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Just like, rivers on merging with the ocean, transcend their individual existence to become one with the ocean, similarly one who has attained Self Realization becomes one with the Supreme Being.

H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

Ratan Tata receives 'UdyogRatna' award from Maharashtra govt

Mumbai, Aug 19 (IANS): India's top industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata was bestowed with the esteemed 'UdyogRatna' award by the Maharashtra government in a noteworthy ceremony held at his residence here on Saturday.

This coveted recognition was personally presented by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Ministers

Devendra Fadnis and Ajit Pawar.

Tata's prolific contributions across various sectors were acknowledged and celebrated during this prestigious event.

In an unforeseen turn of events, Ratan Tata's health condition prevented him from attending the upcoming award ceremony.

In light of this, a unique presentation was orchestrated at his residence, where the



UdyogRatna award was conferred upon him.

This exceptional accolade is the latest addition to the pantheon of esteemed awards initiated by the Maharashtra government.

It follows in the footsteps of the renowned Maharashtra Bhushan Award, an honor bestowed upon individuals of paramount distinction.

With the introduction

of the UdyogRatna award, the state government aspires to laud exceptional individuals and groups whose indelible contributions have left an enduring impact on various sectors. These sectors span the realms of business, industry, education, real estate, tourism, financial services, fashion, electronics, agriculture, banking, information technology, food, healthcare, and more.

Hemant Soren asked to join ED probe on Aug 24

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren to appear before it on August 24 in connection to a land grabbing case.

Earlier, Soren was asked to join the probe on August 14, which he skipped and sought more time from the agency.

Previously, the Chief Minister was questioned in connection with the illegal mining case for around 10 hours along with his wife at ED's Ranchi office.

In the land grabbing case, the ED has arrested 13 people, including an IAS officer.

On July 8, a raid was conducted at the residence of Soren's legislator representative Pankaj Mishra.

The ED found had a checkbook linked to the



Chief Minister's bank account, after which his name was connected to this case. Mishra has been arrested. A surprising aspect in the case is that the accused used documents from 1932 to wrongfully seize people's lands and would tell the victims that their lands had already been sold by their fathers or grandfathers. The accused deceitfully took possession of the lands given on lease

to the army and also fraudulently sold them elsewhere.

The probe agency seized a large number of fake deeds from their possession.

When the ED conducted a forensic examination of the seized documents, it was revealed that all the documents were forged. The districts' names that did not exist before independence were mentioned along with pre-independence documents, and the PIN code from the 1970s was used in old documents.

There were allegations of aiding IAS officer Chhavi Ranjan, and as a result, the ED conducted a raid on her and later arrested her.

Although the case is from Jharkhand, its ramifications extend to Bihar and Kolkata.

Nine soldiers feared dead as army vehicle falls into gorge in Ladakh

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): Nine soldiers were killed and another was critically injured when their vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Leh district of Ladakh on Saturday, officials said.

The accident took place near Kiari in southern Ladakh's Nyoma, the officials said.

Senior Superintendent of Police of Leh P D Nitya said the Army vehicle, with 10 personnel on board, was on its way to Nyoma from Leh when its driver lost control and it plunged into a gorge at 4.45 pm.

A police team rushed to the spot and all the injured soldiers were shifted to an Army medical facility where eight personnel were declared dead. Another jawan died subsequently, she said.

The officer said one more jawan

One soldier critically injured



was undergoing treatment and his condition was stated to be "critical". According to Indian Army officials, an ALS vehicle was moving as part of a convoy from Lee to

Nyoma when it skidded into the valley. Out of 10 personnel travelling in the vehicle out of which nine died and one got injured. "An ALS vehicle which was moving as part

of a convoy from Leh to Nyoma, skidded into the valley at approximately 5:45-6:00 PM, 7 Km short of Kiari. There were 10 personnel travelling in the vehicle out of which nine died and one got injured. The injured personnel has been shifted to the hospital," said Indian Army.

Senior Superintendent of Police of Leh, P D Nitya, said the Army vehicle, with 10 personnel on board, was on its way to Nyoma from Leh when its driver lost control and it plunged into a gorge at 4.45 p.m. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh took to social media to offer condolences for the death. "Saddened by the loss of Indian Army personnel due to an accident near Leh in Ladakh. We will never forget their exemplary service to our nation. My thoughts are with the bereaved families."

Govt to sell tomatoes at Rs 40/Kg from today

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): The government will sell tomatoes at Rs 40 per kg from August 20 onwards with an aim to further cool down its prices.

NAFED and NCCF have been directed by the consumer affairs department to sell tomatoes at Rs 40 per kg from August 20, in view of continued decline in tomato prices in wholesale and retail markets. The Consumer Affairs Ministry on Friday announced the decision, saying that till date more than 15 lakh kg of tomatoes have been procured by NAFED and NCCF since July 14. Tomatoes have been sold by the two agencies at subsidised rates across the country in locations like Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the past one month.

4 arrested for murder of Jharkhand BJP leader

Ranchi, Aug 19: Four persons, including the shooter, have been arrested for the murder of BJP leader Rajendra Prasad Sahu in Jharkhand's Latehar district, police said on Saturday.

Rajendra Prasad Sahu, a former vice-president of Lateharzilarparishad, was shot at by motorcycle-borne unidentified gunmen near Doon school in Balumath area on August 12. He succumbed to bullet injuries on August 14 in a Ranchi hospital.

Talking to reporters, Latehar SP Anjani Anjan said, "During interrogation, the accused admitted that Sahu was killed at the behest of TSPC member Akraman Ganju."

Akraman Ganju, regional committee member of



the banned Tiritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee, a Maoist splinter group, carries a bounty of 15 lakh on his head.

The four arrested were identified as Jintendra Viswakarma, Shivpujan Singh alias Motka, Ashwini Kumar

Singh alias Buchchan and Kuldip Ganju. They allegedly worked as sleeper cells for the TSPC, SP said.

Police have also recovered four pistols, 30 live cartridges, four magazines, four mobile phones and a motorcycle from the accused, he said.

Rahul rides bike from Leh to Pangong lake

Leh, Aug 19 (IANS): Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, who is currently on a trip to Ladakh, rode his KTM 390 Duke motorbike from Leh city to the picturesque Pangong lake on Saturday. In an Instagram post, the senior Congress leader said: "On our way to Pangong lake, which my father used to say, is one of the most beautiful places in the world." He also used the hashtags of Leh, Ladakh and PangongTso. Rahul arrived in Leh on Thursday afternoon to a rousing welcome. He will stay in Ladakh till August 25. On Friday, he interacted with youngsters in Leh and also attended a football match.

On Sunday, he will pay tribute to his later father and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary at the Pangonglake. Later, he will also visit Kargil and address a public meeting there. During his visit to the Karol Bagh bike market in the national capital earlier this year, Rahul had mentioned that he owns a Duke 390 bike but he hardly rides it in the city due to security concerns.



Look out circular issued against crypto ponzi mastermind David Gez

Bhubaneswar, Aug 19: The BOI (Bureau Of Immigration), on request of EOW Odisha, issued LOC against David Gez (32), a Hungarian national, who is the head of mega Crypto-Ponzi scam namely STA Token. He entered with tourist Visa into India for two times in 2022-23 and stayed here for about 25 days travelling various places like Odisha, Goa, Punjab, Jharkhand and Delhi, the EOW informed.

On first time, he had travelled to India via USA and Turkey and second time via Poland. In Odisha, he travelled to Bhubaneswar and Bhadrak. He has deleted his Instagram account after registration of this case. However his Indian associates are still issuing Youtube Videos using his AI generated picture and

voice, the EOW further stated. "He was issued with tourist Visa but indulged in business/Promotion activity is not allowed as per rule of Ministry Of External affairs. EOW would be reporting this fact to MEA for necessary action in addition to the legal action in the current case. The involvement of second foreigner, a Dutch national, in this scam is under scrutiny."

Some topline members of this scam are still indulging in the propaganda (through YouTube, Whatsapp Group etc.) and continuing adding innocent investors below their chain. Their activities are under surveillance and action will be taken against them. This refers to an EOW case under Sections 420/467/468/471/120-B of IPC and 4/5/6 of PCMS Act.

SC criticises Guj HC's delayed handling of pregnant rape survivor's case

Ahmedabad, Aug 19 (IANS): In a weekend session, the Supreme Court conveyed its reservations about the handling of a crucial case by the Gujarat High Court which pertains to a 26-week pregnant rape survivor seeking legal permission for the termination of her pregnancy filed under the case identifier.

A bench comprising Justices B.V. Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan voiced their concern over the passage of time, with the High Court initially adjourning the case.

Justice Nagarathna questioned the rationale behind the case being deferred to August 23, emphasising the gravity of the situation.

"There has to be a sense of urgency in such cases and not have a lackadaisical attitude," Justice Nagarathna remarked, reflecting the urgency that such cases demand.

This sentiment found resonance in the Supreme Court's formal order, which highlighted the unexplained delay in listing the case.

"Strangely, the High Court listed the



case 12 days later (after receiving the medical report) on August 23, losing sight of the fact that every day of delay was crucial and held great significance."

The order continued by noting the petitioner's request for pregnancy termination while being 26 weeks pregnant when she approached the court.

The passage of time from August 8 to the subsequent listing date was considered detrimental to the case's pro-

ceedings. Addressing the issue at hand, the Supreme Court solicited the response of the Gujarat government and called for a fresh medical examination of the rape survivor.

The case was slated for further hearing on August 21, with the top court advocating a swift medical evaluation for a comprehensive assessment.

"Since valuable time is lost, a fresh report may be sought from the medical board, Bharuch. We direct the petitioner to appear before KMCR hospital for being examined once again, and the latest status report may be submitted before this court by Sunday evening 6 p.m. The same shall be put up before this court on Monday (August 21)," the official order articulated. The Supreme Court's attention was drawn to this matter via an appeal contesting a Gujarat High Court order issued on August 17.

The High Court had declined the petitioner's request for the termination of her 26-week-old pregnancy, prompting the appeal filed by advocate Vishal Arun Mishra.

MS Dhoni reveals why he became a farmer

Ranchi, Aug 19: Taking it from a cricketer, captain and mentor to a businessman, film producer and an honorary Lieutenant Colonel in Indian Territorial Army, Captain Cool MS Dhoni has played several roles in his life. Moreover, the former captain of India has also explored another hobby as farming. The current Chennai Super Kings (CSK) skipper turned to full time farming in 2020. He also currently does farming on a land of around 40 acres in his hometown in Ranchi.

Fans often wonder about the reason behind Dhoni turning to farming despite earning in crores. In a rare video interview, Dhoni has recently revealed the reason behind his passion for farming.

As per Dhoni, they had a 40 acre land and during Covid times he got a lot of time. The situation propelled him to make farming more extensive in 2020.

"I come from a small town. From



the childhood, we had proximity to farming. It was not a new concept for me. As far this farming is concerned, we started before Covid hit. We had a piece of land of around 40 acres but were farming on just four to five acres. During Covid, when I had time in my hand, I felt this is a right time to enter farming full time," said Dhoni

during the interview. "I find the process of growing a crop very fascinating. A bhindi (ladyfinger) you see at night is small in size. However, in the next morning, it has grown full in size. The production phenomenon such as this made him more enthusiastic about farming," the CSK skipper added.

US Consul General to visit XLRI on Aug 25

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 19: Consul General Melinda Pavek will be visiting XLRI Jamshedpur on August 25, 2023 for a talk on the topic "Challenges & Opportunities in Supply Chain Management." The talk will be followed by and interaction with E-Cell Members of XLRI, they will be discussing the ongoing Tribal Entrepreneurship Project with Pavek.

"This visit has the potential to create fresh avenues for communication, as we aim to support students through a variety of no-cost workshops, courses, educational guidance for pursuing higher studies in the U.S., along with an array of other programs focused on STEM, education, entrepreneurship, and strategic cultural initiatives that we offer", said the spokesperson from XLRI.

Consul General Melinda Pavek began



her assignment at the U.S. Consulate General, Kolkata (India) from August 12, 2021. Her prior assignments included Counsellor for Science, Innovation, and Development (U.S. Embassy Tokyo), Supervisory General Service Officer (U.S. Embassy Islamabad, Pakistan), and Deputy Chief of Mission (U.S. Embassy Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei). (W-mb)

New AJPTA district committee formed

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, August 19:The West Singhbhum district unit of All Jharkhand Primary Teachers' Association (AJPTA) organized a one day convention along with the annual general meeting on Saturday at the Mangil Rungta Plus Two School Auditorium during which a new committee was formed.

The new committee will have a three year tenure and included Upendra Singh (President), Kaushal Singh and Anil Kumar (Vice Presidents), Asim Kumar Singh (General Secretary), Sandipan Mahanty (Treasurer), Ram Sushil Rai (Joint Secretary), Ashish Murmu (Organizing Secretary) and Sanjeev Dev Burman (Office Secretary). Additional sub-division



committees were also formed on the occasion. The formation of the district and sub-divisional committees was based on unanimous consensus. Earlier, the convention

was jointly inaugurated by District Land Acquisition Officer (DLO), Ejaz Anwar, DEO Abhay Kumar Shil, AJPTA State President Anup Kumar Kesri and General Secretary Ram Murty Thakur who congratulated the newly elected district committee officials.

The programme was anchored by senior teacher and AJPTA Singhbhum Organizing Secretary Asim Kumar Singh while the vote of thanks was offered by the organization's Regional President Ajay Sahu. (w/gsd)

Photographers from across West Singhbhum participated in the contest and get-together. A cake was cut on the occasion and the photographers congratulated one another on the occasion. (w/gsd)

Special attention on soft policing: SP



Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 19: Superintendent of Police Dr. Vimal Kumar, after talking to the in-charge of the traffic police, has given instructions. Giving information, it has been told that under the road safety campaign, the aim of the police is not only to collect tax from the drivers but also to follow the traffic rules. In this sequence, Seraikela's Superintendent of Police, Dr. Vimal Kumar, having a conversation with the traffic station in-charge, Rajesh Singh, has been ordered to be soft during soft policing and checking. In which the station in-charge has been asked to cut the fine with soft policing. He has told all the officials and personnel that if there is an elderly, child or woman on the vehicle, then humanity has to be shown. Unnecessary is not to detain any person for a long time. If the traffic rules have been violated for the first time, showing humanity to the needy, a small fine has to be cut and left after explaining them. If a two-wheeler driver is caught without a helmet for the first time near Adityapur Toll and Akashwani Chowk, then find out whether he is wearing a helmet or not, if not, then first buy a helmet from the helmet shop next to him and take a photo of that person and share the photo in the group. Enter, with this humanity has to cut the fine and be sure to do duty. (w-pb)

Teachers pledge to participate in fast unto death

Seraikela, Aug 19:Opposing the Assistant Professor appointment rules given by the State Government, an important meeting of JET Successful Assistant Teacher Association Seraikela-Kharsawan was organized in Gaurangdi. While presiding over the meeting, the District President of the Sangh Badal Singh Sardar said that the Assistant Professor appointment rules given by the government are completely flawed. Which the union strongly opposes. And is exposing the non-Jharkhandi mentality of the officials who made the above rules. He said that for the last more than 20 years, the Bhoomiputras of Jharkhand, who have been shaping the future of the youths of Jharkhand, and JETET successful assistant teachers, who are fulfilling all the qualifications to become assistant teachers, will be given the benefit of 50% reservation in the vacancies issued directly. (w-pb)

Free eye camp begins

Jamshedpur, August 19: The 688th free eye cure camp being organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, East Singhbhum Chapter, in association with Ram ManoharLohiaSewaSansthan, Draupadi Devi ChimanlalBhalotiaSewaSansthan, Rajasthan SewaSadana and the District Rural Health Committee, commenced today at Ram manoharLohiaNetralaya, Bagbera, Jamshedpur. This three day eye camp is being supported by JAMIPOL, a Tata Steel Group Company as part of their CSR project. As part of the proceedings, today Dr BP Singh, conducted preliminary checks on the patients. While 50 patients with various ailments visited the camp, 22 with hyper maturity issues have been identified for surgery which will be performed on 27 August, 2023. (w-pb)

Instructions to provide benefits of public welfare schemes

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 19:A review meeting of the schemes run under the Social Welfare Department was convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla in the auditorium located at the District Collectorate. All women supervisors including Deputy Development Commissioner, District

Social Welfare Officer and all Child Protection Officers should be present in the meeting along with the Deputy Commissioner. In the review meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed various schemes including Savitri Bai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana, Matrutva Vandana Yojana, Chief Minister Kanyadan Yojana, Sponsorship Scheme and 100 percent eligible adolescent girls and

pregnant / lactating women under public welfare schemes of the government. directed to provide benefits to During the review, the Deputy Commissioner directed to organize camps under Savitri Bai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana and receive applications and ensure necessary action by receiving maximum applications under Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojana. (w-pb)

Demand for cleanliness campaign in Seraikela Nagar Panchayat area

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 19:Former Vice President of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat cum BJP leader Manoj Kumar Chaudhary wrote a letter to the executive officer of Nagar Panchayat Seraikela demanding fogging, bleaching and spraying insecticides by running a cleaning campaign for the prevention of monsoon diseases and vector borne diseases under Seraikela Nagar Panchayat area. In his letter, he has said that there is a possibility of spreading the infection due to rain and dirt. Presently, the number of patients suffering from rainy season diseases has increased a lot in Sadar Hospital. This mosquito bite is spreading vector borne diseases like dengue, malaria and filariasis. And the possibility of further spread cannot be ruled out. Therefore, for the timely prevention of monsoon diseases and vector-borne diseases, plan for intensive cleaning campaign, fogging, bleaching and spraying insecticides like every year. (w-pb)

Review meeting of District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee

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Seraikela, Aug 19:A quarterly review meeting of the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee was convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla. This virtual meeting organized through Google Meet was conducted by DPO UID Hemant Kumar. Along with the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police Dr. Vimal Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Subodh Kumar, District Education Officer, District Education Superintendent, District Leading Bank Manager, District Public Relations Officer, all Block Development Officers and other related officials were present in the meeting. Order of review In this, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the District Education Officer to make a proposal for Aadhaar registration of 100 percent students of all schools and make UID SELL available. On the other hand, necessary guidelines were given to the District Social Welfare Officer for Aadhaar registration of children in all Anganwadi centers. During this, the Deputy Commissioner gave instructions to work by setting an action plan at the block level for the execution of pending cases for Aadhaar registration of children above 18 years of age.

Complaint of land grabed by mafia

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 19: Under the banner of Adivasi Bhumij Munda Yuva Ekta Manch, dozens of women and men of Bhumij Munda community reached the District Collectorate armed with traditional weapons. Where they protested against the land mafia by raising loud slogans. Raised the voice to take action and get justice. After which a delegation of the society handed over a memorandum in this regard



to the Deputy Commissioner and demanded action against the land grabbers by the land mafia. Adivasi Bhumij Munda Yuva Ekta Manch Jharkhand Disum Chief Convener Bhakta Ranjan Bhumij, President Amar Singh Sardar, Vice

President Bhola Singh Munda, Secretary Chunu Bhumij, Co-Secretary Gaur Singh Sardar, Treasurer Chandan Singh and Co-treasurer Radhanath Singh handed over to Japan It is said that these days in Pudisili, Dobo and Gauri villages under Chandil zone, the process of forcibly occupying land mafia in connivance with land mafia by making wrong documents of Bhumij Munda community's land is in full swing. In which efforts are being made to grab the land by the land mafia with the connivance of the concerned officer by making wrong documents of the land of Pudisilli Mouza's account number 33 Gambhir Sah alias Gambhir Singh Sardar.(w-pb)

Sindhara Teej Utsav at Rani Sati Dadi Mandir in Jugsalai today

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Jamshedpur, August 19: Shri Rani Sati Satsang Samiti Jugsalais set to celebrate the annual Sindhara Teej Utsav of Shri Rani Sati Dadi Ji on Sunday, August 20 from 3 pm at the Shri Rani Sati Dadi Mandir on Girls School Road, Jugsalai.

Rani Sati Dadi's Mangalpath will be recited by a team of 121 women devotees. The evening will feature popular Bhajan singers' duo of Sunita and Govind Bharadwaj with their team rendering devotional songs devoted to the presiding deity.

