

Between October 2022 and September 2023, the US Embassy and consulates in India granted 140,000 student visas.



"After clearing the final obstacle, I glimpsed them," recounted the rat-hole miner who rescued the trapped workers.



Vivek Agnihotri criticizes Indigo Airlines for inadequate service after being stranded on a flight with dirty toilets and water shortages.



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Telangana approaches a tight race as Congress narrows the margin with BRS

The ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in Telangana draws confidence from stable governance, welfare schemes, and maintaining law and order, as it faces a challenge from a resurging Congress and the BJP in the November 30 Assembly polls. The BRS swiftly announced 115 candidates in August, led by chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), initiating a comprehensive state-wide campaign starting October 15. Their focus rests on promoting welfare initiatives, highlighting the state's development under their rule since 2014, and criticizing the Congress and BJP's impact on Telangana.

Contrarily, the Congress, aligning with the CPI, released candidate lists, showcasing top leaders like Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, and aiming for change with their "Marpu kavali, Congress ravali (We want change, Congress must come)" slogan. The party emphasized providing more welfare benefits than the BRS government and faced contention over the term "Indiramma Rajyam" introduced by Revanth Reddy, causing friction between parties. The BJP, after successes in Hyderabad and Assembly bypolls, faced a slowdown following a loss in Karnataka. Despite deploying leaders like Narendra



Modi and Amit Shah, the lack of a Telugu-speaking face might affect its prospects. Corruption allegations against the BRS and Congress, combined with criticism of dynastic politics, formed the BJP's campaign focus. As the election fervor intensified, controversies emerged over disbursing Rythu Bandhu

assistance, creating friction between the BRS and Congress. The battles extend beyond party lines, with key leaders like KCR and Revanth Reddy engaged in highly contested battles in their respective constituencies. Various other seats witness close contests, ensuring a keenly watched election scenario in Telangana.

Shah insists on CAA execution, urges Modi's re-election, and Banerjee's removal

During his visit to Kolkata, Union Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized the impending implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). He strongly criticized West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, attributing the state's decline to issues such as appeasement, infiltration, corruption, and political violence prevalent under her leadership. Shah's primary objective during this Kolkata trip was to inaugurate the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Lok Sabha campaign in West Bengal. He urged the public to support the BJP in the forthcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections and subsequent state polls, aiming for a substantial electoral victory that would credit Prime Minister Modi's leadership to the state's progress.



The Home Minister condemned the alleged electoral manipulations by the Trinamool Congress (TMC) in previous state elections, highlighting the BJP's significant rise in seats. He criticized the TMC for purportedly perpetuating infiltration, contrasting it with Assam's success in containment, and acknowledged public discontent with issues like "cut money" and syndicates under the TMC regime. Shah emphasized the BJP's alignment with Prime Minister Modi's vision for West Bengal's development, stressing the necessity of effective governance for the state's progress. Additionally, he acknowledged the prevalence of political violence and committed to a democratic response in future elections.

BJP MP accuses Mahua Moitra of Corruption amidst Degree Dispute

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey responded sharply to Mahua Moitra's dig about his degree, shifting the focus to her alleged acceptance of money for posing questions in Parliament. Dubey accused Moitra of possibly accessing NIC mails in Dubai, questioning whether she sought permission for her foreign trips and raised concerns about her asking questions for financial gain. He emphasized that the issue is not about degrees or theft but about misleading the country and corruption, using hashtags insinuating selling the country for a degree and trading conscience for money.



This retort followed Moitra's repeated claims about Dubey holding fake degrees. Allegations surfaced that Moitra received a hefty sum from businessman Darshan Hiranandani for raising queries in Parliament, prompting Dubey to urge a Lok Sabha Speaker

investigation. He also sought a Lokpal probe, citing a Supreme Court lawyer's letter detailing alleged bribery. Hiranandani alleged that Moitra sought various favors and provided her login credentials, linking her criticism of the Adani Group to her pursuit of fame. Moitra defended the shared login credentials, stating they're commonly used and challenged the government to disclose all MPs' login data. While the BJP questioned the Trinamool leadership's stance on Moitra, Mamata Banerjee's party indicated action after the Lok Sabha panel's probe.

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BVICAM and Communication Today illuminate the path ahead for Children's Literature in thought-provoking Webinar

On the occasion of Children's Day, on November 14, 2023, under the joint aegis of the media quarterly Communication Today published from Jaipur and Delhi's prestigious educational institution Bharati Vidyapeeth, a webinar was organized on the topic 'Children's Literature: Condition and Direction' with leading children's literature experts of the country.

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of children. Literature is useful only when the readers start feeling a sense of belonging to it. He said that literature for children should have a sense of intimacy along with entertainment. He believed that today's children's writer does not preach, rather his experience, his understanding and his vision are echoed in his writings. He believed that today useful scientific literature is also being written for children. He felt a great need to make children's literature available to the readers. Jaipur-based writer Dr. Alka Jain, who regularly writes on various aspects of psychology and life related to children, said that only that literature written for children is important which can directly connect with the children. Literature written in simple, understandable language for children should not only entertain but also inspire them to fight and live a cultured life. Underlining the tradition from mythological literature till today, he said that children's literature should be according to the age of children so that their

expression ability improves and their vocabulary increases. Recalling the world of stories of grandparents, he said how children used to get emotionally attached with them. He also stressed on making the parents aware in carrying forward this legacy. In the beginning, Dr. Usha Sahni, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Shaheed Mangal Pandey PG Girls College, Meerut, gave the background information of Communication Today's webinar series along with the symbolic expression of Saraswati Vandana. While welcoming everyone, Professor M N Hoda, Director of Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute's of Computer Application and Management, while mentioning children's magazines like Nandan Parag Chanda Mama etc, said that the content published in them had once started the tradition of rich literature for children. He believed that we have to keep their age in mind while creating children's literature. Introducing the topic, Prof. Dr. Sanjeev Bhanawat,



editor of Communication Today and former Chairman of the Center for Mass Communication of Rajasthan University, said that the child communicates directly with poetry for the first time in the form of mother's lullaby. Children are the future of humanity, the soul of the nation. Therefore, literature should have the ability to communicate directly with children, entertain them and by understanding their psychology, can show them the way to make them responsible citizens in the future. Ayushi Sachdeva, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Bharati Vidyapeeth presented vote

of thanks. Assistant Professor Priyanka Singh presented e-booklet to the guests. Technical support was provided by Pushpendra Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism, Bharati Vidyapeeth and Dr. Prithvi Sengar, IIMT University, Meerut. In the discussion, Dr. Bala Lakhendra, Associate Professor of Journalism Department of Banaras Hindu University, Javar Singh of Pune, Dr. Dayanand Kadian of Narnaul also made their comments. Arihant, son of Dr. Bala Lakhendra, also recited the poem read by Dr. Divik Ramesh in the second class.

