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Focus on efforts, not results. Always remember that the grace of God is always with you.

H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

INDIA partners to jointly campaign for Dumri by-poll

Ranchi, Aug 12, (IANS) : Jharkhand unit of opposition INDIA will jointly campaign for the Dumri by-poll to ensure the victory of its candidate, sources in it said on Saturday. The alliance has fielded Bebi Devi, a JMM candidate and wife of former education minister Jagarnath Mahto, for the by-election. She will file her nominations on August 17. The by-poll

will take place on September 5, while the votes will be counted on September 8. The last date for filing nomination is August 17. The first meeting by the INDIA on Dumri by-poll was held at the CM's House. "Chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, INDIA alliance held its first meeting on Dumribypoll. The alliance has decided to hold joint

campaign for the by-election to ensure win of our candidate," said senior Congress leader Alamgir Alam. The INDIA candidate will be the winner and the victory would be a true tribute to Jaggarnath Mahto, the former minister whose death necessitated the by-poll, he asserted. Mahto, was the husband of Bebi Devi who died in a Chennai hospital on April 6

this year after prolonged illness. The Soren government has already given Devi the status of a cabinet minister. She was sworn-in as minister on July 3 this year. JMM Lok Sabha MP from Rajmahal Vijay Hansda, who was present at the meeting, said that Mahto had earned the affection from the people of Dumri. "We are confident that voters will shower sim-

ilar love and affection on Bebi Devi and make the INDIA candidate victorious in the by-poll," he said. A meeting of Jharkhand BJP president Babular Marandi and AJSU Party chief Sudesh Mahto was held on Friday evening at the latter's residence. Both parties have decided to contest the by-poll jointly under the NDA banner, AJSU Party spokesperson Dev Sharan

Bhagat said. He said that a core committee meeting of the AJSU Party will be organized on Sunday where the name of the NDA candidate will be announced. The AIMIM has declared its candidate for Dumri by-poll. Its Jharkhand president Md Shakir said that Maulana Abdul Mobin Rizwi was declared the candidate and will file his nomination on Aug 16.

Modi govt murdered the idea of India in Manipur, says Rahul



Waynad, Aug 12 (IANS) : Anybody who murders the idea of India can't be a nationalist, he says Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched a stinging attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi accusing him of not addressing the problem of Manipur even during the debate on the violence in the northeastern state in Parliament a few days ago. Gandhi was addressing a meeting organised by the opposition Congress-led UDF alliance in Kalpetta here to welcome him on his first visit to Waynad after his Lok Sabha membership was restored. "He (Modi) spoke for 2 hrs 13 minutes. He laughed... he joked... he smiled... his cabinet laughed, joked and smiled... They had a lot of fun. The Prime Minister spoke two hours about everything... Congress, me about INDIA alliance but spoke two minutes about Manipur," Gandhi said.

Previous govts remembered dalits and tribals only during polls: PM

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said Dalits, OBCs and tribals are getting due respect from his government whereas previous rulers neglected these sections and remembered them only during elections. He also alleged the previous governments failed to provide water to the poor whereas Dalit bastis, underprivileged localities, and tribal areas are now getting piped water due to Jal Jeevan Mission under his government. The prime minister addressed a public programme at Dhana in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh after performing 'bhoomipujan' and laying the foundation stone

for the construction of Rs 100 crore-worth temple-cum-memorial of social reformer and mystic poet Sant Ravidas at Badtuma village. Modi bowed down before the idol of Sant Ravidas with folded hands after performing bhoomipujan. He also inspected the miniature model of the upcoming memorial-cum-temple at this function. At Dhana, Modi dedicated to the nation the doubling of the Bina-Kota railway line project besides laying the foundation for various road projects. The prime minister said the soil from thousands of villages and water from more than 300 rivers became part of Sant



Ravidas' upcoming temple-cum-memorial. He said Sant Ravidas

who was born during the Mughal period marked by instability, excesses and atrocities, created an awakening against social evils. "The governments which ruled for decades had failed to provide water to the poor whereas Dalits, underprivileged localities and tribal areas are now getting piped water due to Jal Jeevan Mission," Modi said and accused the previous governments of neglecting these sections and remembering them only during elections. "Our government giving due respect to Dalits, OBCs and tribals," he said. Recalling the COVID-19 period, the prime minister said he had decided that no one should sleep empty stom-

ach during the coronavirus outbreak. "Our free ration scheme for the poor during the Coronavirus period is being lauded by the world," he said. These programmes in Sagar district marked the culmination of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's ongoing 'Samrasta (harmony) Yatras', which were started from five places in the state on July 25. According to officials, the temple-cum-memorial dedicated to Sant Ravidas will be spread over 11 acres of land. The structure will showcase the teachings of Sant Ravidas and also have residential facilities for the devotees besides a museum, art gallery and other amenities.

70-yr-old-man crushed to death By herd of elephants in Jharkhand

Ranchi, Aug 12 (IANS) : A 70-year-old man was crushed to death by a herd of elephants in Jharkhand's Hazaribag district on Saturday morning, a forest official said. The incident occurred at Bermekka village, around 130 km from Ranchi, early on Saturday morning when the man was asleep in his house, the official said. Hazaribag divisional forest officer (east division) Sourav Chandra said that a herd of 15 elephants entered Tatijharia police station area in the early hours of Saturday. "The herd reached the old man's village in the morning and damaged his house. The man woke up suddenly and tried to escape but an elephant lifted him with its trunk and crushed him to death. "An immediate relief of Rs 25,000 was provided to the man's wife. The remaining Rs 3.75 lakh will be provided after some official formalities," he said. The government provides an ex-gratia of Rs four lakh in such cases.

J'khand: 2 Maoist commanders killed in infighting over money dispute



Ranchi, Aug 12 (IANS): Two commanders of banned Maoist outfit Jharkhand Jan Mukti Parishad (JJMP) were killed after a fight broke out between them over distribution of extortion money in Jharkhand's Palamu district, police said on Saturday. The deceased Maoists were identified as Ganesh Lohra, a wanted criminal carrying a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh, and Santosh Yadav. The bodies of the Maoist commanders were recovered on Saturday and sent them for post-mortem, the police said. On Thursday night, seven to eight armed Maoists reached Hotai village and had dinner. Later, they went towards the forest, and fight broke out over extortion money after which they got divided into two groups and started firing at each other in which the above-mentioned two died.

Eiffel Tower evacuated after bomb threat

Paris, Aug 12 (IANS) : A security alert Saturday prompted the evacuation of three floors of the Eiffel Tower in central Paris, France's most emblematic symbol which drew 6.2 million visitors last year. SETE, the body which runs the site, said bomb disposal experts as well as police were scouring the area, including a restaurant located on one of the floors. "It's a usual procedure in this kind of situation which however is rare," a spokeswoman said. Visitors were evacuated from both the three floors and the square under the monument shortly after 1:30 pm (1130 GMT). Construction work on the tower began in January 1887 and was finished on March 31, 1889. It received two million visitors during the World's Fair of 1889.



Delhi Services Act becomes law after President Murmu's approval



New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) : After President Droupadi Murmu's approval, Delhi Services Act has become a law on Saturday. Along with it, the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, The Registration of

Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, and the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill have now been signed into law. The opposition strongly protested against the Bill and staged a walk out when Home Minister Amit Shah tabled the Bill on August 7 in Rajya Sabha. The Bill was passed in the Upper House with 131 votes in favour and 102 votes against it. Shah said that the legislation has been brought to curb encroachment by Delhi government over the rights granted by the Centre. "This ordinance refers to the order of the Supreme

Court which says Parliament has the right to make laws on any issue related to the National Capital Territory of Delhi. There are provisions in the Constitution that allow the centre to make laws for Delhi," said Shah. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) had termed that the Bill would "enslave" the people of Delhi. Under the new law, the Centre gets the authority over the bureaucracy. Home Minister said the AAP government wanted to take control of the vigilance department as it had files related to liquor scam and exorbitant expenditure on the CM's residence.

Govt to ensure budgetary allocations for BSF jawans: Shah

KUTCH, Aug 12 (IANS) : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the government understands the adverse situation in which Border Security Force (BSF) jawans work to secure the nation's frontiers and will ensure budgetary allocations to give them better facilities. Shah was at Koteswar in Gujarat's Kutch to lay the foundation stone for a BSF mooring place and for the e-inauguration of other projects. He said the BSF is the only Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) that specialises in securing land, water and air and works in diverse geographical condi-



tions to ensure the security of the country from external forces. "Don't think the government does not have an idea of the adverse situation in which you work. When I visit (HaramiNala), I will certainly be informed about this once more," said Shah before heading for HaramiNala, a creek area

that separates India and Pakistan in the Kutch district, as part of his Sunday's visit. He assured the BSF jawans that "whatever budget is required to be allocated for your convenience will be done by us in the coming days". This will increase their convenience as well as the security of the region, he added. Shah said that he is able to sleep peacefully at night because BSF jawans remain alert 365 days, 24 hours to secure the country's borders. "Among all CAPFs, BSF is the only one that specialises in securing land, water and also has an air wing.

Five killed in landslide on Kedarnath Yatra route

Kotdwar, Aug 12 (IANS) : Five people, including three pilgrims from Gujarat, died after being buried under the debris of a landslide on the Kedarnath Yatra route in Rudraprayag district as the MeT department on Friday warned of heavy rains in six districts of Uttarakhand for the next few days. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami undertook a ground inspection of the rain-hit Kotdwar area



where a man had gone missing in a landslide a couple of days ago and several bridges were damaged, cutting off a large population from the rest of the state. Assembly Speaker

and local MLA Ritu Khanduri was also present with Dhami doing his ground inspection. Dhami directed Pauri District Magistrate Ashish Chauhan to work on the

repair of the damaged bridge in Gadighati. He also inspected the alternative bridge over Malan River connecting Kotdwar and Bhabar. Five persons travelling in a car were buried under the debris of a landslide at Tarsali in Phata area on the Kedarnath Yatra route in Rudraprayag district Thursday night but their bodies were recovered on Friday as there was a let-up in incessant rains.

Amarnath Yatra to continue only on alternate days

Srinagar, Aug 12 (IANS): Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) on Saturday announced its decision to allow the ongoing Amarnath Yatra only on alternate days due to the decreasing number of pilgrims. Since the annual pilgrimage started on July 1, over 4.30 lakh Yatris have performed the yatra. Officials said over 1,600 Yatris had 'Darshan' inside the cave shrine on Friday, while another batch of 915 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu in an escorted convoy for the valley on Saturday. "Of these 915 Yatris, 736 are male, 151 are female, 25 Sadhus and 3 Sadhis", officials said.



Khooni Khel Khela Hai: PM Modi attacks Trinamool over Bengal poll violence

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) : Referring to the violence during Panchayat polls in West Bengal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday alleged that the ruling Mamata-Banerjee Trinamool Congress had "played with blood." "TMC ne khoonikhelkhela-hai..." PM Modi said in Hindi while addressing the Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad in West Bengal via videoconferencing. Further, the prime minister accused the party of threatening voters and "making their life hell."

"They do anything required to ensure that no BJP candidate can file nomination...they not only threaten BJP workers but also the voters. Contracts are given out to capture booths...This is their way of doing politics in the state," the prime minister said. He further alleged that TMC gave contracts to goons and asked them to capture the booth on the vote-counting day. "The party had given a contract to goons and asked them to capture booths on the vote counting day. During the counting of the votes, the TMC forced BJP members out of office and did not let them even watch. When BJP won despite all this, they took out rallies against our members," the prime minister said. Panchayat elections in West Bengal took place on July 8 and counting of the votes for 63,229 - Gram Panchayat seats took place on July 11. TMC has won in 28,985 and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)



7,764 seats while Congress has secured 2,022 seats so far. TMC was leading on 1,540 panchayat seats while BJP was leading on 417, according to the State Election Commission (SEC). Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) has won 2,409 seats and is leading in 260 seats.

PM Modi rakes up Bengal poll violence, hits out at Opposition

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi tore into the Opposition while addressing Bharatiya Janata Party's Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad in West Bengal via video conferencing on Saturday. Attacking the opposition parties over the no-trust motion in Parliament over Manipur, PM Modi said, "Opposition was merely levelling allegations during the no-confidence motion. They were speaking without any logic." He added that the Opposition did not want to discuss Manipur and that's why they were speaking "without any logic" in the Lok Sabha. "BJP members work without arrogance and are winning people's hearts," said PM Modi addressing BJP workers in West Bengal. While virtually addressing Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad, PM Modi also attacked the Opposition over Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and said, "Those who portray themselves as the champions of democracy are the ones who conspire to get rid of EVM". He also spoke about defeating the Opposition's no-confidence motion in Parliament.

Zonal debate competition



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Jamshedpur, August 12: On Saturday, in the premises of SS Academy, today CISCE, Zonal Debate Competition Senior and Junior Category was concluded in which participants from more than 20 schools of the city participated. The program started with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest. Mathura Singh. Prizes were distributed to the winners at the hands of the trustee of Siroman Singh Educational Memorial Trust. (W-rg)

Anti-Larvae drive in Govindpur



Jamshedpur, August 12: A cleanliness drive, 'Swachh Govindpur - Swasth Govindpur,' was carried out on Saturday near Govindpur Sai Temple along the Janata School road. JCBs and tractors were pressed into service for the purpose. In addition, an anti-larvae campaign was conducted door-to-door in areas such as Bholabagh, Teentalla and Vivek Nagar. It may be mentioned that filth piles in Govindpur and the monsoon showers have made the area a fertile breeding ground for mosquitoes. (w/sgd)

Purendra welcomes IC Confidential Office

Gamharia, August 12: Former Deputy Chairman of Adityapur Municipal Corporation (AMC), Purendra Narayan Singh made a courtesy call on Arvind Kumar Singh, the Confidential Office in-charge of the Director-General and Inspector General of Police, Jharkhand, Ranchi. Purendra presented a bouquet to Arvind Singh in a gesture of welcome.



Incidentally, Arvind Kumar Singh was appointed as the In-charge of the Confidential Office of the Director-General and Inspector General of Police (Special Branch) by the government on August 7. (w/sgd)

State President receives a grand welcome in Gamharia

Jamshedpur, Aug 12: Mahesh Mahato, Jharkhand State President of All India Tailik Mahasabha, was given a grand welcome by the people of the society on reaching Gamharia. On this occasion, he said that whenever I am needed in the interest of the society, we will stand there. Said that the Dharamshala of Tailik Samaj is under construction in Gamharia, which will be completed soon. He appealed everyone to contribute in the development of the society. The reception mainly included Lal Sah, Satya Narayan Sah, Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Founder President JP Gupta, Shiv Lal Sah, Gajendra Prasad, Bajinath Sah, Lalbabu Sah, Suresh Prasad, Rajesh Kumar etc.

DC gives instructions to ensure 100 percent ration distribution

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Seraikela, Aug 12: Under the chairmanship of District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla, a review meeting related to the schemes and paddy procurement center operated under the Supply Department was held. In the above meeting, District Supply Officer Pradeep Bhagat was informed about the work progress of Green Ration Card, NFSA, Sona Sobran Dhoti-Sari-Lungi Distribution Scheme, Petrol Subsidy Scheme. In the review order, the Deputy Commissioner has ensured 100% distribution of ration in the light of the allocation received, such PDS dealers through which the work of distribution of ration is slow, by surprise inspection of such shops, ensure necessary action and ensure that ration is made available to the people easily. (W-pb)



On Saturday evening, the district unit of Akhil Bharatiya Tailik Sahu Mahasabha (ABTSM) burnt the effigy of the BJP at the Sakchi roundabout in protest against the saffron party's Gumla District Media Coordinator Arvind Mishra for passing derogatory remarks against the

BJP campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga' to fan patriotism

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Jamshedpur, August 12 : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jamshedpur Mahanagar has made elaborate preparations for the culmination of the yearlong celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on a memorable note with the twin campaigns, 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' and 'Har Ghar Tiranga' as per the call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Among the senior party leaders who will be participating in the twin campaigns and at the grand finale of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on August 15 will be former Jharkhand Chief Minister and BJP national Vice President Raghubar Das and Jamshedpur parliamentarian, Bidyut Baran Mahto. The twin campaigns will include



presentation of tri-coloured pots and national flags to all Mandal Presidents. Soil will be collected from

all Mandal command areas in these urns and each will be placed near significant landmarks and at statues of prominent national personalities who participated selflessly in the freedom movement and for the development of the nation. BJP volunteers will also launch cleanliness drives alongside the cleaning of statues of great personalities as part of the campaign.

On Saturday BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Gunjan Yadav, on Saturday, along with the party's district officials and Mandal Presidents instructed party workers to ensure success of the programmes. Gunjan Yadav appealed to BJP workers and the public to actively participate in the upcoming program on Sunday and be active contributors to the success of the campaign. (w/sgd)

DC gives instructions to ensure execution of pending applications

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Seraikela, Aug 12: A review meeting related to revenue and internal resources was convened under the chairmanship of District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla.

In this virtual meeting organized through Google Meet, mainly Additional Deputy Commissioner Subodh Kumar, Commercial Tax Commissioner Adityapur and Chaibasa Zone,

District Transport Officer, District Mining Officer, District Fisheries Officer, Product Superintendent, District Mining Officer, Electricity Division Seraikela and Adityapur And all the Zonal Officers and other related departmental officers including the executive officers of various municipal areas were present.

In order to review the internal resources, Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla,

after taking information regarding the revenue collection done so far against the annual target, such departmental officers whose performance was found to be better, they should do regular work in the same way and such officers whose work progress against the target He was found to be slow and was instructed to fix the work plan and complete the set target on time and review the work from time to time. (W-pb)

Safari Royals, Nano Warriors win Shuttle Badminton Tourney

Jamshedpur, Aug 12: The exciting "Inter-Team Shuttle Badminton & Table Tennis Tournament" for both Men and Women reached its exhilarating conclusion at Telco Club, Telco on Thursday. The tournaments were skillfully organized by the Tata Motors Sports Department.

