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India emerging as major power in Middle East incl. Israel, Saudi Arabia : US magazine



to assert that the evolution of India's place reflects the changing international order and the willingness -- perhaps even eagerness -- of these nations to benefit from the new multipolarity. There is little that the United States can do about this development and may even in a paradoxical way benefit from it, its author Steven A Cook has argued. "If the United States'

Middle Eastern partners are looking for an alternative to Washington, it is better that New Delhi is among the choices. "The US may no longer be the undisputed big dog in the region, but as long as India expands its presence in middle east (Cont. To Page 7)

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An article in Foreign Policy, a noted US magazine focused on global affairs, has cited the emer-

gence of India as a "major player" in the Middle East as one of the most interesting geopolitical developments in the region in years. The write-up highlighted New Delhi's deep and growing ties with major countries in the region, including Israel, Saudi Arabia and the UAE,



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Unrest mars Eid-ul-Azha Celebrations in Silchar: 7 Injured

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The joyous atmosphere of Eid-ul-Azha turned somber in the city of Silchar as scattered incidents of violence marred the day of sacrifice. Unpleasant occurrences unfolded sporadically in several areas, including Rongpur, Ghaniyala, Kathal Road, Dur-



gappally, and Chiur-kandi, leaving the Road where clashes between two groups resulted in car vandalism and left at least seven people injured. (Cont. To Page 7)

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AKSA Voices Out Against Delimitation Draft

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Silchar, Assam :The proposed Delimitation Act for Assam's Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies has sparked controversy and discontent in the Barak Valley, with All Cachar-Karimganj-Hailakandi Students' Association (AKSA) expressing strong opposition to the draft. The student organization has accused the draft of being discriminatory and threatening to disrupt the region's harmony. During a press conference at the Silchar Press Club, AKSA officials vehemently stated that they will not accept the delimitation draft under any circumstances. The organization further warned of organizing a massive movement across the Barak Valley if Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma does not intervene in the matter. AKSA's central committee convener, Saidur Rahman, along with Sukomal Das.

Gangsters behaviour in the Police Station! MLA Nizam Uddin Arrested

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Panchgram : - In a shocking turn of events, Algapur MLA Nizam Uddin Chowdhury was apprehended by the police on charges of assaulting a youth inside a police station, obstructing an officer on duty, and vandalizing a vehicle. The incident took place at the Panchgram police station, leading to a swift police operation that resulted in the arrest of the MLA from his residence in Panchgram. The operation was spearheaded by Additional Superintendent of Police Vidyut Das Baro and DSP (Sadar) Surjit Choudhury, who were accompanied by a large contingent of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Sources indicate that efforts are underway to apprehend the three remaining individuals involved in the incident, who are believed to be associates of the MLA. The arrest of MLA Nizam Uddin Chowdhury comes



in the wake of an attack on Ataur Rahman Lashkar, a resident of Matigram and self-identified BJP worker, at the Katakhal police outpost on Tuesday afternoon. The Panchgram Thana Police took suo motu action and filed a case against the MLA for obstructing police work. Ataur Rahman Lashkar, the victim, has also lodged a separate complaint against MLA Chowdhury and his three accomplices. As news of the MLA's arrest spread, his supporters flocked to the Panchgram police station, causing concern for the authorities. To ensure the situation remained under control, the police transferred MLA Chowdhury to the Hailakandi Sadar police station with enhanced security measures. Later

in the evening, the MLA was produced before the court, marking a significant development in the case. Notably, the arrest taking place on the eve of Eid-ul-Azhar has caused a stir throughout the district, particularly in the Algapur assembly constituency. Superintendent of Police Leena Dole addressed the media, stating that the arrest was made

on charges of hooliganism. However, allegations have surfaced suggesting that a Burmese betel nut syndicate may be involved in the incident. MLA Nizam Uddin Chowdhury himself, while speaking to the media, maintained his innocence and claimed that the Burmese betel nut syndicate operated with the assistance of the police.

