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

H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

Green economy acceleration possible through supportive policy framework: Tata Steel CEO

New Delhi, August 26 (IANS): The transition to a green economy is happening but its acceleration can be done through supportive policy frameworks, T.V. Narendran, CEO and Managing Director of Tata Steel Limited, said on Saturday at the B20 Summit. Speaking at the session

on financing the climate transition, he said that supportive policy frameworks could be carbon markets such as the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism in European Union, and infrastructural support to transition from coal to gas to hydrogen without undermining its cost and complexity.



"The cost complexity of this journey is going to be significant and while industry can support part of the cost, government support is needed," Narendran added. Also addressing the session, Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO Uday Kotak said: "We have to be clear that the risk of existential viability of

planet earth has to be put a step above the business viability. While a lot of focus is on transition financing, we have to take into consideration if we have the time to wait for economic viability to work out vs the existential viability." Meanwhile addressing the session, group chairman of HSBC Holdings

Ple, UK Mark Tucker said, "For financial innovation, a huge amount of creative thinking is going into crowding sustainable finance for innovative items and systems. We need to utilise government support and develop support in de-risking the projects in the opening stages itself," Tucker added.

Nine dead, 20 injured in Madurai train coach fire



Chennai, Aug 26 (IANS): At least nine people were killed and 20 others injured on Saturday after a fire erupted inside the coach of a passenger train at the Madurai railway station in Tamil Nadu. Railways sources told IANS that the incident occurred on the Lucknow-Rameswaram Express in the early hours of Saturday

morning. The six victims from Uttar Pradesh were on a pilgrimage tour to Rameswaram, the sources added. There were a total of 55 passengers in the affected coach, which was attached at Nagercoil on Friday. The blast of a gas cylinder, which was illegally smuggled inside the coach for cooking purposes, caused

the fire, the sources told IANS. Meanwhile, of the 20 injured persons, four are said to be in serious condition. The mishap occurred when the train was stationed at a yard, 1 km out of the Madurai railway station and passengers were about to leave for the Meenakshi temple for darshan. Fire and Rescue services department reached the spot and doused the fire. Many people had already alighted when the train had reached the Madurai railway station. Madurai District Collector Sangeetha told media persons that the injured have been shifted to the hospitals and treatment is underway. She also said that the cause of the fire will be further probed.

Chandrayaan-3 landing point to be known as 'Shiv Shakti Point': PM

Bengaluru, Aug 26 (IANS): The landing point of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission would be known as "Shiv Shakti Point", Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced at ISRO here on Saturday. While the Chandrayaan-2 landing failure spot will be called "Tiranga point", the day of touchdown of the Vikram Lander on the Moon (August 23) will be celebrated as the "National Space Day" in the country, he added. Prime Minister Modi made the announcements while addressing the gathering of scientists at the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) at the ISRO Command Centre. "India has decided to name the touchdown point where

Vikram Lander made a soft landing on the Moon as "Shiv Shakti Point". The word "Shiv" stands for the welfare of humanity. "Shakti" stands for the required strength to get going to achieve the welfare of humanity," he stated. The Moon's Shiv Shakti point will be a symbol of unity from the Himalayas to Kanyakumari. The Shiv Shakti Point will inspire future generations in the direction of the use of science for the welfare of humanity, he underlined. PM Modi further stated that earlier it was decided to name the point of the Chandrayaan-2 mission. But after the failure, a decision was taken to announce the naming after achieving the soft landing on the



Moon and declare it once. "Tiranga (tricolour) is afloat on every home, in every heart and now on the Moon. What else could be the name of the point? The point on the Moon where Chandrayaan Mission-2 left traces would be called "Tiranga". The Tiranga

Point will serve as an inspiration. It will be a symbol that will tell failure is not an end. It will also be a testimonial to the fact that if you are committed success is guaranteed. The Chandrayaan-3 Mission has inspired the whole generation and imbibed spirit.

Every child who seeds the Moon will have the spirit of achievement inside him, he maintained. "Hindustan (India) will celebrate the day of soft landing on the Moon as the National Space Day on Aug 23 every year. On the National Space Day science, technology and innovation will be celebrated and it is going to inspire us," PM Modi explained. Upon his arrival at ISRO this morning, the Prime Minister was extended a warm welcome by Chairman of ISRO S. Somnath, ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) Director B.N. Ramakrishna and U.R. Rao Satellite Centre Director S. Shankaran.

