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VEDANTA CELEBRATES OVER 550 WOMEN IN MINING AHEAD OF INTERNATIONAL DAY

LUCKNOW: Ahead of International Day of Women in Mining, Vedanta Limited (NSE: VEDL) celebrated its large cohort of over 550 women in mining. This is one of the largest cohorts of women in mining in core operations across the country. India's largest energy transition metals, critical minerals, energy & technology conglomerate, Vedanta is spearheading gender inclusivity across its operations in the country. With over 22% gender diversity, Vedanta's workforce includes more than 3,000 women employees in core operations who are making significant contributions to the sector. This is a substantial representation of women in the metals & mining sector when compared to Vedanta's domestic peers. The natural resources sector has historically faced glaring under-representation of women in its workforce. However, Vedanta has achieved many firsts in this sector such as the country's first underground women miners and all-women underground mine rescue teams at Hindustan Zinc. Also, Hindustan Zinc has the distinction of having three all-women underground mine rescue teams, the highest in India. In addition to mining, the company has a high representation of women in core metal production operations as well. For instance, the company has an all-women aluminium production line (potline) and an all-women locomotive operations unit.

INDIA'S JOB POSTINGS REBOUNDED 8.9% IN MAY AFTER EIGHT-MONTH DECLINE

BANGALORE: Recent data from global matching and hiring platform Indeed, showcases that in May, Indian job postings on Indeed rebounded strongly, up 8.9%, following eight consecutive monthly declines. However, they are 1.8% lower than a year ago and around 16% below their peak. Despite trending downwards recently, Indian job postings are almost 80% above pre-pandemic levels. That ranks highly compared to other major Indeed markets, although it isn't a like-for-like comparison. Several countries, led by the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Switzerland, have posting volumes that are currently below pre-pandemic levels. By comparison, India's posting volumes are very healthy. Callam Pickering, Indeed's APAC Senior Economist, said, "Indian job creation continues to outpace other countries because of the nation's transition towards more formal economic arrangements. As the nation transitions, job creation across the formal sector will be much stronger than overall employment growth nationwide, and we have consistently seen that in recent years. Other economies are not going through a transition of this nature."

Chopra to return at Paris DL after 8 years, is yet to open title account

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS: Neeraj Chopra will be eyeing the first major title of the season after finishing second in back-to-back competitions as the superstar Indian javelin thrower returns to the Paris Diamond League after eight years to compete in a top-class field on June 20.

The 27-year-old Indian had skipped the Paris DL last year in order to focus on the Olympic Games in the French capital. He last competed in the Paris DL in 2017 as a junior world champion and had finished fifth with a throw of 84.67m.

The Paris organisers are yet to publish the full list of competitors but they announced that Chopra and two-time world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada would be among five entrants who have already crossed the 90m mark. "Javelin throwers Neeraj Chopra, a double Olympics medalist, and Anderson Peters, a double world champion, are among the five entrants who have already crossed



the 90m line in a competition that promises to be a crazy one," the organisers said.

Peters had finished third behind Chopra in both Doha Diamond League on May 16 and Janusz Kusocinski Memorial meet in Poland on May 23.

Chopra began the 2025 season with a title in an invitational meet at Potchefstroom, South Africa, which was a minor -- category F -- event with a throw of 84.52m. He then finally breached the elusive 90m mark with a throw of 90.23m at Doha Diamond League on May 16 though German Julian Weber won the top spot with 91.06m. A week later, he again finished second behind Weber at the Janusz Kusocinski Memorial meet in Poland.

King Charles leads minute's silence for AI plane crash victims

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LONDON: Britain's King Charles III on Saturday led a minute's silence in memory of the Ahmedabad-London Air India plane crash victims after making last-minute amendments to his annual Trooping the Colour birthday parade, with black armbands commemorating the victims.

Buckingham Palace said the 76-year-old monarch wanted the alterations "as a mark of respect for the lives lost, the families in mourning and all the communities affected by this

awful tragedy". It saw all members of the royal family in uniform sporting black armbands as a mark of respect to the 241 passengers and crew who lost their lives in Thursday's London-bound plane crash in Ahmedabad.

"Following the Air India incident this week, His Majesty has requested that members of the Royal Family in uniform at Trooping the Colour should wear black armbands, as will mounted Officers in the Procession and all liveried Mews staff," Buckingham Palace said in a statement.

OPEC+ would struggle to cover Iranian oil supply disruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT

LONDON: Oil market participants have switched to dreading a shortage in fuel from focusing on impending oversupply in just two days this week, Reuters reported. After Israel attacked Iran and Tehran pledged to retaliate, oil prices jumped as much as 13 per cent to their highest since January as investors price in an increased probability of a major disruption in Middle East oil supplies.

Part of the reason for the rapid spike is that spare capacity among OPEC and allies to pump more oil to offset any disruption is roughly equivalent to Iran's output, according to analysts and OPEC watchers.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are the only OPEC+ members capable of quickly boosting output and could pump around 3.5 million barrels per day (bpd) more, analysts and industry sources said.

