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Mamata Banerjee: The **Emerging Face of the INDIA Bloc?**

The question of leadership within the Opposition's INDIA bloc has ignited a significant political debate, with notable figures rallving behind West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Recently, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad Yadav threw his weight behind Banerjee, endorsing her as the leader of the anti-BJP coalition. This endorsement

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follows a similar gesture from Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar, highlighting a growing momentum

in Banerjee's favor.

Lalu's unequivocal support signals a shift in the Opposition's dynamics. When questioned about Congress's preference for Rahul Gandhi as the face of the coalition, Lalu dismissed it with characteristic candor: "It does not matter what the Congress says. Mamata should be given the leadership." His statement underlines an emerging consensus among regional heavyweights that Banerjee, with her proven administrative acumen and grassroots connect, is well-suited to lead the alliance.

This wave of support comes shortly after Banerjee herself expressed her readiness to take up the mantle if offered the opportunity. Leaders within her party, the Trinamool Congress (TMC), have also been vocal in advocating for her leadership, reinforcing her bid for the top position within the bloc.

The broader implications of this development extend to key battlegrounds like Bihar. Lalu exuded confidence in the RJD and INDIA bloc's prospects for the 2025 Bihar elections, asserting that the alliance is poised for a decisive victory. Dismissing Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's claim that the NDA would secure 225 seats in the state. Lalu guipped. "Let him first fix his eyes," signaling his belief in the INDIA bloc's unified strenath.

Mamata Banerjee's candidacy as the leader of the INDIA bloc represents more than a mere political contest; it reflects a broader effort to redefine Opposition unity in a deeply polarized political landscape. Her credentials as a seasoned politician with national appeal make her a formidable contender. However, the Congress party's reservations and its preference for Rahul Gandhi pose a challenge to forging a unanimous decision.

As the Opposition grapples with questions of leadership, the growing chorus for Banerjee underscores a strategic pivotone that prioritizes collective strength over individual aspirations. With key leaders like Lalu Yadav and Sharad Pawar advocating for her, the question is no longer whether Mamata Banerjee can lead but rather whether the INDIA bloc can reconcile its internal differences to present a united front.

In this critical moment, the INDIA bloc has an opportunity to define its narrative not just as an anti-BJP force but as a cohesive, visionary alternative. Whether it seizes this opportunity under Banerjee's leadership remains to be seen, but the rising tide of support for the West Bengal Chief Minister has undoubtedly placed her at the forefront of this evolving political equation.

Melody on Fatehsagar's Shore: A Musical Sunday Morning

Amit Rao's Bollywood Debut in The Diary of Manipur

Amit Rao, the elder brothcompelling narration of the er of Bollywood star Rajkumar story that convinced him to step Rao, is set to make his debut into the industry. "The story in the socially relevant film needed to be told," he remarked, describing it as a The Diary of Manipur, directunique mix of romance set ed by Sanoj Mishra. The film against a socially charged delves into the ongoing viobackdrop. lence in the region, blending

Choosing a smaller proromance with a poignant narduction over a big banner, Amit rative about the conflict in emphasized that content matters most to him. He believes Amit shared that despite that with a strong story and his receiving several film offers family's support, success will over the years, it was Mishra's



follow. "Success will come with God's blessings and my family's support," he said.

While Rajkumar Rao, a prominent Bollywood actor, has always encouraged him, Amit is determined to make his own mark.

He values taking on challenging roles rather than relying on his brother's connections. "I believe in my own journey," he stated.

in theater, particularly in Ramlila performances, before he left his job at the National Health Mission to pursue his passion for cinema. Director Sanoj Mishra, who chose Amit after seeing his theater work, believes in the power of content over star power.

The film, produced under Sanoj Mishra Films, also features Mansi Gulati and Anup Jalota in special roles.

