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8 CHIEF MINISTERS SKIP NITI AAYOG MEETING CHAIRED BY PM

PM MODI IS CHAIRING THE EIGHTH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NITI AAYOG ON THE THEME OF 'VIKSIT BHARAT @2047: ROLE OF TEAM INDIA'.

New Delhi: Eight Chief Ministers are skipping the NITI Aayog Council meeting presided over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi today. Rajasthan's Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has cited health reasons for not attending, and Kerala's Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has not given any specific reason for his absence.



Arvind Kejriwal wrote to the PM on Friday, announcing his boycott of the meeting over the Centre's recent ordinance, and charged that cooperative federalism in the country was being turned into a "joke". The controversial ordinance by the BJP-led Centre effectively cancels a May 11 Supreme Court order that granted the Delhi government executive control over the bureaucracy.

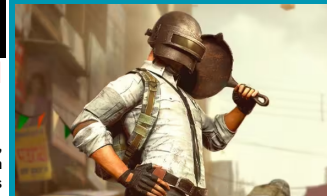
why he will boycott the meeting. In the previous meeting, in August last year, the Chief Minister had raised the issues of discussed. NITI Aayog is a significant Rural Development Fund (RDF), stubble burning, and platform to evolve a shared vision of farmers' concerns which he says the Centre paid no attention national development priorities, sectors to. Calling it a mere "photo session", Mr Mann in his note has and strategies with the active said there's no use in participating in the meeting until involvement of states, it said, adding that it's an important body for determining the pending issues have been addressed.

meeting. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who maintains a calculated distance from both the NDA and the Opposition, was also absent from the meeting. According to the Chief Minister's Office, Mr Patnaik did not attend the meeting as he has a prior programme.

The BJP said the missing Chief Ministers did not bring the voice of the people to a crucial planning meeting, where over a hundred issues were listed to be discussed. NITI Aayog is a significant Rural Development Fund (RDF), stubble burning, and platform to evolve a shared vision of farmers' concerns which he says the Centre paid no attention national development priorities, sectors to. Calling it a mere "photo session", Mr Mann in his note has and strategies with the active said there's no use in participating in the meeting until involvement of states, it said, adding that it's an important body for determining the pending issues have been addressed.

Punjab's Bhagwant Mann has written a note to the Centre saying it's not paying attention to Punjab's interests, which is

Three other prominent Opposition leaders -- Telangana's K Chandrashekar Rao, West Bengal's Mamata Banerjee and map for the development of the entire Bihar's Nitish Kumar -- who have been trying to stitch country. together a grand united Opposition front to counter the BJP "Eight Chief Ministers today did not attend the NITI Aayog meeting.



TECHNOLOGY

BGMI Unban: Battlegrounds Mobile India To Be Playable Starting May 27 For Android Users, May 29 For iOS

Battlegrounds Mobile India, popularly referred to as BGMI, finally has an official launch date. Developed by South Korean gaming giant Krafton, the battle royale will be playable for Android users starting May 27, who can pre-load the game right away. iOS users will have to wait a couple more days, as BGMI will be available for them starting May 29. As per Krafton, some users may have already received an update as part of the BGMI pre-load process.

MUSLIM GIRL, HINDU BOY OUT FOR DINNER MANHANDLED BY INDORE MOB, 2 STABBED FOR RESCUING THEM

A Muslim girl and a Hindu boy place on Thursday night in the city and two persons were manhandled by a mob in from the 20-odd strong mob have been arrested, he Madhya Pradesh's Indore when said. India Today could not independently verify the they come out of a hotel, police authenticity of the video. said. Two people who came to When the woman and man came out of the hotel their rescue also received injuries. after having food, the mob chased and surrounded A young woman and a man from them and questioned the woman about why she was different religions were in the company of a man from a different faith, manhandled and heckled by a Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Rajesh mob when they came out of a Raghuvanshi said. hotel in Indore in Madhya Pradesh "The woman told them she had come to have dinner and two people who came to the with the man after informing her parents. She also objected to their misbehaviour. Meanwhile, two couple's rescue received stab persons who came to the couple's rescue were injured after they were stabbed with a knife by wounds, a police official said on someone from the crowd," the Additional DCP said.