Wife mastermind behind husband's murder in Chatra

Chatra, August 26: Police today solved a blind murder case within 48 hours of the incident arresting three, including wife of the deceased Shaligram Upadhyay. Police officials confirmed arresting his wife Savitri Devi and two brothers-in-law. Sub divisional police officer Avinash Kumar said Savitri was the mastermind of this case who used her two younger brothers to execute this murder. He said the trio were arrested and sent to jail. Kumar said Upadhyay's body was recovered from a roadside hotel in Itkhor block on Thursday morning. He was stabbed to death mercilessly. Seeing the seriousness of this case, SP Rakesh Ranjan constituted a special investigation team led by Kumar. The team investigated this blind case and finally got the success. Kumar said the wife of the deceased turned out to be the mastermind of the murder. Police arrested the deceased's wife Savitri Devi and two brothers-in-law, Rahul Kumar Pandit and Vishal Kumar a.k.a Ketu Pandit. Two mobile phones of different companies were seized along with the knife used in the murder, the blood-stained shirt and trouser of the accused Rahul Kumar.

Godda police recover ornaments within an hour of loot, two robbers arrested, one dies

Ranchi, Aug.26: Presenting an example of professional policing, the Godda police recovered all the ornaments looted from a jewellery shop and arrested the two involved in the loot with two firearms within an hour. One robber also died after he attempted to evade arrest by jumping in a water body. The information regarding the loot reached the Mahagama police station at 1.15pm and the police recovered the looted ornament by 2.15pm. Godda Superintendent of Police Nathu Singh Meena confirmed the success saying 'villagers also extended a lot of support to ensure the arrest of the robbers. In fact, one of the robbers jumped into the water being afraid of villagers coming in support of the police.'



It was getting around 1pm when half a dozen masked and helmet-wearing criminals carried out the robbery incident in broad daylight in an ornament shop located in Kesari Mohalla of Mahagama Bazar. During this, jewellery worth lakhs was looted. The criminals overpowered

man present in the shop, at gunpoint. During this, the dacoits injured Sanjay Jaiswal, another son of the businessman, by hitting him with the butt of a gun when he protested against the robbery. "Police are making an attempt to arrest those who managed to escape," a police official said.

Govt mulling to relax retirement age of LIC chairman, PSB chiefs

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): The government is considering relaxing the retirement age of heads of all public sector banks (PSBs) and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). According to reports, State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara may get an extension. He had taken charge as SBI chief in October 2020 for three years. As per norms, the SBI Chairman can hold the post until the age of 63. Khara will turn 63 in August next year. The current retirement age of chiefs of PSBs is 60 years, which is likely to be hiked to 62 years, as per reports, quoting sources. Similarly, there is a proposal to raise the retirement age of LIC Chairman to 65 years from the current 62 years.

WhatsApp scam calls back to haunt Indian users, this time from US

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): WhatsApp users in India on Saturday witnessed a new wave of scam where cyber-criminals started calling people on the platform from fake US numbers, pretending to be their senior office executives and colleagues, thus trying to give their modus operandi a new level of authenticity. People working for a leading media company in the Capital, and even those who have quit the organisation, received numerous such fake international calls -- this time from US-based fake phone numbers -- from top executives, asking them to start conversation. "Please get back to me as soon as you get my text, thanks," read such messages, when names of the top executives. This time, the international WhatsApp fake calls started with +1 (404) which is the calling code of Atlanta, Georgia, +1 (773) which is the code of Chicago, Illinois, and more. In May this year, millions of WhatsApp users in India were left baffled at the amount of international spam calls they received, leaving many at the risk of financial and personal loss. These spam calls with international numbers, mostly from African and Southeast Asian countries, along with fake messages from unknown users, flooded WhatsApp and Indians had nowhere to go. Meta-owned WhatsApp has close to 500 million users in India. Although the mobile numbers showed country codes of Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Ethiopia, it is not necessary that these calls are actually coming from these countries.

NAREDCO's silver jubilee: Make happy, healthy and affordable housing, says Venkaiah Naidu



New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) celebrated its 25th Silver Jubilee Foundation Day in Hyderabad on Saturday, gathering prominent figures, policymakers, industry leaders and real estate experts. During the event, a collaborative report titled "Vision 2047" was unveiled by NAREDCO and Knight Frank. This report provided insightful inputs concerning the real estate industry. Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, addressing the audience, emphasised the importance of prioritising the creation of affordable, healthy, and joyful housing, incorporating excellent architectural elements. He inaugurated the event and called upon real estate and infrastructure developers to ensure adequate provision of air, sunlight, and water in housing projects. This, he believed, would lead to content and satisfied residents.

