WHATSAPP DELAYS POLICY UPDATE ROLLOUT TO MAY 15

WhatsApp has decided to delay the rollout of its new privacy policy to May 15, after an intense backlash from users over concerns that data was being shared with third parties. The company, which owns messaging app WhatsApp, has been under pressure to review and accept the terms. “No one asked users. In a blog post, WhatsApp said it is delaying the rollout of its new privacy policy, which was scheduled to go into effect on May 15. The company said it will take more time to explain the changes and give users more time to review them. The new policy, which was announced in January, was designed to be more transparent about how the company uses user data. It includes provisions for sharing data with Facebook and other Facebook-owned companies, which has prompted a backlash from users and privacy advocates.”

PM MODI ANNOUNCES RS. 1,000-CRORE “STARTUP INDIA SEED FUND”

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched India’s biggest ever startup fund, the $1.5 billion Startup India Seed Fund, aimed at providing early-stage funding to startups. The fund will be managed by leading investment firms and will focus on high-growth potential areas such as agri-startups, healthtech, medtech, and others. The fund will provide seed-stage funding to startups, enabling them to scale up and drive innovation. The fund will also focus on creating an ecosystem for startups in India, by providing mentorship, networking opportunities, and other support services. The fund is expected to have a significant impact on the startup ecosystem in India, helping to drive innovation and job creation.

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PARALYSED 13-year-old boy electrocuted in Jeedimetla

Kite flying on the occasion of Sankranti turned tragic in Hyderabad as two children and a man died in separate incidents in the city on Saturday.

While the two children were electrocuted, the man died after falling from a multi-storey building.

K. Rakesh, 13, was electrocuted when he fell from an under-construction building in Gachibowli area of the capital. K. Srinivas, 6, was electrocuted in front of his house in Madhapur village near Gachibowli.

The police said that the boy tried to touch a wire with his iron rod from the terrace, suffered a severe injury and died on the spot after being taken to a hospital.

Dictating notes from a multi-storey building, in the limits of Yacharam police station under Rachakonda Police Commissioner.

In another incident, a 12-year-old boy was electrocuted and died after touching an electric motor pump at Ramareddy, in the limits of Yacharam police station under Yacharam Police Commissioner.

Police said that the boy was electrocuted by the motor pump and died on the spot after being taken to a hospital.

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**Invitational Volleyball Tournament inaugurated in Choppadandi**

Minister for Commerce, Food and Civil Supplies Gangula Kamalakar launched the volleyball tournament in Choppadandi on Saturday. The tournament was inaugurated under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association and the District Government Sporting Officer. Kamalakar sought the cooperation of the local people to organise tournaments that will encourage the youth to participate in such sports. It is an aspect that is neglected in most parts of the area.

*By S Sridhar

**Siddipet: Siddiqet gets ISO certificate**

The district education commissioner (DEC), Dr. P. Darshana Devi, has awarded ISO 9001:2015 certification to the Siddipet District Youth Congress.

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Aparna Rajawat was attempting to break the Guinness World Record for throwing the longest 'kati' (an object made from bamboo and used as a baton) in a single throw to help teach the girls self-defence. She had joined martial art classes to women.

The next day she landed up at the office where the manager was surprising to see her and asked what was her doing? She told him how he knew that a woman would able to do this job as women do her. The manager then gave her some tips so that she could improve her performance. She practiced daily and eventually landed up in the Guinness World Record.

When you met Aparna Rajawat, what was your first impression?

When I met Aparna Rajawat, I was surprised to see how strong and confident she was. She was the only girl in the group of boys in her class and had to work extremely hard to prove herself. But she did it and became a role model for many girls who were interested in martial arts but didn’t have the opportunity to learn.

Aparna Rajawat is now on tour to promote her documentary and spread awareness about self-defence. She wants all girls to know that they can do anything they set their minds to. She plans to teach 50 lakh women self-defence in the next few years.

I know that I will never be able to do what Aparna has done. But her story has given me hope and I know that with hard work and determination, I can achieve anything I set my mind to.
Chennai

Bank of India (BJI) Chairman S. Srinivasan on Saturday said the bank is marking 2020 as a year of resilience and said BJI is ready to take any further measures to support growth without compromising on maintaining financial health.

Delivering the 39th Vel Thiyagalingam Memorial Lecture at the University of Madras, Dr. Srinivasan said “in 2019, it was the main focus of the top management to maintain the capital adequacy ratio at a comfortable level, to build up the capital buffer and to ensure that the bank maintained its financial health. In 2020, however, the main focus was on maintaining financial resilience and ensuring that the capital buffer is available to support growth without compromising on maintaining financial health.”

Gadkari for more research to identify substitute imports

Union MoS Minority Affairs Nishad Singh Thakur(Hindi) has pitched for more research to identify substitutes that can be indigenous and cost-effective.

This initiative and industrial associations should do more research to identify these substitutes, he added.

While talking about Assam, Thakur said “there are still some issues related to Assam which have to be resolved in the future. An assessment should also be done to find out about the future policies of the government with respect to Assam.”

The project which has a 40-year project which has a 60-year tenure would be the first greenfield project, he added.

Shoppers Stop net loss widens to Rs 25.11 cr

Shoppers Stop Ltd on Friday reported a net loss of Rs 25.11 crore in the December quarter, down from Rs 21.21 crore a year ago.

For the nine months ended December 31, 2020, Shoppers Stop reported a net loss of Rs 94.99 crore, compared to a net loss of Rs 94.28 crore for the same period a year ago.

Sales at Shoppers Stop Ltd declined 19.2 per cent to Rs 2,895.9 crore in the December quarter, compared to Rs 3,581.9 crore a year ago.

