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A Legacy Tainted by Tragedy

RG Kar Medical College



The tragic RG Kar Hospital rape and murder case has shaken Kolkata to its core, as the investigation unfolds into the horrific incident that occurred on the hospital premises. A female patient, who was admitted for medical care, was allegedly raped and murdered within the hospital's confines. The discovery of her body sparked widespread outrage and protests, leading to intense scrutiny of the hospital's security measures. Police quickly launched an investigation, reviewing CCTV footage and questioning staff and visitors. The case has prompted discussions about the safety of patients, especially women, in medical institutions. Authorities have pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice, while hospital management faces criticism for failing to ensure a secure environment. As the city rallies around the victim's family, demanding justice and accountability, the incident serves as a grim reminder of the urgent need to bolster safety protocols in public spaces.

Ukraine's Widespread Drone Attack on Russia



Ukraine launched a significant drone attack on Russia, targeting various regions, including areas near Moscow and the Bryansk region. Russian air defense units successfully intercepted three drones south of the Kremlin and 15 more over the Bryansk region. Additional drones were downed in the Tula region, and a missile was destroyed over the Rostov region. While no casualties or damage were reported, this marked a notable escalation in Ukraine's air offensive, aimed at crippling key infrastructure in response to Russia's ongoing strikes on Ukrainian territory.

India's Gaganyaan Mission is on



India's space agency, ISRO, has announced that two astronauts selected for its first human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan, will head to the U.S. in early August for training. Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla will be the primary astronaut for a mission to the International Space Station (ISS), while Group Captain Prashanth Nair will serve as his backup. This collaboration follows a joint statement by the U.S. and India in June 2023, where they committed to a joint effort for the ISS in 2024. The mission marks a significant milestone in India's space exploration journey.

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A Soldier's Last Call: Captain Deepak Singh's Heroic Sacrifice

Captain Deepak Singh, a 25-year-old officer from the Indian Army, tragically lost his life during an encounter with militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on August 14. Just hours before the operation, he made a routine call to his mother, concealing the danger he was about to face. Leading a search operation in Akar forests, Captain Singh was ambushed by militants. A Signal officer with the 48 National Rifles, he had been serving on deputation with the Rashtriya Rifles since 2020.

Legal Turmoil Surrounding Sheikh Hasina

Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina faces 31 legal cases, including charges of murder, crimes against humanity, and genocide. These cases emerged following her government's fall on August 5, 2023, amid massive protests and violence, which led to over 600 deaths. Hasina and prominent figures, including her son and daughter, are accused of orchestrating violent crackdowns on protesters. The cases are now under investigation by the International Crimes Tribunal in Bangladesh.

**Waqf (Amendment) Bill Referred to Joint Committee Amid Controversy**

The Indian government has referred the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to a Joint Committee of Parliament. The Bill, introduced by Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, seeks to amend the 1995 Waqf Act, potentially altering how Waqf properties are governed. Opposition parties strongly criticized the Bill, calling it "unconstitutional" and "anti-minority." The Bill's amendments, if passed, could significantly impact the management and regulation of religious endowments in India.

Imran Khan's Bid for Oxford Chancellor

Imran Khan, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, is applying for the role of Chancellor at Oxford University while he remains imprisoned. This unexpected move could serve multiple purposes. It might be an attempt to garner global attention during a time when his party holds rallies marking the anniversary of his jailing. The application could also signal a shift away from Pakistani politics, indicating Khan's potential transition to a new career, following his previous roles in cricket and politics. His adviser, Syed Zulfi Bukhari, confirmed the application for the position, which became available after Chris Patten's resignation.



EDUCATION

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Mpox is Not the New Covid, But Vigilance Needed - WHO reports

A WHO official emphasized that Mpox, though concerning, is not the new Covid-19. Authorities know how to control its spread, and global cooperation is crucial. Hans Kluge, WHO's Europe director, urged for systems to be put in place to combat Mpox, particularly the Clade 1b variant, which has raised global concern. While Mpox spreads through close contact, it doesn't transmit as easily as Covid-19. Continued vigilance and flexible responses are essential for managing the virus effectively.