BVICAM and Communication Today shed light on the future of journalism in the digital age

On the occasion of National Press Day, the 102nd webinar was organized on the topic 'Journalism in the Digital Age' on 16 November 2023. Addressing the webinar, Prof. Sanjeev Bhanawat, editor of Communication Today and former Chairman of the Center for Mass Communication at Rajasthan University, said that the Press Council of India started functioning on 16 November 1966. In memory of this day, this day is celebrated as National Press Day. The Press Council of India basically works towards maintaining the highest standards of journalism and freedom of expression in India. National Journalism Day is also dedicated to these objectives. The purpose of this day is to show how journalism shapes public opinion and also works towards making the people

at the top accountable to the society. The Press Council's effort is to create a free and responsible environment for journalism in the country. While discussing the historical background of journalism, Prof. Bhanawat said that journalism has completely changed in the digital era. Now newspapers, radio and TV have entered our mobile phones. He believed that journalism has moved beyond traditional mediums like newspapers, radio and TV and has taken digital form. While this has accelerated the dissemination of news, credibility has also been challenged due to lack of editorial control. Professor M N Hoda, Director of Bharati Vidyapeeth, Delhi, said that new media outlets are being created in the digital ecosystem. Now the speed of our work has increased. It has its own advantages and disadvan-

tages. He also expressed the need to protect the basic nature of journalism in the digital age. Prof. Hoda told that in Bharati Vidyapeeth we have implemented the system of fact checking and fake news identification. He called upon interested individuals and institutions to also join it. He expected the journalists to go deep into the news in the digital era and give information to the common readers, viewers and listeners on the basis of research. He also talked about effective use of data in journalism. In the beginning, Dr. Usha Sahni, Assistant Professor of English Department of Shaheed Mangal Pandey PG Girls College, Meerut, made a symbolic presentation of Saraswati Vandana. He also gave background information on the publishing journey of Communication Today. Ayushi Sachdev, Head of the Department of



Journalism and Mass Communication, Bharati Vidyapeeth, while welcoming all the guests and participants, said that this joint venture of Communication Today and Bharati Vidyapeeth will prove to be ideologically rich. The vote of thanks was given by department teacher Priyanka Singh. Organizing team members Pushpendra Singh of Bharati Vidyapeeth, Dr. Sunil Pratap Singh and Dr. Prithvi Sengar of IIMT University, Meerut

discharged technical and other responsibilities. Dr. Bala Lakhendra of Journalism Department of Banaras Hindu University, Dr. Sheel Nidhi Tripathi of Bharatiya Vidyapeeth, Shri Alekh of Haryana Central University Mahendragarh etc. also participated in the discussion.

NEWS

Indian consulate attackers radicalised online, travelled to US recently: Sources

Sources in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said several individuals in Punjab and Haryana were radicalized online and subsequently sent abroad to carry out the attacks on the Indian consulate in San Francisco, United States. The revelation comes after the NIA conducted raids last week at 14 locations in Punjab and Haryana in connection with the attacks on the Indian consulate in San Francisco that occurred on March 19 and July 2 this year. The raids aimed to unravel the conspiracy behind the attacks, shedding light on the intricate web of radicalization and potential transnational criminal activities. The agency had initi-

ated searches against people in Punjab and Haryana, establishing connections through social media platforms to those identified in the consulate attacks case. NIA sources said a significant number of individuals, believed to be influenced by online radicalization, have been recently sent to the US for allegedly taking part in Khalistani activities. Their primary targets appear to be Indian diplomatic missions, the sources added. The investigation is widening its scope to explore possible links to smuggling, trafficking, and further instances of radicalization. NIA sources said the agency is close to identifying at least 30 Khalistani supporters allegedly

involved in vandalizing the Indian consulate in San Francisco and the Indian High Commission in London, UK. The identities of the accused individuals have been ascertained through crowdsourcing, the sources added. The NIA is actively collaborating with authorities in San Francisco and the UK to gather information and evidence. The anti-terror agency is also delving into the fundraising activities of Khalistani terrorist organizations, intensifying efforts to track and disrupt any financial support to terrorist



activities.

In March, the Indian consulate in San Francisco was vandalised after the Punjab Police launched a nationwide search for Khalistani separatist Amritpal Singh in India. Protesters shouting pro-Khalistan slogans broke through security barriers to install two Khalistani banners on the consulate premises. They also smashed the door and windows with iron rods.

Delhi likely to get light showers

As per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data recorded at 7 am, the air quality at Lodhi Road stood at 228, at IIT Delhi, the AQI was at 283, and at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport, the AQI was hovering at 313. In Uttar Pradesh, the IMD predicted the possibility of rain/ thundershower on Thursday, especially in the western districts of the state. According to the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMD) Punjab, thunderstorm/ lightning with moderate rain is likely over parts of Sangrur, Patiala, SAS Nagar, Fatehgarh Sahib and Rupnagar. Along with the two northern states, Chandigarh is also expected to face light showers.

'Not feeling safe': Fresh ragging charge against Jadavpur University students

A post graduate student of Jadavpur University, which was in the eye of the storm after the death of a fresher due to alleged ragging, on Wednesday levelled harassment charges against some



seniors of the boys' main hostel. The complaints by the arts department student came a week after the university barred the entry of six students who were allegedly involved in the incident that led to the death of the fresher in August. The six were barred from entering the campus indefinitely. A senior faculty member said the philosophy department post graduate student complained in a mail to the Dean of Arts that he was subjected to various kinds of mental torture and abuses after being tasked by the hostel mess committee with buying essentials from the local market over the size of fish and vegetables. "I am not feeling safe as I am being subjected to physical gestures and cold glares by some boarders. Neither is it possible for me to carry on my study from outside. Please take me out of the particular block

where I stay now and shift (me) to another hostel in the campus," the student added. JU officiating Vice-chancellor Buddhadeb Sau told PTI, "I have heard it (about the mail by the student). Let the convenor of the anti-ragging committee examine the matter." Expressing concern over the complaint, the Jadavpur University Teachers Association (JUTA) general secretary Partha Pratim Roy called for speedy investigation by the university authorities and "prompt, effective steps to eliminate the menace of ragging". The move to bar the six students from entering the institute was taken almost two months after the recommendation by the anti-ragging committee of the varsity. All of them are seniors in various under graduate disciplines and are currently in judicial custody in Presidency Jail.

India assures 'follow-up' after US charges Indian in alleged plot to kill Pannun

India has assured that it would take follow-up action after US intensified its legal actions against Indian national Nikhil Gupta for allegedly conspiring to assassinate Khalistani terrorist Gurbhag Singh Pannun on American soil. Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson for India's Ministry of External Affairs, issued a statement acknowledging the seriousness with which India views the allegations and the ongoing investigation into the matter and said, "We have already said that during the course of

discussions with the US on bilateral security cooperation, the US side shared some inputs pertaining to the nexus between organized criminals, gun runners, terrorists, and others. The Indian government has responded by forming a special Enquiry Committee to thoroughly investigate the issue, demonstrating its resolve to address any implications for its international relations and internal security. "On November 18, 2023, the Government of India constituted a high-level Enquiry Committee to look into all the relevant as-



pects of the matter. The Government of India will take necessary follow-up action based on the findings of the Enquiry Committee," Bagchi added. The indictment also indicates that prior to being recruited by the Indian government official for the assassination plot, Gupta was involved in international narcotics and weapons trafficking.

US offers air defence system-equipped Stryker infantry combat vehicles to India

America has offered to produce the air defence system equipped with Stryker infantry combat vehicles for India. Sources told India Today TV that the Government of India is studying the offer made by the US government for these vehicles with air defence systems mounted on them for high-altitude area operations. This is not the first time that the US has made the push for the sale of Stryker systems to India. These vehicles were offered to India again in the two plus two

meetings of the two countries in November's second week. The timing of the US proposal aligns with other strides by the Indian defence industry in developing armoured combat vehicles. The Wheeled Armoured Platform, a product of collaboration between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and private sectors, stands as a testament to the country's defence progress. Some of these armoured platforms have already been deployed in forward areas



like the Ladakh sector, aiding quick responses to emergency situations along the China border. Private Indian firms, including Bharat Forge and Tata, have also contributed to the deployment of defence forces in forward areas.