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Chief Minister Briefs Prime Minister on Assam Flood Situation

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In a crucial meeting held on Thursday, the Chief Minister of Assam, along with his delegation, met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the alarming flood situation in the state. The Chief Minister provided a comprehensive briefing to the Prime Minister, highlighting the ongoing relief and rescue operations, as well as the overall situation in Assam. Prime Minister Modi expressed his concern regarding the devastating floods and posed pertinent questions to gain a deeper under-

standing of the situation. The meeting, which took place in the nation's capital, provided an opportunity for the Chief Minister to apprise the Prime Minister of the various developmental initiatives undertaken by the state government. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of continuous support from the central government to mitigate the effects of the recurring floods in Assam. Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister had a separate meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The discussion primarily



focused on the economic aspects of Assam, encompassing revenue collection, intelligence, and other key financial indicators. During the meeting, which lasted approximately 55 minutes, the Chief Minister presented a detailed overview of the state's financial status and progress on important issues. Expressing his appreciation, the Chief Minister acknowl-

edged the generous support provided by the central government to Assam. The Union Finance Minister, in response, assured the Chief Minister of continued assistance and pledged to help the state to the best of their ability. Following the meeting with the Finance Minister, the Chief Minister clarified to reporters that the discussion was a courtesy

call, primarily aimed at highlighting the financial situation in Assam. He expressed his gratitude for the support received from the central government thus far and reiterated his appeal for further assistance to tackle the challenges faced by the state. The flood situation in Assam has been a perennial problem, that people of as-sam facing for years.

Barak Bandh Disrupts Public Life: Hundreds Arrested Amidst Congress led Protests

The 12-hour 'Barak Bandh' called by three district committees of the Congress, BDF along with support from other political parties, witnessed widespread disruptions across three districts in the valley. The successful bandh was aimed at protesting against the draft delimitation, but it also resulted in hundreds of arrests

and brought civil life to a standstill in the region. Despite the stern stance and increased police presence, the bandh proceeded peacefully throughout Cachar, Karimganj, and Hailakandi districts. However, the success came at a cost, with several prominent leaders, including Kamalakshya Dey Purkayastha, the

working president of Pradesh Congress, and MLA Sujam Uddin Laskar, being arrested in Karimganj and Hailakandi, respectively. Silchar town also experienced complete shut-down, with e-rickshaws, fish and vegetable shops opening briefly in the morning before closing down by noon. Roads that were once bustling

with activity were deserted as the day progressed. The bandh was called to protest the draft delimitation, which has ignited simmering anger among the common people. The Congress, CPM, SUCI, and other organizations supported the bandh, demanding a total 'Barak Bandh.' Although long-distance passenger

vehicles did not operate during the bandh, the ban's impact extended to villages, causing widespread disruption in daily life. Government offices remained open, but with reduced staff attendance. Educational institutions were exempted from the bandh; however, many students chose not to attend school for safety reasons.

Indian Professionals to Benefit as H1B Visa Renewal Can Now Be Done in the US, Modi



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In a significant development for Indian professionals working in the United States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that H1B visa renewals can now be processed within

the US itself, providing a huge relief to thousands of skilled workers. The announcement came during a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden, as part of a people-to-people initiative aimed

at strengthening bilateral ties and facilitating smoother visa processes. Addressing the Indian diaspora at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington DC, Prime Minister Modi revealed, "America's new consulates will be opened

in Bengaluru and Ahmedabad. It has now been decided that the H1B visa renewal can be done in the US itself." This welcome move comes as part of a broader initiative to facilitate and expedite visa renewals for Indian professionals who are currently working in the US on an H1B visa. The United States authorities have announced the introduction of 'in-country' renewable H-1B visas. as per report.