Friday. A case under section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered and The incident, a video of which seven accused have been identified so far, Tukoganj police station in-charge Kamlesh Sharma went viral on social media, took said. Two of the accused, in the 23-26 age group, have been arrested.

IN PETITION CHALLENGING PM'S INAUGURATION OF NEW PARLIAMENT, SC NEEDED TO GIVE REASONED ORDER

THE PETITIONER-ADVOCATE C.R. JAYA SUKIN COULD NOT SATISFY THE BENCH ON HOW HE CORRELATED ARTICLE 79 OF THE CONSTITUTION WITH THE INAUGURATION. BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE COURT CONSIDERS THE MATTER AS INCAPABLE OF RESOLUTION IN TERMS OF JUDICIALLY MANAGEABLE STANDARDS, AS LAID DOWN IN A NUMBER OF CASES.

"FORGED DOCUMENTS": UPSC CONSIDERS CRIMINAL ACTION AGAINST 2 CANDIDATES

New Delhi: The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is considering criminal and disciplinary penal action against two candidates for allegedly claiming selection in the civil services examination, the results of which were declared on Tuesday, according to an official statement. The case relates to Ayasha Makrani (from Madhya Pradesh) and Tushar (from Bihar) who fraudulently claimed that they have been finally recommended by the Commission in the civil services examination 2022 against two roll numbers of genuinely recommended candidates, it said. "The claims of both persons are fake. They have forged the documents in their favour to buttress their claims," said the statement issued on Friday. By doing so, both Ayasha Makrani and Tushar have acted in contravention of the provisions of the Rules of the Civil Services Examination, 2022 notified by the government of India (Department of Personnel and Training), it said. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Examination Rules, the UPSC is contemplating both criminal as well as disciplinary

The Civil Writ Petition filed by Supreme Court advocate C.R. Jaya Sukin seeking issue of a writ of mandamus or an appropriate Writ directing President Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate the new parliament building failed to impress the Supreme Court vacation bench of Justices J.K. Maheshwari and P.S. Narasimha, which dismissed it as "withdrawn". Sukin, who argued his petition himself, cited Articles 79 and 87 of the constitution to allege that the which he claimed, provides two Lok Sabha Secretariat, arraigned as instances when the president a respondent, is guilty of violating specially addresses both Houses of them in terms of the invites issued Parliament. Thus Article 87(1) says for the inauguration of the new that at the commencement of the parliament building on Sunday, first session after each general May 28. election to the House of the People Article 79 of the constitution and at the commencement of the states: "There shall be a Parliament first session of each year, the for the Union which shall consist of president shall address both.



ENTERTAINMENT

Adah Sharma slams gender discrimination in film industry: 'They first call the girl on set, tell her to wait for actor'

Adah Sharma opened up about gender discrimination in the film industry. She said female actors are called before male actors on the sets, and made to wait. Adah Sharma has been in the news ever since her film *The Kerala Story* was released. It has become one of the highest-grossing Hindi films of the year. Adah, who has worked in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam film industries, recently opened up about facing discrimination during shoots on the basis of gender. Also read: [Adah Sharma's mobile number leaked on social media](#) Adah Sharma in a still from *The Kerala Story*. She said in a new interview that gender discrimination is prevalent in Bollywood. The actor said she has 'met the good, bad, and ugly' in all the film industries that she has worked in, so far. [Adah Sharma](#) said she has 'felt discrimination on the basis of gender', recalling how women are called on set first and made to wait for their male counterparts. Male actors are told to come on set after female actors

MUMBAI NEWS: CENTRAL RAILWAY CONDUCTS DEMOLITION DRIVE ON ENCROACHMENTS IN TROMBAY, MAHUL

The Central Railway's proactive stance against land encroachments demonstrates their commitment to maintaining the integrity of railway properties and ensuring the safety and convenience of passengers. In a significant move towards clearing railway land encroachments, the Central Railway has successfully completed a demolition drive in the Trombay and Mahul areas on May 26th. With the aim of reclaiming the railway premises, a total of 14 unauthorized structures, including eight shops, three steel containers, and three makeshift huts, were removed during the operation.