The Satsang Samiti President, Anil Kumar Agrawal and program coordinator Kamal Agrawal jointly issued a press statement on Saturday, announcing that all preparations for the event had been completed. They added in the media release that after the recitation from Shri Rani Sati Dadi's Mangalpath, the organization's singers comprising Bajinath Sharma, Sudhir Sharma, Jagdish Sharma and Aditi Bharadwaj would initiate the proceedings of Bhajan Sandhya. The organizing committee for the event included members Ajay Kumar Agrawal, Manish Kumar Kedia and Govind Bharadwaj. (w/gsd)



Review meeting of welfare department

Seraikela, Aug 19: Under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla, the review meeting of the schemes run under the Welfare Department was organized. District Welfare Officer Laxman Harijan, Block Development Officer Chandil, Rajnagar and Kuchai and Executive Engineer Road Construction Department, Building Division, Minor Irrigation, Kharkai, Drinking Water Mechanical Division were mainly present in the meeting along with the Deputy Commissioner. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed various schemes run under the Welfare Department such as Post Matric, Pre Matric Scholarship, Chief Minister Employment Generation Scheme, Chief Minister Livestock Development Scheme, Birsra Housing Construction Scheme, Minority Cemetery Scheme.(w-pb)

20 Jharkhand railway stations to be redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Scheme

To provide top-notch passenger amenities and world class travel experience

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 19:Indian Railways is moving ahead at a rapid pace in the direction of modernization and radical transformation. As a part of it, more than 1300 railway stations across the country are being redeveloped with state-of-the-art facilities under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme including 20 stations from the state of Jharkhand. Moreover, to give a major thrust for development of Railway infrastructure in Jharkhand, there has been a Budget allocation of Rs5271 crores in 2023-24 which is 1053% more than the average



budget allocation during 2009-14.

The 20 stations of Jharkhand, to be redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme are Hatia, Piska, Bokaro Steel City, Ghatsila, Rajkharwan, Manoharpur,

Barkakana, N.S.C.B. Gomoh, Parasnath, Koderma, Daltonganj, Hazaribagh Road, Katrasgarh, Chandrapura, Nagar Untari, Kumardubi, Garhwa Road, Garhwa Town, LateharandSahibganj.

Master Plans are being prepared for development of these stations as 'City Centres', with proper integration of both sides of the city. This integrated approach is driven by the holistic vision of the overall urban development of the



city, centered around the railway station. The redevelopment will provide modern passenger amenities along with ensuring well-designed traffic circulation, inter-modal integration and signage for the guidance of

passengers. The design of the station buildings will be inspired by local culture, heritage and architecture.

The modernization of 20 stations under the state of Jharkhand will create a new atmosphere for development as they will

give a good first impression among the visitors. Upgraded stations will not only increase tourism but will also give a boost to economic activities and financial growth in the nearby areas. (W-mb)

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1. That my actual and correct name is Navin Kumar Jain which is mentioned in my Aadhar Card, bearing No.-5853 2034 1754.
2. That in somewhere my name has been mentioned as Navin Jain.
3. That Navin Kumar Jain and Navin Jain is the same and one person i.e. myself only.
4. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts are true and correct and mention my name is Navin Kumar Jain in all records.

Advocate

ED recovers 39.33 kg gold, diamond jewellery valued at 24.7 cr during raid in bank fraud case

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said that it carried out search operation at 13 premises in Jalgaon, Nashik, and Thane as part of a money laundering investigation.

ED said that the raids were carried in case related to loan fraud committed by RajmalLakhichandJewelers Pvt Ltd, R L Gold Pvt Ltd, and ManrajJewelers Pvt Ltd, and their promoters namely IshwarlalShankarlal Jain Lalwani, Manish Ishwarlal Jain Lalwani, Pushpa Devi, and Neetika Manish Jain.

ED said that it has seized a significant amount of incriminating documents including 39.33 kg of gold and diamond jewelry valued at Rs 24.7 crore and a cash amount of Rs 1.11 Crore.

ED said that it initiated PMLA investigations based on three CBI FIRs against the accused companies and their promoters for offenses of criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery, and criminal misconduct.

According to the banks, the accused intentionally defaulted on their loans from the State Bank of India, causing a wrongful loss of Rs 352.49 crore (plus interest) to SBI.

ED said that the promoters of the accused companies colluded and engaged in fictitious transactions and fabricated the Books of Accounts of the accused companies and their related entities, leading to significant discrepancies.

"The books of accounts showed bogus sale purchase transactions with the main holding company, RajmalLakhichandJalgaon partnership firm. A substantial amount of stock in trade was found to be missing. Despite a declared stock of over 1284 kg of jewelry, ED could only trace around 40 kg. Thus, loans taken against this declared stocks were siphoned off through bogus purchases for non-existent jewelry," ED said.

ED said that the second discrepancy was: "The promoters failed to produce any supporting documents to prove the genuine



utilisation of the loans by the three accused companies - RajmalLakhichandJewelersPvt. Ltd., R L Gold Pvt. Ltd., and ManrajJewelers Pvt Ltd. In fact, they admitted to purposefully not maintaining any books of accounts, ledgers, stock registers, invoices, or supporting documents for the period FY 2003-2014 (loan disbursement period)."

"The analysis of the books of accounts of the accused companies for FY 2022-23 also revealed that the stock as of August 17, 2023, in the accused companies had been brought to

zero despite being hypothecated to SBI. Fictitious entities with relatives as dummy directors were created to apply for new loans fraudulently. Loans were routed through a convoluted web of bogus sale-purchase transactions involving related parties of Rajmal Lakhichand Group, and the funds were eventually invested in immovable properties by the promoters. A new jewelry business named R L Enterprises was established, and investments were made in the real estate sector, car dealership, and the establishment of a hospital," ED said.

ED conducts searches at 17 locations in bank loan fraud case

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said that the agency conducted rain regarding bank loan fraud of Rs 520 crore, at 17 locations in Karnal, Kaithal, Sonapat, Gurugram, Hathras, and Gwalior.

ED said that the case pertains to Sri HariHar Overseas Pvt Ltd, R G International Pvt Ltd, T C Agro Industries, Suma Foods Pvt Ltd and KTC Foods Pvt Ltd and their related entities.

ED said that it conducted PMLA investigation based on FIRs registered by the CBI under various sections of IPC, and PCA, 1988 related to criminal breach of trust, criminal conspiracy, cheating and criminal misconduct with Punjab National Bank and Central Bank of India causing a loss of around Rs 520 Crore to

the banks.

The accused entities were engaged in the business of husking of paddy and rice and running rice sheller.

The subject entities and their directors used forged stock statements for drawing excess finances from the bank.

ED said the accused dishonestly sold out the hypothecated stocks and machinery without the knowledge and consent of the bank and did not deposit the sale proceeds with the bank.

It has been also found that the accused entities have diverted huge amounts to their related firms and several other fictitious firms for routing the money without any genuine business transactions.

ED said that the accused entities and their directors created new entities with

dummy directors/partners in order to layer the proceeds of crime and projecting the same as untainted by purchasing their mortgaged properties through these dummy entities. ED said that it was also found that the security guards were made as dummy directors. The investigation into the source for purchase of these properties through dummy entities is in progress. Further, the accused directors were found to be in possession of the auctioned mortgaged properties. During the search operations, bank lockers, digital devices, various incriminating documents and cash of more than Rs 20 lakh was found and seized. Few live cartridges along with copy of original arms licence were also found at one of the search premises which were handed over to the local police.

NEET politics hots up in TN after another aspirant commits suicide



Chennai, Aug 19 (IANS) : A 19-year-old student in Chrompet, Chennai, committed suicide on August 12.

The young man, Jagadeeswaran, who had more than average marks in the tenth and twelfth class qualifying examinations could not clear the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) for the second time and had enrolled himself in a tuition centre for a third attempt.

Unfortunately, he committed suicide and after his last rites on Sunday, his father Selvasekar, a photographer by profession and a single parent, hanged himself as he was unable to bear the loss of his son.

Since the inception of NEET in 2017 more than twenty students have taken their lives after failing to clear the highly competitive NEET qualifiers. The Tamil Nadu legislative assembly has passed two bills banning NEET in the state and reverted to the medical admission of marks in the qualifying plus two examination being the criterion.

After Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi rejected the first bill, the assembly passed another bill abolishing NEET in the state which was forwarded by the Governor to the President for her assent.

The ruling DMK had during the run-up to the 2021 assembly elections promised the people of Tamil Nadu that it would abolish NEET in the state.

However, even after two years, the DMK government led by Stalin has not been able to abolish NEET in the state and provide an alternative to students for admission to medical colleges.

Recently the Tamil Nadu Governor had during an interaction with students who were felicitated for clearing NEET and joining medical colleges, said that if it were he who is to decide, then he would never abolish NEET and lashed out against the government of Tamil Nadu.

This was not taken well by the state government and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin had blasted the Governor stating that the Tamil Nadu assembly had passed the bill against NEET unanimously barring the four BJP legislators who had walked out of the House then.

Gujarat: BJP MLA alleges negligence by district administration, calls for urgent action



Ahmedabad, Aug 19 (IANS): BJP MLA, from Mahuva in South Gujarat, MohanbhaiDhodiya on Saturday alleged negligence on part of district administration saying they have failed to take steps regarding illegal activities in the area.

"I approached the district collector and DSP with a complaint regarding unlawful activities which demanded immediate action against the wrongdoers. Specifically, there were instances of individuals illegally installing a statue. Despite my repeated attempts to establish contact with the DSP, my calls went unanswered," he said.

He said that even after bringing the matter to the collector's attention, permission for a religious ceremony at the disputed location was granted.

"This unfortunate turn of events leads me to believe that there exists a palpable lapse in maintaining law and order in Valodtaluka," he said.

He said that even an elected MLA's concerns seem to fall on deaf ears. "I've escalated the issue to the Chief Minister and Home Minister, urging them to intervene and rectify the situation. Instances of illicit constructions and encroachments on government property and roads within Valodtaluka are alarming, yet the responsible officers remain inert," he said. This isn't the first time that ruling party MLAs have voiced concerns over government officers' negligence.

BJP MLAs Kumar Kanani and Sanjay Kordiya have also raised similar complaints about the administration's lackadaisical approach to certain issues.

Amit Shah to release 'report card' of BJP govt in MP on Sunday

Bhopal, Aug 19 (IANS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah will on Sunday release a detailed 'report card' of over 18 years of BJP rule in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh.

While the 'report card' will highlight the progress witnessed in the last two decades, the opposition Congress apparently has played a master stroke by releasing a charge-sheet against the ruling side.

The BJP's report card will narrate the story of progressive Madhya Pradesh after it formed the government in 2003 and remained in power till today (barring December 2018 to March 2020), of which for more than 16 years, the government has been headed by current Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Elaborating on Shah's August 20 visit to Bhopal and Gwalior, state BJP



chief V. D. Sharma said that the Union Minister Shah will present in Bhopal the GaribKalyan (poor sections welfare) centric Report Card of over 18 years of BJP rule in the state. He will subsequently travel to Gwalior to grace the party's expanded state executive/working committee meeting at the AtalBihari Vajpayee Auditorium.

Notably, Gwalior is the home district of three

powerful BJP leaders -- Union Ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and JyotiradityaScindia and state home minister NarottamMishra. It would be Shah's fourth visit to the poll-bound BJP ruled state in less than 40 days, to guide the party prepare for the coming Assembly polls.

Earlier, Shah had visited Bhopal on July 11 and July 25 and Indore on July 30. His visit to Gwalior assumes particular

significance, as the BJP's internal surveys are believed to have painted a bleak picture for the party's prospects in the 34 Assembly seats-strong Gwalior-Chambal region.

As the state BJP unit has already started comparing its report card with 10 years' rule of former chief minister Digvijaya Singh-led Congress government (1993-2003), possibility of the ruling side highlighting the conditions of the state three decades back to prove it's own claimed 'golden era' of Madhya Pradesh cannot be ruled out.

The BJP's IT cell's operation to highlight subjects like - economy, governance, roads, electricity, poverty rate and a lot more has been in process for the last couple of months in social media with a tag of "bantadhar" for ex-CM Digvijaya Singh.

Suvendu Adhikari ridicules Bengal police patting themselves for 'outstanding performance' in panchayat polls

Kolkata, Aug 19 (IANS): Leader of opposition in the West Bengal Assembly SuvenduAdhikari on Saturday ridiculed the state police for giving commendation certificates to particular police officers who allegedly "aided" the ruling Trinamool Congress' "malpractices" in the recently-concluded panchayat polls.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Adhikari has uploaded the certificate granted to the officer-in-charge of Liluah Police Station in Howrah district by the commissioner of Howrah city police and claimed that it happens only in West Bengal that the "government functionaries pat the back of anyone for being involved in unethical activities".

"I wonder if the Mamata Police Officers have mirrors at their homes! It's understandable when someone does something inappropriate due to professional reasons. They may be scared of any action against them due to insubordination, if they don't carry out orders which are actually politically implicit in nature. But to brag about it brazenly, without having any bearing on their conscience is just incredible," he tweeted. When the entire country knows how the panchayat elections were conducted in the state, Adhikari said it is most unfortunate the higher officials of the state police department are patting themselves by distributing certificates of appreciation for their "performance" in the panchayat polls.



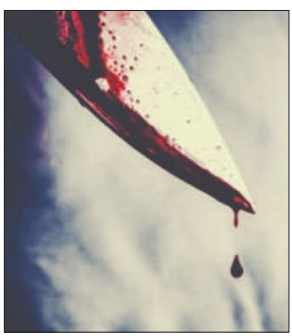
Upset over police inaction in brother's suicide case, man chops off finger in Thane

Thane, Aug 19 (IANS): Protesting police inaction in the suicide case of his brother and sister-in-law in Thane, a man chopped off his index finger, a video of which has gone viral on social media.

DhananjayNanavare's shocking act was not only directed at Prime Minister NarendraModi but also Maharashtra Chief Minister EknathShinde. The drastic action was fueled by his frustration over the police inaction in the suicide case of his brother NandkumarNanavare and sister-in-law UjjawalaNanavare.

The heart-wrenching incident took place on August 1, when both Nandkumar and Ujjawala, residents of Ulhasnagar, ended their lives by jumping off from their terrace. Nandkumar, who worked as a personal assistant for BharatiyaJanata Party (BJP) MLA PappuKalani and also served under Shiv Sena MLA BalajiKinikar, left a suicide note naming several individuals for the drastic step.

DhananjayNanavare captured the grim episode of him severing his finger on camera and voiced his anguish.



Panipat comes alive with Hariyali Teej amid turnout of 50K women

Panipat, Aug 19 (IANS): Haryana's Panipat city came alive in vibrant hues on Saturday as the grand celebration of HariyaliTeej took centre stage amid the turnout of 50,000 women at Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur-Huda ground.

The gathering entered its name in the Limca Book of Records, adding a feather in the cap of state's cultural heritage.

With a surge of enthusiasm, women and young children alike donned traditional Haryanvi attire, infusing the festival with a deep sense of cultural pride.

The Teej festival, renowned for its symbolic representation of unbroken prosperity, saw Panipat transformed into a canvas of Haryanvi culture, with



culinary delights, exquisite clothing, and a palpable collective identity taking the forefront.

Gracing the occasion as the chief guest, Chief Minister ManoharLalKhattar felicitated 101 women from diverse fields.

Their indelible contributions and remarkable achievements

the spirit of progress, making this year's celebration an unforgettable spectacle.

Speaking on the occasion, Khattar expressed pride in being part of the HariyaliTeej festivities.

He highlighted the festival's sanctity as a cherished occasion for women, daughters, and sisters, emphasising its deep-rooted cultural value.

The Chief Minister mentioned a symbolic gesture of a 'Sudama' bringing 'Kothli' (traditional gift), urging the women to accept it as a token of his blessings.

He highlighted the tradition where brothers pledge to ensure their sisters' happiness and prosperity through this traditional 'Kothli'.

2024 LS polls: K'tak govt reverses orders to ensure Hindu sentiments are not hurt

Bengaluru, Aug 19 (IANS): Political pundits in Karnataka believe that the Congress government with an eye on 2024 Lok Sabha election, have reversed two important decisions.

The recent decisions of Congress party to reverse the order of stoppage of funds to renovate Hindu temples and the statement on Soujanya rape and murder case that there is no proposal to reinvestigate the case before the government indicated the strategy, political pundits believe.

Government's decision to stop releasing funds for renovation and development work of temples had led to widespread condemnation by Hindu organisations and the BJP. An order was also passed by the state's Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department and issued to all the District Commissioners.

The order said that funds will not be released if renovation work is not undertaken in temples, as well as if the administrative approval is given for releasing of 50 per cent of the funds, it should also be withheld. If there is any proposal for



administrative approval, it should also be withheld.

However, the state's Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department had withdrawn the order after backlash.

Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy had stated that since there was confusion regarding the order among the public, it has been withdrawn.

"We will not stop the renovation and development work of temples. If necessary, the Congress government would give additional funds," he said.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara had said that there is no proposal before the government to order reinvestigation of sensationalSoujanya rape and murder case.

The 17-year-old Soujanya was kidnapped on Oct 9, 2012 on way to her home in Ujire near Dharmasthala. She was studying in Sri DharmasthalaManjunatheshwara College. The next day her body was found near Nethravathi River, close to her house in the forests. The body was found half naked. One of her hands was tied with her dupatta to a tree. The police found that her genitals were soiled.

Series of protests were held following the release of the accused in the case after 11 years of imprisonment by the CBI Special Court. The order stated that the accused was implicated and recommended action on investigating officers and doctors who prepared reports. The allegations were made against the members of an influential family managing Hindu pilgrimage centre.

Tamil Nadu BJP expects rich dividends from Annamalai's padyatra

Chennai, Aug 19 (IANS): Tamil Nadu BJP is expecting rich dividends in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections through the padyatra titled, 'En Mann, En Makkal' (My land, my people), by its state unit President, K. Annamalai.

The padyatra, which was flagged off by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah on July 28 at Rameswaram, is now passing through the Kanniyakumari district with a huge public participation in all places. Annamalai, the young IPS officer-turned politician, has taken an aggressive posture against the ruling DMK and has accused Chief Minister MK Stalin and his family including his son Udayanidhi and son-in-law Sabaresan, of indulging in corruption. Sources in the BJP told IANS that an internal survey conducted by the party has revealed that Annamalai'syatra has given a much needed hype to the fortunes of the party and that this has helped the BJP to connect directly to the people of the state. In South Tamil Nadu, where there has been communal disturbances earlier, the party is highlighting the central government banning the Islamist organisation, Popular Front of India (PFI) and the arrest of its senior functionaries to bring peace in the area. This has also struck a chord with the people of South Tamil Nadu.



Thapan stayed in UP with shooters before killing Moosewala, reveals probe

New Delhi, Aug 18 (IANS): Sachin Bishnoi, alias Sachin Thappan, who was extradited from Azerbaijan in August in connection with the Sidhu Moosewala murder case, stayed with the gang members even before executing the murder plan, sources in investigating agency have revealed.

At the behest of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, a farmhouse in Ayodhya was used by shooters for several days, where they practiced firing with their high end weapons imported from across the borders.

The farmhouse belonged to a local leader named Vikas Singh.

Investigating agencies have now begun to identify the Bishnoi gang's associates in Uttar Pradesh. Delhi Police will take Thapan to Ayodhya to probe the case for further

probe and linkage. Bishnoi, who is the relative of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, is believed to be one of the main conspirators behind the murder of the Punjabi singer, which occurred in May of the previous year. Sachin hails from Fazilka in Punjab.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Court has remanded Bishnoi to 10 days of police custody for further questioning into several cases, including the murder of

Subhdeep Singh Sidhu, also known as Moosewala.

Sources claim that Bishnoi was involved in the conspiracy and handling of logistics for the murder.

He was abroad at the time of the killing but attempted to mislead investigators by claiming that he had shot Moosewala.

When he was in Dubai, he thought he could be extradited from there since India had good relations with the UAE,



so he went to Baku, as sources claimed.

Bishnoi was detained in Azerbaijan in August of last

year and had applied for bail, which was rejected.

The Special Commissioner of Police (Special Cell), HGS

Dhaliwal, while talking to reporters, said that Thapan alias Tilak Raj Toteja, a dreaded fugitive criminal and

nephew of international dreaded criminal Lawrence Bishnoi, has been brought back to India from Azerbaijan in an extensive multi-continental effort, possibly for the first time in the history of Delhi Police.

Sachin Bishnoi is wanted in five criminal cases, including Arms Act violations, murder, and attempted murder, related to the Lawrence Bishnoi crime group.