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BVICAM and Communication Today commemorate World Television Day with Informative Webinar Celebration

On the occasion of World Television Day, the 103rd webinar was organized under the joint aegis of the media quarterly Communication Today published from Jaipur and Delhi's prestigious educational institution Bharati Vidyapeeth on 21 November 2023. Addressing the webinar, former senior director of Jaipur Doordarshan, Shri Nand Bhardwaj said that public broadcasting mediums do not compete with private TV channels. He believed that the Constitution and democracy are our basic concepts whose real protector is the common citizen. Broadcasting media has an important role in making this citizen aware and educating and informing him. He believed that Doordarshan has started various channels like Kisan etc. to provide entertainment to the target group as well as to provide them information. Dr. Brajkishore Singh, Group Editor, Network 18, while discussing the background of competition between public broadcasting media and private channels on Paras Pratik, said that

Akashvani had entered the field of commercialism only through Vividh Bharti. He said that India's eminent personalities Scientists like Dr. Vikram Sarabhai have played an important role in exploring the possibilities of broadcast media in the field of mass education. Referring to the committees formed for the autonomy of broadcasting media, he also mentioned the major events in the world of television which were due to the change in the consumption habits of the common audience. He believed that the concept of 'content is king' in media has now changed. In its place, data has now become prominent. Dr Singh said that in a country where more than 75 crore people have connected on digital platforms, serious challenges have arisen in front of various media platforms including print media. He said that government misuse of public broadcasting media opened the way for private channels. National Bureau Chief of News 24, Shri Prabhakar Mishra said that the broadcast media has created a new cultural

environment. He said that it is not an easy task to fulfill the objectives for which television was started. The agenda is decided by the issues raised on these mediums. He appealed to the public to be aware so as not to let these mediums prove to be Bhasmasur. He said that television also influences democratic values. Participating in the discussion, Dr. Rakesh Goswami, professor at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, said that the government in India has never tried to independently impose laws on any TV channel. We have more faith in self-regulation. In this context, he said that the government in India never tried to impose independent laws on any TV channel. We have more faith in self-regulation. In this context, he said that the provision of code for programs and advertisements was made under Section 5 and 6 of the Cable Television Network Regulation Act 1995. In these, some provisions were made regarding what kind of programs or advertisements should not be shown, which

were also amended from time to time. Extensive changes were made to this Act in 2021. In the beginning, Dr. Usha Sahni, Assistant Professor of English Department of Shaheed Mangal Pandey PG Girls College, Meerut, presented Saraswati Vandana and gave information about the background of the program. Welcoming everyone, Professor M. N. Hoda, Director of Bharati Vidyapeeth, said that the tradition of celebrating World Television Day on 21st November was started in 1996 on the call of the United Nations. Introducing the topic, Prof. Sanjeev Bhanawat, editor of Communication Today and

former chairman of the Center for Mass Communication at Rajasthan University, said that in 1924, Scottish engineer John Baird invented television. This television, which started a century ago, was later known as 'Budhu Box', but soon this 'Budhu Box' transformed into a new revolution and the television rose from the table to hang on our walls. Now it is available on our mobile phones. Has entered. He said that World Television Day is not just a display of television equipment. There is a whole philosophy of Doordarshan behind this, through which we fulfill the objectives of information, education and entertainment.

BVICAM and Communication Today Collaborate for Insightful Constitution Day Webinar

On the occasion of Constitution Day, on November 26, 2023, the 104th webinar was organized on the topic 'Constitutional Values and Cinema' under the joint aegis of the media quarterly Communication Today published from Jaipur and Delhi's prestigious educational institution Bharati Vidyapeeth. The webinar started with the presentation of Saraswati Vandana by Dr. Smiti Padhi, Assistant Professor, Journalism and Mass Communication PG Department, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore. Introducing the topic, Prof. Sanjeev Bhanawat, Editor of Communication Today and former Chairman of the Center for Mass Communication of Rajasthan University, said that the tradition of celebrating Constitution Day on 26th November every year

started from the year 2015 on the initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said that Constitution Day makes us aware of our fundamental rights and on the other hand, it also makes us aware of our fundamental duties. He said that constitutional values have been portrayed in both positive and negative ways in Indian cinema. Cinema has widely influenced our society. He believed that even before independence, where films like Sujata raised voice against untouchability, in independent India, films like Uri - The Surgical Strike, Bhuj - The Pride of India including Jagate Raho, Naya Daur, Pyaasa, Mother India, Manthan etc. While on one hand the sad story of farmer's life was presented through this medium, on the other hand the money lending system was also made the subject of

films. He believed that effective portrayal of constitutional values like sovereignty, socialism, secularism, democracy, equality, fraternity, human dignity, national unity, integrity etc. is the main feature of cinema. Welcoming everyone, Director of Bharati Vidyapeeth, Professor M.N. Hoda said that before 26 November 2015, this day was celebrated as Law Day. He said that on November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly approved the Indian Constitution which came into force on January 26, 1950. He said that it is always our endeavor to keep you all connected with such ideological events on the occasion of important days. Dr. Smiti Padhi of Fakir Mohan University, Balesar said that cinema is the mirror of the society. Cinema continuously works towards awak-

ening public consciousness against values like caste and untouchability etc. in the society by making the common citizen aware about the civic sense. Dr. Manish Jaiswal, Chairman, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, IMT University, Gwalior, asked whether we will ever be able to follow the Constitution in life? He said that films like Jagriti showed how society

should be. In the end, Ayushi Sachdeva, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Bharati Vidyapeeth presented vote of thanks.

India backs UN resolution urging Israel to pull out of Golan Heights

During a recent session, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution urging Israel to withdraw from the occupied Golan Heights. This motion received support from 91 nations, including India, which aligned with the document's call for Israel's retreat from the Syrian Golan to the June 4, 1967 line. The resolution reiterated the UNGA's stance, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions, demanding Israel's withdrawal from this territory, originally captured from Syria during the six-day war in 1967.



Heights. Furthermore, the session witnessed 62 countries, among them Ukraine, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, and Spain, abstaining from the voting process. This critical decision-mak-

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Bangladesh's opposition pledges ongoing protests despite an 'authoritarian' crackdown

Bangladesh's leading opposition party, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), has declared its intention to persist with anti-government demonstrations, despite what a rights organization termed an "authoritarian crackdown" prior to the upcoming January general election. With key BNP leaders either incarcerated or abroad, the party has stated its intent to boycott the election unless Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina steps down, allowing a caretaker government to supervise the January 7 polls. Amidst violent protests across the nation in recent weeks, resulting in fatalities and numerous injuries, the BNP remains resolute in its peaceful and democratic protest agenda, aiming to restore the fundamental voting rights of Bangladeshis. Ongoing countrywide transport blockades initiated by the BNP saw further unrest as an explosion from a crude bomb injured two individu-



The recent rescue operation at the Uttarkashi tunnel highlighted the remarkable dedication of a team of rat-hole miners who worked tirelessly for 26 consecutive hours to clear debris manually. Their efforts led to the excavation of over 10 meters within a 48-hour span, surpassing the capabilities of the drilling machine that had previously failed in the task. Among these miners was Munna Qureshi, who expressed a profound belief that saving lives stands as the ultimate noble deed one can accomplish.

In an interview with India Today TV, Qureshi revealed his reluctance to share his involvement in the rescue mission with his children. Despite being hailed as a



ISRAEL WAR

Israeli Military delivers 10 citizens and two Thai nationals to Gaza's Red Cross



In the most recent exchange, as part of the ongoing cease-fire between Hamas and Israel, 10 Israeli citizens, including nine women and a 17-year-old girl, along with two Thai nationals, were released by Hamas. They were handed over to the Red Cross in Gaza and returned to Israeli territory. Subsequently, Israel released 30 Palestinian prisoners, bringing the total number



Amazon rainforest destruction slows sharply year to date, report says

Destruction across the Amazon rainforest so far this year has slowed dramatically, down 55.8% from the same period a year ago in a major turnaround for the region vital to curbing climate change, according to an analysis provided to Reuters.