China Should Show Sincerity: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the need for sincerity from China in establishing a workable relationship between the two nations. During a program conducted by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in Kolkata on Friday evening, Jaishankar expressed India's desire to foster a constructive partnership with its neighboring country, but also stressed the importance of reciprocal efforts. "It always takes two

hands to clap. China must also have that belief in a workable relationship," stated Jaishankar, highlighting the mutual responsibility in building a cooperative association. As India strives to improve its ties with China, the External Affairs Minister urged the Chinese government to display a similar commitment to fostering understanding and cooperation. In addition, Jaishankar addressed concerns regarding India's relations with other global powers, particularly the United



States and Russia. He emphasized that India's traditional ties with Russia would not hinder the country from establishing a robust relationship with the United States. "Our relationship with Russia has a bigger economic dimension; it is not exclusively limit-

ed to defense ties," Jaishankar clarified, emphasizing the broader scope of the bilateral partnership between India and Russia. While India values its historical and strategic connections with Russia, the External Affairs Minister highlighted.

Google to set up its global fintech operations centre in Gujarat, Pichai

Google CEO Sundar Pichai has revealed that the internet giant will establish its global fintech operations centre at GIFT City in Gujarat, India. The announcement came after Pichai's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to the United States. Pichai emphasized Google's ongoing investments in India through the USD 10 billion India Digitisation Fund. During the interaction with top CEOs, which included Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Apple CEO Tim Cook, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, and AMD CEO Lisa Su, among others, Prime Minister Modi discussed various avenues of collaboration, including artificial intelligence, fintech, cybersecurity, and mobile device manufacturing in India. The prime minister also highlighted the importance of partnerships between Google and Indian academic institutions to promote research, development, and skill enhancement. according to the report

France unrest Riots spread, police officer charged with shooting teenager dead



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President Emmanuel Macron battled to contain a mounting crisis on Thursday (June 29) after riots spread across France overnight, set off by the deadly police shooting of a teenager of North African descent during a traffic stop in a Paris suburb. Police made 150 ar-

rests during a second night of unrest, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said, as public anger spilled onto the streets in towns and cities across the country. Mr. Macron held a crisis meeting with senior Ministers over the shooting, an incident which has fed longstanding complaints of police violence and systemic racism inside

law enforcement agencies from rights groups and within the low-income, racially mixed suburbs that ring major cities in France. The shooting of the 17-year-old took place in Nanterre, on the western outskirts of Paris. The local prosecutor said investigative magistrates had placed the officer involved under formal investigation for volun-

tary homicide. Under France's legal system, formal investigation is akin to being charged in Anglo-Saxon jurisdictions. "On the basis of the evidence gathered, the public prosecutor considers that the legal conditions for using the weapon have not been met," Pascal Prache, the prosecutor, told a press conference. Mr. Macron on Wednesday (June 28) said the shooting was unforgivable. As he convened his emergency meeting, he also condemned the unrest. "The last few hours have been marked by scenes of violence against police stations but also schools and town halls, and thus institutions of

the Republic and these scenes are wholly unjustifiable," Mr. Macron said as he opened the emergency meeting. A video shared on social media, verified by Reuters, shows two police officers beside a Mercedes AMG car, with one shooting at the teenage driver at close range as he pulled away. He died shortly afterwards from his wounds, the local prosecutor said. The teenager, who was too young to hold a full license in France, was driving illegally, a source familiar with the investigation said. The Nanterre prosecutor said he was known to police for previously failing to comply with a traffic stop order.

