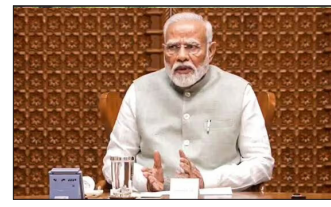




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PM Modi to head of Bangladesh's interim government

New Delhi: “Congratulations to Professor Muhammad Yunus on his new role. We hope for a swift return to normalcy and the safeguarding of Hindus and all minority communities,” Modi stated. Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his heartfelt congratulations to Professor Muhammad Yunus on Thursday, marking his assumption of leadership as head of Bangladesh’s interim government. Modi’s message, delivered via X (formerly Twitter), underscored a call for an expedited return to stability and the protection of religious minorities, particularly Hindus. “Congratulations to Professor Muhammad Yunus on his new role. We hope for a swift return to normalcy and the safeguarding of Hindus and all minority communities,” Modi stated. He reiterated India’s commitment to collaborate with Bangladesh in pursuing shared goals of peace, security, and de-



velopment. Muhammad Yunus, the Nobel laureate and founder of Grameen Bank, took the oath of office in Dhaka amid a backdrop of significant unrest. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned in the wake of escalating student-led protests demanding an end to the government job quota system. At 84, Yunus faces the crucial challenge of stabilizing the country and overseeing preparations for upcoming elections. His swearing-in was administered by Bangladesh’s

President Mohammed Shahabuddin in a ceremony attended by diplomats, civil society members, and business leaders, though no representatives from Hasina’s Awami League were present. In his first address, Yunus called for calm and an end to chaos, emphasizing the importance of protecting all citizens from violence. “Our primary responsibility is to prevent any attacks and restore order, allowing Bangladesh to advance on a path laid out by its youth,” Yunus said.

Khaan Quest 2024 concludes in Ulaanbaatar, showcases global peacekeeping collaboration



Mongolia: The event, aimed at enhancing peacekeeping capabilities, was graced by HE Mr. Byambatsogt Sandag, Minister of Defence of Mongolia, as the Chief Guest. Representing the Indian Army, Brigadier Arun Awasthy was in attendance. Khaan Quest 2024 concluded today with a grand closing ceremony in Ulaanbaatar, marking the successful collaboration of military forces from across the globe. The event, aimed at enhancing peacekeeping capabilities, was graced by HE Mr. Byambatsogt Sandag, Minister of Defence of Mongolia, as the Chief Guest. Representing the Indian Army, Brigadier Arun Awasthy was in attendance.

Throughout the exercise, the Indian Army contingent participated in various joint training exercises and simulation scenarios, including convoy protection, cordon and search operations, the protection of civilians. These activities were pivotal in refining the operational readiness of the Indian troops, them with the skills necessary for future peacekeeping missions. Khaan Quest 2024 offered a valuable platform for participants to exchange best practices and bolster their joint peacekeeping abilities. The exercise not only sharpened tactical proficiencies but also reinforced the bonds of friendship among the participating nations’ armed forces.

Cloudburst in Himachal Pradesh claims 45 lives

New Delhi: A devastating cloudburst struck near the Samej and Bagi bridges late Wednesday night, leading to the tragic loss of 45 lives in the Shrikhand region of Himachal Pradesh. The calamity has triggered an extensive rescue operation, with teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) working tirelessly in the affected area. Kuldeep Srivastava, head of IMD Himachal Pradesh, noted that alerts were issued for various regions in anticipation of the heavy rainfall. “We have recorded the highest rainfall at Joginder Nagar in Mandi district at 110 mm during the past 24 hours. Srivastava said. “In other parts of the state, there has been moderate rainfall. Nearly 75 percent of areas have received between 30 mm to 50 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours.” The IMD has issued an orange alert for the lower Himalayan districts of Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Chamba, and Mandi, urging residents to remain vigilant amidst the ongoing weather challenges.