"Last year, on March 30, a case was registered against the Lawrence Bishnoi gang at the Mohan Garden police station, where the gang injured a real estate businessman and demanded Rs one crore from him," said Dhaliwal.

The Special Cell conducted raids and arrested all the criminals involved in the conspiracy, smugglers of the weapons used in the crime, and those who provided information about the victim.

"During the investigation, it

was found that Sachin Bishnoi had marked the location before the crime and had taken away some weapons used in the

incident. His involvement in the Sidhu Moosewala murder case was also discovered during the investigation of the case registered under MCOCA against the gang," said Dhaliwal. "The collective efforts of Delhi Police and Indian diplomatic representatives in Azerbaijan led to the apprehension of Sachin Bishnoi,

considering his dangerous criminal associates who might have attempted to stop his deportation," said the Special CP.

"Various intelligence agencies, the Ministries of Home and External Affairs, embassies, Interpol, CBI, Delhi-based officials, and high officials of Azerbaijan supported Delhi Police throughout this international effort," he added.

Madras HC to hear PIL against UA certificate issued to Rajinikanth-starrer 'Jailer'



Chennai, Aug 19 (IANS): The Madras High Court will hear a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking direction to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to revoke the UA certificate issued to Rajinikanth-starrer film 'Jailer', which allows children under 12 years of age to watch the movie with parental guidance.

A bench comprising Chief Justice S.D. Gangapurwala and Justice P.D. Adikesavulu is likely to hear the petition - filed by an advocate named M.L. Ravi -- next week.

The litigant contended that the movie has several violent scenes, including chopping of head and cutting of ear, which are not appropriate for children to watch.

The petitioner said the same movie has been issued an 'Adult' only (A) certificate in the US and the UK.

There is a scene in the film in which the antagonist hangs people upside down and smashes their heads with a hammer, the PIL contended, adding that there is also a scene in which the villain beheads a person.

Advocate Ravi said the CBFC guidelines on film certification require the board to ensure that anti-social activities, including violence, are not justified or glorified in a film.

Other than the CBFC Chairman and the Regional Officer of the censor board in Chennai, the film's producer, Sun Pictures, and director, Nelson Dileepkumar, were also listed as respondents to the PIL.

I-T Dept revises rules for valuing rent-free accommodation given by employers

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): Employees having high grade salaries and also rent-free accommodation given by their employers, will be able to save more tax and take home a higher salary, as per amendments notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in income tax rules. These shall come in effect from September 1, 2023.



The Income Tax Department has revised norms for valuing such accommodations, which will lead to more tax saving by the above-mentioned category of employees, thus resulting in greater take home salary.

As per the notification, where unfurnished accommodation is provided to employees other than the central or state government employees and such accommodation is owned by the employer then the valuation shall be: (i) 10 per cent of salary (reduced from 15 per cent) in cities having population exceeding 40 lakh as per 2011 census (earlier, 25 lakh as per 2001 census), (ii) 7.5 per cent of salary (reduced from 10 per cent) in cities having population exceeding 15 lakh but not exceeding 40 lakh as per 2011 census (earlier, 10 lakhs but not exceeding 25 lakhs as per 2001 census).

Sacrilege incident in Haryana's Jind, one booked

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): A man was booked on charges of sacrilege involving holy book Rumala sahib from Gurdwara Dhani in Narwana town of Haryana's Jind district. A 'granthi' (Sikh priest) lodged a complaint in the office of sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) which was later forwarded to Narwana town police. Later, police on Friday night registered an FIR under sections 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs), and 504 (Insult intended to provoke breach of the peace) of the IPC and started further investigation into the matter. Granthi Gurpreet Singh in his complaint told police that at about 10.45 p.m., he was sitting inside the langar hall, when a man, identified as Sukhjinder alias Bunty, went inside the Gurdwara and stole Rumala Sahib and some other spiritual books. "When we chased him and asked him to return those books, he threw all the books near the railway station and fled away. This is an incident of sacrilege," Gurpreet Singh in his complaint said.



FIR

Academic freedom was violated, grave error of judgement in response to Prof Das' paper: Prof Balakrishnan

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): Professor Pulapre Balakrishnan, who had also resigned from Ashoka University while extending support to Professor Sabyasachi Das, on Saturday said that there was a grave error of judgement in response to the attention received by Das' paper and academic freedom was violated.

He also said that he has the news that the governing body has decided to invite Das to return to the post from which he had resigned, and if this is correct, I appreciate the gesture, if not, I would request you as leaders of this community to consider doing just that.

In his letter to Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Chancellor and Professor of History at Ashoka University and Pramath Raj Sinha, founder and Trustee of Ashoka University, Balakrishnan said, "I write



you as the dust settles at least a bit on the recent turmoil at our university. News is that the governing body has decided to invite young Sabyasachi Das to return to the post from which he had resigned. If this is correct, I appreciate the gesture. If not, I would request you as leaders of this community to consider doing just that."

Commenting on his resignation, Balakrishnan said, "As for myself, I am moving on. I have resigned my position based on my

belief that there was a grave error of judgment in the response to the attention received by Das' paper on social media. Academic freedom was violated in the response, and it would be unconscionable for me to remain."

He also said that in his resignation letter submitted to the Vice Chancellor, he offered to stay and complete his teaching responsibilities for the semester.

"In any case, as I am not going to be here for much

Mumbai Police book 2 businessman for duping associates of Rs 10 cr

Mumbai, Aug 19 (IANS): The Mumbai Police on Saturday booked two businessmen for allegedly cheating and duping their business associates of Rs 10 crore and indulging in money-laundering rackets over the past one year.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai Police has filed an FIR and is investigating the complaints.

The FIR was lodged by one of the aggrieved parties, Vikas Omprakash Nowal, co-founder of Interspace Communication Pvt. Ltd., naming the accused - Rahul Bhoop Singh Yadav and Sanjay Sukhdeo Saini - and their company 4B Networks Pvt. Ltd.

Following the complaint, the EOW officers raided



the residences and offices of the accused duo in the western suburbs of Mumbai.

"The investigation is going on... We cannot comment anything at this stage," an officer said. The complainant said that they had carried out a publicity campaign for the accused duo of Yadav-Saini and their company. In return, Yadav-Saini gave them a

part of the money for the business deals and earned their confidence. Later, they allegedly defaulted on over Rs 7 crore interest amounting to more than Rs 10 crore now. The Yadav-Saini duo had reportedly taken the monies from their shareholders but failed to make the payments due to Interspace Communication Pvt Ltd, which executed their campaign.

Punjab Police successfully carry out special operation with neighbouring states

Chandigarh, Aug 19 (IANS): Punjab Police on Saturday carried out a special operation named 'OPS Seal-III' aimed at checking all vehicles entering the state to keep tab at drug trafficking, liquor smuggling and movement of gangsters and anti-social elements.

The operation was conducted in a synchronised manner from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., jointly with the police forces of four neighbouring states -- Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory Chandigarh -- on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav.

Special DGP (Law and



Order) Arpit Shukla said all Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) of border districts were directed to mobilise the maximum number of officers and manpower for this operation to lay strong 'nakas' at sealing points.

He said well-coordinated strong check points involving 1,500 plus police personnel were set up at all the entry and exit points of



Assam: Father kills newborn daughter after he fails to sell her

Guwahati, Aug 19 (IANS): A 35-year-old man allegedly tried to sell his 11-day-old daughter to a couple for Rs 4 lakhs but was unsuccessful and instead allegedly killed and buried the infant, police said on Saturday.

The individual has been identified as Niranjana Malakar, a resident of Dubi Malipara locality in Assam's Bajali district. His family reported him missing together with his infant on Friday night.

On Saturday morning, Niranjana reportedly called his brother-in-law to inform him that the baby had passed away and also revealed where the body was buried.

When the family members arrived at the scene, a team of police officers and district administration representatives exhumed the body from a location close to the Bisannala River, according to the

police. Siddhartha Kumar Buragohain, the superintendent of police for the Bajali district, told IANS that the initial inquiry revealed that the father had killed the child and buried the body.

"The dead body was dug up and sent for a post-mortem examination. We are attempting to find the accused, who has fled," he said.

The family members claimed Nilanja with assistance of a doctor Diganta Choudhury, attempted to sell the child from the hospital after the birth. However, they were unsuccessful, and the infant was safely delivered home.

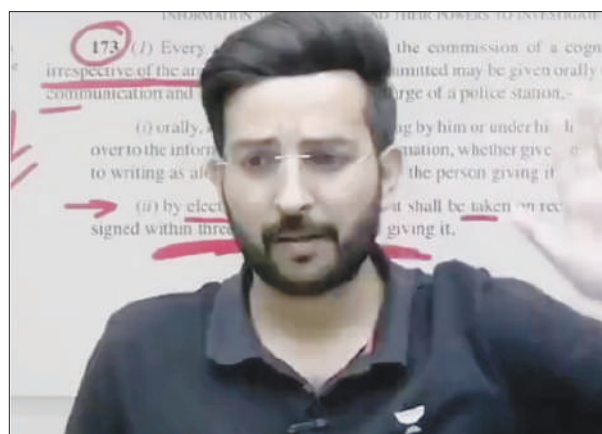
'There may be political pressure', says teacher expelled by Unacademy

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): Karan Sangwan, the teacher who was sacked by Edtech platform Unacademy after he appealed to the students to vote for educated candidates, has said that he was misinterpreted and "there may be political pressure as well."

"I was misinterpreted and I know there may be political pressure, but I gave the statement on my YouTube channel, then why was I removed from Unacademy," Karan Sangwan, a former faculty member at Unacademy, said.

Sangwan used to teach law at Unacademy.

On Saturday he said: "I am not concerned about being expelled from Unacademy, my concern is I was not given a chance to explain. I wanted to talk with the top management



but I was not allowed to discuss the issue.

"I am a professor of law, I teach law to students. The first lesson I gave to them is 'a law is nothing but a collective morality of a society'," he added.

He said that one can compromise with careers, jobs and employment, but not morals, as "we cannot grow as a society unless moral responsibility is

upheld".

Edtech platform Unacademy sacked him a few days ago.

During a coaching session in YouTube video, Sangwan also raised questions over the bills related to IPC, CrPC tabled in Parliament.

In a video, the teacher appealed to his students to vote for educated candidates next time.

Unacademy sacked the teacher after this appeal, saying the classroom is not a right place to share personal opinions and views.

Meanwhile, Roman Saini, Co-founder, Unacademy Group said: "Our learners are at the centre of everything we do. The classroom is not a place to share personal opinions and views as they can wrongly influence them. In the current situation, we were forced to part ways with Karan Sangwan as he was in breach of the Code of Conduct."

"We are an education platform that is deeply committed to imparting quality education. To do this, we have in place a strict Code of Conduct for all our educators with the intention of ensuring that our learners have access to unbiased knowledge," he added.

'New India': Police stopping people from attending meeting in Delhi is extraordinary, says Jairam

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Saturday dubbed the action of Delhi Police to stop the people from attending the We20 meeting as "extraordinary" saying that he entered for meeting in morning but had difficulties in exiting, calling it 'New India'. "It is extraordinary that Delhi Police is stopping people from attending the We20 meeting organised by activists representing We, The People, inside a building that belongs to the CPM. The meeting is perfectly peaceful. There are no street protests. I managed to enter at 10:30 am before Delhi Police started its operations but had difficulty exiting now. This is New India Democracy," Ramesh, who is Congress General Secretary, wrote on X.

Meanwhile, Delhi police in a statement said that an information was received about a gathering of people at Harkishan Singh Surjeet Bhawan, DDU Marg in Delhi.

"Following the information, immediately a police team responded and found that people were gathered and a tent was also erected at the said building.



Elephant damages house



Mail News Service

Chakuliya, August 19: Two wild elephants broke the wall of Ramchandra Besra's house on Friday night in Pakudiya village of Sardiha panchayat of Chakulia block, bordering West Bengal. According to the villagers, two elephants had entered the village at around 2 am. Pregnant Shanti Murmu (45) who was sleeping in the house was seriously injured after the elephant broke the wall of the house while Ramchandra Besra narrowly escaped.

The villagers informed the forest department about this. The injured was brought to the CHC in an ambulance provided by the MP.

After getting the information, the employees of the Forest Department have reached the hospital. According to reports, elephants have also damaged many houses in Bankati village of the block. In Sardiha village under Sardiha Panchayat, an elephant came to the village in search of food and damaged many houses. (w-rg)

YI Jamshedpur Chapter: Empowering Youth and Building Better Future

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 19: In a quiet corner of Jamshedpur, a dynamic group of young individuals is quietly shaping the future through their diverse initiatives under the banner of Young Indians (YI). YI Jamshedpur Chapter stands as a shining example of youth leadership, thought leadership, and nation-building, with a strong commitment to driving positive change in their community and beyond.

At the core of YI's mission lies the cultivation of youth leadership. Through various projects, they empower young minds to become catalysts for change. The chapter has successfully completed 8 pond excavation projects within a 25 km radius of Jamshedpur, directly impacting about 2000 households. By engaging

with schools, they educate children about climate change, instilling in them the significance of environmental protection.

YI Jamshedpur's efforts extend to education and awareness in critical areas. Project Masoon focuses on educating school children about child sexual abuse, reaching over 4000 students in a single year. In their project "Chota Cop," the chapter imparts road safety knowledge, equipping students with essential skills to become responsible drivers in the future.

Nation-building is a pillar YI Jamshedpur takes seriously. Their "Project Accessibility" reaches out to the visually impaired by supporting the Jharkhand Blind Women's Cricket Team. They've also contributed to the local community by providing Braille menus to



restaurants, thereby promoting inclusivity. Additionally, they assist differently-abled individuals with product marketing, aiming to positively impact their lives.

The chapter fosters entrepreneurship and innovation through events like Y20 and Future 3.0,

where students are exposed to the evolving landscape of technology and lifestyle. They also extend their influence to schools, conducting design thinking sessions that encourage students to think creatively.

YI Jamshedpur takes an active role in promoting health and learning. Annual blood collection drives and

health camps benefit underprivileged individuals, demonstrating their commitment to holistic well-being. Furthermore, the chapter conducts various educational sessions, including CV building, financial literacy, and cash flow management, preparing young minds for

a successful future.

YI Jamshedpur's impact goes beyond local boundaries. The chapter's participation in the G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance (YEA) in Delhi is a testament to their global influence. Founder member Vishal Agarwalla's role as the national sherpa for G20 YEA showcases their dedication to international collaboration and diplomacy.

"In a world that demands action and change, YI Jamshedpur Chapter stands as a beacon of hope, proving that the energy and drive of young individuals can transform communities and shape a brighter future. Through their projects and initiatives, they not only address pressing issues but also inspire others to join the movement of positive change," said Pratik Agrawal, chair, CII YI, Jamshedpur. (w-pb)

NIT Jamshedpur Director felicitated by Institute of Indian Foundrymen

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 19: Dr. Goutam Sutradhar, Director of NIT Jamshedpur, was recognised for his contributions by The Institute of Indian Foundrymen

On the occasion of the "74th National Foundry Day" held in Kolkata, The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF) honored Dr. Goutam Sutradhar, Director of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Jamshedpur, for his extensive contributions to IIF and the Foundry industry in the East Zone. Dr. Sutradhar was presented with the award in recognition of his remarkable work in

foundry technology.

Dr. Sutradhar, a distinguished expert in foundry technology, is renowned for his expertise and scholarly contributions. He has authored influential books like "Design and Manufacturing and Integrated Approach" and "Foundry Process Design," which have become standard references in the field. His legacy extends beyond his publications, with over 125 technical papers published in esteemed national and international journals and more than 50 technical papers presented at conferences worldwide.

Having supervised numerous research projects sponsored by prestigious institutions, including



AICT New Delhi, CSIR New Delhi, UGC New Delhi, and GST New Delhi, Dr. Sutradhar has made a significant impact on the field. He is an active member of various professional bodies and previously served as the President of the Eastern

Region of the Indian Institute of Foundrymen. With a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering specializing in Foundry Technology from IIT Kharagpur and a PhD in Engineering from BIT Mesra, Ranchi, Dr. Sutradhar boasts a diverse

background. He has shared his knowledge as a faculty member at various educational institutions and was appointed as the Director of NIT Manipur, before taking on his current role at NIT Jamshedpur.

Beyond his academic and research achievements, Dr. Sutradhar has contributed to the practical implementation of foundry technology by developing components for industries such as Indian Railways and Automotive Components. He has also supported budding entrepreneurs interested in venturing into the foundry and allied sectors.

The felicitation ceremony, which took place in Kolkata, celebrated Dr. Goutam Sutradhar's accomplishments. The event was attended by distinguished individuals, including Col. (Dr.) Nishith Kumar Rai, Registrar of NIT Jamshedpur, Deans, senior faculty, office bearers, and students of the institute. Dr. Sutradhar's exceptional journey and contributions were acknowledged, bringing pride to the entire institution.

These notable achievements were shared by the institute's Public Relations Officer and Media In-Charge, Sunil Kumar Bhagat. Dr. Sutradhar's recognition highlights his substantial impact on foundry technology and his commitment to furthering the field's progress. (w-pb)

Legal awareness camp near Tata Steel gate

Jamshedpur, August 19: As per the instructions of



Nitish Nilesh Sanga, secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Jamshedpur today, 19 August 2023, a legal awareness campaign was conducted near Tata Steel Gate Sakchi and Karim City College on Saturday.

During this, Nagendra Kumar, Prakash Mishra, Sanjay Tiwari and Sadanand Mahato, all PLVs in the Dalsa team, gave information about labor law and various government schemes among the workers. During this, information was given about PF, ESI and welfare schemes of the government to the workers working in the company.

Along with this, the students of Karim City College were given information about child protection, child marriage, child labor, domestic violence etc. laws and all were given pamphlets and booklets. (w-rg)

Mysterious death of four cows in Hattondih

Mail News Service

Saraikela, August 19: Four cows, probably in quest for food, were found dead on Saturday under suspicious circumstances in Hattondih at Saraikela causing a stir among citizens. Immediately on receiving information Saraikela SDO Suresh Kumar Sinha, PS OC Nishith Kumar, former Ward Councillor Jugal Tape and former Vice-President of Saraikela Nagar Panchayat and BJP leader Manoj Kumar Choudhary arrived at the spot. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDO) Suresh Kumar Sinha instructed the District Animal Husbandry Officer to conduct a postmortem of the dead cows and initiate a probe into the cause of death.

Accordingly, a team headed by the District



Animal Husbandry Officer, was formed to conduct the autopsy of the deceased cows.

Further action will be taken after the post-mortem report was made available. BJP leader Manoj Kumar Choudhary expressed his apprehension over the cause of death when he said, "The cows, while grazing, might have swallowed toxic substances like carbide which fruit vendors use to ripen fruits artificially. These sellers often carelessly dispose of waste along with carbide in the weekly Haat Bazaar

ground and this discarded carbide could have led to the cows' death."

Incidentally, a carton containing carbide was found near one of the deceased cows, supporting this suspicion.

The BJP leader stated, "To prevent such incidents in future, strict instructions should be issued to fruit vendors at the weekly Saraikela Haat to dispose of carbide waste safely in a manner that these do not pose any hazard to grazing or scavenging animals or to the environment in general." (w/gsd)

SDM inspects Chandil submergence sites

Mail News Service

Chandil, August 19: Sub-divisional officer of Chandil visited and inspected the submergence of Ichagarh village after the water level of Chandil Dam increased. During this, he assessed the damage caused by water entering the village and inquired about the problems faced by the people.

He said that efforts are being made to ensure that water does not enter any village. On the occasion, he appealed to the villagers to go to relief camps in case of dire situation. Block Development Officer of Ichagarh Kiku Mahato and Zonal Officer Bhola Shankar Mahato were present with him on the occasion. Chandil Dam water from Saturday morning after water was released from five radial



gates since Friday night.

The water level of the dam was recorded at 181.75 on Friday night. After the five radial gates were opened, the water level of the dam was recorded at 181.70 meters on Saturday morning, which reached 181.65 meters by Saturday evening. After the water level of the dam decreased, the displaced families living in the villages of the submergence area have heaved a sigh of relief. All the five radial gates of the dam were open till Saturday evening. (w-rg)

Samarpan Yatra: Ranchi Sikh youths pedal to Jamshedpur

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 19: The city witnessed a remarkable event today as the Sarbat Da Bhala Sewa Society, Ranchi organised the third installment of the Samarpan Yatra - a cycling pilgrimage from Ranchi to Jamshedpur. The event, held to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Singh Sabha, saw a congregation of devotees, volunteers, and enthusiasts coming together for a noble cause.