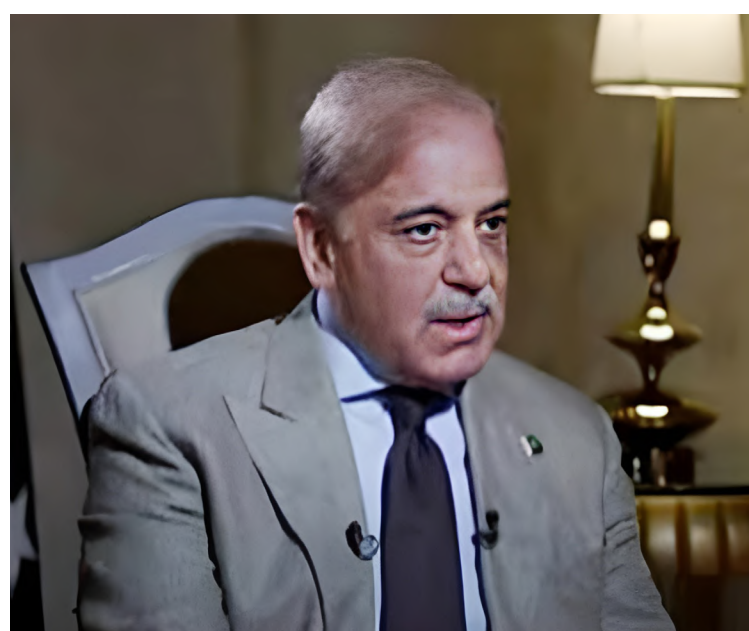
Cash Strapped Pakistan Faces Forex Crisis, Puts Public Assets On Sale

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Unable to meet its forex requirements, Pakistan's capital Islamabad is selling its public assets to third countries. Islamabad leased four of its berths 6-9 at Karachi Port's East Wharf to a UAE-based company for USD 220 million. Under the term of the 50-year concession agreement, the newly created Karachi Gateway Terminal Ltd.

(KGTL) would manage, operate, develop port terminals and increase its capacity. The move marks the first inter-governmental transaction under a law enacted last year to raise emergency funds. Leasing of terminal solves twin purposes. As it provides urgently needed forex, it also reduces the burden of providing forex for critical imports required for handling and

developing the port. Though Islamabad was offering its assets since last year, no one showed interest. But now one of its friendly countries, the UAE has agreed to buy an interest in Karachi port to bail out the country at a time of unprecedented forex crisis. The ongoing political and economic uncertainties had kept foreign investors out of Pakistan. Meanwhile, Islamabad



has decided to lease out the first phase of the New Islamabad International Airport to international investors. Its plan to lease out other two international airports

in Karachi and Lahore faced difficulties, mainly due to nonpayment of dues by Pakistan International Airlines and other pending dues, as per the report.

Assam Aims to Become the Medical Education Hub of South-East Asia

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In a significant step towards establishing Assam as a prominent center for medical education in South-East Asia, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the 3rd Convocation of Srimanta Shankaradev University of Health Sciences. The ceremony, held at the Srimanta Shankaradev Kalakshetra Theatre, saw a total of 815 students from various courses being awarded degrees. During his address at the event, Chief Minister Sarma high-

lighted the remarkable progress made by the university since its inception and expressed his vision for the future. He emphasized the university's role in expanding medical science and stated that the institution's separation from Guwahati and Dibrugarh universities was aimed at taking medical education to new horizons. He commended the 82 educational institutes affiliated with the university and announced plans for introducing innovative courses in the near future. Sarma ex-



pressed his joy at witnessing the university's rapid growth and development within a relatively short span of time. Addressing the graduating students, the Chief Minister acknowledged their hard work, determination, and perseverance in reaching this milestone.

He emphasized that their formal education completion marked the beginning of a new journey filled with challenges and opportunities. Sarma expressed confidence in the knowledge and skills acquired by the students, stating that they would endure

the test of time. He encouraged the students to embrace their responsibilities and remain determined to overcome future adversities. Reflecting on the advancements in medical education over the past two decades, Chief Minister Sarma recalled.

GST Revenue Collection Hits Record High at 12% Growth, Indicating Strong Economic Recovery

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In a positive development for the Indian economy, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collection has witnessed an impressive growth rate of 12% in the financial year 2022-2023. This robust increase in GST revenue indicates a strong economic recovery and reflects the effectiveness of the government's initiatives in boosting consump-

tion and spurring growth. According to the data released by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the total GST revenue collected during the fiscal year 2022-2023 stood at a staggering Rs. 12.5 lakh crore, marking a significant growth compared to the previous year's collections. This achievement highlights the resilience of the Indian economy in overcoming the



challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The GST, implemented in July 2017, has been a transformative taxation reform aimed at unifying India's vast market into a single tax regime. The consistent growth in GST collections

indicates increased compliance and a broadening of the tax base. The positive trajectory of GST collections is a testament to the successful implementation and steady adaptation of this historic tax reform.