Abolition of Transit Pass: Result of Sustained Efforts by Laghu Udyog Bharati



Udaipur: Laghu Udyog Bharati Udaipur has welcomed the Raiasthan Government's

Manipur

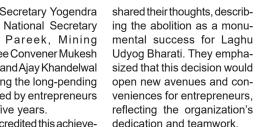
historic decision to abolish the 'Transit Pass (TP)' system, marking it as a significant vicefforts of National Organization tory for entrepreneurs. In recognition of her pivotal role Secretary Prakash Chandra, National in presenting this issue effectively before the government, Ghanshyam Ojha, State former Mayor of Udaipur, Raini President Shantilal Balad,

Dangi, was General Secretary Yogendra Sharma, National Secretary honored by the Naresh Pareek, Mining District Committee Convener Mukesh Agarwal, and Ajay Khandelwal in resolving the long-pending issue faced by entrepreneurs for over five years. Joshi credited this achieve-

mination and unified efforts of the Laghu Udyog Bharati team. He remarked that the abolition of the transit pass is a testament to the visionary leadership and untiring perseverance of Rajni Dangi. The event witnessed a

President large gathering of entrepreneurs and workers. Senior members like Girish Bhagat

Airtel Reports Trends in Spam Bharti Airtel, India's first spam-fighting network, flagged 8 billion spam calls and 0.8 billion spam SMSes in just 2.5 months using its AI-powered solution. The network identified 1 million spammers daily, alerting 252 million customers, leading to a 12% drop in spam call responses. Delhi saw the highest spam activity, with 76% of spam targeting male customers. Spam calls peaked between noon and 3 PM, with reduced activity on Sundays. Devices priced between ₹15,000-₹20,000 received 22% of spam calls. Customers aged 36-60 were most



Prominent attendees included District Secretary Kapil Surana, Co-Secretary Tarun Dave, District Treasurer Yashwant Mandawara, District Vice President Rajendra Surana, Kaladwas Unit

President Abhimanyu Singh Rathore, Secretary Abhijeet Sharma, Vice President Babu Singh Rajpurohit, among others



Amit's acting journey began

"Twilight"

With the vision of midnight moon marks the striking of Twilight soon. First impression of sunlight and the session of dusk night Woke up with tears and joy began with fine and ice entered with a spirit with a finger on her lip. Deep and deeper blue the trees of the avenue



"Overcoming Challenges"

Is it difficult to get? Then, do your best. Don't wait for tomorrow do it all today. If tomorrow never comes, you will never regret a day. With every trial, we grow more bold, in storms of life stories told. Victories in our hearts we hold against the storm we unfold. Dance between the lightening strikes Being courageous and flying kites. Undergo hardships and hurdles, meet and overcome challenges be they big or small.

"Goodbyes"

Welcoming the golden eve with mundane and momentous beginnings with celebrations and ambitions. A special lyrical ode loved with melodious songs adorning and beautifying highlights the matter most. Ambience of eve making splendid and grandeur is the Centre of light. Likewise, is the eve illuminated with loads of impressions



ment to the collective deter-



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Udaipur: The serene shores of Fatehsagar came alive this Sunday morning as music lovers gathered o enjoy the weekly Sur Prabhati event, organized by Suron Ki Andali. The soulful melodies performed by over ten talented singers captivated the audience,

turning the iconic promenade into a hub of musical enchantment.

A Celebration of Music and Community

The program commenced at 7:30 a.m., with passersby stopping to soak in the mesmerizing tunes. Mukesh Madhwani, founder of Suron Ki Mandali, shared that Sur Prabhati has become a unique cultural identity for Udaipur, thanks to the overwhelming support from citizens. Coordinators Kailash Kevlya and Dilip Jain Savina praised the singers for their remarkable performances, which left the audience eagerly awaiting their favorite songs and capturing the moment with selfies.

Artists Who Shined

Singers like Kailash Ji, Dilip Ji, Manisha Ji, Diya Ji, and many others delivered spellbinding performances, ensuring another memorable Sunday morning. Mukesh Madhwani expressed gratitude to all participants and attendees, promising to continue this musical tradition every week.

