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## SPARKLERS



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

H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

### Maoists torch 6 vehicles in Palamu

**Ranchi, August 24:** At least six vehicles were set on fire and two employees of a private road construction company were assaulted by members of banned CPI (Maoist) in Jharkhand's Palamu district, a senior police officer said on Thursday. The incident happened in the Haldiya Ghati area under the Chhatrapur Police Station limits, around 220 km from the state capital Ranchi, on Wednesday evening, he said. Around 15 Maoists reached at the road construction site and beat up two clerks of the company, Chhatrapur sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) Ajay Kumar said. "Maoists also torched six vehicles, including trucks, engaged in the road construction," he said, adding that it was suspected that Maoists conducted the attack on the site for levy.

# India a trusted partner in Africa's path towards dev: PM

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that India has always been a reliable and trusted partner in Africa's path towards attaining all round development in various spheres.

Addressing African nations' representatives during the BRICS Africa Outreach and BRICS Plus Dialogue, Modi said that "In our common history, we have vehemently opposed colonialism and apartheid." Modi said that Mahatma Gandhi had fought powerful forces through non-violence and peaceful resistance on the African soil and Nelson Mandela was inspired by Gandhi's thoughts.

"On the basis of these strong ties, we have established modern relations and are giving them a new shape. India has always given top priority to its relations with African nations," the Prime Minister said.

Modi said that today India was Africa's fourth largest trading partner and fifth largest investor.

Be it power projects in Sudan, Burundi and



Rwanda or sugar plants in Ethiopia and Malawi, or technology parks in Mozambique and Ivory Coast or Indian universities' campuses in Tanzania and Uganda, India has always prioritised infrastructure development and capacity building in Africa, the prime minister said in his speech.

"Under Agenda 2063, India is a reliable and close partner in making Africa a global powerhouse. We have also provided more than 15,000 scholarships in tele-education and tele-medicine in Africa.

"Almost 4,400 peace-keepers, which also include

women, are playing an important role in maintaining peace and stability in the continent and we have also helped in combating terrorism and piracy as well as providing vaccines to combat the Pandemic and worked with African nations to jointly manufacture Covid and other vaccines," Modi said.

"To include concerns of the Global South in the international mainstream, we have invited three African nations and several developing nations as guest countries in the forthcoming G20 summit in New Delhi next month," the Prime Minister informed.

### Multilateral financial institutions should play constructive role in framing economic policies: BRICS

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS):** BRICS nations on Thursday called for multilateral financial institutions and international organisations to play a constructive role in building global consensus on economic policies and preventing systemic risks of economic disruption and financial fragmentation.

The grouping also called for Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) to continue implementing the recommendations which should be voluntary within MDBs governance frameworks, from the G20 Independent Review Report on MDBs Capital Adequacy Frameworks to increase their lending capacities, while safeguarding MDBs long-term financial stability, robust creditor rating, and preferred creditor status.

# CM Soren skips appearing before ED, moves SC

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**Ranchi, August 24:**

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Thursday skipped appearing before the second Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in connection with an ongoing money laundering case related to fraudulent sale of land parcels in the state capital. Instead, Soren moved Supreme Court against the ED, sources said. While Soren attended office of the state secretariat, a staff member from the Chief Minister's office arrived at the zonal office of the federal agency with a sealed envelope. "The CM has informed that he won't turn up as he has filed a writ petition over the issue," a senior official said. On August 8, the ED had summoned Soren for question-

ing on August 14 at its zonal office in Ranchi and record his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Describing it as "politically motivated", Soren had questioned the summons, and asked the agency to withdraw or he will be forced to take legal recourse. The agency, however, had rejected the allegation and sent a second summons to Soren asking him to depose before it on August 24. The federal agency has been probing two major cases of money laundering in the state. The first case is related to illegal mining in the state and the CM was questioned in connection with the mining case on November 17 last year. The second case is related to an alleged land

### Seven-member CBI team in Jharkhand to probe mining scam

**New Delhi, August 24:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has initiated a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) in an alleged multi-core mining scam in Jharkhand with a seven-member team reaching there on Thursday. A CBI source said that the team has reached Jharkhand's Sahibganj. The team is talking to the concerned persons who are connected to the matter and is gathering information on the alleged mining scam, said sources. As of now the CBI has not commented officially on the mat-

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# HYDROGEN ENGINE

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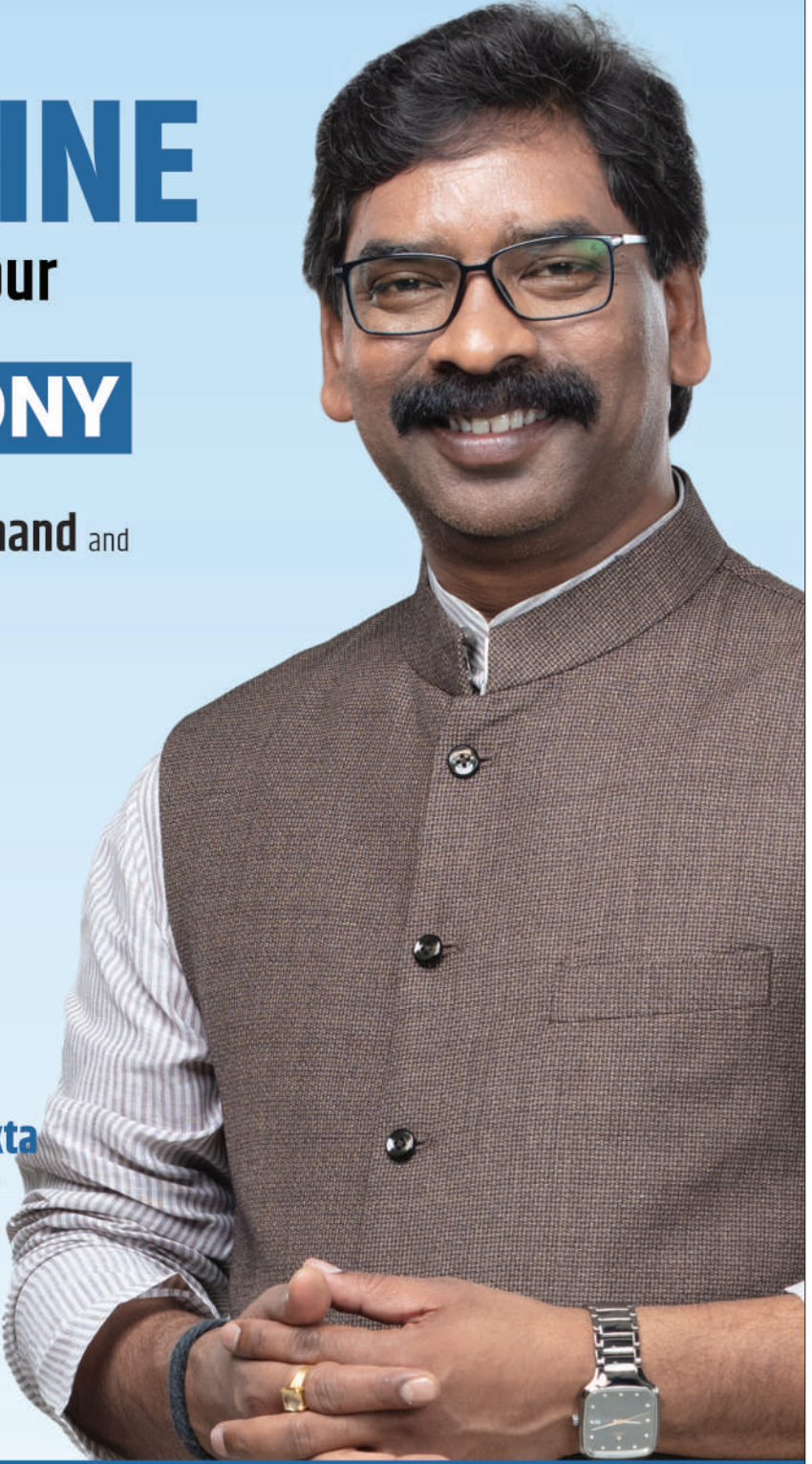
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## MoU SIGNING CEREMONY

between

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to manufacture low-to-zero-emission powertrain solutions



CHIEF GUEST

**Shri Hemant Soren**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Jharkhand

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

**Shri Alamgir Alam**  
Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development, Affairs, Panchayati Raj and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Jharkhand

**Shri Satyanand Bhokta**  
Hon'ble Minister, Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development Department, Jharkhand

Date : 25 August, 2023 | TIME : 1:00 PM  
Venue: Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi

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### Srinath College of Education-Madhusudan Mahto Teachers' Training College sign MoU



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** Srinath College of Education and Madhusudan Mahto Teachers Training College Chakradharpur signed an MoU to promote academic activities between both institutions and launch on a faculty exchange programme that would also include faculty professional development programmes.

Principal, Dr Balabhadra Jena of Srinath College of Education, Adityapur and Dr Sangram Maharana, Principal, Madhusudan Mahto Teacher Training College, Chakradharpur were the signatories of the MoU.

The purpose of the faculty Development programme as envisaged in the MoU was to ensure that the assistant professors of both colleges received scope for efficiency enhancement and emerged as more intense teachers. The MoU will facilitate both colleges to share educational material and resources and the trainees will get opportunities to learn different aspects of teaching by going to the other college.

Giving a brief on the MoU, Dr Balabhadra Jena, Principal of Srinath College of Education, said, "This MoU is a means by which teachers and trainees get opportunities to learn different things, and both are benefited from it." (w/gsd)

### AJSU Party ST Morcha demands job for Sitarampur Dam displaced



Mail News Service

**Gamharia, August 24:** AJSU Party ST Morcha District President Dinesh Hansda led a delegation that met representatives of JWUI agency and demanded employment opportunities for the members of displaced and affected families of the Sitarampur Dam project.

The AJSU Party ST Morcha delegation contended that despite the acquisition of rural land for the construction of the Sitarampur Dam, the members of these affected families were as yet deprived of employment opportunities.

During the meeting, it was emphasized that despite the acquisition of land belonging to the rural residents, the members of the affected families were still struggling to secure employment. The AJSU Party warned that if the affected families were not provided employment opportunities, it would be compelled to initiate a protest. The agency's Junior Engineers, Manish Kumar and Avinash Kumar, assured the delegation that they would do their best to fulfil the demands.

The AJSU Party ST delegation consisted of Block President Rajesh Mahato along with Anand Mahato, Sunil Hembram, Doctor Baskey, Gauri Mahato, Prakash Baskey, Sameer Lohar and others. (w/gsd)

### Jamshedpur girl gets Times Women Achievers Award



**Jamshedpur, August 24:** A 30-year-old Cheri Agarwal of the city was honored with the prestigious Times Women Achievers Award on Wednesday in recognition of her work done in the field of media literacy and journalism. In Dehradun (Uttarakhand), his brother Ankit Agarwal received this award on behalf of Cheri Agarwal. Governor Gurmeet Singh was the chief guest at the function. Cheri Agarwal is the daughter of city's respected businessman and social worker Bimal Agarwal (Ringasia). He completed his schooling from DBMS English School and completed his studies from Symbiosis College Pune and London School of Economics. Cheri Agarwal currently serves as the Asia Pacific Regional Co-ordinator on the UNESCO Media and Information Literacy Youth Committee. She holds two master's degrees from the world-renowned London School of Economics UK and the Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media. Her work has earned him prestigious awards. In the year 2020, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has received the Advertising Award for Ladli Media and Gender Sensitivity. And in 2020, he participated in Asian and International Relations conference at Harvard College USA as a delegate scholar and media and literacy at UNESCO's Global Youth Forum and panel discussion as a media literacy expert and speaker at UNESCO's Global Youth Forum.

# Dilapidated school building, Minister Champai Soren takes cognizance

Mail News Service

**Seraikela, August 24:** Under Seraikela block, 103 children enrolled in Chhota Davna primary school are studying in a very dilapidated building. There is always a possibility of a terrible accident due to the falling plaster of the ceiling. When the information was given by the villagers to the local MLA cum Jharkhand Government's Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare and Transport Minister Champai Soren.

Seeing the seriousness of the matter, Minister Champai Soren took immediate cognizance of the matter and directed the department to take necessary action on it. With which District Education Superintendent Charles Hembram reached the school. Where the dilapidated condition of the school was inspected in the presence of MLA representative Sanad Kumar Acharya. District Education Superintendent Charles Hembram said that the amount was made



available by the department earlier also for the construction of the new building of the said school.

But the process could not be completed due to non-availability of site. Legislator representative

Sanad Kumar Acharya said that the Hemant government of the state and the local MLA minister Champai Soren are persistent on the issue of all-round development including education and health. After the complaint of the villagers, Minister Champai Soren took immediate cognizance of the matter and directed to take necessary action. Under which the process of selecting the site for the construction of the new building of the school is being done through

Seraikela Zonal Officer. Minister Champai Soren has been informed about the present situation. And soon a new building of Chhota Davna Primary School with three rooms will be constructed with DMFT fund at a cost of 30 to 35 lakhs for total 103 children enrolled in the school. On this occasion, Principal of the school Ganesh Sardar, ward member Albela Kisku and mid-day meal scheme in-charge of Seraikela block Rajaram Mahto were mainly present. (W.pb)

# Traffic snarls hit Kandra-Chowka road

Mail News Service

**Gamharia, August 24:** Due to the parking of vehicles on the roadside in the Kandra-Chowka road, the situation of jam has gripped the road. Due to this, road accidents also happen frequently. Similar situation prevailed on the said road on Thursday as well, due to which the Kandra-Chowka road was jammed for about two hours. The Transport Minister of the state was also stuck in that jam for a long time. His vehicle was later towed away following the intervention of the local police. According to the local



people, hundreds of heavy goods vehicles carrying the goods of Kandra-based Amalgam Steel Company stand parked on both sides of the road within a radius of about 5 kms as they could not get entry into the

company. Due to this, a situation of jam has been created on the Chowka-Kandra road and the traffic has become completely disorganized. It is not that this is just a one-day situation, but due to these

heavy goods vehicles, the situation on the Chowka-Kandra road remains like this every day. Local people say that whenever these heavy vehicles gathered on the road in the past, then there is an old history of road accident on this route. Already this road has become a danger zone due to road accidents. Neither the district administration is taking any concrete step nor the local police is able to do anything to remove these vehicles from the road. The local police spoke to the company management several times but the result remains the same. (W.pb)

### Lightning kills farmer

**Gamharia, August 24:** A farmer named Shambhu Kevat (58) died due to lightning in Sapda under Adityapur police station area. After a long time, the relatives came to know about this. After that, the relatives took him to MGM Hospital in an unconscious state where the doctors declared him brought dead. According to the information received in this regard, Shambhu Kevat went to see his farm on Wednesday evening like other days. Though he used to come back by six o'clock every day, when he did not return by seven o'clock on Wednesday, his two sons started a search. Meanwhile, he found his father unconscious on a chair in the field. After this he was rushed to the hospital, where the doctors declared him brought dead. The relatives have expressed apprehension that he died due to being struck by lightning during heavy rains. As soon as the information was received, the police reached the hospital and sent the body for postmortem. (W.pb)

### DC conducts surprise inspection of Circle Office Rajnagar



**Seraikela, August 24:** Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla made a surprise inspection of Block-cum-Circle Office Rajnagar. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner visited the block cum circle office and checked various registers. After this, the Deputy Commissioner held a meeting with various officials and personnel of the block and zonal office, reviewed the progress of various schemes being run at the block level and gave instructions to complete the set target in time. During this, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the Regional Officer to make progress in the pending works by inspecting the sites of the schemes. The same Block Development Officer-cum-Circle Officer, Rajnagar was instructed to hold a meeting with the concerned Regional Officer every month to review the schemes being implemented in the area. During his visit to Rajnagar, the Deputy Commissioner inspected Community Health Center Rajnagar. During this, take stock of the availability of medicines, institutional delivery, general and emergency wards, MTC etc. in the center and make better use of the available resources to provide better health facilities to the general public and provide benefits of the government's welfare schemes to the eligible beneficiaries. Gave directions. (W.pb)

### Instructions for Aadhaar and bank account verification of school children

**Seraikela, August 24:** District Education Officer Jitendra Kumar Sinha has banned the salary withdrawal of teachers till the completion of the Aadhaar and bank account verification work of the students of the district in the e-Vidyavahini app. The DEO told that the condition of Aadhaar and bank account verification of children studying in government schools in the district is pathetic. Aadhaar and bank account verification of children enrolled by schools is not being done in e-Vidya Vahini. He told that out of the students enrolled in the government schools of the district, 1 lakh 42 thousand 949 students have Aadhaar card, but only 3802 students have been verified by the schools. At the same time, out of 1 lakh 41 thousand 149 students having bank account, only 749 students have been verified, which shows the pathetic condition of the verification work of the district. The DEO has instructed all the schools to verify the data entered on e-Vidyavahini within a week. In the schools where the verification work is not completed, it was directed to stop the salary withdrawal of the teachers till the work is completed. (W.pb)

### Jharkhand HC asks DGP what police are doing to curb crime

**Ranchi, August 24:** Jharkhand DGP Ajay Kumar Singh and Ranchi SSP Kishore Kaushal appeared before the Jharkhand High Court in connection with the demolition of the land of the late Justice MY Iqbal of the Supreme Court on Thursday. The court asked him why the crime graph in the state is increasing? How do the land mafia dare to occupy the land of others? What are the police doing for crime control? The court has asked the DGP to file individual affidavits within four weeks and explain what measures are being taken to stop illegal activities of land mafia and crime control in the state. In fact, the Jharkhand High Court had taken suo motu on the media report of the incident of the late Justice MY Iqbal of the Supreme Court MY Iqbal to try to occupy the land by demolishing the boundary of the land in Ranchi. This incident took place on June 25. The land mafia had demolished the boundary of the land of Justice Iqbal at Vikrant Chowk and tried to grab it. An FIR was lodged by Havildar Zainul Ansari deputed to oversee the land at Lower Bazar police station. Later, the police arrested the accused. During the hearing on the basis of automatic cognizance in this case in the bench headed by Justice S Chandrashekar, an affidavit has been filed on behalf of the state government that strict action will be taken against the land grabbers.

### Eight including 4 GM rank Tata Motor executives suspended

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** Eight officials of the Jamshedpur plant of Tata Motors have been suspended. This includes four general managers (GM) and four supervisors. They have been suspended for neglecting safety in the Tata Motors accident on July 8.

Two workers were injured in the Tata Motors Jamshedpur plant on July 8 due to the accident of chassis in the final division. Arun Kumar Singh died during treatment in this. The matter was investigated by the management and the Factory Inspector at their respective levels. During the investigation,

it was found that the security was neglected by the officials at many levels. In view of the neglect and negligence by the Tata Motors management in this matter, four GM level and four supervisor level officers have been suspended with immediate effect.

This includes GM rank officials Pramod Bhure, Gautam Thakur, Sandeep Dixit and Anil Singh.

Significantly, the accident took place during chassis testing on July 8 at Tata Motors' Jamshedpur plant. In which two employees Arun Kumar and Anil Kumar were injured. Arun died during treatment.

# Rakhi Festival at Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya

Mail News Service

**Chandil, August 24:** Rakhi Festival was celebrated at the Chandilcentre of Prajapati Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya. Anju Didi from the Jamshedpur was especially present on the occasion. She tied Rakhi on the wrists of all the brothers present at the event including Manish Kumar, the Block Development Officer, Sanjay Chaudhary, the President of the Marwari Yuva Manch (MYM) Youth Forum and social worker Rakesh Verma. The



brothers present on the occasion pledged to protect all sisters at all times. Anju Didi, in her talks on the occasion, urged people to erase negativity

that persisted within their hearts and minds. While explaining the meaning of Rakhi, Anju Didi said, "Rakhi is not just a mere thread. It binds brothers to sisters with the unspoken

promise to protect sisters at all times during their difficult times. Rakhi binds trust, faith, love and affection.