Bill to amend Waqf Act faces strong opposition, referred to joint house panel

Agency: Bill to amend Waqf Act faces strong opposition, referred to joint house panel The referral comes amid significant opposition from various political parties, including the Congress-led Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance. The proposed bill to amend the 1995 Waqf Act, aimed at centralizing control over Islamic charitable endowments, has been referred to a joint parliamentary panel for further review. The referral comes amid significant opposition from various political parties, including the Congress-led Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance. The bill, which seeks to reform the administration of waqf properties—charitable assets dedicated by Muslims for religious and philanthropic purposes—has

drawn criticism for its provisions, particularly the inclusion of non-Muslims in waqf governance. Critics argue that this encroaches on religious rights and autonomy. Akhilesh Yadav of the Samajwadi Party (SP) denounced the bill as politically motivated, suggesting it caters to the BJP’s hardline supporters. “This bill is an attempt to interfere in religious affairs and is likely to provoke unnecessary communal tensions,” Yadav asserted. Congress leader K C Venugopal labeled the bill an attack on constitutional rights, particularly Article 26, which guarantees the right to manage religious institutions. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) leader Asaduddin Owaisi contended that Parliament lacks the authority to impose such

changes, emphasizing that waqf management is a core religious practice. He criticized the bill’s provisions as an infringement on Islamic practices. Other opposition leaders, including Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Indian Union Muslim League, voiced concerns that the bill could undermine communal harmony and disrupt the waqf system. TMC’s Sudip Bandopadhyay and Kalyan Banerjee argued that the bill contravenes constitutional equality and legislative competence. Supporters of the bill, such as Harish Balayogi of the Telugu Desam Party, argue that it aims to streamline waqf administration and protect the interests of donors and beneficiaries, especially poor Muslims and Muslim women.

IS suspect planned suicide attack at Taylor Swift Vienna concert

Vienna: A 19-year-old Islamic State sympathiser planned a suicide attack at a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna designed to kill many people, the country’s intelligence agency said on Thursday. Austrian authorities detained two suspects Wednesday for allegedly plotting to attack this week’s Vienna concerts by the US star, which organisers cancelled at the last minute. The 19-year-old main suspect had confessed, saying he “intended to carry out an attack using explosives and knives,” domestic intelligence agency (DSN) head Omar Hajjawi-Pirchner told a news conference. “His aim was to kill himself and a large number of people during the concert... either today or tomorrow,” he added. The

concerts were to run from Thursday to Saturday. The second suspect, a 17-year-old Austrian, was employed at a facility management company which would have “provided services” at the Ernst Happel Stadium where Swift was to perform, said Hajjawi-Pirchner. The younger suspect, who has so far refused to talk to authorities, was “in the area” of the stadium where he was detained, said Hajjawi-Pirchner. Swift did not immediately comment on the decision to cancel the Vienna shows but after the British attack said she was “completely in shock”. Three girls were killed and five people seriously wounded in the mass stabbing at a dance class in Southport inspired by the American singer.

BJP working like real estate company

Lucknow: The Waqf (Amendment) Bill is just an excuse to sell land in the interest of BJP members, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said on Thursday and claimed that the saffron party was working like a real estate company. He also suggested that the BJP rename itself to the “Bharatiya Zameen Party”. In a post on X, Yadav said the bill that seeks to amend provisions of the Waqf Act, 1995, were merely an excuse. “The target is to sell defence, railway, Nazul land. Waqf board lands are just another link in the chain of ‘schemes for the benefit of BJP members’ after defence land, railway land, Nazul land,” he said in Hindi.

Arunachal Governor inaugurates 3-day education conclave in Itanagar

Itanagar: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), inaugurated the three-day 'Chintan Shivir cum Education Conclave 2024' at the DK Convention Center in Itanagar on August 8. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), inaugurated the three-day 'Chintan Shivir cum Education Conclave 2024' at the DK Convention Center in Itanagar on August 8. The event, themed 'Shikshit Arunachal - Viksit Arunachal', aims to transform education in the state.