Nitin Rocks Honored with Hindustan Ratna Award

Actor Nitin Rocks, famed for his role in Bombay Ponds, received the 'Hindustan Ratna Award' from Bollywood singer Udit Narayan. At the event, Nitin performed his upcoming track Tera Kya Vichar, showcasing his talents as a singer, lyricist, and actor. Originally from

Gwalior, Nitin shines as a multi-talented artist.

Delay any rate cuts to the **April policy**

Udaipur: HDFC Bank Principal Economist Sakshi Gupta, said, a rise in global uncertainty and pressure on the rupee or domestic inflation could nudge the RBI to delay any rate cuts to the April policy - preferring prudence and patience over preemptive action.Comments on this RBI monetary policy committee (MPC) Sakshi Gupta, said, "A February rate cut remains on the table, especially if growth momentum fails to pick-up meaningfully over the coming weeks."

The RBI opted for a wait and watch mode in todays' policy, keeping its stance and policy rate unchanged as expected. The central bank successfully engineered a fine balance in its communication between the need to remain cautious on growth while achieving price stability. The growth forecast was revised down by 60bps to 6.6% while inflation was revised up to 4.8% for 2024-25. We expect GDP growth to average at 6.4% in FY25, with some pick-up in momentum in the second half of the year.



crore 2G users to 4G in the state. Special camps are periodically held across districts and tehsil headquarters t the transition seamless and hassle-free.

JioBharat Phone Drives '2G-Mukt Bharat'

Campaign in Rajasthan

Jaipur: Reliance Jio's '2G-Mukt Bharat' campaign is gaining popularity in Rajasthan. The campaign is aimed to upgrade

The JioBharat 4G phone is central to the campaign, reaching users still on 2G networks. The JioBharat 4G phone, starting at just ₹699, is aimed to promote digital inclusion through his initiative. With a ₹123 monthly plan, the initiative makes 4G both affordable and accessible, bridging the digital divide. The device features 455+ live TV channels, movie premieres, live sports, UPI pay-

nents, and QR code scanning-bringing smart connectivity to underserved areas. Shri Mukesh Ambani, during the campaign's launch, had emphasized that connect-

ing marginalized communities to the digital ecosystem is critical for a 'Digital India.' Transitioning

these users to 4G network is a crucial step towards achieving this vision.

targeted, while senior citizens experienced only 8% of spam calls.

J.K. Cement Nimbahera Celebrates 50 Years with Week-Long Festivities

Nimbahera: Rajasthan: The J.K. Cement Nimbahera plant is celebrating its golden jubilee, marking 50 years of industrial excellence and community contribution. Established in 1974 with an annual production capacity of 0.8 million tons, the plant has grown to a capacity of 24 million tons, becoming a cornerstone of India's infrastructure development and a symbol of corporate responsibility. The week-long festival, running from December 6 to 12, 2024, is a blend of cultural, spiritual, and social events aimed at uniting the community. Celebrations began with a grand Atma Lakshmi Narayan Yajna, performed by



each evening. A special highlight is an

exhibition of Chintesh Cars at the Shree Radhakrishna Temple premises, paying homage to Indian cultural heritage. Prominent attendees include the Singhania family, with Managing Director Dr. Raghavpat Singhania and Chairperson Sushila Singhania urging community participation.Over five decades, J.K. Cement has prioritized education, women's empow-

erment, healthcare, and environmental initiatives, solidifying its role as a responsible corporate citizen. This golden jubilee not only celebrates past achievements but also strengthens community bonds, showcasing a legacy of growth and service

Asteria Aerospace **Strengthens Indian** Army's Surveillance

Bengaluru: Asteria Aerospace, a leading drone technology company, has delivered its largest-ever order of AT-15 Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) drones to the Indian Army. Designed for high-altitude operations, these drones feature advanced capabilities, including precision artillery targeting, integrated daynight cameras, and superior aerodynamics, enhancing the Army's surveillance efficiency. The AT-15 operates at altitudes of up to 6000 meters with a 120minute flight time and a 20 km range. Asteria Aerospace, a subsidiary of Jio Platforms Ltd. manufactures these drones at its state-of-the-art facility in Bengaluru, advancing the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Visit asteria.co.in for details.