The Importance of Dietary Fiber and Regional Differences in Consumption



Dietary fiber is crucial for maintaining a healthy gut, managing weight, controlling blood sugar, supporting heart health, and preventing constipation. Found in legumes, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, fiber is a type of carbohydrate that our digestive system cannot break down. It helps keep us full longer, moderates blood sugar spikes, and aids in the smooth passage of stool by bulking it up. Despite its importance, a 2023 study by the Protein Foods and Nutrition Development Association of India (P-FNDIAI) found that 69% of Indians consume less fiber than the recommended daily allowance.

Gen Z's New Aesthetic: Transforming Bathrooms into Personal Sanctuaries



Modern bathrooms are evolving into more than just functional spaces, becoming personal sanctuaries where aesthetics play a crucial role. As places where people often start their day or seek solace, the bathroom is increasingly viewed as a space worthy of stylish decor. For Gen Z, the traditional setup of a mirror and basin no longer suffices. Instead, elements typically reserved for living rooms, such as chandeliers, planters, designer wallpaper, plush rugs, and ambient lighting, are becoming essential bathroom features.

BLOG

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The Importance of Mental Health in the Workplace

Mental health is a fundamental aspect of overall well-being, and its impact on the workplace cannot be overstated. By prioritizing mental health, organizations can create a more supportive, productive, and engaged workforce. As we continue to adapt to new challenges and changes, maintaining a focus on mental well-being will be essential for both employee satisfaction and business success. It's not just about being a good employer—it's about being a responsible one. Investing in mental health is an investment in the future of the organization.

SPORTS

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India's Performance at Paris 2024 Olympics: A Summary of Medal Winners and Highlights

At the Paris 2024 Olympics, India sent a contingent of 117 athletes and won a total of six medals: one silver and five bronze. Here's a brief overview of the medal winners:

Manu Bhaker: Won two bronze medals – one in individual shooting (10m air pistol) and the other in the mixed team event with Sarabjot Singh, marking her as the first Indian to win two medals at a single Olympics edition.

Swapnil Kusale: Added a bronze medal in shooting, contributing to India's best performance in the sport at a single Olympics.

Indian Men's Hockey Team: Secured a bronze medal, repeating their success from the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

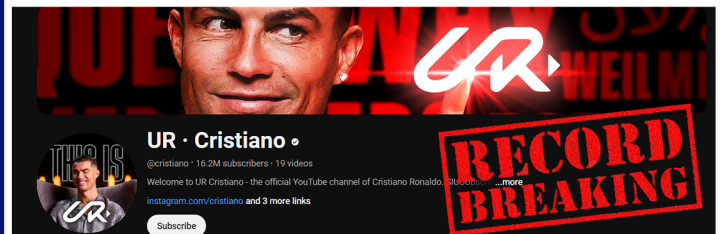
Neeraj Chopra: Claimed a silver medal in javelin throw, making him the most successful individual Indian Olympian.

Aman Sehrawat: Won a bronze medal in wrestling, becoming India's youngest Olympic medalist. Despite these successes, India faced some near misses, with six athletes finishing in fourth place. Notable athletes like Lakshya Sen, Mirabai Chanu, and Manu Bhaker (who missed a third medal) narrowly missed out on podium finishes. The disqualification of Vinesh Phogat in wrestling added to the disappointments.

Controversy Erupts Over Pakistan PM's Gala Dinner for Olympic Champion Arshad Nadeem



The Pakistan government is facing backlash after abruptly rescinding invitations for a gala dinner hosted by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to honor Olympic javelin gold medalist Arshad Nadeem. Former Olympian Rao Saleem Nazim expressed outrage, revealing that several hockey legends received and then had their invitations withdrawn, citing difficulties in guest accommodation.



Cristiano Ronaldo Launches Record-Breaking YouTube

Cristiano Ronaldo launched his YouTube channel, gaining 10 million subscribers in just one day, breaking a record. As Al Nassr prepares to face Al Raed in the Saudi Pro League, Ronaldo aims to recover from a 1-4 loss to Al Hilal. Al Hilal's Kalidou Koulibaly anticipates a challenging season, with Neymar's return highly anticipated.

TECHNOLOGY

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PAU to Establish Digital Technology Park for Advancing Agriculture



Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) is set to create a digital technology park on its campus to showcase cutting-edge agricultural innovations. The project is backed by a ₹1.5 crore grant from Punjab and Sind Bank under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. According to Vice-Chancellor Satbir Singh Gosal, the park will serve as a central hub to display new technologies developed by the university, offering practical demonstrations on integrating these advancements into farming practices.