In his inaugural address, the Governor urged stake-



holders to focus on the physical, mental, and moral development of students to mould them into 'Shiksit, Anushasit, Prerit aur Viksit' (Educated, Disciplined,

Inspired, and Advanced) citizens. He highlighted the importance of formal education in gaining knowledge and skills to improve society. Emphasizing the

role of teachers, he called for innovative training programmes and the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The governor also discussed initiatives like NIPUN Bharat and PM SHRI Schools, which aim to set new benchmarks in education. He commended the State Education Minister and officials for organizing the conclave and expressed hope for its positive impact. Education Minister P. D. Sona, MLA Mutchu Mithi, Commissioner Amjad Tak, and Secretary Duly Kanduk also spoke at the event. Various officials, educators, and representatives from NGOs attended the session.

Assam youth arrested for supporting Bangladesh unrest on social media

Guwahati: A youth from Hailakandi, Assam, was arrested by the local police over a social media post supporting the unrest in Bangladesh, according to reports on Friday. A youth from Hailakandi, Assam, was arrested by the local police over a social media post supporting the unrest in Bangladesh, according to reports on Friday. The individual, identified as Rezuwan Ulla Mazarbhuiya, was detained from his residence at ward number 5 in Rangpur under Lala Police Sta-

tion. In his Facebook post, Rezuwan called for a similar outcome in India, writing in Bengali, 'After Bangladesh, now it's time for India. Bangladesh's impact will soon be witnessed in Assam.' He also mentioned links to the militant organization Al-Qaeda in subsequent comments. The police are questioning him to establish any terror links. Meanwhile, Assam DGP Gyanendra Pratap Singh announced that Indian passport holders will be allowed to return from Bangladesh through

designated entry points in Assam. Speaking after a law and order review meeting, Singh stated that Assam Police and the Border Security Force (BSF) will prevent any illegal entry attempts by non-Indians. Singh reiterated that only Indian passport holders would be permitted to enter, and legal action would be taken against illegal entrants. Assam's Karimganj, Cachar, Dhubri, and South Salmara-Mankachar districts share a 267.5 km border with Bangladesh.

Godrej Agrovet opens first Samadhan Centre in Tamil Nadu for oil palm farmers

Aizawl: Godrej Agrovet Limited (GAVL) has launched its first Samadhan Centre in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, aimed at providing comprehensive support to oil palm farmers. The Samadhan Centre, a one-stop solution hub, will offer knowledge, inputs, tools, and services to help farmers enhance their yields and improve productivity. The inauguration event was graced by Dr. T.R.B. Rajaa, Hon'ble Minister of Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Sougata Niyogi, CEO, Oil Palm Business, Godrej Agrovet Limited,



and Rakesh Swami, Group President Corporate Affairs, Godrej Industries Group. Dr. Rajaa emphasized the government's commitment to supporting agricultural development under Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's leadership and praised the initiative for empowering local farmers and promoting sustainable

agricultural practices. The Samadhan Centre aligns with Godrej Agrovet's strategy to expand its presence in Tamil Nadu and is part of the company's broader vision following the National Mission on Edible Oil - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) initiative launched in August 2021. The company aims to expand oil palm plantations by an additional 60,000 hectares by 2027 and has already established 10 similar centers in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, with plans to open 50 centers by 2027. The establishment of the Samadhan Centre is also a significant development for the Guwahati market.

Meghalaya High Court to hear case of Mawjymbuin cave

Shillong: The Meghalaya High Court is set to hear a case on August 14 concerning the prohibition of Hindu prayers at the Mawjymbuin Cave. The Meghalaya High Court has scheduled August 14 for further hearings in the case regarding the ban on Hindu devotees offering prayers at the Mawjymbuin Cave in the state. After hearing the matter earlier, the court set the date to seek a settlement between Hindu organisation 'Yatra' and the Dorbar Shnong of Mawsynram. It must be mentioned that the High Court had, on August 7 summoned the East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner, the Superintendent of Police, and members of the Dorbar Shnong. The Mawjymbuin cave is famous for its natural stone structure which the Hindu faithful believes is a 'Shiva Linga'. KSP president Satya Ranjan Borah sought a response from the Meghalaya state authority. He stated, "We need the answer from the Meghalaya state authority. may be situations like blockage of the roads to Meghalaya via Jorabat (Guwahati); Paikan (Goalpara) and all other roads."

