are about evenly divided between who they think is more capable of winning in November — Trump or Harris. In July, before Biden dropped out of the race, only about 2 in 10 Americans thought he was more capable of winning, while about twice as many thought that about Trump.

"Trump had a better chance when Joe Biden was running," said Lisa Miller, a 42-year-old student in Elko, Nevada, and a Republican. "I think a lot of people who were insecure about Joe Biden are more secure with Kamala Harris' age and cognitive abilities."

Americans are more likely to trust Trump over Harris when it comes to handling the economy or immigration, but the difference is slight — 45% say Trump is better positioned to handle the economy, while 38% say that about Harris. The difference is similar in handling immigration. Independents are about twice as likely to trust Trump over Harris on economic issues, and they give him the advantage on immigration as well.

Howard Barnes, a 36-year-old artist in San Francisco, is a Republican who says he trusts Trump over Harris on the border.

"She doesn't really seem to be proactive about it or even interested in it," Barnes said.

Harris has more of an advantage over Trump when it comes to handling issues related to race and racial inequality, abortion policy, and health care. Roughly half of US adults say Harris would do a better job than Trump handling each of those issues, compared with about 3 in 10 for Trump. Harris is especially strong among Democrats, independents and women on the issue of abortion policy. Democrats and independents give her the edge on health care, as well as on issues of race and racial inequality. About two-thirds of Black adults say Harris is the candidate they trust more on that issue, as well as about half of Hispanic adults and white adults.

Harris' strengths also accentuate two areas where Republicans give Trump relatively low marks: abortion policy and issues related to race and racial inequality. Only about 6 in 10 Republicans trust Trump over Harris on these issues.

There are possible signs of trouble for Harris in the poll, though. Only about 6 in 10 Democrats trust her over Trump to do a better job handling the war in Gaza, her lowest rating within her party on the issues asked about. About one-quarter of Democrats say they trust neither Trump nor Harris on this topic.

NZ food bank distributes candy made from potentially lethal Methamphetamine

AP ■ WELLINGTON

A charity working with homeless people in Auckland, New Zealand unknowingly distributed candies filled with a potentially lethal dose of methamphetamine in its food parcels after the sweets were donated by a member of the public.

Auckland City Mission told reporters on Wednesday that staff had started to contact up to 400 people to track down parcels that could contain the sweets —

which were solid blocks of methamphetamine enclosed in candy wrappers. New Zealand's police have opened a criminal investigation.

The amount of methamphetamine in each candy was up to 300 times the level someone would usually take and could be lethal, according to the New Zealand Drug Foundation — a drug checking and policy organisation, which first tested the candies.

Ben Birks Ang, a Foundation spokesperson, said disguising

drugs as innocuous goods was a common cross-border smuggling technique and more of the candies might have been distributed throughout New Zealand.

The sweets had a high street value of NZ\$ 1,000 (\$608) per candy, which suggested the donation by an unknown member of the public was accidental rather than a deliberate attack, Birks Ang said.

The City Missioner, Helen Robinson, said eight families, including at least one child, had

reported consuming the contaminated candies since Tuesday. No one was hospitalized and Robinson said the "revolting" taste meant most had immediately spat them out.

The charity's food bank only accepts donations of commercially produced food in sealed packaging, Robinson said. The pineapple candies, stamped with the label of Malaysian brand Rinda, "appeared as such when they were donated", arriving in a retail-sized bag, she added.

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अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

एनए द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न जन्मदों में निरत औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में विद्युत विकल्प/अनुसूचना कर्वां हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/संस्थानों/नगर निकायों में पंजीकृत फर्मों/उत्केतारों से अल्पकालीन ई-निविदों को आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्रमांक	कॉर्वा का नाम	निविदा का प्रकार	सर्वोच्चतम मूल्य (₹)
1.	Supply and Installation of CCTV Camera system including Annual services charge and 05 year AMC at IA. Bulandshahr Road, Loha Mandi, SSGT Road, Site-4 Sahlababad, Loni Industrial Estate, Meerut Road, Kavi Nagar and Loni Road, Ghaziabad.	अल्पकालीन	65.77

निविदा दिनांक 15.08.2024 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 22.08.2024 को 18:00 बजे तक अपलॉड की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक 23.08.2024 को 11:00 बजे या इसके पश्चात् खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा अपलॉड किये गये पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ निविदा खोलने के बाद 03 कार्यदिवस में पंजीकृत डाक/व्याजिमान रूप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है।
नोट: 1. निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर सहित दरें अंकित करें, अलग से मूल जीएसटीडी देय होगा। 2. निविदादाताओं को निविदा अपलॉड करते समय Eligibility Criteria के अनुसार समस्त प्रश्न अपलॉड करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी website: www.onlineupsida.com पर स्थापित लिंक यूपीएसटीडी की website: <https://tender.up.nic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है। **सर्वोच्चतम, अल्पकालीन, गांधीवाड़ा**

Calmer winds, reinforcements help battle scattered fires in Athens suburbs

AP ■ ATHENS

Firefighters in Greece battled scattered fires in hopes of containing the remains of a major wildfire that burned into the northern suburbs of Athens, triggering multiple evacuations and leaving at least one person dead.