Dying declaration cannot be sole basis for conviction: SC

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): In a recent judgment, the Supreme Court has said that if there is any suspicion over the veracity of the dying declaration or the evidence on record shows that it is not true, then it will only be considered as a piece of evidence and cannot be the sole basis for conviction. While considering a criminal appeal, a bench of Justices BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala and Prashant Kumar Mishra said that courts are required to satisfy themselves that the dying declaration is reliable and truthful before placing any



reliance upon it. "There is no hard and fast rule for determining when a dying declaration should be accepted; the duty of the Court is to decide this question in the facts and

surrounding circumstances of the case and be fully convinced of the truthfulness of the same," it said. The Supreme Court said that factors like whether the person making the

statement was in expectation of death, whether the dying declaration was made at the earliest opportunity, etc, should be weighed in by the courts. It said that it is true that dying declaration is a substantive piece of evidence to be relied on if it is proved that the same was voluntary and truthful and the victim was in a fit state of mind. "It is just not enough for the court to say that the dying declaration is reliable as the accused is named in the dying declaration as the assailant," held the top court.

Age of retirement is purely a policy matter: SC

New Delhi, August 26 (IANS): In a recent judgment, the Supreme Court said that the age of retirement is purely a policy matter that lies within the domain of the Centre and it is not for the courts to prescribe a different age of retirement from the one applicable to government employees under the relevant service Rules and Regulations. A bench comprising Justices Hima Kohli and Rajesh Bindal was considering a special leave petition filed by members of teaching faculty in Homeopathic Medical Colleges in Kerala seeking enhancement of their age of retirement from 55 to 60. The court disallowed appellants' prayer that the benefit of the government order passed in January 2010, increasing the retirement age of doctors in the medical category under the Medical Education Service from 55 years to 60 years with retrospective effect from May 1, 2009, should be extended to them.

Resolution of 14 cases in monthly Lok Adalat



Mail News Service

Saraikela, August 26: As per the directives of Jharkhand Legal Services Authority (JHALSA), Ranchi, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) conducted Monthly Lok Adalat at its office in Saraikela. A total of 14 cases on issues pertaining to electricity, Excise Department and police issues, were resolved on the spot based on mutual agreements between both parties, as per Lok Adalat guidelines. Revenue of Rs. 34,880 was collected through the resolution of cases in the Lok Adalat. The Monthly Lok Adalat provided a platform for swift resolution, benefiting both parties involved.

Lok Adalat underlines the efficacy of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in swiftly addressing legal matters and fostering amicable settlements. (w/gsd)

ZPVP and member meet EE, demand swift construction of roads, ROB

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: Zila Parishad Vice President Pankaj and Councillor Dr Paritosh Singh met Deepak Sahay, Executive Engineer of the Road Construction Department, Jamshedpur, to discuss and demand swift resolutions to various issues related to the construction of the railway over-bridge in Chhota Govindpur, the approach road for the over-bridge, the Rahargora-Khasnagar road and pointed out the negligence in monitoring sensitive areas along the Dhalbhumgarh-Bend road. Furthermore, the demand for an alternative route for the approach road to the railway over-bridge, swift construction of the Rs. 64 crore road from Anna Chowk to Pipla and the construction of drains along the main road, were put across by District Council Member Dr Paritosh Singh. The Executive Engineer assured that he would personally inspect the road and make efforts to fulfil the demands as soon as possible. (w/gsd)

Loyola Alumni CYCLOTHON on Sept 3

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 26: The Loyola School Alumni Association (LAA), will organize CYCLOTHON - 2023 on Sunday, September 3 which will be dedicated to all teachers past and present. LAA executive, Rajiv Talwar said, "We are dedicating this CYCLOTHON - 2023 to our teachers, past and present, because they are the unsung heroes who have dedicated themselves to nurturing our minds and inspiring us to reach for the stars. They have selflessly imparted knowledge, instilled values and guided us on our educational journey."

