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Prof Amol Bhoi awarded PhD from Savitribai **Phule Pune University**

Pune: Prof Amol Bhoi of Department of Electronics and Telecommunications at G H Raisoni College of Engineering and Management was award-ed the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree by Savitribai Phule Pune University recently. He researched and present-ed a thesis on Channel Modelling for Milli-Metre Wave Communication System Using Machine Learning Approach. He has done PhD in the Faculty of Science and Technology under guidance of Dr Vaibhav Hendre.

Constable commits suicide in Mumbai: Officials

Mumbai: A Mumbai police constable, committed suicide while hanging from the fan at his residence in the Pratiksha Nagar locality of the Sion area in south central Mumbai, officials said on Saturday. According to the police, Constable Vijay Salunkhe, attached to the Sahu Nagar police station, had been on leave since May 30 due to health issues. On Friday evening, he was found hanging at his residence. Following this information, a team of police reached the spot and sent the body for a post-mortem exam-

Police nabs 2 miscreants with weapons in J&K's Samba

Jammu: Police on Saturday nabbed two miscreants with sharp edged weapons at Bari Brahmana area in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir. Police said that police party during vehicle checking at naka Kala Gate Bari Brahmana, intercepted a motorcycle coming from Smailpur side for its checking. During checking, two sharp-edged weapons were recovered from their possession. The miscreants identified as Happy Chib and Arun Singh, both residents of Samilpur, in Bari Brahmana tehsil of Samba district were

BJP constitutes 4-member party committee to make on the spot study of alleged post-poll violence in Bengal

Kolkata: BJP's National President Jagat Prakash Nadda on Saturday constituted a fourmember committee headed by former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb as the Convenor to visit West Bengal to make on the spot study regarding the alleged violence after the June 4 Lok Sabha results were out and submit a re to him, Party sources said. The other members of the committee are Ravi Shankar Prasad (MP), Brij Lal (MP), and Kavita Patidar (MP). However, the date of visit of the committee was not known immediately. "Mamata Banerjee remains a mute spectator, while criminals of her party attack and intimidate opposition workers and voters with impunity," a BJP statement said.

Special 'Sahasra Kalasabhishekam' in Tirumala temple

Tirumala: The annual 'Sahasra Kalasabhishekam' of Bhoga Srinivasa Murthy, the silver replica of the presiding deity of Sri Venkateswara Swamy, will be observed in Tirumala temple on Sunday. The special 'abĥishekam' will be performed at the Bangaru Vakili inside the temple from 6 am to 8:-30 am,. The Arjitha Sevas will be performed as usual, an official said on Saturday. The special ritual is usually carried out at the hill temple commemorating the historical presentation of the 18-inch silver idol of Bhoga Srinivasa Murty, consecrated by Pallava queen Samavai (Perundevi) in 614 BC.

There'll be no shortage of fertiliser,

seeds: Maha minister

Beed: Maharashtra Agriculture minister Dhananjay Munde has assured there will be no shortage of fertiliser and seeds anywhere in the state, as proper planning is being done by appointing a government task force. According to a state gov-ernment media statement Friday night, Maharashtra is expected to receive satisfactory rainfall during this year's kharif season. In this regard, agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilisers, pesticides etc. are being made available in abundance at the government and market levels.

CPI(M) office ransacked over inter-caste marriage, two injured

Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu) (UNI) Two members of the Communist

Party of India (Marxist) sustained minor injuries, when a group of family members of a dominant caste and office bearers of their caste-based association ransacked the party office, after the CPI(M) functionaries facilitated an intercaste marriage for a love-smitten couple at Vinoba Nagar in Tirunelveli city on Friday evening.
Police sources said here on Sat-

urday that Madan Kumar (28), belonging to the Dalit community, fell in love with Udhaya Thatchayini (23), hailing from the dominant Pil-

lai community.

The girl faced stiff opposition from the family over the love affair.

Fearing repercussions from the

girl's parents, the couple took refuge at CPI(M) office after a secret marriage. With the help of CPI(M) office bearers, the couple planned to register their marriage at the Melapalayam subregistrar office on Friday On learning about this the residue. day. On learning about this, the parents of the girl, their kin, and office bearers of the caste association



barged into the CPI(M) office and attempted to forcibly take the girl to

There was a heated altercation between the CPI(M) functionaries and the girl's family members, resulting in a free-for-all.

The family members of the girl and the office-bearers of the caste association ransacked the party of-

fice, breaking all the furniture and window glass panes. Two members of the CPI(M) were injured in the incident and were treated at the Government hospital.

Senior police officials visited the CPI(M) office and held an investigation. A large number of policemen were deployed at the party office as a precautionary measure.

Karnataka govt's sales tax hike sends fuel prices soaring

Bengaluru (UNI)
In a decision that has jolted Karnataka denizens, the Congress-led state government has announced an immediate and significant hike in sales tax on petrol and diesel, causing fuel prices to surge by Rs 3

The sudden increase, detailed in an official gazette notification from the finance department, reflects a sharp rise in the Karnataka Sales Tax (KST) from 25.92% to 29.84% on petrol and from 14.3% to 18.4% on diesel. This move comes on the heels of the recently concluded Lok Sabha election, where inflation and price rises were pivotal issues.