In the women's category of the Shuttle Badminton tournament, the final match saw Safari Royals pitted against Indigo Fighters. A fierce contest unfolded between the two teams, with Safari Royals emerging triumphant in a gripping encounter.

Demand to restore basic facilities at Adityapur station

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Seraikela, Aug 12: Handing over a 5-point demand letter to the General Manager of South Eastern Railway Garden Reach Kolkata by Jharkhand Chetna Manch, a demand has been made to restore basic facilities at Adityapur station and ensure stoppage of major trains. Jharkhand Chetna Manch President Suresh Dhari and District Congress Committee Executive District President Ambuj Kumar have submitted a memorandum demanding that in view of increasing traffic at Tatanagar station, Adityapur station should



be made B category terminal station. Stoppage of Tata Danapur train should be ensured.

The stoppage of Tata Durg Express train in up and down should be ensured. Tata Thawe

Express stoppage should be ensured in go up and down. And the ongoing development work at Adityapur station should be expedited. He has said that the above problems related to public interest

should be resolved within one month. Otherwise, the people of Adityapur will be bound to protest and protest. Whose entire responsibility will be of the railway administration.

Seminar on "Environmental Security and Economic Freedom"

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Seraikela, Aug 12: Under the leadership of retired railway employee cum social worker Nageshwar Pradhan, a seminar was organized on the topic "Environmental protection and economic freedom" in the primary school building of Jagannathpur village under Murup panchayat of Seraikela block. Which was presided over by the village head Arjun Pradhan. On this occasion, Rajesh Mahato, Managing Director of My Future Life Pvt Ltd Ranchi said that our company has started plantation and organic farming with the aim of increasing the income of the farmers along with balancing the effects of environmental protection and climate change in the country.

Is. Further said that if the earth is to be saved then we have to take a step forward and plant trees. Along with protecting the environment, the farmers will also get economic benefits from tree plantation. In the meeting, the plants of fig, mango, jackfruit, lemon etc. Methods of doing genetic farming were explained. Information was also given about the valuable wood mahogany plant. (W-pb)

Congress observes the death anniversary of Khudi Ram Bose

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Jamshedpur, Aug 12: On the 115th death anniversary of India's great freedom fighter Amar Shaheed Khudi Ram Bose, Congress workers organized a program in Gamharia and paid tribute to him. On this occasion, the workers paid tribute by garlanding his picture at the camp office at Gamharia. Presiding over the programme, senior Congress leader Fulkant Jha said that Shaheed Khudiram Bose was a great freedom fighter of the freedom struggle. He took iron from the British rule in his student life.

Today's youth should take inspiration from his life and work ahead in the interest of the country and the society.

Said that the sacrifice of Khudiram Bose to keep the country's independence intact will always be remembered. Many workers including Motilal Mahato, Arjun Mahato, Chittaranjan Gorai, Firoz Nayak, CG Sinha, Jawahar Lal Mahato, Bablu Mahato were present on this occasion. (W-pb)

Anaemia checkup camp by Rotary Club



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Chaibasa, Aug 12: Anaemia check-up and awareness camp was organized by Rotary Club Chaibasa at Government Girls High School on Saturday. Dr. Sunita Mundri and Rashi Medidatta of Sadar PHC Chaibasa gave very important information. Along with this, he told that most of the girls throw away the iron tablet given to them, but it is necessary to eat iron tablet. Rotary Club Chaibasa President Hina Thakkar gave the welcome speech and in the end vote of thanks was given by Rotarian Anil Sharma. All the girls were examined by the team of Sadar PSC and the hemoglobin test of all the girls was done free of cost by the courtesy of Dr. X-Ray Chaibasa. Rotary Club Secretary Harsh Raj Mishra Rotarian Sushil Mundra Ramesh Dattani Madan Gupta Ritesh Mundra Narendra Thakkar in this program Dr. Veena Mundra etc. were present. (W-pb)

Emotional tribute to senior BJP worker



Seraikela, Aug 12: On the fourth death anniversary of Seraikela-Kharsawan District BJP senior worker late Ghasiram Nayak, BJP workers paid heartfelt tributes to him. On this occasion, a tribute program was organized at the Kolabira office under the leadership of Sridhar Panda. In which, mainly in the presence of Zilla Parishad members Shambhu Mandal, Ganpati Mahato, Durga Nayak, Tarakeshwar Nayak, Sahdev Nayak, Gadadhar Mahato, Premchand Mahato, Gurcharan Nayak, Noda Nayak and Bharat Mahato, offering garlands on the picture of late Ghasiram Nayak, offered them emotional tributes. Tributes paid. On the occasion, Zila Parishad member Shambhu Mandal said that the contribution of Late Ghasiram Nayak in the organization and socially cannot be forgotten. His hardworking personality will always be remembered.

Police paste warrant

Jamshedpur, August 12: Executing the order of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate of Ghatshila, local police on Saturday pasted an advertisement at the house of Raju Prakash Mahato, resident of Jhumra Pahad in Bokaro, who has been absconding in case. Information regarding the advertisement was given in the presence of all the villagers by beating drums near Camp Chowk near his house. In this regard, Ghatshila police station in-charge Vimal Kando said that Ghatshila police station incident number 17/17 FIR was registered under various sections. Police officers and jawans of Ghatshila police station pasted advertisements at his house on the instructions of the court. (W-rg)

Priest appeal to DC, SSP for sanctity of temple

Jamshedpur, August 12: Residents have made an appeal to East Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner and District SSP to stop the garbage being thrown by the local people and to take action against the anti-social elements who gather illegally to consume drugs near the Shani Dev Temple located on Satyanarayan Mandir Road, near Jugsalai Dukhu Market. In this regard, Damodar Shani Baba of Shanidev Temple has submitted an appeal in which he said the morale of anti-social elements is increasing due to no action being taken by the Jugsalai police even after several complaints regarding this in the Jugsalai police station. "By throwing garbage on the side of the railway line instead of giving it in the garbage van of Jugsalai Municipality, the surrounding environment becomes very foul smelling. Devotees coming to the temple have to put cloth in their nose due to bad smell," the letter states. (W-rg)

Bhajan Sandhya at Mango Gandhi Maidan on Aug 21

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Jamshedpur, August 12: Jai Mahakal Seva Sangh (JMSS) will organize 'Sawan Mahotsav - 2023' at Mango Gandhi Maidan on Monday, August 21. A formal ground-breaking ceremony was organized at the venue (Mango Gandhi Maidan) on Saturday. Niraj Singh, the Chief Coordinator of JMSS informed that renowned Bhajan singers Devi and Sunil Chhaila Bihari would regale the audience with the renditions of devotional songs during the Bhajan Sandhya programme on August 21. The JMSS Chief Coordinator further informed that a 300' long waterproof pandal would be set up for the comfort of devotees



present during the event at Gandhi Maidan. Niraj Singh added that a 30-foot statue of Adiyogi (Lord Shiva) at the venue in Mango Gandhi Maidan would be a centre of attraction for visitors and devotees alike. Those present at the ground breaking

ceremony on Saturday included Ashok Chauhan, Umesh Singh, Vinod Rai, Amarendra Paswan, Santosh Upadhyay, Nilkamal Shekhar, Rajiv Singh, Shiv Prakash Sharma, Sushil Pandey, Deepak Tiwari and Rakesh Lodhi. (w/sgd)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHAFQUAT RIZWAN**, W/O Jahangir Ali, by faith Muslim, by Nationality Indian, Resident of H.No.4/A, Road No-9, Sabri Masjid, Azadnagar, P.O. Azad Nagar, Mango, Jamshedpur, Distt East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-82110, do hereby solemnly affirmed and declare as follows:-

1. That I am an Indian Citizen.
2. That previously I and my name known as SHAFQUAT ALI, which is also mentioned in my Passport.
3. That now I changed my name known as SHAFQUAT RIZWAN for all purpose.
4. That **SHAFQUAT RIZWAN** and **SHAFQUAT ALI** both names are same and one person i.e. myself.
5. That I sworn this affidavit to confirm the above facts.

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ED files charge sheet in disproportionate assets case

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said that they have filed a prosecution complaint against former Executive Engineer at PHED Samastipur, Sanjay Kumar Singh and four others in a disproportionate assets (DA) case. The ED initiated PMLA investigation based on a charge sheet filed by Economic Offence Unit (EOU), Bihar. The investigation revealed that the main accused Sanjay Kumar Singh while being posted and



functioning at different posts as Engineer in PHED Department under the Bihar government, had amassed disproportionate assets amounting to Rs 1.83 crore during the

period 1987 to 2013 in his name, in the name of his wife Pushpa Singh, his sons Abhishek Ashish and Anunay Ashish, and his father Ambika Prasad Singh. The ED said that the disproportionate assets amounting to Rs 1.83 Crore have been acquired through corrupt and illegal means, by abusing his position as a public servant in violation of various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act. "Provisional Attachment Order was issued for attachment of properties

worth Rs 1.48 crore which was confirmed by Adjudicating Authority. Five immovable properties in the form of four plots of land and one residential flat having book value of Rs 65.45 lakhs, nine bank accounts having available balance of Rs 48.26 lakhs and five insurance policies having surrender value of Rs. 7.69 lakhs in the name of the main accused and her family members have been prayed for confiscation from the Court," the ED said. Further investigation into the matter is ongoing.

Kerala brings back deleted content in school textbooks

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 12 (IANS) : State Education Minister V. Sivankutty on Saturday said the Kerala government has taken steps to include contents with regards to Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru that was deleted from the school textbooks. "After Onam break (September) when classes resume, the new textbooks will be distributed in the schools. It's necessary that students should learn the history, economics and science of ours in the right perspective," said Sivankutty. The Centre had deleted all such contents and the Pinarayi Vijayan government had earlier promised that students will be taught India in its true spirit. Meanwhile, there are reports that even the Gujarat riots have also found a place in the history textbook.



CRPF trooper dies of gunshot injuries in J&K's Pulwama



Srinagar, Aug 12 (IANS) : A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) trooper died of gunshot injuries in J&K's Pulwama district on Saturday. Officials said that a CRPF jawan was found lying in a pool of blood after gunshots were heard at around 1.50 a.m. today near the steel authority of India godown in Chersoo village of Pulwama district. "The jawan had died on the spot because of gunshot injuries. The jawan has been identified as constable Ajay Kumar of 112 battalion. Inquest proceedings have been initiated after completion of medico-legal formalities. The apparent cause of death appears to be suicide, but the actual cause of death can only be confirmed after completion of the inquest proceedings," officers said.

33 girl students approach Kerala HC against 'discriminatory' hostel curfew



Kochi, Aug 12 (IANS) : At least 33 girl students of the Mar Athanasius College in Ernakulam have approached the Kerala High Court challenging the "discriminatory" curfew timings of the women's hostel at the institute. The girls are upset over the fact that while the entry timing for women to enter the hostel is 6.30 p.m., the curfew of boys to enter their hostel is 9 p.m. Since they felt that the differences in the curfew timings was not fair, the girls have now approached the legal system by pointing out a 2019 Kerala government order stating that the entry time for women in college hostels affiliated with the state universities, has been fixed at 9.30 p.m. The court has posted the case for hearing on August 18 after the counsel representing the college sought time to file a response.

BJP's deliberate design to throttle opposition voice : Adhir

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS): Two days after being suspended from Lok Sabha, Leader of Congress in the Lower House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Saturday dubbed his suspension "a deliberate design by the ruling party to throttle the voice of the opposition" while remarking that he had been "hanged without trial". Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, the Congress leader said: "It is a new phenomenon we have never before experienced during our career in Parliament. As it has been issued by the Speaker Lok Sabha, I cannot disobey his order or direction or anything whatsoever.

Raghav Chadha changes X handle to suspended MP

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) : Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha on Saturday changed his bio on X (formerly Twitter) to 'suspended MP'. He changed the bio of his X handle, a day after he was suspended from Rajya Sabha. Chadha, who has been accused by the BJP of forging the signatures of few MPs, was on Friday suspended from the Rajya Sabha by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, on the last day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament. "I was suspended for asking tough questions that left the BJP, the world's largest party, without answers through my speech in Parliament on Delhi Service Bill. My crime was exposing BJP's



double standards on Delhi's statehood," he said. Taking a dig at the saffron party, Chadha said, "I showed them a mirror and held them accountable, which left them scarred. By suspending a MP based on false allegations, the government's actions unmistakably signal an alarming stance that reeks of being 'anti-youth' and undermines the very

Bengal BJP to observe 'Partition Horror Day'

Kolkata, Aug 12 (IANS) : Besides celebrating Independence Day on August 15, the BJP state unit in West Bengal this year will also observe "Partition Horror Day" to remind people of the atrocities committed during the partition. "An instruction has been sent to preferably observe Partition Horror Day on August 15 and if not, when it can be observed on any day between August 13-15," a state committee member of the BJP said. According to the member, while gaining independence from the British rule was a joyous occasion for all Indians, the event is painful for some,



especially those who witnessed and were victims of the partition. "Since Bengal, along with Punjab, were the worst affected because of the partition, our party leadership has decided to observe this 'Partition Horror Day' in a parallel

manner this time." Political observers have opined that this move of the BJP was in lines with the saffron camp's traditional strategy of holding the Congress responsible for the partition of the country. The Prime Minister himself at times had been vocal

about the plight of people becoming victims of the partition. According to the state committee member, there was no reason to believe this initiative as a political move by our party. "We want the present generation to be aware of both sides of the independence and partition since both these developments are insuperable. Unless we learn lessons out of it, the same dark days might return," he added. The state's ruling Trinamool Congress, however, described the move as an attempt to create further divisions among people.

Fake currency notes, printing machine seized in Assam



Guwahati, August 12 (IANS): Assam Police have busted a fake currency notes printing racket in Guwahati and arrested a person in connection, officials said on Saturday. A senior police officer said that during an operation on Friday night in the Lokhra area, the police seized a fake currency printing machine. Fake currency notes worth at least Rs 8 lakhs were also recovered by the police. The arrested person has been identified as Mannan Mallik, a native of Barpeta district. Further investigation in the matter is underway. Earlier, six people were arrested for their alleged involvement in the fake currency printing network. Fake notes worth Rs 15 lakhs were seized from their possession. It is learned that Mallick was nabbed after police got evidence about his involvement in the racket in the course of interrogating the other six arrested persons.

Dalit siblings attacked: 7 apprehended, situation tense in TN's Tirunelveli



Chennai, Aug 12 (IANS): Even as seven intermediate caste students have been apprehended on the charges of physically assaulting a Dalit student and his sister, the situation in Nanguneri in Tamil Nadu's Tirunelveli district remains tense. The mother of the two Dalit children has sought police protection as she fears a major attack from the intermediate caste members. The Tirunelveli police is on high alert and have beefed up the number of cops in the district. In 2021, in South Tamil Nadu, including Madurai and Tirunelveli districts, Dalits and intermediate caste members were killed. The killings were in "response" to old killings and rivalry between the two groups. The mother complained to the police that the intermediate caste students used to take money from her child and forced him to buy food items and even tobacco for them. On complaint of the Dalit student's family, school authorities scolded the intermediate caste students. Irked by this, the intermediate caste students went to his home and brutally attacked the Dalit student. His sister who tried to intervene was also attacked. Police have apprehended seven intermediate caste students under various Sections, including the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Hindu activist & cow vigilante booked under Goonda Act arrested in B'luru

Bengaluru, Aug 12 (IANS) : The Karnataka police department has booked Puneeth a.k.a Puneeth Kerehalli, a Hindu activist, under the Goonda Act and arrested him, police said on Saturday. Puneeth, a cow vigilante, was arrested recently in connection with a case of beating a man belonging to a minority community to death for transporting the cow. The investigations showed that the victim had transported cows legally. He was released on bail later in the case. Police explain that he was involved in 10 police cases between 2013 to 2023. The accused was repeatedly involved in an attempt to disturb peace in society, anti-social activities following which he was booked under criminal cases. The special wing CCB police took him into custody on Friday. The cases are registered against him in D.J. Halli, Beguru, Kaggalipura, Halasurugate, Chamarajpet, Electronic City, Malavalli



and Sathanur police station limits. The accused arrested under the Goonda Act will not get bail for a period of one year. The police need not produce the accused before the judge within 24 hours of the arrest and there is no requirement to follow the procedure to get him into the police custody. The police stated that Puneeth, a native of Hassan has repeatedly been involved in criminal cases with the objective of extortion in the name Rashtra Raksha Pade. He used to target cow slaughters transporters threatening the business people there by committing a bridge of peace and coming in harmony, this adversely affecting peace and public order.

Google hails Delhi HC verdict on ads trademark policy

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS): Google on Saturday said it is pleased with the Delhi High Court verdict which held that the company's ads trademark policy is in compliance with the Indian Trademarks Act (TM Act) and does not amount to infringement of trademarks, unless the resulting ad upon review is held to mislead users as to the source of origin of the ad. In a statement, the company said that specifically on its ads trademarks policy, "we have a clear and stated policy that does not allow advertisers to use trademarked terms in the ad-text of an ad, except in certain pro-consumer and legal scenarios, such as resellers and informational sites". "As a company, we comply with all local laws," it added. Google



said that it investigates any reported use of a trademarked term in the adtext and takes prompt action to not only remove such ads but block that same advertiser from referencing the trademark in their ads in the future. The company responded after the Delhi High Court determined this week that Google cannot claim safe harbour protection under the Information Technology Act, 2000, or be exempt from liability for trademark infringement when using a trademark as a keyword in its ads programme. A bench comprising of Justices Vibhu Bakhru and

Amit Mahajan also acknowledged that the ads programme functions as a commercial venture by Google and consequently, employing a trademark as a keyword in advertisements for products or services constitutes the utilisation of the trademark in advertising according to Section 29(6) of the Trademarks Act. Nonetheless, the court clarified that employing these trademarks as keywords wouldn't amount to infringement if there is no confusion, dilution, or compromise of the trademark's integrity. On the subject of safe harbour and Google's liability under Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, the court emphasised that the tech giant is an active participant, not a passive intermediary, in its ads programme.