DLSA seminar on POCSO Act at District Court



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: The District legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jamshedpur, as per directives of Jharkhand Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) organized a seminar on the POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) in the District Court premises on Saturday. The seminar was attended by key dignitaries including the Chief District and Session Judge, H'nbl Anil Kumar Mishra, and special guests, including Special POCSO Session Judge-1, Honourable Sanjay Upadhyay, and Family Judge-1,

Honourable Kamaljeet Chopra, along with Judicial Magistrate First Class, Honourable Mayank Maliya, Lok Ayukt (Prosecutor) Rajeev Kumar and A.P.P. Sudhir Toppo. During the seminar, several police officials from various police stations of the district, Assistant Public



Prosecutors, and doctors from Sadar Hospital and MGM Hospital, along with all the ALCs (Assistant Legal Cum Probation Officers) from DLSA Jamshedpur also participated in the seminar. During the seminar, judges extensively discussed the provisions of the POCSO Act, emphasizing areas of

particular concern for researchers. They also stressed the responsibility of researchers to ensure that after filing an FIR (First Information Report), the victim underwent a medical examination under Section 164 in the court, and if necessary, the victim was sent to the laboratory for testing to ascertain the

truth. Furthermore, District Judge Anil Kumar Mishra urged all present to show seriousness in POCSO cases and children's cases, in order to secure the future of the country. An engaging Q&A session concluded the seminar, allowing meaningful participation from the audience. (w/gsd)

Queen's Club members celebrate Sawan Utsav



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: The Queen's Club at Timpla Recreation Club celebrated Sawan Utsav with great enthusiasm. The club's coordinator, Beauty Tiwari, commenced the event with a musical presentation. Musical programmes, games and dances were organized during the event. The occasion also saw discussions about how women can increase their

participation and role in the current social scenario. Somna Ojha, Renu Tiwari, Bharati Rao, Anjali Rao, Soni Singh, Saba, Renu, Sumi, and other members participated in the Sawan Utsav. (w/gsd)

School bags distributed among children

Mail News Service

Gamharia, August 26 : Under the 'Let's Run to Schools' campaign in Chhota Gamharia in Gamharia Block, school bags were distributed among children at the Chhota Gamharia Primary School. The inauguration of this event was done by the Panchayat Head, Nirola Sardar. During the event, 53 children were provided school bags, encouraging them to attend school regularly. On this occasion, Panchayat Development Kumar Sharma, social worker Madhav Chandra Mahato, along with all members of the School Management Committee and several parents, were present.

National Conference of Bhumij, Indigenous Tribal Society, commences today

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: The National Conference of the Bhumij, an indigenous tribal society, will commence on Sunday, August 27, at Kharagpur Traffic School. Representatives from five states, including Jharkhand, will gather for discussions on social and national issues. Dinesh Sardar of Jadugora, the National Secretary of the organization, said, "This event will see delegates from Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand deliberating on various social and national

issues." The newly formed executive members of the Bhumij community from the five states will convene their first meeting. The agenda encompasses extensive discussions on mutual introductions, organizational structures, as well as significant matters such as the Uniform Civil Code, Forest Conservation Amendment Bill 2023 and issues of violence and discrimination against indigenous people in Manipur. All state office bearers, central members, and presidents, secretaries and treasurers of all regions will be present at this conference.

Lajpat Public School organizes inaugural Intra-Class Karate Tournament

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: Lajpat Public School organized its first Intra-Class Karate Tournament that was aimed at fostering awareness about karate and self-defense while underlining the importance of equipping students with practical skills where and when necessary.

Sonu Choudhary, School Coordinator and Shilpa Sharma, Program Coordinator were guests on the occasion. The Chief Guests on the occasion were Paras Nath Mishra, Member of the State Supervisory Board along



with Rajiv Talwar, School and Member of Principal Ranjit Ghosh. Treasurer of Lajpat Public Siksha Samiti and School Students from classes I to

VII participated in the tournament, showcasing their enthusiasm and skills which received tremendous ovation. The entire program was conducted under the supervision of Sarju Ram, the karate teacher of the school. Simran Preet Kaur offered the vote of thanks.

By hosting this Intra-Class Karate Tournament, Lajpat Public School has taken a significant step towards empowering its students with valuable self-defense skills, emphasizing the school's commitment to holistic education and overall well-being. (w/gsd)

Sona Devi University initiative for fishing communities

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: Sona Devi University in Ghatsila has taken a significant step towards the comprehensive and holistic development of economically weaker segment of the fishing communities in Jharkhand and Bihar. The university aims to provide updated knowledge, techniques, skills and vocational training in the field of fisheries, with the goal of creating employment opportunities for young fishermen and enhancing fish production and productivity.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to the effect was signed on August 24, 2023, between Sona Devi University, Ghatsila and the Bihar State Fishermen Cooperative Federation Ltd (Bihar FishFed), Patna. The signing ceremony was attended by various dignitaries, including Prabhakar Singh, Chairman of Sona Devi University, Ghatsila.