With strong winds that had fanned the flames on Sunday and Monday dying down overnight, the fire department on Tuesday said the fire no longer had any active, advancing fronts and firefighters focused on extinguishing hundreds of slow-burning areas. Reinforcements of water-dropping aircraft and firefighters were arriving from abroad after Greece requested assistance from Europe's joint disaster response mechanism.

Dozens of homes and businesses were reported to have burned, although authorities did not yet have an exact number. Winds strengthened again Tuesday afternoon, but no new major flare-ups were reported. The European Union's Copernicus Emergency Management Service, which

provides mapping services for natural disasters using satellite images, said that by Monday the blaze had burned 8,500 hectares (21,000 acres, 85 square kilometres).

Helicopters, planes and hundreds of firefighters and vehicles were arriving from France, Italy, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Serbia and Romania. Turkey's Agriculture and Forestry Minister Ibrahim Yumakli said two firefighting planes and one helicopter had taken off Tuesday morning headed to Greece. "I wish all the best to our colleagues who work with the motto Forests are the world's common heritage," Yumakli posted on the social media platform X.

Relations between neighbours Greece and Turkey are frequently tense over territorial disputes, but they tend to put differences aside and send each other help when faced with natural disasters such as earthquakes and forest fires.

Several other Balkan countries also struggled with wildfires. Water-dropping planes and helicopters from Cyprus, Germany and Slovenia were

helping North Macedonia tackle blazes that have been burning for weeks, while Bosnian firefighters and local authorities appealed for international help to tackle fires raging in a national park in the east of the country. The Athens blaze began Sunday afternoon near Lake Marathon, about 35 kilometres (22 miles) northeast of the city, and coursed across Mount Pendeli, descending into the city's suburbs.

Firefighters found the burned body of a woman in an industrial building in the suburb of Vrillissa just after midnight. The woman, an employee of the business, was believed to have become trapped inside the building.

More than a dozen people were treated by paramedics, mostly for smoke inhalation, while five firefighters suffered light burns and breathing problems, the fire department said. Three hospitals, including a children's hospital, two monasteries and a children's home were evacuated on Monday, while about 30 push alerts were sent to cell phones warning people in several Athens

suburbs and outlying settlements to flee.

Authorities said some people who refused to leave their homes later became trapped and required rescuing, endangering the lives of firefighters. The affected areas — at the closest, some 15 kilometres (nine miles) from the heart of Athens — typically have thousands of residents. However, it was unclear how many were away on vacation at the height of the summer season, and how many had obeyed the evacuation orders or stayed to fight the blaze. Ten water-dropping planes and 10 helicopters were fighting the remaining flames Tuesday, backing up hundreds of firefighters on the ground, the fire department said.

Earlier in the week, the fire reached heights of about 25 metres (80 feet). It raced through pine forests left tinder-dry by repeated heat waves this summer. June and July were the hottest months ever recorded in Greece, which also recorded its warmest winter ever. An early start of the fire season this year has strained Greece's firefighting force.

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Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024

Sl. No.	Particulars	Rs. in million			
		3 months ended		Preceding 3 months ended	
		30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Refer Note 2)	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations	4,033.9	395.4	2,091.0	4,687.5
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(224.0)	(3,010.4)	(479.7)	(3,937.2)
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(224.0)	(3,010.4)	(6,770.4)	(10,227.9)
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(284.7)	(3,020.2)	(6,795.5)	(10,386.5)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the year/period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(91.4)	(3,036.4)	(6,377.2)	(9,072.0)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,268.7	1,082.2	1,082.2	1,082.2
7	Earnings per Share (of Rs. 2/- each)				
	- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.49)	(5.58)	(12.55)	(19.20)
	- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.49)	(5.58)	(12.55)	(19.20)

Notes to the consolidated financial results:

- The above consolidated financial results of the Group for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors (the Board) at its meeting held on 14 August 2024. These results have been subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors.
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Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024