Before the hike, petrol was priced at Rs 99.84 per litre and diesel at Rs 85.93 per litre in Bengaluru. With the new taxes, con-103.84 per litre for petrol and Rs 88.93 per litre for diesel. This abrupt increase is expected to ripple through the economy, affecting everything from transportation

costs to household budgets.

The timing of this tax hike has raised eyebrows and sparked widespread debate. Coming so soon af-



inflation concerns. Citizens are already voicing their frustrations, struggling to adjust their budgets to accommodate the higher costs.

Political analysts suggest that the state government's decision could have significant repercussions, both politically and economically. The public unrest is palpable and the government faces mounting pressure to justify its actions and address the concerns of its cit-

The increase in fuel prices is likely to have far-reaching consequences. Higher transportation costs can lead to increased prices for goods and services, further straining the pockets of ordinary

POCSO Case: Yediyurappa expresses confidence in judiciary, denounces confusion surrounding trial

Stepping off the plane from New Delhi, former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa didn't hold back his thoughts as he asserted his confidence in the judicial system while denouncing the cloud of confusion shrouding his trial in a POCSO

case.
"I travelled to Delhi for a prescheduled event and had already The High Court has also granted an injunction. I will be present at the trial on Monday. This situation has caused unnecessary confusion," Yediyurappa told reporters at Bengaluru airport, making his stance clear here on Saturday.

However, Yediyurappa refrained from casting blame, instead opting for a philosophical outlook. "I'm not blaming anyone. Time will re-veal everything. People know the truth. Those who are playing tricks will be held accountable by the public," he asserted, leaving a lingering promise of accountability in his wake.

The Karnataka High Court on Friday put a temporary halt on coercive measures, including arrest and detention, pending the next hearing. This respite came after Yediyurappa voluntarily offered to cooperate with authorities on June 17, a move aimed at dispelling any doubts regarding his commitment to the legal process.

Yogi introduces pair of Asiatic Lions at Gorakhpur Zoo

Gorakhpur (UNI) Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath released the Asiatic lion 'Bharat' and lioness 'Gauri' into their enclosures at the Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyan (Gorakhpur Zoo).

These two rare wildlife animals were brought from the Etawa Lion Safari in the last week of

May.
Following their release into the enclosure by the CM Zoo, visitors will now be able to see this pair of Asiatic lions and experience the thrill of hearing their roar. Earlier, on June 2, he visited the zoo to ob-



serve the five-year-old lion Bharat and the sevenyear-old lioness Gauri, gathering detailed infor-

Yogi's deep affection for the Gorakhpur Zoo is well-known. Whenever he has the opportunity, he The CM released the

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Charge) for Forest and Environment Dr Arun Saxena. He gathered information about both lions from the Zoo Director and DFO, Vikas Yadav. He planted a Haris

hankari sapling near the lion's enclosure, promoting a message of environ mental conservation, and also viewed the oil paint-

Tripura man sentenced to 20 years for sexually assaulting minor

Agartala: A District and Sessions Court in Tripura has sentenced a 65-year-old man to 20 years of imprisonment for sexual assault on a

The court in Khowai district on Friday declared the accused guilty under Indian Penal Code section 376 A/B and section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences

The convict was identified as Brajendra Debbarma, a resident of 36-mile area under the Mungiakami police station. The Court sentenced him to suffer 20 years of rigorous imprisonment along with a the penalty would result in a further five months of simple impris-

Hyderabad: 235 cadets inducted into IAF

Hyderabad (UNI)

It was a moment of pride for about 235 cadets, including 22 women, who graduated out of Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal, near here on Saturday.

After a hectic training schedule, the cadets joined the Indian Air Force as commissioned officers during the Combined Graduation Parade(CGP) held at AFA.

Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, presided over the parade and formally inducted the cadets into mainstream. Cadets from different streams underwent basic and professional training at various Air Force Training establishments.

the Indian Navy, 9 officers from the Indian Coast Guard, and one officer from the friendly foreign countries were also awarded 'Wings' on successful completion of flying training. This is also the first CG where 25 cadets who joined the

were commissioned as officers. 5 of these officers have been commissioned in the Administration branch, 3 in the Logistics branch National Defence Academy 4 years and 17 in the Technical branch of ago for Ground Duty branches,

2 youths die, 5 injured as SUV collides with tractor-trolley

Jaunpur; Two youths were killed and five others injured when an SUV collided with a tractor-trolley in Singramau area of Jaunpur district here in Uttar Pradesh police sources said on Saturday. Police sources said the incident took place near Bachhuar village when the SÛV collided with the tractor-trolley coming from the wrong side. "More than seven persons travelling in the SUV were injured in the incident," they said. Police sources said after getting the information the police reached the spot and launched a rescue operation. "The injured, including Deepak Nishad, Rahul Nishad, Golu Nishad, Rajan Nishad, Ashish Nishad, Rajesh Mishra, and SUV driver Imtiyaz Ahmad taken to the community health centre from where they were referred to the district hospital," they said.