Congress walks out of Assembly boycotts session

Imphal: The Congress party has walked out of the Manipur Legislative Assembly and decided to boycott the remaining sessions on August 9. The Congress party has walked out of the Manipur Legislative Assembly and decided to boycott the remaining sessions on August 9. Speaking to the media, Congress leader Okram Ibobi Singh stated that all five Congress MLAs left the ongoing 6th session. The walkout was in protest against the rejection of a private members' resolution by the Speaker. The resolution sought a thorough discussion on the ongoing crisis in Manipur, which has persisted for nearly 15 months.

Ibobi Singh emphasized the need for a proper discussion to find a solution and take concrete steps to address the issue. "Our private member resolutions moved to discuss on present crisis were rejected by the speaker. Since the beginning of the assembly, we have been suggesting to converse thoroughly on the Manipur crisis. Yet the speaker is rejecting the private member resolution. So there is no point in attending the house and we boycott the session," said Ibobi Singh. The other Congress MLAs involved are Keisham Meghachandra, Okram Surjakumar, K Ranjit Singh, and Thokchom Lokeshwar Singh.

Assam emerges as top investment hub with new business initiatives

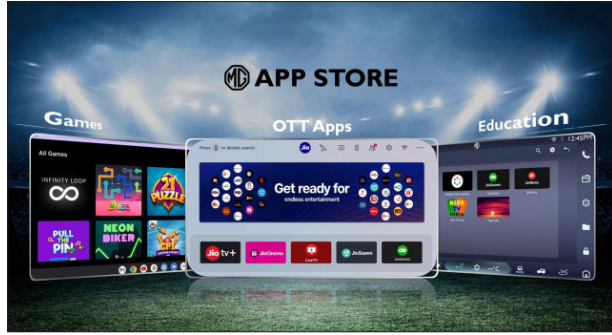
Guwahati: Key to Assam's progress are several strategic initiatives: the implementation of a Single Window System to streamline business processes, the launch of an upgraded Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) portal offering 241 services, and the securing of major investments, including a \$27,000 crore Tata Semiconductor Plant in Jagiroad. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on August 8 said that Assam is rapidly establishing itself as a preferred investment destination due to its investor-friendly initiatives and a tailored industrial policy. In a social media post, Sarma highlighted the state's efforts to enhance its industrial landscape, saying, "With investor-friendly initiatives and a customized industrial policy, Assam is fast becoming a preferred investment destination and recent developments back our intent. We are constantly engaging with industries to further develop the industrial ecosystem in Assam." Key to Assam's progress are several strategic initiatives: the implementation of a Single



Window System to streamline business processes, the launch of an upgraded Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) portal offering 241 services, and the securing of major investments, including a 27,000 crore Tata Semiconductor Plant in Jagiroad. The state has also advanced to the Aspirers category in the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) rankings and introduced the Assam Reforms in Public Service Delivery (ARTPS) Amendment Bill, 2024, aimed at enhancing public service efficiency. Additionally, sector-specific policies and startup support have been strengthened, further solidifying Assam's position as a burgeoning business hub.