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India emerging as major power in Middle East incl. Israel, Saudi Arabia : US magazine

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Neither Russia nor China can assume that role,” he asserted. The author recalled his visit to India around a decade ago to state what had struck him then that Indians did not want to play a larger role in the Middle East. In the 10 years since his trip, however, things have changed, he said. “While US officials and analysts are obsessed with every diplomatic move Beijing makes and eye Chinese

investment in the Middle East with suspicion, Washington is overlooking one of the most interesting geopolitical developments in the region in years: the emergence of India as a major player in the Middle East,” Cook wrote. When it comes to the Gulf, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia are aggressively seeking ways to expand relations with India, the article said. It is a significant shift because both countries, particularly

Saudi Arabia, have long aligned with Pakistan, it says, noting that the pivot to India stems in part from a common interest in containing Islamist extremism but much of the pull is economic. It highlighted the growing economic ties between India and the two countries to make the point. On India’s strong ties with Israel, it said they are perhaps the most well-developed of New Delhi’s relations in the region. These ties have rapidly developed in

a variety of fields, notably high tech and defence after Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian head of government to visit Israel in 2017 and his counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu returned the honour a year later. In the past, India’s business community shied away from investing in Israel, given the country’s small market and controversial politics (to many in India), Cook says, adding this may be changing. In 2022, the

Adani Group and an Israeli partner won a tender for Haifa Port for USD 1.2 billion, and there are also ongoing negotiations for an India-Israel Free Trade Agreement, it said. Like the Chinese, the Indians regard Egypt as a gateway through which to send their goods to Africa and Europe, the article added. It is tempting for US policymakers and analysts, India’s growing role in the region through the prism of great-power competition with China.

Unrest Mars Eid-ul-Azha Celebrations in Silchar.7 Injured

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Prompt action by the police brought the situation under control, but tension still prevails in some parts of the city. The first outbreak of violence was reported in Rongpur and Ghaniyala at around 9 o’clock in the morning, following disputes over animal sacrifice. However, timely intervention by the police helped quell the situation in these areas. Subsequently, similar incidents were reported from Annapurnaghat, Kathal

Road, and Durgapally. The situation took a turn for the worse on Panchayat Road, where violent confrontations erupted between two groups engaged in animal sacrifice. The clashes escalated, resulting in the vandalism of vehicles, including several e-rickshaws. Police immediately rushed to the scene after receiving reports of the violence. Despite their efforts, they initially failed to control the situation, necessitating reinforcements from Sadar Police Station, National High-

way, and Tarapur town Outpost. Superintendent of Police, Numal Mahatta, and South Assam DIG, Kankanjyoti Saikia, personally monitored the area to restore order. After a series of interventions, the police managed to disperse the clashing parties and deployed additional forces to maintain peace. Residents of Panchayat Road alleged that a family from an adjacent mosque was openly conducting animal sacrifices, which led to a clash with unidentified in-

dividuals who were filming the incident. The situation escalated quickly, with both sides engaging in violent acts, resulting in damage to the mosque and injuries to several individuals. On the other hand, the opposing party claimed that some of their members were targeted by youths from Panchayat Road while passing through the area in e-rickshaws. They accused these individuals of vandalizing their vehicles and expressed discontent over the

open slaughtering of animals in the vicinity. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed concern over the incidents and instructed MLA Dipayan Chakraborty to personally oversee the situation. The Chief Minister also directed the allocation of grants from the Legislative Fund to repair the damaged panchayat roads and compensate for the vandalized mosque. As part of his visit, MLA Dipayan Chakraborty met with the mosque committee.