The Rakhi celebrations commenced with a dance presentation by girls. Sukanya Didi, Vandana Moonka, Renu Bagaria, Mamta Didi, Bano Singh Sardar, Rajiv Saw, Hari Jalan, Pawan Rungeta, Usha Rungeta, Ashwini Sharma and many others participated in the Rakhi celebration organized at Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya Gamharia unit. (w/gsd)

# Srinath University-TimesPro MoU towards career-focussed education

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** Srinath University and TimesPro signed an MoU as another step ahead in career focussed education. The MoU will usher in an era of opportunities for students. The accord will ensure cent-percent Placement Assured Short Term Certificate Courses in Hospitality and Logistics. This collaboration paves the way for the introduction of 100% Placement Assured Certificate Courses in

Hospitality and Logistics. The MoU was signed by the Dean (Administration) of Srinath University, J Rajesh and Head, Institutional Alliances of TimesPro, Praveen Mahendra. Head of External Affairs at Srinath University, Dr Santosh Kumar and Regional Lead Education Alliances at TimesPro, Sudip Kumar Saha were present during the signing of the MoU.

This strategic alliance brings together the academic excellence of



Srinath University and the industry expertise of TimesPro to offer students an opportunity to acquire

specialized skills and knowledge in the fields of hospitality and logistics with 100% placement

assurance. Under this collaboration, students will have access to comprehensive certificate courses that will not only provide them detailed insights into industrial features but will also come with the assurance of 100% placement. Dr Santosh Kumar, while supporting the Srinath University-TimesPro MoU, said, "At Srinath University, our commitment has always been to provide education that translates into meaningful careers. This collaboration with

TimesPro is a step towards making that commitment even stronger by offering our students specialized courses with the promise of placements."

Praveen Mahendra of TimesPro shared, "TimesPro is dedicated to bridging the gap between academia and industry. Our partnership with Srinath University is aligned with our vision to provide students with the skills and opportunities they need to thrive in the professional world." (w/gsd)

## 13 rescued, four serious as wall of under construction building collapses in Delhi

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) A total of 13 persons were rescued after the basement wall of an under construction building collapsed in Delhi, a fire department official said, adding that four persons are said to be in critical condition. Director of Delhi Fire Service Atul Garg said that a call regarding house collapse at Okhla Phase-II was received at 4:55 p.m. "A total of three fire tenders were rushed to the site and all 13 individuals were taken out.

Out of 13, four were seriously injured and shifted to hospital," said Garg. As per initial probe, the basement wall of under construction building collapsed. More details are awaited.

## BSF disrupts plans of smugglers, seizes 603 bottles of Phensedyl worth Rs 1,18,496

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) The Border Security Force (BSF) on Thursday seized 603 bottles of Phensedyl worth Rs 1,18,496 in two separate operations in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district. A BSF official said that the smugglers were trying to take this consignment from India to Bangladesh. The official said that in the first incident, troops at Border Outpost Angraal, Fifth Battalion, saw some suspicious movement in their area. "The jawans saw that some smugglers were coming towards the Domination Line with bags in their hands. They challenged the smugglers and asked them to stop. Seeing the troops, the smugglers fled from the spot taking advantage of the darkness. Thereafter, the troops during a search of the area seized 453 bottles of Phensedyl," said the official. He said that in the second incident, troops of Border Outpost Kalupota-II, 153 Battalion, seized 150 bottles of Phensedyl. The official said that the seized bottles have been handed over to the concerned agencies. A K Arya, DIG, spokesperson, BSF, South Bengal Frontier stated that the BSF troops are committed to stop cross border crimes and smuggling.

## Study shows common herbicide may affect male reproductive health

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) Herbicide clethodim, widely used in agriculture, can have a significant effect on male reproductive health, according to a new study. The findings, published in the journal Chemosphere, highlights the risks associated with clethodim-based herbicide exposure on male reproductive function and early embryonic development. The study utilised laboratory mouse models to explore the consequences of clethodim exposure. The results of this study have raised significant concerns about male reproductive health, revealing a spectrum of effects including a reduction in testicular weight, a decrease in germ cell population, lower levels of serum testosterone, abnormalities in sperm, and compromised preimplantation embryo development. "Although clethodim has been an approved herbicide for some time, our study unveils previously uncharted repercussions on male reproductive health and the early stages of embryonic development. These findings necessitate further investigation and thoughtful reconsideration of the use of such herbicides to ensure the wellbeing of both humans and our environment," said Dr. Guruprasad Kalthur, the principal investigator and expert in fertility and reproductive science at Kasturba Medical College, Manipal. Dr. Keshava Prasad, Professor and Deputy Director, Centre for Systems Biology and Molecular Medicine at Yenepoya Research Center, Mangalore, emphasised the necessity of molecular-level screenings to comprehend the potential effects of herbicides on human and environmental health.

## Proposals worth Rs 7,800cr approved to enhance armed forces' operational capabilities

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) A Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) meeting, held under the chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals worth approximately Rs 7,800 crore, an official said on Thursday. The Defence Ministry said this decision has been taken to enhance the efficiency of the Indian Air Force (IAF), the DAC has granted AoN for procurement and installation of Electronic Warfare (EW) Suite on Mi-17 V5 Helicopters. The EW Suite will be procured from Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). The DAC has also accorded AoN for procurement of a Ground-Based Autonomous System for mechanised infantry and armoured regiments which will enable various operations like unmanned surveillance, logistic delivery of ammunition, fuel & spares and casualty evacuation on the battlefield, a Defence Ministry official said. Proposals for procurement of 7.62x51 mm Light Machine Gun (LMG) and Bridge Laying Tank (BLT) have also been given go-ahead by the DAC. While the induction of the LMG will enhance the fighting capabilities of infantry forces, the BLT will result in faster movement of mechanised forces. The ministry said that the AoN for procurement of ruggedised laptops and tablets for the Indian Army under Project Shakti has also been accorded. All these procurements will be sourced from indigenous vendors. To enhance the operational capability of the MH-60R Helicopters of the Indian Navy, the DAC has accorded AoN for procurement of weapons for the same, the official added.

## TN govt grants tax exemption for Kakkann movie

Chennai, Aug 24 (IANS) Tamil Nadu government has granted a tax exemption for Tamil movie, 'Kakkann', which is based on the life of freedom fighter and former state Home Minister P. Kakkann. The movie has been exempted from paying the liability of entertainment tax payable under the Tamil Nadu Local Authorities Entertainment Tax Act of 2017. The Tamil Nadu Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department in an order said that the exemption was granted after examining the request of Joseph Baby, the producer of the movie.

'Kakkann, a Sign of Honesty' is a biographical feature film based on life of Congress leader P. Kakkann, who belonged to the Scheduled Caste community. Kakkann led an austere life like that of the Congress stalwart, K. Kamaraj. The movie is produced, directed by Joseph Baby, who also plays the role of the central character, Kakkann in the film.

## WFI membership suspension: It happened due to an attempt to protect Brij Bhushan, says DCW chief

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) After the United World Wrestling (UWW) indefinitely suspended the membership of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), the Delhi Commission for Women chief Swati Malavi said that it happened due to an attempt to protect Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is accused of sexually harassing grapplers. "World Wrestling has suspended the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

# BRICS declaration reiterates peaceful Ukraine resolution, rejects double standards on terrorism

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) BRICS nations on Thursday reiterated their stated positions on the Ukraine conflict, proposing to peacefully resolve the situation through mediation.

In the Johannesburg declaration which was issued after the culmination of the three-day 15th BRICS summit, it said: "We recall our national positions concerning the conflict in and around Ukraine as expressed at the appropriate fora, including the UN Security Council and UN General Assembly. We note with appreciation relevant proposals of mediation and good offices aimed at peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy, including the African Leaders Peace Mission and the proposed path for peace."

BRICS also rejected double standards in countering terrorism and extremism conducive to terrorism and called for an expeditious finalisation and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism within the UN framework and for launching multilateral negotiations on an international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical and biological terrorism, at the Conference of



Disarmament.

It also called for strengthening of disarmament and non-proliferation, including the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BTWC) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC), recognising its role in safeguarding and for preserving their integrity and effectiveness to maintain global stability and international peace and

security. "We underline the need to comply with and strengthen the BTWC, including by adopting a legally binding Protocol to the Convention that provides for an efficient verification mechanism. We reassert our support for ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities and prevention of an arms race in outer space (PAROS) and of its weaponisation, including through negotiations to adopt a relevant legally binding multilateral instrument," the declaration said.

The BRICS nations also reiterated the need to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue through peaceful and diplomatic means in

accordance with the international law.

"We recognise the threat emanating from terrorism, extremism conducive to terrorism and radicalisation. We are committed to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, and terrorism financing networks and safe havens," the declaration said.

It also underlined: "Terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to contribute further to the global efforts of preventing and countering the threat of terrorism on the basis of respect for international law, in particular the Charter of the United Nations, and human rights, emphasising that States have the primary responsibility in combating terrorism with the United Nations continuing to play central and coordinating role in this area.

"We also stress the need for a comprehensive and balanced approach of the whole international community to effectively curb the terrorist activities, which pose a serious threat, including in the present-day pandemic environment."

## Gauhati HC acquits six convicts in 2004 I-Day blast case



Guwahati, Aug 24 (IANS) The Gauhati High Court on Thursday overturned the 2019 verdict of an Assam court by acquitting all six convicts in the 2004 Independence Day Dhemaji bomb blast case of all charges.

Six persons were found guilty by Dhemaji District and Sessions Court in July 2019. Of them, four were handed life sentences, while two others received 4 years of rigorous imprisonment.

On Thursday, the high court reversed the 2019 verdict of the lower court after observing that sufficient evidence against the convicted individuals

had not been produced.

On August 15, 2004, a bomb exploded in Dhemaji during the Independence Day celebrations, killing 18 people, including 14 schoolchildren, and critically injuring at least 40 others.

The banned militant outfit United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) had claimed responsibility for the attack, and within a short span of time, the police arrested at least 14 people.

The police filed cases against them under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Section 120 B of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which

deals with criminal conspiracy, Section 302 of the IPC, and other sections.

After many sessions, the Dhemaji District and Sessions Court determined that six of the 14 accused were guilty of both the blast and multiple deaths. Dipanjali Burhagohain, Muhi Handique, Jatin Dubori, and Leela Gogoi received life sentences of solitary confinement. Each of them were asked to pay a fine of Rs 10,000.

For their roles in the conspiracy, the other two individuals, Prashanta Bhuyan and Hemen Gogoi were handed four years' RI and fines of Rs 2,000.

The district court absolved the eight other accused -- Minu Borah, Joya Chutiya, Jiten Chutiya, Apsara Bora, Govind Kalita, Jaychandra Chutiya, Chandranath Gogoi, and Mohan Chutiya, of all allegations.

Later, the convicts filed a petition in the Gauhati High Court to review their challenge to the lower court's judgment.

## Mani Shankar Aiyar presented INDIA alliance's soul in written format, says BJP

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) BJP on Thursday in a veiled attack on Opposition bloc Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) said that the 'soul' of the alliance has been presented by senior Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar in the written format.

The statement of the saffron party comes a day after the autobiography of the Aiyar named 'Memoirs of a Maverick: The First Fifty Years (1941-1991)' was released on Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra while referring to Aiyar's book said, "One should be extremely clear whatever Mani Shankar Aiyar writes, speaks and projects, the pen and the tongue may be of him, but the ideas and the objectives are of the Gandhi family. He represents the Gandhi family as none other." "The launching of this book just before the elections is not a coincidence. Whenever elections come or just before the elections, the Gandhi family through its proxy plants few statements. As far as Mani Shankar Aiyar is concerned, it is very clear that right from the very beginning that he speaks for the Gandhi Family.

## Andhra devotee drops Rs 100 crore cheque in temple, had only Rs 17 in account

Visakhapatnam, Aug 24 (IANS) A devotee deposited a cheque of Rs 100 crore in the 'hundi' (offering box) at Sri Varahalakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple in Simhachalam. When the temple authorities sent the cheque to the bank concerned, they were shocked to learn that the devotee had only Rs 17 in his account. The photograph of the cheque surfaced on social media on Thursday. The cheque was signed by Boddepalli Radhakrishna.

The devotee has not written the date on the cheque which belongs to Kotak Mahindra Bank. The cheque shows that the devotee is an account holder in the bank's branch in Visakhapatnam. When the officials of the temple body found the cheque in the Hundi, they took it to the Executive Officer. He sensed something amiss and asked officials to check with the bank branch concerned if it was really Rs 100 crore cheque. The bank authorities informed the temple body that the person who issued the cheque has only Rs 17 in his account. The temple authorities are planning to write to the bank to identify the donor. Sources said if the donor had the intention of cheating the temple authorities, the bank may be requested to initiate cheque bounce case against him.

## ED raids premises of Punjab ex-Congress minister, his aides

Chandigarh, Aug 24 (IANS) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday raided premises of former Congress minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu and his close aides in a money laundering investigation, officials said.

The raids were carried out at around 20 locations. Many officers connected with the Food and Supplies Department have also been facing allegations of irregularities and allegations of receiving kickbacks in food procurement and transportation when Ashu was the minister in the previous Congress

government. The former minister and his associates have been facing a case registered on August 16, 2022, by the state Vigilance Bureau in connection with multi-crore scam of allotment of labour and cartage tenders to contractors. Contractor Telu Ram had, during interrogation by the Vigilance Bureau, had blamed the former minister for involvement in the scam.

# Attempts to tarnish image of Chhattisgarh govt, ED torturing everyone, says CM Baghel

New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday trained his guns at the BJP government at the centre saying that there are attempts to tarnish the image of the state government and also alleged that it is using Enforcement Directorate (ED) to torture everyone.

He also said that now it seems that the agency will contest elections in place of the saffron party candidates.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters here, Baghel said, "There have been attempts to suppress and tarnish the image of the Chhattisgarh government. It all started after they (BJP) were defeated in Jharkhand Assembly

elections."

Hitting out at the BJP government at the centre, he said that be it any investigating agencies, they are only working at the behest of the BJP government. ED had recently conducted raids in the houses of my political consultant and officer on special duty.

"What I came to know is that the ED did not even allow anyone to even sleep for more than 40 hours. ED is holding people hostage for more than three to five days in their own home and does not even allow them to purchase medicines if someone is ill. This is a pure torture," he said.

"It seems that ED will contest elections against us, and not the BJP candidates."



He alleged that the ED is threatening people to sign this paper or else they will send them to jail.

"More than 200 raids have been conducted in Chhattisgarh. The central government is getting all this done. Everyone knows

about Sanjay Mishra (ED Director)," the Chief Minister said.

"In the next few months, a team of 200-250 personnel of I-T will conduct raids across Chhattisgarh...As they conduct more raids, their seats will decrease..."

Lashing out at the BJP government without naming anyone the Congress leader said that Home Minister Amit Shah visits the state and only stays inside of the BJP office and returns back.

"I posted on my X handle about the ED raids. I wrote there that on the occasion of my birthday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah gifted ED raids in the houses of my OSD and political consultant,"

Baghel said.

His remarks came a day after the ED arrested an Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Chandrabhushan Verma of Chhattisgarh Police and three others -- Satish Chandrakar, Anil Dammani and Sunil Dammani -- as part of its ongoing investigation into the Mahadev app money laundering case.

The ED had initiated a PMLA investigation based on FIRs registered by the Chhattisgarh Police. The FIRs were registered by the Vishakhapatnam Police and other states were taken on record.

Searches were conducted at multiple locations by the ED on August 21 and 23 during which a large amount of incriminating documents were seized.

**S. E. RAILWAY TENDER**  
E-Tender Notice No.: CKP-WEST-23-24-21, dated 21.08.2023. Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Chakraborty and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against open tender for the following work. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Name of work: Pre-tamping & Post-tamping of track and its associated work under the Jurisdiction of SSE (P.Way)/JPG, SSE (P.Way)/JSG and ADEM/ROU in CKP Division (2nd Call). Tender Value: ₹ 3,19,09,666.32. EMD: ₹ 3,00,000. Cost of tender form: ₹ 0.00. Date of opening: 22.08.2023. The tender can be viewed at website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. Note: e-Tender forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers (Authority - Rly. Bd.'s letter no. 2020/CE-VCT/3E/GCC/Policy dttd. 16.07.2020). (PR-541)

**S. E. RAILWAY TENDER**  
e-Tender Notice No.: CKP-D-VEH-BUF dated 23.08.2023. Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), South Eastern Railway, Chakraborty and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Name of work: Hiring of 1T capacity truck for carrying Railway materials over the jurisdiction of SSE/OHE/BUF for two years under Sr. DEE/TRD/CKP. Tender Value: ₹ 10,70,298/- EMD: ₹ 21,400/- Completion period: 24 months. Date & Time of closing of tender: 18.09.2023 at 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of opening of tender: 18.09.2023 at 15:30 hrs. Place of opening of e-tender: Sr. DEE/TRD/South Eastern Railway. E-tender can be viewed at website <http://www.ireps.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. (PR-543)

## Panchayat honorarium pending in spite of announcement



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** A joint meeting of the Up Mukhiya Sangh and Ward Sadasya Sangh of Jamshedpur Block was held at the Panchayat Bhawan in the Block Development Office premises. Rakesh Choubey chaired the meeting facilitated by Chief Coordinator Sunil Gupta. The meeting deliberated on the honorarium of all representatives, including Ward Members and Up Mukhiyas and the strength of the organization.

President Rakesh Choubey stated that although the government had announced the honorarium payment, no representative had yet received the due amounts. The meeting reached a consensus on the decision to submit a joint memorandum signed by all Ward members and Up Mukhiyas to the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, through the Deputy Commissioner. The memorandum will include a demand for disbursement of honorarium to all representatives, including Ward Members and Up Mukhiyas into their respective accounts.

It was also decided to hold regular meetings of the association once a month to formulate strategies to strengthen the organization. Those present in the meeting included Alam Taj, Armaan Khan, Mainul Khan, Haleem, Arun Sandil, Ravi Karmakar, Razia Parveen, Puja Kumari, Vinita Devi and others. (w/bsd)

# Teej Festival at NIT Jamshedpur

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** In a burst of vibrant colours and joyous festivities, the Teej festival illuminated the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Family Club premises as members of the Women's Club came together to celebrate. The auspicious month of Sawan provided the perfect backdrop for this lively event, where the spirit of Teej was brought to life through dance, song, and fervent celebrations.

The festival, which honors Goddess Parvati and Lord Shiva and seeks their blessings for unbroken good fortune, was marked by an exuberant display of traditions and cultural expressions. The President of the Women's Club and the Institute's Director, Indrani Sutradhar, inaugurated the celebrations by lighting a lamp before Lord Bholenath and Mother Parvati, invoking their



divine presence.

The Women's Club members embraced the essence of Teej by applying mehndi, adorning themselves in exquisite attire, and partaking in the spirit of unity and festivity. The cultural program encompassed various artistic performances,

showcasing the diverse talents of the community.

The beauty contest, won by Mrs. Priyanka Sinha as the Teej Queen, added a touch of glamour to the festivities. However, the heart of the celebration lay in the mesmerizing dance performances, duets, and soulful renditions of folk

songs. Participants like Pakhi and Gudiya, Devyanshi and Ayodhya, Sarika and Rashmi, and Priyanka and Poonam captured the essence of tradition and creativity through their presentations. Solo dance performances by Rashmi Dhalla, Sarika, Divya, Tricha, and Renu

Singh, among others, showcased the individual flair and dedication of the performers.

Group dance acts by talented participants like Prabha Chand, Geeta Kumari, Geeta Prasad, Preeti Srivastava, Rachna Yadav, Poonam, Priyanka, Meena, and Ranjana further

enthralled the audience with synchronized choreography and spirited performances.

The event welcomed distinguished guests, including Prof. Goutam Sutradhar, Director of the institute, Registrar Col. (Dr.) Nishith Kumar Rai, along with faculty members, office bearers, and their families. The director himself surprised attendees by serenading the gathering with his melodious rendition of Mukesh's "Jaane Kahan Gaye Woh Din" and "Kya Yehi Pyar Hai" with his wife, Mrs. Indrani Sutradhar.