JSW MG Motor launches industry-first EV innovations at DriEV.Bharat

Guwahati: JSW MG Motor India has introduced a suite of groundbreaking electric vehicle (EV) initiatives at the DriEV.Bharat event, marking a significant leap in EV technology and infrastructure. Hosted at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, the event showcased four pioneering projects aimed at transforming the EV landscape in India. The highlight of the launch was eHUB by MG, a first-of-its-kind EV charging platform developed by an OEM. This comprehensive platform streamlines the charging process by integrating a vast network



of providers, simplifying access and payment for users. Complementing this is Project REVIVE, a collaboration with TERI, Lohum, and BatX, which repurposes used EV batteries for renewable energy storage, promoting a

circular economy and sustainable energy solutions. In a move to enhance consumer knowledge, MG Motor unveiled EVPEDIA, India's first dedicated EV education platform. This resource offers detailed information on

EV technology, ownership costs, and maintenance, aimed at boosting EV adoption through informed decision-making. Further elevating the in-car experience, the MG-Jio Innovative Connectivity Platform (MG-Jio ICP) was announced. Gaurav Gupta, Chief Growth Officer at JSW MG Motor India, emphasized the company's commitment to driving EV innovation and sustainability. "DriEV.Bharat reflects our dedication to enhancing EV technology and user experience, facilitating accelerated adoption with smarter, sustainable solutions".

Godrej Agrovet to acquire full control of Godrej Tyson Foods

Guwahati: Godrej Agrovet Limited (GAVL), one of India's leading food and agri-business conglomerates, has announced a major strategic move to acquire the remaining 49% stake in Godrej Tyson Foods Limited (GTFL) from Tyson India Holdings Limited, an affiliate of Tyson Foods, Inc. This acquisition will boost GAVL's stake in GTFL from 51% to 100%, further consolidating its presence in the poultry and processed foods sec-

tor. Founded in 2008 as a joint venture between GAVL and Tyson Foods, GTFL is known for its processed poultry products and live poultry birds, marketed under the brands 'Real Good Chicken' and 'Yummiez'. The company has become a significant player in both the B2C and B2B segments, supplying processed chicken to major hotel chains and quick-service restaurants, and expanding its export footprint. Balram Singh Ya-

dav, Managing Director of Godrej Agrovet, highlighted the success of the partnership with Tyson Foods, emphasizing the benefits of integrating advanced poultry processing capabilities. Yadav pointed out that with the current household penetration of frozen snacks in India being under 6%, there is substantial growth potential. GAVL aims to leverage this opportunity to strengthen its portfolio and enhance its market presence.

Nissan announces 'Freedom Offer'

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Guwahati: The National Skill DevelopNissan Motor India (NMIPL) has launched a special 'Freedom Offer' on its popular Magnite SUV, exclusively for defence, central paramilitary, and state police personnel. This special bonanza offers significantly reduced prices through the CSD AFD Portal and is valid for bookings until 31 August 2024. This initiative, armed forces personnel can avail the Magnite the CSD route, enjoying tax benefits. Central Paramilitary and State Police Forces can also access special pricing at authorized Nissan dealerships across India. 'Freedom Offer' the introductory prices from Magnite's 2020 launch, marking a tribute to India's security services. According to Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India. "We deeply honour the sacrifices of our defence and paramilitary personnel. This showing our respect and appreciation for their unwavering dedication," he stated.

ITC Sunfeast announces 'Super Egg & Milk' biscuits to boost kids' nutrition

Guwahati: ITC Sunfeast has launched its latest innovation, the 'Super Egg & Milk' Biscuit, designed to enhance children's nutrition through a tasty and convenient option. This launch follows a unique conference featuring representatives of hens and cows, humorously addressing the challenge of making milk and eggs more appealing to kids. The event included a panel of experts, including Mr. Madan Mohan Maiti from NECC West Bengal, Dr. Dulal Chandra Sen from IDA East Zone, and celebrity mom Koneenica Banerjee. The panel highlighted the importance of eggs and milk in children's diets, noting their rich nutritional profile including proteins, vitamins, and iron. ITC Sunfeast's new biscuit aims to address a market gap by combining these essential nutrients into a single, accessible product.