The Samarpan Yatra, a unique blend of spirituality and physical endurance, embarked from Ranchi and will conclude in Jamshedpur. The yatra is a symbol of dedication and selflessness, embodying the values and principles the society has upheld for over a century and a half. Jodi Riders of Jamshedpur led by Jagtar Singh Nagi welcomed the cyclists from



Ranchi. The event was inaugurated with great fervor and enthusiasm, as the participants set out on their bicycles, adorned with flags and banners bearing the society's emblem. The yatra aims to spread the message of 'bhalai' (goodness) and 'sewa' (service) in its truest form.

The Sarbat Da Bhala Sewa Society has been an emblem of compassion and community service since its inception. The society has tirelessly worked towards alleviating the suffering of the less fortunate and marginalized sections of society. The Samarpan Yatra stands as a testament to their commitment to

these ideals. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the society's Sukhvinder Singh Bagga expressed gratitude to all the participants, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed to the success of the yatra. He emphasized the importance of unity and service in building a strong and

harmonious society.

As the yatra progresses, it is expected to touch the hearts of many along its route, inspiring people to come forward and contribute to the betterment of society. The Samarpan Yatra not only celebrates a significant milestone for the Sabhat Da Singh Society but also reinforces the message of selfless service that continues to guide their actions.

In conclusion, the Samarpan Yatra-3 Cycle Yatra is a remarkable testament to the enduring spirit of service and unity. It brings people together in the pursuit of a common goal - making the world a better place through acts of kindness and compassion. The Sarbat Da Bhala Sewa Society's dedication to the welfare of society remains unwavering, and the yatra is a shining example of their commitment to this noble cause. (w-pb)

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पौध प्रसारण अन्तर्गत ग्राफ्ट गुटी तैयार करने हेतु दर (कोटेशन) आमंत्रण सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 में विभागीय स्वीकृत्यादेश सं0 15 दिनांक 05.06.2023 द्वारा स्वीकृत उद्यान विकास की योजनाअन्तर्गत कार्य अवयव ग्राफ्ट-गुटी उत्पादन के तहत फलबाग के क्षेत्र विस्तार हेतु पौध प्रसारण अन्तर्गत विभागीय स्थापित प्रोजेनीबाग नर्सरी/प्रखण्ड नर्सरियों में मिश्रित प्रमोदों के आम का ग्राफ्ट-गुटी प0 सिंहभूम जिला में 15000 सं0 एवं सरायकेला-खरसावाँ जिला में 30000 सं0 गुणवत्तायुक्त पौधा तैयार किया जाना है। जिसे न्यूनतम दर पर कृषकों को उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा। ग्राफ्ट-गुटी का उत्पादन एवं रख-रखाव सहित प्रति पौधा रु0 60/- (साठ रुपये) की दर से व्यय किया जाना है। उक्त योजना के कार्यान्वयन हेतु प0 सिंहभूम जिला में प्रोजेनीबाग /कार्यरत प्रखण्ड उद्यान नर्सरी में 15000 सं0 एवं सरायकेला में 30000 सं0 पौधे का ग्राफ्ट (कलम) तैयार कर एक वर्ष तक पूर्ण रख-रखाव के साथ वितरण हेतु कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराया जाना है। पौधों का ग्राफ्ट (कलम) निम्न प्रकार में उपलब्ध कराना है:-

- बीजू पौधे एक वर्ष का होना चाहिए।
- पौधों का कलम Grafting पद्धति एवं गुटी पद्धति (अलग-अलग पौधों के अनुसार) से तैयार किया जाना है।
- कलम तैयार करने के लिए बीजू पौधे का साईज- लं0 2' 6" या उससे अधिक का होना चाहिए।
- पौधों का थैला (Black polythene bag) का आकार 7"x8" का होना चाहिए।
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- पौधों का जड़ स्वस्थ व अधिक घना होना चाहिए।
- पौधों में किसी भी प्रकार का रोग/बीमारी नहीं होना चाहिए।

उपरोक्त योजना के कार्यान्वयन हेतु भारत सरकार/राज्य सरकार के द्वारा फल, फूल पौधे तैयार कर वितरण करने वाले NHB एवं उद्यान निदेशालय से पंजीकृत/स्वीकृत इच्छुक संस्था/एजेंसी/नर्सरी से बन्द लिफाफे में दिनांक 30.08.2023 तक कार्यालय कार्य अंश में उपयुक्त पौध सामग्रियों को तैयार कर उपलब्ध कराने के लिए न्यूनतम दर पर कोटेशन आमंत्रित किया जाता है।
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Before Asia Cup, five wise men face selection issues with few answers

By Shrikant Bhagvatula

With the recent experimentation by the team management with the Indian playing XI giving mixed results, the senior national cricket selectors will be in a fix when they sit down to finalise the squad for the Asia Cup 2023 and the Asian Games which follow it, which will be important stops on the journey to the ODI World Cup to be held later in the year.

The ICC ODI World Cup in October-November in India follows on the heels of the Asia Cup 2023, which will be held from August 30 to September 17 in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and the Asian Games in Hangzhou from September 23-October 8. It is apparent that the selectors will be left with little time to settle on their World Cup squad.

Thus the Indian squad for the Asia Cup will virtually be the one that would also represent the country in the World Cup – barring minor tweaks due to injuries, as the Board of Control For Cricket in India (BCCI) has already named a different squad for the Asian Games. The squads, by name, for the World Cup are to be submitted by September 5 and thus the selectors will have to firm up the squad a few days after the start of the Asia Cup, preventing the team management from conducting any more late experiments. With injuries to key players in the last few months throwing a spanner or two in firming up the team for the World Cup, the Asia Cup will provide the players returning from injuries some game time and a chance to get match-fit.

Thus the national selection committee led by AjitAgarkar will be forced to work around quite a bit to zero in on the Asia Cup squad that will also be the nucleus of the World Cup team.

The team has got a boost thanks to the return from injury by pace spearhead JaspritBumrah and Prasadh Krishna, both of whom have been picked in the squad for the T20s against Ireland. Bumrah is set to make a comeback to international cricket after being out since September last year because of a back injury and subsequent surgery while Prasadh Krishna too has been out since last year because of a stress fracture in the back. Bumrah has been named India's captain for the three-match T20 series against Ireland, which will be played in Malahide on August 18, 20 and 23. If Bumrah passes the Ireland fitness test, he will spearhead the Indian attack in the Asia Cup and try to get into top gear for the World Cup.

Prasadh has also done well with the ODI squad before the injury and a successful return against Ireland will further bolster the bowling department, which looks strong with several options available to the selectors. With Mohammed Siraj virtually assured of his place in the squad and Bumrah back, the selectors will choose between Prasadh Krishna, Shardul Thakur, Mukesh Kumar and JaydevUnadkat for the third pacer, unless they are confident HardikPandya will be able to bowl his full quota of 10 overs in all matches.

The major areas of concern for the team management and selectors in recent times have been the wicketkeeper-batter and middle-order. The main question that the selectors are facing is regarding wicketkeeper-batter K.L Rahul, who is expected to be fit for the Asia Cup. A few weeks back, the BCCI informed in a release that he has started batting. Ever since Rishabh Pant suffered an accident and KL Rahul got injured, India have tried various options for wicketkeeper batter, giving opportunities to IshanKishan and Sanju Samson. Kishan has been the preferred choice and has got more opportunities and has done quite well, especially in ODIs, hitting a majestic double century (210) against Bangladesh in the third ODI at Chattogram in December last year. He struck half-centuries in all three ODIs against the West Indies in the series that ended last week. Kishan's success with the bat has been as the opener, which is also his preferred slot. With Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill slotted in as openers and ViratKohli at No.3, Kishan has to be accommodated in the middle order. If Rahul gets fully fit, he will definitely get picked for the Asia Cup as it gives him a chance to play some matches before the World Cup.

In case Rahul is not fully fit, IshanKishan gets the nod ahead of Sanju Samson, who has also done reasonably well in the opportunities he has got and scored a half-century in the third ODI against the West Indies a few days back. But, just like K.L Rahul, IshanKishan, the Bihar and Mumbai Indians batter, can be a backup opener in case of need. The other major area of concern for the team management is the middle-order batting. In the absence of ShreyasIyer, the team management has tried SuryakumarYadav for the main batter in the middle order but the experiment has not yielded the expected results. Yadav, known for his 360-degree batting in T20 cricket, has not been able to bring that expertise to the 50-overs game.

With ShreyasIyer still doubtful for the Asia Cup, the selectors might have to give one last opportunity to Surya. But that does not leave them in a good spot because if SKY fails to make the most of those opportunities, it will leave the selectors in a hard place in case ShreyasIyer is not available for the World Cup. HardikPandya as the medium-pace all-rounder and RavindraJadeja as the spinner-allrounder are virtually assured of their spots in the line-up but there are still concerns about whether Hardik will be able to bowl all 10 overs in all the matches in the Asia Cup and the World Cup?

With Jadeja getting picked as the spinner-allrounder, that leaves only one slot for a spinner in the playing XI, unless match conditions demand picking three spinners in the XI. The team management will have to choose between KuldeepYadav, YuzvendraChahal and Axar Patel, a like-for-like replacement for RavindraJadeja because of his better batting.

Bills to replace IPC, CrPC a throwback to medieval times, give enormous power to govt : Sibal

Veteran leader and RajyaSabha MP KapilSibal has dubbed the three Bills to completely overhaul the British-era Indian laws as a throwback to "medieval times", and also said that the BharatiyaNyaySanhita has absolutely no rationale for giving such enormous powers to the government.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on August 11 in the Lok Sabha introduced three bills, saying these will completely overhaul the British-era Indian criminal laws, the Indian Penal Code (1860), Code of Criminal Procedure (1898), and the Indian Evidence Act (1872).

Shah introduced the BharatiyaNyayaSanhita Bill, 2023 which seeks to replace the IPC, the BharatiyaNagrikSurakshaSanhita Bill that seeks to replace the CrPC, and the BharatiyaSakshya Bill, 2023 which seeks to replace the Indian Evidence Act, on the last day of the monsoon session.

Referring to the three bills for consideration of the Parliamentary standing committee on home affairs, Shah said that the earlier laws strengthened British rule, while the proposed laws will protect the rights of the citizens and give speedy justice to the people. In a candid interview with IANS, Sibal, a former Union Law Minister and also an eminent lawyer, discussed the three Bills in detail.

Excerpts from interview: IANS: You have asked the government to withdraw the three bills that aim to replace colonial-era IPC, CrPC and Indian Evidence Act. What are your reservations?

Sibal: What does the government mean by doing away with the colonial era? You must tell how these bills represent a progressive reform of a criminal justice



system as it existed prior to January 26, 1950.

When I read the provisions of these Bills, especially the BharatiyaNyayaSanhita (BNS), it seems to be a throwback to medieval times where the police have now been given power to detain somebody for 60 days or 90 days in a case. In the court of criminal procedure now, the police can only take custody for only 15 days. So you are increasing police custody from 15 to 60 to 90 days and you call that getting rid of colonial laws. And it does not make sense to me.

Apart from that you have very seriously flawed the provisions. Apart from the fact, if you look at the Bill especially the English translation there are grammatical errors.

Some provisions just cannot be understood like Section 124 of the BharatiyaNyayaSanhita. If there is a code of criminal procedure you can't call it a justice court, I just can't understand the title. There are provisions which forbid you to hold protests. If you want to hold a protest against a Bill that has been cleared by Parliament and it is a law you can be made liable and you can be prosecuted. The person

who gives you space to hold that protest can be prosecuted.

Then, if a police officer who does something that is contrary to the law, allows a person to escape for example or sends somebody to jail or grants bail to somebody knowing that it is inconsistent with law he will be prosecuted and can be punished up to seven years... what kind of justice system you want in the country, it is a throwback on the medieval times.

A judge, whether he is a magistrate or a High Court judge or a Supreme Court judge and if he renders a judgement with any dishonest intention or maliciously then he also can be sent to seven years in prison. And if the government decides that it is malicious in that what he has done is contrary to established law then also he can be prosecuted for seven years.

I personally feel that this particular Bill should be withdrawn as soon as possible. It has absolutely no rationale for giving such enormous powers to the government. If the government says this is malicious, who is going to decide. That is going to be decided during the time of

trial. File a charge sheet, and that particular policeman or the particular government servant, who passes an order which is contrary to the law, will also be prosecuted. Which government servant will pass an order against the government... which policeman will grant bail to anybody. Which magistrate will grant relief to a private individual fearing that the government will tomorrow say that this order is initiated because of some alleged malicious intent?

These are very very serious matters and I don't think that the Ministry has really applied its mind fully before even agreeing to introduce such Bills in Parliament.

IANS: What potential ambiguities could arise following the elimination of Section 124A?

Sibal: It is much worse. 124 day provision dealing with the sedition, now the concept of the security of the state has been so widened that people who even protest and endanger the security of the state, can be punished. What's the difference? In fact it's much worse. In sedition, there was a calibration of punishment, it could be up to seven years from three years. Here there is no such thing. For some offences it is seven, for some offences its three. The definitions are so vague. In the criminal justice system definitions have to be precise because the citizen must know in what circumstances they are liable to be prosecuted.

If you have a definition which is vague any activity of yours may amount to threatening the security of the state, including large scale protests. IANS: Despite the removal of section 377, concerns exist about whether the proposed BharatiyaNyayaSanhita adequately safeguards men

against rape accusations?

Sibal: No, I don't think that's really an issue because rape laws have been in place for a long time. But, I think there is a particular provision of the law here which says if a person has a relationship with somebody and promises marriage. If a man promises marriage to a woman, he has sexual intercourse with her and ultimately does not marry her, the man can be prosecuted. There are so many occasions when two persons are together, maybe they promise marriage to each other, they are in love, they have sexual intercourse and a couple of years later when they fall apart, the women can always prosecute. The man is liable to be sent to jail. These are the provisions that have been included. They call it a great reform from the colonial era law, in fact it is just the opposite, it's a throwback to the medieval times.

IANS: Looking at the current impasse in Parliament will these bills be passed in Parliament?

Sibal: It's gone to the standing committee. It is introduced in the Lok Sabha. I am sure the standing committee will debate it. Issue will be addressed. Hopefully it will come back to Lok Sabha, where they will pass it. But it's going to have a difficult passage in the Rajya Sabha.

IANS: Looking at the proposed Bill, can it be used against political opponents?

Sibal: Even without this amendment, all the laws are being used against the politicians, journalists, academics and students. You name it. They are using it against all those who have raised their voice against the government.

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Intense rains in Himachal show change in weather patterns

By Vishal Gulati

The constant rise in land and sea temperatures have made the Himalayas vulnerable to torrential rains, say climate experts.

They say the ongoing floods and devastation in the Himalayan states of Himachal Pradesh and neighbouring Uttarakhand, where farming communities are some of the most vulnerable, are proof of the increasing climate risks to an already vulnerable and fragile ecosystem.

They attribute rising temperatures to the increased atmospheric evaporation and humidity levels from the sudden extreme rains.

The heavy rains that have besieged Himachal Pradesh over the last weeks are consistent with the patterns expected in a warming world, explains AnjalPrakash, Clinical Associate Professor (Research) and Research Director, Bharti Institute of Public Policy, Indian School of Business.

Increased temperatures can lead to more intense rainfall events, escalating the risk of landslides and flashfloods.

The vulnerability of hillside communities and the crumbling of essential infrastructure further magnify the tragedy. Immediate action is imperative, Prakash, an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) author, told IANS.

Vulnerable mountain communities are already experiencing significant adverse impacts like loss and damage to lives, property, heritage, and infrastructure.

Floods and landslides are projected to increase, and the effects on fragile



mountain habitats are particularly acute.

Monsoon rainfall patterns over India have seen a climatic shift in recent decades.

"The most significant change is that instead of having moderate rains spread out through the monsoon season, we have long dry periods intermittently with short spells of heavy rains. Hence this causes floods and droughts in the same season and occasionally in the same region or different parts of India," says Roxy Mathew Koll, Senior Scientist at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune.

"We saw this pattern manifesting during the current year also. Even though the all-India average rainfall is near normal, the regional rainfall during the season has had deficits and floods.

The pace of global warming is now accelerated, and we need

urgent action as these extreme conditions will intensify in the near future.

"Climate action and adaptation at local (panchayat) levels should go parallel with mitigation at global and national levels. I am concerned that there is less focus on local adaptation. Instead of waiting for weather forecasts yearly, we need to be disaster-proof locally, based on sub-district wise assessment," Mathew Koll added.

What does science say? The rise in extreme weather events is unprecedented, and they have been multiplying rapidly. Monsoon 2023 is an apt reflection of what climate change impacts would do to the Himalayas if global warming goes unchecked.

More heating means more extreme rainfall. The atmosphere, land and oceans are all warming at a faster rate.

The warmer it becomes, the more moisture the

atmosphere can hold. This has led to more water being evaporated from the Earth's surface.

This increases the holding capacity of the air, which results in more droplets and heavier rainfall, sometimes in a shorter space of time and over a smaller area.

As per government records, 126 have lost their lives in Himachal Pradesh till date due to landslides and flash floods since the onset of monsoon, vital for agriculture and the livelihoods of millions. Thirty-eight people have been missing.

The state saw 113 landslides and 58 cloudburst incidents. The damage to roads has been extensive in Kullu, Mandi and Shimla districts.

The latest spell of heavy rainfall was caused due to northward movement of the axis of the monsoon trough, making weather conditions favourable for heavy to very heavy rains across the Himalayas.

Explaining the phenomenon, AkshayDeoras, Meteorologist and Research Scientist with the National Centre for Atmospheric Science and Department of Meteorology, University of Reading, Britain, said: "During break-monsoon conditions, most monsoon rainfall activities get focussed over Himalayan foothills and to an extent over Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

"At the same time, other parts of the country, like Central India, witness dry weather conditions. This is not new and has been happening ever since the existence of monsoon. The science of global warming is clear that if we continue to emit more and more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, especially CO2, it will enhance the air's capacity to hold more and more water.

"Now, whenever favourable weather conditions appear, for

example, in the case of break monsoon conditions, the air will release much more water vapour in the form of rainfall. This means the probability of an ordinary rainfall event intensifying into a heavy or extremely heavy one will increase because of global warming."

Echoing similar views, Mahesh Palawat, Vice President- Meteorology and Climate Change, Skymet Weather, said more warming means more energy in the environment, leading to more rain.

"Moisture availability is abundant in the atmosphere, which causes incidents like torrential rainfall in a short period causing damage like what we saw in Himachal and Uttarakhand this season," he added.

According to a recent study by the Kathmandu-based intergovernmental institute, The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the Hindu Kush Himalayas cryosphere (glaciers, snow and permafrost) is undergoing unprecedented and largely irreversible changes over human timescales, primarily driven by climate change.

The impacts are becoming increasingly clear, with increased warming at higher elevations, the accelerated melting of glaciers, increasing permafrost thaw, declining snow cover, and more erratic snowfall patterns.

The "water towers" of the Hindu Kush Himalayas, critical for downstream regions, are some of the most vulnerable to these changes in the world.

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Is K.B.Ganesh Kumar on his way out from Kerala ruling Left?

If sources are to be believed, K.B.Ganesh Kumar -- the lone legislator of the Kerala Congress (B), presently a full fledged ally of the ruling CPI-M led Left, -- seems to be on his way out.

Kumar is the son of the legendary late R.Balakrishnan Pillai who was one of the founding leaders of the Congress-led UDF, a legislator, Lok Sabha member and a State Minister for several years.

Pillai and his son in 2001 were both legislators and their party was in the UDF but a difference of opinion between Pillai and then incumbent Chief Minister OommenChandy surfaced in 2004 leading to non-inclusion of Pillai in Chandy's cabinet in 2004.

After which the relation between Pillai and Chandy strained further and mid way during Chandy's second tenure in 2011-16, Kumar was asked to resign as Minister when a complaint surfaced from his then wife.

The father-son duo was soon inducted as full time allies of the Left.

In the 2016 Assembly polls, Kumar contested from the Left and won from the Pathanapuram constituency which he has been winning from 2001.

At the 2021 polls also, he won his fifth straight win and was hoping against hope to be a Minister.