Under the leadership of Rachna Yadav and Rashmi Dhalla, Secretary of the Women's Club of the institute, the program was meticulously designed and executed. Prof. S. B. Prasad and Prof. Prabha Chand played a significant role in making the Teej festival a resounding success. (w-pb)

## Jeevan focusses on workshops to educate students

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, Aug 24 :** In a proactive step towards addressing the critical issue of mental health among students, Jeevan, a renowned suicide prevention centre, conducted a workshop at Arka Jain University. The workshop aimed to equip around 130 students pursuing B Com and Mass Communication courses with essential skills to understand, manage, and prevent stress, while also emphasizing the importance of mental well-being. The initiative was particularly noteworthy as suicide prevention found its place in the orientation program for new admissions, highlighting the university's commitment to fostering a supportive and mentally healthy campus environment.

During the workshop, Jeevan's team facilitated a session on 'Understanding and Handling Stress.' This session was led by an expert in the field, Gurpreet Kaur Bhatia, who shed light on the significance of mental fitness, stressors



identification, and the physical and emotional changes that accompany stress. The students were actively engaged in discussions, gaining insights into managing stress effectively in their academic and personal lives.

One of the main focuses of the workshop was to eliminate the stigma surrounding conversations about mental health. Students were encouraged to openly discuss their challenges and seek support when needed. The faculty members and program coordinators present at the event lauded the comprehensive and

compassionate approach adopted by Jeevan's team.

Laxmi, a representative from Jeevan, conducted a stress audit to gauge the students' stress levels. She also provided them with stress relief strategies, which were outlined in handy informational sheets. Another team member, Madhuri, managed the distribution and collection of feedback forms, ensuring a smooth flow of the workshop.

Post-workshop discussions between Jeevan's officials and the university's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Razi, revealed a shared commitment to mental

health advocacy. Prof. Razi extended his support by agreeing to display a prominent board on campus featuring Jeevan's contact details. This strategic move aims to provide easy access to support resources for any student in need.

Arka Jain University's collaboration with Jeevan is a positive stride towards creating a supportive environment for its students. By prioritizing mental health education and suicide prevention, the university is taking an essential step in nurturing well-rounded, resilient, and empowered individuals. (w-pb)

## NHES : Dubai-based entrepreneur donates Rs. 75,000 to school library

**Jamshedpur, Aug 24 :** In a heartwarming display of philanthropy and appreciation for academic excellence, Dubai-based entrepreneur Meena V. Chainani made a gracious donation of Rs. 75,000 to Narberham Hansraj English School. The donation aims to bolster the school's library facilities and was made in memory of her late father, Vashdev M. Chainani. The school held a solemn plaque unveiling ceremony to commemorate the generous act.

Meena Chainani, a successful entrepreneur in Dubai, was welcomed at the Narberham Hansraj English School during her visit to the city. During her visit, she was deeply impressed by the remarkable academic achievements of the students and the school's commitment to nurturing young minds.

With a desire to contribute to the betterment of education and to honor her father's legacy, Chainani decided to donate Rs. 75,000 towards the school's library enhancement.



The library plays a pivotal role in fostering a reading culture among students and providing them with resources that support their intellectual growth.

The plaque unveiling ceremony, held in front of the school library, was a poignant event attended by school staff, students, and local dignitaries. The event was a moment of gratitude and appreciation, as the school celebrated not only the generous donation but also the values of compassion and community

support. Speaking at the ceremony, Meena V. Chainani shared her sentiments, "My father believed in the power of education and learning. He always encouraged me to seek knowledge and contribute positively to society.

This donation is a small step towards fulfilling his vision and ensuring that students have access to quality educational resources."

"We are honored to have Meena Chainani as a

supporter of our school's educational initiatives. This donation will significantly enrich our library and provide our students with a broader range of learning opportunities," said Nakul Kamani, President of the School Managing Committee.

The event concluded with the official unveiling of the plaque, which bears the name of Late Vashdev M. Chainani and serves as a reminder of the positive impact that individuals can have on education and the community at large.

## Blast at Stone Quarry Claims Life of Shepherd in Potka

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** A tragic incident occurred on Tuesday morning in the Kowali thana area of Potka block, near Jamshedpur, when a blast at a stone quarry turned fatal, resulting in the loss of a 55-year-old man's life. The victim, identified as Manoj Puran, was shepherding goats near the quarry when the explosion occurred, leading to his untimely demise.

The incident unfolded in the Lakhansai panchayat

along the Hata-Mosabani road, approximately 28 km away from the city. The force of the explosion caused rocks and stones to be propelled into the air, tragically leading to a stone hitting Manoj Puran in the chest. The impact of the blow left him seriously injured and caused him to collapse. Promptly, some of the workers from the mining site rushed him to Tata Main Hospital. However, upon arrival, the emergency medical team pronounced him dead. The tragedy spurred a

swift response from the local community. Residents of Lakhansai, where Manoj Puran resided, gathered at the quarry to express their grief and anger over the incident.

They took a stand against the mining activities by forcefully halting the ongoing work at the site.

Ranjit Oraon, the Officer-in-Charge of Kowali thana, shed light on the ongoing investigation into the incident. Preliminary findings indicate a potential lapse in safety measures undertaken by the quarry

management before triggering the blast. He emphasized the importance of adhering to safety protocols and stated that a thorough investigation would determine if appropriate safety measures were overlooked. Oraon also assured that appropriate action would be taken against the quarry owner upon the completion of the investigation.

The loss of Manoj Puran is not only a tragedy for his family but also for the entire community. As the sole breadwinner of his family,

his passing leaves a significant void and an economic burden. The incident has underscored the need for stringent safety measures within the mining industry to prevent such unfortunate accidents in the future.

The local community and authorities are united in their determination to ensure justice for Manoj Puran's untimely demise and to prevent such incidents from happening again in the interest of safety and public welfare. (w-pb)

## DLSA mobile campaign at General Office gate

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, Aug 24:** On Tuesday, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) conducted a mobile campaign near the Tata Steel General Office gate and TSRDS office and provided information on Labour Laws and various government schemes for workers.

DLSA PLVs Nagendra Kumar, Sanjay Tiwari and Sadanand Mahato also informed the workers about their rights concerning Provident Fund, ESI and government welfare



programs. They explained the objectives and activities of DLSA and distributed pamphlets and booklets covering a wide range of topics such as E-Shramik Card, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan

Jojna, pension schemes, ration cards, Ayushman Card, domestic violence, senior citizens' rights, road accidents, acid attacks, bystander intervention among others. (w/bsd)

## Both factions of BBMKU teachers' bodies dissolved to participate in September poll

**Dhanbad, Aug 24:** Both factions of the BinodBihariMahtoKoylanchal University Teachers Association (BBMKUTA) have been dissolved to participate in a single poll scheduled in September. A senior member of the Teachers' body said that the decision was taken at a meeting presided by Dr RK Tiwary (president) in which both the factions (Dr HimanshuShekharChoudhary and Dr BN Singh) signed to dismantle their body and contest a single election in the interest of teachers. General secretary of both the factions Dr HimanshuShekharChoudhary and Dr BN Singh have signed the agreement. The two teachers associations had been formed in BinodBihariMahtoKoylanchal University (BBMKU) in 2018 when an election was held for the first time. But now both the factions (Dr HimanshuShekharChoudhary and Dr BN Singh) have resolved to unify the body. "It was decided at the meeting to hold the election of BBMKUTA in the third week of September. Before that, all the constituent colleges have been directed to hold elections in their respective unit by September 10, so that the electoral roll can be prepared," said a member. At the meeting, it was also resolved to form an election committee for conducting fair, transparent and peaceful election.

## Elocution Competition at Sacred Heart Convent School, Gracey Dugar best speaker

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, Aug 24 :** The Sacred Heart Convent School in Jamshedpur witnessed a remarkable showcase of the art of public speaking as the Elocution Competition unfolded its charm on Monday. Echoing the sentiments of "giving power to words," the event demonstrated how eloquence can influence, inspire, and transform lives. The competition proved to be a platform for students to conquer the stage fear that often plagues young minds.

The event catered to students from different age groups, allowing them to interact with the audience and grasp the nuances of effective public speaking, including voice modulation and confidence. As the



students took the stage, the preparation and practice that went into their speeches were evident, reflecting their sincere efforts.

The choice of topics further highlighted the event's thoughtful planning. While younger children recited poetry, the older students tackled a range of subjects. From celebrating eminent personalities like

Rabindranath Tagore and Malala Yusufzai to discussing thought-provoking themes, the participants' speeches were designed to foster research, critical thinking, and self-expression. The judging panel, comprising Ratnabali Sengupta and Jayashree Sharma, found themselves in a pleasant yet challenging situation. The students'

compelling articulation made the task of selecting winners a formidable one. Sister Rashmita A.C., the School Principal, expressed her pleasure at witnessing the students' commendable performance and their ability to convey their thoughts effectively.

The results of the competition showcased the talent and dedication of the

participants: Class 6: First Place: Priyanshi Mandal, Second Place: Srishiti Sinha, Third Place: Sanvi Bharadwaj, Class 7: First Place: Shivanjali Viplao, Second Place: Sahana Gurnathan and Divlin Kaur, Third Place: Tania Singh, Class 8: First Place: Prasheeta, Second Place: Pragya, Third Place: Nancy Chandeale, Class 9: First

Place: Lavanya Annya and Pragya Singh Second Place: Anuva Mandal Third Place: Soundarya Subhasini Pal Class 10: First Place: Anshika Second Place: Shambhavi Tewari Third Place: Kanak Bajpayee Class 11: First Place: Aishi Singh Second Place: Aafia Khan, Anisha Kujur, and K.S. Shivani Third Place: Harnoor Sandhu, Class 12: Best Speaker: Gracey Dugar (First Place) Runners-up: Aishwarya Singh (Second Place)

The Annual English Elocution Competition at Sacred Heart Convent School not only showcased the students' eloquence but also underlined the institution's commitment to nurturing confident, well-spoken individuals who can wield the power of words for positive change. (w-pb)

# VIT-AP highly sought-after campus across the country: Chancellor Dr Viswanathan

**Amaravati, August 24:** "The Career Development Centre (CDC) plays a vital role in creating the illustrious placement record of VIT. It ensures smooth functioning of campus placements activities and also facilitates training activities for the students to ensure that they get placed with national and multinational companies," observed Founder and Chancellor of VIT-AP Dr G Viswanathan at a programme organized on Thursday, August 24 to showcase the achievements of the institution's students in campus placements and higher education while highlighting the crucial role of the CDC in guiding and training students for placements in leading companies in India and abroad. "He further stated, "VIT-AP has a dedicated CDC which works in tandem with VIT centralized career development centre for the



enhancement of the students' skills and aptitude that makes VIT-AP a much sought after campus across the country."

The VIT Supported Advancement of Rural Students (STARS) program aims to provide quality higher education opportunities to underprivileged rural students with 100% fee waiver covering academic, hostel, and basic medical expenses to provide a thrust to these students to achieve their full potential. Job

opportunities in reputed national and international companies are expected to uplift the living standards of their families.

Dr. V. Samuel Raj Kumar, CDC Director, Dr V Samuel Raj Kumar highlighting CDC, stated, "The VIT centralized CDC remains dedicated to providing students an array of options to secure positions with their preferred companies during both their pre-final and final years of study. Sessions with experienced trainers

and VIT alumni are organized to assist students in honing their skills for placement interviews, encompassing both technical and HR dimensions preparing them for group discussions. The CDC ensures that students acquire proficiency in coding and aptitude for enhancing their performance in tests and interviews."

Each year, various recruiting companies visit the campus, initiating the placement process for a

diverse array of job opportunities.

Over the years, reputed companies like Alstom, Intel, Microsoft, eBay, MOTORQ, Amazon, AMD, Adobe, ABB, Dell, GE, Intuit, J P Morgan, PWC, Texas Instruments, Schneider Electric, Paloalto, DE Shaw & Co, Hitachi, HP, Shell, PayPal, Tata Motors, L&T, Dr Reddy's, Bosch, Deloitte, Morgan Stanley, Qualcomm, Ashok Leyland, Honda, Ford, Global Analytics, TCS, Cognizant, Accenture, Wipro and Yokogawa have been picking their recruits from VIT. During the academic year 2022-2023, the CDC facilitated interactions with over 900 companies, hosting approximately 14,500 on-campus placement opportunities. The pinnacle of this achievement was marked by a remarkable offer of Rs 1.02 Crore per annum from MOTORQ, setting a new high for placement offers.

## Shivnagar road in Chhota Gamharlia at extreme state of disrepair

Mail News Service

**Gamharlia, August 24:** An unkempt, unpaved and overlooked stretch resembling a tattered and moon-surfaced pathway for residents of Shivnagar in Chhota Gamharlia Panchayat under the Gamharlia block has been crying for repair and renovation for years but the authorities concerned prefer to remain in perennial hibernation. The monsoon season makes pliability over this 'excuse for a road' riskier as it is fraught with potholes covered with water making travel similar to going to the battlefield without sword and shield.

However, a ray of hope did emerge a few years earlier when Shivnagar residents along with panchayat representatives submitted a memorandum to then Gamharlia BDO, Thakur Gauri Shankar Sharma seeking approval for a concrete road in lieu



of the gravelled patch going by the name of a road. The BDO granted his approval but the sigh of relief was short lived as indifference among the panchayat representatives cropped up and the stretch of road continued to limp to its current pathetic condition with no relief in sight. The sigh of Shivnagar residents continues but not of the long-lost relief but of resignation.

Mukesh Jha, the District Spokesperson of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has demanded an immediate investigation into the role of officials and public representatives responsible for this negligence and has urged the district administration to commence the construction of the road with immediate effect to provide a spot of relief for the Shivnagar residents. (w/gsd)

## Kadma Rankini Mandir to celebrate 75 years of Durgotsav



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** The ground breaking ceremony for the 75th year of Durgotsav by the Kadma Rankini Mandir committee was performed on Thursday with religious rituals where the organizing committee executives including President Dilip Das, General Secretary Janardan Pandey, Vice President G Govind along members S Ramesh Kumar, A R Day (Bappi Da), Harbhajan Singh, Narendra Kumar, R M P Singh, P K Singh, Nand Kumar and Govind Prasad Singh were present.

To make the special celebration of 75 years more engrossing, designers and decorators will be brought in from West Bengal who will create traditionally themed pandal. Exquisite light decoration will add to the attraction of the pandal. A special modular replica of the Vande Bharat train will add to the excitement of pandal hoppers. Traditional Durga Puja drummers, Dhakis, will perform to glorify the prevailing aesthetic atmosphere that permeates the Utsav season. The idol of Goddess Durga is being made by noted clay artist, Kedar Mullick.

Close attention will be paid to security aspects in and around the Kadma Rukmini Mandir Durga Puja Pandal. CCTV cameras will be put up at vantage points, private security personnel will be on round-the-clock duty while the Kadma Thana police will be at hand for any security assistance required. Fire safety measures will also be in place. (w/gsd)

## Mamata slams Centre over UWW suspending WFI

**Kolkata, Aug 24 (IANS):** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday lambasted the Union government over the decision of the United World Wrestling (UWW), the international governing body of the sport, to suspend Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) membership with immediate effect for not holding elections.

## Dowry accused in police custody

**Jamshedpur, August 24:** Komal Kumari, a resident of Golmuri Refugee Colony, lodged an FIR at Sakchi police station accusing her husband Gaurav Chaudhary of dowry harassment. Ever since the FIR was lodged, Gaurav was threatening to take up the case. Here, on Thursday, Komal reached to meet the SSP and demanded appropriate action. Gaurav has been detained by the Sakchi police on the orders of the SSP. The victim said that in October 2021, she was married to Gaurav Chaudhary, a resident of Sakchi State Mile Road. From the third day of marriage, the in-laws started harassing for dowry.

In November 2022, an FIR was lodged at Sakchi police station. Gaurav was threatening her since the FIR was registered. Despite this the police did not arrest him. Frustrated she complained about the matter to the SSP, after which the police took Gaurav into custody while taking action. (Wrg)

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## पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

**आवश्यक सूचना**

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि कुचाई थाना अन्तर्गत गुमशुदा युसूप मुर्मू, उम्र करीब 16 वर्ष, पिता-सुरेशचंद्र मुर्मू, ग्राम-पण्डाकाटा, थाना- कुचाई, जिला-सरायकेला-खरसावाँ। I.T.I. Chaibasa से उर्दीगी नहीं होने के कारण तनाव में था। दिनांक-02.08.2023 को अर्जुनी पुल के पास देखा गया था, जो अवगत कर वापस नहीं आया है। इस संबंध में पता लगाने का काफी प्रयास किया गया एवं आवेदक अपने रिश्तेदारों एवं परिजनों द्वारा अपने स्तर से काफी खोजबीन किया गया इस संबंध में कुचाई थाना सन्धा सं-12/2023, दिनांक-14.08.2023 दर्ज है।

लापता व्यक्ति का हुलिया :-

- नाम-युसूप मुर्मू, उम्र करीब 16 वर्ष, 2 रंग-गौर
- चूँचाई-लगायत 05 फीट 02 इंच
- पहनावा-टी शर्ट ब्लू हाक गंजी, शैट पीट नवाटर साईज मटिया रंग हाथ में एक छोटा काला छाता
- मोबाईल नं-09555150669

अतः सभी जन साधारण से अनुरोध है कि यदि उक्त गुमशुदा युसूप मुर्मू, उम्र करीब 16 वर्ष के संबंध में किसी प्रकार की सूचना मिले तो निम्नांकित फोन नम्बर पर संपर्क कर इसकी सूचना दें।

मो०नं-0-9431706529-पुलिस अधीक्षक, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।  
9431706530-पुलिस उपाधीक्षक, (मुख्यालय), सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।  
9431706532-अनुमण्डल पुलिसपदाधिकारी, सरायकेला।  
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**GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND  
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT  
VERY SHORT TENDER NOTICE NO. - DWSD/SKL/07/2023-24  
Date-24.08.2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Call)**

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of BOQ	Time of Completion
1	Construction of rural water supply Scheme In Block -Gamharlia, Panchayat-Bara Kakra, Village -Bada Kakda, Amdih tola with 1.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set & HYDT of 200/165mm Dia, 125mtrs deep Drilled Tube Well to supply water 2000 LPH at least 15/30 year for 24x7 supply under SCA Fund in the District, Saraikela-Kharsawan.	881505.00	18000.00	1250.00	15 Days

- विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु सूचनापर पर देखें या अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में सम्पर्क करें।
- निविदा की शर्तें एवं परिमाण विपन्न कार्यालय सम्यक् में BOQ Cost देकर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
- प्राक्कलित राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है।

**Executive Engineer  
D.W.&S.Division Saraikela**

PR 305468 Drinking Water and Sanitation(23-24)D

## Nursing student's body found in SSKM hostel washroom in Bengal

**Kolkata, Aug 24 (IANS):** Controversy over the death of fresher in Jadavpur University (JU) is yet to fade out and a fresh case has surfaced over the mysterious death of a nursing student at a hostel of the state-run SSKM Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. The body of the deceased student, Sutapa Karmakar, an original resident of Raiganj in North Dinajpur district of West Bengal, was found in a partially hanging position in the washroom of the hostel on Thursday afternoon.