Prabhakar Singh, on the occasion, emphasized that while the fisheries production level in Jharkhand and Bihar was considerably low compared to other states, both regions possessed immense potential in the fields of fish farming and production. Fish farming, being an inclusive occupation, had the capacity to economically empower rural



fishermen youth, women, and farmers. Rishikesh Kashyap, the Managing Director of Bihar FishFed, also addressed the gathering, highlighting that under this MoU, a substantial fee reduction of up to 50% would be provided to children from fishermen communities of Bihar and Jharkhand for pursuing higher education in the field of fisheries. This initiative aimed to promote education and training in the field of fish farming, ultimately contributing to the growth and advancement of fish

production and fisheries science. The collaboration between Sona Devi University, Ghatsila, and Bihar FishFed, Patna, through this MoU would create a significant impact in the realm of fisheries science and fish production. This endeavor was expected to pave the way for a brighter future for economically marginalized fishermen communities by equipping them with education and skills that can uplift their lives and contribute to the overall growth of the sector. (w/gsd)

AFFIDAVIT

I, SOMA CHATTOPADHYAY W/o: ANANU CHATTOPADHYAY, R/o: 5D type flat, Johila road, Timpla, Golmuri, Jamshedpur-831003, Distt: East Singhbhum, State of Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:
1. That before marriage I was known by "SOMA MUKHERJEE" which is mentioned in my educational certificate of Secondary School Examination and Intermediate Education.
2. That after marriage I have adopted the surname of my husband "CHATTOPADHYAY" i.e. SOMA CHATTOPADHYAY which is mentioned in my Aadhar Card vide No.: 4337 6240 8170.
3. That SOMA CHATTOPADHYAY and SOMA MUKHERJEE is one and the same lady i.e. myself only.
4. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts and produce the same before the concerning authority.
Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

I, Sangeeta Devi wife of JC 272207A SUB (GNR) Raj Kumar 220 Fd regt, R/o Village Lakanpur, PO: Roshang Pur, Tehsil-Auraiya, Distt: Auraiya, UP 206129 am solemnly affirm and state for following in my respect.
1. As per my husbands' service documents my name has been mentioned as Sangeeta Yadav which is Incorrect.
2. My correct Name as per my civil documents/certificates is Sangeeta Devi.
3. The name declared by my husband as Sangeeta Yadav which is existing in his service documents is not correct and hence this affidavit sworn in before the Judicial Magistrate.
4. I given an undertaking that all documents submitted by me are correct. All documents issued by Government Organization/Offices have been signed by authorized designated and Government officials. If any document at any stage is found fake, I am aware that I will be liable for punishment.
Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

I, Charanjeet Singh Son of Late Shingara Singh, Resident of Qr. No-25, Gandak Road, Near Golmuri, Thana- Timpla, Golmuri, Jamshedpur-831003, Distt- East Singhbhum, Jharkhand do hereby solemnly affirm and declare a follows :-
1. That I am Indian citizen by birth.
2. That my actual and correct name is 'Charanjeet Singh'.
3. That 'Gurmeet Singh' is written in my aadhar card vide 8604 8924 9876.
4. That both name 'Charanjeet Singh' and 'Gurmeet Singh' is same and one person i.e. myself.
5. That I want to necessary correction in my name in my Aadhar card vide as 'Charanjeet Singh' instead of Gurmeet Singh.
6. That I am swearing this affidavit to confirm and true the above facts, and from today I have known as 'Charanjeet Singh' instead of 'Gurmeet Singh', and to produce before the any authority concerned for the same; hence this affidavit.
Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