Being the lone legislator, the Left had decided to share cabinet posts with a two-and-a-half year term with Antony Raju, the present State Transport Minister and belongs to a faction of the erstwhile Kerala Congress (J).

It was Kumar who was supposed to get the first two-and-a-half years, but following a dispute with his sister over family property, Chief Minister PinarayiVijayan gave the first turn to Raju, upsetting Kumar deeply.

Kumar, a film actor-turned-legislator, is known for his razor sharp tongue and since Vijayan's second tenure began he has been critical on a few occasions.

And on Thursday, he went hammer and tongs against State Public Works Minister P.A. Mohammed Riyas - son in law of Vijayan and also a first time legislator.

Kumar minced no words and slammed Riyas for not taking the representations of a senior legislator like him when it came to development of roads at his constituency.

A media critic on condition of anonymity said in politics nothing is impossible and for one man party like Kumar, to survive he has to be always with the front which is in power.

"With what's happening now, it remains highly unlikely if Vijayan will allow a term for Kumar as he has been critical of Riyas and also at times the way the present Vijayan government is functioning. Kumar has made it to the director board of the powerful Hindu social group of the Nair community- NSS. The NSS for all practical purposes doesn't have much regard towards Vijayan, so it shouldn't be a surprise if Kumar does a political somersault and one will have to wait a bit more," said the critic.

ICC World Cup trophy tour lights up Kuwait and Bahrain

Kuwait & Bahrain, Aug 19 (IANS): The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 trophy tour continued its remarkable journey, spreading the thrill of cricket and uniting cricket enthusiasts in Kuwait and Bahrain.

The tour's recent stops in these Middle Eastern nations were marked by grand unveilings, iconic locations, and exuberant fan activations, reflecting the universal appeal of cricket and the excitement building up to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

The tour's first day witnessed an exclusive invite-only event at Al-Hashemi-II, the largest dhow ever built. The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Trophy was unveiled in the presence of Haider Farman, President of Kuwait Cricket Club (KCC), and Imran Khwaja, Deputy Chair of ICC.

The unveiling was followed by captivating photo opportunities, symbolizing the start of an enchanting journey. The tour continued on a series of spectacular events across iconic Kuwait locations, including Kuwait Towers, Parliament, Al Hamra Tower, and the Mall - Kuwait's tallest building. These landmarks



provided the perfect backdrop for the tour, celebrating cricket's towering presence and global reach. The Kuwait leg concluded with an electrifying fan activation event at Sulaihiya Cricket Ground, drawing around

10,000 fans. Engagements galore created a carnival-like atmosphere, uniting fans under the banner of cricket's unifying spirit.

The tour's journey continued to Bahrain, where the Trophy visited Bahrain Bay, World

Trade Centre, and the King Fahd Causeway - a symbolic link bridging aspirations.

The evening witnessed a prestigious unveiling event, graced by Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa along with cricket luminaries like Imran Khwaja and Iqbal Sikander from ICC, and other esteemed dignitaries. The Trophy also visited Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, cementing cricket's place on Bahrain's cultural landscape.

The tour commenced with a Trophy display at Dana Mall, further igniting cricket enthusiasm. The evening saw an open bus ride from the city to Bahrain International Circuit, providing fans a unique opportunity to celebrate their love for cricket against a stunning backdrop. The fans' excitement was palpable as they posed with the Trophy, underscoring the tour's ability to spark joy and camaraderie. The tour's success in these Kuwait and Bahrain signifies the universal resonance of cricket, as fans eagerly await the grand spectacle of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, where nations will vie for cricket's ultimate glory.

132nd Durand Cup: Bodoland FC end campaign with historic win over Odisha FC

Kokrajhar (Assam), Aug 19 (IANS): Bodoland FC ended their maiden campaign in the Durand Cup with a historic 2-1 win over Odisha FC, their first win in the 132nd edition of the prestigious tournament here on Saturday.

Playing their final Group F fixture of the 132nd Durand Cup at Kokrajhar's SAI Stadium, the home side rode on second-half strikes by Maneshwar Mushahary and Cameroonian Zacharie Mbenda to come from behind and register a famous and memorable win.

Pungte Lapung had scored first to give Odisha the lead but things did not go their way for the ISL club after that.

As things stand in Group F, both Bodoland and Odisha finished with three points, whereas the Indian Army are sitting pretty at the top with six points and a game in hand against Rajasthan United FC who are also currently on three



points. Coach Amit Rana made no changes to his Odisha starting XI at the SAI Stadium in Kokrajhar whereas Daimalu Basumatary, the Bodoland coach made as many as eight changes to the side that played the Army in the previous match. They and his substitutions later on, did seem to work in the end result.

The Juggernauts had a great chance to score in the 20th minute when Aphaoba Singh was put through by Pungte, but despite getting a good crack in wet underfoot conditions, he could not hit the target. The home side's best chance in

an otherwise barren first half came to striker Nicodim, but he too could not hit the target with only the keeper to beat.

The goal for the Kalinga Warriors came from the same Aphaoba-Pungte combination, but the former turned provider in this instance. The cross from Aphaoba from inside the box on the right flank was meant for Dheeraj Datta, who had come on as a substitute and had overlapped. Dheeraj, with a marker on him, missed, more due to underfoot conditions than anything but it fell invitingly for Pungte who was following the ball.

Australia's Usman Khawaja aiming to tick three boxes for continuing to play Test cricket

Brisbane, Aug 19 (IANS): Australia's veteran opener Usman Khawaja said he will aim to continue playing Test cricket for a long time if he continues to tick three crucial boxes with the side. Khawaja scored 496 runs in the recently-concluded Ashes 2023, being the highest run-scorer of the series, which ended in a 2-2 draw.

The next Ashes series will be held in Australia in 2025-26. "In 2025...one series at a time I go with. You can get ahead of yourself and look to that time (in 2025) and think, 'I can probably get there', but I don't want to (do that)."

"I like playing one summer at a time and seeing how the body is going, how the mind is going and whether I am enjoying it. It is those three things. I am ticking those three boxes at the moment so I will keep playing," Khawaja was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.

The left-handed batter also reflected on how the 2023 Ashes captured the attention and imagination of cricket fans in Australia.

Arsene Wenger to visit India in October to launch FIFA-AIFF academy, informs AIFF



New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS): The legendary football coach and currently the FIFA Chief of Global Football Development, Arsene Wenger, is likely to visit India in the second week of October to finalise the setting-up of a central academy in India jointly with the All-India Football Federation (AIFF), according to Federation President Kalyan Chaubey.

Chaubey and AIFF Secretary-General Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran had a meeting with Wenger, Steven Martens, Technical Director, FIFA, and Ulf Schott, Head of High-Performance Programmes, FIFA, in Sydney, Australia, on Saturday, to decide on the collaboration between the FIFA and the AIFF to launch an academy for U-13 boys and girls, the name of which will be finalised later.

Chaubey said after the meeting, "I am glad to say that we are on the verge of setting up a state-of-the-art centralised academy in India, along with FIFA, with Arsene Wenger playing a key role in the whole setup. I am sure that with his experience and our industriousness, we can set the ball rolling for India to produce future stars."

The new academy will not function in a standalone manner; rather, it will be supported by around four or five other feeder academies, thus making it a network.

Wenger is expected to make an official announcement of the same via a virtual press conference in September, following which, he is set to come to India in the second week of October to work on all other details of the proposed academy, Chaubey informed.

Dr. Prabhakaran said, "We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming Arsene Wenger to India for this very important project. I have no doubt that he will have a significant impact on developing elite players in India, and we can safely say that his joining hands to produce top talents in India means that the professor is convinced about our country's potential. He is an inspiring figure, and with his involvement, we can excite and engage millions of youths like never before, and we will have a few diamonds who will shine on the global stage. Finally, our project diamond is taking shape as envisioned in our strategic roadmap, Vision 2047," he was quoted as saying by the AIFF's official website on Saturday. Chaubey also said: "The U-13 Youth League and Sub-Junior National Championships will play an important role in spotting talents and setting up the academies. We want to provide more opportunities to our member associations and youngsters as well to organise themselves for the state-level trials so that each state association can field their best possible team for the U-13 Youth League."

DAV Bistupur, JH Tarapore hog limelight at JOGGA Chess Championship

28 school participate in event hosted by Mount Litera Zee School

Jamshedpur, Aug 19: Mount Litera Zee School Jamshedpur hosted the JOGGA Chess Championship 2023-24 on the 18-19 August, bringing together the strategic minds from 28 schools to compete in the world of tactics, intellect and sportsmanship. The curtains came down on the much-anticipated Chess Championship 2023 with a grand closing ceremony held at Mount Litera Zee School on August 19.

DAV Bistupur and JH Tarapore School dominated the proceedings winning most of the events. In the junior girls category Sacred Heart Convent School with 16 points was declared the winner followed by JH



Tarapore School (15.5 points) and Mount Litera Zee School (14 points). DAV Public School Bistupur with 17 points won in the junior boys event. Church School, Beldih (14 points) was second while Motilal Nehru Public School (12.5 points) bagged third spot. DAV Public School Bistupur was declared the

winner with 16.5 points in Senior Girls category. Sacred Heart Convent School (15.5 points) and JH Tarapore School (14.5 points) bagged second and third spot. Senior boys' trophy was won by DAV Public School Bistupur with 15.5 points. Mount Litera Zee School Jamshedpur scored 14 points to bag second place while Jusco



School South Park with 13.5 points was in third place. In the individual event Pragma Bhardwaj of JH Tarapore scored 7 points to win junior girls event. Ajuni Kaur Sacred Heart Convent was a close second. Nikunj Agarwal of DAV Bistupur won in the junior boys' category. In the senior girls Sunidhi

Singh of JH Tarapore bagged top spot in senior girls' event. In senior boys category Harsh Kumar Jha of DAV Bistupur scored 7 points to be crowned the winner. Awards and trophies were distributed to outstanding performers of the championship. The event was graced by the chief guest NK Tiwari (General Secretary East

Singhbhum District Chess Association), Initiative Director Lalita Sareen (also the Secretary of JOGGA) Volunteer teachers and students, Firoz Khan (Vice President JOGGA). School's Principal Kabita Agrawal, expressed gratitude to all the participants, teachers, and parents for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the championship. Earlier, on August 18 the championship was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Anand Louis Menezes, Senior Manager at Tata Steel Sports Department. Akshay Agrawal, Tournament Director, Chandan Prasad, Technical Director and the chief arbiter Jayant Kumar Bhuyan, and the other arbiters were present.

FIFA Women's World Cup: Sweden brush aside Australia to claim third place

Brisbane (Australia), Aug 19 (IANS): Star forward Fridolina Rolfo continued to torment Australia as she scored one and set up the other as Sweden secured third place with a well-deserved 2-0 win over Australia here on Saturday.

Rolfo scored in the 30th minute via a penalty and then set up the goal by Kosovare Asllani as Sweden won the third-place play-off.

Rolfo scored twice in the group stage of the 2020 Women's Olympic Football Tournament and once again



in that competition's semifinal. She was the thorn in the flesh for Australia once again on Saturday. The victory, sealed by Asllani's superb second-half strike, maintains the

Scandinavians' remarkable 100 per cent record in four FIFA Women's World Cup bronze-medal playoffs and earns them a fifth podium finish -- second only to the USA (8).

Dutee Chand reveals she was diagnosed with Cancer

Bhubaneswar, Aug. 19: Dutee Chand, the fastest female sprinter in India, was advised by a doctor that she had stage 1 cancer and would have to give up her athletic career in November 2021. Her dismal performance in the women's 100-meter and 200-meter preliminary rounds at the Tokyo Olympics led to this diagnosis.

The early stages of cancer in Dutee's body were discovered by Dr Sudeep Satpathy, a sports

medicine specialist from the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) in Bhubaneswar.

After getting the MRI results, Dutee recalled her conversation with the doctor and described how she was scared and unsure about what this meant for her future.

Dutee cited a groin injury she sustained earlier in 2021 while competing in the National Inter-State Championships leading up to the Olympics as the origin of her health issues. Dutee made the assumption that the cancer that was mostly

impacting her groin area might have developed as a result of hormonal abnormalities associated to testosterone. Others initially discounted Dutee's discomfort as being only groin pain, but Doctor Satpathy cautioned her against untreated complications.

At the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, Dutee, who has been suspended for four years due to doping, appeared subpar and did not even advance past the preliminary round in the women's 100-meter and 200-meter races.

Rana Pratap breaks national record, wins gold

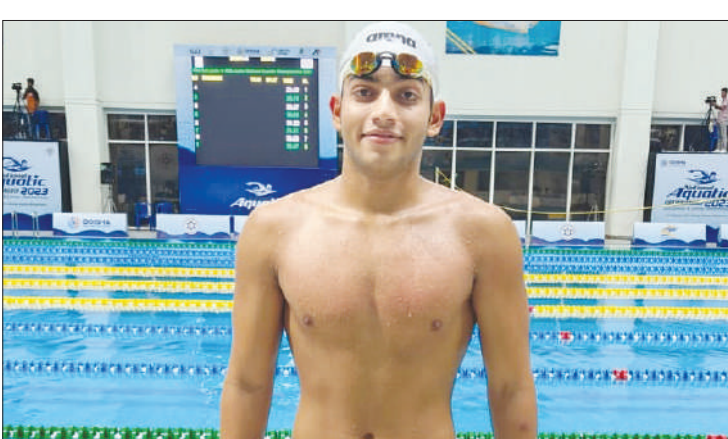
39th Sub-Jr, 49th Jr National Aquatic Championship : Tata Steel Training Centre cadet bags Jharkhand's first gold medal

Bhubaneswar/Jamshedpur, Aug 19: Rana Pratap helped Jharkhand bag their first individual gold medal at the 39th Sub Junior and 49th Junior National Aquatic Championships 2023 here with a sensational swim in the 200m breaststroke for group I boys. He clocked 2:21.88 to create the new national record. A cadet of Tata Steel Training centre, Rana erased Swadesh Mondal's record of 2:22.29 created in 2021. Rana finished ahead of Vidith S Shankar of Karnataka who was a no match in the race for gold. Vidith clocked 2:24.31 to settle for silver.

This is the first time someone from Jharkhand has won at National level. Rana Pratap's grandfather, Rambalak Singh and his father were former international swimmers. Rana Pratap has been training under coaches Sapan Pradhan and Firoz Khan.

With two more days of action left at the swanky new Aquatic Centre here in Bhubaneswar's iconic Kalinga Sports Complex, Karnataka remained poised to defend their overall championship title with as many as 32 gold medals, 28 silver and 17 bronze while Tamil Nadu have 7 gold, 5 silver and 10 bronze and Maharashtra have 6 gold, 15 silver and 13 bronze medals. Karnataka girls continued to showcase top form in their respective races and also tumbled a few national records - adding to their state's pride and prestige at the event.

Hashika Ramachandra added another gold medal to her kitty, with a record time, in 400m individual medley. She rewrote Shakti B's record of 5:11.77 by clocking 5:08.50. She was a couple of strokes ahead of state mate S Lakshya who finished second with a time of 5:12.75. In another record-breaking



performance of the day, Tanishi Gupta of Karnataka clocked 1:02.21 to beat state mate Dhinidhi Desinghu and create a new national record in 100m butterfly for group II girls. The record 1:05.51 was previously held by Hashika Ramachandra created in 2021. Interestingly, Dhinidhi also improved the national record by clocking 1:04.03.

Ridhima Veerendra, although missed Maana Patel's record in 50m backstroke for group I girls, comfortably won the race. She timed 30.08, narrowly missing the record time of 30.03 created in 2015. Sagnika Roy of Bengal finished behind with a time of 31.25. Ishaan Mehera of Karnataka also dominated in his age group with two gold medals today. He won

the 50m backstroke clocking 28.45, while state mate Idhant Shashwat bagged silver with time of 29.05. Ishaan also won the 100m freestyle for group II boys. He clocked 54.85 while Nibir Hazarika took home the silver with 56.12 on the clock. Punjab's Jasnoor Kaur took the crowd by surprise as she came up with a brilliant swim in the 50m freestyle for group I girls. While she broke the national record of 27.11 held by Shivani Kataria in the prelims earlier in the day with a time of 27.01, she won the gold in the final with a time of 27.28. She beat Alefiya SD of Maharashtra with time of 27.40. Telangana's Vritti Agarwal bagged a gold for her home state in the 800m freestyle. Though she came nowhere close to her own national record of 9:10.32, she comfortably won the race finishing ahead of Aditi N Mulav of Karnataka. She clocked 9:20.25 while Aditi timed 9:34.99.

This World Photography Day, ace your selfie game!

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANSlife) While we all would have read and heard 'a picture is worth a thousand words', ad nauseam, this adage doesn't really get old. After all, what can capture a moment better than a picture? No wonder, over a whopping 1.81 trillion photos are taken worldwide every year, which means 57,000 photos per second. It is reported that over 93 million selfies are clicked per day, just on Android devices. Selfies allow us to capture moments, make memories and share those with our friends, families, and the world at large.

So, as we get closer to this special day on August 19th, here are some quick tips to smash

your selfie game and save those to revisit whenever you want.

Master Your Smartphone Camera: Before setting out to click those stunning selfies, acquaint yourself with your smartphone's camera settings. Automatic settings are great but explore and play with the manual settings, such as focus and exposure. Try your hand at different lights such as contour, stage, studio, etc. Also, don't forget to use the portrait mode, it blurs out the background while keeping the razor-sharp focus on you, as a result, clicking professional-looking selfies. And BTW, small details such as cleaning your camera lenses can help click sharper selfies. Also, use wide selfie



mode to click group selfies, so you don't cut out anyone from the picture. Finally, don't restrict yourself to one setting either, explore all of them and then use the ones that you like the best.

Strike Different Angles: Most of the time, many of us prefer clicking our selfies in a certain way, at a certain angle. Scroll through your social media pages or your photo library on your

phone and see if all the pictures are looking just the same. If yes, maybe it is about time that you start exploring different angles. Use timers on your phone to click selfies from a bit of a distance. This will also allow you to strike that perfect pose. Try clicking from different heights as well, so you can capture different poses, with a focus on different aspects. Give the selfie stick a chance too.

Enhance the Frame: Adding different props to your selfie can enhance the overall picture. You can play with different colorful things to add contrast, which can lend a professional feel to your selfie. For example, if you are in a gray or a black dress, holding a big sunflower or an

orange object can transform your selfie. If you are in a party, you can use a balloon to add fun to your frame. However, don't overdo it. Avoid crowding your selfie to keep it classy.

Avoid Running Out of Storage: According to 2023 data, the average user has around 2,000 photos on their smartphone, with iOS users closer to 2,400 photos and Android users around 1,900 photos. Don't let your creativity be hindered by the lack of storage on your phone. Use a high-capacity microSD card, such as the SanDisk Extreme microSDTM card that offers up to 1TB* of capacity. It can be your smartphone's best companion for creating and

capturing memories. The other storage options include the SanDisk Ultra® Dual Drive USB Type-C™ from SanDisk which easily frees up space on your USB-C smartphone and transfers content between compatible devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops. If you are an iPhone user, check out the SanDisk iXpand™ Flash Drive Go, which easily frees up space on your iPhone. Overall, be confident and own your selfies like a boss. Capture and celebrate moments and spread joy with your selfies, not just on World Photography Day but every day.

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Through the lens

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANSlife) Everyone is a photographer these days, if Instagram is to be believed, and we enthusiastically encourage that. The art of taking pictures is to preserve memories. All it takes to capture moments in time and preserve memories is a single camera flash, a slight shutter sound, and everyone grinning.

The world comes together to recognise and celebrate World Photography Day on August 19 every year.

'Understanding Clouds' serves as the topic for 2023. Where should you go? Rest assured that we have your back. As we present the top 5 locations in the nation from which you may take the most breathtaking cloud photographs, grab your camera and reach for the skies (quite literally).

Coorg, Karnataka
Cradled in the southernmost part of the country, Coorg promises an unforgettable experience for nature lovers. Capture this quaint little town in all



its glory of misty waterfalls, dewy grounds, imposing mountains, gushing waterfalls and cotton-candy skies.