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help, but Krishnachand closed her mouth with one hand and strangled her with the other. Mahananda died due to suffocation. The police said that after the murder, the accused wrapped the body in a bedsheet and kept it in the corner of his house. At about 5.30 a.m. the next day, he had dumped the body in front of her house. Later, when people gathered, the accused had also stood among the crowd, expressing shock over the incident. The police however, suspected his role after he failing to give convincing answers in the preliminary questioning and confessed to the crime after being grilled.

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e-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/Chakradharpur for & on behalf of the President of India for the following works. The Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Sl. No. & Tender Notice No.; Name of the work; Tender value; EMD: (1) CKP-D-609-SAIL-ROXY, dated 11.08.2023; OHE and PSI works in connection with modification of line No. 4 & 6 to facilitate full rake loading in both the line of ROXY and up gradation of siding track for suitability of 25 T Axle load of S.E.Railway in Chakradharpur Division; ₹ 1,41,01,137.85; ₹ 2,20,500/- (2) CKP-D-614-Struc-Bond, dated 11.08.2023; Provision of structure bonds at FOB/ROB/Platform Shelter and TRD Masts etc. in Chakradharpur Division; ₹ 38,57,715/-; ₹ 77,200/- (3) CKP-D-641-VEH-ADEE-BNDM, dated 11.08.2023; Hiring of Diesel driven non-AC four wheeler road vehicle (Mahindra Scorpio or similar) for ADEE/TRD/Bondamunda ; ₹ 10,70,069.26; ₹ 21,400/- Completion period : 09 month for sl. no. 1, 06 month for sl. no. 2 & 24 month for sl. no. 3. Date and time of closing of tender: 15.00 hrs. of 05.09.2023 for each. Date and time of opening of tender: 15.30 hrs. of 05.09.2023 for each. Place of opening of e-tender : Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/S.E. Railway for each. e-tender can be viewed at Web site <http://www.iraps.gov.in> The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-tendering.

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BJP-sponsored contractors carrying out propaganda: Shivakumar

Bengaluru, Aug 12 (IANS) Reacting to the row between contractors and the Congress government in Karnataka, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said it was just propaganda carried out by BJP-sponsored contractors.

Addressing reporters here, Shivakumar said that the State Contractors' Association President D. Kempanna and others have clarified that no government ministers have asked for commission.

"I am in public life for 33 years. I know my responsibilities. The BJP leaders have committed many scams and I will prove them. In this background, an inquiry is ordered. I want to clarify, they (BJP) were thinking that we were sleeping when they ran government. We very know what has taken place. If they are trying act smart, we also know," he said.

"The BJP should have cleared the bills. They had all powers to release the funds, why they didn't do it? I have not given consent



to a single work yet, where is the kickback to be asked?"

Shivakumar went on to say that he "will give you trial of work done during BJP government. We have committed to give good governance to the people of Karnataka and got elected. I want it to be fare, transparent administration in Karnataka"."Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and I have a very big political record," he added."

Kempanna is a respectable old man who came and met me and asked to clear the bills pending from the time of BJP government. I asked him why BJP didn't release funds? I have made a team of IAS officers to look into the works executed at the time of the BJP government. They will

investigate the works. We don't want to harass any contractor or builders and fairly we will help them."

Shivakumar also said that the BJP is making this a political issue.

"BJP leaders Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Gopalaiah and R. Ashoka are behindthis. BJP sponsored contractors are carrying out their propaganda," he claimed.

"They are not able to digest our five guarantees. They are jealous, their workers are questioning them that why they could not give such schemes."

The contractors jave alleged that Congress-led state government has stopped clearing bills.

But the BJP has claimed that Shivakumar is demanding 15 per cent commission from contractors and also demanded immediate release of pending bills.

Shivakumar has maintained that the available fund is Rs 650 crore and the bills are presented are for Rs 25,000 crore.

DCW helpline receives over 6 lakh calls in past 1 year, domestic violence tops

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) on Saturday said that it received more than 6.3 lakhs calls on its 181 helpline number from July 2022 to June 2022, leading to the registration of 92,004 cases.

Additionally, the Commission also received over 11,000 cases from other states.

According to data shared by the DCW, among the cases received, domestic violence ranked the highest with 38,342 cases, followed by 9,516 cases of conflicts with neighbours; 5,895 rape and sexual harassment cases; 3,647 POCSO cases; 4,229 kidnapping; and 3,558 cyber crimes.

The Commission also received 1,552 missing person complaints, 2,278 cases of dowry harassment, 790 cases of medical negligence, 156 cases related to sex trafficking, 40 cases of trafficking, 69 cases of child marriage, 67 cases of sexual harassment in the workplace, 66 cases of child labour, 63 cases related to illegal liquor and drugs, and 54 cases of honor killing.



"Service-related matters amounted to 1,319 cases, property disputes to 421 cases, police harassment to 354 cases, requests for shelter homes to 348 cases, dangerous attacks on women to 298 cases, and theft to 235 cases. Additionally, the commission received 58 complaints from transgender individuals and 137 grievances from men," the data revealed.

The majority of cases

Regarding POCSO cases reported to the 181 Helpline, the top five areas were Narela with 141 cases, Bhalswa Dairy 91, Samaypur Badli 71, Prem Nagar 68s, and Nihal Vihar 66.

Narela had the highest number of kidnapping cases at 209, followed by 106 in Bhalswa Dairy, 75 in Burari, 71 in Bawana, and 63 in Sangam Vihar.

Kalyanpuri reported the highest number of domestic violence cases at 769, followed by Burari with 709 cases, Ranhola with 685 cases, Bhalswa Dairy with 673 cases, and Narela with 590 cases.

"In terms of monthly trends, the commission received the most cases in July 2022 (10,442 cases) and the least in January 2023 (3,894 cases). Weekly trends indicated that most cases were reported on Mondays, while the least were reported on Sundays. On a daily average, the highest call volume occurred between 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm, with fewer cases reported during midnight hours," the data revealed.

Approximately 41.5 per cent (38,140 cases) of the reported cases were from women aged 21 to 31, followed by 21.8 per cent (20,058 cases) from the age group of 31 to 40, 18.41 per cent (16,939 cases) from the age group of 11 to 20, and 7.26 per cent (6,686 cases) from the age group of 41 to 50.

The Commission also received around 4 per cent (3,735 cases) from women aged 60 and above, including 40 cases from women above the age of 90.DCW Chairperson Swati Maliwal said the181 helpline is a 24x7 Helpline which attends thousands of calls on a daily basis.

"Over the past seven years, we have received 40 lakh calls and in one year, we catered over 6.3 lakh calls on 181 helpline and over 92,000 cases were registered on these calls. The Commission always tries to help the women and girls in distress through the 181 helpline. We will be sending this report to the Central and state governments and seek their cooperation in addressing rising crimes against women and girls in the capital," she said.

Emami Agrotech expands its Footprint in Jharkhand

Ranchi, August 12 : Emami Healthy & Tasty Advans Soya Chunks, a brand manufactured and marketed by Emami Agrotech Ltd, steps into the markets of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand after its successful stint in Bengal for the past 2 years.

Emami Healthy & Tasty Advans Soya Chunks are the only soya chunks brand in India offering a holistic dietary coverage of "5- Ka -Dum", which comes with the goodness and power of 5 vital nutrients like Protein, Iron, Calcium, Zinc & Dietary Fibre-providing consumers with benefits like Strength, Immunity, Nutrition & Growthbesides making their food Soft & Juicy.

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Prafull Anchaliya, VP-Sales and Business Development, Emami Agrotech Ltd said,"We entered this category of processed food in March 2021 in the Bengal market and within a very short span of 2 years, our brand, Advans Soya Chunks, today enjoys a market share of 5%.

Kannada film producer arrested for rape, extortion of victim

Bengaluru, Aug 12 (IANS) Karnataka Police on Saturday arrested a Kannada film producer in connection with raping a woman and trying to extort from the victim by threatening of leaking a video of the crime.According to the police, Virendra Babu demanded Rs 15 lakhs from the victim and threatened to leak the video if she did not pay the amount.The incident had taken place in 2021.In her complaint, the victim said that she had to sell her gold jewellery to pay the accused.But on July 30, the accused called and threatened her again.The victim further alleged that he took her in the car and had threatened her with a gun.The complaint is registered on rape and threatening with life.The Kodigehalli police have also registered case against the friends of the accused in connection with the case.Further investigation is on.

Assam BJP leader allegedly commits suicide after intimate pictures go viral

Guwahati, August 12 (IANS) A BJP woman leader in Assam has allegedly committed suicide after some intimate pictures of her with another senior party politician went viral on social media.The incident took place on Friday night in Guwahati's Bamunimaidam area.The deceased has been identified as Indrani Tahbildar, a prominent member of the state BJP.Tahbildar held the Chamber of Commerce's vice president position and she was also treasured of the Kisan Morcha.According to sources, Tahbildar got involved in an extramarital affair with another BJP leader who used to stay at her house as a tenant.Some of the pictures of the alleged couple leaked online recently.It has been alleged that the woman BJP leader took the extreme step following her intimate pictures being made public.Speaking to IANS, DCP of central Guwahati Dipak Choudhury said:" The police are investigating the incident. It was considered an unnatural death and a probe has been launched. However, until now, we have not received any such complaints regarding the leaking of intimate pictures of the deceased with another person. But we are looking into every angle."

Tahbildar's body has been sent to the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem.

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NUVOCO Vistas announces its financial results for Q1 FY24

Mumbai/Jamshedpur, August 12 : Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., a leading building materials Company in India, announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. With 23.82 MMTPA of combined installed capacity, Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd. is the fifth largest cement group in India and amongst the leading cement players in East India.

The consolidated cement sales volume for the Company increased by 7% YoY to 5 MMT in Q1 FY24. Consolidated revenue from operations during the same period improved by 6% YoY to Rs. 2,805 crores and consolidated EBITDA also improved by 7% YoY to Rs. 402 crores.

Commenting on the performance of



the Company, Mr. Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd. stated, "Cement demand continues to witness healthy growth on account of government initiatives in the infrastructure and housing segments. We anticipate an uptick in construction activities post-monsoon. Moreover, we have successfully

countered the dynamic cost environment through the optimization of the power and fuel mix between pet coke, linkage coal and AFR supported by reduction in pet coke and coal prices.

Furthermore, he added, "As for the expansion projects, the debottlenecking at the Risdta Cement Plant has been completed during the quarter, while the cement expansion at Haryana Plant and debottlenecking at Nimbol Cement Plant are scheduled to be completed by September 2023 which will help us to establish a stronger presence in the North. The Ready-Mix Concrete business continues to expand its footprint across the country and has commissioned three new plants during this quarter."

Gaganyaan Mission: ISRO conducts Drogue Parachute Deployment Test

Chennai, Aug 12 (IANS) As part of India's proposed human space mission, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said that it had successfully conducted a series of Drogue Parachute Deployment Tests.

According to the Indian space agency, the test was conducted at the Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) facility of the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory, Chandigarh, from Tuesday to Thursday.

The tests were conducted in collaboration with Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE)

/DRDO.

The Gaganyaan mission entails the safe transportation of astronauts to space and back.

A crucial component of this mission is the deployment of drogue parachutes, which play a pivotal role in stabilizing the crew module and reducing its velocity to a safe level during re-entry, ISRO said.

Drogue parachutes, packed within pyro-based devices known as mortars, are ingeniously designed to eject the parachutes into the air upon command. These conical ribbon-type parachutes, boasting a



diameter of 5.8 meters, employ a single-stage reefing mechanism, ingeniously minimising canopy area and mitigating opening shock, ensuring a smooth and controlled descent.During the three comprehensive tests conducted at the RTRS facility, a range of real-world scenarios were simulated to rigorously evaluate the performance

and reliability of the drogue parachutes, ISRO said.

The first test simulated the maximum reefed load, marking a groundbreaking introduction of reefing in a mortar-deployed parachute within India.

The second test emulated the maximum disreefed load, while the third showcased the deployment of the drogue parachute under conditions mirroring

the maximum angle of attack experienced by the Crew Module during its mission.

These successful RTRS tests serve as a critical qualification milestone for the drogue parachutes, confirming their readiness for integration into the upcoming Test Vehicle-D1 mission, ISRO added.

Earlier this year, the RTRS tests of Pilot and Apex cover separation parachutes were also conducted, further accentuating the progress of the Gaganyaan mission's parachute system development.

The intricate parachute

sequence for the Gaganyaan crew module's deceleration system encompasses a total of 10 parachutes. T

he sequence commences with the deployment of two Apex cover separation parachutes, followed by the stabilisation achieved through the deployment of two drogue parachutes.

Upon release of the drogue parachutes, the mission transitions into the extraction phase, with three Pilot chutes individually extracting three main parachutes, a pivotal step in reducing the Crew Module's speed to safe levels for a secure landing.

IPC or Bharatiya Nyaya: Law is always linked to morality, says Naga leader SC Jamir

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) The law of jurisprudence will always have strong links to morality and this principle has existed before the 'existence' of mankind, veteran Naga leader SC Jamir said on Saturday sharing his thoughts on the Modi government's decision to do away with the British legacy and overhaul India's criminal laws.

"Let us understand one simple thing, the law is always supreme and it has always a strong connection to morality. So, all religious scriptures across the globe prohibit mankind from telling lies, cheating, dishonesty, stealing, adultery and so on. But look at their strengths, most moral laws are oral but they are still obeyed and respected," Jamir told this journalist.

Answering questions on the new move and new nomenclatures, he said "In a lighter vein I will say, many people in our diverse country used to English usage will find it difficult to familiarise with the new names".

The Bills introduced in Lok Sabha on Friday say the 1860 Indian Penal Code will be replaced by the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita; while the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita will be the new name for the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Bharatiya Sakshya will replace Indian Evidence Act.



"But as a matter of principle I agree with what Home Minister Amit Shah said that the new laws will seek to ensure justice and not punishment..... That should be the spirit of any law," said Jamir, an alumni in law from Allahabad University.

"The jurists certainly deserve high respect in every era. It is they who have played important roles in the evolution of law. I think this is why and it is because of their wisdom that there are codified laws in almost all countries in the new century".

"In the context of ensuring that law should seek justice not merely punish a criminal, I must say human mind and heart make unique synthesis. This I started understanding better as a politician than I did as a legal professional," Jamir said.

He said, "I will give you examples. During Emergency, I gave free legal service to the people and that time my

clients at the most were able to give eggs or Naga rice beer as gifts. Two peculiar but significant cases I had to defend. A murder case where one youth of Longching village in Mon district was the accused. He had shot dead an Assam Rifles personnel. That Assam Rifles personnel reportedly started frequenting the house of his fiancée."

Jamir recalled, "As his defence lawyer, I asked him privately to state that it was accidental and not intentional..... But you may not believe it, the accused simply declined. He proudly said he killed him as the AR personnel jawan had tried to spoil his fiancée."

"A case of this nature requires appropriate provisions of law," remarked former Nagaland Chief Minister and ex-Governor Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Jamir further said, "I recall another case exhibiting highhandedness of the magistrate where he had imposed Rs 30,000 fine on a poor villager just because his son was in the Naga national movement (insurgent) The ordinary cultivator had no means to pay the fines, he came to me for help. I made the Magistrate to withdraw the order....Arbitrariness of the magistrates very often let the innocents suffer," said 92-year-old Jamir.

Cops get clues of deceased JU fresher subjected to psychological ragging

Kolkata, Aug 12 (IANS) Investigating officials of the Kolkata Police have got definite clues of the deceased Jadavpur University (JU) fresher, Swapnadip Kundu of being subjected to psychological ragging.

On late night, a former M.Sc. student of mathematics, Sourav Chowdhury was



arrested in connection to the crime.

According to information, not only did Chowdhry masterminded the psychological ragging but he also had a final say in the accommodation arrangement at the student's hostel from the balcony of which the victim fell on August 10 and died.

A question also arises on the monitoring of the university authorities on how a former student could be responsible for hostel related administrative operations.

City police sources said that as per different versions form the witnesses, including some hostel residents, the victim was unnecessarily asked to repeatedly face an "introduction session" by the accused and some of his associates.

Police doubt that during such unauthorised sessions the victim probably faced certain questions which made him upset thoroughly.

The police are ruling out the possibilities of the victim being questioned about his sexual orientations considering the reports that the night before his death he was constantly telling his hostel-mates that he was not a gay.

Leading city-based queer rights activist and counselor, Sonali Roy said that facing questions about one's sexual orientation, can be at times an extremely upsetting factor for an individual.