The analysis by the nonprofit Amazon Conservation's MAAP forest monitoring program offers a first look at 2023 deforestation across the nine Amazon countries. Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Bolivia all showed declining forest loss. "These data show there still is hope for the Amazon," said Matt Finan, an ecologist and MAAP's director. The Amazon, the world's largest rainforest, helps to curb global warming because its trees absorb huge amounts of carbon dioxide. The drop coincides with a shift since last year to pro-conservation



governments under leftist presidents in Brazil and Colombia. Analysts credit most of the decline to stronger environmental law enforcement in Brazil - home to the majority of the forest - under President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who assumed office on Jan. 1. His predecessor Jair Bolsonaro had advocated clearing rainforest land for mining, ranching and other uses. The success at reining in deforestation will give Amazon countries more leverage to push for conservation funding at the upcoming United Nations COP28 climate summit,

experts said. Amazon old-growth forest loss fell to 9,117 square kilometers from Jan. 1 to Nov. 8, down 55.8% from the same period in 2022, according to MAAP. That is an area about the size of Puerto Rico but still the lowest level since at least 2019, the first year more accurate rapid satellite deforestation alerts became available. Carlos Nobre, an earth systems scientist at University of Sao Paulo and a co-founder of the Science Panel for the Amazon research collective, called the data "wonderful news."

COP28

PM Narendra Modi to attend COP28 climate summit in Dubai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the United Nations' World Climate Action Summit (COP28) in Dubai. The Prime Minister's office announced that Modi will be present at the conference from November 30th to December 1st, 2023.



This visit comes on the heels of India's G20 presidency, during which the nation played a pivotal role in steering global leaders towards a commitment to triple renewable energy capacity by the end of this decade. While the G20 summit concluded with an agreement on reducing coal power, it fell short of establishing major climate objectives. The upcoming COP28 is seen as a platform for India to build upon its G20 achievements. "Climate change has been an important priority area of India's G20 Presidency... COP-28 will provide an opportunity to take forward these successes," stated the government. However, the conference may also spot-

light the divide between developed and emerging economies on the issue of coal dependency. A recent Reuters report indicated that France, with support from the United States, intends to propose a cessation of private financing for coal-based power plants at COP28. Such a proposal might not align with India's stance, given the country's reliance on coal for its rapid economic development. Prime Minister Modi's participation in COP28 is expected to further emphasise India's role as a key player in global climate negotiations, while also addressing the practical challenges faced by developing nations in transitioning away from fossil fuels.

Norms flouted, tectonic faultlines ignored: Lapses in Uttarkashi tunnel collapse

The agonizing 17 days in the rescue operation in Uttarkashi, aimed at saving the lives of 41 workers who got trapped following a collapse on November 12, has brought the spotlight on the alarming lapses in safety protocols by the company overseeing the tunnel's construction, Navayug Engineering. A comprehensive assessment conducted by India Today's Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) team and corroborated by on-site observations, has brought into light several breaches of regulations by the contractor. These lapses give rise to a number of significant questions that may get buried in the debris of the mishap. The 4.5-km tunnel, which is part of the government's Char Dham Pariyojana to improve connectivity to four pilgrimage sites in the state is located in the Uttarkashi district. It is being constructed by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL), set up by the Union government in 2014. Despite the tunnel's relatively shallow depth of 140 meters, it is important to

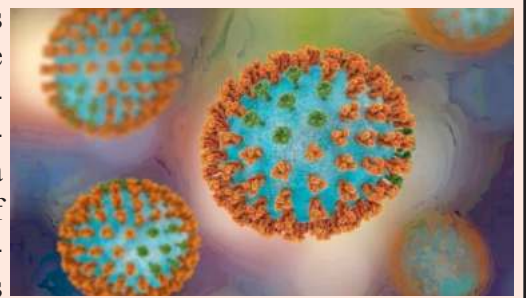


note that Uttarkashi is situated in the upper Himalayan region and is in proximity to the Main Central Thrust (MCT). This geological faultline is where the Indian peninsular plate is pushed beneath the Eurasian plate, stretching over 2,000 kilometers along the Himalayan line from northwest to southeast. Consequently, the area experiences significant shear stress due to continuous tectonic plate movement. In an interview, noted geologist and Prof. Dr CP Rajendran told India Today that Uttarkashi and surrounding areas have previously experienced some major seismic activity including a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in 1803 and a 7 magnitude earthquake in 1991. A shear zone is a thin zone within the Earth's crust

or upper mantle that has been strongly deformed, due to the walls of rock on either side of the zone slipping past each other. In the upper crust, where rock is brittle, the shear zone takes the form of a fracture called a fault. The methods used to protect weak sections depend on the length and strata of the shear zone. This includes the use of forepoles, rock bolts, steel ribs, or shotcrete to reinforce the zone. Tunnel seismic prediction (TSP), which involves a seismic survey before initiating a new phase of the tunnel and also helps maintain safety during construction, was not taken into consideration in case of the Silkyara tunnel, Dr Rajendra said. TSP is used to analyse what lies 100 meters ahead of the completed zone.

First human case of swine flu new strain detected in the UK

Health officials in the UK are closely examining the first confirmed case of a new strain of swine flu, identified as



A(H1N2)v. The infection surfaced during a routine flu screening test at a general practitioner in North Yorkshire complaining of breathing problems. The individual exhibited respiratory symptoms, experienced a mild illness and has fully recovered. The affected person is not known to have had contact with pigs. Ongoing investigations aim to determine the source of the infection and assess its potential risk to human health. Despite global reports of 50 cases of A(H1N2)v in the past two decades, this case in the UK is slightly different

from recent global human swine flu cases but is similar to viruses found in UK pigs. In response to the case, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) plans to enhance surveillance in the North Yorkshire region. Dr Meera Chand, Incident Director at the UKHSA, said that routine flu surveillance and genome sequencing led to the early detection of the new virus strain. The symptoms of swine flu (H1N1) are similar to regular flu, which include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, body or muscle aches, headache and fatigue.

Science & Technology

Antarctic glacier dramatically moves eight kms after being stable for 50 years

As the world prepares for the COP28 climate conference in Dubai, a stark reminder of the climate crisis's impact comes from Antarctica, where scientists have observed a dramatic event: the collapse of the ice shelf extending from Cadman Glacier on the west Antarctic Peninsula. This collapse has left the glacier vulnerable to the ocean's warm waters, resulting in an accelerated retreat that signals a worrying trend in polar ice dynamics. The findings, published in

Nature Communications, are the result of meticulous research by an international team from the University of Leeds, Lancaster University, ENVEO, the University of Delaware, and the British Antarctic Survey. Utilising data from nine satellite missions, including ESA's CryoSat and Europe's Copernicus Sentinel-1, the researchers were able to track significant changes in the ice shelf and glacier over time. Their analysis revealed that between November 2018 and May 2021,

Cadman Glacier retreated by an astonishing eight kilometers after remaining stable for approximately half a century. The rapid change is attributed to ocean water temperatures around the west Antarctic Peninsula that were up to 2°C warmer than average during 2018–2019. Benjamin Wallis, a researcher from the University of Leeds who led the study, shared insights into the mechanisms behind



this dramatic shift. According to Wallis, the warmer waters likely began undermining the Cadman Ice Shelf as early as the 1970s, with the effects becoming pronounced by the early 2000s.

Capsul News

OnePlus Nord CE 3 gets cheaper in India

OnePlus Nord CE 3 has received a massive price cut in India. This is one of the mid-range phones by OnePlus and the Rs 2000 rupees price cut has given buyers more reason to buy the phone. The smartphone which is powered by the Snapdragon 782G SoC was launched at around Rs 25,000 in India. The cost of the OnePlus Nord CE 3 in India is now lower by Rs. 2,000. Right now, the phone is being sold at Rs. 24,999 for the version with 8GB RAM and 128GB storage.

Discovery

Odyssey sends breathtaking panoramic view of Mars and its curving horizon

In a remarkable feat of space photography, Nasa's 2001 Mars Odyssey orbiter has captured a series of panoramic images that reveal the Red Planet in unprecedented detail. Celebrating its 22nd year in Martian orbit last month, the spacecraft has provided scientists with a fresh perspective akin to the awe-inspiring views astronauts experience from the International Space Station. The Odyssey orbiter took the images from an altitude of about 400 kilometers, which is roughly the same height at which the ISS orbits Earth. The resulting photographs

stitch together to form a breathtaking panorama of Mars, showcasing the planet's curving horizon beneath delicate layers of clouds and dust. This new vantage point is not just visually stunning but also offers valuable data for understanding the Martian atmosphere. Jonathon Hill, operations lead for Odyssey's Thermal Emission Imaging System (THEMIS) camera at Arizona State University, expressed the uniqueness of this view, noting that no other Mars spacecraft has ever achieved such a perspective. If astronauts were to orbit Mars, this is



the view they would have, he added. In addition to the Martian landscape, the mission also focused on Phobos, one of Mars' two tiny moons. This marked the seventh occasion in 22 years that THEMIS has been directed at Phobos to measure temperature variations across its surface.