Stomin India 2024: Revolutionizing the Stone Industry

Rajasmand: The 4th edition of Stomin India, organized by Stone Helpline Corporation, will take place at Mewar Club, Rajsamand, from December 15-18, 2024. As India's third-largest stone and technology exhibition, it will feature 170 stalls showcasing advanced stone processing machinery, diamond tools, and construction materials. CEO Mohan Bohra emphasized the role of innovation in boosting business and overcoming econom-

ic challenges. Live demonstrations and cutting-edge technologies like 5-axis CNC machines will facilitate B2B growth. The event also promises job opportunities for local youth and a global platform for exhibitors to enhance branding and market reach.

Manbhavan Opens Its First Outlet in **Udaipur's Urban** Square Mall

Udaipur: The renowned pure vegetarian thali brand Manbhavan has launched its first outlet in Udaipur at Urban Square Mall. Located on the second floor near the food court, this outlet offers seating for 68 guests, providing a comfortable atmosphere for families and friends to enjoy delicious meals together.

The arrival of Manbhavan has further enhanced the dining options at the mall, joining major brands like KFC, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and Subway to attract food lovers. In addition to its diverse dining choices, the mall also features entertainment options like Inox PVR, an LED game zone, and Just Jumpin, making it a favorite destination for all age groups.

Speaking on the occasion. Uddhav Poddar, CMD of Bhumika Group, expressed his excitement, stating, "We are delighted to welcome Manbhavan to Urban Square Mall

Its vegetarian thali and exceptional ambiance will offer visitors a unique and memorable dining experience. Our goal is to provide everyone with the perfect blend of taste and comfort."Urban Square Mall, the largest mall in Rajasthan, has become a preferred spot for shopping, entertainment, and dining. With its wide array of cuisines, including North and South Indian, Indo-Chinese, Thai, Italian, and barbecue, the mall caters to every palate

with some happy trails

Evenly are the resolutions was the closure of Sundowns **Emerging Poet Pooja Bhandari**

World Soil Day Message by Dr. Anil Mehta

Udaipur: Water and soil are not mere resources; they are the very foundation of life. To ensure their continuity, sustainability, and vitality, we must instill a sense of service (seva) toward nature in our thoughts, actions, and way of life.

On the occasion of World Soil Day, during a special field session organized by HCM RIPA, Lok Prashasan Sansthan for the Assistant Engineers Training Batch, I shared this message at Badi Lake. This year's theme. "Caring for Soil: Measure. Monitor, Manage," rightly focuses on the importance of soil, but it still falls short of acknowledging its true essence. Soil is not just a resource; it is a living entity with immense social, environmental, cultural, and spiritual significance. Soil nourishes not only our bodies but our minds and souls. The process of soil formation takes thousands of years, with just one inch of soil requiring centuries to develop. Our survival depends on soil, as ninety-five percent of the food we consume is produced from



it. Yet, we fail to show it the reverence, respect, and devotion it deserves. Concrete now blankets vast expanses

of soil - from homes to roads to cities - while pesticides, plastics, and other pollutants are draining the life force from the soil beneath us.We must work to restore and preserve the living vitality of soil and water. As engineers, we have the responsibility to foster greater sensitivity and a sense of service (seva) toward the environment, both in our professional and personal lives. I urge you all to embrace the Prime Minister's Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) mission, integrating its principles into your daily actions. I also took this opportunity to highlight the ecological importance of Badi Lake, a critical resource for our environment. In her presidential address, Ruchi Priyadarshi, Additional Director of the institution, rightly reminded us that as technical officers and responsible citizens, engineers must take proactive steps to contribute to comprehensive environmental protection and conservation.Let us work together, with dedication and care, to protect and nurture the soil and water that sustain us.

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