Microsoft Unveils New Open-Source Phi-3.5 AI Models

Microsoft has introduced a new series of open-source AI models under the Phi-3.5 lineup, claiming they outperform Google's Gemini 1.5 Flash, Meta's Llama 3.1, and OpenAI's GPT-4o in certain aspects. The newly released models include the Phi-3.5-mini-instruct with 3.82 billion parameters, the Phi-3.5-Mixture of Experts (MoE)-instruct with a total of 41.9 billion parameters (utilizing 6.6 billion active ones), and the Phi-3.5-vision-instruct, which features 4.15 billion parameters.

MICROSOFT INTRODUCES

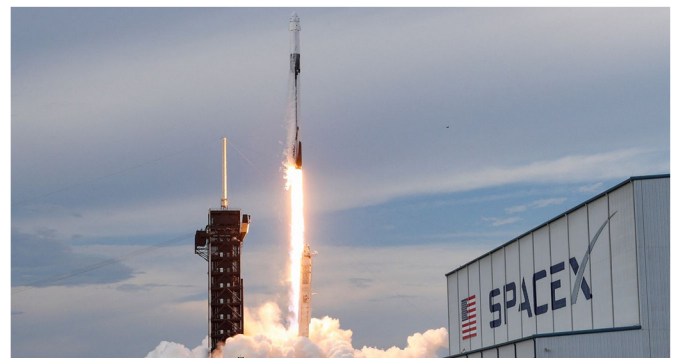
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Smallest AI Model



NASA Prepares for Update on Delayed Return of Starliner Astronauts

Astronauts Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore have been in space for nearly 80 days, far exceeding their initial eight-day mission aboard Boeing's first crewed Starliner flight. The delay was due to helium leaks and thruster issues, causing concerns about their safe return to Earth. Today, August 24, NASA is expected to provide a critical update regarding the situation. A press conference at 1 pm EDT (10:30 pm IST) will include NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and other leaders who will discuss the mission's status, review technical data, and outline steps for the astronauts' safe return.



SpaceX Gears Up for Polaris Dawn Mission Featuring World's First Private Spacewalk

SpaceX is preparing to launch the Polaris Dawn mission on August 27, marking a historic attempt at the first private spacewalk. The mission will be commanded by US billionaire Jared Isaacman, with retired US Air Force Lt. Col. Scott "Kid" Poteet serving as the pilot. Sarah Gillis from SpaceX will take on critical roles, including mission specialist and medical officer. Scheduled for a launch at 3:38 AM PDT (4:08 PM IST), the mission will utilize a Falcon 9 rocket and the Crew Dragon capsule named Resilience.

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Olympic Medalist Aman Sehrawat Meets TV Icon Dilip Joshi

Olympic bronze medalist Aman Sehrawat, a long-time fan of Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah, recently met his idol Dilip Joshi, who plays Jethalal in the show. The meeting, shared by Sehrawat on Instagram, included joyful moments and a special gift of Jalebi-Fafda from Joshi to celebrate Aman's success.



Aparshakti Khurana Reflects on Success with "Stree 2" and "Jubilee"

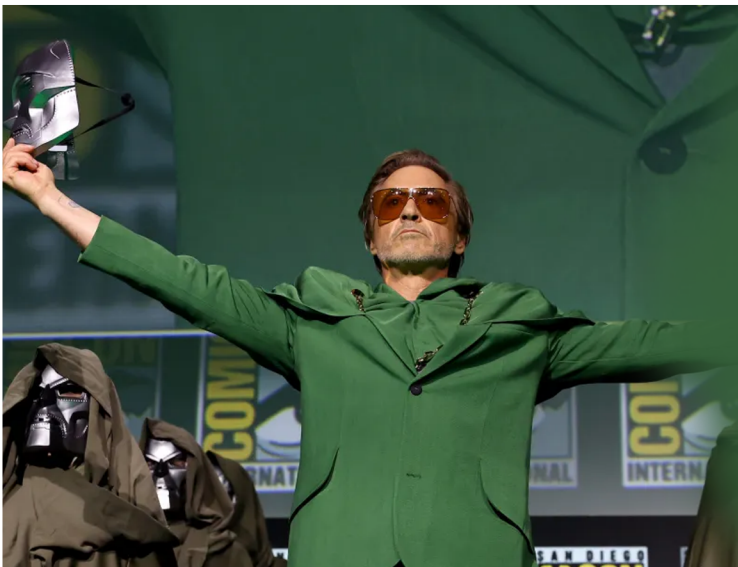


Aparshakti Khurana, known for his roles in Dangal and Stree, recently transitioned from playing the intense role of Binod Das in Jubilee to reprising his comic role in Stree 2. Khurana expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work on such contrasting projects early in his career. He praised the returning cast and crew of Stree 2, which continues the story of the 2018 hit film, and looks forward to the upcoming Stree 3.