Check out Talacauvery, the origin points of Cauvery River in Brahmagiri hills for a spellbinding hilltop view. Carry your camera and make sure you don't miss out on the sunset from here. Lonavla, Maharashtra

There is no denying that

Lonavla makes a perfect weekend getaway, with its intriguing caves and picturesque roads. What not a lot of people know is that it also makes for a fantastic location for a photoshoot. Climb up the Rajmachi caves or the Rajmachi cave for surreal views of the surrounding forest and clouds. Get an early-morning head start to shoot the first rays of the sun hitting the clouds as

they turn red.

Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu
Located in the Palani Hills in Dindigul district, Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu is one of the most beautiful attractions of the Western Ghats. Make Dolphin's Nose a must-visit destination as this attraction will give you gorgeous panoramic views of plunging hills and foggy skies. Try the Moir point or Perumal peak for more

dramatic captures of the town.

Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
Adorned with beautiful landscapes and heavy snow during the winters, Srinagar is just as pleasant and picturesque in August. With such a rich culture, the city becomes the ideal location to take pictures from. Climb up the Shankaracharya hills and take pictures of the clouds against a stunning backdrop of Dal Lake and dense green vegetation. Or ride on a boat and take snapshots of the sky right before the sun rises. If you're not an early riser, go at dusk to capture the vibrant hues of the late-evening skies.

Book your stays through CRED escapes at discounted rates and narrate enchanting stories through your lens. Now that you have the list, pack your camera, and get going. After all, there are clouds calling your name.

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Try some ice-cream recipes at home

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANSlife) You can never be too old for Ice cream. Here are the best homemade ice cream recipes that you can make on your own. Every taste bud can be satisfied by a flavour found somewhere in the world. When we were little, seeing the ice cream vendor would make us jump for delight, but you know what's worse. Recipes by Tea Culture of the World and Yusuf Gallabhaiwala, Founder & CEO, Honey All Day.

MATCHA ICE CREAM
Ingredients:

400g Full fat coconut milk
1 tbsp Corn flour
1 tsp Matcha Powder (BUY)
85g Castor sugar
2 tsp Agave syrup or maple syrup
45ml Coconut cream
Grated zest of 1 lime
Method:

Heat the coconut milk gently in a saucepan over a low heat.

Put 4 tsp of the warm milk in a small bowl and mix with the corn flour and Matcha powder until smooth and lump-free.

Add sugar to the saucepan and stir over a low heat until dissolved.

Turn up the heat and as soon as it starts to boil, stir in the corn flour and Matcha mixture.

Reduce the heat and stir gently for 2-3 minutes until slightly thickened, creamy and smooth.

Remove from the heat and stir in the agave or maple syrup, coconut cream and lime zest. Set aside to cool.

Transfer to an ice cream maker or container, cover with a lid and freeze for 3-4 hours until frozen slightly and setting around the edges. Remove from the freezer and transfer the ice cream to a food mixer or food processor and mix briefly to break up any ice crystals and make it slushy.

Return to the container, cover and freeze for a few hours or overnight until frozen. For really smooth ice cream, repeat the process again 3-4 hours



later before freezing overnight.

Remove the ice cream from the freezer about 15-20 minutes before serving to soften it slightly.

Serve the scoops dusted with Matcha powder.

MATCHA AFFAGATO
Ingredients:

2 tsp of Matcha Powder
Chopped Nuts
Vanilla Ice Cream
Method:

2 tsp of Matcha whisked with 25 ml of room temperature water!

Pour Matcha onto the base of a plate or bowl and sprinkle some chopped nuts (hickory, pecans or walnuts) into the centre and top with a scoop of your favourite vanilla ice cream.

Garnish the ice cream with extra nuts.

HONEY DREAM DELIGHT ICE CREAM
Ingredients:

2 cups heavy cream
1 cup whole milk
3/4 cup honey
4 large egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
Method:

In a medium saucepan, combine the heavy cream and whole milk. Place the pan over medium heat and heat the mixture until it begins to steam, but avoid boiling it. Remove from heat. In a separate bowl, whisk together the honey, egg yolks, vanilla extract, and salt until well combined. Slowly pour the hot cream mixture into the bowl with the egg yolks, whisking constantly to prevent the eggs from curdling.

Once the mixture is well combined, pour it back into the saucepan. Place the pan over low heat and cook the mixture, stirring constantly, until it thickens enough to

coat the back of a spoon. This should take about 5-7 minutes.

Remove the pan from heat and allow the mixture to cool to room temperature. Once cooled, cover the pan and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Once the mixture is chilled, transfer it to an ice cream maker and churn according to the manufacturer's instructions. This usually takes about 20-30 minutes, or until the ice cream reaches a soft-serve consistency. Transfer the churned ice cream to an airtight container, and freeze for an additional 2-3 hours, or until it firms up. Serve your homemade honey ice cream in bowls or cones and enjoy!

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HONEY CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM
Ingredients:

2 cups heavy cream
1 cup whole milk
1 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
4 large egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup chocolate chips or chopped chocolate (optional)
Method:

In a medium saucepan, combine the heavy cream, milk, sugar, honey, and cocoa powder. Place the saucepan over medium heat and whisk until the mixture is well combined and starts to steam. Remove from heat.

In a separate bowl, whisk the egg yolks until smooth. Slowly pour about 1 cup of the hot cream mixture into the egg yolks while continuously whisking. This will temper the yolks and prevent them from curdling.

AyodhyaHaat is another attraction in temple town

Ayodhya, Aug 19 (IANS) An AyodhyaHaat will come up at Chaudhary Charan Singh Ghat on the banks of the Saryu River, in yet another addition to the temple town's growing list of tourist attractions.

The Ayodhya Development Authority will spearhead this project to turn the religious town into a tourist destination.

The AyodhyaHaat would also bring change in areas surrounding the ghat, said officials of the Ayodhya Development Authority.

Divisional Commissioner of Ayodhya Gaurav Dayal said on Thursday that the project would spur local economy also.

The AyodhyaHaat will have specially designed stalls offering handicrafts of local artisans. It will also



have a floating restaurant and boat services as added attraction for tourists. Ram Kutir cottages will

come up for those who want to stay at the ghat. A jetty will also come up at the Chaudhary Charan

Singh ghat. Cultural programmes, laser shows and musical fountains will add to

AyodhyaHaat's beauty.

The commissioner assured that the highest standards of cleanliness and environmental practices would be maintained at the Haat.

This project is part of the Uttar Pradesh government's initiative to transform Ayodhya into a prominent religious tourist destination.

The Ayodhya administration is expecting substantial increase in the number of tourists after Ram temple is opened for devotees in January next.

In the last five years, the state government has completed 17 projects worth several crores in Ayodhya as part of its policy to develop temple town as a prominent religious tourist destination of the country.

The exact order you should apply makeup

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New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANSlife) Just as there are certain methods we accomplish certain things, such as making a specific meal. The process of putting on makeup also varies a lot.

But, regardless, it is essential to establish the groundwork once and for all, and we can tweak it here and there as we choose. As a result, Mukan Jain, Brand Manager at MARS Cosmetics, discusses the proper order for applying makeup.

Step 1: Primer
If you ask experienced makeup artists for their best advice, most will tell you that the key to great makeup is to prep your skin properly. It helps that there's a primer out there for every type of skin and

concern. So whether you're dealing with oily skin and want to control shine, or your skin is dry and needs more moisture, there's a primer designed for it. Primers not only make makeup stick better but also make it last longer. So, if you want your makeup to shine throughout the day, primer is your secret weapon.

Step 2: Brows and Eyes
While this isn't a strict rule, there's a good reason to handle your eye makeup and eyebrows before you get into your complexion products. It's all about having a solid base to work from. Why? It gives you a safety net. You can fix fallout or mascara mishaps under your eyes without messing up your concealer or foundation, especially if you've gone all out on your eye look.



However, you're not locked into this order - you can totally switch it up and apply your eye makeup after your complexion products if that suits your style better. The key is to kick off with whatever is going to be the star of your look. If it's all about the eyes, dive into that first. If you're focusing on achieving flawless skin, start there. This way, you've got more flexibility to

perfect that focal point before bringing in the other elements like lips and cheeks. It's all about making your final look come together seamlessly.

Step 3: Foundation
Exploring the world of foundations can be overwhelming. How do you find the right one for you? If you want a light, breathable finish, go for a tinted moisturizer or something with a dewy

touch. If you're in the middle, a demi-matte works well. And if you need staying power, full-coverage, matte foundations are your go-to for all-day wear.

Remember, the purpose of the foundation is to create an even base for other makeup. To start, match the shade to your skin tone and desired finish. Test three similar shades on your chest to find the closest one - usually, the face is a bit lighter than the rest of your body due to regular washing.

To apply, use a Beauty Blender for a natural look or a good foundation brush for a smoother finish. Whichever tool you choose, blend the foundation before adding concealer.

Step 4: Concealer
First things first, figure

out where your face needs a bit more love, then bring in the concealer. Concealers are thicker and meant to tackle stuff like pesky dark circles or stubborn blemishes. To get the best bang for your buck, dab on thin layers and gently tap them onto your skin.

If you're uncertain about where to apply concealer, the choice largely hinges on your desired outcomes. Opt for lighter shades to brighten the area beneath your eyes, darker patches of skin, or to accentuate the high points of your face. For covering blemishes and acne scars, select a shade that closely matches your skin tone or the shade of your foundation.

Step 5: Bronzer/Blush/Highlighter
Now that your base is in place, it's time to add some depth and dimension to

your face. Here's the order: bronzer first, then blush, and finally highlighter. Start by using bronzer on your cheekbones and temples to give your face definition and a sun-kissed glow. This lays the foundation for sculpting. Next, swipe blush onto the apples of your cheeks, gently blending it outward for a natural flush. Just be careful about mixing different product textures, especially when it comes to foundation and blush pairings. Putting powder on top of the cream might make things look slightly blotchy. So, if your foundation is creamy, go for a creamy blush. Finally, add a touch of highlighter to the high points of your cheekbones using a smaller brush for a subtle shimmer.

Step 6: Lips
Lip liner comes first,

serving as a boundary to prevent color feathering. For a longer-lasting liner, put it on dry lips before using any lip balm or color. Once your liner is done, apply some hydrating lip balm and then your chosen lip color, whether it's lipstick or lip gloss. If you're using both, put on the lipstick before the gloss.

Step 7: Translucent Powder and Setting Spray
To make sure your makeup stays fresh all day, finish up with some setting powder. This step will set your makeup by forming a barrier to soak up any oils your skin may produce during the day. Whether you're using a foundation powder or a translucent powder, be sure to apply it with a large brush and dust the product over your forehead, cheeks, chin, and nose - that's your T-zone.

US approves transfer of Danish, Dutch F-16s to Ukraine

Washington, Aug 19 (IANS): The US has approved the transfer of American-made F-16 fighter jets from Denmark and the Netherlands to Kiev as soon as Ukrainian pilots are fully trained to operate them, a State Department spokesperson said.

"This way, Ukraine can take full advantage of its new capabilities," the BBC quoted the spokesperson as saying on Friday.

Denmark and the Netherlands have taken the lead in preparing a program to train Ukrainian pilots on the American jet, but the US is still working with other countries to see who may



provide F-16s to the Ukrainian Air Force.

The State Department spokesperson also said the two nations were given "formal assurances" for the transfer of their multi-role F-16 war planes, adding that this would happen "as soon as the first set of pilots complete

their training".

Also on Friday, the US approved the transfer of F-16 instructional materials, including training modules, documentation and classroom training materials, from Denmark to Ukraine, CNN quoted an administration official as saying.

British Indian doc who helped catch 'killer' nurse says 'babies could've been saved'

London, Aug 19 (IANS): An Indian-origin paediatrician in England, who helped catch a nurse convicted of murdering seven babies in her care, has said that the infants could have been saved had the hospital acted faster.

Dr Ravi Jayaram, a consultant at the Countess of Chester Hospital in Chester, said he repeatedly raised concerns about former colleague and nurse Lucy Letby for months before she was found guilty by the Manchester Crown Court on Friday.

"I do genuinely believe that there are four or five babies who could be going to school now who aren't," Jayaram told ITV News

after the verdict.

Letby, 33, faced a total of 22 charges, accused of murdering seven babies and trying to kill 10 more at the hospital, and will be sentenced at the Manchester court on August 21.

Jayaram told ITV that he and other doctors started raising concerns after three babies died in June 2015 but were told to "draw a line" under the suspicions and apologise to her for alleged "victimisation".

They were also threatened with consequences, Jayaram claimed.

Eventually, it was in April 2017 that the National Health Service



(NHS) trust allowed doctors to meet with a police officer, following which an investigation was launched and Letby was arrested.

Detective Superintendent Paul Hughes at Cheshire Constabulary told ITV

News that Jayaram and his colleague Stephen Brearey had been instrumental in catching the killer.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) told the court that Letby used various methods to attack babies, including the injection of air and insulin into their bloodstream; the infusion of air into their gastrointestinal tract; force feeding an overdose of milk or fluids; and impact-type trauma.

The jury heard she had tracked the parents of her victims on social media, and was said to have kept souvenirs of her crimes, including children's medical notes.

After her arrest in 2018,

the police also found at her home a post-it note that read: "I am evil, I did this" and "I killed them on purpose because I'm not good enough. I am a horrible evil person".

Tony Chambers, former Chief Executive of the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust said: "All my thoughts are with the children at the heart of this case and their families and loved ones at this incredibly difficult time. I am truly sorry for what all the families have gone through."

He however, denied telling consultants they should "draw a line" under their suspicions of Letby.

Death toll from Hawaii wildfires reach 114 as search for victims continues

Honolulu, Aug 19 (IANS): The death toll from the wildfires in Hawaii's Maui island, deemed to be the deadliest in modern US history, has spiked to 114 while more than 60 per cent of the disaster area has been searched with rescue efforts continuing, authorities said.

The Maui Police Department confirmed in an update that the total number of fatalities in the deadly wildfires has increased to 114, up from Thursday's 111, reports Xinhua news agency.

In a televised speech, Hawaii Governor Josh Green said that the number of lives lost in the disaster is "expected to increase each day" as the search for victims continues.

"The scope of devastation on Maui is difficult to express in



words," said the Governor, noting that more than 2,200 buildings have been destroyed and another 500 have been damaged at an estimated cost of nearly \$6 billion.

"Now, we are engaged in the difficult work of searching for survivors, reuniting separated families and identifying the remains of those we've lost," Green said.

There are now

approximately 470 search and rescue workers and 40 search dogs combing through the hundreds of burnt buildings, according to the governor.

"We will rebuild Lahaina. It will take years of work and billions of dollars, but we are committed to this effort, and together we will meet this challenge," the governor said.

Deadly wildfires have

scorched much of the historic town of Lahaina, a popular tourist spot on Maui and once the capital of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

It's home to around 13,000 residents.

Green said he has ordered a comprehensive assessment of every detail of the emergency response to the fires on Maui.

With at least 1,000 people still unaccounted for, recovery teams in Lahaina are racing against time to cover as much ground as possible before heavy rains are slated to move in next week, reported local news outlet Hawaii News Now.

The White House said in a statement earlier this week that President Joe Biden will travel to Maui on August 21 to meet with first responders, survivors, as well as federal, state and local officials.

Indian-American lab owner jailed for \$463 mn fraud scheme

New York, Aug 19 (IANS): A 44-year-old Indian-origin lab owner was sentenced to 27 years in prison for defrauding Medicare by submitting over \$463 million in genetic and other laboratory tests that patients did not need.

According to court documents, Minal Patel's Atlanta-based LabSolutions LLC was enrolled with Medicare and performed sophisticated genetic tests.

Patel conspired with patient brokers, telemedicine companies, and call centers to target Medicare beneficiaries with telemarketing calls. The calls falsely stated that Medicare covered expensive cancer genetic tests, a Department of Justice release said.

After the Medicare beneficiaries agreed to take a test, Patel paid kickbacks and bribes to patient brokers to obtain signed doctors' orders authorising the tests from telemedicine companies.

To conceal the kickbacks and



bribes, Patel required patient brokers to sign sham contracts that falsely stated that the brokers were performing legitimate advertising services for LabSolutions.

Patel knew that the brokers were deceptively marketing to Medicare beneficiaries and paying kickbacks and bribes to telemedicine companies for genetic testing prescriptions.

"In one of the largest genetic testing

fraud cases ever tried to verdict, today's sentence makes clear that the Department will seek justice for those who put profits above patient care, including owners and executives," Acting Assistant Attorney General Nicole M. Argenti of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, said on Friday.

Patel knew the telemedicine doctors robo-signed prescriptions for expensive genetic testing even though they were not treating the beneficiaries, often did not even speak with them, and made no evaluation of medical necessity.

From July 2016 through August 2019, LabSolutions submitted more than \$463 million in claims to Medicare, including for thousands of medically unnecessary genetic tests, of which Medicare paid over \$187 million.

In that timeframe, Patel personally received over \$21 million from Medicare in connection with the fraud.

UN marks 20th anniversary of Baghdad HQ bombing



United Nations, Aug 19 (IANS): The UN has commemorated the 20th anniversary of the 2003 suicide bombing of its headquarters in Baghdad which killed 22 personnel of the world body, including the UN Special Representative in Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello.

At a brief ceremony at the UN headquarters in New York on Friday, Atul Khare, the UN Undersecretary-General for the Department of Operational Support, laid a wreath in front of a plaque for the 2003 bombing, reports Xinhua news agency.

The bombing took place on August 19, 2003, in the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, which was used by the UN as its headquarters in Iraq.

Besides killing 22 people, the bombing also injured more than 100 others.

The UN General Assembly in 2008 designated the date of the Baghdad bombing as World Humanitarian Day.

In a video message for World Humanitarian Day, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the tragedy 20 years ago marked a change in the way humanitarians operate.

Today, although humanitarians are respected around the world, they may also be targeted by those who would do them harm, he said.

WFP says facing severe funding shortage for Yemen's aid programs



Sanaa, Aug 19 (IANS): The World Food Programme (WFP) has issued an alarming warning that it is facing a major funding crisis threatening its vital food assistance programs in war-ravaged Yemen.

Due to a massive shortfall in funding over the next six months, WFP will have to make drastic cuts to all its major initiatives in Yemen from the end of September onward, including food distribution, nutrition, school feeding, and resilience activities, the UN body said in a statement on its website.

Currently, around 13.1 million Yemenis rely on WFP's general food assistance, receiving rations that make up about 40 per cent of the standard food basket.

But without more funding, up to 3 million people in northern Yemen and 1.4 million in the south could see reductions, according to the WFP statement.

The WFP has already slashed its support to combat malnutrition, which will affect 1.4 million people's access to aid.

Imran Khan could be poisoned in Attock jail, says Bushra Bibi

New Delhi, August 19 (IANS): Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi has voiced concerns about her incarcerated husband's security and safety, saying he "can be poisoned" in Attock jail.

In a letter written to the home secretary of Punjab province, Bushra Bibi said the court had directed authorities concerned to shift his husband to Adiala jail in Rawalpindi, Geo News reported.

"My husband has been imprisoned in Attock jail without any justification. According to the law, my husband should be transferred to Adiala jail," she added.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman was jailed earlier this month after the court sentenced him to three-year in prison in the Toshakhana case related to the sale of state gifts that he received as prime minister from foreign dignitaries during



his 2018-22 tenure.

Consequently, he was also barred from politics for five years.

In the letter, the ousted premier's wife demanded that the PTI chief be provided B-class facilities in the prison given his social and political status as he is an "Oxford graduate and former captain of the national cricket team", Geo News reported.

She went on to say that such facilities are not available in Attock jail which her husband is

entitled to. Bushra further said two assassination attempts were made on Khan's life in the past and the accused involved had not been arrested yet. "His (Khan) life is still in danger (and) there is a fear that my husband will be poisoned in Attock jail," she stated in the letter, Geo News reported.

She said being a former Prime Minister of the country, her husband should be allowed to eat home-cooked food at the prison.

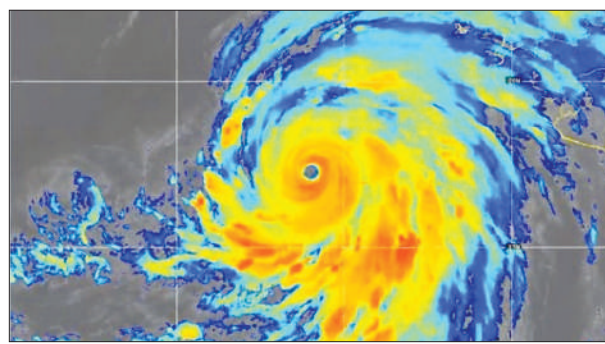
Hurricane Hilary sparks rare storm watch for US Southwest

Washington, Aug 19 (IANS): Hurricane Hilary, now a Category 4 hurricane, is expected to impose "significant impacts", including heavy rain and flooding, on the US Southwest this weekend into early next week, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) on Friday issued for the first time a tropical storm watch for parts of Southern California, warning against possible threat of tropical conditions in the areas within 48 hours, reports Xinhua news agency.