3662/23.08.2023
I, BINOD PRASAD SAH, Aged about 80 years, Son of Late Jagdish Sah, Resident of Road No.- 1 Motinagar, Bara Gamharia, P.O.- Gamharia, P.S.- Adityapur, Dist.- Saraikella-Kharsawan (JHARKHAND), do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows -
1. That, I am resident of aforementioned address having Aadhaar No is 7786 0774 7238.
2. That, I have three sons and two daughters :- (i) Bhim Sen Sah - 52 Years (Married) (ii) Arjun Sah @ Anand Sah - 50 Years (Married) (iii) Ravi Shankar Sah - 32 Years (Married) (iv) Mamta Devi - 45 Years (Married) (v) Manju Sah - 30 Years (Married)
3. That, my all sons and daughters are married and they are living peacefully with their family.
4. That, my wife CHINTA DEVI died on 26/06/2021, leaving behind her myself and three sons and two daughters.
5. That, my Second Son ARJUN SAH @ ANAND SAH is involved in criminal activity and I don't want to keep any relation with my said son and all family members are disturb with his unsocial activities.
6. That, my said son will be treated as disowned son and I do not want to give him any immovable properties acquired by me in future. That, to declare the abovementioned facts and to abandon my said son from my house, I swear this affidavit.
Advocate

AFFIDAVIT CUM DECLARATION

I, Kajal Sinha, aged about 29 years, daughter of Late Vijay Prasad, Ex-wife of Raj Kumar Sinha, by faith Hindu, by Nationality Indian, Permanent residence of Bansjora, Nawadih, Nawagarh, Baghmara-cum-Katras, Dhanbad, Jharkhand, Pin: 828306, at present residing at road no-15, Jawahar Nagar, Mangoo, Jamshedpur, Distt: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :
(Aadhar No.: 4571 9040 5989)
1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth.
2. That I have read the books of Islam and I have very impressed with the religion of Islam.
3. The accordingly I have decided to change my religion from Hinduism to Islam and after uttering Kalma Tayaba for 3 (Three) times converted my religion from Hinduism to Islam, from today, at my own sweet will and consent without any pressure from any body, hence his affidavit.
4. That after conversion to Islam I have changed my Name as "Haniya" and in future I shall be known as "Haniya" for all purpose and intents.
5. That nobody is responsible for changing my religion from Hinduism to Islam.
6. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts for producing before the authority concerned for the needful.
Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

मैं, सौरभ, पिता-श्री विक्रम सिंह, धर्म-हिन्दू, नागरिकता-भारतीय, पेशा-विद्यार्थी, निवासी-220 एफ डी तोपखाना रेजीमेंट, आर्मी कैम्प, पो 0 और धाना-सोनारी, बहर-जमशेदपुर, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम, राज्य-झारखण्ड, मैं शपथ पत्रक कहती हूँ कि :-
1. यह कि आधार कार्ड संख्या 3384 1505 2902 और पैन कार्ड संख्या GGWPD5904G और मेरा जन्म तिथि 01.01.1980 है जो कि दोनों में मेरे नाम और जन्म तिथि सही हैं।
2. यह कि मैं सुबेदार विक्रम सिंह की विवाहित पत्नी हूँ जो कि भारतीय सेना में उनका आर्मी नं०-भारतीय सेना नं०- **JCNO. 282567K** और जमशेदपुर आर्मी कैम्प, सोनारी में पदस्थापित हैं।
3. यह कि मेरे पति के सर्विस बुक में मेरा नाम मनोज तथा मेरा जन्म तिथि- 04.07.1980 जो गलत लिख दिया गया है।
4. यह कि मनोज देवी और मनोज दोनो मेरा ही नाम है तथा मेरी जन्म तिथि 01.01.1980 और 04.07.1980 दोनो मेरा ही जन्म तिथि हैं।
5. यह कि मैं यह शपथ पत्र इसलिए बना रही हूँ ताकि मेरा सही नाम मनोज देवी और सही जन्म तिथि 01.01.1980 मेरे पति के सर्विस बुक में तथा अन्य संबंधित अभिलेखों में भी सुधार कर लिख लिया जाय ताकि समय पर काम आवे।
उपरोक्त वर्णित तथ्य मेरी जानकारी, विश्वास एवं ज्ञान के अनुसार सत्य है इसलिए मैंने इस पर अपना हस्ताक्षर बना दिया है ताकि समय पर काम आवे।
वकील