Iran's production stands at around 3.3 million bpd, and it exports over 2 million bpd of oil and fuel. There has been no impact on output so far from Israel's attacks on Iran's oil and gas infrastructure, nor on exports from the region.

But fears that Israel may destroy Iranian oil facilities to deprive it of its main



source of revenue have driven oil prices higher. The Brent benchmark last traded up nearly 7 per cent at over \$74 on Friday.

An attack with a significant impact on Iranian output that required other producers to pump more to plug the gap would leave very little spare capacity to deal with other disruptions - which can happen due to war, natural disasters or accidents.

And that with a caveat that Iran does not attack its neighbours in retaliation for Israeli strikes. Iran has in the past threatened to disrupt shipping through the Strait of Hormuz if it is attacked.

The Strait is the exit route from the Middle East Gulf for around 20 per cent of the world's oil supply, including Saudi, UAE, Kuwaiti, Iraqi and Iranian exports. Iran has also previously stated that it would attack other oil

to punish allies that have pumped more oil than they were supposed to under OPEC+ agreements.

The increases have already strained the capacity of some members to produce more, causing them to fall short of their new targets. Even after recent increases, the group still has output curbs in place of about 4.5 million bpd, which were agreed over the past five years to balance supply and demand. But some of that spare oil capacity - the difference between actual output and notional production potential that can be brought online quickly and sustained - exists only on paper. After years of production cuts and reduced oilfield investment following the COVID-19 pandemic, the oilfields and facilities may no longer be able to restart quickly, said analysts and OPEC watchers. Western sanctions on Iran, Russia and Venezuela have also led to decreases in oil investment in those countries.

"Following the July hike, most OPEC members, excluding Saudi Arabia, appear to be producing at or near maximum capacity," J.P. Morgan said in a note. Outside of Saudi Arabia and the UAE, spare capacity was negligible, said a senior industry source who works with OPEC+ producers.

Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar reviews progress of Fatehabad nuclear power project

OUR CORRESPONDENT

CHANDIGARH: Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday reviewed the progress of the nuclear power project being implemented by NPCIL under the Department of Atomic Energy in Haryana's Fatehabad district.

Khattar, along with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, visited the Gorakhpur Haryana Anu Vidyut Pariyojana (GHAVP) and reviewed the progress of North India's

first nuclear power plant. Once completed, 50 per cent of the electricity generated will be allocated to Haryana.

Khattar appreciated the efforts of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and reiterated the importance of nuclear power in achieving clean, safe, and reliable energy for the nation's future.

Senior government officials were also present at the event. The project involves setting up 4x700

MWe Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors at a total project cost of Rs 41,594 crore.

The commercial operation is expected to start by March 2031.

"This ambitious project will not only meet the long-term energy needs of Haryana and North India but will also further strengthen India's commitment towards clean and sustainable energy solutions," Khattar said in a post on X in Hindi. The minister said projects like

GHAVP will play a vital role in helping India achieve its net zero emission target by 2070.

"This project is a visionary step towards making India a leader in the field of nuclear energy technology and ensuring energy self-sufficiency under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Khattar said. Speaking to the media later, Khattar said that unit one and two are now expected to be operational by 2031.

Nutribray becomes India's 1st to get BIS nod for Hypoallergenic Infant Formula manufacturing

OUR CORRESPONDENT

LUCKNOW: Nutri Bray Healthcare Pvt Ltd, a pioneering force in the Indian infant nutrition manufacturing segment, announcing a groundbreaking development that coincides with the celebration of its successful three years in the industry. The company has received BIS approval for the country's first domestic manufacturing of hypoallergenic infant formula, marking a major milestone

in infant nutrition and significantly advancing India's self-reliance in specialized healthcare.

Since its inception three years ago, Nutribray Healthcare Pvt Ltd has established a strong reputation for providing a comprehensive range of high-quality infant nutrition solutions, all from a single platform. This includes Pre-term formula, Term formula, Follow-up formula, Lactose-free formula, Growing formula, Processed Cereals and Milk

based cereals. BIS Certification for all these products ensures stringent quality controls. Nutribray is able to produce global standard. Until now, the Indian market for advanced hypoallergenic formulas, such as Partially Hydrolyzed Formulas, Extensively Hydrolyzed Formulas, and Amino Acid-Based Formulas, has been dominated solely by multinationals, with India relying entirely on costly and often scarce imported options. Nutribray, a

staunch believer in the 'Make in India' initiative, has been diligently working towards entering these critical segments. This year, our persistent efforts have culminated in the historic approval for domestic manufacturing of these highly specialized formulas.

This breakthrough will dramatically reduce the reliance on imported products, making these life-saving formulas more affordable and readily available for families across the nation.

Delhi Assembly to go 'paperless' as NeVa initiative gains momentum

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Assembly is set to become fully paperless by July under the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVa), as Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday laid the foundation stone for the e-Vidhan project.