District Level Food Security Mission meeting

DC gives instructions to ensure quick action in Janata Darbar

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Seraikela, Aug 12: A meeting of the Governing Body of Agricultural Technology Management Tribunal (ATMA) and the District Level Food Security Mission Implementation Committee was organized under the chairmanship of District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla in the meeting hall located at the District Collectorate. Deputy Development Commissioner Praveen Kumar Gagrai, District Agriculture Officer Sanjay Kumar, District Fisheries Officer, District Public Relations Officer, District



Cooperative Officer, Senior Officers of Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Regional Research Center and other concerned departmental officers were present in the meeting along with the Deputy Commissioner. . During the meeting, Deputy Project Director Atma Vijay Kumar discussed in detail the proposal of various training, observation, excursion, farmer's school, farmer's fair and

other schemes for the financial year 2023-24 worth about Rs. 1 crore 75 lakh 20 thousand. Information given. In order to discuss the implementation of the schemes, the Deputy Commissioner identified the new farmers working in different fields for the development of the agriculture sector in the district to the Project Director Atma cum District Agriculture Officer and made them aware of the use of new farming techniques and modern equipment. instructed to do. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the farmers working in the remote areas of the district to make arrangements for availability of vehicles in the local market in a planned manner, to make them aware of organic farming, new techniques of farming, use of modern equipment and the profits generated through them. (W-pb)

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Seraikela, Aug 12: Weekly Janata Darbar was organized in the office room of the Deputy Commissioner located at the District Collectorate. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla met the common people who came from far and wide of the district and became aware of their problems. Various applications including land dispute, land measurement, KCC loan waiver, pension, addition of name in ration card, matters related to social welfare department, matters related to health department were received in Janata Darbar. Transferring the applications received related to the



above matter to the concerned departmental officer, the Deputy Commissioner instructed to inform them by ensuring the execution of the cases as per the rules. During this, on-the-spot execution of many cases related to

the public welfare scheme was done. District Public Relations Officer Sunil Kumar Singh, Social Media Dissemination Officer Nandan Upadhyay were present in the Janata Darbar along with the Deputy Commissioner. (W-pb)

Five point Tribal Sengel suggestion for witchcraft prevention



Seraikela, Aug 12: Under the special campaign being run by Tribal Sengel Abhiyan with Padmashree Chutni Mahato to eradicate witchcraft, the delegation of Tribal Sengel Abhiyan met Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla and gave suggestions on five points for eradication of witchcraft. On which, while assuring to take positive initiative very soon, the Deputy Commissioner also assured to come to the village of Muniram Hembrom, the victim of social boycott in Sudsi village. Sonaram Soren, Sugnath Hembrom, Sumitra Murmu, Fagu Murmu and Podam Tudu, who were part of the delegation under the leadership of the national president of the campaign, informed about the 5-point suggestions. (W-pb)

NASSCOM organizes ENAC Workshop at XITIC, Gamharia

Mail News Service

Gamharia, August 12: An ENAC (Education and Awareness of New Age Careers) workshop sponsored by NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) was conducted at Xavier Institute of Technology and Innovation College (XITIC) in Gamharia on Saturday. XITIC Principal, Fr (Dr) Francis, SJ, while inaugurating the session and welcoming the guests, stressed in his address the institution's dedicated commitment to spreading knowledge for the betterment of society. Present as the guest speaker was Principal Dr Satya Priya Mahalik of Workers' College Jamshedpur. He



divided the workshop into three comprehensive sessions. In the first session, discussions revolved around collaborative research, strategic activities for expansion and essential components of research and innovation practices within MOU EHCI (Ministry of Education - Higher Education Institutions) framework. Dr Mahalik

highlighted how collaborative research acted as an entry point for emerging researchers and shed light on the minimum acceptable standards for research and publications proposed by NASSCOM.

Vice Principal Dr Father Mukti Clarence SJ conducted the second session. He emphasized the introduction of high-quality projects and research papers

in the NPQR (National Peer Review) 2020 framework, translating remarkable research and innovation into action. Addressing the challenges faced by modern young researchers, he delved deep into the intricacies of preparing high-quality projects and research papers. He also elucidated the selection of appropriate platforms for paper publication, effective

research methodologies and the clarity regarding funding opportunities, eligibility criteria, and application procedures available in the country.

The third and final session was conducted online, featuring Associate Professor and former Vice Principal and Research Supervisor Dr D Raja Jebasingh from St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bangalore. Dr.Jebasingh'spresentation, 'A and A Methodology in Revised Certification Framework,' imparted participants with a c o m p r e h e n s i v e understanding of all seven criteria of NASSCOM's SSR (Stakeholder Satisfaction Report) format. His insightful lecture provided valuable insights

into achieving high scores during the NASSCOM accreditation process.

More than 50 participants from various colleges across Jharkhand attended the program, benefiting from its rich content. Concluding the event, IQAC Coordinator Dr Partha Priya Das from XITIC expressed gratitude to the organizers, speakers and participants at the workshop.

His significant contribution played a pivotal role in making the entire program successful. On this occasion, Dr Sanchita Ghosh Choudhary, Professor Sushmita Sen, Professor Shailesh Dubey, Dr Pramod Singh, D. Rajesh Rana, Professor Akhinchand, and others were present. (w/gsd)

XITE College to Host Under-19 Junior Basketball Tournament

Mail News Service

Gamharia, August 12: Xavier Institute of Technology and Innovation College (XITE), Gamharia, will host the Under-19 Junior Basketball Tournament for boys and girls from August 13 to 15. The tournament will see the participation of 23 teams from various states including Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar among others. In a press conference at the institute, College Principal Father Francis informed that simultaneous matches would be played in the tournament, with two matches being played concurrently. Winners of the tournament will be



awarded medals, trophies, certificates and cash prizes. Father Francis furtherinformed, "All preparations for the smooth functioning of the tourney are almost complete. The participating teams have arrived today (Saturday) as the tournament gets underway tomorrow

(Sunday, August 13). The preparations are being supervised by our faculty members who include Professors Shailesh Dubey and Amit Chaturvedi and Junior School's Sports Coach Vikas Kumar."

Fr Francis stated that several committees had been formed to ensure the

efficient management of various aspects of the event. Deputy Principal Father Mukti, Professors Shalu Kant, Sushmita Choudhary, Nishith, Rajesh and Akhinchand, Dr Sanchita Ghosh Chowdhury and Naval Chaudhary were also present at the media briefing. (w/gsd)

Blood donation camp at Son Mandap today

Jamshedpur, Aug 12: Social organization, Koshish ek Muskaan Lane ki will organise a blood donation Sunday, August 13, 2023 at Surya Mandir Son Mandap, Sidhgoda Voluntary 'Maharaktdan Shivir' is going to be organized which will start from 8 am to 6 pm at the said venue. Shiv Shankar Singh, a famous social worker of Jamshedpur and patron of Koshish Sanstha while addressing a press conference appealed to the people of the city to make the camp a success by donating maximum number of blood in the interest of humanity. In the press conference, the coordinator of the blood donation camp.

DRUCC member offers 8 point suggestion to DRM

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 12: Former Vice President of BJP leader cum Seraikela Nagar Panchayat cum DRUCC member Manoj Kumar Chaudhary proposed on 8 points to the Divisional Railway Manager of Chakradharpur Division in the third DRUCC meeting organized in Chakradharpur Division. In his letter he has said that



the proposals proposed by him in the last meeting The

proposal for construction of railway station was passed at Seraikela district headquarter. On which he demanded to provide the report related to the further action taken. In order to improve passenger facilities, he proposed on eight points that the development work of 15 stations selected for the self-reliant India scheme under Mandal should be started soon. (W-pb)

Meeting Tribal organizations' held

Seraikela, Aug 12: Tribal organizations held a joint meeting to make the proposed one-day national level protest program on Aug 21 successful at Jantar Mantar, Delhi, demanding the inclusion of tribal languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Representatives of Adivasi Ho Samaj Mahasabha, Adivasi Ho Samaj Yuva Mahasabha, Jharkhand Andolankari Manch, Manki Munda Sangh Parishad, Kolhan Shaheed Samman Samiti, retired organization Sainik Parishad participated in the meeting held under the chairmanship of District President of Adivasi Ho Samaj Yuva Mahasabha, Vishnu Banra. . In which maximum number of districts participated in the proposed national level protest program on August 21 at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, discussing the status of the first official language in the state and demanding inclusion of the Ho language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. A strategy was prepared to get people involved and make the program a success. Others including Kol Jharkhand Bodra, Rajkishore Lohara, Sagar Sinku, Subhadra Biruva and Khelaram Hembrom were present in the meeting. (W-pb)

Special meeting on de-addiction campaign

Seraikela, Aug 12: A special meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla regarding drug de-addiction campaign. In this meeting organized through virtual, the Deputy Commissioner was mainly accompanied by Superintendent of Police Dr. Vimal Kumar, Deputy Development Commissioner Praveen Kumar Gagrai, ITDA Project Director Sandeep Kumar Doraiburu, Sub-Divisional Officers of Seraikela and Chandil, Deputy Superintendent of Police Headquarters, Deputy Collector General Branch, District Public Relations Officer, Block Development Officer and Zonal Officer of all the blocks and officers of other departments were present. In the meeting organized on drug de-addiction campaign, the Deputy Commissioner, under the monthly calendar, through various departments, various activities such as awareness programs, organizing various programs in schools, conveying the message of de-addiction, prevention of drug use in various areas through the health team. (W-pb)

झारखण्ड सरकार

कारा निरीक्षणालय

मंडल कारा, चाईबासा

अल्यकालीन ईओ-निविदा सूचना

eTender – HJ & DM/DJ – CHAIBASA/Q – 4/2023/letter No 3427

मंडल कारा, चाईबासा।

1. विषय – कारा में आपूर्ति हेतु खाद्यान्नों, आलू, हरी सब्जी, फल एवं अन्य विविध सामग्रियों के निमित्त ईओ-निविदा का आमंत्रण। वर्ष 2023 के चतुर्थ त्रैमासिक निविदा दिनांक-01.10.2023 से दिनांक-31.12.2023 तक।

2. निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (Non-Refundable) राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक से बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में अशुद्ध, मंडल कारा, चाईबासा के पदनाम से होना जो निम्न प्रकार है:-

(i) 10.00 लाख तक की सामग्रियों की आपूर्ति के निमित्त निविदा हेतु – 2,500.00 (दो हजार पाँच सौ रुपये) मात्र।

(ii) 10.00 लाख से 50.00 लाख तक की सामग्रियों की आपूर्ति के निमित्त निविदा हेतु – 5,000.00 (पाँच हजार रुपये) मात्र।

(iii) 50.00 लाख से ऊपर की सामग्रियों की आपूर्ति के निमित्त निविदा हेतु – 10,000.00 (दस हजार रुपये) मात्र।

3. Website पर निविदा प्रपत्र के उपलब्धता की तिथि 25.08.2023 से 31.08.2023 के अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।

4. निविदा जमा करने की तिथि 25.08.2023 से 31.08.2023 के अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक सभी कार्य दिवस को।

5. Tender Fee, EMD का original Copy एवं उल्लेखित नमूना (Sample) दिनांक 01.09.2023 के पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से 02.09.2023 के अपराह्न 4:00 बजे तक कार्यदि में कार्यालय में जमा करना होगा।

6. निविदा खुलने की तिथि / समय / स्थान – दिनांक 04.09.2023 को अपराह्न 03:00 बजे, अपर उपायुक्त, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा के कार्यालय कक्ष में।

7. उपरोक्त संबंधित निविदा website jharkhandtender.gov.in पर केवल e-Tender द्वारा ही प्राप्त / स्वीकृत किया जायेगा। पूर्ण जानकारी हेतु उपरोक्त website पर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

8. अतिरिक्त सूचना प्राप्त हेतु अधीक्षक, मंडल कारा, चाईबासा के कार्यालय अथवा में सम्पर्क स्थापित किया जा सकता है। e-Tender को online upload करने से संबंधित जानकारी के लिए NIC Helpline No. 9430342752 से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

काराधीक्षक, मंडल कारा, चाईबासा

PR 304586 West Singhbhum (23-24)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा

अति अल्यकालीन ईओ पुनर्निविदा सूचना

निविदा सं० :- Chaibasa/RRP/05/2023-24 (3rd Call)Date :- 12.08.2023

1	विभाग का नाम	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।					
2	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि / समय	दिनांक 14.08.2023 अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक।					
3	निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि / समय	दिनांक 22.08.2023 अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक।					
4	अग्रघन की राशि एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 23.08.2023 अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक।					
5	निविदा प्राप्त कर तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक 23.08.2023 अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक।					
6	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा।					
7	ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट पदाधिकारी का फोन नं०	7544099310					
8	ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन नं०	0651-2480345					
क्रम	कार्य का नाम	युध / संस्था	नलक्ष्मी की राशि (लाख में)	अग्रघन की राशि (रुपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	
1	Changing of Tubewells of 32 mm dia. Rotten Riser Pipe, Connecting rod, C.I Cylinder etc. on turn key basis for the year 2023-24 in different Block under D. W. & S. Division, Chaibasa. (DMFT)	CBSA/RRP-01	100	14.74000	29500.00	2500.00	2 माह
		CBSA/RRP-02	73	10.76020	21600.00	2500.00	2 माह
		CBSA/RRP-08	62	9.13880	18500.00	1250.00	2 माह

नोट – प्राक्कलित राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है। निविदा की शर्त एवं परिमाण विपत्र की विवरणी विभागीय वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in से Download की जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल चाईबासा।

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रोजगार मेला-सह-भर्ती कैम्प

दिनांक:-14 अगस्त 2023

स्थान:-उर्दू टाउन उच्च विद्यालय चक्रधरपुर।

नियोजनालय चक्रधरपुर, के द्वारा शिक्षित बेरोजगार युवक / युवतियों को रोजगार के अवसर उपलब्ध कराने के उद्देश्य से दिनांक-14 अगस्त 2023 को एक दिवसीय रोजगार मेला-सह-भर्ती कैम्प का आयोजन किया जा रहा है।

रिक्ति सूचना :-

Sl No.	Name of the Employer	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Qualification	Experience	Age	Gen	Pay & Allowance	Place of Posting & Work Site
1									
		Security Guard	50	Non Matric& Above	-	18-35	Male/ Female	10000-16000	All State
1	Natinal Protective Security Service Gamharia	Supervisor	20	Graduate	1 Year	25-35	Male/ Female	12000-18000	
		Cook	20	Non Matric	2 Year	20-40	Male/ Female	8000-10000	Jharkhand
		Office Staff	20	B.A Computer	2 Year	18-40	Male/ Female	10000-16000	
2	M/s Bigbasket (Innovative Retail Concept Pvt. Ltd)	Delivery Partner	100	Any	-	Upto 40	Male/ Female	18000-30000	Hyderabad
		Security Guard	136	Matriculation	Fresher can apply	18-45	Male/ Female	8,000 - 15,000	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa
		Security Supervisor	10	Graduation	Minimum 1 Year in Security Sector	22-45	Male/ Female	9,000 - 17,000	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa
		Housekeeping	25	Matriculation	Fresher can apply	18-45	Male/ Female	7,000 - 12,000	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa
		Housekeeping Supervisor	5	Graduation	Minimum 1 Year in Housekeeping	22-45	Male/ Female	8,000 - 15,000	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa
3	Seva Sahyog Security Service Jamshedpur	Gunman	20	Non- Matric	Gun & license all India	25-45	Male	20,000 plus	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa
		Security Officer	8	Graduation	Ex-Army/ Minimum 3 Years' Experience In Security Senior Post	35-45	Male/ Female	12,000 - 18,000	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa
		Office Staff	5	Graduation	Experience in Security Sector, Computer Knowledge, Own Bike with License	25-45	Male/ Female	8,000 - 20,000	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa
		Cook	4	Non- Matric	Cooking Experience	20-55	Male/ Female	7,000 - 12,000	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa

अतः योग्य एवं इच्छुक उम्मीदवार जो पूर्व से निविधित नहीं है वे झारखण्ड के किसी भी नियोजनालय में अपना निबन्धन करवाते हुए या Online स्वयं से (www.rojgar.jharkhand.gov.in) निबन्धन करते हुए उपर्युक्त रोजगार मेला / भर्ती कैम्प में नियोजक / नियोजक के प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष अपने सभी मूल प्रमाण पत्रों (अर्थात प्रति के साथ) जाति प्रमाण-पत्र, स्थानीय निवास प्रमाण पत्र, आधार कार्ड की छायाप्रति, इत्यादि एवं बायोडाटा के साथ निधारित तिथि को पूर्वाह्न 10:30 बजे से अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। नियोजक निजी क्षेत्र के है अतः साक्षात्कार, रिवित एवं सेवा शर्तों के लिए वे सीधे उत्तरदायी हैं। नियोजनालय एवं विभाग, मात्र सुविधा प्रदाता के रूप में कार्य कर रहा है। चयन की प्रक्रिया में नियोजनालय की कोई भूमिका नहीं है। आवेदक नियोजक से साक्षात्कार के समय वातां कर सभी शर्तें सुनिश्चित कर लेंगे।

नोट- निर्देशानुसार उम्मीदवार आयोजित रोजगार मेला में शामिल होने के क्रम में कोविड-19 हेतु निर्गत Standard Operating procedure (SOP) का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

विश्वासपात्रान

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PR 304559 West Singhbhum(23-24).D

नियोजन पदाधिकारी,नियोजनालय चक्रधरपुर

झारखण्ड के इतिहास में दूसरी बार आयोजित हुआ झारखण्ड आदिवासी महोत्सव...