AFFIDAVIT

मैं श्रीमती मनोज देवी, पति-विक्रम सिंह, धर्म-हिन्दू, नागरिकता- भारतीय, पेशा-गृहिणी, निवासी 220, एफ डी तोपखाना रेजीमेंट, आर्मी कैम्प, पो 0 और धाना- सोनारी, शहर-जमशेदपुर, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम, राज्य-झारखण्ड, मैं शपथ पत्रक कहती हूँ कि :-
1. यह कि आधार कार्ड संख्या 3384 1505 2902 और पैन कार्ड संख्या GGWPD5904G और मेरा जन्म तिथि 01.01.1980 है जो कि दोनों में मेरे नाम और जन्म तिथि सही हैं।
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5. यह कि मैं यह शपथ पत्र इसलिए बना रही हूँ ताकि मेरा सही नाम मनोज देवी और सही जन्म तिथि 01.01.1980 मेरे पति के सर्विस बुक में तथा अन्य संबंधित अभिलेखों में भी सुधार कर लिख लिया जाय ताकि समय पर काम आवे।
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वकील

'I am the boss of NCP', asserts Sharad Pawar after 'no split' fracas

Kolhapur, Aug 26 (IANS): A day after the political row over his statements, Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar said on Saturday that he remains NCP's national President while Jayant Patil is the state President, reiterating that the party "has not split".



He reiterated that though some MLAs have quit the party, they don't constitute a political unit and the party has not split -- referring to the breakaway faction led by his nephew Ajit Pawar.

"Why give them importance by taking their names? People are upset with those who have gone with the BJP. I can see a change coming in Maharashtra and the people will show the BJP its real place," declared Pawar.

Touching on the upcoming third meeting of the grand opposition alliance I.N.D.I.A., Pawar said that it would review the preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and chart out programmes for joint electioneering in different parts of the country. Launching a strong attack on the BJP, he said they have unleashed central probe agencies against the Opposition parties and their leaders.

"I shall continue to fight against such fascist forces... There has been misuse of central investigating agencies (CBI, ED and I-T). Those who couldn't face them have gone with them," he said.

Pawar also revealed how NCP leaders like Nawab Malik and Anil Deshmukh, and Shiv Sena (UBT)'s MP Sanjay Raut were threatened with the ED-CBI and asked to join the BJP.



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren greets people in Bokaro on Saturday during his election campaign rally in favour of Baby Devi for the Dumri by-election.

Chit-fund entity Chairman lands in ED net in Kolkata

Kolkata, Aug 26 (IANS): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Saturday that it recently arrested Manoranjan Roy, Chairman of chit-fund entity Pincon Group.



Roy has been arrested on charges of misappropriation of funds collected from several investors as deposits under various multi-level marketing schemes of the Ponzi entity. He has been remanded to judicial custody till September 4.

"The ED investigation revealed that Pincon group of companies controlled by Roy and his associates collected money from people through fraudulent representations, luring innocent public with high rate of interest upon maturity of deposits collected under different schemes like MIS, FD and RD." "However, they failed to pay the investors their dues after maturity and thereby cheated them. In total, Pincon Group collected Rs 638 crore (approx) from the public in the names of the above fraudulent schemes," a statement issued by the ED read.

To recall, in July this year, the ED had arrested Kolkata-based businessman and CEO of a popular Bengali news channel, Kaustuv Roy, known for his close association with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on charges of financial defalcation. The ED got definite clues about Kaustuv Roy's involvement in the affairs of Pincon Group. In August last year, two teams of ED and the Income Tax Department had conducted simultaneous raids at the residence and offices of Kaustuv Roy. At that point of time, the Chief Minister had described the agency actions as a ploy by the BJP and the Union government to gag the media.

Haryana suspends mobile internet services in Nuh till August 28



Chandigarh, Aug 26 (IANS): The Haryana government on Saturday issued orders for temporary suspension of mobile internet services, all SMS services, including bulk SMS and excluding banking and mobile recharge, and all dongle services etc. provided on mobile networks and imposed Section 114 in Nuh district till August 28 in view of a call for a 'shobha yatra'.

Deputy Commissioner Dharendra Khadgata said this order has been issued by the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, to prevent any disturbances of peace and public order. Violation of these orders will lead to legal action under relevant provisions.

He said these orders have been passed for the security of public and private property and to maintain law and order in view of the tension, agitation, fear of damage in view of the Shobha Yatra scheduled by few organisations on August 28.

As a precautionary measure, the district administration has imposed Section 144 of the CrPC, prohibiting the assembly of four or more people in an area.

Over 450 luxury cars being arranged for G20 Summit



New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): Luxury vehicles are making their way to Delhi from cities like Mumbai, Chandigarh and Agra, all in preparation for the highly-anticipated G20 summit scheduled to take place at the newly-upgraded Pragati Maidan here on September 9-10.