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WOMAN AMONG 24 KARNATAKA MLAS TAKE OATH AS MINISTERS IN SIDDARAMAIAH CABINET

Karnataka got a full cabinet on Saturday, with 24 Congress MLAs taking oath as ministers. Karnataka got a full cabinet on Saturday, with 24 Congress MLAs taking oath as ministers, a week after chief minister Siddaramaiah, deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar and eight other ministers were sworn in. The Congress on Friday announced the names of 24 more ministers, taking the strength of the cabinet to 34, the maximum allowed under the law. Of the new names, six hail from the Lingayat community, four from the Vokkaliga community, three from scheduled castes, two from scheduled tribes, and five from other backward classes. The Muslim, Jain, Brahmin and Namdhari Reddy communities have one representative each in this list. Only one woman is part of the cabinet. The Laxmi R Hebalkar, retained her seat from Belgaum Rural constituency by



gaining around 1,06,805 votes in the recently held Karnataka assembly election, is the only woman minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet. She defeated Bharatiya Janata Party's Nagesh Anappa Manolkar. The announcement came after four days of hectic deliberations between Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar and the Congress leadership in Delhi, attempting to strike a balance between the aspirations of leaders from different castes, regions and allegiances. This was made particularly tricky given the Congress's impressive victory, the best in the state since 1989, winning 135 seats in the 224-member assembly.

INDIGO FILES FIR AGAINST 17 STAFF OF PVT COMPANY

MUMBAI: A tussle broke out between two factions of employees of a company, that handles IndiGo's ground operations, on Friday. The airline said that its operations were not hit. "IndiGo is aware of the matter involving 17 employees of Agile at Mumbai airport who tried to sabotage the operations. An FIR has been filed and the matter is sub judice," said an IndiGo statement. "We assure our operations are flawless and smooth with support of all our employees," the airline added.

SANTACRUZ MURDER CASE: DID CARETAKER WITH CRIMINAL RECORD GET ALL-CLEAR FROM COPS?



Murder accused Krishna Manbahadur Periyar, 25, had been arrested in 2013 for robbery by the Juhu police, and spent seven years in jail, but the cops haven't found any criminal records of him in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS) of Maharashtra police. The company that employed him, has claimed that they completed his police verification through a law agency they hired, and the Sakinaka police had verified his records. The Santacruz police are now checking whether the Sakinaka police did do Periyar's verification as claimed by the company. Periyar was hired as a caretaker by the Health Care at Home India company which is in Sakinaka, on May 1. The company officials claimed that they completed the police verification with the Sakinaka police through a law firm they had hired, and after completing it, they gave the job to Periyar. Speaking to mid-day, an employee of the Health Care at Home India company said, "Before hiring anyone, we take their Aadhaar card and other relevant documents. We also get the police verification done through a law firm we have hired. Periyar was hired by us after completing his verification. We also informed the police about it." "Nothing on CCTNS" The investigation officer of Santacruz police told mid-day, "Periyar was arrested in 2013 and he also spent 7 years in jail and in 2020 December he was released. When we checked his records in the CCTNS, we didn't find anything. In the court records application also, we searched his name but didn't find anything. The Maharashtra police uses CCTNS to find the accused's criminal records. We are checking how his verification was done by the Sakinaka police as per the company that employed him, or whether it was done at all.