Self-baggage facility at Cochin International Airport

The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has launched a self-baggage drop facility at the Domestic Terminal (T1) to improve the passenger experience and the airport service quality.

The facility will enable passengers to drop their check-in bags on the convevors themselves without airline personnel assistance. As most airlines have started incorporating this facility into their check-in systems, 95 percent of the outbound passengers in the domestic sector, mostly travelling by carriers like Air Asia,



Indigo, and Air India, can now avail of this facility at Cochin Airport.

The passengers can take the boarding pass printout and bag tag printout from the Common Use Self Service (CUSS) kiosks. CIAL al-

positioned at terminal gates After attaching the bag tag, the passengers can

ready has 10 CUSS kiosks

proceed to the self-bag drop facility and drop their bags. CIAL has installed four self-bag drop systems at check-in counters 27 to 30.

The system is integrated with CIAL's Baggage Handling System. The machines were imported from Canada. The same model has been implemented at Incheon Airport, South Korea.

S Suhas IAS, Managing Director, CIAL, has said that Cochin Airport is committed to providing its passengers with a world-class travel experience and enhancing operational efficiency.

Karnataka: HDK, Bommai quit assembly seats post-Lok Sabha triumph

Bengaluru (UNI)

Following their recent success in the 2024 Lok Sabha Election, promi-nent Karnataka leaders HD Kumaraswamy of the Janata Dal (Secular) and Basavaraj Bommai of the BJP on Saturday resigned from their positions as Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs).

Kumaraswamy, a former Chief Minister of Karnataka and a key figure in the JD (S), represented the Channapatna constituency. Bommai, also a former Chief Minister and a senior BJP leader, served as the MLA for the Shiggaon Assembly constituency. Both leaders have now transitioned to roles in the Lok Sabha, India's lower house of Parliament. The recent Lok Sabha election were

Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM, ex-

pressed pleasure about the partner-

ship, stating, "This collaboration aligns with CSIR-IIIM's commit-

ment to translating scientific

knowledge into impactful applica-

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strengths with Aromatic and Allied

Chemicals' industry insights, we

notable for the success of several state MLAs in securing parliamentary seats. A total of four MLAs from Karnataka, including Kumaraswamy and Bommai, were elected as MPs The official notification of their victory was issued on Thursday, prompting the newly elected MPs to resign from their positions in the state assembly within the mandated two-

week period. In addition to Kumaraswamy and Bommai, other notable resignations are expected. E. Tukaram, the Congress MLA for Sandur, and Kota Srini vas Poojary, the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, are also anticipated to step down from their respective state roles following their election to the Lok Sabha.

'Missing' Jasvir Saini found

Nahan: In a new twist in case of Head Constable Jasvir Saini, who had gone underground after releasing a video on social media and saying that he would resign and commit suicide, has been recovered from a village between Narayangarh and Mullana in Ambala district of Haryana.

He has been admitted to Medical College, Nahan. According to police officials, Jasvir is now completely healthy. They claimed that a conspiracy to defame officers regarding this entire episode is coming to the fore. Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, DIG state CID Crime Dr D K Chaudhary, he claimed that Jasvir had deliberately gone into hiding after releasing the video. On other hand, Sirmaur SP Raman Kumar Meena, while answering questions of journalists, said that a complaint was received against Jasvir a month ago from a person of Kala Amb, in which the matter of taking bribe was revealed.

CSIR-IIIM, Jammu inks MoA with Aromatic & Allied Chemicals, Bareilly

The CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, and Aromatic and Allied Chemicals, Bareilly, have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to collaborate on the value addition of selected aromatic crops of the region of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir and the joint development of innovative aromatic products.

An official spokesperson on Saturday said that the MoA signing ceremony held at CSIR-IIIM, Jammu marked a significant milestone in the synergy between these two esteemed organizations.

This collaboration aims to leverage CSIR-IIIM's expertise in natural product research and Aromatic and Allied Chemicals' proficiency in the processing of aromatic oils in developing high-value aromatic products that meet market demands and enhance agricultural sustainability, he



The spokesperson added that this collaboration will bring the close connect among the farmers of local region of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the aromatic industries, ultimately will enhance the already booming agri-startup and agri-economy of the region.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Zabeer

aim to create new avenues for the utilization of aromatic resources for economic and environmental ben-Such venture would also go a long

to help the progressive farmers for value addition, product develop-ment and the market linkage, he Aromatic and Allied Chemicals

(AAC) known for its pioneering work in aromatic products, views this col laboration as a strategic opportunity to expand its product portfolio and contribute to the growth of the aromatic industry.

'We are excited to partner with CSIR-IIIM, a premier research institute renowned for its scientific rigour and innovation," commented Gaurav Mittal, MD of Aromatic and Allied Chemicals. "Together, we look forward to developing cutting-edge aromatic products that uphold the highest standards of quality and sus-