Indian astronaut will fly to Space Station in American vehicle: Isro chief

In a significant development for India's space ambitions, Isro Chief S Somanath has confirmed that Nasa is working towards sending an Indian astronaut to the International Space Station (ISS). This announcement follows the comments made by Nasa chief Bill Nelson, who is in India on an official visit. The idea was first floated in high-level discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden. Nasa is currently using the Elon Musk-led SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft to send astronauts to the ISS. "We are taking it forward; that's what the Nasa chief said—that Indian



astronauts will be flying to the international space station in an American vehicle," stated Somanath. The collaboration marks a milestone in Indo-US space relations and underscores the growing partnership between the two nations in the realm of space exploration. The Isro Chief emphasized the importance of the program being beneficial for India.

Latest on OpenAI drama: Sam Altman is back as CEO, Microsoft joins the board

Microsoft is one of the biggest investors in OpenAI, the parent company of viral AI chatbot ChatGPT. And now, the partnership has strengthened even more as Microsoft has now joined OpenAI's board. According to a report in The Verge, the tech giant will occupy a "non-voting observer seat" on OpenAI's nonprofit board that controls the company. This happened after all the drama that unfolded at the company a couple of days back, when Sam Altman was fired as the CEO by the previous board members. Altman made a dramatic comeback to the company and the entire board was then changed. Altman informed the



OpenAI employees of the development through a memo. As mentioned already, Microsoft has now joined the OpenAI board and has a non-voting means. This means that the tech giant can attend board meetings and get access to the company's confidential information. However, Microsoft doesn't have any right to vote in the board's decisions.

Online Scam

Govt disconnects 70 lakh mobile numbers of Indian users, avoid this mistake to keep your number safe

India is witnessing a surge in online scams and financial frauds, with numerous citizens across the country falling prey to these elaborate schemes. In recent months, there have been alarming reports of individuals losing substantial amounts of money, sometimes amounting to lakhs and even crores, to online fraudsters. To combat this growing menace, the Indian government has taken a decisive step by blocking 70 lakh mobile numbers reportedly involved in cybercrime or financial frauds. This measure aligns with other proactive steps the

government is contemplating to curb fraud. These efforts involve blocking the IMEI, the unique identifier of mobile devices, and placing restrictions on withdrawals from accounts flagged as suspicious. The aim is to prevent their misuse in potential future fraudulent activities. In a recent meeting with officials from the RBI, TRAI, NPCI, and the IT ministry, Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi highlighted the vulnerability of "dormant" and "mule" bank accounts. These accounts, characterised by low balances and sudden surges in activity, have been identified as



potential targets for countermeasures in the ongoing effort to combat the increasing threat of cyber fraud in the financial sector, reports PTI. While the recent crackdown on fraudulent SIM numbers is a positive step, it's crucial to remain vigilant and adopt proactive measures to safeguard your phone numbers and devices from potential fraud.



iPhone maker, technology giant Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. plans to invest \$1.6 billion in India

Taiwanese technology giant Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., commonly known as Foxconn, is set to broaden its presence in India with a substantial investment of \$1.6 billion for new construction projects, reported Bloomberg News. The company made the announcement through an exchange filing in Taiwan on Monday, revealing that the investment is intended to meet operational needs. However, specific details about the location and nature of the new facilities were not disclosed. A Foxconn spokesperson declined to provide further information.

This move aligns with the ongoing trend among Taiwanese electronics manufacturers, including Foxconn, to diversify their operations beyond China

amid escalating tensions between Washington and Beijing.

Approximately half of Foxconn's revenue is derived from its collaboration with Apple Inc. The company has been engaged in iPhone manufacturing and other product ventures in India for several years, extending to the production of the latest iPhone 15.

In September, a representative of Foxconn in India indicated on LinkedIn that the company had intentions to double its business size in the South Asian nation.

Earlier in August, the Karnataka state government revealed Foxconn's plans to invest \$600 million in two component factories within the southern state.

This included a plant focused on manufacturing



mechanical enclosures for iPhones and a semiconductor equipment manufacturing facility operated in partnership with Applied Materials Inc.

Besides these initiatives, Foxconn is progressing with a \$700 million facility on a 300-acre site near the Bengaluru airport in

Karnataka. While the specifics of this project were not elaborated, it is anticipated that the plant will be involved in iPhone assembly. The recent investment announcement does not explicitly clarify whether it covers these existing projects or if additional endeavors are in the pipeline.

Tiktok parent ByteDance to cut 1,000 jobs

Titok's parent company ByteDance is set to lay off around 1,000 employees in its gaming unit, Nuverse, marking a significant restructuring effort in what was initially considered a crucial segment for the Chinese internet giant, reported Nikkei Asia quoting sources familiar with the matter. s part of the shakeup, ByteDance will halt the development of games that have not yet been launched, with the exception of a select few innovative projects, added the report quoting a source. The company plans to continue operating existing titles but is exploring divestment options. The decision stems from ByteDance's perception that the gaming division lacks focus and offers limited prospects for the monetisation of titles.

MarCon 2023

MarCon 2023 reflects on ethical marketing and regulatory practices in digital age

The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) successfully hosted the 19th edition of the Marketing Conclave (MarCon) in Mumbai. The event, which took place on November 22, sparked vibrant discussions on the integration of technology and marketing, featuring



insights from prominent industry figures. The conclave also shone a spotlight on the second edition of the Digital Native Brands Awards (DNBA), which celebrates companies that effectively harness digital technology and entrepreneurial spirit. Themed "Tomorrow's Canvas: Tech and the Art of Marketing," MarCon 2023 was co-powered by Whistle Feed and included 30 sessions spanning four distinct tracks. Vivek Malhotra, Chairman of the IMAI Digital Advertising Council and Group CMO of the India Today Group, opened the event by emphasizing the rapid pace of change within the digital

domain and the opportunities it presents. In his keynote speech, Vikram Sahay, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, stressed the irreplaceable value of human creativity in advertising over AI-generated content. He encouraged the audience not to be disheartened by AI tools like ChatGPT, which he believes cannot match the uniqueness of human-made advertisements. Sahay also touched upon the importance of ethical marketing and adherence to regulatory practices, particularly in sensitive sectors such as education and healthcare.

Gautam Adani's wealth soars \$6.5 billion in a day, re-enters top 20 richest list

Adani has surpassed prominent billionaires such as Julia Flesher Koch & family, Zhong Shanshan of China, and Charles Koch of the United States

Billionaire Gautam Adani has re-entered the list of the world's top 20 richest individuals, following a surge in Adani Group stocks during the previous trading session. Shares of all 10 listed companies of the Adani Group witnessed a sharp rally on Tuesday and the combined market capitalisation of the group increased by over Rs 1 lakh crore. As a result, Gautam Adani's personal net worth has jumped by \$6.5 billion in a single day, propelling him to the 19th spot on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

With this, Gautam Adani has surpassed prominent billionaires such as Julia Flesher Koch & family (\$64.7 billion), Zhong Shanshan of China (\$64.10 billion), and Charles Koch of the United States (\$60.70 billion).

However, Adani's overall fortunes remain notionally down by \$53.80 billion year-to-date, attributed to the significant \$150 billion downturn earlier in the year triggered by a critical report from US-based short seller Hindenburg Research.