The biscuits are available in South and East India at Rs. 5, Rs. 10, and Rs. 30, reflecting ITC's commitment to offering affordable, nutritious options. In Guwahati, the launch of the Sunfeast 'Super Egg & Milk' Biscuit is expected to resonate well with local parents looking for nutritious, easy-to-consume options for their children. The introduction of this product aligns with the growing demand for healthier snacks in the region, providing a much-needed boost to the market for value-added food products.

Virat Kohli champions Essilor®'s latest lens innovations

Guwahati: Essilor®, a global leader in eyewear, has launched a new campaign featuring Indian cricket star Virat Kohli, spotlighting its advanced lens solutions—Eyezen® and Varilux®. The campaign aims to enhance brand visibility and educate consumers about the benefits of these products. The first phase of the campaign showcases Eyezen®, designed for individuals frequently using digital devices. The promotional film highlights the strain caused by prolonged screen time, with Kohli himself advocating for Eyezen® lenses. These lenses are crafted to alleviate digital eye strain and filter harmful blue-violet light, providing both comfort and protection. In the second phase, Kohli promotes Varilux®, progressive lenses for those experiencing presbyopia. The campaign film features a poignant

moment where Kohli advises his former coach to switch to Varilux® lenses for improved vision. Varilux® lenses are known for their advanced AI technology, which offers a seamless transition between different vision ranges, addressing the challenges of aging eyes. Narasimhan Narayanan, President of EssilorLuxottica South Asia, expressed enthusiasm for the partnership, praising Kohli's alignment with the brand's mission to promote eye health. Kohli, also an Eyezen® user, emphasized his personal satisfaction with the lenses' performance. In Guwahati, the campaign is anticipated to drive significant interest as residents increasingly seek advanced vision solutions amidst growing digital device usage. The integration of Kohli's endorsement with Essilor®'s innovative technology is expected to resonate well with the city's consumers.

Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles launches Jawa 42 2024 : A revolutionary neo-classic for the modern rider

Guwahati: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles has launched the 2024 Jawa 42, redefining the neo-classic motorcycle segment with its new J-Panther engine and an enticing price starting at Rs. 1,72,942. This latest model delivers 27.32 PS of power and 26.84 Nm of torque, supported by over 42 upgrades that enhance its performance and riding dynamics. Key features include optimized gearing, refined throttle maps, and a digital speedometer with optional USB charging. The 2024 Jawa 42 stands out with 14 color options, including six new shades like Vega White and Celestial Copper Matte, catering to diverse customer pref-

erences. Anupam Thareja, Co-founder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles, highlights, "We've aimed for price-performance excellence, ensuring that the Jawa 42 not only meets but exceeds expectations in design and engineering." In Guwahati, the Jawa 42's launch is generating significant buzz. With its competitive pricing and stylish design, the model is set to attract a wide range of motorcycle enthusiasts. The diverse color palette and advanced features align well with the preferences of the local market, positioning the Jawa 42 as a strong contender in the region's motorcycle segment.

GSK's new shingles campaign

Guwahati: GSK has launched a new awareness campaign on shingles, featuring veteran actors Amitabh Bachchan and Manoj Pahwa. Titled "Yeh Science Hai," campaign aims to educate the public on the scientific link between chickenpox and shingles, particularly focusing on the increased risk for individuals with diabetes. In the campaign, Amitabh Bachchan and Manoj Pahwa engage in everyday conversations highlight susceptibility shingles in those with diabetes. People who have had chickenpox and also suffer from diabetes face a 40% higher risk of developing shingles due to weakened immune systems.