Hilary intensified rapidly Thursday into Friday from a tropical storm on Mexico's Pacific coast to a Category 4 hurricane, with a maximum surface wind of 209 to 251 km per hour.

NHS expects Hilary to land in Southern California on August 21 midnight as a



tropical storm after weakening on the west coast of the Baja California Peninsula on Saturday.

Rainfall impacts are expected to peak over the weekend, while the threat of strong wind continues to increase for portions of the Southwest, especially in the mountainous areas, according to the NWS.

The NWS issued a Flood Watch on Friday, as several cities in southeastern California in the current path of the storm are below sea level.

Some regions are

currently forecasted to receive up to 5 inches of rain during the next five days.

Life-threatening and potentially catastrophic flooding is likely over much of southern California this weekend and early next week, with Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and San Diego in the high-risk area.

Very strong winds will cause hazardous seas which could capsize or damage vessels and reduce visibility, according to the NWS.

Extreme weather to cost Italian farmers \$6.5 bn: Report

Rome, Aug 19 (IANS): Intense heatwaves and extreme weather that gripped Italy for most part of this year will cost farmers at least 6 billion euros (\$6.5 billion), according to estimates from the country's main agricultural union.

Coldiretti said that 2023 has so far been "a black year" for the agricultural sector, reports Xinhua news agency.

In its report published on Friday, the group said that Italy had experienced an average of nearly 11 extreme weather events per day so far this year, including hailstorms, tornadoes, flash floods and windstorms in addition to long and intense series of heat waves.

This year in Italy is already the third hottest on record, the report said, with average temperatures 0.67 degrees Celsius above historic norms, with the average temperature even further above the norm (0.86 degrees Celsius).

Fast-moving wildfire prompts emergency declaration in Canadian province

Ottawa, Aug 19 (IANS): Authorities in Canada's British Columbia (BC) province have declared a state of emergency as a fast-moving wildfire is threatening to destroy more homes in the area around the city of West Kelowna, the media reported on Saturday.

In a series of tweets late Friday night, British Columbia premier David Eby said: "This year, we're facing the worst wildfire season ever. Over the past 24 hrs, the situation has evolved rapidly and we are in for an extremely challenging situation in the days ahead. Given these fast-moving conditions, we are declaring a provincial state of emergency. A provincial state of emergency allows the Province to enact emergency orders. Emergency orders could include travel restrictions to specific areas if people do not respect our calls to avoid non-essential travel to the central Interior and southeastern BC."

"We're calling on all British Columbians to be alert, listen to local officials and follow evacuation orders. We will get through this together."

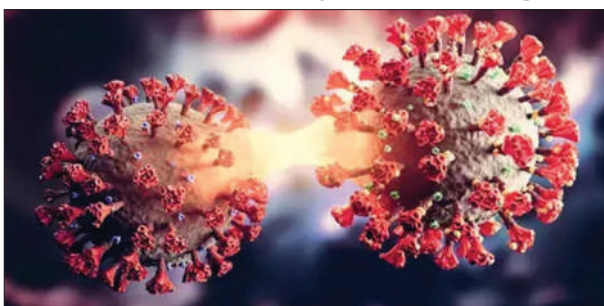
The declaration comes as the McDougall Creek wildfire grew from 64 to 6,800 hectares in just 24 hours as of Friday. Some 4,800 people are now under evacuation orders. Earlier on Friday, West Kelowna fire chief Jason Brolund described the wildfire as "devastating".

"We fought hard last night to protect our community. We fought 100 years worth of fires all in one night," the BBC



Health

Severe Covid may cause long-term innate immune system changes



New York, Aug 19 (IANS) Severe Covid-19 may cause long-lasting alterations to the innate immune system, according to a small study.

These changes may help explain why the disease can damage so many different organs and why some people with long Covid have high levels of inflammation throughout the body.

The study, published online in the journal Cell, examined immune cells and molecules in blood samples from 38 people recovering from severe Covid and other severe illnesses, as well as from 19 healthy people.

Notably, researchers led by Steven Z. Josefowicz, from the Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City in the US, established a new technique for collecting, concentrating and characterising very rare blood-forming stem cells that circulate in the blood, eliminating the need to extract such cells from bone marrow.

In these rare stem cells -- the parents of immune-system cells -- taken from people recovering from Covid, the scientists identified changes in the instructions for which genes got turned on or off.

These changes were passed down to daughter cells, leading them to boost production of immune cells called monocytes. In the monocytes from people recovering from severe Covid, the changes in gene expression led the cells to pump out greater amounts of molecules called inflammatory cytokines than monocytes from people who were healthy or had non-Covid illnesses.

The researchers observed these changes as much as a year after the participants came down with Covid. Due to the small number of study participants, the scientists could not establish a direct association between the cellular and molecular changes and health outcomes.

The investigators suspected that an inflammatory cytokine called IL-6 might play a role in establishing the changes in gene-expression instructions. They tested their hypothesis both in mice with Covid-like disease and in people with Covid.

In these experiments, some of the subjects received antibodies at the early stage of illness that prevented IL-6 from binding to cells. During recovery, these mice and people had lower levels of altered stem cell gene-expression instructions, monocyte production and inflammatory cytokine production than subjects that didn't receive the antibody. In addition, the lungs and brains of mice that received the antibodies had fewer monocyte-derived cells and less organ damage.

These findings suggest that SARS-CoV-2 can cause changes in gene expression that ultimately boost the production of inflammatory cytokines, and one type of those cytokines perpetuates the process by inducing these changes in stem cells even after the illness is over.

In addition, the findings suggest that early-acting IL-6 is likely a major driver of long-term inflammation in people with severe Covid. These findings shed light on the pathogenesis of SARS-CoV-2 infection and may provide new leads for therapies. The results also underscore the importance of staying up to date with recommended Covid vaccines, which are proven to protect against serious illness, hospitalisation and death.

Covid raises risk of dangerous blood clots among cancer patients

New York, Aug 19 (IANS) Cancer patients hospitalised with Covid-19 and also those taking anti-cancer drugs could be at an increased risk of developing venous thromboembolisms (VTE) -- potentially serious blood clots in the veins, according to a study.

The study, published in the JAMA Oncology, showed that the relative risk of VTE was 33 per cent higher in those taking systemic anti-cancer treatment compared with those who weren't.

The drugs, however, were not tied to a higher risk of arterial thromboembolism, said the researchers from the universities of California, Cincinnati, Texas.

"The findings highlight the need for close monitoring and perhaps personalised thromboprophylaxis to prevent morbidity and mortality associated with Covid-19 related thromboembolism in patients with cancer," they wrote in the paper.

For the study, the team from across the US analysed data on 4,988 cancer patients worldwide who had lab-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection from March 2020 to December 2021.

They compared the 1,869 patients who had received systemic anti-cancer therapies such as endocrine therapy, immunomodulators, and chemotherapy in the 3 months before Covid-19 with those who hadn't.

Geeta Kapur to Ayushmann: 'I'm a fan of your voice, you are gifted'

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS) Ace choreographer and judge of dance reality show 'India's Best Dancer 3', Geeta Kapur has praised the actor Ayushmann Khurrana, saying she is a fan of his voice, and his talent has found a place in people's hearts.

The star cast of 'Dream Girl 2'- Ayushmann and Ananya Panday will grace the stage of the dance reality show's upcoming episode.

One of the highlights of the episode will be the beautiful tribute to the incredibly talented Ayushmann. The contestants will showcase Ayushmann's remarkable contribution to the world of



cinema through a series of amazing dance performances. The stage will resonate

with the magic of Ayushmann's filmography as the contestants groove to iconic tracks like 'Moh

Moh Ke Dhaage', 'Dard Karaara', 'Pani Da Rang', and 'Naina Da Kya Kasoor'.

Judge Geeta Kapur couldn't contain her admiration for Ayushmann's journey and will share: "Ayushmann deserves the applause - from being a reality show winner to a versatile singer and now an actor; I have been following his journey and I must admit, among all his films, 'Andhadhun' is my favourite."

"I'm a fan of your voice, your talent has found a place in people's hearts. This isn't easily attainable - you are gifted, you are blessed," she added.

Overwhelmed by the touching tribute act, Ayushmann's eyes welled up with tears, and he said: "You guys took me back in

time with your performance. We often get caught up in the race of life and forget to look back, but tonight, I've been reminded of the incredible journey I've had."

India's Best Dancer 3 airs on Sony.

Geeta assisted Farah Khan in many films, including 'Kuch Kuch Hai', 'Dil Toh Pagal Hai', 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham', 'Mohabbatein', 'Kal Ho Na Ho', 'Main Hoon Na', and 'Om Shanti Om'.

She also led choreography in many Bollywood films, like Fiza, Asoka, Saathiya, Heyy Babyy, Tees Maar Khan's Sheila Ki Jawani amongst others.

Rajinikanth meets UP Governor Anandiben Patel ahead of 'Jailer' screening in Lucknow



Mumbai, Aug 19 (IANS) Ahead of the screening of his blockbuster film 'Jailer' in Lucknow, superstar Rajinikanth met the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel.

Rajinikanth visited the Rajbhavan on Saturday to pay a visit to her, the pictures of which have

been shared on the official handle of Governor of Uttar Pradesh on X, formerly called Twitter.

The caption in Hindi read: "Pradesh ki Rajyapal shrimati Anandiben Patel se aaj Raj Bhavan main prasidh abhineta va nirdeshak shree Rajinikanth ne shishtachar bhent ki."

In the first picture, the superstar, dressed in a blue T-shirt and black pants, can be seen gifting flowers to the Governor. The second image features the two having a conversation.

After Lucknow, Rajinikanth will reportedly visit Ayodhya.

Prior to this, the actor was seen in Ranchi as he visited the Rajrappa temple and even met the Governor of Jharkhand.

His latest film 'Jailer' is creating waves at the box-office.

On August 17, the film's eight-day total collection stood at Rs 235.65 crore in India.

It earned Rs 9 crore on Day 9. The India collection of 'Jailer' now stands at Rs 244.85 crore.

'Jailer' is an action thriller film directed by Nelson Dilipkumar. It also stars Vinayakan, Ramya Krishnan, Vasanth Ravi, Sunil, Mirna Menon and Yugi Babu in supporting roles.

Kangana Ranaut praises Sanjay Leela Bhansali, calls him 'living God'

Mumbai, Aug 19 (IANS) Actress Kangana Ranaut has heaped praise on filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali and called him a 'living god and legend'.

Kangana took to Instagram, where she posted a note talking about how she could not take up roles and a number offered by the filmmaker.

The actress wrote: "I deeply admire Sanjay Leela Bhansali as an artist, he never fakes success or glory... He is the most genuine and indulgent artist living in the film industry right now... Nobody that I know who is so helplessly in love with the magic of cinema and so driven by his passion... Above all the minds his business, intense creativity and rare integrity... He is a living legend... I just love Sanjay sir... love."

Calling him a 'god', she added, "Over the years there were song/roles that were offered to me by SLB ji is simply wonderful."

Another reason I couldn't do

Meanwhile, Kangana



will be next seen in 'Chandramukhi 2', which also stars Raghava Lawrence and is the sequel to blockbuster Tamil film 'Chandramukhi' starring Rajinikanth and Jyothika.

She also has Sarvesh Mewara's 'Tejas' in the pipeline which is expected to release on October 20. And has 'Emergency'. The movie also stars Anupam Kher, Satish Kaushik, and Milind Soman in key roles and is scheduled to release on November 24.

Taylor Swift was spotted in a bar, fans block major road in New Jersey

Los Angeles, Aug 19 (IANS) Taylor Swift is not taking any signs of slowing down, let alone dying out as the singer had to flee a bar-restaurant from Long Beach Island in New Jersey, after leading to a major roadblock as hundreds of hardcore Swifties flocked in to see her. According to The Daily Mail, Hundreds of the Swifties made their way to the Black Whale corner bar just for a chance to get a glimpse of the music icon leading to a whole intersection in a major city road being blocked, forcing her to move out of the place.

The 33-year old hitmaker was seen with her fellow pop compatriot and friend Ed Sheeran the previous day, who had come to celebrate her old time collaborator's nuptials with actress Margaret Qualley. The country-pop star arrived at the star studded batch with Channing Tatum and Zoe Kravitz with an uproarious ovation from her passionate fans.

Taylor, Zoe, and Channing were not the only stars at the gathering as Lana Del Rey, who has also often collaborated with Antonoff, was also there in addition to mother-of-the-bride Andie MacDowell.

When the reports broke out about Taylor's arrival, several videos of Taylor's presence in the neighborhood bar were made available all over social media including a TikTok of her arrival with her fellow stars from inside of the restaurant. The scene grew even more chaotic as hundreds of fans could be heard chanting 'Taylor! Taylor!' as the wedding rehearsal was in full swing.



Neeraj Pandey is definitely a 'bad habit', says Anupam Kher

Mumbai, Aug 19 (IANS) Veteran actor Anupam Kher, who is gearing up for his upcoming series 'The Freelancer', has called the producer of the show Neeraj Pandey a 'bad habit'.

The two go a long way back and share a great camaraderie. Anupam worked in Neeraj's directorial debut 'A Wednesday' and since then they have developed a great equation as collaborators so much so that Anupam wants to be in Neeraj's all productions and when it couldn't be materialised, he finds it very hard to. Hence, the usage of the term 'bad habit'.

"I share a double equation with Neeraj. One as a person, he is a great friend and secondly he is a director who I am very possessive about. Whenever I am not a part of his work I get very jealous. On a lighter note, it wouldn't be wrong to say that Neeraj is definitely a bad habit," Anupam Kher said.

The show presents the story of a man on an extraction mission, to rescue a young girl held captive in a war-torn hostile environment of Syria.

'The Freelancer' is based on the book, 'A Ticket to Syria' by Shirish Thorat, directed by Bhav Dhulia, produced by Friday Storytellers and Neeraj Pandey is the Creator and Showrunner. It also stars Mohit Raina, Kashmira Pardeshi, Sushant Singh, John Kokken, Gauri Balaji, Navneet Malik, Manjiri Faddnis and Sarah Jane Dias.



Amazon offers \$25 per video on Inspire shopping feed, creators mock

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS) As companies like X (formerly Twitter) and Meta begin to pay creators on their platforms, Amazon is now offering influences \$25 per video for its TikTok-style "Inspire" shopping feed. However, some creators are mocking the low Amazon payouts.

The e-commerce giant is offering \$12,500 for a maximum of 500 videos, or \$25 per qualifying video, according to an email the company shared with select influencers. A screenshot of the email shared online read that Amazon is looking for videos that "could be a product review of two or more products, a product comparison video, a ranking video listing the best products in a certain category, or even gift inspiration featuring multiple products". Amazon was yet to make an official statement on the payout news.

KBC 15 : Abhishek 'spins' the game as he turns host, Big B takes the hot seat

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS) Actor Abhishek Bachchan, who graced the stage of quiz-based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15', spun the game show and took the seat of the host, replacing his father and megastar Amitabh Bachchan.

In the special episode, the star cast of 'Ghoomer'- Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher and filmmaker R. Balki, were present on the set of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' (KBC). Abhishek, who wore a blue suit with blue tie paired with yellow glasses, made a smooth transition from the contestant's hotseat to the host's seat, orchestrating a unique role reversal with father Amitabh.

During the episode, Big B says: "I ran out of breath". To which Abhishek says: "Now you can rest since you ran out of breath. Since we are here for 'Ghoomer', I thought that

it's a great chance to spin the game." He says to Amitabh you can come and sit here in my place, I will go and sit in your seat.

The father-son duo then switched their seats. Abhishek says now we will play "Super Fandook", adding, "my game, my rules. I'll do whatever I want."

Abhishek asks Big B: "Rishtey mein toh hum tumhare lagte hain," to which Amitabh replies: "baap", but Abhishek says its "beta."

The next question read as: "Inmein se kaunsa kirdaar Dostana film mein hai?" Amitabh says Vijay, but Abhishek replies the answer is Sam, saying "I was the part of Dostana too."

Big B here referred to his 1980 movie 'Dostana', in which he played the character of inspector Vijay Verma. Abhishek then says: "Agar

a p n e kaha - A a j m e r e p a a s building hai , property hai , b a n k balance hai , b a n g l a hai , gadi hai . . . kya hai tumhare paas ? " Toh mai kahunga - "Mere paas hai".



Big B replied t h e answer i s "Maa",

Abhishek said "No, mere paas Paa hai". The 80-year-old actor says: "he is playing the wrong game. He has turned the game around." Then after one question, Abhishek said: "a friend of mine in Kolkata from ABA says, there is only one 'Guru' in this country, and it's Amitabh Bachchan."

Amitabh said annoyingly: "I don't want to play this game." Abhishek also asks "aap Maa se kitne lambe hain", to which Big B replies in action showing a height measurement. Abhishek said, "okay shall I call her (Jaya Bachchan)," and the senior Bachchan said "No".

The duo then exchanged their seats back and Big B said: "inhone to hamara tel nikaal dia."

In 'Ghoomer', Saiyami is playing a paraplegic sportsperson. Written and directed by R. Balki, the flick stars

Abhishek Bachchan in the lead, along with Shabana Azmi, and Angad Bedi in the pivotal roles.

The story revolves around Anina (Saiyami), a young woman batting prodigy, who loses her right hand in an unfortunate accident on the eve of her international cricketing debut. An unsympathetic, failed and frustrated cricketer enters her life, gives her a new dream and transforms her fate by the most innovative training, to make her play for the Indian cricket team again, as a bowler. 'Ghoomer' is the new style of bowling they invent to bamboozle the opposition.

It is inspired by the incredible achievement of Karoly Takacs, the achievements of special athletes, and who have achieved more than when they were called "normal".

The film has been released in cinemas.

Galaxy Z Flip5: Your pocketable friend for ultimate self-expression

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS) Once revolutionary in the mobile landscape, flip phones have become an integral part of our daily lives, transforming the way we communicate, interact and express ourselves. Over the years, the Galaxy Z Flip series has evolved from a compact communication device to the ultimate tool for unleashing creativity.

Setting a new standard in innovation, the Galaxy Z Flip5 is here and the most prominent feature is the upgraded Flex Window that is 3.78 times larger than its predecessor's cover screen.

With Flex Window, you can easily check and control Widgets, including the weather, stock market and music, without ever unfolding the phone.

The Galaxy Z Flip5 upends the smartphone industry with its screen folding technology and set the

standard for flippable phones. Let us dig deeper to find out more about the new Flip.

The new Flex Window has more customisation options, including informative and graphical clocks that can match the face design of a you Galaxy Watch6 as well as stylish frames. To see all Widgets at a glance, simply pinch the screen to activate the Multi Widget View function.

The wider cover screen and fully accessible QWERTY keyboard made checking and responding to phone calls and messages even easier during the review.

The Galaxy Z Flip5 adds AI solution improvements to the powerful camera experience. Images, even in low light, improved a lot with the new device.

It offers 10MP selfie camera and rear dual camera (12MP ultra-wide



and 12MP (wide-angle). Nightography capabilities optimise photos and videos in ambient lighting conditions.

The AI-powered image signal processing (ISP) algorithm corrects any visual noise that typically spoils low-light images while enhancing details and colour tone. Even from a distance, photos are clearer with the digital 10X zoom.

You can take high-quality selfies with the rear camera thanks to the larger Flex Window. Now capture stunning hands-free photos from creative angles with FlexCam.

It's also simple to view and edit shots in Flex Mode. You can review, adjust the colour tone, or delete images easily with the Quick View in the Flex Window.

When taking a photo of a friend, Dual Preview will let them see

themselves in the Flex Window so they can make adjustments in real time for the perfect shot.

You can get a smooth shot on the go with camera-stabilising Super Steady feature while Auto Framing ensures that no one is left out.

Now, there are even more ways to customize your Galaxy Z Flip5 inside and out.

Furthermore, Galaxy Z Flip5 is designed to meet durability expectations. The main screen is equipped with a shock dispersion layer and a redesigned back for a more solid display.