Weekly Horrorscope

Jul 01- Jul 07, 2023

Aries

During this week, you will maintain a balance between work and rest. Your health will be in excellent condition. Students can expect great results. It is advisable to make thoughtful decisions while planning.

Taurus

This week, you may have to work beyond your capacity, which could lead to exhaustion. Therefore, it is crucial to prioritise rest. You will have a favourable chance to achieve success in education.

Gemini

It is advisable to avoid driving this week, as doing so will bring you benefits. This period also presents an opportunity to save money. Restlessness may prevail, causing some troubles.

Cancer

You may experience increased stress during this time. However, you can expect respect from society. Some expenses are likely to occur, but your reputation within the family will grow, bringing you happiness.

Leo

Engaging in Yoga will provide physical and mental benefits. Consider investing in certain schemes. Avoid making hasty decisions. Pay attention to your education. There might be tension within the family.

Virgo

Some individuals born under Virgo might face health-related issues during this period. It is essential to take care of your well-being, and your financial situation may worsen in the future.

Libra

Issues you have been struggling with for a long time may see improvements, bringing you benefits. Expenses may increase, but this week presents a special chance for the success you are working on.

Scorpio

Your lost confidence may be restored this week, which you have long desired. Financial matters are likely to bring you significant success. This period is ideal for making sound financial decisions.

Sagittarius

During this week, you may encounter a financial crisis. However, your creative potential will be heightened. You have the potential to benefit from favorable opportunities and save money.

Capricorn

Your mind will be occupied with work for some reason, which will yield favorable results. Taking an early leave from work and going on a picnic with your family members will bring you great benefits.

Aquarius

Expanding your business might require you to take a loan. However, be cautious as your mind may feel confused during this time. If you are considering buying a new house ensure careful thought.

Pisces

You can expect support in your family life during this time. Your career will flourish, making this week highly fruitful for you. Luck will be on your side, and you will finally be able to enjoy the comforts.

A healthy lifestyle reduces risk of developing severe liver disease



In a recent study published in *Metabolism*, researchers investigate the correlation between a healthy lifestyle and Life's Essential 8 (LE8) scores in new-onset severe non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). NAFLD is a significant cause of hepatocellular carcinoma and cirrhosis, as well as cardiovascular disease (CVD). However, the relationship between new-onset NAFLD and a healthy lifestyle remains unclear. The American Heart Association (AHA) created Life's Simple 7 (LS7) in 2010, which offers patient-centered guidelines for CV health (CVH). LS7 consists of four health behaviors, including body mass index (BMI), physical activity, diet, and smoking, as well as three health factors, including blood glucose, blood lipids, and blood pressure. The LE8 diet score was graded based on a point system. Scoring eight or higher earned 100 points, scoring between six and eight earned 80 points, scoring between four and six earned 50 points, scoring between two and four earned 25 points, and scoring less than two earned zero points.

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Last date and time for making online fee payment	22-07-2023 (23:00)
Last date and time for generation of offline Challan	23-07-2023 (23:00)
Last date for payment through Challan (during working hours of Bank)	24-07-2023
Dates of 'Window for Application Form Correction' and online payment of Correction Charges	26-07-2023 to 28-07-2023 (23:00)
Schedule of Computer Based Examination	September, 2023

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Twitter Makes ‘Sign-In’ Mandatory For Users To View Tweets On Platform



Twitter will now require users to have an account on the social media platform to view tweets, a move that owner Elon Musk on Friday called a “temporary emergency measure”. Users who try to view content on the platform will be asked to sign up for an account or log into an existing account to see their favorite tweets. “We were getting data pillaged so much that it was degrading service for normal users!” Musk said in a tweet. He added that hundreds of organizations or more were scraping Twitter data “extremely aggressively”, affecting user experience. Musk has previously expressed displeasure at artificial intelligence firms like OpenAI, the owner of ChatGPT, using Twitter’s data to train their large language models. “We absolutely will take legal action against those who stole our data & look forward seeing them in court, which is (optimistically) 2 to 3 years from now,” he said. In a letter addressed to Microsoft (MSFT.O) CEO Satya Nadella, Musk’s lawyer Alex Spiro in May asked the tech giant to conduct an audit of its use of Twitter’s content, alleging the Windows developer violated an agreement over using the social media company’s data. The company has initiated a range of measures to bring back advertisers who left the platform under Musk’s ownership and to increase subscription revenue by making verification a part of the Twitter Blue program. Twitter has also begun charging users to access its application programming interface (API).