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय  
अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-BCD/CHAIBASA/31/वर्ष 2023-24**

- विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
- परिमाण विपन्न निर्गत करने हेतु आवेदन की तिथि :- दिनांक 04/09/2023 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से अपराह्न 1:00 बजे तक।
- परिमाण विपन्न निर्गत करने का स्थान :- प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
- परिमाण विपन्न निर्गत करने की तिथि :- दिनांक 05/09/2023 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से अपराह्न 2:00 बजे तक।
- परिमाण विपन्न निर्गत करने का स्थान :- प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
- निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक 06/09/2023 को 11:00 बजे से 2:00 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक 06/09/2023 को अपराह्न 2:30 बजे।
- परिमाण विपन्न बिडों की स्थान :- (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर अंचल, राँची।  
(ख) प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा,  
(ग) सहायक अभियंता, भवन अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा (प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय)
- निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान :- (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर अंचल, राँची।  
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(ग) सहायक अभियंता, भवन अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा (प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय)
- कार्यों का विवरणी :-

क्र. सं०	प्रखण्ड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपन्न का मूल्य	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
01	गुदड़ी	मौजा-कोटेया, थाना संख्या-246, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-80/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी कोटेया (कोड सं-20368130606) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
02	गुदड़ी	मौजा-कुमदी, थाना संख्या-259, खाता सं-03, प्लॉट सं-101/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र कुमदी (कोड सं-20368130627) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
03	गुदड़ी	मौजा-बुरुकरसिंग, थाना संख्या-248, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-160/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र बुरुकरसिंग (कोड सं-20368130628) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
04	बंदगांव	मौजा-हरनो, थाना संख्या-362, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-419/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र हरनो (कोड सं-20368010229) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
05	बंदगांव	मौजा-मेलगाड़ी, थाना संख्या-290, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-419/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र मेलगाड़ी (कोड सं-20368010236) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
06	बंदगांव	मौजा-शिवा, थाना संख्या-303, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-264/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र शिवा (कोड सं-20368010241) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
07	बंदगांव	मौजा-तोड़गाहातु, थाना संख्या-326, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-136/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र तोड़गाहातु (कोड सं-20368010214) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
08	बंदगांव	मौजा-चाकोततोड़गा, थाना संख्या-315, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-36/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र चाकोततोड़गा (कोड सं-20368010213) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
09	बंदगांव	मौजा-रोरो, थाना संख्या-308, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-487/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र रोरो (कोड सं-20368010215) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
10	बंदगांव	मौजा-सियांगकेल(2), थाना संख्या-287, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-590/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र सियांगकेल-2 (कोड सं-20368010237) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
11	बंदगांव	मौजा-केडके, थाना संख्या-269, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-902/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र केडके (कोड सं-20368010129) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
12	बंदगांव	मौजा-सियांगकेल, थाना संख्या-318, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-325/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र सियांगकेल (कोड सं-20368010242) का भवन निर्माण। (5 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
13	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-दायेवो, थाना संख्या-422, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-151/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र दायेवो (कोड सं-20368030919) का भवन निर्माण। (4 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
14	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-गुर्गांव, थाना संख्या-38, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-389/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र गुर्गांव (कोड सं-20368030808) का भवन निर्माण। (4 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
15	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-नाईपेड़, थाना संख्या-421, खाता सं-42, प्लॉट सं-233/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र नाईपेड़ (कोड सं-20368030919) का भवन निर्माण। (4 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
16	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-ईवाकुटी, थाना संख्या-34, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-332/अंश(कुंजीरी) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र हाथिया बी (कोड सं-20368030826) का भवन निर्माण। (4 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
17	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-कागागाड़ा, थाना संख्या-415, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-248/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र सिन्दरीपीड (कोड सं-20368030925) का भवन निर्माण। (4 <sup>th</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
18	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-सरजोमहातु, थाना संख्या-444, खाता सं-439, प्लॉट सं-1937/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र डीसाई-सरजोमहातु (कोड सं-20368031023) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
19	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-कोटसोना, थाना संख्या-418, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-88/अंश(पत्थर) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र कोटसोना (कोड सं-20368030926) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
20	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-ठेलापीड, थाना संख्या-94, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-231/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र ठेलापीड-बी (कोड सं-20368030625) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
21	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-लौंजी, थाना संख्या-426, खाता सं-03, प्लॉट सं-1379/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र लौंजी-01 (कोड सं-20368030920) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
22	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-हिजिया, थाना संख्या-39, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-422/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र हिजिया-02 (कोड सं-20368030623) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
23	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-गुलकेडा, थाना संख्या-39, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-2111/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र बुरुसाई (कोड सं-20368030811) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
24	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-बाई नं-13 दंदासाई थाना संख्या-6813, खाता सं-105, प्लॉट सं-186/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र बाई नं-13 दंदासाई (कोड सं-20368030314) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
25	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-विनद्वारसरजोम थाना संख्या-441, खाता सं-224, प्लॉट सं-419/अंश(पुरानी परती गैर आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र पुरमडीह (कोड सं-20368030625) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
26	दक्षवपुर	मौजा-गुरहातु थाना संख्या-40, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-1081/अंश(पुरानी परती) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र गुरहातु 02 (कोड सं-20368030809) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
27	गुदड़ी	मौजा-बुड़ थाना संख्या-254, खाता सं-02, प्लॉट सं-815/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र बुड़ (कोड सं-20368130632) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
28	गुदड़ी	मौजा-बुरुकुमिंग थाना संख्या-230, खाता सं-01, प्लॉट सं-499/अंश(पुरानी परती काबिल आबाद) के आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र बुरुकुमिंग (कोड सं-20368040427) का भवन निर्माण। (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	1172700	23500	2500	06 माह
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32	दक्षवपुर	कुलितोरंग पंचायत अंतर्गत ग्राम पुर्बुया के शहीद पोदो हो खेल मैदान में चेन्जींग रूम सह शौचालय निर्माण। (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	525800	11000	1250	03 माह
33	दक्षवपुर	हथिया पंचायत अंतर्गत ग्राम ओटार के शहीद पोदो हो खेल मैदान में चेन्जींग रूम सह शौचालय निर्माण। (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	525800	11000	1250	03 माह
34	दक्षवपुर	सिमिंदीरी पंचायत अंतर्गत ग्राम दलकी के शहीद पोदो हो खेल मैदान में चेन्जींग रूम सह शौचालय निर्माण। (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	525800	11000	1250	03 माह
35	दक्षवपुर	नलिता पंचायत अंतर्गत ग्राम कुसुगुडा के शहीद पोदो हो खेल मैदान में चेन्जींग रूम सह शौचालय निर्माण। (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	525800	11000	1250	03 माह

➤ वैसे संवेदक जिनका निबंधन/UCAN नवीकरण लॉक है, वे निविदा में भाग नहीं लेंगे।  
➤ विद्युत मर्दों के कार्य हेतु उर्जा विभाग द्वारा निर्गत अनुज्ञा प्रमाण पत्र। (निविदा की शर्तनुसार)  
➤ निविदा की शर्तें अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर उपलब्ध हैं।  
➤ एक निबंधन पर दो से अधिक कार्यों का परिमाण विपन्न देय नहीं होगा।  
➤ भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट/डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट ही मान्य होगा। बैंक ड्राफ्ट/डिमाण्ड कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग,  
भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा के पक्ष में एवं भारतीय स्टेट बैंक मुख्य शाखा, चाईबासा में भुगतने होगा, जिससे लायता नहीं जायेगा।  
➤ झारखण्ड सरकार, पथ निर्माण विभाग के संकल्प सह ड्राफ्टांक 2146 (S) रॉकी दि० 09/09/2020 के आधर पर निविदा का निष्पादन किया जाएगा।  
➤ अग्रघन के रूप में NSC/TD/FD (Vaildity 3 Years & duly discharged) मान्य होगा। जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा के नाम से प्रतिष्ठित होगा।  
➤ परिमाण विपन्न निबंधित संवेदक या उनके द्वारा विधिवत प्राधिकृत व्यक्ति को (प्राधिकार पत्र में अंकित पहचान दस्तावेज की छाया प्रति के साथ मूल प्रति प्रस्तुत करने पर) निर्गत किया जाएगा।  
➤ संवेदक को आवेदन के साथ इस आशय का शपथ पत्र देना होगा जो कि उनका कोई भी कार्य एकरारित समय सीमा भीत जाने के बाद लखित नहीं है।

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## Aiming for moon, India sets sights on 'limitless possibilities' for humanity: India's UN envoy

"By aiming for the moon, India has not only reached it, but also set our sights on the limitless possibilities that lie ahead (and) as the saying goes, 'To infinity and beyond'," India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj has said.

United Nations, Aug 24 (IANS) "By aiming for the moon, India has not only reached it, but also set our sights on the limitless possibilities that lie ahead (and) as the saying goes, 'To infinity and beyond'," India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj has said.

While the successful landing of the Chandrayaan-3 on the moon "symbolises the aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians," she added on Wednesday that "it's a historic moment for humanity as we venture into uncharted territory near the moon's South Pole".

"What really stands out is that India is the first country to land on the South Pole of the moon, where many others have not succeeded so far," she said.

Before her news conference here, India received congratulations from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and General Assembly President Csaba Korosi.

Conveying congratulations from Guterres, who is in Johannesburg for the BRICS meeting of the Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa group, his Associate Spokesperson Florencia Soto Nino said at the UN noon briefing, "This is a great achievement."

"We wish India a greater success in its space exploration," she added.

Korosi's Spokesperson Pulina Kubiak said that he congratulated India and that within his office, "many of the Indian colleagues were celebrating that achievement."

United States Permanent Representative Linda Thomas-Greenfield congratulated India in a post on X (formerly Twitter) and said, "Look forward to further deepening US-India space cooperation -- including our work together at the @UN and beyond -- as new frontiers continue to be explored."

Of India's lunar mission contributing to various objectives to the UN, Kamboj singled out the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of gender equality.

"A very significant number of scientists who worked on India's moon mission Chandrayaan-3 are women, very much in sync with India's model of women-led growth and development and also linking beautifully with SDG 5, which is all about gender equity," she said.

Globally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi "has emphasised that the success belongs to all of us and holds promise for future scientific achievements that will benefit humanity as a whole," she added.

In a reference to India's international space cooperation, Kamboj said, "For India, and mankind ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) has launched many rockets and satellites."

"ISRO's own lunar and interplanetary missions, including the latest Chandrayaan-3, along with other scientific projects, encourage and promote science education," she added.

On the significance of the lunar landing for developing countries as whole, Kamboj quoted Modi: "I am confident that all countries in the world, including those from the Global South are capable of achieving such feats. We can all aspire to the moon and beyond."

Speaking last year at a meeting of the General Assembly panel on peaceful uses of outer space, Nitish Bardi, the Minister in India's permanent mission, outlined the scope of New Delhi's global cooperation.

He said that India has signed more than 260 space cooperation documents covering aspects such as technology protection, ground station support, cooperation in aerosol monitoring, space situational awareness and peaceful uses of outer space.

A reporter asked Kamboj whether she intended to seek a resolution from the General Assembly or other organisations "to mark this significant milestone".

She replied, "Thank you very much for putting that thought in our mind. I will come back to you on this."

A Palestinian journalist asked Kamboj about Kashmir, as well about expanding BRICS membership and if the successful lunar mission enhanced India's chances for becoming a permanent member of the Security Council.

She declined to answer the questions which she said were "valid", but that "this is not the moment for these questions. Today's the day of celebration, and we are focusing on India's success and indeed, the success of the whole of humanity".

She, however, offered to meet the journalist at India's mission to discuss the questions.

# 7 in 10 Indian Gen-Z workers believe AI skills will boost their careers

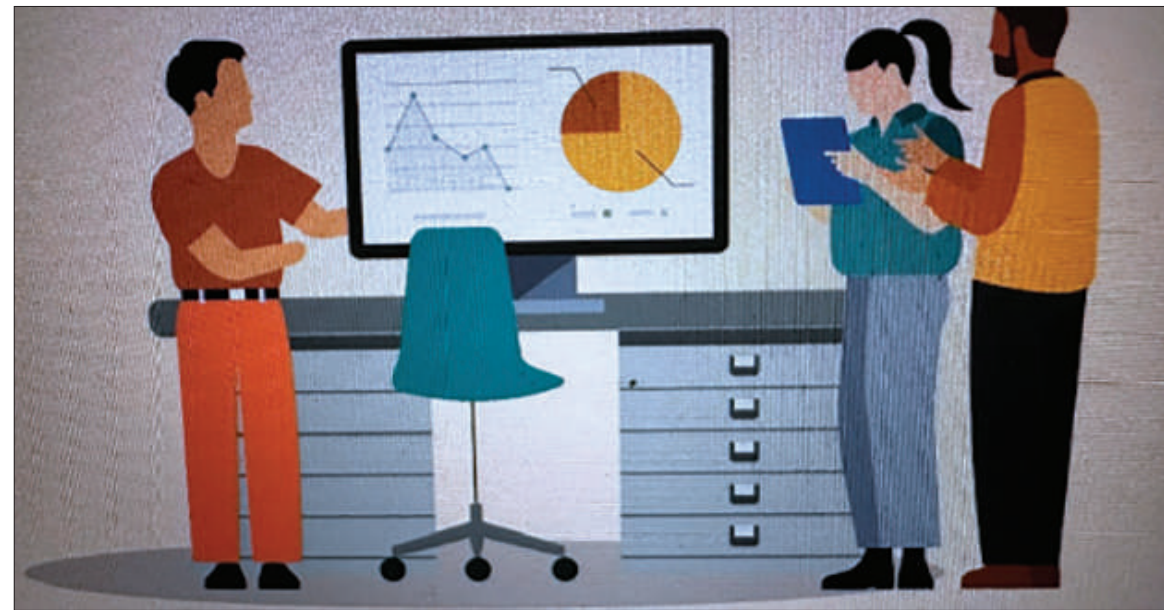
Seven in 10 Gen-Z professionals in India believe that artificial intelligence (AI) skills will help them progress in their careers, a report showed on Thursday.

AI-skilled members in India increased by 14 times in June 2023 compared to January 2016. This growth puts India in the top 5 countries for AI talent increase, alongside Singapore, Finland, Ireland, and Canada, according to LinkedIn's first-ever global Future of Work: State of Work @AI report.

Over the past year, 43 per cent of the Indian workforce have witnessed increased AI usage in their workplaces.

This surge has prompted 60 per cent of all workers and 71 per cent of Gen Z professionals in India to recognise that acquiring AI skills could enhance career prospects. Further, two in three Indians say they will learn at least one digital skill in 2023, with AI and Machine Learning being among the top skills they want to learn, the report mentioned.

"With India's top executives endorsing the potency of interpersonal skills in the age of AI, we're entering an era that



values more fulfilling, human-centric work," said Ashutosh Gupta, Country Manager at LinkedIn India.

"To seize the moment, leaders must solidify their commitment to skills-first hiring because prioritising potential over pedigree can expand talent pools, boost upskilling, and build agility in their workforce," he added.

In 2022, the growth in hiring AI

talent has outpaced overall hiring in APAC.

For India, 2023 promises continued growth for AI hiring, with half of India's top executives aiming to upskill or hire for AI talent this year.

About 57 per cent of executives are planning to enhance AI use in their organisations next year, the report said.

Around 91 per cent of Indian

executives also believe soft skills have become more important than ever.

The emphasis on soft skills such as creativity and communications in the age of AI is particularly strong in India, with 91 per cent of top executives recognising their increased importance, surpassing the global average of 72 per cent, said the report.

## Doctors call for reducing air pollution to tackle dementia risk

Even as a recent study showed the evidence linking air pollution to increased risks of dementia, doctors here on Thursday called for strict actions to make the air cleaner.

Dementia is an umbrella term for an impaired ability to remember, think, or make decisions that interferes with doing everyday activities.

According to the study, published in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine this week, people who lived in areas of higher particle pollution, developed dementia. The study, based on data from a survey of 27,857 people, showed that 15 per cent who developed dementia resided in areas with higher particle pollution.

While previous studies have already linked overall bad air quality to a number of health problems, including the risk of developing dementia, the new study offers a finer-grained look at how specific causes of air pollution seem to be more strongly linked to dementia than others.

The study comes as India continues to grapple with persistently high air pollution levels. According to the fifth annual World Air Quality Report 2022, India became the world's eighth most polluted country, with an annual average PM2.5



concentration of 53.3 micrograms per cubic metre, more than 10 times the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommended levels.

Delhi has been ranked the fourth most polluted city and the second most polluted capital city globally, with an annual average PM2.5 concentration of 92.6 micrograms per cubic metre.

"In India higher concentrations of particulate matter in the air remain quite problematic. Tiny pollution particles get into the brain through the nose and cause neuronal cell death that is connected to dementia. Further particle pollution modifies inflammatory proteins that act on the brain," Dr Praveen Gupta, Director Neurology, Fortis

Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon, told IANS.

"This study continues to shine a light on data that shows that dementia can be affected by air pollution. It's important that we fully understand the risks of high particulate matter in the air," he added.

Experts are concerned about the fact that quality of air in Delhi/NCR is already very toxic with change in weather conditions. With such high rates of pollution, rates of dementia will only increase unless strict actions are taken.

Reducing air pollution is essential for global health and humanitarian causes, as it will have a positive impact on dementia and other climate change issues.

"There is a need for collaborative

action from government, healthcare community and NGOs to come together on a common platform and devise strategies to reduce risk factors and control the rates of dementia," Dr Gupta said.

Air pollution is a major and pressing public health threat. The WHO estimates that around 7 million people die every year from exposure to fine particles in polluted air that lead to diseases such as stroke, heart disease, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and respiratory infections, including pneumonia.

Pollutants include particulate matter (PM), carbon monoxide, ozone, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide. Both ambient (outdoor) and household (indoor) air pollution are harmful for health.

"PM pollution is responsible for many health hazards which start in vitro (in foetus) till one is alive. The JAMA study gives another strong evidence about the health hazard of pollution," Prof Vinay Goyal, Chairman Neurology, Medanta, Gurugram, told IANS.

"Living in an unclean environment (neighbourhood of industrial area) is responsible for many health hazards. As proven by JAMA study, higher levels of pollution is responsible for developing more dementia than a clean environment," he added.

## 69TH NATIONAL FILM AWARDS 2023

### The roster of winners

 <b>BEST FEATURE FILM</b> ROCKETRY: THE NAMBI EFFECT	 <b>BEST WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT</b> RRR	 <b>BEST ACTOR</b> ALLU ARJUN (PUSHPA: THE RISE)
 <b>BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR</b> PANKAJ TRIPATHI (MIMI)	 <b>BEST ACTRESSES</b> ALIA BHATT (GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI) & KRITI SANON (MIMI)	 <b>BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS</b> PALLAVI JOSHI (THE KASHMIR FILES)
 <b>BEST DIRECTOR</b> NIKHIL MAHAJAN (GODAVARI (THE HOLY WATER))	 <b>BEST MUSIC DIRECTOR</b> DEVI SRI PRASAD (PUSHPA: THE RISE)	
 <b>BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY / BEST EDITING</b> SANJAY LEELA BHANSALI (GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI)	 <b>BEST ACTION DIRECTION / BEST CHOREOGRAPHY / BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS</b> RRR	

## Producer Aartie Miranni talks about her creative journey

Co-founder and content head at Alter Ego Production, Aartie Miranni says that The Elephant in the Room delivers its message in a fun and unique manner. She is confident that the audience will appreciate the treatment of the project.

"So, the original story is written by both me and Nitin, my husband, and it is something very special as we have this relationship with Ganpati. We have been bringing him home for the last 8-9 years and those 2 days are the most beautiful in our house. We have so many conversations with "Gannu" (as we call him) and it is almost as if he is part of our family. While thinking about that idea one day, we sort of agreed to write about a situation where our protagonist starts having conversations with Gannu and then how the day unfolds. The treatment is not in the way some of the recent movies and series have narrated. There is no judgment and preachiness in our attempt. It is fun and light. Also, we all have great groups of friends but not necessarily we are true to them. So, the title is a word play on - 'it took an elephant to come in the room to bring out the elephant in the room,'" she says.

Talking about her background, she says, "I am actually quite a new entrant to the creative field. I have



always been part of the corporate world, and working across countries over the last 23 years. I am an HR professional and very happy at that so this dabbling into the creative world and storytelling is not out of boredom rather the need to express and share experiences."

She adds, "I had read something during Covid days (as the pandemic time was such a reflection on how one was leading the life, choices etc) that sort of stayed with me i.e. 'You can be whoever you want to be' and there is no limitation to what a human mind can achieve."

