

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hoist the National Flag and address the country from the ramparts of Red Fort tomorrow.

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Nation will celebrate the 77th Independence Day tomorrow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the nation in the celebrations by hoisting the National Flag and addressing the people from the ramparts of the historic Red Fort in Delhi. This year, Independence Day will mark the culmination of two year celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which was launched by the Prime Minister in 2021 and ushered the country into Amrit Kaal with renewed vigour to make India a developed country by 2047.



Narendra modi in delhi . net photo

Tomorrow, the Prime Minister will inspect the Guard of Honour. From there, the Prime Minister will proceed to the ramparts of the Red Fort, where he

will be greeted by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, Raksha Rajya Mantri Ajay Bhatt, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff

General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar, and Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari. As the Prime Minister will hoist the National Flag, flower petals will be showered at the venue by two Advanced Light Helicopters Mark-III Dhruv of the Indian Air Force in the Line Astern Formation. A number of new initiatives, in line with the Government's vision of Jan Bhagidari, have been taken to celebrate the occasion this year. Around one thousand 800 special guests from different professions have been invited along with their spouses, from across the country.

Namma BMTC' app launched with safety features; 5000 buses can be tracked

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The much awaited 'Namma BMTC' mobile app was launched by BMTC on Monday as part of its silver jubilee celebrations. Transport minister Ramalinga Reddy launched it and said BMTC received fund from centre and the Nirbhaya scheme for implementing the BMTC mobile app with women safety features, in bus surveillance system in city buses and passenger information system at bus stops / station. BMTC officials said this initiative brings in advanced mobile applications that women commuters can use to seek remote assistance in case of



Namma BMTC app with it's features. net photo

emergency, and track movements of women passengers when support is sought by them.

"For 5,000 buses on board devices, vehicles tracking devices to know the location of

passes installed 5000 panic buttons 10000 cctv cameras, and surveillance system has been installed and 500 passenger information system board for displaying estimated time of arrival and departure at bus stand and stations have been installed," Satyavathi G., managing director of BMTC said. The Namma BMTC mobile app is now available in Android platform and iOS platform developed by M/s MCT cards and technologies pvt.Ltd. "The initiative will be only 75% of total fleet strength. In this regard, of a total of 6500 plus buses, 5000 buses will be tracked in real time. However, action will be taken to drag remaining buses in near future," a release stated.

EDITORIAL

Classes 9 and 11 to have board exams from this academic year

Karnataka school admin examination and assessment board will set uniform question papers

Karnataka school examination and assessment board KSEB will conduct board exams from class 9 and 11 from the 2023-24 academic year around 15 lakh students from these two classes will be taking the exam this year in the state.

The board currently conducts annual examinations for classes to 10th and 12th and assessment examinations for classes 5 and 8. Learning can be strengthened and learning levels better monitored is the board holds summative assessments for the class 9 students and annual examinations for class 11 students as well, believes that the department of school education and literacy now the board will conduct the SA-2 examination at the school level for class 9 and the annual examination at college level for class 11.

Centrally set papers

The board will prepare the questions at the state level and question papers for class 9 will be sent to secure online accounts of Block Education Office. Concerned for class 11, question papers will be sent to the login of the deputy director of pre-university concerned. They will download the question paper on examination day, print the papers according to the number of students and send them to schools maintaining confidentiality.

The evaluation of class 9 will be conducted at the taluk level, and class 11 in the respective colleges. There results will be uploaded on the students achievement tracking system (SATS) portal by the headmasters and principals.

However, there is no detention of any students of class 9, while supplementary examinations are conducted for students who fail in class 11. Gopalakrishnan H.N, Director exams (KSEAB) said, "Earlier, there was no uniformity in the question paper. It was not known whether the teachers had completed the syllabus; it affected the learning process. Therefore the government had just to conduct the exams for class 9 and 11. In a few days model question papers will be released and also published on the board website. The board will also announce the schedule of the examination soon." He said it was part of the government's effort to improve the quality of education. The board will verify data of results uploaded on SATS by the Headmaster and Principals then it will also check which schools taluks and districts are lagging behind and a report will be submitted to the government on how standards can be improved.