आदिवासी बहुल झारखण्ड राज्य 20 वर्ष से अधिक समय से आदिवासी महोत्सव के आयोजन की बात जोह रहा था। उसे संवेदनशील मुख्यमंत्री हेमन्त सोरेन के नेतृत्व ने पूरा किया। लगातार दो वर्षों से आदिवासी महोत्सव के आयोजन के हम साक्षी बन रहे हैं। झारखण्ड समेत देश-विदेश की समृद्ध आदिवासी संस्कृति, परंपरा, वेशभूषा और खानपान का अनोखा संगम 9 एवं 10 अगस्त को आयोजित झारखण्ड आदिवासी महोत्सव में देखने को मिला और इसका गवाह बना रांची स्थित बिरसा मुंडा स्मृति उद्यान।



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की झलकियां

झारखण्ड आदिवासी महोत्सव 2023

जहां चलना ही नृत्य और बोलना संगीत हो, उस घरती पर समृद्ध आदिवासी जीवन दर्शन की अविस्मरणीय गुंजा का पूरा विश्व साक्षी बना। झारखण्ड के अमर वीर पुरुषों और वीरगणों तथा महान क्रांतिकारियों के अथक संघर्ष से सनी झारखण्ड की वीर भूमि को सबने प्रणाम किया। रोज़ रंग रसिका रेली में जब पारंपरिक वेशभूषा में मांदर की थाप और विभिन्न वाद्ययंत्रों की मधुर धुन पर झारखण्ड के 32 आदिवासी समुदायों के कदम चले, तब पूरे विश्व को द्वितीय झारखण्ड आदिवासी महोत्सव 2023 की भव्यता दिखी।

झारखण्ड आदिवासी महोत्सव के मंत्र से राज्य समन्वय समिति के अध्यक्ष दिशम गुरु शिबू सोरेन ने समस्त आदिवासी समाज से अपने बच्चों को शिक्षित करने का आह्वान किया। उन्होंने कहा कि जब बच्चे शिक्षित होंगे तभी अन्य समाज की तरह आदिवासी समाज के बच्चे भी उन्नति के मार्ग पर आगे बढ़ सकेंगे।

महोत्सव में अरुणाचल प्रदेश, असम, आंध्र प्रदेश, ओडिशा, राजस्थान, केरल, गुजरात, छत्तीसगढ़ और झारखण्ड आदि के आदिवासी समुदायों की समृद्ध संस्कृति और सम्यता से राज्यवासी स्वरुप हुए। देश भर के आदिवासी समाज की वैभवशाली संस्कृति ने झारखण्ड आदिवासी महोत्सव में अनित छाप छोड़ी। पारंपरिक वेशभूषा में अरुणाचल प्रदेश का रेखम पड़ा नृत्य, असम का लेवा राजा नृत्य, बिहु नृत्य, स्थानीय आदिवासी का डोमकच लोक नृत्य, गुजरात के अफ्रीकन आदिवासी समुदाय द्वारा सिद्धि धमाल नृत्य से अपनी संस्कृति को सहेजने की ललक कलाकारों ने नज़र आई। पद्मश्री

मुकुंद लाल नायक के नामपुरी नृत्य की प्रसूति और पद्मश्री मधु मंजूरी के "हम गांव छोड़ नही" जैसे गीत ने इस महोत्सव को जीवंत कर दिया।

एक ओर जहां सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन हुआ, वहीं दूसरी ओर आदिवासी भाषा के संरक्षण चुनौतियां और अवसर, आदिवासी युवाओं के लिए उद्यमिता, आदिवासी व्यंजनों का विपणन, कृषि परिस्थितिकी की प्रसंगिकता और महत्व समेत अन्य विषयों पर देश के विभिन्न राज्यों से आए विद्वानों द्वारा की गयी चर्चा ने आदिवासी समाज की आज की जरूरतों को परदेन पर लाकर रखा। साथ ही सेमिनार के जरिए आदिवासी इतिहास, मानवशास्त्र, आदिवासी अर्थव्यवस्था- एक वैकल्पिक अर्थव्यवस्था की परिकल्पना, आदिवासी साहित्य जैसे विषयों पर लोगों ने अपनी बातों को रखा। महोत्सव में मन को रस करने वाले आदिवासी व्यंजनों का स्वाद सभी के दिलों को छू गया। महोत्सव में ट्राइबल फिल्म फेस्टिवल के साथ-साथ राष्ट्रीय आदिवासी चित्रकला शिविर का आयोजन हुआ, जहां कई प्रतिष्ठित कलाकारों ने अपनी कला को प्रदर्शित किया।

आदिवासी परिधान की विविधताओं को प्रदर्शित कर फैशन शो ने आधुनिक समय में आदिवासी युवाओं की शानदार सहभागिता पर मुहर लगाई, साथ ही पूरे विश्व को अहसास करा दिया कि हम किसी से कम नहीं।

धन्य है झारखण्ड की वीर भूमि जहां दशकों बाद मुख्यमंत्री हेमन्त सोरेन के नेतृत्व में महोत्सव का आयोजन पूरी दुनिया को आदिवासी संस्कृति और परंपरा को एक बार पुनः पुनर्जीवित करने का संदेश दे गया।



"मुझे इस बात का गर्व है कि मैं एक आदिवासी मुख्यमंत्री हूँ। आदिवासी महोत्सव के माध्यम से आदिवासी पहचान आगे बढ़े, यही मेरा प्रयास है। नृत्य, संगीत के साथ-साथ अपने अधिकार के लिए सदैव संघर्ष करना आदिवासी समाज की पहचान रही है। सभी आदिवासी समाज एक हैं, अतः हमें एक लक्ष्य के साथ आगे बढ़ना है।"

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Indian selectors need to think out of the box while picking a side for World Cup

By Yajurvindra Singh

In less than two months, the biggest cricket tournament will be held in India, the World Cup 2023. India's victories in 1983 and 2011 are the two milestone performances that are etched in the minds of millions of Indian cricket followers. The effect and the halo of those victories under two legendary and brilliant Indian cricketers, Kapil Dev and Mahendra Singh Dhoni, are moments of joy and pride that India revels in, even today. The Wankhede Stadium was the venue of that glorious hit into the stands by Dhoni in 2011 for a victory, a shot that made Indian cricket finally believe in its potential as world-beaters.

Since then, the face of Indian cricket has changed drastically as the young players who have emerged are far more aggressive, confident and focused than ever before. It transformed the attitude and perception of the way an Indian cricketer looked at the sport, as one where the player is as good if not better than anyone else playing the game.

Indian cricket, which was scaling upwards, finally established itself as the World champions in all formats of the game. India, thereafter, got the pride of place in world cricket and the success of the Indian Premier League (IPL) catapulted it to a height of utmost glory.

With such success comes expectations and to sustain one's position one needs consistency, amidst enormous pressure. Unfortunately, the Indian team, even though it is seen as one of the best in the world has not been able to deliver an ICC silverware trophy in the past 10 years.

The ODI World Cup at home in 2023 is just the ideal setting for India to recapture the glory of the 2011 victorious side. The Indian cricket team has world-class players, whether it is in batting or bowling. They have the class, the experience and the knowledge of playing in conditions familiar to them. On paper, India look to be the favourite. However, India's past performance in major tournaments is a dampener that hangs above them.

Somehow, one feels India is still not ready, both on and off the field. The schedule of the matches has finally seen the light of day. One gathers stadiums are being spruced up on a war footing to meet the quality expected. Wickets at most venues, with the heavy monsoon rains, will need to be prepared in haste as climate change has made the normal cycle of preparation go completely awry. The task ahead for the BCCI is monumental, although, one expects it to be ready at the very last minute. One sees this happen in India at most events, seminars, and functions and it all finally falls into place somehow or the other.

The Hand of God seems to always prevail. The worrying aspect of the WC'23 is not the administrative issues, but, the selection of the Indian squad. The BCCI has still got time till September 27 to announce the 15-member final squad, however, fitness and performances of players are still a worry.

In keeping with the exhausting schedule of the team in international cricket, one may boast of a cupboard full of players that India have to choose from. However, it is not quantity but quality that one wants in the end.

The ongoing tour of the West Indies has been a complete wash-out where preparation and choosing the Indian World Cup squad is concerned.

Although the West Indies team has beaten India in an ODI match as well as two T20s, the standard of their cricket has deteriorated and is not much to talk about. Scoring runs and getting wickets against this average side may give one the wrong indication of a player's ability.

The Asia Cup to be held at the beginning of September 2023 is an important tournament for India to finalize their WC'23 core group of players. Apart from Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja, the rest are still uncertain either because of their recent form or on account of injuries.

Hardik Pandya, as an all-rounder is essential for India, however, he will need to be fit to bowl his quota of overs. One is happy to read that he has a personal chef travelling with him for his dietary requirements, however, one feels a personal fitness trainer would have been more appropriate.

One cannot carry a player in the side who is uncertain to bowl 10 overs and this is also where the inclusion of Jasprit Bumrah is questionable. Similar fitness issues also arise regards both K.L. Rahul and Shreyas Iyer.

The Indian team at present is confused between the old and the new. The pressure of a World Cup at home can be quite unnerving. One feels India should select a young daring side. The likes of Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Tilak Varma, Arshdeep Singh, Ryan Parag and some of the other such young performers should merit a place in the playing eleven.

Indian cricket has always fallen prey to relying on the old and trusted performers in the past and the ICC tournaments. The reason was that one felt it was better to be safe rather than sorry.

The time now is to think ahead and not worry about the outcome. A young side in 2007 won the inaugural T20 World Cup. The blend of those youngsters with the old finally won us the 2011 World Cup.

One hopes Ajit Agarkar, who was part of that winning side, and his fellow selectors think out of the box. All eyes will now be focused on them.

(Yajurvindra Singh is a former India cricketer. The views expressed are personal)

AIR INDIA'S NEW LOOK- II

HERO WINDOW FRAME TIP TAILFIN

The tailfin uses the tip of the window frame as a bold directional statement of progress. It is applied in premium metallic gold, and has shadows to give it depth and lift. The hero gold frame shape is supported by two dynamic supporting window frame shapes in Air India red and purple. The jaali pattern detail is inspired by the chakra from the original logo.



GOLD FRAME UNDERBELLY

The hero gold frame is applied as surrounding highlight element to the solid Air India underbelly red frame shape (which holds the Air India wordmark). This gold frame detail adds storytelling and premium cues, while bringing extra attention to the underbelly wordmark.



Source: Air India

How China's cyber samurais are waging a narrative war against India

Scarcely monitored, China's cyber warriors continue to wage war of narratives and disinformation against India on social media. Hundreds of such social media accounts are active in different guises to portray India as an aggressive power in the Himalayas, repressive regime in New Delhi and a bully to its weaker neighbours like Nepal and Pakistan.

New Delhi-based fact-checking portal www.dfrac.org has tracked Chinese disinformation campaigns against India since 2021 onwards. A series of reports on this portal expose that Chinese are active on every social media platform - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. - and pounce on every opportunity to weave anti-India propaganda.

According to dfrac.com, even people linked to Communist Party of China (CPC) directly run or manage such propaganda accounts.

One such Chinese propaganda cluster is South Asia Index that doubles as a website and an official Twitter page with the same name. Official introduction of the page says that it focuses on the economy, politics, diplomacy, defence, climate change & other matters of South Asia.

However, a simple glance on its timeline exposes that it is an agenda-driven tool. Every second post on the page highlights



something negative about India - be it demonising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, atrocities of Indian armed forces in Kashmir, Pakistan prospering as a state, China emerging as the most favoured government-system world over, and the like.

One interesting aspect of the South Asia Index's modus operandi is that they manage to make some fake news about India viral in certain circles. When some children had died in Gambia allegedly after consuming India-manufactured cough syrup, the Index ran a story that 99 children died of India-made syrup in Indonesia. It was circulated among South-East Asian web circles until Indian fact-checking websites like dfrac.com debunked the claim.

Another example of China making India the target of its

propaganda was when the Dalai Lama was photographed in April kissing a kid and asking him to suck his tongue apparently in a playful manner. The Chinese social media army pounced on this opportunity to paint the Tibetan spiritual leader and his host India in the filthiest colour. They ran social media campaigns in all continents calling the Dalai Lama a deplorable pedophile who deserves to be exiled and punished for his crimes.

Nin Sun (@NinSiv4), a Chinese, whose account shows the location as Paris, said on his account: "I am the first person who has exposed the Dalai Lama as a pedophile in English. Don't be a pedophile supporter."

Another twitter handle probably based in Sri Lanka (as it highlights Chinese philanthropy and

investment too often) is @BattlementLK and it seems to be run by well-informed and serious propagandists. They highlight rarely known facts of history to show that India has been an aggressive civilisation and that its politics reflects that aggression towards non-Indians (read non-Hindus). Its most recent tweet on August 6 was a dig at the increasing membership size of the BJP.

"You can become a member of India's BJP by sending a text message. Joining the CPC requires a probation period where endorsements from other party members and approval of several party organisations are necessary for you to qualify as a member," it read.

All these above-mentioned accounts are part of the vast Chinese network that is scattered all-over the world and, as locations of twitter handles suggest, operate from all major cities of the world.

Confirming this, the New York Times last week published its investigative report highlighting how China, via a network run by an Indian origin American billionaire, peddles its narratives and "funds" media organisations even based in New Delhi.

(The content is being carried under an arrangement with indianarrative.com)

Southern iilegal migrant crisis comes to NYC, Pak hotel is hub

By Arul Louis

The tide of illegal immigrants at the US southern border that has roiled the nation's politics has reached New York City and a Pakistan-owned hotel is its hub earning the cash-strapped country \$220 million.

The Roosevelt Hotel that shut down in 2020 during the Covid pandemic and slipping into dereliction was commandeered by the city government to process asylum-seekers streaming in by the tens of thousands from the Republican states on the border with Mexico.

As the city ran out of facilities to house them -- and the city's own homeless people -- some migrants have camped outside the Roosevelt behind steel barricades bringing the border squallor to the liberal capital of the media.

But the stark images highlighted the border crisis of 1 million people illegally crossing the border in just the first six months of the year into the southern states 3,500 km away.

The liberal, Democratic-dominated New York prides itself on being a "sanctuary city" that is against deportation of illegal immigrants or cooperation with immigration agencies, and contrasted itself with the attitudes of the Republican-run southern states that were bearing the brunt of the migrant crisis.

And now the city is getting a taste of the crisis.

New York Mayor Eric Adams, a centrist Democrat, declared bluntly, "we have no more room".

Later, he warned in a CBS News interview that the surge of immigrants would "decimate" the nation's "economic engine" and cost the city \$12 billion over three years.

Of that, \$220 million would go to Pakistan as rent for the Roosevelt, according to Bloomberg.

The crisis also puts a focus on a broken immigrant system which ironically disadvantages those trying to come to the US legally compared to those just walking in and claiming asylum.

The millions crossing the border -- 2.4 million in the last fiscal year and 1.7 million the previous year --



have become a hot political issue to the benefit of the Republicans.

Politically, it has become a liability for Vice President Kamala Harris who, President Joe Biden said, would handle the crisis.

But she has no real powers to act on it and her role appears limited to visiting and working with some of the Latin American countries to create conditions that would help limit the exodus rather than policing the border.

The Democrats' criticism of former President Donald Trump's policies to stop illegal immigration inspired the surge of migrants who believed the borders would be open after Biden was elected.

But seeing the magnitude of the problem and the political cost, Biden initially kept the Trump rule based on the Covid Emergency that mandated returning those caught crossing illegally to Mexico as an ostensible health measure to contain the pandemic.

When he tried to scrap it, the courts kept it in place, and when the Emergency ended in May it automatically lapsed.

To contain the politically risky surge, Biden issued new regulations requiring migrants to first apply through an app for asylum before coming to the US and to turn away those who don't.

However, people do continue to slip in or are smuggled in undetected. The US laws grant asylum to those fleeing persecution because of political or religious reasons or because they belong to

particular social groups, which has been extended to include victims of domestic abuse and gang violence.

But the majority are economic migrants claiming to be persecuted as only 37 per cent of those applying for asylum ultimately are deemed genuine refugees after years-long wait for a decision during which they can get work permits after an initial six-month wait.

If they are denied asylum they can be deported -- but many go underground and stay on.

In New York, asylum-seekers may wait up to nine years for a hearing on their application during which they can work.

In contrast to the millions who can apply for asylum -- the majority of whom will be rejected - - and automatically get work permits, the number of those who can seek work visas for coming to the US legally is capped at 65,000 per year.

That and the current 14-year wait for Green Cards or permanent resident status for Indians in the pipeline -- and which can rise to as many as 195 years in future -- starkly illustrate the contradictions in the immigration system.

Meanwhile New York, which proclaimed its welcome to migrants, suddenly found itself overwhelmed by nearly 100,000 asylum-seekers in a matter of months. Some of them were sent by Republican Texas Governor Greg Abbott, whose state is at the forefront of the border crisis, to

taunt Democrat-run states, while some were also sent by Democrat-run states like Colorado which couldn't handle the influx.

But many more came on their own drawn by the lure of free luxury living.

Under the pressure of the crisis, the city's Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, a Democrat elected to the office, criticised his party's federal administration for not doing enough to help New York manage the influx of migrants.

But while speaking to reporters recently outside the Roosevelt Hotel with migrants sprawled on the sidewalk in the background, Williams did not call for better policing of the border or deporting illegal immigrants.

He instead demanded that the federal government grant the asylum-seekers immediate work permits rather than making them wait six months.

He blamed the Republicans for blocking legislation for immigration reforms, although it would not stop the influx of those claiming to be fleeing persecution.

The crisis is exacerbated by a unique court-mandated decree that requires the city to provide housing for anyone who is homeless -- whether from the city or is a migrant.

Some of the migrants are housed in the nearly century-old Roosevelt Hotel, a city landmark owned by Pakistan International Airlines, while others are sent to other hotels or venues.

Now the city has run out of hotel rooms and other facilities.

Adams even had leaflets distributed in border areas warning migrants that they would face harsh realities in the city and urging them to go elsewhere.

For a while, the city even sent some of the migrants onward to Canada, which claims to have a liberal asylum policy, till Ottawa complained and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Biden made a deal to close off their borders to asylum seekers from either of their countries. The city is now setting up tent cities to house the overflow of migrants.

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New worry for MP poll ticket-seekers: BJP, Cong stick to 'survey formula'

Sundeep Pouranik

In view of rising number of candidates for assembly elections to be held in Madhya Pradesh, both the major political parties -- Congress and BJP -- have decided to adopt the 'survey formula', which has become a cause of concern for ticket-seekers.

The state assembly elections to be held later this year are not going to be easy for both -- the BJP and the Congress -- the party leaderships are aware of this fact, so they have decided to bet on only those candidates who can win the elections. This is the reason that both these political parties are conducting assembly-wise survey at their own level. In the 2018 elections in Madhya Pradesh, out of 230 assembly seats, the Congress had won 114, while the BJP bagged 109. Congress did not get full majority but with the support of Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party and Independent MLAs, it formed the government. The Congress government led by



Kamal Nath lasted only for about 15 months and collapsed after 22 MLAs under the leadership of Jyotiraditya Scindia joined the BJP.

Keeping in mind the results of the 2018 assembly elections and the subsequent urban body elections, both the political parties are treading cautiously in view of the forthcoming assembly elections.

At the same time, the ticket-seekers are visiting the party headquarters and politicians, in Bhopal and Delhi. The BJP leaders are constantly telling these claimants that the party will nominate only those whose names appear in

the survey.

The senior leaders of Congress and BJP have admitted that the parties are conducting the survey and only the person whose name appears in the survey will be made a candidate. Familyism and patronage of politicians alone will not guarantee ticket. At many places, the leaders are making the contenders to sit together and make them to pledge that they will support the candidate whom the party will nominate.