Along with IPX83 support, Armor Aluminum frames and Corning Gorilla Glass Victus are applied to both the Flex Window and back cover.

The new integrated hinge module features a dual rail structure, diffusing external impacts.

The 187-gram Galaxy Z Flip5 comes in colours including Mint, Graphite, Cream and Lavender.

Galaxy Z Flip5 (8GB+256GB) comes for Rs 99,999 and (8GB+512GB) for Rs 109,999, and has seen a strong demand in India.

It offers Snapdragon 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform in two variants: 8GB memory with 512GB internal storage and 8GB memory with 256GB internal storage.

The device has 3,700mAh (typical) dual battery with fast charging capabilities.

Conclusion: Building on its history of flipping the script, Samsung has once again delivered a mobile experience that will enhance your everyday life. The Galaxy Z Flip5 delivers a stylish, unique foldable experience from a pocket-sized device built for self-expression.

Titan hikes stake in CaratLane for Rs 4,621 cr

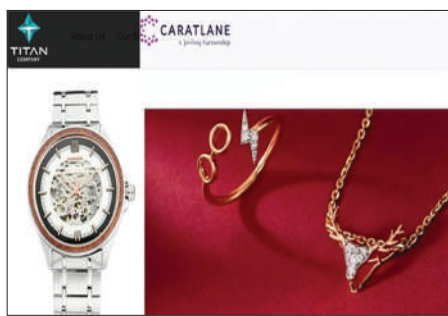
New Delhi, August 19 (IANS) The Titan company has entered into a share purchase agreement today to acquire the entire 91,90,327 equity shares held by the founder of CaratLane Trading Private Limited (CaratLane) and his family members representing 27.18 per cent of the total paid-up equity share capital of the jeweller on a fully diluted basis for Rs 4,621 crore.

CaratLane is a subsidiary of Titan and on completion of the aforesaid share purchase, would result in an increase in shareholding of the company in CaratLane from 71.09 per cent to 98.28 per cent on a fully diluted basis.

The indicative time period for completion of the acquisition would be October 31, 2023, subject to the timely receipt of requisite approvals.

CaratLane is an unlisted private company and is engaged in the manufacture and sale of jewellery.

CaratLane Trading Private Limited



(CaratLane) is an unlisted subsidiary of Titan Company Limited (the company). For FY 2022-23, the turnover of CaratLane was Rs 2,177 crore.

The company currently holds 71.09 per cent of the total equity share capital of CaratLane on a fully diluted basis.

The proposed acquisition would further increase company's stake in CaratLane to 98.28 per cent on a fully diluted basis, leading to an increase in the company's economic interest in the said subsidiary.

Evergrande's bankruptcy may be the beginning of China's real estate crisis

New York, Aug 19 (IANS) Property developer Evergrande's US bankruptcy serves as a cautionary tale about the growth-at-all-costs model that underpinned China's spectacular growth over the past 30 years, the media reported.

For decades, Evergrande, once one of China's most successful real estate developers, gobbled up debt as China's economy exploded. Demand for housing was so strong, homebuilders often pre-sold apartment units to buyers before construction was complete, CNN reported. But a sudden shift in policy by China's leaders two years ago has left the country's property



developers scrambling for cash, compounding a financial risks within the world's second-largest economy, CNN reported.

Evergrande's liquidity crisis was just the beginning of the pain. Other large builders in

China have since defaulted as they struggle to shore up cash and demand for housing has fallen.

Now, investors around the world are watching nervously as Country Garden which employs some 300,000 people,

missed two payments on its multibillion-dollar debt and said it was considering "various debt management measures", CNN reported.

The cash-strapped developer's debt is now seen as a "very high risk" asset, according to

Moody's, which downgraded its rating on Country Garden last week, CNN reported.

Country Garden has until early September to make the payments it missed.

It's hard to overstate the importance of the property market China. The industry accounts for as much as 30 per cent of the country's economic activity, and more than two-thirds of household wealth is tied up in real estate.

But nearly three years of "zero Covid" restrictions sapped China's economic growth, and consumers have been reluctant to buy new homes in the face of higher unemployment and falling property values, CNN reported.

New report claims YouTube advertisers harvesting data from kids, Google denies

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS) Google-owned YouTube is serving ads from many "adult" Fortune 500 advertisers and major media agencies on YouTube channels that are labeled as "made for kids," a new report from ad quality transparency platform Adalytics has alleged.

These include major brands such as Mars, Procter & Gamble, Ford, Colgate-Palmolive, Samsung, and many others, the report claimed.

"The viewers of 'made for kids' YouTube videos appear to be clicking on ads, and brands' websites 'are harvesting and sharing meta-data on those viewers with dozens of data brokers upon click through'."

This raises the possibility that brands have "data poisoned" their first party datasets with data derived from thousands of viewers of "made for kids" videos, the report claimed.

The report further said that some companies appear to be scraping or exfiltrating Google-



generated user identifiers from viewers of "made for kids" videos who had clicked an ad.

This could hypothetically prevent Google from being able to fully respond to "right to know" or "right to delete" requests under privacy laws such as the GDPR or CCPA.

It is unclear if Google is aware of this situation, or if it is a form of "data leak," the report mentioned.

In response to the report,

Dan Taylor, Vice President, Global Ads at Google, said that Google works tirelessly to provide a safer experience for kids and teens online.

"Adalytics released a deeply flawed and uninformed report about how we manage advertising on made for kids content on YouTube, and our privacy policies for people under the age of 18 across our platforms," Taylor added.

In September 2019, the

US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the People of the State of New York (NY) alleged that YouTube "collected kid's personal information without parental consent", in violation of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). YouTube's owner (Google) agreed to pay \$170 million to settle the allegations.

Google said that the new report failed to substantiate claims that "we are in violation of government regulations, such as COPPA, or our own policies around ads personalisation".

"We have strict ads privacy protections in place on made for kids content, regardless of a user's age," the company added.

"This report falsely claims that the presence of cookies indicates a privacy breakdown. The opposite is true, and the report fails to show otherwise," it added.

According to an Adalytics report, dozens of major ad tech and data broker companies are

receiving data from viewers of "made for kids" YouTube videos who clicked on an ad.

"These include several companies who paid penalties for COPPA related enforcements, such as Amazon, Facebook, Microsoft, and OpenX. Foreign-owned companies such as TikTok are also receiving meta-data from viewers of "made for kids" content from advertisers' websites," the report alleged.

Google said that it does not link "cookies to the viewing of made for kids content for advertising purposes, and a viewer's activity on made for kids content can't be used for ads personalisation".

"The cookies identified in this report are encrypted and not usable by another tech company, advertiser, publisher or a data broker. These cookies do not enable brand advertisers to identify who a user is or what video they viewed. We limit age-sensitive ads from appearing next to kids' content," Google stressed.

ED chargesheets 27 in bank fraud case

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said that they have filed a charge sheet before a Special Court in Mapusa, Goa, against 27 accused, including Ganindu Milk & Milk Products Pvt. Ltd (GMMPL) and other related entities of the Siddharth Group of Companies, in connection to a bank fraud case.

An ED official said the court has also taken cognizance of the matter.

The ED initiated an investigation under the PMLA based on an investigation initiated by the CBI in the bank fraud matter involving GMMPL and others.

The ED investigation revealed that GMMPL obtained a term loan of Rs 34.20 crore on March 15, 2011, from the State Bank of India with the objective of setting up a tetra pack milk production unit,



specifically an Ultra-Heat Treatment Plant (UHT), in Solapur, Maharashtra.

"GMMPL, with dishonest intentions, under the guise of procuring UHT machinery, illegally diverted the term loan of Rs 20 crore into the bank accounts of other related companies. Similarly, GMMPL had opened nibe Letters of Credit (LCs) with the State Bank of India, and a total amount of Rs 19,01,98,670 was discounted for the supply of butter.

FPIs sold stocks worth Rs 10,921 cr in Aug

New Delhi, August 19 (IANS) After three months of sustained buying with cumulative investment of Rs 1,37,603 crore, FPIs turned sellers in August, says V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

The consolidated NSDL data shows the August FPI investment through 18th at

Rs 8,993 crore. But this figure includes bulk deals and investment through the primary market. In the cash market FPIs sold stocks for Rs 10,921 crore and they were sellers in 10 days and buyers in only three days in August, so far, he added.

Strength in the dollar index at well above 103 and the US 10-year bond yield remaining around 4.25 per

cent are short-term negatives for FPI flows to emerging markets like India, he said. FPIs continue to be consistent buyers in capital goods and power and, of late, they have started selling in financials.

FPI selling is countered by DII buying, but this is turning out to be inadequate to arrest the decline in the market, he added.

Payments processor checkout.com dumps Binance over regulatory concerns

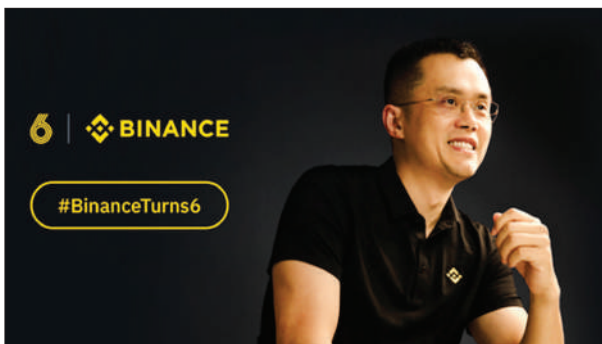
San Francisco, Aug 19 (IANS) Leading crypto exchange Binance has been dumped by global payments processor Checkout.com amid growing regulatory concerns.

Binance was once Checkout.com's largest client -- with more than \$2 billion in transactions in one month in 2021, reports Forbes.

Checkout CEO Guillaume Pousaz terminated the company's relationship with its once-largest customer citing "reports of regulators actions and orders in relevant jurisdictions" and "inquiries from partners".

He cited additional concerns over Binance's anti-money laundering, sanctions and compliance controls.

Binance disagreed with Checkout's basis for



terminating the contract, saying it was mulling legal action.

"We have come a long way to building an industry-leading compliance program and we hope to build more trust with regulators and partners," a company spokesperson said in a statement.

Checkout has been processing between \$300 million and \$400 million in Binance transactions.

"Checkout's decision to terminate its contract with

Binance is a stunning blow to the crypto exchange," the report mentioned.

US regulators sued Binance and its CEO Changpeng Zhao in June this year for allegedly operating a "web of deception" and filed 13 charges in a federal court.

Binance was also ordered by Belgium's Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) to immediately cease all offers of virtual currency services in the country.

7 in 10 IT leaders believe AI-enabled tech will make teams more efficient

New Delhi, Aug 19 (IANS) Nearly seven in 10 IT leaders believe that artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled technologies will make teams more efficient globally, a new study said on Friday.

According to chip maker AMD, three in four IT leaders are optimistic about the potential benefits of AI -- from increased employee efficiency to automated cybersecurity solutions -- and more than two in three are increasing investments in AI technologies.

However, while AI provides clear opportunities for organisations to become more productive, efficient, and secure, IT leaders expressed concern about the timeliness of their AI adoption due to a lack of implementation roadmaps and the overall readiness of



their existing hardware and technology stack.

About 52 per cent said that their organisations do not yet have needed IT infrastructure.

The survey included 2,500 IT leaders across the

US, UK, Germany, France, and Japan to understand how AI technologies are reshaping the workplace, how IT leaders are planning their AI technology, etc.

"IT leaders are seeing the benefits of AI-enabled

solutions, but their enterprises need to outline a more focused plan for implementation or risk falling behind. Open software ecosystems, with high-performance hardware, are essential, and

AMD believes in a multi-faceted approach of leveraging AI IP across our full portfolio of products to the benefit of our partners and customers," said Matthew Unangst, senior director, commercial client and workstation, AMD.

Moreover, the study found that 68 per cent of IT leaders believe AI can help work models run more efficiently, and 67 per cent said that it can increase overall employee efficiency.

More than 50 per cent of IT leaders said their organisations aren't ready to implement AI, laying out a five-year timeline to fully build AI into the enterprise. Over 50 per cent also said that they have not experimented with the latest natural language processing apps yet.

Water loss from damaged pipe

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 19 :Lakhs of liters of water is being wasted everyday in the road due to damage of pipe of drinking water supply scheme near Jaipal Colony in the middle of the road leading from Mango Dimna Chowk to Dimna Lake.

The entire road has been damaged due to water flow, big potholes are inviting accidents.

The worst condition is of Jaipal Colony, located next to the road, because the people living in the colony are facing a lot of trouble due to the water stream coming out of the damaged pipe entering Jaipal



Colony.

The local people complained about this to the department but the department officials are only assuring that the work will be done but the work is not being done.

Local people called BJP leader Vikas Singh on Saturday and apprised him about the matter. BJP leader Vikas Singh, who reached

the spot, assured the local people that work will be done to give information about the matter to the Deputy Commissioner as well as the higher officials of the department, even if the situation does not improve, symbolic programs of tree plantation and fish farming will be held on the middle of the road.(w-rg)

Filter motor burnt, water supply disrupted in Bagbera

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 19 : Due to the burning of the motor of the filter plant of Bagbera Housing Colony Water Supply Scheme on Friday, the water supply in 1140 houses was stopped. Due to the shutdown of water supply, people are facing problems.

Subodh Jha, a social worker said that every one or two months the motor of the filter plant gets burnt due to which people have to face problems. Not only this, the water supplied from the filter plant is not potable. Several agitations were done for this. Every time the assurance given by the government fails.



After continuous agitation, the government has allocated Rs 1,88,69,710 for the new filter plant of the water supply scheme to Bagbera

Housing Colony to get rid of these problems and provide pure drinking water to the people of the colony.

However, the work has



not been started till now, while the outgoing executive engineer J.S Horo had given a written affidavit to the Deputy Commissioner that he will

provide pure drinking water to the people by completing the construction of the new filter plant in 15 months.

He was transferred last month. Due to which the work of the filter plant again got stuck.

In this regard, Sumit Kumar, Executive Engineer of Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, said that the motor has been sent for repairing, water supply will be started as soon as the motor is fixed.

He told that the map of the new filter plant has been prepared. Work will start in a week. The work of the filter plant will be completed within the stipulated time.(w-rg)

Survey for Vande Bharat between Tatanagar- Varanasi

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 19 : Another Vande Bharat train will start soon in Jharkhand. This train will run from Tatanagar to Varanasi. South Eastern Railway zone is also conducting a survey for operationalization on this route. The DRM of Chakradharpur Railway Division has shared information related to this on the social site. In this he has written, there is a plan to operate Vande Bharat Express from Jamshedpur and Ranchi to Banaras. The survey work on this is going on and the Ministry of Railways will take a decision on this after conducting the survey.

If Vande Bharat train is operated on this route, then the passengers of Ranchi and Tata will get its benefit, as well as if the route is fixed, then the passengers of the station coming on this route will also get full benefit.

It is said that if trains are operated via Tata-Purulia-Bokaro-Gomoh-Gaya-Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay-Varanasi, then separate rakes will be required for Tata and Ranchi.

Railway is connecting many major cities through Vande Bharat. Along with the luxurious train, there are many great facilities as well. Ranchi to Patna Vande Bharat train is running. There is a possibility of starting operations from Ranchi to Kolkata soon. If the Vande Bharat Express starts between Varanasi and Tatanagar, then the journey to Banaras will become easier. (w-rg)

DC directs motivating farmers on govt schemes

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 19 : A meeting of the district Atma, a government Body and the District Food Security Mission executive committee was organized under the chairmanship of deputy commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri.

Clear instructions were given in the meeting that by giving wide publicity to all the schemes run by the government in the interest



of the farmers, connect the farmers with technical training and also encourage them to do farming in a scientific way. The Deputy Commissioner instructed to

increase the income by getting the production of button mushrooms done by the women of Sakhi Mandal. Along with this, instructions were given to prepare the farmers for setting up a processing unit for value-added products related to tomatoes selected under one district, one crop, in which the officials of NABARD and the bank were directed to cooperate.

Cultivation of Maduwa, Jowar, Kodo, Sawa under

coarse grains which has been forgotten by everyone in today's time, which is full of nutrition, that's why instructions were given to promote the production of these crops.

Instruction were given for selecting the real farmer under the National Food Security Mission, Pulses Detection Scheme and Nutri Serial, detection, distribution of agricultural equipment, distribution of ingredients.(w-rg)

Youth's self immolation bid in love affair

Jamshedpur, August 19: Rakesh Gupta, a resident of East Plant Basti, attempted self-immolation on Friday morning in room number 103 of Hotel Chandra, Sakchi. During this, Neera Das, who was present on the spot in the middle of the rescue, also got scorched by the fire. Both were admitted to TMH for treatment from where Rakesh was referred to RIMS in Ranchi. During interrogation, Neera told the police that

in the year 2017, she was married in Odisha's Mayurbhanj. The husband got married for the second time after which she came to her residence in Chhayanager of Sitaramdera two years ago and got friendship with Rakesh on Instagram a year ago. Both fell in love and both started meeting.

For the past few days, she was living separately from Rakesh. It was Rakesh's birthday on August 15,

regarding which Rakesh had called him to meet for the last time. Neera told that Rakesh called her at 4 in the morning. Rakesh took him on a bike from near MGM Hospital and took him to the hotel. Both were celebrating their birthday in the hotel room when Rakesh sprinkled kerosene on himself and set himself on fire. A case has been registered by the police on Neera's statement regarding the matter.(w-rg)

Body found in drain

Jamshedpur, August 19 :The dead body of a young man was found on Saturday afternoon in the drain located behind the Sun Temple under Sidgora police station.

The local people informed the police about the dead body. Here, after getting the information, the police reached the spot and took out the body from the drain and kept it in the MGM hospital. Station in-charge Ranjit Kumar told that the local people had informed about the body being found. The age of the deceased is around 25 years. The deceased is wearing green shirt and jeans. Seeing the dead body, it seems that the young man died due to drowning in the drain. Presently the police is investigating the matter.(w-rg)



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आपका अधिकार

- संवेदक/एजेंट द्वारा मासिक मजदूरी के अलावा प्रवासी श्रमिकों को विस्थापन भता के रूप में आधे महीने की मजदूरी के बराबर राशि का भुगतान। यह मजदूरी के अतिरिक्त देय है
- आने-जाने का किराया तथा यात्रा में व्यतीत हुए समय की भी मजदूरी का भुगतान हेतु एजेंट/मुख्य नियोजक जिम्मेवार
- वर्ष में 30 दिन काम करने के पश्चात कुल प्राप्त वेतन का न्यूनतम 8.33 प्रतिशत के बराबर बोनस राशि पाने का हकदार
- महिला श्रमिकों को 80 दिन काम करने के उपरांत 26 सप्ताह के बराबर प्रसूति हित लाभ का भुगतान
- दूसरे राज्य में प्रवासी श्रमिक को निःशुल्क रहने व चिकित्सा व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित करने का दायित्व संवेदक/प्रमुख नियोजक का है
- प्रवासी श्रमिकों को भी ईएसआई और पीएफ लाभ प्राप्त करने का अधिकार

झारखण्ड सरकार की योजनाएं

- ◆ सामान्य मृत्यु, दुर्घटना या प्राकृतिक आपदा के कारण झारखण्ड के प्रवासी श्रमिक की मृत्यु/अशक्त होने पर उन्हें अपने घर तक लाने के लिए ₹50,000/- तक की राशि मुख्यमंत्री झारखण्ड प्रवासी श्रमिक दुर्घटना कोष से दी जाएगी
- ◆ प्रवासी श्रमिक की दुर्घटना में मृत्यु या स्थायी रूप से अशक्त होने पर, दुर्घटना में दो अंग या दो अंगों आंख या अंग की हानि होने पर, दुर्घटना में एक अंग या आंख की हानि होने पर एवं दुर्घटना/प्राकृतिक आपदा में श्रमिक की मृत्यु/अशक्त होने पर पंजीकृत एवं अपंजीकृत प्रवासी श्रमिकों को 75 हजार से दो लाख रुपये तक का भुगतान किया जाएगा

अन्य सुविधाएं

वन नेशन वन राशन कार्ड के तहत देशभर में किसी भी स्थान पर प्रवासी श्रमिकों को राशन प्राप्त करने की व्यवस्था

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दूसरे राज्य में काम करने जाने से पहले झारखण्ड सरकार के श्रमाधान पोर्टल <https://shramadhan.jharkhand.gov.in/> पर अपना निबंधन जरूर करवाये

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