Mukesh Ambani, with a wealth of \$89.5 billion, holds the 13th spot in the billionaires list, marking a \$2.34 billion rise in notional wealth in 2023 so far.

As of November 28, the Adani Group commanded a total market capitalisation of Rs 11,31,096 crore, witnessing a substantial increase of Rs 1.04 lakh crore compared to the previous Friday. However, the group's market cap remains down by 41 per cent from its peak of Rs 19.19 lakh crore on January 24. The surge in Adani stocks came after the Supreme Court's reservation of its order in the Adani-Hindenburg case. The court

recommended that the markets regulator, Sebi, should conclude its investigation into all 24 cases. Moreover, the court said that it cannot cast doubt on Sebi's probe into the Adani case based solely on media reports.

Responding to the allegations made by Hindenburg in its January report, the Adani Group asserted that all claims were settled by appropriate authorities at that time. The group characterized the allegations as a "deliberate and malicious attempt aimed at damaging the reputation of the Adani group and generating short-term profit by driving down Adani group stocks."

Education

President Murmu to confer prestigious honour to Armed Forces Medical College

President Droupadi Murmu is set to bestow the esteemed 'President's Colour' upon the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune on December 1, acknowledging its 75 years of outstanding service to the nation, as announced by the defence ministry on Monday.

The Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) stands as a premier institution in medical services and ranks among the foremost medical colleges in the country.

'RASHTRAPATI KA NISHAAN'

The president is the supreme commander of the armed forces and the President's Colour, also known as the 'Rashtrapati ka Nishaan', is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a military unit, as reported by PTI.

A significant feature of the



occasion will be a ceremonial parade led by female officers, guiding contingents of the Armed Forces Medical Services personnel serving in the Army, Navy, and Air Force, as stated by the ministry.

"The President of India and the Supreme Commander of Armed Forces, Droupadi Murmu, will confer the President's Colour to Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, on Friday in

its platinum jubilee year," it said in a statement.

The ministry emphasised that the award serves as a "tribute to the illustrious 75 years of AFMC's

outstanding service to the nation." Additionally, President Murmu will release a special cover and stamp, along with a commemorative coin, during the ceremony.

"The president will also e-inaugurate the 'Prajna', the armed forces centre for computational medicine which will place AFMC in league with leading global institutes undertaking cutting-edge healthcare research using artificial intelligence," the ministry said.



UPSC CSE Mains Result 2023 to be out shortly

The Union Public Services Commission Civil Services Exam (UPSC CSE) Mains 2023 result will be declared anytime soon. Following past year trends, UPSC typically releases the CSE results approximately 50 days after the conclusion of the examination. Hence, it is anticipated that the UPSC CSE Mains 2023 results will be officially declared during the initial week of December. The results will be published on the official UPSC website, upsc.gov.in, once they are released. Around 14,624 candidates successfully cleared the UPSC prelims 2023, making them eligible to participate in the mains examination conducted on September 15, 16, 17, 23, and 24.

New NEP stresses on innovation through education: Union Minister Anurag Thakur



Union Minister Anurag Thakur has emphasised that the recently introduced National Education Policy places a strong emphasis on promoting innovation in education. This aligns with the government's dedication to cultivating a vibrant learning environment for the youth.

During the convocation ceremony of GD Goenka University on Sunday, the minister highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to addressing exam-related stress and preparing the youth for a prosperous future through impactful initiatives like 'Pariksha Pe Charcha.'

In his address, Thakur congratulated the university, expressing commendation for the remarkable success of the 9th convocation ceremony. The statement

issued by the private university quoted the Union Minister extending his congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents.

"Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the new national education policy brought after almost four decades emphasises innovation through education, aligning with the government's commitment to fostering a dynamic learning environment for Bhartiya youth," says the Union minister. As we commemorate this significant milestone, Thakur emphasised that it reiterates the government's commitment to empowering the youth. The aim is to propel India towards development, with a vision to attain a developed nation, Viksit Bharat, by the year 2047.

Navigating the future: 6 emerging trends in education, their impact on students

The field of education is experiencing a radical metamorphosis driven by new and developing patterns that are changing the face of education

The field of education is experiencing a radical metamorphosis driven by new and developing patterns that are changing the face of education. Exploring these trends and their profound impact on students lays the foundation for a new era in education.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE DEVELOPING TRENDS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION:

Integration of technology
Embracing technology in education has become more than a choice since it has become a part of students' day-to-day life. Technology is completely changing how students interact with educational content and obtain information. Examples of this include virtual classrooms and interactive learning platforms.

Tailored education
The trend toward personalised learning is driving away from the one-size-fits-all model. Customised educational experiences and adaptive learning platforms meet the needs of each individual student, creating a more productive and wel-

coming learning environment.

Online and blended learning

As online and blended learning become more popular, traditional classroom boundaries are being pushed further. With the ability to access courses and collaborate with peers worldwide, students can now overcome geographical limitations and enjoy schedule flexibility.

STEM education and coding

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education is becoming more and more important. By including coding in the curriculum, teachers can better prepare their students for careers in technology-driven industries by giving them essential skills for the digital age.

Project-based learning

This method of instruction pushes students to apply their knowledge to real-world situations rather than rote memorisation. This practical approach fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities in addition to deepening



understanding.

International citizenry education

Fostering global citizenship is crucial in today's interconnected world. As a means of equipping students to meet various global challenges, education is placing an increasing emphasis on developing cultural awareness, empathy, and teamwork.

"Education is undergoing a transformative evolution with emerging trends reshaping the learning landscape. Key motivators include the use of technology, individualized instruction, and an emphasis on critical thinking. Innovative tools made possible by the digital age promote a dynamic and engaging learning environment," says Professor (Dr) Rakesh Kumar Dwivedi Director & Principal FoE & CCSIT, TMU Moradabad.

BVICAM Nurtures Character and Career: Insightful Webinar

Explores the Intersection of Human Values and Professional Ethics

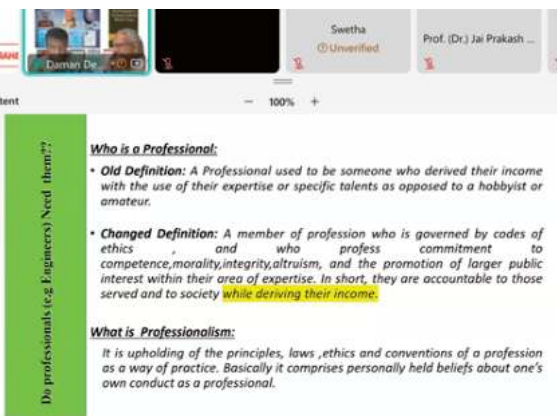
IEEE Delhi Section and Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Computer Applications and Management (BVICAM), New Delhi jointly organized a webinar on Human Values and Professional Ethics. The Webinar, being organized as part of celebrations of 75th Anniversary of glorious independence of India, was held in the benign presence of senior dignitaries from all collaborating societies and chapters. The webinar was aimed to give a comprehensive view of "Human Values and Professional Ethics". Prof. M. N. Hoda, Director, BVICAM and Vice Chairperson, IEEE Delhi Section, welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. He emphasized



and motivated the participants to keep learning continuously regardless of disruptions, all around us. He introduced the topic and compared it to Wikipedia. Mr. Bal Mukund Jha, M.Tech, MBA ,DFSS (Green Belt) & Mr. Daman Dev Sood, International Resilience Trainer were the lead speakers for the webinars. Jha sir a veteran in a central public sector enterprise discussed how

ethics were important in the customer driven economy. They discussed how each individual has gone through some professional or ethical dilemma in their career. They also highlighted how this had become a required topic in professional exams like IAS and IEE. They also highlighted how the definition of professionalism had changed over the years. The session concluded with a Question & Answer ses-

sion where participants willingly asked their queries. Professor M. N. Hoda gave his heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Bal Mukund Jha and Mr. Daman Dev Sood for their valuable session. He also thanked all the participants and panelist for giving their precious time in attending this webinar and making all the webinars hosted by BVICAM, a huge success. Dr. Ritika Wason, Associate Professor, BVICAM, New Delhi and Ms. Ayushi Chopra, Associate Professor, BVICAM, were the conveners of the webinar



and has coordinated the entire webinar. The other faculty members of BVICAM; Mr. Piyush Saxena was working at the backend to make it successful and present it, in a seamless manner, to the participants. The webinar attracted huge participation from across the world and BVICAM, New Delhi, proved itself, once again, as a perfect host.