A claimant who has been preparing for the elections for the last three years says that he has been seeking ticket from the party for the last two elections, but the party did not make him a candidate, on the other hand, a person protected by a big politician was made a candidate and he faced defeat both the times. Now the party is saying that they will give tickets on the basis of survey, in such a situation, the apprehensions are gaining ground whether he will get the ticket or it will go to the person who is protected by the leader.

AIFF, Punjab Football Association and state govt. discuss future roadmap of sport in state

Phagwara, Aug 12 (IANS) The top officials of the All India Football Federation, on Saturday, held fruitful discussions with representatives from the Punjab Football Association (PFA) and the Government of Punjab, working out a roadmap for the development of football in the state from the grassroots to the premier level.

AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey, Secretary General Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran, Treasurer Kipa Ajay, Deputy Secretary General Satyanarayan M and AIFF Grassroots Committee Chairperson Mulrajsinh Chudasama met Harjot Singh Bains, Minister for School Education, Government of Punjab, and



PFA President Samir Thapar.

Punjab, will for the first time, have representation in the Indian Super League (ISL), the top division of Indian Football, this season, in the form of Punjab FC.

AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey said, "Punjab has given many sons of its soil to the beautiful game in the

past, and we are seeing a semblance of that revival once again. Both PFA and the local stakeholders have shown a lot of proactiveness, and I am sure with the proper implementation of the plans discussed in the meet today, football in Punjab will be great again."

The AIFF President hailed the contribution of

Samir Thapar and JCT in the growth of football and remembered his days when he played for JCT, which was one of the top sides in India.

AIFF Secretary General Dr. Prabhakaran said, "It is very important that we put in the foundation for football in the state, along with the PFA and all other stakeholders. Punjab never had a dearth of talent. I am sure that with proper planning the state will once again produce top players like in the golden days."

Discussions were held about entering various initiatives to broad base football across the state and bring it up to a level where Punjab once again produces legendary players like Inder Singh through the Blue Cubs programme.

With No.1 spot at risk, Alcaraz focuses on Cincinnati after a surprising loss at Canadian Open

Toronto (Canada), Aug 12 (IANS) Carlos Alcaraz has very little time to dwell on his surprise defeat to Tommy Paul in the Cincinnati Open quarterfinals on Friday night and he is immediately focusing on Cincinnati Masters, where his hold on the No.1 ATP Ranking is under threat.

Novak Djokovic returns to American soil for the first time since 2021 and with no points to defend at the ATP Masters 1000 event the Serbian has the opportunity to reclaim the mantle he has held for 389 weeks throughout his career.

And Alcaraz doesn't have an easy draw at the Lindner Family Tennis Centre. He is seeded to meet Paul for the second time in two weeks, this time in the third round. The American tennis player Paul ended Carlos Alcaraz's 14-match winning streak when he upset the World No.1 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in the quarterfinals at the Canadian Open.

"I realise that I didn't play well, in these matches," the 20-year-old said of a sketchy first tournament back



after his Wimbledon triumph.

"So all I can do now is practise to be better. I have some weeks before the US Open. But now I have to be focussed on Cincinnati. It's a Masters 1000. It's a big tournament as well. Obviously, I take a lot of lessons from this tournament, coming to the next ones... I think I did some things well in this tournament, but probably everything can be better," he added.

After slipping to 1-2 in his ATP head-to-head against Paul, who also

beat him in Canada this time last year, the reigning US Open champion had high praise for the American, who has moved to a career-high No.12 in the Live ATP Rankings.

"He (Paul) is certainly a complete player. The matches that we have played have been really tough ones, last year in Miami and this one," Alcaraz was quoted as saying by ATP Tour.

"He's a really solid player. Has great talent, great shots. He's really, really fast as well. So, he's one of the best players in the world right now. There's no doubt about it. He's really tough on every surface. I mean, he's a mix of everything. It makes him really, really tough," he added.

Despite Friday's defeat, Alcaraz still leads the ATP Tour with 49 match wins and six titles in the season. He also has a 940-point lead over Djokovic in the ATP Live Race To Turin. He is the only player to have qualified for this year's ATP Finals, where he will make his debut after missing last year through injury.

Football: PSG sign France forward Ousmane Dembele from Barcelona

Paris, Aug 12 (IANS) Ligue 1 champions Paris Saint-Germain on Saturday announced the signing of France forward Ousmane Dembele from Barcelona on a five-year deal.

Dembele joined Barcelona from Borussia Dortmund in 2017 and scored 40 goals in 185 games, winning three La Liga titles. The 2018 World Cup winner, who will wear the number 23.

"I'm delighted to be joining Paris Saint-Germain and can't wait to play for my new club. I hope I can continue to grow here and make all the club's fans proud," said Dembele in a media release issued by his new club.

The 26-year-old played in the World Cup final in December, but a thigh injury meant he missed most of the second half of the season as Barca won the title. He has been capped 37 times by France, scoring four goals, and is PSG's ninth signing of the summer transfer window.

PSG president Nasser Al-Khelaifi said Dembele would be an "important and committed player" for the French side. "We are delighted to welcome Ousmane Dembélé to Paris Saint-Germain where he will be an important and committed player for our Club. The passion and determination shown by Ousmane as he has signed for PSG is fantastic and perfectly corresponds to the attitude required of all of our players. We are proud to be able to bring another French World Cup winner to Paris Saint-Germain as we enter a new great era for our Club," said Al-Khelaifi.

Thought process and approach of Mukesh Kumar is fabulous, says Paras Mhambrey

Lauderhill, Aug 12 (IANS) India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey said he was impressed by the thought process and approach shown by seamer Mukesh Kumar on the ongoing tour of West Indies, adding that he has shown the

resolve to serve India in all three formats of the game.

Mukesh, who plays for Bengal in domestic cricket, made his Test debut at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain. A week later, he made his ODI debut in Bridgetown, Barbados and five days ago, he debuted in the T20I format at Tarouba in Trinidad. So far, Mukesh has picked eight wickets on the tour of West Indies.

"I am extremely happy with his (Mukesh's) progress. Not many guys get a chance to play all three formats on one tour. He is the second, maybe and to do so is fantastic. His thought process and approach are fabulous."

"He is someone who has come here, played against tough opponents and wickets. I am happy with the character he has shown. We will have to be smart about his workload. He is a young kid, has played a lot of domestic cricket and got quality skills out there," said Mhambrey ahead of the fourth T20I happening on Saturday night.

He further revealed that young left-handed batters Yashasvi Jaiswal and Tilak Varma will be chipping in with the ball soon.

"When you have someone who can chip in, it is nice. I have seen Tilak and Yashasvi bowl since U-19 days. They are capable of being good bowlers. They can work on it at this level."

"When you got options like these, it is nice to have them. We will see them bowl soon hopefully, we are working on it. It will take time. Soon, we will see them bowling an over, at least."

India were 2-0 down in the ongoing T20I series, before coming back to win the third T20I and make the series scoreline 2-1 as action shifts to the USA.

"I am extremely happy with the way we have come back. Even in the first two games, we were not much behind. We just could not seize the opportunities."

"Had we done so, the results could have been different. The way we played the third T20I, we ticked all the boxes across all the departments. We are only going to go up from there," added Mhambrey.

He also expects for good batting pitches in the fourth and fifth T20I over the weekend at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium in Lauderhill, Florida. "It is different, especially when it comes to black soil, from the kind of soil we get in North India. It is a good wicket, will be nice to bat on, with the ball coming to the bat nicely. That is what we saw in the nets. Stroke-making was easy. It could be a high-scoring game."

"This format is such that batters are going to come after you, especially on a wicket like this. It is important to have discipline. It is important to decide on plans, the execution becomes really important.

FIFA Women's World Cup: Australia stun France in penalties to claim maiden semis spot

Brisbane, Aug 12 (IANS) Courtney Vine scored the decisive penalty as hosts Australia made history in the FIFA Women's World Cup on Saturday by storming into their maiden semifinals, prevailing over France via penalties in a quarterfinal clash here.

After holding the European giants goalless in regulation time, the Matildas came out victorious 7-6 in the penalty shoot-out.

Vine converted the decisive penalty in a heart-stopping shootout and clinched a tense and hard-earned victory, thus making the Matildas the first Aussie team, male or female to

reach the semifinals of a FIFA World Cup.

Though they were second-best for the bulk of the match, France began brightly and should have moved in front inside 13 minutes, but Maelle Lakrar failed from inside the six-yard box, scooping the ball over from the closest of ranges. Les Bleues had a miraculous escape late in the first half when Australia's Mary Fowler fired towards an apparently open goal with goalkeeper Pauline Peyraud-Magnin stranded and out of position. Elisa de Almeida came to France's rescue, though, with a magnificent goal-line clearance, diverting the ball behind for



a corner.

Fowler was excellent throughout but had a luckless night in front of the goal, with Peyraud-Magnin producing a couple of smart stops to keep the youngster out.

Australia turned to the seasoned Sam Kerr in search of a goal ten minutes into the second half and the Matildas skipper nearly made an immediate impact, setting up Hayley Raso for a curling left-foot shot that the France keeper kept out.

The hosts had their hearts in their mouths in extra time when Alanna Kennedy headed a corner into her own net. But the French celebrations were quickly curtailed as referee Maria Carvajal whistled immediately, having spotted a Wendie Renard shirt-tug while the ball was in the air.

After a wonder save from Australia Mackenzie Arnold to deny Vicki

Becho, the match went into penalties.

Herve Renard had introduced Solene Durand seconds beforehand and the substitute keeper, making her first competitive start, did step up with impressive saves from Steph Catley and Clare Hunt.

But Arnold also produced some heroics of her own, and when Vicki Becho hit the post, Vine was able to step up and side-foot the Matildas into the last four and spark wild celebrations on the pitch and in the stands.

In the semifinals, Australia will take on the winner of the match between England and Colombia.

132nd Durand Cup: Gokulam, Blasters meet in Kerala derby; Downtown Heroes set for debut

Kokrajhar/Kolkata, Aug 12 (IANS) Gokulam Kerala take on the Kerala Blasters in a crucial Group C game of the 132nd Durand Cup at the Mohun Bagan ground on Sunday, putting on display the Kerala Derby rivalry in the football-crazy city of Kolkata.

This will be the second derby in the Durand Cup after the Kolkata Derby between Mohun Bagan Super Giant and East Bengal on Saturday and will be followed by a match between Downtown Heroes of Kashmir and Shillong Lajong in a Group D clash in Kokrajhar's SAI Stadium.

Kerala derby in Kolkata

The Group C game between Indian Super League (ISL) side Kerala Blasters and former champions Gokulam Kerala is a needle derby between football-crazy fans of north and central Kerala, one of Indian football's bastions.

With earning the top spot in the group stage crucial in this edition of the Durand Cup, the clash assumes greater significance, given Bengaluru FC, the defending champions have chosen to field a young side while the already once-vanquished Indian Air Force team makes up the fourth team in the group.

Given the context both managers, Serbian Ivan Vukomanovic of the Blasters and Spaniard Domingo Oramas of Gokulam would go all out to pocket three points from the game.



This would, in turn, make for an exciting game of football with the talent they have at their disposal.

The Malabarians would have the advantage of having played once in the tournament and will go into the game with the confidence of three points in their bag.

Their two Spanish attackers Nili Pedromo and Alex Sanchez seemed to be getting into some rhythm and players like Sourav and Sreekuttan, who probably came up with the goal of the tournament with his second-half strike against the Airmen, were impressive in the first game.

The Manjappadas on the other hand are coming off their pre-season and with a new-look but strong squad. Coach Vukomanovic's attacking philosophy will prevail with old-timers like Uruguayan star Adrian Luna and Rahul KP still shoring up their attack. The Blasters also have an experienced defence line with players

like Pritam Kotal, Prabir Das, Hormipam and Naocha Singh in their ranks and they have a surprise upfront in 20-year-old Nigerian striker Emmanuel Justine.

Shillong take on fellow debutants Downtown Heroes

Sunday's game in Kokrajhar pits two Durand Cup debutants, Shillong Lajong who are now two games old and Kashmir's Downtown Heroes, against each other.

Shillong have let in 10 goals so far in the two games they have played, going down in both of them to NorthEast United FC and FC Goa respectively.

It would be fair to say that they were simply overwhelmed by the professional approach, organization and technical superiority of both the ISL teams. The rust of not being part of top-flight Indian football for years was clearly showing in their performance.

They would however be looking for redemption against Downtown Heroes and would like to bow out with a first Durand Cup win. The Kashmir side is the joker in the group currently and it remains to be seen what Hilal Rasool Parray and his boys can do to extend their impressive run in the I-League second division recently, where they finished second with four wins in their campaign, behind Delhi FC won and were promoted to the I-League.

Punjab FC sign French midfielder Madih Talal



Mohali, Aug 12 (IANS) Punjab FC on Saturday announced the signing of French midfielder Madih Talal for the 2023-24 season. The 25-year-old midfielder joins Punjab FC after helping his former club AE Kifisia FC earn promotion to the Greece Super League for the first time in the club's history. Speaking about the signing, Technical Director of Punjab FC, Nikolaos Topoliatis said, "We are happy to have such an exciting and young player among us. Talal brings in plenty of dynamism in our midfield and will massively help the team with his attacking prowess. We look forward to seeing him in action and we are confident he will play a vital role in the upcoming season." The Paris born midfielder Talal started his career with Angers SCO Reserves team in France and then moved to Amiens SC before joining Entente SSG for the 2018-19 season where he scored nine goals. He then went on to play for Las Rozas CF in Spain, Red Star FC and US Avranches in France before joining AE Kifisia FC in Greece. During the last season, the attacking midfielder, who's known for his playmaking skills, played a key role in his former team's historical progress into the first division of Greek football. Talal becomes the fourth foreigner in Punjab FC's roster and will be a key member of Staikos's team for the season ahead.

Hockey India picks 34 core probables for Asian Games women's national camp

Bengaluru, Aug 13 (IANS) Hockey India on Saturday named a 34-member core probable group for the senior women's national coaching camp, scheduled to begin on Monday (August 13) at the SAI Centre here.

The camp will conclude on September 18 ahead of the prestigious Hangzhou Asian Games, scheduled to start on September 23.

The Indian women's hockey team will begin its campaign at the Asian Games in Hangzhou against Singapore on September 27. India are placed in Pool A along with the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong China, and Singapore.

The Indian players will

be entering the camp with confidence after having won the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation - International Tournament in Barcelona last month with a 3-0 victory over the hosts Spain.

The core group includes goalkeepers Savita, Rajani Etimarpu, Bichu Devi Kharibam, and Bansari Solanki, while Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Uditia, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Jyoti Chhattri, and Mahima Chaudhary are included in the list of defenders.

The midfielders called up to the camp include Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Monika, Mariana



Kujur, Sonika, Neha, Baljeet Kaur, Reena Khokhar, Vaishnavi Phalke, and Ajmina Kujur. The core probable group also includes Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Sharmila Devi, Deepika, Sangita Kumari, Mumtaz Khan, Sunelita Toppo, and Beauty Dungdung in the list of forwards.

Speaking about the upcoming national coaching camp, Indian Women's hockey team chief coach Janneke

Schopman said, "We have showcased in our recent competitions that we are growing as a team and are constantly learning. The upcoming camp is an important one for us as we are spearheading our preparations for the Hangzhou Asian Games which could be our road to securing a spot for the Paris Olympics 2024."

"We will work on the areas where we still need to improve in the camp and will focus on ensuring all the players are comfortable in playing the kind of hockey that we want to play. It is important that all of us are on the same page before the all-important competition ahead for us," Schopman signed off.

The core-probable group:

Goalkeepers: Savita, Rajani Etimarpu, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Bansari Solanki;

Defenders: Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Uditia, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Jyoti Chhattri, Mahima Chaudhary;

Midfielders: Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Monika, Mariana Kujur, Sonika, Neha, Baljeet Kaur, Reena Khokhar, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Ajmina Kujur;

Forwards: Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Sharmila Devi, Deepika, Sangita Kumari, Mumtaz Khan, Sunelita Toppo, Beauty Dungdung.

UK court hears case of 2 Indian-origin kids killed in 'street race' crash

London, Aug 12 (IANS): A UK court began hearing the case of two Indian-origin brothers, aged one and 10 years, who were killed when men involved in high speed racing along a busy road careered into their family's car in 2019. Sanjay Singh and his infant brother Pawanveer died on the spot on March 14, 2019 when the BMW driven by their mother was struck by a speeding Audi S3 whose driver then fled the scene. Police arrested Mohammed Sullaiman Khan and Hamza Shahid, 36, who were allegedly involved in a 'spontaneous race' before Khan's Audi A3 smashed into the BMW, Birmingham Live reported. "It was the blue Audi that



collided with the mother's car. We say that the drivers of both cars are responsible," prosecutor Robert Price, opening the case at Wolverhampton Crown Court earlier this week, said. Mother Arathi Nahar, who was behind the wheels, told the court that she had 'no chance' of avoiding the deadly collision as her

car was 'propelled' onto the pavement and hurtled into metal railings. Witnesses described spotting two men dangerously racing 'bumper to bumper' moments before the impact, with one describing the pair as driving 'erratically like lunatics', the news website reported.

Indian-origin researcher identifies 135 new melanin genes responsible for pigmentation

San Francisco, Aug 12 (IANS) An Indian-origin researcher Vivek Bajpai along with his team has identified 135 new melanin genes associated with pigmentation. According to the study published in the journal Science, the skin, hair and eye colour of more than eight billion humans is determined by the light-absorbing pigment known as melanin. Melanin is produced within special structures called melanosomes. Melanosomes are found inside melanin-producing pigment cells called melanocytes. Although all humans have the same number of melanocytes, the amount of melanin they produce



differs and gives rise to the variation in human skin colour, the researchers said. "To understand what actually causes different amounts of melanin to be produced, we used a technology called CRISPR-Cas9 to genetically engineer cells," said Bajpai, PhD, lead

author and an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma. "Using CRISPR, we systematically removed more than 20,000 genes from hundreds of millions of melanocytes and observed the impact on melanin production," he added.

