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National News

J&K High Court Upholds Rule of Law, Quashes Detention under Public Safety Act



In a significant ruling, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court has quashed the detention of Jaffar Ahmad Parray under the Public Safety Act. Justice Rahul Bharti emphasized that India operates under the rule of law, asserting that citizens cannot be detained without proper legal grounds. Parray had been held since May based on allegations of being associated with terrorist groups, but the court found the detention illegal and ordered his immediate release.

International News

Nigeria Becomes First Country to Roll Out New Meningitis Vaccine



In a groundbreaking move, Nigeria has become the inaugural nation to introduce the innovative Men5CV vaccine, recommended by the WHO, targeting five strains of meningococcal bacteria. This historic milestone holds immense promise in combating meningitis, a severe threat in Africa, particularly in Nigeria. The vaccine rollout, funded by Gavi, is a crucial step towards achieving the WHO's goal of eliminating meningitis by 2030.

State News

Madhya Pradesh Leads Implementation of Centre's Green Credit Programme (GCP)



In the realm of environmental conservation, Madhya Pradesh emerges as a frontrunner in the effective execution of the Green Credit Programme (GCP) initiated by the central

government. Over the past two months, the GCP has greenlit tree plantation initiatives spanning across 500 land parcels, encompassing 4,980 hectares spread over 10 states.

Appointments News

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In a significant move, the Central Government has entrusted IAS officer Saurabh Garg with the additional charge of Secretary of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). This decision, communicated through an order issued by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), underscores Garg's extensive experience and expertise in the realm of public administration.

Banking News

SBI Life Launches IdeationX: Pioneering Life Insurance Innovation



SBI Life Insurance has inaugurated IdeationX, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at fostering life insurance innovation. This initiative encourages future leaders from top B-Schools to devise unconventional solutions that cater to evolving consumer needs in the insurance sector.

RBI Expands Gold Hedging Options for Residents Amidst Price Surge



In response to the soaring gold prices, expected to surpass \$2700 per ounce this year amidst escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a significant policy amendment. This move allows resident entities to diversify their hedging strategies against gold price volatility in overseas markets.

Business News

Sany India Launch of its Fully Electric Dump Truck



In a groundbreaking move, Sany India, a leading manufacturer of mining and construction equipment, has launched the SKT105E Electric Dump Truck. This remarkable feat marks a significant milestone in the Indian mining industry, as the SKT105E becomes the first locally manufactured electric off-highway dump truck, paving the way for a more environmentally conscious and cost-effective future.

Adani Family's Investment in Ambuja Cements: Strengthening Stake and Cementing Growth



The Adani family, led by Gautam Adani, has infused ₹8,339 crore into Ambuja Cements Ltd., increasing their stake to 70.3%. This investment, part of a larger strategy, aims to bolster Ambuja's growth trajectory and cement its position in the market