Production was something that happened naturally with Aartie. "After meeting my husband, who is an actor, a stand-up comic, a writer and a very talented multi-faceted personality, I started interacting with people from the industry. And it is the charm and beauty of

dreams and possibilities that drew me to this field and I wanted to back myself and learn the ropes of filmmaking and start with something small and original," she says.

Aartie looks forward to a lot of interesting work ahead. "So, The Elephant in the Room is my first production as a title producer, however I am onto this journey now where I am putting projects, web series and movies together and having opportunities to take the characters to the world. I am not in any hurry as I don't want to compromise on my original stories and will keep on working on my characters to know them better and hopefully they will find their lives on the screen soon!"

She adds, "I am personally a big supporter of original, real urban and contemporary content. I want to be associated with projects which talk about flawed humans

and relationships as we all are in reality. So Zoya Akhtar, Shakun Batra story telling interests me and, of course, thrillers and murder twists are the best!"

Coming back to film, the casting was fun, says Aartie, adding, "We are so happy that we got an opportunity to work with such a great cast. Actually, casting Meher was the most critical one and we thought of many people, essentially friends to start with. However, one day Daisy and we were having coffee and discussing God and his ways and somehow very organically she said a few things that we had the character of Meher saying in the story and bang - we had our Meher. Rest of the cast just fell into place. Daisy is brilliant in the film and everyone has done outstanding work. We cannot thank them enough for the support."

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# Partnership with Jasprit Bumrah going great, eager to continue it: Prasad Krishna

**Dublin, August 24 (IANS):** On his return to the Indian team through the T20Is against Ireland after a lumbar stress fracture kept him out of the game for almost a year, Prasad Krishna took four wickets while bouncing out batters and hurrying them for pace. He will be next seen in action during the upcoming Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

After India won the series 2-0 following rain abandoning third T20I at Malahide, Prasad spoke to JioCinema about his performance against Ireland, the support he received from his family and friends during recovery, and the time spent with India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who also returned to international cricket after nearly 11 months due to back injury.

Excerpts:  
How does it feel to be back in the Indian team?  
I've had a long time off. Now that I've had ample time to prepare, everything has fallen into place mentally as well. It's been at least six weeks that I've been bowling and during this time, I've been contemplating the game extensively - analyzing my bowling, identifying areas of improvement, and considering what are new things I can bring to the team.  
What do you make of your comeback against Ireland?  
I think the performances have been good. In terms of how I feel, I'm running in well, and I'm able to express myself out there. I believe that's the most important aspect for me. However, there's a lot more that I can do to get into the groove.



What were the key areas that you were focusing on during your rehab?  
The NCA proved to be an incredibly beneficial environment for us. Personally, the clarity we maintained about our objectives greatly aided me. Each time we devised a plan, we ensured to review the past week, assess the present conditions, and understand how I was feeling on a daily basis.

This constant communication allowed us to synchronize our efforts effectively. Initially, the plan focused on achieving an overall sense of well-being for the body - ensuring I felt good, managing the physical demands, and addressing any concerns. Only after establishing this foundation, we transitioned into bowling, gradually managing the loads, and steadily progressing towards match readiness.

What role did your family play in your rehab?  
Their role has been crucial in maintaining my calm and composure throughout this journey. I've never experienced a day where I felt isolated or questioned why I wasn't playing or participating like everyone else. There was never any sense of exclusion.

My family, friends, and support network made sure I was included in everything, treating me just like one of them. I was regarded as any other person pursuing his interests, which contributed significantly to my sense of well-being. I'm genuinely grateful for the people I have around me. Tell us about your partnership with Jasprit Bumrah. Personally, I've always looked up to him because of his abilities and the way he keeps it simple. His knack of executing under pressure is something I've admired for a long time. Fortunately, I had ample time to be alongside him during our recovery period at the NCA.

It was often us working together, sticking to a planned approach. This gave us the opportunity to learn more about each other - how we prepare, and how we respond to in-game situations. It's been a valuable experience. He's also been supportive, whether it's discussing cricket, mental aspects, or rehabilitation concerns. Our partnership is going great, and we're eager to continue it. What are your expectations from the upcoming tournaments?

Having eight-nine one-dayers before the World Cup, coupled with the warm-up matches, is highly beneficial for our preparation. India has played a lot of one-day matches, and this has led to a clear understanding within each player about their respective roles in contributing to the team's success.

## Mark Butcher terms Harry Brook's omission from England's ODI World Cup squad a 'mistake'

**London, Aug 24 (IANS):** Former England cricketer Mark Butcher believes that the omission of young in-form batter Harry Brook from England's squad for the ICC ODI World Cup is a 'mistake'.

Last week, Brook was surprisingly left out of England's provisional ODI World Cup squad as well as for the upcoming ODI series against New Zealand at home.

Brook's omission came due to all-rounder Ben Stokes coming out of retirement from the format to help England defend their ODI World Cup title in India, won four years ago on home soil, from October 5 to November 19.

Despite fetching tremendous success in Tests and T20Is, Brook has only played three ODIs for England, all of them



against South Africa earlier this year. At the domestic level, he last played a 50-over game for Yorkshire in 2019, due to the competition clashing with the Hundred in the last three years.

"I don't see it, really. Brook is so startlingly good. Regardless of how much or how little ODI cricket that he's played, it would not take him very long to get up to speed because he is such a rare talent."

surprise me. I expected that to happen anyway. Didn't see it coming at the expense of Harry Brook. Brook missing out, I think, is a mistake," said Butcher in the latest episode of the Wisden Cricket Podcast.

He further pointed out that England's ageing ODI batting line-up will be missing Brook's youth and extravagant energy. "You need that injection of a bit of genius knocking around in these tournaments and Brook has that in spades. England's specialist batters in the group... the youngest is probably Joe Root, at 32." "He's younger than Jos (Buttler). Jonny's (Baird) is 33, (Dawid) Malan's 35, J (Jason) Roy is 33, Jos is 32, and then you've obviously got Ben (Stokes) in there who's playing as a specialist batter as well at 32."

"There are some people who just have 'it', whatever 'it' may be. Finding them to accommodate at the expense of older players who have probably reached their peak, reached their zenith would be a much bolder and much more satisfying move." "It just seems to me that somebody of Brook's incredible ability should have found a way in. The fact that Stokes has been picked doesn't surprise anybody, it doesn't

## Laura Wolvaardt appointed as interim captain of SA women's team

**Johannesburg, Aug 24 (IANS):** Stylish right-handed batter Laura Wolvaardt has been appointed as the new interim captain of South Africa women's team. She will lead the Proteas for their upcoming series against Pakistan and New Zealand.

Laura's appointment comes in the wake of all-rounder Suné Luus recently relinquishing her role as interim captain, and the unavailability of Chloe Tryon, the vice-captain, for the Pakistan series. A statement from Cricket South Africa (CSA) said Laura's position will be reviewed following the conclusion of the series against New Zealand.

South Africa's tour of Pakistan will feature a three-match T20I series alongside a three-match ODI series, all set to happen at the National Stadium in Karachi from



September 1-14. They will then host New Zealand for three ODIs and five T20Is at home.

"It's a massive honour to be offered this position as captain for the next two tours. It's something that I have always aspired to do, having played in this team for a couple of years. Having more of a leadership role is something I've wanted to

take on. It'll help me as a cricketer and learning to think as a captain on the field will hopefully help my batting as well." "I'm very excited to be able to contribute in another way too, and not just in batting. It still feels surreal at the moment but it will all become more real when I meet up with the team in Pakistan. What I can bring to

the role is the experience that I have in the side. I've been playing international cricket since I was 16 years old." "I know quite a lot of players in the circuit and I've been playing in the leagues as well, so I've played a lot of cricket in recent years and hopefully, I'm able to use that experience and the knowledge to my advantage when I captain the team. I'd like to also think of myself as quite calm and level-headed and that's probably more of the approach that I try to take on the field as a captain." "It is very new to me but I am keen to learn and do everything that I can to do well in the position. I am lucky that I have a couple of senior players within the squad around me as well, who would be able to help me and guide me if I do need help along the way," said Laura on being appointed as captain.

## John Isner announces he will retire from tennis after US Open

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS):** American tennis player John Isner has announced on social media that he will retire after playing at this year's US Open. His 17th consecutive appearance in his home major will be his last.

The 38-year-old at Flushing Meadows will draw to a close his illustrious career, during which he has won 16 ATP Tour titles, 488 tour-level matches and competed in the ATP Finals (in 2018).

"There comes a time in every athlete's career that they have to decide to hang it up. For me, that time is now. I didn't come to this decision lightly, but I feel it is the right way to go. When I left the University of Georgia in 2007, there was no way I could have imagined playing 17 years on the ATP Tour."

## Messi's double assist powers Inter Miami to US Open Cup final



**Cincinnati, Aug 24 (IANS):** Lionel Messi registered two assists and converted a penalty kick as Inter Miami CF defeated FC Cincinnati 5-4 on penalties following a dramatic 3-3 draw to advance to the 2023 US Open Cup Final.

Miami will play Houston Dynamo in the final, scheduled on September 27 as the club looks to claim its second trophy of the year. With Miami trailing 2-0 after the hour mark, reigning World Cup champion Lionel Messi twice connected with Leonardo Campana to force extra time on Wednesday night. The 2019 Open Cup champion Josef Martinez then slotted the Herons ahead 3-2 in the 93rd minute, only to have FC Cincinnati's Yuya Kubo score a 114th minute equalizer to send the match to the penalty kick tie-breaker. In the shootout, Miami goalkeeper Drake Callender saved the fifth-round attempt from Cincinnati native Nick Hagglund, before Benjamin Cremaschi converted to send Inter Miami to its first U.S. Open Cup Final and second championship match of 2023.

## Indian men's blind cricket team defeat Bangladesh; women's team beat Australia by 163 runs

**Birmingham, Aug 23 (IANS):** Indian men's blind cricket team on Wednesday defeated Bangladesh by 3 wickets in the ongoing International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Games 2023 in Birmingham.

Having registered two consecutive wins after facing a defeat in the first match, the men's team used all their experience to outplay Bangladesh on Wednesday. In the women's match, India thrashed Australia by 163 runs in the IBSA World Games 2023 in Birmingham.

In the men's game, Bangladesh scored 147/6 in the allotted 20 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat first.

India were down and out after losing half their side inside 6 overs for just 26 runs. However, some brilliant batting performances from



Nareshbhai Balubhai Tumda (28), Sunil Ramesh (20), and vice-captain Venkateswara Rao Dunna (30) helped India get close to the target.

In the end, Bangladesh were fined 26 penalty runs which eventually took India's score to 165/7 in 17 overs, helping the Men In Blue to register a thrilling win.

Earlier in the day, the women's team defeated Australia by 163 runs to

continue their stellar in the ongoing tournament. This was the second time in the tournament that Women in Blue dominated the Australian team.

Opting to bat first, Indian batters wasted no time and came out all guns blazing scoring 51 in the powerplay. Gangavva H, who came out to bat at number 4, started from where she had left the other day. She scored 69 runs in 45 balls.

## Rashid Khan cooled his stance on BBL boycott threat, nominates for draft: Reports

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS):** Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan has reportedly made himself available for the 2023-24 Big Bash League (BBL) season, relenting on his threat to boycott the tournament.

In January of this year, the star off-spinner threatened to quit BBL after Cricket Australia's (CA) decision to withdraw from a three-match ODI series against Afghanistan due to Taliban's ban on girls' education in the country. Following CA's decision to not compete against Afghanistan in the scheduled ODI series, Rashid Khan left the 2022-23 BBL season midway. "I am really disappointed to hear that Australia have pulled out of the series to play us in March. If playing Afghanistan is so uncomfortable for Australia, then I wouldn't want to make anyone uncomfortable with my presence in the BBL."



Therefore, I will be strongly considering my future in that competition," he had said at the time. Cricket Australia reaffirmed their stance on not participating in Afghanistan matches. However, they expressed that players like Rashid from Afghanistan were still invited to join the BBL. According to Cricket.com.au report, the Afghan spin whiz is to be unveiled as one of the most high-profile nominations for this year's draft. Rashid has played every season with the Adelaide Strikers

since bursting onto the scene as a 19-year-old to be the leading wicket-taker in BBL 7 and was picked second in last year's inaugural BBL draft, with Strikers using their retention rights to hold onto him after an attempted poach from the Melbourne Stars. In this year's BBL Draft, to be held on September 3, Strikers are again expected to take the Afghan leg-spinner, who is set to be available up until his departure for a T20 league in South Africa, the report further said.

## 'Competing in front of our home crowd at Asian Champions Trophy will be momentous experience,' says Savita Punia

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS):** The excitement in the world of women's hockey is palpable as the upcoming Jharkhand Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 gears up to unfold from October 27 to November 5.

The Indian women's hockey captain Savita shared her excitement about the tournament and the honour of hosting such a prestigious event on Indian soil.

"As the captain of the Indian Women's Hockey Team, I am thrilled beyond words to know that the Asian Champions Trophy for women is set to take place in Ranchi. This announcement is a testament to the progress and recognition that

women's hockey has achieved not just in India but across Asia. It fills us with immense pride to represent our nation on such a significant platform," Savita said.

The seventh edition of the tournament, in which Japan, Korea, China, Malaysia, Thailand, and hosts India are expected to participate, holds a special place for the Indian team.

"Competing in front of our home crowd in Ranchi will undoubtedly be a momentous experience. The energy, support, and enthusiasm of our fans inspire us to perform at our best. We are eager to showcase our skills, determination, and the collective spirit that defines Indian women's hockey,"



she added. The announcement of the Jharkhand Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 being hosted in India marks a remarkable chapter in the growth of women's hockey in the country.

"This tournament is more than just a competition; it's a celebration of the strides women's hockey has taken. It symbolizes unity, sportsmanship, and the unwavering dedication of athletes who strive for excellence," Savita emphasized.

Women's team has been making headlines with their exceptional performances on the international stage, and the upcoming tournament is yet another chance for them to make a resounding statement.

"We are determined to make the most of this opportunity and leave our mark. We are training hard and focusing on every aspect to deliver our best performance in front of our home crowd and make the nation proud by clinching our second Asian Champions Trophy title," said Savita. Notably, the women's team won the prestigious title in 2016 and in the following edition in 2018, they finished runners-up. Savita also extended her gratitude to Hockey India, the government authorities, and all stakeholders for their support. "This would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of Hockey India, Jharkhand's state government, and our fans."

# 21% of GenZ daters say sending memes builds great rapport

**New Delhi, August 24 (IANSLife)** People exploring the world of love and romance have come up with new and more effective ways to connect with their dates. From sending memes to sharing their favourite playlist, connecting with matches has been taken to a whole new level. Dating app, QuackQuack, recently conducted a survey studying the approaches in which GenZ and Millennial daters are communicating their feelings.

QuackQuack Founder and CEO Ravi Mittal commented, "More than 35+ million chats are exchanged per month on our app, and among them, the new matches often send

each other cute videos that might express the same emotions as they have for each other, memes, and we even see them discussing movies and current trends on the social media."

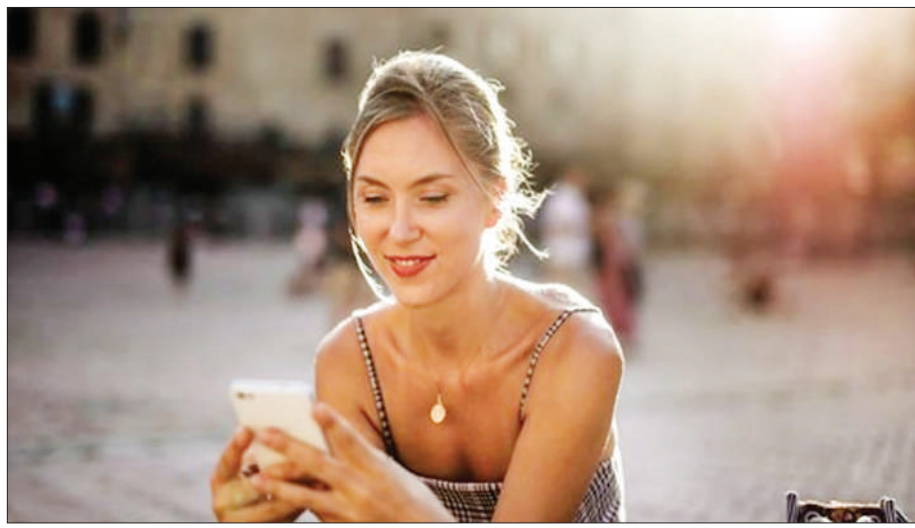
**The new love languages**

21 per cent of GenZ daters mentioned during the survey that sending memes and funny videos builds great rapport between new matches. It is no longer "Hey, how are you?" If your person of interest continues to send you memes, it only means that they are interested, and the content they send has more meaning to it than just for laughs. It can be a direct indication that they are interested. They also mentioned that this is

strictly about two people who have previously shown romantic interest in each other and not just any random person.

**Get to know each other better**

During the survey, 37 per cent of daters above 30 disclosed that the getting-to-know-each-other phase is much different now than it was some five years back. For instance, no one asks about your favorite color anymore. It is more about how well you have healed from your previous heartbreaks, how you carry yourself in the face of troubles, and more profound questions that are much more useful to know than someone's favorite color.



Pulling the heartstrings with music

If two people have similar tastes in music, it's reason enough to connect,

says 19 per cent of daters from tier 1 and 2 cities. There's a lot to talk about when you have similar likings, making it easier for

the conversations to flow between matches. 11 per cent of these daters disclosed that sharing passwords for OTT

platforms is also a way to connect. They said that if you want to impress someone you have been speaking to for a while, offer them your password to an OTT platform you have a subscription to and see how fast you become friends.

**Movie, series, and more**

Speaking about OTT platforms, loving the same series as someone, or even better, hating the same series, can be a reason for connecting; at least 16 per cent of male daters between the age of 22 to 28 say so. Sharing critical notes about a series, how well-made it is, or how it did not live up to the hype are great topics for conversation. 14 per cent of female daters in

the same age group mentioned, "Did you watch so and so series?" is the most used ice-breaker at the moment.

**Comedy over drama**

Forget movies; comedy shows are the place new couples prefer more these days, said more than 24 per cent of daters between 25-30 from tier 1 cities. Laughter is good for your health; why shouldn't that apply to your relationship; asked these seasoned daters. They explained that it allows you a good laugh, and you can also gauge your match's sense of humor and even see if your vibes match all at the same time.

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## Rajasthan gives a nod to the tourist and hospitality industries



**New Delhi, August 24 (IANSLife)** Rajasthan is steadily rising to the top of the list for those wishing to invest in the travel and tourist sector. A total of 802 tourist units have been approved in the state, which would get an investment of Rs 10,463.47 crore from December 2018 to June 2023 during the leadership of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. 40,785 persons in the state will have work options thanks to these licenced tourist businesses. It is important to note that the state's tourism and hospitality sectors have been classified as full-fledged industries in order to achieve the Chief Minister's goal of making the state a leader in the industry both nationally and internationally. Consequently, investors are exhibiting a keen interest to invest in the state's tourist sector.

According to Dr. Rashmi Sharma, director of the tourism department, "The Rajasthan Tourism Department is currently focusing on identifying and developing new, lesser-known

tourist destinations within the state as part of its new tourism policy, which is continually luring Investors to invest in the state and allows them to conduct all of their business through a single window rather than compelling them to visit various places."

Simultaneously, in the year-2022, the Rajasthan Inquiry Committee was constituted, which included the President. The committee oversees 379 pilgrimages in the tourism industry, of which 55 have been completed and 149 are currently at various phases. This initiative will invest Rs 14,679.63 crore in the state and create jobs for 60,687 people.

**Advantages of Industrial Status :**  
To provide advantages related to industrial status, the agency grants entitlement certificates to tourism units. Power is provided to the units covered by this certificate at industrial rates, which are around 30 percent less expensive than commercial rates. In addition, UD tax is assessed on these units at

industrial rates, which are 80 per cent less than commercial rates.