Judge warns Trump against making 'inflammatory' remarks before trial

Washington, Aug 12 (IANS) : A US federal judge has warned former President Donald Trump against making "inflammatory" statements which could taint the jury pool ahead of his 2024 trial for conspiring to overturn the result of the 2020 election. At the 90-minute hearing on Friday in Washington D.C., US District Judge Tanya Chutkan noted that while Trump's rights as a criminal defendant would be protected, his First Amendment right to free speech was "not absolute", CNN reported. "In a criminal case such as this one, the defendant's free speech is subject to the rules," she said. "He is a criminal defendant. He is going to have restrictions like every single other defendant. The fact that the defendant is



engaged in a political campaign is not going to allow him any greater or lesser latitude than any defendant in a criminal case." Judge Tanya Chutkan closed the hearing with a promise that the case would advance like any normal proceeding in the criminal justice system, but warned that the more "inflammatory" statements were made by a party, the quicker she would need to move toward a trial to preserve a fair jury.

India's Line of Credit to Nepal crosses \$ 1.65 bn mark

Kathmandu, August 12 (IANS) : India's Line of Credit (LOC) spending on various projects in Nepal has crossed the \$1.65 billion mark. The figure was released on Friday during the 10th India-Nepal LOC Review Meeting held in Kathmandu. The government of India's LOC portfolio is more than \$30 billion and is spread across more than 60 partner countries, said a statement issued by the Embassy of India in Kathmandu. In Nepal, it includes four LOCs: \$100 million, \$250 million, \$550 million and 750 million, totaling \$1.65 billion. The projects funded under the LOC are dedicated towards infrastructure development as prioritised by government of Nepal, the statement said, adding



that so far the LOCs have financed more than 40 road projects (1,105 km completed), six projects in hydropower and transmission lines, and several others in housing and reconstruction. India is the largest development partner of Nepal as well as trading partner. Major chunks of the Indian LOC go for cross-border power transmission lines. Power transmission infrastructure in Nepal has been augmented with major

line of credit projects, such as Koshi Corridor (220 kV), Modi Lekhnath (132 kV), Solu Corridor (132 kV) and the Dhalkebar-Bhittamod (400 kV) projects. "As of now, upto 452 MW of power export is being carried out through the Dhalkebar-Bhittamod 400 kV line. The government of India has also agreed to fund Bheri Corridor, Nijgadh-Inaruwa and Gandak Nepalgunj Transmission lines and associated substations under Indian LOC at an estimated cost of \$ 679.8 million," the statement added. Both sides appreciated the strong cooperation in the India-Nepal Developmental Partnership, including through the LOCs extended to Nepal and reviewed the progress of projects which are at various stages of implementation.

Elephant conservation



Protection Act?" Along with British MP Henry Smith, Iyer had addressed the UK Parliament in June, imploring Indian authorities to act urgently in the wake of the alarming number of elephant deaths caused by

electrocution, poaching and habitat loss, among other growing threats. Calling Odisha the "largest elephant graveyard", Iyer told the Parliament that "electrocution and train track deaths of elephants are happening at an

Lebanon's sole national TV channel temporarily shuts down amid salary woes

Beirut, Aug 12 (IANS) : Lebanon's Information Minister Ziad Makari announced the temporary closure of the country's sole national TV Channel, Tele Liban, due to the government's inability to pay the employee's salaries. The closure came after attempts to persuade employees to continue working proved unsuccessful, the Elnashra news website reported. Tele Liban staff started a strike last week, citing discontent with their salaries. An employee of the channel told Xinhua news agency that employees have asked for salary increases and social aid to cope with the country's high inflation and



economic difficulties, but their demands have not been met. "We've heard many promises, but nothing has happened yet, and we cannot take it anymore," said the employee,. Tele Liban, established in the late 1950s, was initially jointly owned by two private companies.

The state acquired the private shares in 1996, making the television station fully government-owned. Lebanon has been facing a steep financial crisis amid the collapse of the local currency by over 90 per cent, which caused a devaluation of wages of public sector employees.

Over 45,000 displaced as floods, landslides hit Myanmar



Mon, Kayin and Rakhine states as well as in Bago Region, it said. Rakhine has already evacuated more than 10,000 people from 2,146 households to shelters due to flooding and rising river levels, state media reported. In Kayin, six out of seven townships have been inundated, leading to the relocation of over 18,000

residents from their homes to shelters. Heavy rains also caused landslides in Kayin State, resulting in the collapse of a section of the Myawaddy-Kawkareik Asia Road on Monday. The incident obstructed transportation on the route, rendering it impassable for vehicles. Furthermore, parts of a crucial road connecting

Kayin State's capital Hpa-an and Mon's capital Mawlamyine were also inundated on Thursday, local media reported. Additionally, flooding forced the closure of 12 primary schools in Kyaikmaraw township in Mon. In Bago Region, 12,461 people from 2,973 households were forced to relocate to shelters as continuous heavy rains caused severe flooding. A resident of Bago, told Xinhua on Friday that "the ground floor of my house remained submerged, with water reaching chest height in my yard". U Hla Tun, a director from the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, told Xinhua on Friday: "Rainfalls were high in recent days.

The recent heavy rainfall is one of the reasons that caused rivers overflowing." The weather department reported that the water levels of several rivers, including Sittaung, Bago and Thanlwin rivers, remained above their danger levels on Thursday afternoon. It also issued a warning for residents living near riverbanks or low-lying areas in Bago Region's Madauk town and Bago township, Kayin's Hpa-an township to remain vigilant about potential flood risks. According to the weather agency's latest 10-day forecast issued on Friday, river levels in various parts of the country, including the Ayeyarwady and Chindwin, are expected to rise until August 20.

Indian-American doc arrested for indecent act in front of minor on flight

New York, Aug 12 (IANS) : An Indian-American doctor has been arrested for an alleged indecent act and exposing himself within the view of a 14-year-old girl seated next to him onboard a flight from Honolulu to Boston in May 2022. Sudipta Mohanty, 33, was charged by criminal complaint with one count of lewd, indecent and obscene acts while in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the US. An internal medicine and primary care doctor with a practice in Boston, Mohanty was arrested on Thursday and was released on conditions following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston, the US Attorney's Office in Massachusetts said. "Everyone, especially children, has the absolute



right to not be exposed to lewd conduct when they are traveling," said Acting US Attorney Joshua S Levy. "If you engage in the type of illicit behaviour alleged here, you will be caught and held accountable wherever it happens." According to the charging documents, Mohanty was a passenger aboard a Hawaiian Airlines Flight enroute from Honolulu to

Boston with a female companion on May 27, 2022. He was allegedly seated next to a 14-year-old minor travelling with her grandparents, who were seated nearby. About half-way through the flight, the minor allegedly observed that Mohanty had covered himself with a blanket up to his neck and that Mohanty's leg was bouncing up and down.

India still has a long way to go, says Indo-Canadian biologist

New York, Aug 12 (IANS): As the world observes Elephant Day on August 12 to raise awareness about preservation and protection of the largest land mammals, a top Indo-Canadian conservationist says India has miles to go when it comes to saving their gentle giants. With almost 1,200 elephants killed in the last 10 years across India -- 245 of them in the past three years in Odisha alone -- the gentle giants are at a grave risk, with just 27,000 left in the country at present. And with Kerala losing 58 per cent of its wild elephants in the last six years, according to a 2023 forest department data, there "seems no sense of urgency to implement

solutions and deal with a crisis unfolding in India," says multiple award-winning wildlife filmmaker and elephant conservationist, Sangita Iyer. "India still has a long way to go when it comes to elephant conservation, and appreciating the interdependencies of every creature in this magnificent web of life," Iyer, founder of Voice for Asian Elephants Society (VFAES), told IANS in an interview. **The pressing issues** According to Kerala-born Iyer, India has some of the best wildlife protection laws, but they are not being enforced. "The recently amended Wildlife Protection Act 1972 (Section 43) allows the transfer of elephants

between states, creating loopholes that will be exploited, potentially emboldening illegal elephant captures. Additionally, even the existing laws are not being enforced," she says. Citing the tragic case of a pregnant elephant in West Bengal, who died last month after officers allegedly darter mistaking it for a bull elephant, Iyer rues that many untrained forest officers are given the task of protecting elephants, wildlife and the natural treasures of India, which is causing a lot of harm. "What a heinous crime against nature is this!! Now, the question is, will these officers be held accountable? Will they face the seven-year jail sentence as per the Wildlife

Protection Act?" Along with British MP Henry Smith, Iyer had addressed the UK Parliament in June, imploring Indian authorities to act urgently in the wake of the alarming number of elephant deaths caused by

electrocution, poaching and habitat loss, among other growing threats. Calling Odisha the "largest elephant graveyard", Iyer told the Parliament that "electrocution and train track deaths of elephants are happening at an

alarming and appalling rate in Odisha where mining and poaching are out of control". Rampant mining aside, roadways and railways cutting through core forests, illegal human encroachment and unsustainable extraction of forest resources have resulted in elephants losing 80 per cent of their habitats. **The roar versus the trumpet** This year, India witnessed a surge in the number of tigers, which were endangered and on the verge of extinction due to massive poaching, with mere 1,411 in 2006 to 3,682 in 2022. Calling tiger conservation in India a massive success story, Iyer says that the

Project Tiger authorities did a "phenomenal job" using the funds allocated by the Union government, and in comparison, Project Elephant "seems to have failed miserably". "Nobody knows what this unit has achieved over the years, except produce the Gaja report, and conduct elephant census every five years, although even that has been stalled due to Covid. It has now been seven years since the last elephant census was conducted in 2017," Iyer told IANS. The need for an elephant census is all the more pressing to understand the elephant gender ratio. According to Iyer, as of now, only 4.4 per cent of the total elephant population in India are

males, which is creating a serious gender disparity in the wild. "At this rate, elephants will become extinct in less than 10 years," she says. Simple measures to save precious lives According to Iyer, there needs to be an a u t h e n t i c acknowledgement of the challenges facing the elephants of India, and a genuine willingness to implement tested and tried solutions that are working elsewhere in the world. To begin with, she says simple measures like imposing fines for tossing garbage out of the trains would help save elephants, as they can sniff out food from as far as 19-20 km away, using their highly evolved olfactory senses.

FPIs sold stocks to the tune of Rs 7,543 cr in Aug

New Delhi, August 12 (IANS) In August, FPIs sold stocks to the tune of Rs 7,543 crore, V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

After three months of sustained buying with cumulative investment of Rs 1,37,603 crore, FPIs have turned sellers in India.

Strength in the dollar index and the US 10-year bond yield remaining well above 4 per cent is a short-term negative for FPI flows to emerging markets like India, he said.

FPIs continue to be buyers in financials, capital goods and financials and also in IT selectively. A significant trend in the market is that FPI selling is countered by strong DII buying, he added.

In view of the strong dollar and high US bond yields FPIs may continue to sell in India, he added. Also, since the markets have rallied smartly during the last three months,



some profit booking by FPIs would be rational and can be expected.

Despite the outflow of FPI in July, sustainability of the stock market also indicates the strength of domestic investors and their maturity, says Kislay Upadhyay, smallcase manager and Founder of FidelFolio Investments.

On the mutual funds data by AMFI, he said that net equity inflows have maintained their positive trajectory throughout the fiscal year 2024.

Nevertheless, there has been a month-on-month reduction in net equity inflows, declining from Rs 8,637 crore to Rs 7,626 crore, reflecting a 12 per cent drop.

Bezos, Sanchez announce \$100 mn fund to help Hawaii recover from wildfire

San Francisco, Aug 12 (IANS) Billionaire Jeff Bezos and his girlfriend Lauren Sanchez have announced a \$100 million fund to help with recovery efforts for the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii.

The Hawaii wildfires have reached a grim milestone as the death toll rose to 67, making it the deadliest natural disaster in the state's history.

In an Instagram post late on Friday, Sanchez wrote that they "are creating a Maui Fund and are dedicating \$100 million to help Maui get back on its feet now and over the coming years as the continuing needs reveal themselves".

"Jeff and I are heartbroken by what's happening in Maui. We are



thinking of all the families that have lost so much and a community that has been left devastated. The immediate needs are important, and so is the longer term rebuilding that will have to happen - even after much of the attention has subsided," she added.

According to earlier reports, Bezos purchased a 14-acre estate on La Perouse Bay for an estimated \$78 million last year. The bay is less than 20 miles south of fires in South Maui.

In May, Bezos, 59, and Sanchez, 53, got engaged

and threw engagement parties. They started dating in 2018 and reportedly went public with their relationship after the Amazon billionaire divorced his first wife MacKenzie Scott in 2019.

Meanwhile, West Maui, where Lahaina is located, is still without power and water. Search crews are still in the area looking for wildfire victims.

More than 1,000 buildings had been destroyed in Lahaina, a coastal town with a rich history that attracts some two million tourists a year.

Wildfires on Hawaii's Maui island and Big Island began on Tuesday night. The cause is still not known but once lit, hurricane winds and dry weather helped fuel the flames.

Sam Bankman-Fried sent to jail over witness tampering, VPN use charges

San Francisco, Aug 12 (IANS) Sam Bankman-Fried, former CEO of the collapsed crypto exchange FTX, has been sent to jail after a judge removed his bail, citing violations like witness tampering.

Bankman-Fried had been on house arrest in California since December 2022 while awaiting trial on fraud and money laundering charges.

According to Inner City Press, judge Lewis A. Kaplan ordered late on Friday that he be remanded after prosecutors pushed to have his bail revoked.



They said that Bankman-Fried's admitted usage of VPN software to watch an NFL game.

"He subscribed from the

Bahamas and used a VPN as if he were in the Bahamas when he was in Palo Alto and could have watched it on public TV. It shows the mindset. All things considered I am going to revoke bail," ordered judge Kaplan.

Bankman-Fried was free on a \$250 million bail.

He, however, allegedly contacted a witness over encrypted messaging platform Signal.

He had filed a pre-trial motion to dismiss 10 out of 13 charges against him.

Bankman-Fried was under house arrest at his

parent's house in Palo Alto, California.

The US authorities charged him with wire fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering and conspiracy to misuse customer funds.

He is also facing suits by the SEC and CFTC over similar charges.

The US District Court for Southern District of New York has charged him for allegedly bribing Chinese officials "at least \$40 million".

The US Department of Justice alleged that Bankman-Fried "authorised

and directed a bribe of at least \$40 million to one or more Chinese government officials".

The Justice Department said the Bankman-Fried wanted access to the funds in order to assist Alameda "in obtaining and retaining business".

Bankman-Fried has also been charged with four additional counts of fraud, including unlawful political contributions leading up to the 2022 midterm elections.

He was arrested in the Bahamas on December 12, 2022 and extradited to the US on December 21.

Net direct tax collections stand at Rs 5.84 lakh crore, 17% higher than last fiscal

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) Net direct tax collection for the current financial year are Rs 5.84 lakh crore, which are 17.33 per cent more than net collections recorded during the corresponding period of last year, the Finance Ministry said on Friday.

The collections are 32.03 per cent of the total budget estimates of direct taxes for 2023-24

In a statement, the Finance Ministry said that the collections from direct taxes, which include personal income tax and



corporate tax, up to August 10, 2023, continue to register "steady growth".

On a gross basis, direct tax collection grew 15.73 per cent to Rs 6.53 lakh

crore till August 10 in the current fiscal, while refunds worth Rs 69,000 crore have been issued till date, which are 3.73 per cent higher than last year.

Nifty down for third consecutive week

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities said that Nifty fell for the third consecutive week, falling to 0.45 per cent.

He said that on Wednesday, Nifty built on the weakness from the previous session.

"As the Q1 results season has come to an end, we could see a broad based profit taking in the markets even as the global cues are also not helping currently. 19300 could be the next support for Nifty while 19645 could now prove to be a resistance. A breach of 19300 could take the Nifty to 18887 over the next few weeks," he said.

Nifty fell for the second consecutive session on Aug 11, pulled down by weak global cues. At close, Nifty was down 0.59% or 114.9 points at 19428.3. Broad market indices fell less than the Nifty even as the advance decline ratio dipped to 0.65:1. European and Asian stocks fell on Friday as traders closed out a week marred by geopolitical tensions between China and the US, and softer economic data that dented valuations in China.

X Corp bans record over 23L accounts for policy violations in India in 'June-July' period

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) Elon Musk-run X Corp (formerly Twitter) has banned a record 23,95,495 accounts in the 'June-July' period in India, mostly for promoting child sexual exploitation and non-consensual nudity.

Between May 26 and June 25, X banned 5,44,473 accounts in India.

The micro-blogging platform also took down 1,772 accounts for promoting terrorism on its platform in the country.

X, in its monthly report

in compliance with the new IT Rules, 2021, said that it received 3,340 complaints from users in India in the same time frame through its grievance redressal mechanisms.

The report came about a week late as it did not appear on the portal on the first day of the month.

X Transparency typically posts the report on the first day of the month, like other social media platforms like Meta and WhatsApp.

"Looks like this page doesn't exist. Here's a picture of a poodle sitting in a chair for your trouble," read the message when clicked on the IT Rules report for the May-June 2023 period.

Moreover, between June 26 and July 25, X banned 1,851,022 accounts and also took down 2,865 accounts for promoting terrorism on its platform in the country.

The microblogging platform received 2,056 complaints from users in

India in the same time frame through its grievance redressal mechanisms.

In addition, X processed 49 grievances which were appealing account suspensions between June 26 and July 25.

"We overturned 1 of these account suspensions after reviewing the specifics of the situation. The remaining reported accounts remain suspended," said the company.

"We received 14

requests related to general questions about Twitter accounts during this reporting period," it added.

Most complaints from India were about abuse/harassment (1,783), followed by hateful conduct (54), privacy infringement (48), and child sexual exploitation (46).

Under the new IT Rules 2021, big digital and social media platforms, with more than 5 million users, have to publish monthly compliance reports.