Sl. No.	Particulars	Rs. in million			
		3 months ended		Preceding 3 months ended	
		30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Refer Note 2)	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	86.7	523.6	98.0	802.1
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(120.4)	96.2	22.4	31.1
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(120.4)	(35,733.2)	22.4	(35,798.3)
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(121.0)	(35,736.3)	22.2	(35,802.3)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	70.0	(35,741.8)	438.4	(34,482.5)
6	Earnings per Share (of Rs. 2/- each)				
	- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.21)	(66.05)	0.04	(66.17)
	- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.21)	(66.05)	0.04	(66.17)
7	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 2 per equity share)	1,268.7	1,082.2	1,082.2	1,082.2
8	Other equity				31,839.9

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Place: Mumbai
Date : 14 August 2024

Sachin Shah
Executive Director

JITF INFRALOGISTICS LIMITED
CIN - L60231CT2008PLC016434
Regd. Office: A-11 (7), Udaya Society, Sector-3, Tatibandh, Dharsiwa, Raipur- 492099, Chattisgarh
Corp. Office: Jindal ITF centre, 28, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi- 110015

EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

S. No.	Particulars	(₹ Lacs)							
		Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended		Year ended		Quarter Ended		Year ended	
		30.06.2024 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Refer Note 1	30.06.2023 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Audited	30.06.2024 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Refer Note 1	30.06.2023 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	83.77	75.63	85.73	320.81	67,000.17	90,904.54	67,437.35	333,624.71
2	Net Profit/(loss) before tax and share of profit/(loss) of joint venture and exceptional items	6.62	3.78	10.13	22.99	4,242.30	2,809.33	785.56	13,045.51
3	Net Profit/(loss) before tax and after share of profit/(loss) of joint venture and exceptional items	6.62	3.78	10.13	22.99	4,245.45	4,708.65	790.32	14,955.18
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional items)	4.96	2.82	7.57	17.19	2,311.93	4,095.21	(574.62)	9,082.33
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period/year (after tax) and Other Comprehensive income (after tax)]	5.20	3.77	7.57	18.14	2,401.32	4,613.34	(575.35)	9,641.19
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as at Balance Sheet date				31,528.69				(56,063.28)
8	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 2/- each) (Not annualised)								
	(1) Basic (₹)	0.02*	0.01*	0.03*	0.07	3.75*	12.67*	(5.81)*	13.78
	(2) Diluted (₹)	0.02*	0.01*	0.03*	0.07	3.75*	12.67*	(5.81)*	13.78

Note:

- The figures for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 are the balancing figures between the audited figures for the financial year ended March 31, 2024 and the published unaudited figures for the nine months ended December 31, 2023.
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On behalf of Board of Director of JITF Infra Logistics Limited
Sd/-
Amarendra Kumar Sinha
Whole Time Director
DIN: 08190565

Place: Raipur
Date : August 14, 2024

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Sachin Shah
Executive Director

ADITYA BIRLA CENTURY **सेन्चुरी पल्प एण्ड पेपर** (आदित्य बिरला ग्रुप)
घनश्यामधाम, लालकुआँ-262402, जिला नैनीताल (उत्तराखण्ड)
स्वतंत्रता दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ

सेन्चुरी पल्प एण्ड पेपर द्वारा देश के औद्योगिक विकास के साथ साथ जनहित में बढ़ते कदम

किसी भी संस्थान की प्रगति के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है कि गुणवत्ता युक्त माल का अधिकतम उत्पादन करें पर उससे भी कहीं अधिक महत्वपूर्ण ध्यान देने योग्य यह है कि उस संस्थान ने निकटवर्ती क्षेत्रों और वहाँ रहने वाले लोगों के विकास हेतु क्या योगदान दिया है। लालकुआँ स्थित आदित्य बिरला ग्रुप के विशाल प्रतिष्ठान सेन्चुरी पल्प एण्ड पेपर ने क्षेत्रीय विकास के लिए महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया है एवं प्रमुख गतिविधियाँ निम्न है।