**Box-1**  
There were 1,262 applications for entitlement certificates for industrial status received by the department, out of which 859 have been issued. Similarly, 41 applications have been received under the Rural Tourism Scheme 2022, of which 35 certificates have been issued. So far 25 guest houses have been registered by the department in the state. The state operates about 850 home stays (paying guests) by combining old and new policies.

**Box-2**  
What is included in tourism units: Hotel and Motel, Heritage Hotel, Budget Hotel, Restaurant or Cafeteria, Resort, Sports Resort, Health Resort Spa, Camping Site, Amusement Park, Animal Safari Park, Convention Center / Mice, Museum, Rope Way, tourist luxury coach, caravan and cruise tourism.

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## Build a capsule wardrobe and reduce fast fashion consumption

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**New Delhi, August 24 (IANSLife)** Sustainable fashion choices are witnessing an increase in preference. This includes the much-respected capsule wardrobe. Be it Marie Kondo's wardrobe-focused tidying technique or Matilda Kahl's choice to wear one outfit to work for three years, the trend of dressing up consciously and having a capsule wardrobe is gaining traction. Before we get into how to build a capsule wardrobe, let's know what it entails.

A capsule wardrobe is an edit of clothing that has a long shelf life, is thoughtfully curated, and is interchangeable to make multiple outfits! A capsule wardrobe, in essence, helps you in creating an array of looks with a selected number of pieces.

The term capsule wardrobe was coined in the 1970s by Susie Faux, the owner of a London boutique called Wardrobe. Faux believed that a capsule wardrobe comprises a few essential pieces. These can be supplemented with seasonal additions.

Capsule wardrobes in this day and age are having a revival, largely due to an increase in public awareness. The consumer today is much more aware of the harmful effects of fast fashion on our planet and all living species.

A key tip to build a capsule wardrobe and reduce fast fashion consumption, Surabhi



Chopra, founder of Surabhi Chopra Label says, "Clothes are often our armor that we do every day, or they are a means to celebrate festivities. The thought of having fewer pieces in your wardrobe can often be overwhelming. Therefore, start with an analysis of your lifestyle. To create a capsule wardrobe, you need to know what your personal style is and what pieces will be most useful for the kind of lifestyle you lead. Try asking yourselves questions like, 'Do I need more travel clothes? Do I need more formal wear?' Consider all your needs so that you are better able to stick to the capsule wardrobe without any impulse purchases."

"The second step is to declutter your wardrobe. Most of us have a habit of hoarding clothes. Therefore, take out everything you have in your closet and analyse every piece in accordance with your style and lifestyle. Remove the pieces that you haven't worn for a long time or the ones that don't suit you or aren't your size. Donate,

sell, or recycle these items. Then sort the rest into categories like bottoms, denim, tees, blouses, etc."

"The final step is to curate timeless pieces that are interchangeable. Have 25-30 items for every season. The basis of a functional capsule wardrobe is versatility. It includes interchangeable garments that can create multiple looks for our everyday lives. Once you have sorted your pieces and feel that some basics are missing, invest in those items.

Ensure that what you do is sustainable and long-lasting. Have basic tops, versatile jackets, etc. Neutral colours can be a great bet, as they are great for creating cohesive looks for any season and occasion," adds Surabhi.

While building a capsule wardrobe, it is imperative to have quality pieces that are both fictional and versatile. Do not invest in pieces that will lose their charm after a few wears. The only way to combat fast fashion is to invest in clothing that is useful, practical and suits your lifestyle. A versatile piece of clothing can easily pair

with other pieces, be styled in different ways, and be worn in different contexts. Think about the item's weight, fabric quality, silhouette length, and, most importantly, how easy it is to maintain and wash. For an occasional treat, if you feel that for a particular occasion, you cannot use any of the garments in your capsule wardrobe, then renting something boring can be a great idea!

Although remember that a capsule wardrobe should be built slowly over time. Fast fashion fuels impulse purchases and rapid discards with its low prices and changing trends.

This waste finds its way to landfills, where it results in low wages for the workforce and a heavy toll on the environment due to unethical and unsustainable manufacturing practices. It is estimated that the garment industry contributes to almost 10 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

Therefore, purchasing clothes just for the sake of trends or impulse comes at a price for the environment.

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# Rum cocktails for the win

**New Delhi, August 24 (IANSLife)** Whether you prefer a classic rum and coke or are eager to experiment with innovative cocktail creations, here's a selection of must-try rum brands and tantalising recipes that will take your celebrations to a notch higher.

**VIVA EL RON**

Viva El Ron is a Cuban rum celebrating culture, history, and revolution. Created during the Cuban Revolution, it symbolises the resilience, passion, and enduring spirit of the Cuban people. The rum is a tribute to the Cuban people's resilience and passion, with a unique silver Ron mix and a well-rounded texture. The Cuban style blend features fresh, soft, and smooth flavours, transporting you to a breath-taking ocean sunset. It pairs well with classic cocktails like Cuba Libre, Mojito, and Daiquiri, making it a versatile and well-rounded rum.

MRP: Rs 1,575/-  
Cuba Libre  
Ingredients:  
50 ml of Viva El Ron  
120 ml of cola  
15 ml of freshly squeezed lime juice  
Ice cubes  
Lime wedge, for garnish

**Method:**  
Fill a highball glass with ice cubes.

Measure and pour 50 ml of light rum into the glass. Squeeze the juice of half a lime to obtain approximately 15 ml of lime juice.

Add it to the glass. Slowly pour 120 ml of cola into the glass.

Gently stir the ingredients together using a cocktail stirrer or a long spoon.

Be careful not to disturb the carbonation too much. Garnish the glass with a lime wedge by sliding it onto the rim.

**ASHANTI SPICED RUM:**

Ashanti Spiced Rum is a premium rum blending Caribbean tradition and the exotic flavours, with a rich, aromatic profile. Its infusion of warm spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla creates a harmonious blend, transporting the palate to sun-kissed beaches. Ashanti Spiced Red is a spiced rum made from Guatemalan rum, African hibiscus flower, and Indian ginger, giving it a unique taste and coppery colors. It pairs well with Cola, Ginger ale, fruit juice, and soda or in classic

fruity cocktails.

MRP: Rs 4,625/-  
Ashanti Old Fashioned

**Ingredients:**

60 ml Ashanti Spiced Rum  
5 ml simple syrup  
2 dashes Spice Route Bitters

Orange peel (for garnish)

**Method:**  
In an Old Fashioned glass, muddle the orange peel and simple syrup.

Add the Ashanti Spiced Rum and bitters.

Fill the glass with ice cubes and stir gently until chilled.

Garnish with an orange peel twist.

**BUSH RUM MANGO:**

Bush Rum Mango is a tropical rum with luscious flavours, bursting with the essence of ripe mangoes. This Caribbean-inspired rum is a refreshing escape to paradise, with a smooth texture and harmonious blend of sweet and tangy notes. It can be enjoyed neat, mixed into cocktails, or used as a base for fruity concoctions. Distilled ripe mangoes, it is blended with Bush Rum Original Spiced for a real taste and tang. Enjoy this tropical experience with cola or in a Daiquiri.



MRP: Rs 5,150/-  
Mango Daiquiri

**Ingredients:**

60 ml Bush Rum Mango  
30 ml fresh lime juice  
15 ml simple syrup  
1 cup frozen mango chunks

Lime wheel (for garnish)

**Method:**  
Add frozen mango chunks, Bush Rum Mango, lime juice, and simple syrup to a blender.

Blend until smooth and creamy. Pour into a chilled

cocktail glass.

Garnish with a lime wheel.

Sip and savor the tropical flavors.

**BUSH RUM TROPICAL CITRUS:**

Bush Rum Tropical Citrus is a tropical rum that combines the tangy sweetness of citrus fruits with the smooth richness of premium rum. It offers a tropical experience, with a captivating aroma and invigorating taste. This

spiced rum is perfect for mixing or sipping neat with ice, and is perfect served with lemonade, ice, and a wedge of citrus fruit. It pairs well with Cola, Ginger ale, fruit juice, and soda for a classic fruity cocktail.

MRP: Rs 5,150/-  
Citrus Rum Punch

**Ingredients:**

90 ml Bush Rum Tropical Citrus  
45 ml orange juice  
45 ml pineapple juice  
15 ml lime juice

15 ml grenadine syrup  
Orange slice and cherry for garnish

**Method:**

Combine all the ingredients in a shaker with ice and shake well.

Strain the mixture into a glass filled with ice.

Garnish with an orange slice and cherry.

Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or just dipping your toes into the vast pool of rum mixology, treat yourself by indulging in some vibrant experimentation with the diverse flavours of rum. To get you started with the classics, we've compiled a list of five delicious and easy-to-make rum cocktails that will let you unwind, and enjoy the relaxed vibes of sun-soaked beaches and late night tiki bars.

**Hotel Nacional**

**Ingredients:**

60ml BACARDI RESERVA OCHO RUM  
22.5ml Pineapple Juice  
7.5ml Lime Juice  
7.5ml Simple Syrup  
15ml Apricot Liqueur

**Method:**

Combine the ingredients in a cocktail shaker filled with ice

Shake vigorously  
Fine strain into a coupe

glass

Garnish with a pineapple leave or a lime wheel

Frozen Pina Colada

Ingredients:  
50ml BACARDI CARTA BLANCA

37.5ml Coconut Water  
37.5ml Pineapple Juice  
1 Cup Ice

**Method:**  
Combine all ingredients in a blender

Add 1 cup of ice and blend until a slushy consistency forms

Serve in a highball glass

Garnish with a pineapple wedge and a cherry flag

Classic Rum Punch

Ingredients:  
50ml BACARDI AÑEJO CUATRO

15ml Lime Juice  
30ml Sugar Syrup  
60ml Chilled Water

2 Dashes Angostura Bitter

**Method:**

Pour the rum, lime juice, bitters, and syrup into a mixing container

Mix and strain into a highball glass

Add the chilled water and stir

Garnish with an orange wheel and a cherry

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# Sunak inadvertently breached MP code of conduct: Parliament watchdog

London, Aug 24 (IANS): British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has "failed" to correctly declare his wife's shareholding in a firm which was set to benefit from a new policy announced in the budget, as per Parliament's standards watchdog.

In April, Parliament's Commissioner for Standards Daniel Greenberg initiated a probe into the "breach" of transparency rules by Prime Minister Sunak following concerns that the latter failed to declare that his wife Akshata Murty held shares in one of six childminding agencies selected by the Government to provide its new members with an enhanced financial incentive, "The Independent" reported.

Appearing before the liaison committee, Sunak had not mentioned his wife's interest when speaking about the childcare changes.



"No, all my disclosures are declared in the normal way," Sunak had told Labour MP Catherine McKinnell when she asked him whether he had anything to declare.

Greenberg had sought comments from Sunak, who said he had received advice from three independent advisers on the matter and had been told that his wife's shareholding

did not meet the test of relevance to require publication on the List of Minister's interests.

Considering the information available to him, Greenberg decided that the breach of the code appears to have been inadvertent.

Concluding that the breach arose out of the Prime Minister's "confusion" around the rules on declaration,

Greenberg decided to close the inquiry without the need for further action.

In a letter to Greenberg, published by the commissioner's office, Sunak apologised for confusing the language of registration and declaration.

The Prime Minister said, "I am pleased that this matter will now be concluded by way of rectification."

# Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin killed in plane crash, Putin tightlipped

Moscow, Aug 24 (IANS): Wagner mercenary group's chief Yevgeny Prigozhin, who stage a failed mutiny against Russia's military leaders, died in a plane crash in Tver region in Moscow, and a probe has been initiated into the incident, Federal Agency for Air Transport said.

The incident occurred on Wednesday evening when the aircraft, owned by Prigozhin, was flying from Moscow to St Petersburg with seven passengers and three crew, BBC reported.

All ten bodies have been recovered and a criminal investigation has been launched.

The ill-fated aircraft Embraer Legacy caught fire on hitting the ground and was reportedly in the air for less than half an hour. A Wagner linked



Telegram channel 'Grey Zone' reported Prigozhin's death, saying he was "killed as a result of actions by traitors of Russia"

Prigozhin was a key ally of Russia President Vladimir Putin but their relationship soured after

the Wagner chief staged mutiny against country's military leaders.

Charges against Prigozhin were dropped under a deal that he will end the rebellion and relocate to Belarus.

President Putin, who spoke at the BRICS

summit in South Africa via video-link on Thursday, did not mention Prigozhin or the plane crash.

Though the Kremlin is yet to confirm whether the Wagner chief died in the plane crash, aviation officials said he was one of the passengers on board.

# Six Indian pilgrims among 7 killed as bus overturns in Nepal



Kathmandu, Aug 24 (IANS): Seven people, including six Indian pilgrims, were killed in a road accident in Nepal in wee hours on Thursday, local media reported.

The bus proceeding towards Janakpur from Kathmandu overturned and fell some 50 metres down the road at a river bank south of Churiamai temple at 2 a.m.

The deceased included one Nepali, a resident of Loharpatti in Mahottari district and six Indian nationals from Rajasthan, Deputy Superintendent Pradeep Bahadur Chhetri of the the Area Police Office, Simara, was quoted as saying by Kathmandu Post.

DSP Chhetri informed that the injured passengers are undergoing treatment at various hospitals in Hetauda of Makwanpur district.

Preliminary probe revealed that the driver of the bus, might have fallen asleep leading to the accident.

# Pakistan: KP govt to shut down makeshift chairlifts after Battagram incident, locals protest

Islamabad, Aug 24 (IANS): After Battagram chairlift incident, in which at least eight people, including kids, were stranded for over 12 hours in mid-air in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the government has decided to take action and shut down all such makeshift chairlifts across the province.

Reliable sources in the KP government confirm that the decision to shut down all makeshift chairlifts has been taken with directives for all owners of such lifts to get a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the provincial government before operating them.

The decision comes after a makeshift chairlift in Pushto area of Battagram, used for daily



commute of the locals from one mountain to the other, suffered a tragic mishap as one of the strings holding the lift broke, suspending at least eight people inside mid air, at least 800 feet above ground level.

The incident, which occurred at 8.30 a.m on Tuesday, prompted rescue operation by the Pakistan Army, whose helicopters

successful rescue of all the seven persons. The incident prompted provincial government authorities to take note and initiate a checking process of all such makeshift chair lifts across the province.

However, the locals, who refuse to shut down chair lift services, do not appreciate the decision.

"These makeshift chairlifts are the only source for us in our daily routine movement. Our children go to school daily and use these lifts to move from their homes to the other side of the mountain. Government wants to shut them down but has not alternate facility to provide us. We will not shut them down and will not allow any authority to impose their decision on us," said a local of Battagram.

# Brazilian president calls for replacement of US dollar hegemony

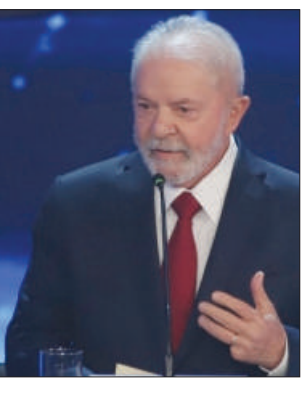
Johannesburg, Aug 23 (IANS): Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has called for creating a common trading currency for BRICS countries to counter US dollar hegemony. Advocating the creation of a common currency for cross-border trade between BRICS nations without affecting national currencies, Lula da Silva said at the BRICS Business Forum Leaders' Dialogue that an alternative to the US dollar needs to be found in the international market, Xinhua news agency reported.

The common currency would be used to facilitate trade between the emerging nations, he said on Tuesday.

"We want BRICS to be a multilateral institution, not an exclusive club," Lula da Silva said.

"We just want to organise ourselves." In April, he proposed possibly creating a common regional currency or similar mechanism to reduce reliance on the US dollar in trade.

Also on Tuesday, the Brazilian president announced that his government is considering the possibility of using the Chinese yuan in trade with Argentina.



# Fukushima water discharge: 16 students apprehended for attempting to enter Japan Embassy



Seoul, Aug 24 (IANS): Sixteen university students, who attempted to break into the Japanese Embassy in central Seoul on Thursday in protest of Japan's discharge of radioactive water from its crippled Fukushima nuclear plant into the ocean, were apprehended.

Despite concerns from neighboring countries and fishing groups in the region. Tokyo Electric Power Co., the operator of the tsunami-wrecked nuclear power plant, began releasing the first batch of treated radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean at around 1 p.m. Yonhap news agency reported.

According to the police, the students attempted to enter the Japanese Embassy at around 1 p.m., while chanting slogans against the discharge of the radioactive water.

They initially gathered on the eighth floor of the building where the consular section is located. The embassy space on the ninth through 11th floors can only be accessed through the eighth floor entrance.

The police detained them in four police stations on charges of trespassing and violating the Assembly and Demonstration Act.

# Bangladesh records over 500 dengue deaths this year

Dhaka, Aug 24 (IANS): Over 500 dengue deaths have been recorded in Bangladesh this year as the South Asian country grapples with a record outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease this year, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said.

At least 13 more people died from dengue in the 24 hours preceding 8:00 a.m. local time Wednesday in Bangladesh, Xinhua news agency reported quoting data from DGHS.

Also, 2,070 dengue patients were hospitalised in the 24-hour period Wednesday, the DGHS said.

Dengue has so far claimed at least 506 lives this year and 106,429 were infected, making this the deadliest year since the first recorded epidemic in Bangladesh in 2000.

During the first 23 days in August, according to the figure reported by the DGHS under the Ministry of Health, 54,597 more dengue cases were recorded in the country after 43,854 people were infected with the mosquito-borne disease last month.

According to DGHS data, a total of 98,098 patients have so far been released from hospitals across the country this year.



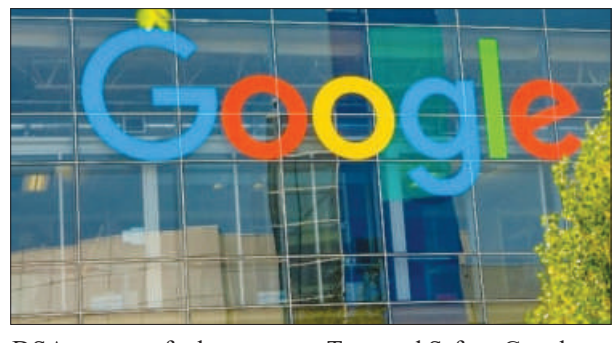
# Google doubles down on ads transparency, data access as new EU law kicks in

London, Aug 24 (IANS): Google on Thursday said it will increase how much information it provides about ads targeted at users in the European Union (EU), as the new set of regulations known as the Digital Services Act (DSA) comes into force from August 25.

Google will also expand data access to third party researchers studying systemic content risks in the region.

"We are also making changes to provide new kinds of visibility into our content moderation decisions and give users different ways to contact us. And we are updating our reporting and appeals processes to provide specified types of information and context about our decisions," said the tech giant.

The European Union's



DSA, one of the most comprehensive pieces of internet regulation, will begin to fully apply on tech companies that operate in the EU. The DSA compliance deadline applies for platforms with more than 45 million regional users.

"We looks forward to continued engagement with the European Commission and other stakeholders, including technical and policy experts," said Laurie Richardson, Vice President,

Trust and Safety, Google.

The DSA applies to many different online services -- from marketplaces and app stores to online video sharing platforms and search engines.

"We will be expanding the Ads Transparency Center, a global searchable repository of advertisers across all our platforms, to meet specific DSA provisions and providing additional information on targeting for ads served in the European Union," said

Google. Building on our prior efforts to help advance public understanding of our services, "we will increase data access for researchers looking to understand more about how Google Search, YouTube, Google Maps, Google Play and Shopping work in practice, and conducting research related to understanding systemic content risks in the EU," said the company.

Earlier this week, Meta-owned Instagram introduced additional transparency measures and user options for European users. The users will now be able to access features like Reels, Stories, and Search on Facebook and Instagram without seeing content that's been ranked by Meta's recommendation algorithms, according to Nick Clegg, President, Global Affairs at Meta.