SMS Group Paves the Path for Future Leaders: Successful Pool Placement

Drive for Graduate Engineer Trainee/Management Trainee Roles at BVICAM

SMS Group, a leading partner in the world of metals and an outstanding service in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the metals industry, conducted a pool placement drive for the role of Graduate Engineer Trainee/Management Trainee with a competitive annual CTC of 5.5 Lacs. On 27th October, 2023, a pre-placement talk was conducted to provide students with insights into SMS Group and the specific job role. Followed by this,

MCA candidates from BVICAM and B.Tech. candidates from BVCOE participated in Technical Aptitude test. A total of 11 students from BVICAM qualified for the Technical Aptitude Test held from 10:45 am to 12 pm. This test was designed to assess the core technical aptitude, problem-solving abilities, and analytical skills of the participating students. A total of 8 students from BVICAM were shortlisted from the Technical Aptitude Test. Students shortlisted

based on their technical aptitude test scores proceeded to the Technical Interview round, which took place from 2 p.m. on the same day. Technical Interview Round was the Final Round, which comprised of Technical and HR Round. This Round assessed candidates' expertise in Project Contributions, Problem Solving, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Python Programming, Leadership skills, Communication Skills and thought processes.



After the final round, SMS Group selected following 2 students from BVICAM on 27th October,2023:
1. Sanchit Rawat
2. Ritika Saini
In conclusion, SMS Group

placement drive proved to be a successful event, providing students with an opportunity to showcase their skills and secure a promising career with the company.

Our Incubations:

भारती News

Bharati Times

Radio Bharati

IJRMS

International Journal of Research in Multidisciplinary Studies

BJIT

International Journal of Information Technology

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IEEE Xplore | WoS Indexed

CRIS

Centre for Research and Innovation in Interdisciplinary Studies



ENTERTAINMENT

KBC 15 Ep 78: Big B says he would get beaten up for his brother Ajitabh's mischiefs

'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' host Amitabh Bachchan has a brother, Ajitabh, who is five years younger than him. In the November 29 episode of 'KBC 15', Big B fondly spoke about his brother during their childhood days. The actor said that he would get beaten up for the mistakes his brother did. The Juniors Special week is going on in the show, and in the previous episode, Amitabh Bachchan welcomed rollover contestant Aniruddh Sahu from Bhopal, a class 10 student, on the hotseat. In the recent episode of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15', Amitabh

Bachchan asked Aniruddh what he dislikes the most, and he answers 'being a young sibling'. He explains that that his parents always give him work to do even if his elder brother is sitting idle. Aniruddh added that his brother is allowed to go out but he isn't as his parents think he is too young. However, Aniruddh says, as per their convenience, they also say that he is grown up. Amitabh Bachchan then recalled his own childhood days with his younger



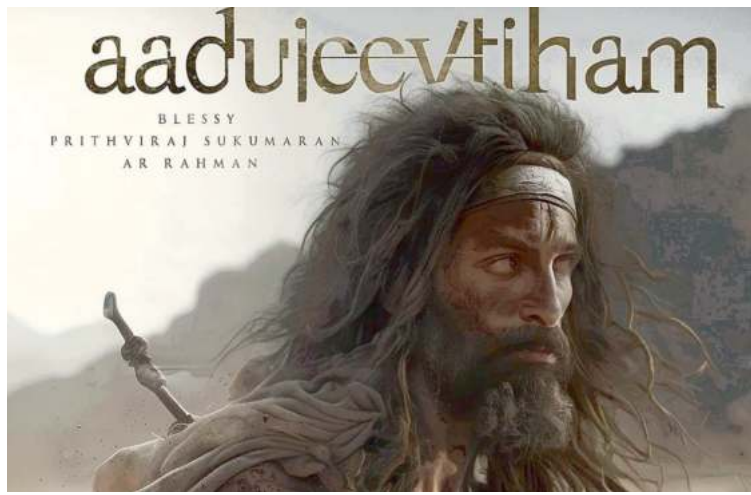
brother, Ajitabh Bachchan. He said that he used to get scolded and beaten up for his brother's mistakes. Big B said, "Agar chota joh hai woh gadbadi kare toh maar humko padti thi. Samjhate bhi the ke jab tumne dekha hoga ke ye galat kaam kar raha hai toh roka kyu nahi isliye tumko maar padega."

Prithviraj Sukumaran's long-pending film 'Aadujeevitham' finally gets a release date

Prithviraj Sukumaran's 'Aadujeevitham' AKA 'The Goat Life' is all set to have a grand release in theatres in mid-2024. The makers have been working on the film since 2018. It will be released in five languages. On November 30 at 4 pm, Prithviraj and the team of 'Aadujeevitham' will take to their respective social media pages to officially announce the film's release date.

PRITHVIRAJ'S 'AADUJEEVITHAM' GETS A RELEASE DATE

According to a press release, 'Aadujeevitham' will grace the screens worldwide on April 10, 2024. The film is an adaptation of the 2008 Malayalam novel of the same name, written by Benjamin. It will release in

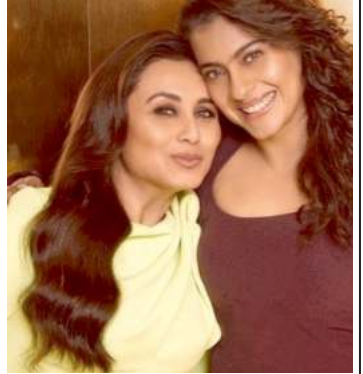


Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Hindi. On November 29, Prithviraj took to his Instagram page to share a video, which chronicles the film's journey since its inception. Benjamin's 'Aadujeevitham' is based on the real-life story of a young man Najeeb, who migrates from Kerala to a land abroad in the 90s.

ABOUT 'AADUJEEVITHAM'
'Aadujeevitham' features Prithviraj Sukumaran, Jimmy Jean-Louis, Amala Paul, Rik Aby and Talib al Balushi. Cinematographer KS Sunil, editor Sreekar Prasad and composer AR Rahman form the technical crew.

Rani, Kajol on not being friends despite being cousins: It was an organic distance

Rani Mukerji and Kajol recently graced the couch on Karan Johar's 'Koffee With Karan 8.' During their appearance, the two actors talked about their bond and relationship in the 2000s and how they were not too friendly despite being cousins. Rani revealed that she was speaking more to Aishwarya Rai than her own cousin and co-star Kajol during the early days of her career. Following this, Kajol termed the distance between the two as



'organic.' Karan Johar said he would wonder 'what kind of family is this' that they don't even talk to each other. Kajol said, "Nothing really like that. It was just an organic distance."

Abhishek Bachchan, Sunny Kaushal review 'Sam Bahadur'. Praise Vicky Kaushal's acting

At the special screening of 'Sam Bahadur' last night, several celebrities were clicked attending. Abhishek Bachchan also watched the film and was all praises. He took to X (formerly Twitter) and wrote, "Saw #SamBahadur last night. The enormity of all that #FieldMarshalSamManekshaw did and achieved is overwhelming! And so beautifully told on celluloid by my favourite @meghnagulzar. It's a huge responsibility to portray one of



India's greatest sons and she does it wonderfully. To the entire cast and crew, you should be very proud and thank you for telling this story. @fattysanashaikh @sanyamalhotra07 (sic)." Praising Vicky Kaushal, Abhishek further wrote,

"My veerey, @vickykaushal09, what do I even say about youâ€¦ you continue to set the bar so high for all of us and then so effortlessly jump over it as only Sam can. All I can say is "Well done, sweetie"!!! (sic)."