UPSC CONTEMPLATES CRIMINAL ACTION AGAINST TWO CANDIDATES FOR CLAIMING SELECTION IN CIVIL SERVICES

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MAN WHO RAN OVER MUMBAI JOGGER SAYS HE PARTIED BEFORE ACCIDENT BUT DIDN'T CONSUME ALCOHOL



The motorist, who allegedly ran over and killed a 57-year-old jogger at Worli in south Mumbai, has claimed that he had partied with friends hours before the accident, but had not consumed alcohol. The accused, Sumer Merchant, made the claim in the statement given to the police, which is part of the chargesheet filed recently before a court here. The chargesheet, citing his blood sample report, stated that the alcohol content in Merchant's blood was 137 mg in 100 ml, which is way above the permissible limit. Rajalakshmi Ramakrishnan, a tech firm CEO, was hit by a speeding car during her morning walk on the Worli seaface promenade on March 19. Merchant (23), in his statement, said that he had gone to America for work for 15 days and returned to India on March 15. After returning home, Merchant met his school and office friends and decided to have a party on March 18, and they had gone to a restaurant in Kamala Mills area. The accused claimed that during the party some of his friends consumed alcohol, but he didn't. "Some of my friends there consumed alcohol, but I didn't feel like drinking alcohol because I wasn't getting enough sleep. So I didn't drink alcohol," his statement read. Once the restaurant closed at 1.30 am (on March 19), the accused came home with his friends.

BANGLADESHI ARRESTED FOR TRYING TO FLY TO ROME WITH 'INDIAN' PASSPORT IN MUMBAI



A 32-year-old Bangladeshi national, who claimed to be a Buddhist monk, has been arrested here for trying to travel to Rome on an Indian passport that he had obtained by providing fake documents, an official said on Friday. Bipon Anil Barua, a resident of Bandraban in Bangladesh, was apprehended at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport on Wednesday night, the official said. Barua was to fly to Rome via Muscat from Mumbai in the early hours of Thursday. When an immigration officer keyed in his passport details in their system, he found that a Look Out Circular (LOC) has been issued against him by the Foreigners Registration Office (FRRO), Mumbai, the official said. An LOC is a notice which prevents a person from leaving the country. According to remarks on the LOC, Barua is a Bangladeshi passport holder. He used fake papers to fraudulently acquire an Indian passport. Barua told officials that he is a Buddhist monk and came to India from the neighbouring country via the Haridaspur border in 2015 to propagate Buddhism, he said.

'YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT': MS DHONI'S HEARTWARMING MESSAGE TO PATHIRANA'S SISTER ON MEETING CSK PACER'S FAMILY

Matheesha Pathirana's sister Vishuka shared MS Dhoni's priceless words to her about her brother. A week after Mohammed Siraj invited over his Royal Challengers Bangalore family to his home in Hyderabad, Chennai Super Kings Matheesha Pathirana followed suit. Only this time around, instead of the entire CSK unit, the Sri Lanka pacer hosted the one and only MS Dhoni to spend time with him and his family. Pathirana, signed by CSK as a replacement for the injured Adam Milne in last year's IPL, has been Dhoni's go-to man in IPL 2023, picking up 17 wickets and bowling the death overs with aplomb. Earmarked by many as the next Lasith Malinga - his action resembles a lot like the Sri Lanka great - Pathirana has blossomed under Dhoni, hence it wasn't even a wee bit surprised to see the 20-year-old inviting Thala to meet his loved ones at the Leela, Chennai. And by the time he wrapped up, Dhoni had won multiple hearts. Pathirana's sister Vishuka, in particular, shared Dhoni's priceless words on Matheesha, expressing how she is now secure that her brother is in the right hands. Taking to Instagram, Vishuka shared a picture of Dhoni and the Pathirana family, while revealing Dhoni's heartwarming message to her. "Now we are sure that Malli (Pathirana) is in safe hands when Thala said "You have nothing to worry about Matheesha, he's always with me". These moments were even beyond what I had ever dreamt of," she captioned her post.



VIRAL TWEET