# Haley v Ramaswamy: For the first time, 2 Indian-Americans spar in GOP debate



Washington, Aug 24 (IANS): For the first time in the history of the US, two Indian-American presidential candidates locked horns over the country's foreign policy in the Republican party's first presidential debate. On Wednesday, Nikki Haley, 51, accused Vivek Ramaswamy, 38, of supporting America's foreign adversaries and abandoning its friends, and said that her GOP rival lacked foreign policy experience. Asserting that a win for Russia is a win for China, Haley said that Ukraine is the first line of defence for the US, which Ramaswamy doesn't understand and wants to handover Kiev to Moscow.

# Will expected relief for Imran Khan in Toshakhana case prompt more arrests against him?

Islamabad, Aug 24 (IANS): Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan is expected to get relief in the Toshakhana case by the apex court and may be allowed to be released from jail as well. However, the government and the establishment seem to have "planned out" registration of new cases and arrests against Khan, to ensure that he is kept behind bars.

Khan is in Attock jail after being sentenced to three-year prison in the said case.

After Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCP) chief justice Umar Ata Bandial is expected to announce a relief and bail for Imran Khan and direct authorities to release Imran Khan from Attock Jail, an anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Lahore has granted permission for arrest and investigation of Khan in relation to the vandalism incident on May

9 at Lahore Corps Commander's House aka Jinnah House.

Khan has been accused of being the mastermind behind the May 9 riots, triggered after his arrest by Pakistan Rangers from the premises of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on May 9. Supporters of PTI marched on the streets in anger and vandalised the Corps Commander Residence in Lahore along with many other state buildings, monuments and installations across the country including the Pakistan Army's General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi.

Political experts say that the government and the military establishment has decided to not let go of Khan and keep him in custody in different cases.

"Imran Khan faces a severe opposition by the government and the military establishment, which has shut down all doors of any



backdoor negotiation with him. Imran Khan has already been declared as arrested in the CIPHER case while being in Attock jail, where he is spending prison time in Toshakhana case," said Javed Siddique, senior political analyst.

"We have seen how other PTI leaders have been treated in the past. The plan for Imran Khan seems to be the same. Even if he gets relief in Toshakhana case, he will be arrested from outside the jail in CIPHER case and moved in

another jail if not in Attock jail itself. And later if he gets relief in cipher case, he will be arrested in May 9 related cases. Troubles are not over for Imran Khan," he added.

Sources confirmed that the Punjab province government has decided to send an investigation team to Attock Jail to investigate Khan.

"The team would submit its report to the court after investigating Imran Khan in attock jail," said the source.

Khan has at least 200 cases registered against him across Pakistan. Ranging from corruption, incitement to violence and sedition, Khan faces accusation on charges of serious nature, some of which fall under the newly approved Army Act and Official Secret Act with a maximum punishment of death sentence.

Health

Woman with cervical cancer gives birth to healthy baby girl



**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** In a medical miracle, doctors here helped a 39-year-old woman with cervical cancer to give birth to a healthy baby girl, while also treating her cancer, which presently is in remission.

Marina Ch Ralte, 39, resident of Mizoram, was 16 weeks pregnant when she was diagnosed with a 7-cm long tumour in the uterine cervix. Ensuring the safety and well-being of both the mother and the unborn child, doctors at Apollo Cancer Centre (ACC), Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, carefully administered a total of 7 cycles of chemotherapy to Marina.

Throughout the chemotherapy process, the team conducted regular foetal monitoring to closely track the baby's development and ensure her health too.

While initially Marina faced significant bleeding complications, after the second cycle of chemotherapy, her bleeding ceased, demonstrating the effectiveness of the treatment. As her pregnancy progressed, the medical team decided on a strategic plan for the safe delivery of the child. Marina underwent a lower segment caesarean section (LSCS) during her 37th week of pregnancy, resulting in the birth of a healthy baby girl.

"Marina's journey was a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of comprehensive medical care. Our priority was to safeguard both the mother's health and the developing baby. We administered safe chemotherapy drugs after monitoring the baby's growth, ensuring that Marina received optimal treatment," said Dr P.K. Das, Senior Consultant - Medical Oncology at ACC, in a statement.

"Pregnancy with cancer is rare. These cases are challenging because sometimes medical termination is not feasible, or it may be a precious pregnancy. We have to ensure the safety of the unborn child while administering the continuation of the treatment. Our approach was to meticulously tailor her treatment, considering not just her own health but also the well-being of her unborn child," said Dr Mano Bhadauria, Senior Consultant, Radiation Oncology at the hospital.

Following her successful delivery, she continued with her chemo, and radiation therapy followed by brachytherapy, a specialised form of treatment that delivers radiation therapy directly to the cancer site.

Kartik Aaryan 'enjoyed playing this emotionally charged character' in 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'

**Mumbai, Aug 24 (IANS)** As their film 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' is premiering digitally after a great run in theatres, actors Kartik Aaryan and actress Kiara Advani have poured their hearts out on why the movie and their characters mean so much to them.

Kartik said: "Satyaprem is one of my most loved characters till date and is very close to my heart. The journey of bringing Sattu to life on screen has been an incredible and enriching experience. It was a one-of-a-kind role - who is simple, honest, and madly in love." "I thoroughly enjoyed playing this emotionally charged character and I am eternally thankful to the incredible team behind the film."

Kiara added: "Satyaprem Ki Katha holds a very special place in my heart. Embracing and



portraying Katha's complexities and vulnerabilities, was quite the challenge yet a rewarding experience. The amount of

affection and admiration that I have received and am still receiving-for Katha is more than I can ever imagine."

"It was absolutely amazing to collaborate with the entire film team. I am grateful to my director Sameer Vidwans who brought out my best performance as Katha."

"Satyaprem Ki Katha" follows Satyaprem (Kartik) in his quest for love, eventually falling in love with Katha (Kiara). Their journey from laughter, friendship, and finally marriage hits a rocky terrain when Satyaprem confronts a major "truth", which tests their bond. The film is set to premier on Prime Video.

"With Satyaprem Ki Katha, we knew that we wanted to bring out an imperative subject, blended with a dose of entertainment," said director Sameer Vidwans.

"I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Kartik and Kiara who embraced Sattu and Katha as their own and for the powerhouses

Sajid Sir, Shareen and Kishor Sir for entrusting our poignant story. I am glad that the audience gave a thumbs-up to the film and am equally excited for the film's streaming premiere in India and 240 countries worldwide."

Produced under the banner of Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment and Namah Pictures, and directed by Sameer Vidwans, the blockbuster features Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani in the lead roles, along with Shikha Talsania, Rajpal Yadav, Supriya Pathak, and Gajraj Rao in pivotal roles. Producer Sajid Nadiadwala said: "Satyaprem Ki Katha is indeed a special film with a thought-provoking message. I am truly humbled with the film's overwhelming success across theaters, and it is a testament to the hard work.

Dua Lipa roped in to star in Asif Kapadia's 'Camden'

**Los Angeles, Aug 24 (IANS)** Singer Dua Lipa is set to star in a new documentary series 'Camden', which is being directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Asif Kapadia.



Plans to make the documentary series were announced on Wednesday, August 23, at the Edinburgh TV Festival, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The series, which centers on the influence of London's Camden neighborhood, will also put the spotlight on the likes of Coldplay's Chris Martin, Mark Ronson, Boy George and the Black Eyed Peas, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Individual episodes will be helmed by Toby Trackman, Yemi Bamiro and co-director Sarah Lambert.

Vivek Oberoi: Have seen great heights of success and failures

**Mumbai, Aug 24 (IANS)** Actor Vivek Oberoi has talked about his struggles, his values and his views on what it means to succeed and fail in Bollywood.

Vivek, who made his debut in 2002 with Ram Gopal Varma's 'Company', became an instant hit with his powerful performances in films such as 'Saathiyaa', 'Yuva', 'Shootout at Lokhandwala', 'Omkaara' and 'Rakht Charitra' among many others.

However, he tasted failure with duds such as 'Prince', 'Dum', 'Kyun! Hogaya Na', 'Naksha' and 'Home Delivery: Aapko... Ghar Tak' among many others.



Recently, in an interview with Dubai-based podcast AB Talks, Vivek revealed that he had never really taken money from his father and actor Suresh Oberoi, and for his 'launch'

into the industry he was determined to make his own way in. A snippet of the interview has been shared on Instagram.

"He had fixed up a producer and there was a script waiting and everything. And I said no, I just want your prayer and your blessings. You made it on your own talent without borrowing anything, and if I have it in me, I'd like to make my own way in," the 46-year-old actor said.

He went on to speak about success and failure in a cut throat industry like Bollywood.

Vivek said: "When it comes to Bollywood, and not just Bollywood because I think you can apply it to

anything. I have seen great heights of success and failures, and something my father told me was, your acting never fails, the attempt does not succeed."

"It does not succeed, then move on. The day you really fail as an actor is the day you stop moving on. You can't live so much on your own success because it will make you complacent," added the actor.

Speaking about being brought up by his actor-father Suresh Oberoi, who is also a recipient of the 1987 National Film Award, Vivek said that his parents raised him with the values of "never really getting out of line".

From Tamannaah's 'Aakhri Sach' to Raftaar's 'Bajao' and Pawan Kalyan's 'Bro', here's this week's watch list

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** The last week of the month of August is filled with entertainment as new action, drama, romance and friendship stories will be streaming on different OTT platforms.

There are numerous options for binge-watching on the OTT platforms, but only a few are worthy of our time. Whether you're a fan of riveting movie or prefer to dive into gripping series on the web, there's something extraordinary in store for everyone in the coming days. From investigative thriller 'Aakhri Sach' headlined by Tamannaah Bhatia to rapper Raftaar's debut series 'Bajao', to Pawan Kalyan's Telugu fantasy comedy film 'Bro', the upcoming lineup surely will keep you hooked and engaged.

IANS has brought an enthralling slate, which will captivate audiences of varied choices with titles spanning across genres and languages.



Here's a list of five titles on various OTT platforms that have caught the attention of IANS: 'Aakhri Sach'

One night, one family, multiple deaths, an investigating officer and various theories, 'Aakhri Sach' is inspired by true events. Set against the

backdrop of simmering tension, the series will delve into the lives of each character as Tamannaah Bhatia, playing the role of Anya, the lead investigative officer embarks on a mission to unravel the mystery of the deaths.

'Aakhri Sach' takes you on an emotional journey

with a talented ensemble of Tamannaah, Abhishek Banerjee, Shivin Narang, Danish Iqbal, Nishu Dikshit, Kriti Vij and Sanjeev Chopra. Produced by Nirveek Films, directed by Robbie Grewal, and written by Saurav Dey, 'Aakhri Sach' will stream from August 25, on Disney+ Hotstar.

'Bajao'

Rapper and singer Raftaar is making his much-awaited acting debut with musical comedy series 'Bajao'. The series also stars Tanuj Virwani, Sahil Vaid, and Sahil Khattar in the lead. It is an uproarious coming-of-age bromance that follows the hilarious escapades of three young, tenacious filmmakers as they embark on a journey like no other. Navigating the high-octane world of Punjabi Pop music, these spirited creators overcome formidable challenges, confront overexcited artists, and even encounter ruthless gangsters.

The series takes an unexpected turn when three friends find themselves entrusted with a bag of Rs 2 crore to shoot the comeback music video for Punjab's most celebrated rapper. However, a night of revelry leads to chaos, and the trio wakes up with no memory, the bag missing, and the rapper mysteriously absent. What follows next is a chaos full of twists and hilarious mishaps.

'Bro'

Mahira Sharma, Adinath Kothare and Monalisa will also be seen in the series. Presented by Jio Studios, produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Pragna Singh and Vijendra Sahaani, the series is directed by Shiva Varma and Saptaraj Chakraborty, and written by Nikhil Sachan. It will stream on JioCinema from August 25.

The Telugu supernatural fantasy comedy film is directed by Samuthirakani, from a screenplay by Trivikram Srinivas. The

flick is an adaptation of the 2021 Tamil movie 'Vinodhaya Sitham'. It stars Pawan Kalyan as God of Time 'Titan', Sai Dharam Tej as Markandeyulu 'Mark', Priya Prakash Varrier as Veena, Ketika Sharma as Ramya, Brahmanandam, and Subbaraju.

Produced under People Media Factory and Zee Studios, the music is composed by Thaman S. It was theatrically released on July 28. It will stream on Netflix from August 25, in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Hindi languages.

'Lost & Found in Singapore'

Starring Rithvik Dhanjani and Apoorva Arora in the lead, the film features a novel choose-your-own ending approach, which invites viewers to become a part of the narrative, steering its course through their choices as the characters lead us on a journey of discovery through the enchanting.

Zendaya says her entry in Hollywood was a 'frightening yet thrilling' experience

**Los Angeles, Aug 24 (IANS)** Actress Zendaya's journey into Hollywood hasn't been a picnic as the 'Dune'

actress has had to face a bunch of troubles when she entered the industry. Zendaya recently spoke about how she felt when she stepped in as "a leading lady", calling it a very frightening experience, but something she wanted to do nonetheless which was thrilling for her.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, talking about how her roles in 'Euphoria', 'Spider-Man' and 'Dune' catapulted her fame to massive levels and made her one of the industry's biggest modern faces, Zendaya said: "It was a little bit scary when I entered. While it was definitely something that freaked me out, I think it is also a good feeling."

"To have your own moments of self-doubt and then be like, 'Ooh, can I do this?' After this, you can run from that feeling and stay safe and comfortable, or you can go, take the risk and say 'You know what, f\*\*\* it'", she added.

Zendaya further doubled down about the growing attention she had been getting as a Hollywood star, which came to her notice while filming in Boston in 2022.

"After the last Spider-Man and the last season of Euphoria, there was a visceral change," Zendaya explained.



Vaani Kapoor takes a break to celebrate birthday in Dubai



**Mumbai, August 24 (IANS)** Actress Vaani Kapoor, who will be seen in 'Mandala Murders' and 'Sarvagun Sampanna', has decided to treat herself to a well-deserved break as she is celebrating her 35th birthday in Dubai. She is accompanied by her closest gal friends Akansha, Anushka Ranjan, and Raashi Khanna.

A source shared: "While Vaani usually prefers low-key celebrations, this birthday calls for something extraordinary. She and her friends are gearing up for a thrilling time in Dubai, complete with luxury shopping, gourmet dining, and lounging at luxurious hotels." The itinerary also includes dune buggy racing, desert safaris, etc.

Following her rejuvenating birthday hiatus, Vaani will return to the sets with renewed vigour, ready to dive back into her projects with a fresh perspective.

'Mandala Murders' is produced by Yash Raj Films and will soon drop on OTT.

'Sarvagun Sampanna' will supposedly be set in the 90s with Vaani essaying the role of a porn star lookalike. The film is touted to be a laughter-filled ride with a unique storyline set in the 90s. It is a mix of comedy and social commentary, offering a fresh perspective on contemporary issues with a touch of nostalgia.

Ayushmann to perform with Nagaland's Mahila Band on 'Pani Da Rang', 'Saadi Galli'

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who will appear in the upcoming episode of 'India's Got Talent' season 10, will be seen joining the Nagaland's 'Mahila Band' on the stage, and will perform with them on his hit tracks 'Pani Da Rang', 'Saadi Galli Aaja,' and 'Mitti Di Khushboo'.

Not only this, Ayushmann will also impress one and all by speaking Nagamese.

The Nagaland's Mahila Band of 15th NAP (IR) is all set to perform a beautiful rendition of 'Dil Chahta Hai', and 'Hum Dum Soniyoy' in their unique style, leaving everyone in awe of their talent in the upcoming episode of 'India's Got Talent 10'.

This weekend, the Top 14 contestants of the talent



reality show will showcase some extraordinary performances that will not only impress the judges - Shilpa Shetty Kundra, Badshah, and Kirron Kher, but also the special guests- Ayushmann Khurrana and Ananya Panday.

Highly impressed with

the passion of 'Mahila Band', guests Ayushmann and Ananya will give them a huge round of applause, while also showering them with praise.

Commenting on their performance, Ayushmann said: "You've truly created the atmosphere of a

concert. The amazing thing is that you guys are an all-women band, it's phenomenal. Naari Shakti, Zindabad! It's wonderful that you are representing the North-East and womanhood so extraordinarily. It's our honour to have heard you

live." Ananya shared: "I am proud to be a woman. I got so emotional watching them perform. You are the pride of our country and the strength of our nation. You were fantastic."

India's Got Talent 10 airs on Sony.

# Indian banks set to reward shareholders with the highest dividend in seven years

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** Indian banks look set to reward shareholders with the highest dividend in at least seven years.

The country's banks are forecast to take their share in aggregate payout across all sectors to 13% for the year ending March 31, 2024, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. This is up from 12 per cent for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, and 9 per cent in the year ended March 31, 2022.

This is a sharp rebound from just 1 per cent in 2020, when the Reserve Bank of India asked lenders to conserve cash and suspend dividend



payments due to COVID-19. HDFC Bank which declared a special dividend

to commemorate 25 years of its operation, was the only major lender to make

a payout for 2020. Indian banks' share in aggregate dividends stood at 7.6 per cent in the fiscal year ended March 2017 and 5 per cent each in the following two pre-pandemic years, according to Market Intelligence data.

"Banks remain well-positioned to capitalize on opportunities in the Indian economy and banking industry," said Tusharika Aggarwal, a dividend forecasting research analyst at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"India's brisk economic activity will likely sustain high credit growth, resulting in excellent earnings forecasts for Indian banks," Aggarwal

said.

Several Indian banks recently reported record net profits, thanks to rising interest rates and strong credit growth as the country's economy recovered from the pandemic.

Banks, especially state-owned, have also reduced their bad debts and improved financial metrics such as capital-to-risk-weighted assets and common equity Tier 1 ratios.

The system wide gross nonperforming asset ratio fell to 3.9 per cent in March, the lowest in 10 years, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

# RBI raises transaction limit for small value offline digital payments to Rs 500

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday raised the transaction limit for small-value digital payments conducted offline to Rs 500 per transaction from the earlier Rs 200.

"This directive shall come into effect immediately," a notification issued by the central bank said.

It further noted that all other instructions related to the small-value digital payments remain the same.

The RBI had proposed to increase the transaction limit in the monetary policy committee address on August 10.



It had clarified that while the per transaction limit was being raised to Rs 500, the overall limit would be

retained at Rs 2,000 to contain the risks associated with relaxation of two-factor authentication.

# The Moms Co partners with Neha Dhupia



**Durgapur, August 24 :** The Moms Co., India's leading toxin-free and natural personal care D2C brand, launches a new digital video campaign featuring NehaDhupia for their Natural Protein Hair Care Range recognising the remarkable journey of motherhood and the changing needs that they go throughout the journey by supporting them with

toxin-free hair care products made especially for moms.

The campaign highlights how every mother faces moments where their hair becomes a joyful playground for their little ones, recognizing the devotion and sacrifices that define motherhood. The Moms Co's Sulfate Free Natural Protein Hair Care Range is infused with the

enriching power of quinoa and wheat protein and promises to strengthen and nourish the hair by preventing hair fall as one embraces the transformative journey of motherhood.

With The Moms Co's latest campaign, the company reiterates its vision to be there for mothers, every step of the way providing a nurturing foundation and enabling all supermoms to redefine the meaning of motherhood, weaving in self-care and empowerment with love. The campaign will debut on The Moms Co. social channels - YouTube & Instagram and will be further amplified across digital and mainline media.

# Japan's average gas prices hit 15-year high

**Tokyo, Aug 24 (IANS)** The average retail gasoline price in Japan climbed to a new high in 15 years by rising for the 14th consecutive week, industry ministry data showed Wednesday.

The national average price for regular gasoline as of Monday rose 1.8 yen from a week earlier to 183.70 yen per liter as of Monday, hitting its highest level since August 2008, according to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Xinhua news agency reported.

The hike came amid a weaker yen and the Japanese government's gradual downsizing of its subsidies to push down gasoline prices from June.