DHANUSH UNVEILS FIRST LOOK OF UPCOMING FILM 'CAPTAIN MILLER'



Actor Dhanush on Friday shared the first look poster of 'Captain Miller', his upcoming feature with filmmaker Arun Matheswaran. Dhanush unveiled the film's poster on Twitter. "'Captain Miller' First look ! Respect is freedom," he wrote alongside the poster. Written and directed by Matheswaran the film is a period gangster drama set in the

1950s, as per media reports. Noted music director-singer GV Prakash has composed the film's soundtrack. Captain Miller' is presented by T G Thyagarajan of Sathya Jyothi Films and produced by Sendhil Thyagarajan and Arjun Thyagarajan. Dhanush made his Hollywood debut last year with 'The Gray Man', directed by filmmaker i

duo Anthony and Joe Russo. In India, his last big screen release was the Tamil film "Vaathi". We had previously reported that Dhanush is teaming up with director Arun Matheswaran of Rocky and Saani Kaayidham fame for a film titled Captain Miller. The film's first look has now been released by the makers Captain Miller also stars Priyanka Arul Mohan, Shiva Rajkumar, Nivedhithaa Sathish and Sundeeep Kishan. The film is produced by Sendhil Thyagarajan and Arjun Thyagarajan. Speaking about the first-look poster of the film, director Arun Matheswaran told "The gun which Dhanush holds in his hand in the poster is called a Lewis gun (a First World War-era light machine gun). We bought this type of gun and have modified it in a very interesting way for the purpose of the film. We were particular about creating the first-look poster in international standards, as it's one of the biggest films in Dhanush's career & budget.

HOLLYWOOD ACTOR ALAN ARKIN PASSES AWAY



Veteran actor Alan Arkin, known for his remarkable talent and unforgettable performances, has passed away. The news of his demise was confirmed by his sons Adam, Matthew, and Anthony Arkin. In a statement, they described their father as a uniquely talented force of nature and a loving family man who will be deeply missed. Alan Arkin's career spanned several decades and encompassed both stage and screen. He garnered widespread acclaim for his role as Edwin Hoover in the 2006 film "Little Miss Sunshine." Despite limited screen time, his performance earned him an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor, solidifying his status as a gifted artist. Born on March 26, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York, Arkin in addition to his success in film, has also achieved recognition on Broadway. He began his career on the Broadway stage, starring as David Kolowitz in the Joseph Stein play Enter Laughing in 1963, for which he won the Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Play. He received a Drama Desk award for directing the 1968 play "Little Murders," which he later adapted for the big screen.

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PCB Wants To Do Security Check At ICC Cricket World Cup Venues In India Before Pakistan Gets Government's Green Signal

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The ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 schedule was re-vealed by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) earlier this week and the hype for the India vs Pakistan has already started to build. The arch-rivals play each other on October 15 at the biggest cricket stadium in the world, the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad. Unlike other 9 teams in the competition, Pakistan will play only at 5 venues across the

country. Other teams get to play across 10 venues finalised for the big-ticket event. As per a new report, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) are likely to send a security team to India to check the arrangements ahead of the World Cup. When that is going to happen is still not clear. Pakistan government is going to give green signal to Babar Azam and Co only after the security team has visited all the venues, it is believed. The security team of PCB



will visit all 5 venues - Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Kolkata - and submit a report to the board, Pakistan, earlier, did not wish to play some matches at particular venues.

They had raised the matter with the International Cricket Council (ICC) back then. It was reported that the delay in announcing the schedule happened due to the same reason. The schedule

was finally revealed on June 27 with key BCCI and ICC office-bearers in attendance along with legends Virender Sehwag and Muralitharan. as per the report.