- प्राइमरी एवं जूनियर हाई स्कूल घोड़ानाला, एवं राजीवनगर का जीर्णोद्धार एवं पीने के पानी की व्यवस्था।
- क्षेत्रीय महिलाओं व बालिकाओं के लिए विन्दुखत्ता एवं शान्तिपुरी में निशुल्क सिलाई प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र।
- विन्दुखत्ता, खड़की मोहल्ला, शान्तिपुरी एवं लालकुआँ क्षेत्र में 146 हेण्ड पम्प की स्थापना।
- निकटवर्ती क्षेत्रों (राजीव नगर, हाथी-खाना, बंगाली कॉलोनी, संजय नगर बजरी कम्पनी) में कीटनाशक दवाइयों का छिड़काव एवं साफ-सफाई का विशेष ध्यान।
- विन्दुखत्ता, लालकुआँ, हल्द्वीचौड़ एवं शान्तिपुरी (गरीबी रेखा से नीचे विन्धित स्थानों पर) में 310 शौचालयों का निर्माण।
- राजकीय कन्या इण्टर कॉलेज-लालकुआँ, हाट कालिका इण्टर कॉलेज, आदर्श इण्टर कॉलेज विन्दुखत्ता, राजकीय इण्टर कॉलेज हल्द्वीचौड़, प्राइमरी स्कूल घोड़ा नाला, रमन नगर एवं बंगाली कॉलोनी में छात्र-छात्राओं के लिए फर्नीचर प्रदान किया गया।
- जनता इण्टर कॉलेज विन्दुखत्ता में फर्नीचर सहित 2 कक्षाओं का निर्माण एवं 15 कमप्यूटर प्रदान किए गए।
- विन्दुखत्ता में असहाय परिवारों के लिए 5 आवासों का निर्माण एवं इन्दिरानगर विन्दुखत्ता में गौला नदी में बाढ़ से प्रभावित छः परिवारों हेतु प्रशासन द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गयी भूमि पर आवास की व्यवस्था कर दी गयी है।
- आई. टी. शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने हेतु जनपद नैनीताल के प्राइमरी स्कूलों में 75 लैपटॉप एवं प्रिन्टर, जी.जी.आई.सी. लालकुआँ में 10 कमप्यूटर राजकीय कन्या उच्च प्राथमिक विद्यालय लालकुआँ में 5 कमप्यूटर एवं आई.टी.आई. विन्दुखत्ता में 10 कमप्यूटर फर्नीचर सहित प्रदान किए गए।
- पर्वतीय क्षेत्र से पिरुल एकत्रित कर विशेष रूप से ग्रामीण महिलाओं को रोजगार प्रदान किया जा रहा है जिससे वनाग्नि पर भी नियंत्रण हो रहा है।
- निकटवर्ती क्षेत्रों में चिकित्सा हेतु मेडिकल कैंप एवं ब्लड डोनेशन कैंप का आयोजन किया गया एवं राजकीय ब्लड बैंक खटीमा हेतु उपकरण प्रदान किये गये।
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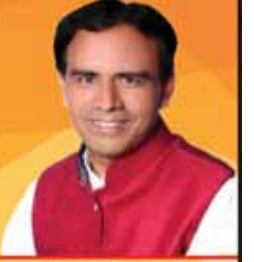
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सभी क्षेत्रवासियों को नगर निगम हरिद्वार की ओर से 78वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं इस अवसर पर नगर निगम हरिद्वार आपसे अपील करता है कि आप:-

- अपने घर एवं प्रतिष्ठान का ठोस अपशिष्ट गीला व सूखा कूड़ा पृथक-पृथक नगर निगम के डोर-दू-डोर स्वच्छता वाहन को ही दें।
- नगर निगम हरिद्वार द्वारा स्वच्छता कार्य, डोर-दू-डोर सेवा हेतु उपभोक्ता शुल्क यूजर चार्ज के रूप में समय से देने का कष्ट करें एवं शहर को स्वच्छ एवं सुन्दर बनाने में अपना सहयोग प्रदान करें।
- निर्धारित गृह व व्यवसायिक कर ससमय कार्यालय में जमा करें।
- नगर निगम हरिद्वार को स्वच्छता सर्वेक्षण-2024 में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त करने में अपना महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दें।
- सिंगल यूज प्लास्टिक का प्रयोग न करें और न ही दूसरों को करने दें। कपड़े, कागज अथवा जूट के बने बैगो/थैलो का प्रयोग करें।
- नाले/नालियों पर अतिक्रमण न करें व उनके अंदर कूड़ा आदि न डालें।
- गंगा नदी व घाटों के पास गंदगी न फैलाये न किसी को फैलाने दें।
- खुले में शौच न करें, शौचालयों का प्रयोग करें।

(वरुण चौधरी) नगर आयुक्त नगर निगम हरिद्वार (धीराज सिंह गर्बाल) प्रशासक नगर निगम हरिद्वार

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वर्तमान में किये जा रहे मुख्य व्यवसाय

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- राज्य सरकार की एजेन्सी के रूप में सहकारी समितियों के माध्यम से गेहूँ एवं धान खरीद।
- उपभोक्ता व्यवसाय
- आधुनिक औषधियों का उत्पादन कर प्रदेश एवं प्रदेश के बाहर आपूर्ति करना।
- वेटर हाउसिंग कार्य।
- राज्य सरकार की एजेन्सी के रूप में मिलेट मिशन योजना के अन्तर्गत मण्डुवा/झंगोरा/मोटा अनाज क्रय करना।
- शासन द्वारा समर्थन-समर्थ पर सौंपे गये कार्य।

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