Prices are expected to further increase and affect households if the government halts the subsidy program, designed to curb the impact of a surge in gasoline and other fuel prices, at the end of September as planned.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida met with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's policy chief Koichi Hagiuda on Tuesday, urging more measures to alleviate the impact of high fuel costs.

The industry ministry, meanwhile, forecasts the price of regular gasoline to set a new record high next Monday, even while subsidies remain in place. (One U.S. dollar equals 145.79 Japanese yen)

# Near term market outlook turns positive

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** The near-term market outlook has turned distinctly positive with the US economy's soft landing narrative lifting sentiments globally and Chandrayaan-3's successful soft landing on the moon boosting sentiments in India, says V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

Weakening US economic data, particularly the decline in the US manufacturing PMI from 49 to 47, has led to sharp decline in the US 10-year bond yield by 14 bp to 4.19 per cent. This might turn the short-term cycle of capital flows again in favour of EMs like India, he added.

The sudden reversal in the declining trend of INR also is indicative of this shift in global macros



favouring India in the near-term, he said.

However, investors should remember that sentiments are transient and the medium to long-term trajectory of the market will be driven by economic growth and corporate earnings.

The recovery in Bank

Nifty, which is driven by fundamentals and fair valuations, augurs well for the Nifty, he said.

BSE Sensex is up 177 points at 65,610 points having given up morning gains.

Indusind Bank, Ultratech Cement and Asian Paints are up over 1 per cent.

# Nvidia makes record \$6.1 bn in profit as gaming becomes mainstream

**San Francisco, Aug 24 (IANS)** Graphics chip giant Nvidia made \$6.188 billion in profit for its Q2 earnings -- up a massive 843 per cent (year-over-year), as gaming became mainstream.

The company reported revenue of \$13.51 billion for the quarter ended June 30, up 101 per cent from a year ago and up 88 per cent from the previous quarter. Gaming revenue was up 22

per cent (year-over-year) to reach \$2.48 billion.

The company reported data centre revenue of \$10.32 billion, up 171 per cent from year ago.

"A new computing era has begun. Companies worldwide are transitioning from general-purpose to accelerated computing and generative AI," said Jensen Huang, founder and CEO of Nvidia. The company

expects revenue for the next quarter to be \$16 billion.

"There is tremendous demand for Nvidia accelerated computing and AI platforms. Our supply partners have been exceptional in ramping capacity to support our needs," said Colette Kress, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

"We expect supply to increase each quarter



through next year. By geography, data centre growth was strongest in the U.S. as customers direct their capital investments to AI and accelerated computing," she informed. Consumer internet companies also drove the very strong demand for Nvidia.

"Their investments in data centre infrastructure purpose-built for AI are

already generating significant returns. For example, Meta recently highlighted that, since launching reels and AI recommendations, have driven a more than 24 per cent increase in time spent on Instagram," Kress informed. In May, Nvidia temporarily became a \$1 trillion company in the generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools.

# What an incredible moment: Sundar Pichai on India's historic Moon feat

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** Alphabet and Google CEO Sundar Pichai on Wednesday congratulated the Indian space agency and the country for the successful landing of Chandrayaan 3 on the Moon.

"What an incredible moment! Congratulations to @isro for the successful landing of #Chandrayaan3 on the moon," he said in a post on X.com.

"Today India became the first country to successfully achieve a soft landing on the southern polar region of the moon," he added.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) established a communication link with its moon lander that is now on the lunar soil.



"The communication link is established between the Chandrayaan-3 Lander and M O X - I S T R A C , Bengaluru," ISRO said.

The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft comprises a propulsion module (weighing 2,148 kg), a lander (1,723.89 kg) and a

rover (26 kg).

Earlier, ISRO had said the moon lander had established communication links with the Chandrayaan-2 mission's orbiter that is circling the moon since 2019.

In other words, the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter will be the backup communication channel for ISRO with the lander.

The mission life of the lander and the rover is 1 Lunar day or 14 Earth days, ISRO said.

The Chandrayaan-3 was put into orbit on July 14 in a copybook style by India's heavy lift rocket LVMS3.

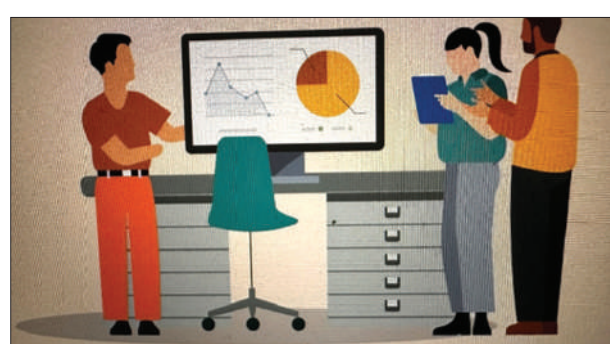
The spacecraft completed orbiting around the Earth and headed towards the moon on August 1.

# 7 in 10 Indian Gen-Z workers believe AI skills will boost their careers

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** Seven in 10 Gen-Z professionals in India believe that artificial intelligence (AI) skills will help them progress in their careers, a report showed on Thursday.

AI-skilled members in India increased by 14 times in June 2023 compared to January 2016. This growth puts India in the top 5 countries for AI talent increase, alongside Singapore, Finland, Ireland, and Canada, according to LinkedIn's first-ever global 'Future of Work: State of Work @AI' report.

Over the past year, 43 per cent of the Indian workforce have witnessed increased AI usage in their workplaces.



This surge has prompted 60 per cent of all workers and 71 per cent of Gen Z professionals in India to recognise that acquiring AI skills could enhance career prospects.

Further, two in three Indians say they will learn at least one digital skill in 2023, with AI and Machine Learning being among the top skills they want to

hire because prioritising potential over pedigree can expand talent pools, boost upskilling, and build agility in their workforce," he added.

In 2022, the growth in hiring AI talent has outpaced overall hiring in APAC.

For India, 2023 promises continued growth for AI hiring, with half of India's top executives aiming to upskill or hire for AI talent this year.

About 57 per cent of executives are planning to enhance AI use in their organisations next year, the report said.

Around 91 per cent of Indian executives also believe soft skills have become more important than ever.

# realme's 5G odyssey: Being real 5G democratizer & bridging innovation, accessibility

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** In just a few years, realme which arrived in 2018 has managed to establish itself as a formidable player in the market, and one of the key drivers of this success has been their commitment to embracing 5G technology in the ever-evolving landscape of the smartphone industry.

The company said that as a 5G democratizer, it was the first brand to introduce a 5G smartphone with the realme X50 Pro in 2020, so that users could take that first step toward truly being future-ready.

In 2021, they launched their first mid-segment 5G

smartphone -- the realme 8 5G, which was also the first 5G phone in the number series. So far, they have launched 30 5G-enabled smartphones and the only 5G-enabled tablet in the segment-Pad X. This strategic decision is a reflection of the brand's dedication to meet the varied needs of its customer base.

With higher bandwidth concentration, lightning-fast speeds, and enhanced security compared to legacy networks, 5G technology heralds the promise of significantly greater operational improvements and efficiencies across the tech sector. Moreover, 5G serves as the foundation for



emerging technologies like IoT, AI, and VR, which are poised to revolutionise the development of new products and services.

At realme, embracing 5G wasn't just about being the first; it was about the brand's vision to lead India into a new era of connectivity. realme swiftly transitioned more than half of its product portfolio to 5G, recognising the pivotal

role it would play in shaping the future.

One of the remarkable aspects of realme's approach to 5G is its understanding of the diverse Indian market. What sets realme apart is its unwavering commitment to make 5G accessible to everyone, particularly the younger generation who yearns for cutting-edge technology without

breaking the bank. realme doesn't pigeonhole its smartphones based solely on network capability. Instead, they focus on enhancing users' daily lives with a combination of features, whether it's a powerful chipset, exceptional camera capabilities, SuperDart charging, or network connectivity. The brand is riding big on making 5G-enabled smartphones widely available and empowering more people with 5G products and comprehensive experiences.

realme's relentless focus on 5G benefits both the brand and its users in several ways.

By embracing 5G, realme ensures that its users are future-proofed. As 5G networks expand, realme users can tap into the full potential of this technology without needing to upgrade their devices. 5G enables faster downloads, smoother streaming, and lag-free online gaming. realme users can enjoy these benefits across various price segments, making high-quality experiences accessible to all. realme's commitment to 5G drives them to innovate continuously. This innovation extends beyond connectivity to other aspects like camera technology.

# News organisations can also get a share of X's ad revenue: Musk

**New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)** Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on Thursday said that news organisations can also get a share of X's advertising revenue.

In his latest bid to woo journalists after paying creators via his X advertising revenue programme, the X owner has now proposed a new way for media houses to make money.

"Our advertising revenue share programme also applies to organisations (news or otherwise) who wish to participate," he posted.

On Tuesday, the billionaire invited journalists to publish directly on X (formerly Twitter) and earn a higher income, as he started stripping headlines and text from news articles shared on the platform.

On X, posts with news articles only included the lead image and the URL, stripping out the headline and text and links displayed only an article's lead image. "This is coming from me directly. Will greatly improve the aesthetics," Musk informed via a post.



## MoU for country's first hydrogen fuel plant in Jamshedpur today

Jamshedpur, Aug.24: The Jharkhand government (Department of Industries) and TCPL Green Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (TGESPL) will sign an MoU on Friday for setting up the nation's first hydrogen fuel related industry in Jamshedpur.



The MoU for the investment of Rs 354.28 crore will be signed in Project Bhawan in presence of Chief Minister HemantSoren. After the MoU, the way will be paved for the establishment of the country's first hydrogen fuel industry in Jamshedpur.

Notably, the CM inaugurated Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine, Fuel-agnostic, on July 28 this year in Jamshedpur set up by M/s TCPL Green Energy Solutions Private Limited (TGESPL), a joint venture between M/s Tata Motors Limited and M/s Cummins Inc, USA.

The unit has been classified under the mega category on the basis of sector-wise investment and direct employment received from big projects classified under the Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy 2021. The proposed capacity of this unit is 4000+ Hydrogen IC Engine / Fuel Agnostic Engine and 10,000+ Battery system, in this work the latest technology of making hydrogen engine will be used, which will benefit the whole country in the coming times.

Hydrogen is one such fuel, whose capacity is more than other fuels. Its energy level is high. It is cheap and light. In such a situation, it can be considered a better option between petrol and diesel. Hydrogen fuel can help in controlling pollution to a great extent.

# Jamshedpur talent soars to new heights

## NIT alumnus Ashish Kumar Sharma contributes to Mission Chandrayaan-3

Jamshedpur, August 24: In a historic milestone for Indian space exploration, 30-year-old Ashish Sharma, an alumnus of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Jamshedpur, played a crucial role in the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander on the lunar surface. Hailing from Jamshedpur, Sharma's journey from a young student at Sister Nivedita School and Netaji Subhash Public School to becoming a scientist at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been marked by dedication, hard work, and a passion for space.



Ashish's fascination with space and technology was evident from an early age. He completed his 10th grade education at Sister Nivedita School, where teachers remember him as an inquisitive and

motivated student. His thirst for knowledge and determination led him to excel in his studies, eventually securing a spot at Netaji Subhash Public School for his 12th grade education in Pokhari.

His proud father, Kanheya Sharma, who is into a private job said that it

is a matter of pride for the entire family and city. He said that his son is always doing something for the Nation. It was during his time at NIT Jamshedpur that his talents truly began to shine. Graduating with a Bachelor's degree in computer science, he demonstrated a remarkable

aptitude for problem-solving and innovation. His time at NIT not only equipped him with technical skills but also instilled in him a strong sense of commitment to contribute to India's scientific advancements. He applied at ISRO and bagged the prestigious job.

Upon joining ISRO as a scientist, Ashish Sharma was assigned to the Tracking department, where his analytical abilities and dedication quickly caught the attention of his colleagues and superiors. His contributions to various space missions garnered recognition, and he soon found himself involved in the ambitious Chandrayaan-3 mission.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission, aimed at achieving a soft landing on the lunar surface, was a pivotal moment for India's space program. Ashish Sharma's expertise in tracking and his proficiency in computer science proved to be invaluable assets during the planning and execution of the mission. His work involved ensuring accurate trajectory calculations, real-time position tracking, and communication

coordination, all of which were critical for the successful landing of the Vikram Lander.

Ashish Sharma's journey from a local school student to a vital member of the ISRO team reflects the potential that Indian talent holds. His achievements not only bring pride to his alma mater, NIT Jamshedpur, but also serve as an inspiration to countless young minds who aspire to contribute to the fields of science, technology, and space exploration.

As India celebrates yet another milestone in space exploration, with the successful lunar landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander, the story of Ashish Sharma stands as a testament to the power of education, dedication, and the indomitable spirit of pushing the boundaries of human achievement. Eom

## JMM-sponsored Mayurbhanj bandh

# Hundreds of vehicles stranded in Bahragoda



Jamshedpur, August 24: A day-long strike by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, adjacent to Bahragoda block area of East Singhbhum district, has led to a 10-km-long queue of vehicles from Jamsola to Bahragoda. Bandh

supporters have crossed the Jamsola bridge and blocked NH 49 since 12.00 pm today resulting in a long queue of vehicles. Long-distance drivers are facing a lot of problems due to the impact of the ban. At the same time, passengers going from Jharkhand to West Bengal Gopiballavpur

and various places in Odisha are facing problems. According to reports, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has raised fifteen issues such as increase in old-age pension, second official language status to Santali language in Odisha, implementation of Sama Dharma Code, and

siege of Jaher Garh. Report from Bhubaneswar: Since early morning today, the bandh supporters were seen holding pickets at important places in the district bringing vehicular traffic to a halt. Hundreds of vehicles were seen stranded on the National and state highways passing through the district. The bandh supporters also blocked roads in Baripada and stopped the Tata-Badampahar MEMU local train near Bhalad in the Rairangpur subdivision. All educational institutions, business establishments, and offices remained closed, while the roads wore a deserted look. However, schools were open in some parts of the district. JMM workers held rallies seeking support for the bandh at various places. According to Akash Singh, JMM Youth president of Mayurbhanj district, said that they called the bandh to press for their demand

## NH freed after 14 hrs

Jamshedpur, August 24: The bandh in Mayurbhanj district adjacent to Bahragoda area was called off by JMM after fourteen hours. According to the information, life was being affected due to the 24-hour bandh called by the members of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. In view of public problems, the administrative officials held talks with the people of the party. After that the bandh was withdrawn. The drivers and passengers heaved a sigh of relief as the jam was free. The agitators say that if the government does not take a lesson from this bandh and does not consider the public welfare demands, then further protests will be held through protests.



for the inclusion of the Mundari language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, make Ho and Mundari the second language of Odisha,

regularisation of jobs of private teachers and recognition to Sarna religion are among the few demands of the JMM, he said.

## JH Tarapore students shine in Chandrayaan Mission



Jamshedpur, August 24: J.H. Tarapore School (JHTS), former students, Pragya Shah and Shivam Saurav, have contributed to prestigious projects at ISRO. The school community is buzzing with excitement and pride as the success of ISRO's Chandrayaan Mission is celebrated. "We are thrilled to witness the remarkable feat achieved by ISRO, and we take this opportunity to congratulate them on this momentous accomplishment," stated Lata Sharat, Principal of J.H. Tarapore School. "We are equally delighted and proud of our ex-students, Pragya Shah and Shivam Saurav, who are actively making significant contributions to another crucial project within ISRO. Their achievements stand as shining examples of JHTS's commitment to nurturing excellence and fostering future leaders." Both Pragya Shah and Shivam Saurav have carved their paths as Scientists/Engineers at ISRO, contributing their expertise and dedication to various endeavors. Shivam Saurav, a graduate from the Batch of 2015, is a part of ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre, where he plays a pivotal role in ensuring the quality assurance of space systems. His meticulous work contributes to maintaining the highest standards of ISRO's projects. Pragya Shah, an alumna of the Batch of 2013, holds the esteemed position of Team Leader for the Crew Module's Checkout System. Her leadership and technical prowess are instrumental in ensuring the seamless functioning of critical systems. Eom

## Double murder rocks Seraikela

Seraikela, August 24: A case of sensational double murder has come to light in Tender Tola of remote Gilua village under Kuchai police station of Seraikela-Kharsawan district. A mentally deranged person killed a 13-year-old boy. Taking revenge of which the father of the dead child killed the mentally challenged persons as well. After the incident, sensation has spread in the

area. Kuchai police station official reached after two days, recovered both the bodies and brought them to Seraikela Sadar Hospital for postmortem on Thursday. The incident is being told late Tuesday evening. It is being told that 30-year-old mentally challenged Gurba Munda, a resident of Tender Tola of remote Gilua village of Kuchai police station area,

hacked Chamru Munda, 13-year-old son of Budhra Munda, to death around 4:00 pm. Exactly one and a half hour after the incident i.e. around 5:30 in the evening, Budhra Munda killed the deranged Gurba Munda in a similar method. According to police sources, the police have taken Budhra Munda into custody and have also recovered the weapon used in the incident.

## Three arrested for illegal emerald mining

Jamshedpur, August 24: Under the leadership of Gudabandha police station in-charge Parvez Alam of East Singhbhum district, the police on Thursday raided the Barunmuthi hill on the basis of secret information. During this, three accused doing illegal business of Panna Ratna have been taken into custody. 94 grams of emerald stone was seized from the accused. In this regard, an FIR has been registered in Gudabandha police station under case number 31/23, dated 24.08.23, sections 379, 411, 414, 34 IPC and 33 Indian Forest Act 4/21 MMDR Act. In this case, accused Deep Ratan Soren village Barunmuthi, Lal Mohan Barunmuthi and Babul Purti alias Topi village Kudiyan have been taken into custody and sent to jail.

# Govt approves pension for 16 agitators including former MP Shailendra Mahato and Gulrez Khan

Jamshedpur, August 24: The State government has released a new list of 16 agitators hailing from East Singhbhum district, marking a significant step towards recognizing their contributions. Among the beneficiaries, the former Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Member of Parliament, Shailendra Mahato, and Gulrez Khan are prominent names. As part of this initiative, each agitator on the list will be entitled to a monthly pension of Rs. 3,500. The approval for this pension scheme was granted by the Home, Jail, and Disaster Department of the Jharkhand Government. Sanjay Lakda, the Chief of Jharkhand Andolan Manch, has extended an



appeal to all eligible agitators to visit the Social Security Department office at their respective district headquarters. There, they are requested to provide a photocopy of their Aadhaar card and bank account details to expedite the process of pension disbursement.



The list of approved pension recipients encompasses a diverse group of individuals who have actively participated in various agitations. In addition to Shailendra Mahato and Gulrez Khan, other beneficiaries include Jarnail Singh Bhatia (Lucky Singh) of Jugsalai,

Chandramohan Prasad Ulyan Kadma, Ramkrishna Soren of Bhilai Pahari, Dakhin Soren (Chhotu Dakhin) of Baharagora Guhiyapal, Bali Soren (dependent wife of Raghunath Soren), Phulmani Soren (dependent wife of Dakhin Soren), Madan Kisku of Chadkamara, Gangani Soren (dependent wife of Karan Soren), Sitaram Tudu of Potka Manpur, Manoj Kumar Baske of Baharagora Darkhuli, Sunil Kumar Mahto of Potka Gitilata, Rami Majhi (Rami Kisku) of Musabani DBC Dugridih, Prakash Chandra Jha of Mango Shambhunath Das of Parsudih Sarjamda, Sumitra Mardi of

Dumariya Damukocha (dependent wife of Ledha Mari), Sandhya Bhuiyan of Bhuiyandih (dependent wife of Nande Bhuiyan), and Madan Kumar alias Madan Lohra, residing in house number 11A of Sonari. This step by the Jharkhand government not only acknowledges the contribution of these agitators but also provides them with a measure of financial security. As the beneficiaries make strides towards availing their deserved pensions, it exemplifies the government's commitment to recognizing the efforts of individuals who have played significant roles in various causes. Eom

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