Wrestler Vinesh Phogat defeats World no 1 to enter quarterfinals

Paris: Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat caused a major upset by defeating World No. 1 Yui Susaki in the women's 50kg category at the Paris Olympics. The Indian contingent had mixed results on Day 11, with Neeraj Chopra advancing to the javelin final. Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat handed reigning champion, Japan's Yui Susaki her fourth loss in her entire career after defeating her in one of the biggest upset stories of Paris Olympics. The wrestler knocked off top seed Yui 3-2 in the Round of 16 to progress to the quarter-final of the women's 50kg category. Phogat defeated Yui Susaki, who did not concede a single point en route to her Tokyo Olympics Gold. Till yestersay, Yui had lost only three matches in her entire career and Vinesh handed her the fourth. As the Paris Olympics 2024 entered its 11th day, Tuesday holds significant promise for the Indian contingent, follow-



ing a heart-wrenching Day 10. Indian athletes Lakshya Sen and the duo of Maheshwari Chauhan and Anantjeet Singh narrowly missed securing medals, adding to the collective disappointment. Additionally, wrestler Nisha Dahiya's unexpected injury led to her defeat in the women's 68kg quarterfinals against North Korea's Sol Gum Pak, ending the match at 8-10. Meanwhile, Olympic javelin champion Neeraj Chopra also showcased his world-class form at the Paris Olympics, launching a massive 89.34m throw to book his place in the final.

A feat that will be cherished for generations, PM Modi praises hockey team for winning bronze

Paris: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday congratulated the Indian men's hockey team for winning back-to-back bronze medals in the Olympic Games after 52 years and said their "feat will be cherished for generations to come". India rode on a brace of goals by skipper Harmanpreet Singh and some brilliant saves by goalkeeper PR Sreejesh in his final international to overcome Spain 2-1, coming back from a goal deficit to emerge victorious in the bronze medal match played in Paris on Thursday. India thus added a second successive bronze medal to the one they bagged in the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021, making it the first time since 1968 and 72 that the country has won back-to-back medals in the Olympics. This was also India's fourth medal in the Paris Olympic Games, adding to the three won by the shooters. "A feat that will be cherished for generations to come! said PM Modi in a post on X, formerly Twitter. "The Indian Hockey team shines bright at the Olympics, bringing home the bronze medal! This is even more special because it is their second consecutive medal at the Olympics," the Prime Minister wrote in his message. PM Modi praised the players for their perseverance and team spirit and said they showed immense grit and resilience, "Their success is a triumph of skill, perseverance and team spirit. They showed immense grit and resilience. Congratulations to the players. "Every Indian has an emotional connect with Hockey and this accomplishment will make the sport even more popular among the youth of our nation," wrote PM Modi in his message, Thursday's bronze medal took India's tally to 13 in the Olympics, building on its stature as the most successful country in the sport in the Olympics. India have so far won eight gold, one silver and four bronze medals in men's hockey.

Neeraj Chopra settles for silver as Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem breaks Olympic record

Paris: Neeraj Chopra secured the silver medal in the men's javelin final at the Paris Olympics, with Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem winning gold. This marks the first time India and Pakistan have finished 1-2 in this event at the Olympics. Ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinched the silver medal in the men's javelin final at the Paris Olympics after losing to Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem who won the gold medal with a new Olympic Record of 92.97m throw. With the loss, Chopra missed out on the chance to become the first Indian athlete to win two Olympic gold medals in individual sports. However, his dedication earned him an Olympic silver with a throw of 89.45m, which came in his second



attempt. The throw marked Chopra's best-ever in the Olympic Games as he crossed the last 89.34m. It must be mentioned that the ace javelin thrower got only one legal attempt which was enough for him to clinch the silver and achieve another first for India at the Olym-

pics. Meanwhile, Arshad Nadeem scripted history and threw twice more than 90m in the final. Grenada's Anderson Peters won the bronze medal. India-Pakistan finished 1-2 for the first time on the Olympic podium in men's javelin due to Neeraj Chopra and Ar-

shad Nadeem's effort. The scores were also the reversal of order from the World Championships last year when Neeraj Chopra won gold and Arshad Nadeem won silver. Speaking to ANI, Chopra said, "We all feel happy whenever we win a medal for the country...It's time to improve the game now...We will sit and discuss and improve the performance...India played well (at the Paris Olympics)... The competition was good (today)...but every athlete have their day, today was Arshad's day...I gave my best but some things need to be looked upon and worked upon...Our national anthem may not have been played today, but it will definitely be played somewhere else in the future..."