IIP growth falls to 3.7% in June



New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) The index of industrial production (IIP) in India fell to 3.7 per cent in June from the three-month high of 5.2 per cent in May 2023 mainly due to poor rise in manufacturing output, which rose by 3 per cent compared to 5.8 per cent in May, as per government data.

According to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Friday, in April, the IIP stood at 4.2 per cent.

India's IIP had declined to its lowest level in five months at 1.1 per cent in March. However, the figure has been revised to 1.7 per cent.

The previous lowest growth rate was observed in October 2022 when it contracted by 4.1 per cent.

For the first quarter of 2023-24, IIP growth stood at 4.5 per cent, down from 12.9 per cent in April-June 2022 when the data was boosted by a favourable base effect.

Oil prices could go even higher if OPEC+ sticks to production cuts

London, Aug 12 (IANS) Oil prices have soared about 20 per cent since late June but they could go even higher this year if the OPEC+ alliance sticks to its policy of restraining crude production, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Friday, a media report said.

In April, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) plus allies including Russia had pledged to slash output by more than 1.6 million barrels a day through the end of the year in a bid to lift falling oil prices, CNN reported.



This was followed in July by the announcement of additional cuts by Saudi Arabia - the world's biggest exporter of crude oil - and an extension of the OPEC+ targets through the end of 2024.

The combined cuts, together with higher

demand for oil, have already forced a sharp drawdown of reserves, the IEA said in its monthly oil market report, CNN reported.

If OPEC+ maintains its current production targets, oil inventories could shrink by 2.2 million barrels per

day in the third quarter and by 1.2 million barrels in the fourth, "with a risk of driving prices still higher," the agency wrote.

The IEA reiterated its previous forecast that global oil demand will rise by an average of 2.2 million barrels per day this year to a record 102.2 million barrels per day.

The upward pressure on oil prices could ease next year. The IEA predicts that demand growth will slow to 1 million barrels per day in 2024 as the post-pandemic recovery will have "largely run its course and as the energy transition gathers pace", CNN reported.

38 shops of Wave Group to be auctioned over non-payment of dues

Noida, Aug 12 (IANS) The Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UP RERA) has issued recovery certificates to the Wave Group over the non-payment of Rs 55 crore.

The Gautam Budh Nagar district administration has recently ordered the auction of 38 shops belonging to the Wave group to recover the dues.

The auction is scheduled to take place on August 28.

The officials of Dadri Tehsil will auction the shops of Wave Mega City Centre Pvt Ltd at Silver Tower in Noida, Sector-18.

SDM Dadri, Alok Gupta, said that the builder did not



deposit the money even as notice was sent repeatedly.

To recover the money, the administration has attached 111 properties of the builder.

In the first phase, 38 shops are likely to be

auctioned on August 28.

The proposed price of the shops to be auctioned would be ranging from Rs 48 lakh to Rs 2.7 crore.

The size of shops are between 165 sq. metres to 1,240 sq. meters.

Sundaram Finance logs Rs 281 crore Q1 PAT

Chennai, Aug 12 (IANS) Non-banking finance major Sundaram Finance Ltd on Friday said it closed the first quarter with a higher after tax profit of Rs 281.28 crore.

In a regulatory filing, Sundaram Finance said during the quarter ended June 30, 2023, it had earned an operational revenue of Rs 1,187.43 crore (against Q1FY23's Rs 935.07 crore) and a net profit of Rs 281.28 crore (Rs 225.73 crore).

The company said its disbursements for Q1FY24 recorded a growth of 32 per cent to Rs 6,489 crore as



compared to Rs 4,915 crore registered in Q1FY23. The assets under management stood at Rs. 37,255 crore as on June 30, 2023 as against Rs 30,552 crore as on June 30, 2022, up by 22 per cent.

The total restructured assets under Covid relief

measures enabled by the Reserve Bank of India were at Rs 538 crore, about 1.5 per cent of loan outstanding, as on June 30, 2023. The Gross and Net NPA, as per the RBI's new asset classification norms for NBFCs.

Nykaa's net profit down 27% to Rs 3.3cr, revenue up 24% in Q1

New Delhi, Aug 12 (IANS) Online beauty and fashion e-commerce major Nykaa on Friday reported a 27 per cent year-on-year decline in consolidated net profit at Rs 3.3 crore in the first quarter of FY24.

FSN E-Commerce Ventures, the parent company of Nykaa, had posted a net profit of Rs 4.55 crore in the year-ago period.

Nykaa's revenue from the operations was Rs 1,421.8 crore for the first quarter, as compared to Rs 1,148.4 crore for the corresponding period a year ago which was a growth of 24 per cent.

Nykaa's stock ended at Rs 146.25, up Rs 0.5 or 0.34 per cent on the BSE ahead of the earnings report.

The company's total expenses went up 22 per cent to Rs 1,418.8

crore during the June quarter, compared to Rs 1,148 crore in the last year period.

Nykaa's gross merchandise volume (GMV) grew 24 per cent YoY to Rs 2,667.8 crore.

In FY23, Nykaa's revenue from operations stood at Rs 5,143.8 crore, demonstrating a strong growth of 36 per cent YoY, and the company achieved EBITDA at Rs 256 crore, demonstrating a 57 per cent growth YoY.

"Over the last two financial years, and further to the IPO, our revenue from operations grew from Rs 2,440 crore in FY21 to Rs 5,143 crore in FY23 and EBITDA expanded from Rs 156 crore to Rs 256 crore in the same period," the company said in its earnings report.

Falguni Nayar, Executive



Chairperson, MD, and CEO, Nykaa said that with steady improvements of over 40 per cent and 60 per cent 2-year growth in beauty and fashion platform conversions, "our investments towards building the right

technology stack as well as customer-first shopping experiences are paying off".

"This strong step-function growth also comes on the back of improvements across personalization capabilities, breadth and depth of product portfolio, UI UX enhancements, marketing optimisations and quality of in-bound visit traffic," she mentioned.

Last week, reports surfaced that Nayar will also lead the marketing department of the company after the exit of six executives, including the marketing head.

Since April, the company has witnessed a series of resignations which include chief marketing officer Shalini Raghavan, forcing Nayar to spearhead the key department.

Bengal's tusker destroys rice kept in FCI Godown

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 12: A wild elephant from Bengal, affectionately named 'Ram Lal,' has become a frequent visitor to an FCI (Food Corporation of India) godown in Chakulia Township. The tusker, who has ventured away from its herd, has indulged in devouring rice from the facility on multiple occasions.

This recent escapade marked Ram Lal's third visit to the godown in the span of a fortnight, leaving local authorities both baffled and entertained. The elephant's penchant for rice seems insatiable, as it persistently breaches the godown's security to savor its unconventional meal. Hailing from the Chakulia jungle, Ram Lal embarked on its culinary exploration after crossing the Bengal region with a migratory elephant herd. Its gastronomic adventures have extended beyond the FCI godown, previously



gracing a primary school's kitchen where it feasted upon rice designated for the children's midday meal. Inhabitants of Chakulia Township have expressed their intrigue at Ram Lal's antics. Despite its frequent intrusions, the elephant has showcased a notably non-aggressive demeanor throughout its rice-eating escapades. Local resident Rekha Devi shared, "It's quite the sight to see Ram Lal breaking into the godown for its rice treats. While it has stirred concerns due to the property damage, we're

relieved that it hasn't displayed any aggression towards people." Shushil Kumar Sharma, the vigilant godown in-charge, has been quick to report Ram Lal's recurring visits to the authorities. "We have been coordinating with the forest department's Quick Response Team (QRT) to ensure the safety of both the elephant and the local community," Sharma confirmed. During its recent visit, Ram Lal managed to breach the godown's defenses by forcefully opening its shutter. QRT members



were dispatched promptly, successfully guiding the elephant back into the nearby forest stretch. Notably, Ram Lal's indulgence has come at a cost, as it tore through three sacks of rice during its latest feast, resulting in considerable grain destruction. Furthermore, while departing the FCI godown, Ram Lal inadvertently damaged a portion of the compound wall. Environmentalists and wildlife enthusiasts have called attention to Ram Lal's unique behavior, advocating for conservation

efforts that safeguard both the elephant and the surrounding community. Experts suggest that initiatives focused on reuniting Ram Lal with its herd and providing alternate food sources could help mitigate its recurrent visits to human settlements. While Chakulia Township's residents continue to marvel at Ram Lal's culinary adventures, the community remains hopeful that a harmonious solution can be found to ensure the well-being of this curious and non-threatening visitor. (W-pb)

Jamuna Tudu demands Rs 10 lakh compensation for elephant attack

Jamshedpur, August 12: On the occasion of World Elephant Day, a steering committee meeting was held in Odisha's Bhubaneswar on Saturday under the supervision of the Forest and Environment Department on behalf of the Government of India. Union Forest and Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav and Minister of State for Forest and Environment Ashwini Choubey were present at the meeting.

Padmashree Jamuna Tudu participated in the meeting and ministers were informed about the increased nuisance of elephants in Baharagora in Jharkhand. She informed that that dozens of people have lost their lives so far



in the attack of elephants. Elephants have destroyed hundreds of houses and damaged crops. The government should plant fruit trees and bamboo inside the forest as due to lack of food arrangement in the forest, elephants are coming towards the

village. Jamuna Tudu demanded in front of the ministers of the Government of India that the dependents of those who died in the elephant attack should be increased from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 10 lakh as compensation. (W-rg)

Birsanagar: Residents complain against woman



Jamshedpur, August 12: Gurpreet Kaur, a resident of Birsanagar, had made a written complaint to the SSP against the Birsanagar police station. Gurpreet had accused the SHO of harassing him by coming home late at night. Here, the residents of the colony united against Gurpreet and made a written complaint against Gurpreet to the SSP. The residents told that Gurpreet's husband and brother Aman trouble the residents a lot. Aman Singh molests and abuses the girls of the colony. He also demanded extortion several times from the people, after which a complaint was made in the Birsa Nagar police station. Acting on the complaint, the police raided. (W-rg)

Dead body of youth found in Kitadih pond

Jamshedpur, August 12: Dead body of a youth was found in a pond located in Kitadih of Parsudih Police Station. The people who went to bathe in the pond informed the police after seeing the dead body. After getting the information, the police reached the spot and started trying to get the dead body out of the pond. The deceased was identified as Abhimanyu Mandal, a local resident. The police called Abhimanyu's family members to identify the dead body.. It is said that Abhimanyu was missing for the last three days. (W-rg)

Three including 2 minors nabbed for Bagbera murder

Jamshedpur, August 12: A young man was murdered late Thursday evening near Bagbera Lal Building Chowk. The deceased was identified as Mohammed Shahbaz alias Badku, a resident of Jugsalai Pahalan Dera. The police arrested three people including two minors. Suraj Yadav is included in the arrested accused. At the instance of the accused, the police have also recovered the knife used in the incident. During interrogation, the accused told that all of them used to work together with Shahbaz to collect garbage. At the same time, sometimes they used to steal small things as well. Shahbaz used to sell the stolen goods but he used to keep more money and give less money to everyone. Three days ago, he was trying to have unnatural sex with a 14-year-old teenager living together. Enraged about this, everyone together killed him on Thursday evening. The police sent the minors to a juvenile home, while Suraj was sent to jail. (W-rg)

Independence Day: Health Minister to unfurl Tricolour

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 12: The Health Minister and local Congress legislator, Banna Gupta will unfurl the national flag during the Independence Day celebration on August 15 at Gopal Maidan in Bistupur. The district-level main Independence Day function is scheduled for 9:05 am.

Dhalbhum SDO Piyush Sinha has assessed the preparedness and logistics at the main function venue. On August 15 (Tuesday), heavy vehicles will face No-Entry restrictions from 6 am to 10 pm. To ensure heightened security, police personnel will be deployed in and around the city, including at vital installations. Vigilance on National Highway-33 will be intensified. Starting tomorrow, there will be a special checking drive at the city's bordering areas as



well. The district police have been tightened in view of the Independence Day celebrations on August 15. Though Intelligence reports have not specified any particular threat perception, a general alert has been sounded across the city. However, concern over the recent spurt in criminal activities in the city over a thousand police personnel have been posted in and around the city and at all vital installations. Special checking drive is being organised at the border

Rapid Action Force cycle rally

Jamshedpur, August 12: Jawans of the 106th Battalion of Sundernagar Rapid Action Force (RAF) took out a cycle rally on Saturday under the leadership of Commandant Dr. Nishit Kumar.

Tributes were paid to the heroes who sacrificed their lives for the unity and integrity of the country by taking out a rally. On August 9, 2023, a cycle rally was organized under the Meri Mati Mera Desh and Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan "Azadi Ka Amrit



Mahotsav" started by the Government of India. All the officers and jawans of RAF participated in the

rally. In this sequence, different types of programs will be organized till Indian Independence Day. (W-rg)

areas of the city. Close vigil is being kept at the strategic locations like markets, bus stands and hotels. The authorities at hotels have been asked to report to the nearest police station on any suspicious person. The police are continuously

patrolling the road outside on foot and in vans. The police last night also carried search operations at hotels and lodges. As per the programme, the flag hoisting ceremony would take place at 9 am at Gopal Maidan. A colourful

pageantry would be taken out in which children of local schools, government offices would take part. The district administration will also felicitate 26 freedom fighters during the function. Units of the Army, Home Guards, NCC, NSS, and

Scout and Guides would take part in the march-past. Students of various schools would participate in the programme. Meanwhile as per the orders of DC, SSP and DSP the entry of commercial heavy vehicles would be banned in the city. "It is a day of national celebration and an occasion of pride, everyone ought to participate in it. Proper seating arrangements for freedom fighters, ex-soldiers and their families and senior citizens would be made so that they could observe the Independence Day Parade," said a senior official. The ground would be jointly decorated by the district administration. Meanwhile city hotels are making elaborate arrangements to mark August 15 in their own special way. Food festivals with a variety of delicacies have been planned for the occasion. (W-pb)

Four members of family found unconscious in locked room

Mail News Service

Seraikela, August 12: On Saturday morning, 45-year-old Ramesh Hansda a worker of Amalgam Company, his 40-year-old wife Madhuri Hansda, 14-year-old elder daughter Pratima and 9-year-old younger daughter Priya, living in a rented house near Kandra Overbridge, were recovered from the house in an unconscious state by the police. They were sent to Sadar Hospital. Describing the condition of laborer Ramesh Hansda and his younger daughter Priya as critical,



doctors have referred them to Jamshedpur. The treatment of wife Madhuri and elder

daughter Pratima is going on in Sadar Hospital. In relation to the incident, it is being told that

the laborer Ramesh lived on rent in Raju Mahato's house near the Kandra Over Bridge. On Friday night, the laborer slept with his family in his house after having food and drink. When the door did not open for a long time in the morning, the landlord informed the police. The police reached the spot with the help of the local people by breaking the asbestos of the house and entered inside and saw everyone was lying unconscious. Doctors are expressing the possibility of consuming poison behind being unconscious. (W-rg)

Theft attempted at liquor shop

Jamshedpur, August 12: Jamshedpur's SSP Prabhakar Kumar had given strict warning to PCR and Tiger Mobile jawans regarding night patrolling on Saturday itself. However, this warning did not show any significant effect on the soldiers. Theft was attempted in a liquor shop near Balle Complex located on Bhuiaidih Main Road of Sitaramdera police station area. The lock on the shutter of the shop was cut by the thief but he could not enter the shop. This was known when the operator reached to open the shop. He found that the lock in the shop had been hacked. He immediately informed the police about this. However, the picture of the person who attempted the theft has been captured in the CCTV installed nearby. (W-rg)

Celebration of Excellence at Telco Loyola School's 3rd Annual Prize Nite

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 12: Time stood still as the 155 Achievers at Loyola School Telco's 3rd Annual Prize Nite organized on Saturday, performed a breath taking candle march in a symbolic representation of enlightenment and knowledge that they had gained through their efforts in school to strengthen enrich their treasure-troves of wisdom and knowledge. Loyola School Telco's 3rd Annual Prize Nite was inaugurated by Chief Guest, DSE East Singhbhum, Nishu Kumari along with other dignitaries who included Fr Rector, K. M. Joseph, Fr Vinod Fernandes, Principal of Loyola School, Bistupur, Fr Gerry D'Souza, the Administrator, Vice



Principal of Loyola Junior School, Bistupur, Vinita Ekka, the Principal of Loyola School Telco, Charanjeet Ohson, and the Moderator of the Pre-Primary section, Colleen Xavier. The tone for the evening of excitement and expectation was set rolling

with an absorbing prayer dance to invoke God's blessings and express gratitude for this wonderful life. The program was anchored by teachers Amandeep Kaur and L Deepika whose manner of presentations made the entire event livelier and more

engrossing. Teacher Amandeep Kaur welcomed the guests and parents. Chief Guest, DSE Nishu Kumari, known for her sensitive concern for girl children through special care and support for them and their education, motivated the students to perform well in



their studies and extracurricular activities so as to live up to the hopes and expectations of their families, communities and the nation. The Awards were presented to the best performers in eight categories that included Academic Excellence, Outstanding Student (in

the realms of academic, co-curricular activities, leadership qualities), Remarkable Improvement (for gradual improvement in all spheres), 'Student for Others' (for kindness, selflessness, generosity and willingness to undertake responsibilities), Cent-percent Attendance,

General Proficiency (for excelling in academics), Special Awards (for students securing highest marks in different subjects)and Braving All Odds (for the students who have faced challenges, had overcome difficulties with sheer determination and courage).

The Chief Guest, Nishu Kumari felicitated and congratulated the students on their achievements and advised them to become good human beings, caring for each other and being sensitive towards needy students. The cultural bonanza comprised multi-faceted presentations themed on the country's cultural splendour expressed through brilliant dance performances and a song that had a lyrical message of love and hope and the cycle of bonding growing stronger with each passing year. The vote of thanks was presented by Principal, Charanjeet Ohson who observed, "Awards are a way to encourage excellence in every endeavour towards character development and inculcate competitive spirit among the students." (W-gsd)