DID YOU KNOW ?

The bumblebee bat is the world's smallest mammal

What will hold up the women's reservation Bill?

Why will the implementation be delayed by several years? when will the census and delimitation exercise take place? is there a timeline?

In a historic move parliament passes the constitution 118 amendment Bill commonly referred to as a women reservation bill which provides 33% of reservation for women in lok sabha and state legislative assembly. What does the bill say the nari Shakti Vandana adhiyanam has the bill is called seeks to reserve one third of all seats for women in lok sabha the state legislative assembly and the national capital territory of India this will also apply to seats reserved for scheduled caste and schedule tribe in the lok sabha and the states legislative assembly the state the seats reserved for women will be rotated after each delimitation exercise. What are the main issues regarding the bill the opposition has questioned the linking of implementation of women's reservation with the periodical delimitation exercise has this would mean to prolong delay in the Kota coming into force the delimitation or the reargement of territorial limits of the lok sabha and assembly constituencies has been as the number of seats in the assembly and the lok sabha and each state is periodical exercise done based on the figures available in the latest census. The last delimitation order of the delimitation commission was issued in 2008 fixing the boundaries of all constituencies however there is a freeze on the rearjustment of the number of seats in the state assembly and the lok sabha in 2002 article 82 was amended to the effect that is shell not

be necessary to readjust the allocation of lok sabha constituencies State wise and the divisions of each state into constituencies until the figure of the first census held after 2026 where available the main issue raised was whether this would mean that the women's quota would not be implemented until the 2031 census figures are available and delimitation is substantially done. The decadal census due in 2021 but delayed due to go with 19 pandemic is yet to be conducted however home minister Amit Shah in formed parliament the the senses and delimitation exercise would be done immediately after general at election due in 2024 this means that women reservation will not be possible for few years at least another issue raised by the opposition concerns the question of having a sub Kota for women from other backward classes while there is a reservation for SC and STs in the lok sabha and state legislative assembly there is no separate reservation for OBC who constitute more than 40% of population two members in lok sabha opposed the bill on the ground that it should have a separate Kota for OBC and Muslim women has both communities are under represented in parliament and legislative assembly. At present there are 82 women in lok sabha after implementation they should be at least 181 women the share of women will also increase significantly the legislative assembly where the man now compromise less than 10% in 20 States and union territories

RUMBLING TALES

by meenakshi SR

Food for gain goes in vain.

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Bangalore, known by the name Hub Capital, is driven by the crazy technology in every nook and corner of the city and the innovations made by the young generation of the metropolitan city, which has turned the whole food industry upside down. The constant migration of professionals into Indian cities and the nation's increasing urbanization has caused the restaurant and food delivery industries to experience rapid growth. People living in major metropolitan cities like Bangalore, Mumbai, and Hyderabad have started to fall for the maze of insane innovation given by the food industry, named as online food delivery apps such as Zomato, Dunzo, and Swiggy. Even though the time-con-



food delivery app, net photo.

suming process of ordering food is made simpler by the online food delivery apps at your fingertips, you can still order your favourite food from the restaurant you want and customise it. According to the survey, more than 81% of Indians are seen using food delivery apps and noted that even customers who had previously preferred to purchase food through offline modes are now turning to online food delivery Apps to make their purchases. The dining-out culture is now trans-

formed into the eating-in culture, people, even without their realisation, are trapped in the puzzle of these apps that make them hassle-free, and spend 10 to 12% of their salary on buying food, which includes GST (Goods and Service Tax), delivery charges, a tip for the delivery guy, and a donation for the orphanage (optional). Neha Uttam, a nutrition and fitness specialist, said even though meal delivery apps have simplified your life, there are still issues that customers must deal with, such as

Reinforcing Sedentary Lifestyle

Doorstep delivery eliminates the need to leave home, which in advance promotes sudden behaviour. Instead of going out or cooking nutritious meals, youngsters may opt for the effortless choice of ordering. A lack of physical activity can contribute to weight gain. Reduce fitness levels and increase the risk of chronic illness.