The initiative is a part of the Centre's 'One Nation, One Application' drive aimed at digitising legislative processes across states. The event held at the Assembly premises

marked a major milestone in Delhi's transition to digital governance and environmental responsibility. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta, Deputy Speaker Mohan Singh Bisht, Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Chief Whip Abhay Verma and other dignitaries attended the event. The programme commenced with a minute of silence for the victims of the recent Ahmedabad plane crash.

"The laying of the founda-

tion stone for the e-Vidhan project at the Delhi Legislative Assembly is a commendable step towards adopting technology for legislative efficiency and transparency," said Rijiju speaking at the event. "I want to see the Delhi Assembly as a model assembly and this initiative will certainly help in achieving that goal," he added. Rijiju emphasized that beyond going paperless, the project aims to enhance transparency, digital security and public participation. "Given Delhi's

Walkathon and Cyclothon held at Karnail Singh stadium on Surgeons Day

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NEW DELHI: A Walkathon and Cyclothon was successfully organized today at Karnail Singh Stadium, New Delhi, to mark "Surgeons Day." The event was a joint initiative of the Northern Railway Sports Association (NRSA), Surgeons Association of India - Delhi Chapter, and Concor CCC Cycling Club, promoting the themes of a healthy lifestyle and a greener India.

Northern Railway's Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Shri Nar Singh, flagged off the 50 km Cyclothon, which traversed key city landmarks including India Gate, Pragati Maidan Tunnel, Akshardham, Ghazipur Border, and Shipra Mall. He also actively participated in the 5 km and 10 km Walkathon events.

Children attending a summer camp were also recognized during the event, with Shri Nar Singh presenting them with awards and words of encouragement. The gathering sent out strong messages of health awareness, environmental responsibility, unity, and patriotism.

Distinguished guests included Padma Shri awardee and OSD/NRSA Sakshi Malik, along with NRSA General Secretary and CRSE/CHG Shri Kaustubh Mani, who lent their support and presence to the occasion.



Sindhu to reach Ganganagar in 3 years, Pak to struggle for every drop: Amit Shah

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BHOPAL: Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on Saturday, said that within three years, Sindhu (Indus) river water will be flowing into Rajasthan's Ganganagar district, while Pakistan will be left struggling "for every drop."

Shah's remark on the Indus Water Treaty came during the inauguration of a three-day training camp for BJP MPs and MLAs in Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh. Paying tributes to key ideological leaders, Shah delivered a stirring address during the opening session, themed "From Jana Sangh to BJP: 1951 to 2025." He emphasised the party's ideological continuity, achievements under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, and a roadmap for a developed India by 2047.

"Only those who remain students till their last breath can bring change," Shah told the legislators, underscoring the importance of lifelong learning and disciplined political work. He credited the BJP's expansive reach—from panchayats to Parliament—to its cadre-based

foundation and ideological commitment. Referring to the Indus Water Treaty, Shah said, "Within three years, Sindhu water will flow to Ganganagar, while Pakistan will struggle for every drop."

Shah traced BJP's roots back to Syama Prasad Mukerjee, founder of the Jana Sangh, and lauded Deendayal Upadhyaya for shaping the party's philosophy of "integral humanism." He also celebrated the BJP's rise into the world's largest political party, attributing its success to the karyakartas.

Highlighting the Modi government's milestones, Shah said, "In 11 years, we have lifted 27 crore people out of poverty, built 4 crore homes, and ensured free foodgrains for 81 crore citizens." He also cited the abrogation of Article 370, construction of the Ram Temple, and the near-eradication of Naxalism and terrorism as defining achievements.

MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav praised BJP's governance model and PM Modi's leadership in tackling terrorism and lifting the state out of its "BIMARU" status.

ITC acquires 24 Mantra Organic owner Sresta Natural Bioproducts

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Multi-conglomerate ITC has completed the acquisition of Sresta Natural Bioproducts, which owns the '24 Mantra Organic brand' in an all-cash deal valued at Rs 472.50 crore. This will help ITC to expand its play in the fastgrowing organic food products segment.

"The company has completed the acquisition of 100 per cent of the share capital of SNBPL on 13th June, 2025," ITC said in a regulatory filing. On the acquisition cost, ITC said it had an upfront consideration of Rs 400 crore on a cash-free debt-free basis and addition, consideration of up to Rs 72.50 crore, which is payable in the next 24 months.

In April ITC had informed it had signed a share purchase agreement with Sresta Natural Bioproducts Private Limited (SNBPL) to acquire 100 per cent stake in the compa-

ny. This acquisition is "in line with the strategy to augment the company's future-ready portfolio, the transaction is expected to fortify ITC's presence and market standing in the high-growth organic products segment in both Indian and overseas market," the Kolkata-headquartered firm said.

SNBPL's portfolio comprises a wide range of over 100 organic products, spanning branded grocery staples, spices and condiments, edible oils, and beverages, among others. Besides, it has a strong international presence with a deep connection with the Indian diaspora.

The domestic organic food products industry offers a "significant opportunity" for growth on the back of increasing health and environmental consciousness, a rise in household incomes and new-age distribution channels, ITC said.