Jaya Bachchan on interview reacts to Zanjeer



In the new docuseries Angry Young Men, Jaya Bachchan revealed she initially hesitated to join Zanjeer, a film that marked the rise of the "Angry Young Man" in Hindi cinema, portrayed by Amitabh Bachchan. Despite her reservations about the male-centric storyline, she was persuaded by the film's creators and the opportunity to work with Amitabh. Zanjeer (1973) was pivotal in redefining the hero archetype in Bollywood, emphasizing integrity over conventional cinematic tropes.



Robert Downey Jr. Talks Return to Marvel as Doctor Doom

Robert Downey Jr. recently discussed his return to the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) as Victor Von Doom on The Hollywood Reporter's Awards Chatter Podcast. Downey shared that his re-entry into the MCU was sparked by a casual conversation with Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige. During their discussion, Feige proposed that Downey could return in a new role to avoid simply repeating past performances. This led to the suggestion of him taking on the role of Doctor Doom, addressing Downey's concerns about meeting and surpassing expectations.

REAL-ESTATE

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SEBI Bans Anil Ambani and Others Over Fund Diversion



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has taken stringent action against Anil Ambani, along with 24 other entities, for their involvement in diverting funds from Reliance Home Finance Limited (RHFL). SEBI barred Ambani and these entities from accessing the securities market for five years. Ambani was also fined ₹25 crore and banned from holding any directorial or Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) roles in listed companies or SEBI-registered intermediaries.

Key Tax Updates for NRIs in the Union Budget 2024



The Union Budget 2024 introduced several significant changes impacting Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), particularly concerning the taxation of their investments and income in India. These updates include higher tax rates on both short-term and long-term capital gains and the removal of indexation benefits, which previously helped offset the impact of inflation on long-term gains. The tax rates for long-term capital assets are now standardized, and the exemption limit for long-term capital gains has been increased. Additionally, the budget has simplified the tax slabs under the new tax regime and clarified the holding periods for different types of assets.

Director's Desk

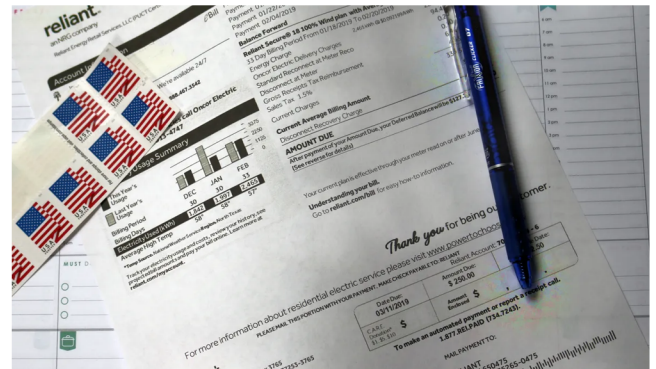
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"Sustainability as a Core Business Strategy"

In today's rapidly evolving business environment, sustainability has moved from being a mere buzzword to a critical component of long-term success. Companies are increasingly recognizing that integrating sustainable practices into their core business strategies is not only beneficial for the planet but also essential for maintaining a competitive edge, enhancing brand reputation, and meeting the expectations of conscious consumers and stakeholders.

Airbnb Host Discovers Crypto Mining Operation After Hefty Electricity Bill



An Airbnb host in North Carolina, Ashley Class, was forced to update her rental listing to ban cryptocurrency mining after discovering that recent guests turned her Charlotte property into a makeshift crypto-mining hub. The guests, who initially appeared to be responsible renters, left Class with a shocking \$1,500 electricity bill following their three-week stay. Suspicious of the unusually high electricity costs, Class reviewed footage from her property's outdoor security camera, which revealed that the guests had brought in at least ten computer rigs used for cryptocurrency mining.