Mental Well-being Impact

The easy availability of food delivery services can foster an unhealthy relationship with food, leading to emotional eating disorders and negative body image among youngsters. Additionally, the reliance on instant gratification through food delivery can hinder the development of crucial life skills such as cooking and planning, affecting their overall self-sufficiency.

THE FINANCIAL CHRONICLE

by yashwanth

"Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg's Canceled Cage Match: Exploring Masculine Anxiety"

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In an unexpected turn of events, the highly anticipated cage match between tech titans Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg has been canceled. Initially slated to be a testosterone-fueled spectacle, the cancellation of this showdown provides an intriguing glimpse into the world of masculine anxiety and the changing dynamics of masculinity in the tech industry.

The Hype and Backstory

The idea of a physical confrontation between Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, and Mark Zuckerberg, co-founder and CEO of Meta Platforms (formerly Facebook), had been



Elon Musk vs Mark Zuckerberg, net photo.

making headlines for months. The duel was intended to be a charity event, with proceeds going to various causes. **A Clash of Tech Titans** Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg represent two distinct archetypes of tech leaders. Musk, known for his adventurous spirit, fondness for bold projects, and penchant for Twitter antics, embodies a more

adventurous and risk-taking approach to business and life. **The Cancellation** However, just as quickly as the excitement built up, the match was called off. The reasons behind the cancellation remain somewhat mysterious, with both Musk and Zuckerberg offering limited public statements. Speculation suggests concerns about

safety, logistics, and perhaps a growing realization **The Implications**

The canceled cage match speaks to the shifting landscape of masculinity in the tech industry and beyond. While both Musk and Zuckerberg may have initially entertained the idea as a playful stunt, they may have recognized the potential backlash or implications for their respective brands.

Conclusion

In the end, the canceled cage match between Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg serves as a fascinating case study in how notions of masculinity are evolving in the tech industry and society at large.

Assam's Jananjoy smashes national record in 100m butterfly

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The opening day at the 39th Sub Junior and 49th Junior National Aquatic Championships 2023 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha witnessed three new national records being created. Making the most of the state-of-the-art Indoor Aquatic Centre which added an international flavor to the meet, at the iconic Kalinga Sports Complex top swimmers of the country produced exhilarating races. In the 100m butterfly for group I boys, Jananjoy J Hazarika of Assam clocked 55.99 to win the gold ahead of Karnataka's Kartikeyan Nair (56.66). Earlier in the day, Hazarika smashed the national record in the prelims where he eclipsed Maharashtra's Mihir Ambre's record of 55.65 secs created in 2017. Karnataka girls dominated on day one, with Manavi Varma opening the medal tally with



Assam's Jananjoy along with his competitor, net photo.

a gold in the 200m IM for group I. She touched the pads at 2:22.86 to beat Raghvi Ramanujam of Maharashtra who clocked 2:30.56 to take home the silver. Adding to Karnataka's tally, Tanishi Gupta not only won the 200 IM in group II, but she also created a new national record. She clocked 2:24.83 to erase state-mate Manavi Varma's record of 2:26.99 created in 2022. Kar-

nataka's Naisha bagged the silver with a time of 2:29.84. the day's third national record came in 50m breaststroke for group I boys, with Vidith S Shankar of Karnataka clocking 29.40 to better his own record of 29.47 clocked in the prelims earlier in the day. He broke Haryana's Vansh Pannu's record of 29.59 created in 2022. Declaring the meet open ahead of the evening ses-

sion, R Vineel Krishna, Secretary-cum-Commissioner, Sports and Youth Service, Odisha said, "We are working in close partnership with the Swimming Federation of India and we are taking their help in developing our own swimming eco system in Odisha. We have constructed this new Aquatic Centre which is one of a kind in the country. We are also the sponsors for junior level aquatics, hence we have hosted back-to-back nationals here and we have a lot of emerging talent in this category, hence we want to give them the best exposure and facilities." Monal Chokshi, SFI Secretary General further added, "We appreciate the efforts of the Odisha State Government who have put in great efforts to create this world class Aquatic Centre. It is certainly one of the most modern facilities in the country and a fine opportunity for our swimmers to race here."

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