Priyanka Chopra steps out with Malti in LA, fans react: Looking just like Nick

Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas was recently clicked with her sweet little daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, on the streets of Los Angeles. The pair looked adorable in their casual and sporty outfits. Excited fans quickly took to comments section to react to it as one of them wrote, "Malti is sooo pretty! Looking just like her Daddy." "Princess MM rocking Puma sneakers, she definitely got style. So freakin cute just like her mom," read another comment. One fan wrote, "So precious !! Her Daddy's



Girl hoodies are so cute." "Beautiful QUEEN and her cutie pie Princess," wrote yet another person. Priyanka Chopra welcomed her daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas in January 2022 via surrogacy. Priyanka and Nick had gotten married in the winter of 2018.

Hollywood

Sebastian Stan to play Donald Trump in biopic titled 'The Apprentice'



Sebastian Stan is all set to return to big screen with another biopic. The actor will be seen portraying a young Trump in the former US President's biopic, 'The Apprentice'. The film has already gone on floors and is helmed by Oscar nominated Iranian filmmaker, Ali Abbasi. The filming of 'The Apprentice', a biopic on former US president Donald Trump's rise to power, began this week with a star-studded

cast. Sebastian Stan, known for his role in 'Captain America' and 'Pam & Tommy', will portray a young Trump, while Emmy-winner Jeremy Strong will play Roy Cohn. Sebastian, who is very well-known for his role of 'Winter Soldier' from many MCU films, will be seen playing the younger version of Donald Trump. This casting choice has elicited a wide variety of response from the audience.

Sports

Italy ride on 'amazing' Jannik Sinner to win first Davis Cup crown in nearly 50 years

Jannik Sinner produced one of the biggest highlights of his nascent and impressive tennis career as the 22-year-old led Italy to their first Davis Cup title triumph since 1976. Producing inspired tennis all through the week, Sinner was the toast of the nation as Italy defeated Australia in the finals on Sunday in Malaga, Spain. The Italian team, led by the young and talented Sinner, faced a formidable Australian side in a highly anticipated showdown. Matteo Arnaldi set the stage with a hard-fought victory over Alexei Popyrin, navigating through a rollercoaster match to win 7-5, 2-6, 6-4. This initial win gave Italy a crucial 1-0 lead, putting them on the brink of glory. However, it was Jannik Sinner's masterclass against Alex de Minaur that



truly sealed the deal for Italy. Sinner, who had been enjoying an exceptional week with a perfect record, continued his dominance by dispatching De Minaur in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0. His victory not only demonstrated his individual prowess but also underscored his ability to rise to the occasion when his country needed him the most. "We are all very young. We are really hungry to try to win it one more time for our life, but having this feeling at least once, it

is a really special feeling," Sinner said, as quoted by news agency AP. "A historic result: the only victory of our national team in this competition dates back to 1976. Congratulations to our tennis players for the talent and commitment shown and to all the staff," she wrote on social media platform X. "Thanks to Matteo. He has had a very tough year (with) a lot of injuries. For all of us, that he came here, it means a lot. He gave us a lot of positive energy," Sinner added.

Uganda achieve historic qualification for T20 World Cup 2024, Zimbabwe knocked out of race

In a historic achievement, African side Uganda have sealed qualification for the T20 World Cup 2024, set to be played in the West Indies and the United States of America in June next year. Uganda became the 20th and final side to achieve qualification in the tournament, pipping African favourites Zimbabwe. Uganda's campaign during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Region Qualifier 2023 was nothing short of a fairy tale, filled with moments of sheer determination and unexpected triumphs. The stage was set in Windhoek, Namibia, where Uganda, ranked 23rd among T20I teams, faced formidable opponents. The highlight of their campaign was undoubtedly the stunning victory over Zimbabwe, an 11th-ranked, Test-playing nation. This



match played on November 26, 2023, saw Uganda pull off a spectacular upset, defeating Zimbabwe by five wickets. The significance of this win cannot be overstated as it marked Uganda's first-ever victory against a full member side in T20Is. Uganda's strategy on the field was executed to perfection. They won the toss and elected to field, a decision that paid dividends as they restricted Zimbabwe to a modest total of 136/7 in their allotted 20 overs. Dinesh Nakrani emerged as the star bowler for Uganda, finishing with impressive figures of 3/14.

Ricky Ponting believes Cameron Bancroft frontrunner to replace David Warner

Ricky Ponting believes Cameron Bancroft is the perfect candidate to replace David Warner when the legendary Australian opener retires from Test cricket in January. Warner declared earlier this year that he will retire from the longest form of the game after the forthcoming SCG Test against Pakistan, and a slew of other openers are vying for his spot in the Australian team. While Marcus Harris and Matthew Renshaw have been employed as reserve hitters in recent touring teams, Ponting believes Bancroft has pushed to the front of the queue due to



some outstanding domestic form in Australia in recent years. During the 2022/23 summer in Australia's domestic Sheffield Shield competition, the 31-year-old struck four centuries and made more runs than any other player, and he is once again among the top run-scorers this season.

England batter Ollie Pope promises Bazball in Test series against India

England batter Ollie Pope has promised that the Ben Stokes-led side will continue to play 'Bazball'-- their style of aggressive brand of cricket-- in the upcoming high-profile five-match Test series against India, starting on January 25. England are due to travel to India in January-March 2024, and while Pope believes it will be an "amazing opportunity" to showcase 'Bazball,' he also recognizes that adapting to the surroundings will be critical. Pope was a member of England's squad in 2021



when they lost four Test series 3-1 in India. Pope too struggled and managed to score only 153 runs in eight innings at 19.13. The English batter is wary of India's bowling attack, but he is keen to capitalize on every scoring opportunity. The five-match Test series gets underway in Hyderabad with the first Test scheduled from January 25-29.

Football

Champions League: Arsenal, PSV, Real Madrid reach last 16 while Manchester United on brink of elimination

Arsenal scored six to advance in the Champions League as a group winner on Wednesday and Manchester United stayed last in its group despite again scoring three times away from home.

Arsenal's 6-0 rout of Lens ensured second-place PSV Eindhoven also advanced from Group B to the round of 16. PSV's second-half rally to win 3-2 at Sevilla was clinched by United States forward Ricardo Pepi in stoppage time.

There are now 12 confirmed teams in the round of 16 draw on Dec. 18 and Man United is in serious danger of missing out.

The three-time European champion led by two goals after 18 minutes at Galatasaray and 3-2 early in the second half but was pegged back again in a wild 3-3 draw.

United only does topsy-turvy road games in Europe this season after 4-3 losses at group winner Bayern Munich and second-place Copenhagen.

"As a team, we have to learn from it because we are conceding too many goals and it is unnecessary



and avoidable," United manager Erik ten Hag said. A hat trick of three-goal games on their travels has brought just a single point back for ten Hag's players, who need to beat Bayern at Old Trafford in two weeks' time.

Only four other Champions League teams this season have scored more than United's 12-goal total and they all top their groups and have advanced to the knockout phase. Real Madrid is one of them after a 4-2 win over second-place Napoli ensured the record 14-time champion will finish atop Group C.

Teams that top their standings are seeded in the round of 16 draw on Dec. 18 and avoid other group winners like defending champion

Manchester City. Teams also cannot be drawn against an opponent from their own country.

Bayern drew 0-0 with Copenhagen, one of two games with no goals on a night when the other six games delivered 31.

Real Sociedad was held 0-0 by Salzburg to set up a last-game showdown with second-place Inter Milan at San Siro for the top spot in Group D. Both Sociedad and Inter already advanced three weeks ago.

Inter produced the night's other second-half fightback in a 3-3 draw at Benfica, which wasted a three-goal lead at halftime earned by Joao Mario's hat trick against his former club.

Braga drew 1-1 with Union Berlin and can still advance