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NORTH EAST ON THE RADAR

It was the incident that made Manipur sit up and take notice, signaled by other young migrants from the North Eastern states to do something about a positive change. After careful thought, Mahanta, who after having worked in the education sector decided to start a festival that would represent the distinct culture, food and more of the place. Over the years his brainchild, the North East Festival, has become a mainstay event on the capital, social calendar and in many ways a representative of the changes that are gradually enveloping the perception about a region which for the longest of time was considered distant, different and remote. Presenting this perception are several reasons which lie within the region as well as the larger concerns of the country and the world.

ROLE OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Mahanta believes that while the new government must be credited for several reasons, in 2009-10 the DoNER Minister Mani Shankar Aiyer promoted tourism by persuading former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee who had steered the effort of connecting North East to the rest of the country. “He travelled to the region and then Manmohan Singh took the integration forward when he became a Member of Parliament from Assam. Through his initiatives, it was the first time the Central Government tried to formalize the region and more of the people, which led to a surge of tourists in the North East. "

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ROLE OF TRADITIONAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

So, rather than the news of a flood or insurgency activities, there were connecting stories from the region which grabbed eyeballs. People were more aware of the activities, "The perception has changed not because of the positive change, but because of the positive of media," said Bhuyan Sharma.

During the TEDx Assam convention, we discussed the changing perception and dynamics due to the presence of traditional and social media coverage. The international audience became more aware of the different kinds of experiences that the region had to offer thanks to traditional and social media. "The region got a boost because there were others who were representing them in a positive way," Bhuyan Sharma said.

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Furthermore, the growth of social media and traditional media has been instrumental in changing the perception of the people who have been living in this region.

RISING INSURGENCY

These perceptions within the region of being neglected, landlocked, and remote made the Centre give in to ensure growth, "People felt that in order to make the region visible, we need to do something about it. "

On the INSIDE

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CONCLUSION

The connectivity has improved dramatically. According to Ministry of Civil Aviation, the National Highways were built in between 2014 and 2018. "In 2013, when I had arrived in Guwahati, it was the first airport in the North East, it was now being treated the same as other major airports like Delhi and Mumbai. Lokdeepa Gyatso Barduvel Karthik of the Ministry of Civil Aviation says, "The airport handled only two or three flights a day, has over 1200 flight connections. The airport has turned into a major flight hub during 2018-19. With the new 20.89 per cent increase in aircraft movement over the previous 12 months."

Guwahati’s home state does not have an airport but Assam Aviation would be getting one in another three-four years, which, says, would naturally make it more accessible. Sharma says that there is a flurry of activity. "Start-ups are coming up, there are new campuses taking place as the region is being opened up. "This naturally has had a positive impact."

Drusya Das, said, “The number of tourists has changed because of the development of communications infrastructure, transport, tourism, hospitality. The region is being opened up and it is the area that has been able to create a unique footprint.”

Gadkari looked at a map showing the routes of the region. "The government has taken the initiative of opening up all major routes in the region, "

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TARANG

Amazon Prime Video

*Star: Saif Ali Khan, Dimple Kapadia, Malhak Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Gauahar Khan, Kritika Kamra

Run Time: 16 min

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Of history and hope

RAJESH SCARPAURUPE, who plays Malhar Rau Hokiar in SETS’s Ponnyshakhi Ahilya Bai, tells MUSBA HASHMI what is the character about, the responsibilities that come with this role and the reason behind the never-ending craving for historical shows.

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First Shot

HOPE IN HEART, PRAYER ON LIPS, HEALTH WORKERS GET FIRST JABS

Maha has received 10L vaccine doses: Health minister

AVINASHA RAIKUR/MUMBAI: Health minister Narayan Rane Tuesday said that Maharashtra has received 50 lakh doses of the COVID-19 vaccine shipped in the first phase at the rate of 12.5 lakh per day. “Till date, we have received 50.37 lakh doses of vaccine, and 11.32 lakh doses have been administered,” Rane told reporters. Rane added that the state’s tally stands at 50.37 lakh doses, and 4.32 lakh doses have been administered. “We have administered 39% of doses so far,” he added.

Covaxin approval sans due process, alleges Manish Tewari

NEW DELHI: The Indian government’s approval of Bharat Biotech’s Covaxin is “not only alarming but outrageous,” Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari said in a statement on Monday, calling it “an outrage.”

Historic day, says SII CEO, as he gets Covisheild

BHIWANDI: On Monday, 7.5 lakh health workers in India got their first dose of the Covishield vaccine, as the world’s largest Covid-19 vaccination drive began in the country.

Vaccine vaccination commences in Bihār

PATNA: A vaccination drive against Covid-19 started across the state on Saturday, and 7.5 lakh health workers and frontline workers in the state received the vaccine.

Mahesh Sharma among first lawmakers to get Covid vaccine

NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader Mahesh Sharma, who along with other leaders started the vaccine drive, was among the first lawmakers to get the vaccine.

Resident doctors in RML Hospital want Covishield

NEW DELHI: Resident Doctors’ Association of the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on Friday “expressed apprehension” about Covishield and urged the central government to ensure that Covishield is not given to resident doctors.

Sanitation worker first to receive Covishot in Jharkhand

PATNA: The sanitation worker was the first person to receive the Covishot vaccine in Jharkhand on Saturday, and more than 21,000 frontline health workers were vaccinated across the state.

Vaccination drive begins in Uttarakhand

DEHRADUN: The vaccination against Covid-19 began in the state on Saturday, with the first dose of the vaccine being administered at the government medical college in Dehradun.

Covishield and Covaxin doses: What does India need?

NEW DELHI: India has approved two vaccines—Covishield and Covaxin—against Covid-19, with the former being manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, while the latter is made by Bharat Biotech. But what does the country need to do to ensure a successful vaccine drive?