Nathon Lyon, likely To Be Ruled Out Of Remaining Series of Ashes Test between Australia & England



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Cricket Australia has confirmed that Australian spin veteran Nathan Lyon's participation in the remaining Ashes series against England is highly uncertain. This comes after Lyon

sustained a "significant strain" in his calf, necessitating a "rehabilitation period" for his recovery. Lyon did not take the field on the third day of the second Ashes Test at Lord's. He had arrived at the ground on crutches, wearing a white com-

pression sock on his right calf. He joined his teammates out in the middle during the pre-play address. He hurt his right calf while fielding on second day of play and immediately hobbled off from the field, as per cricket.com.au. Medical scans on

Thursday evening confirmed the injury. While Australia could still use him to bat during this match, the 36-year-old seems to be highly unlikely to bowl for the remainder of the series. Lyon spent Friday morning talking to spin back-up Todd Murphy, who is four Test old right-arm spinner. Lyon's absence would no doubt be a huge blow to Australia as they will have to rely on an inexperienced Murphy and part-time spin back-ups Travis Head, Mar-

nus Labuschagne and Steve Smith. Murphy looks almost certain to the play the Headingley third Test next week, after making a solid debut against India in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy earlier this year. The Lord's Test was a special one for Lyon as he was playing his 100th consecutive Tests and is just four wickets away from 500 Test wickets. He might not reach the 500-mark during this series. Australia will finalise their decision on Lyon's availability.

FIFA World Rankings: India Climb Up To 100th Spot latest update Messi's Argentina at Top

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The Indian men's football team has climbed to number 100 in the latest FIFA World Rankings, released on Thursday (June 29). The Blue Tigers can move further in the list following their performance in the ongoing SAFF Championship 2023. India have already beaten Pakistan and Nepal

in their group fixtures and are set to play against Lebanon in the semi-final of the tournament on Saturday. Lionel Messi's Argentina continue to lead the chart after regaining the top spot after three months. The recent wins against Australia and Indonesia has also helped La Albiceleste to stay number 1. The top three spots have



not changed and the world champions are ahead of France and Brazil. Arch-rivals Pakistan are far by

a long way as they stand at number 195 with 861.18 points. Recently, India defeated Pakistan in

Bengaluru with a scoreline of 4-1 after Sunil Chhetri scored a hat-trick for the Blue Tigers.

Elina Svitolina Beats Storm Hunter In Epic Come-From-Behind Win



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Elina Svitolina extended her winning streak to six matches as she registered a 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over qualifier Storm Hunter from a set and a breakdown in the second round of the ongoing French Open 2023. Her style continued over into the second set

when Hunter stood out for her powerful left-handed forehand and skilful usage of the drop shot. She held five points after taking the first break to secure it and take the lead 3-1. She will next face either No.5 seed Caroline Garcia or Anna Blinkova. Hunter's backhand, however, started to miss as Svitolina

started to deliver more telling hits with her forehand. After 10 minutes, Hunter double-faulted while up a breakpoint, wasting five of her game points. Svitolina needed that advantage to gain control of the match. The former World No. 3 came back from 2-1 down in the second set to win 11 of the

following 13 games in an increasingly commanding performance. In sets two and three, she found 18 victories by moving more quickly to the net. In contrast, Hunter made 31 unforced errors in the final two sets as a result of the strain. "I was watching [Gael Monfils], but not live -- I was screaming in

my hotel room. So if anyone heard it, that was me cheering. unbelievable match and I don't know what he's doing here now, I think he should be resting. But I'm really thankful for him coming to support me," said Svitolina in the on-court interview as quoted by WTA.com. "It was really tough to play against Storm in the first set. She came out firing winners and playing really well. I didn't think I played that badly in the first set, but she was the better player on the court. I had to regroup, refocus and try to bring my best game. The second and third sets were a good match for me," she added..