Avinash Sable lags too far behind to finishes 11th in 3000m steeplechase

Paris: Avinash Sable has been on the track and field radar for some years in the long-distance running. He bested the 3000m steeplechase at the Hangzhou Asian Games with a timing of 8.19.50s on September 23, but in under one year, he found the going tough at the Summer Olympics. Sable, who will turn 30 on September 13, was a far cry from his best in the final, clocking 8.14.18s and finishing eleventh. He had qualified in fifth place in his group, clocking 8.15.43s. Another Olympics chance at Los Angeles looks highly unlikely after a lacklustre result here Morocco's El Bakkali Soufiane took the gold medal with a splendid run in the home stretch and a timing of 8.06.06s, his season's best. The 28-year-old, standing 188cm tall and weighing 70 kgs had won the gold at the Tokyo Olympics in 2023. His cup of joy was full. USA's Kenneth Brooks came second at 8.06.41 and Kenya's Abraham Kibiwot, third at 8.06.47s. A farmer's son from Beed in Maharashtra, Sable initially ran the 10km, 25km and half marathon before beginning a concert-ed campaign in the 3000m

steeple chase at a meet in Chennai in 2017 when he clocked 8.39.81s. Seven years later at the Diamond League here on July 7, he achieved his personal best with a superb effort at 8.09.91s. He was one of the season's best performers. It was the first time he had gone under 8.10s. Sable had made his Olympics debut in Tokyo and this is what he said at the mixed zone on Wednesday. "I was not experienced. This time, I was confident. On my part, I had worked hard, and I also had hopes. But the result did not happen the way I wanted it to be. I will accept that there were shortcomings in some aspects of the run. I will try and make an effort in the future." He thanked the Army, Maharashtra, SAI, and the government of India for their assistance. However, he admitted that he did not understand the tactical part of the race. "I thought I was leading. The Ethiopian (Samuel Firewu) slowed down. I thought the pace would increase, but that did not happen. Even in the last lap, I thought I could break free, but that also did not happen. Maybe my body did not react to the situation. But in the end, the

outcome was not in accordance with the training I had put in." Sable does not like the idea of training abroad before the Olympics and big international meets. It's sad to say that no athlete likes to train abroad leaving the home conditions. "A lot of people say that we use the government's money and enjoy being abroad. I will not accept that. We train hard it's all sweat and toil. No one comes to lose."

All 15 runners thought they can win the medal. I was training in Colorado Springs. It's a cold climate there. No one wants to leave excellent weather at home and train in minus-degree conditions. I have given a hundred per cent. Facilities in India are very good, especially at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres. We have support staff and all that for recovery. For long-distance, it has to be group training which is available at home and not abroad. I feel bad reading negative comments in the social media." Summing up it can be said that his average from his 10 best performances was 8.14.26s; and he was nearer that timing in the final here at the Stad de France.

Indian wrestler Aman Sehrawat advances to quarterfinals

Paris: Indian wrestler Aman Sehrawat has moved to the quarterfinals in the men's 57 kg freestyle category at the Paris Olympics with a decisive win over Vladimir Egorov. Indian wrestler Aman Sehrawat began his Paris Olympics campaign with a strong performance, winning his round of 16 match in the men's 57 kg freestyle division. In contrast, Anshu Malik fell short in her women's 57 kg freestyle bout against Helen Maroulis of the USA, losing 2-7. Phogat, who had advanced to the gold medal match after a 5-0 win over Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, was disqualified for exceeding weight limit. She has appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for a silver medal, with a verdict expected soon. Nisha Dahiya's Olympics ended in disappointment as she lost to North Korea's Pak Sol Gum 8-10 in the quarterfinals of the women's 68 kg category. Dahiya, who had previously defeated Tetiana Sova 6-4, was leading 8-2 before an injury and subsequent medical timeouts allowed Sol Gum to stage a comeback.