As the national capital gears up to host delegations from more than 20 countries, it's not just the summit facilities that are undergoing a transformation, but also the roads, which will soon be graced by these luxury vehicles.

To cater to the soaring demand for upscale cars, cab rental companies flaunting these exquisite wheels are stepping in to provide their services.

Speaking to IANS, Harman Preet Singh, who manages Punia Trvlez in Greater Kailash 1, revealed that the upcoming summit has spurred a demand for approximately 450 cars.

Rights body files complaint against Suwendu Adhikari over encounter comments

Kolkata, Aug 26 (IANS): Leading rights body, the Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) on Saturday filed a complaint at the West Bengal Human Rights Commission (WBHRC) against Leader of the Opposition in state Assembly Suwendu Adhikari for his comments demanding encounter of the rapists. "On August 24, while speaking to mediapersons the Leader of the Opposition strongly advocated for the encounter of the rapists. He also said that the people committing crimes like rape does not have to right to survive and hence should be killed. This means that he advocated for the killing of any accused without going through the trial process. So we have filed a complaint against him at the state human rights commission today," APDR general secretary Ranjit Sur said. In its complaint to the WBHRC, the rights body said that such public vouching in favour of "encounter without trial, is not only detrimental for the undertrial prisoners but the entire democracy-loving population of the state." "His comments can have a negative impact on society. Hence, we have requested the state human rights commission to take action against the leader of the opposition," Sur said. The complaint further said that such comments favouring "encounter without trial" is especially not acceptable when it comes from an "elected lawmaker" like the Leader of the Opposition.

Tripura: Passenger train narrowly escapes accident after hitting stone-laden trolley



Agartala, Aug 26 (IANS): The engine of Agartala-Sabroom local passenger train derailed in Tripura on Saturday after hitting a stone-laden trolley, which was mistakenly left by the workers on the single line track. No one was hurt in the accident. Officials said that the driver of the Sabroom (southern Tripura) bound passenger train saw a stone-laden trolley on the track and he stopped the train at Gautamnagar, near the Bishalghar rail station under the Sepahijala district. However, the trolley got struck in the train and a front wheel of the train engine went off the track.

Haryana minister facing sexual harassment charges should resign: Hooda

Chandigarh, Aug 26 (IANS): Former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Hooda on Saturday said the state minister Sandeep Singh, who has been booked on charges of sexual harassment and wrongful confinement of a woman coach, should resign on the moral grounds.



Hooda said that the Chief Minister should seek his resignation "if he does not do so". Addressing the media here, the two-time chief minister said the party raised this issue in the ongoing assembly session too.

"The government has deliberately kept the duration of the session short as it does not want to answer important issues." "It seems that the

government is in a hurry. That is why the adjournment motions given by the Congress regarding flood and compensation was converted into calling attention motion.

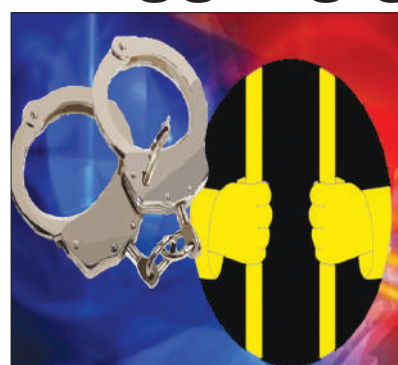
The Congress has also proposed to discuss the Nuh violence and law and order in the state, but the Speaker sent that too to the government for comment,"

which could not be rectified even after so long. Despite this, no legal action was taken against the company that had the contract to execute the project," he said. On the question of taking out religious processions again in Mewat, Hooda said: "It is everyone's right to hold a procession.

No one should have any objection to the procession, but the government should take precaution in each case, considering its seriousness. "Despite knowing everything last time, the government did not take proper steps regarding the safety of the procession and the government did not take cognisance of the provocative statements, which led to the violence."

Truck driver arrested at Bangladesh border for smuggling gold biscuits

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday said that they have arrested a truck driver while smuggling 45 gold biscuits valued at over Rs three crore at India-Bangladesh International border.



An official said that the truck driver regularly visited Bangladesh carrying export goods. After he was coming back to India, he was given a consignment by Bangladesh based man to deliver gold in India.

The smuggler had hid the gold biscuits in cavities for the empty truck. The accused was identified as Samrat Biswas.

"On August 25, 2023 at 4:15 am, based on concrete information, the officials during vehicle checking stopped suspicious truck for search at ICP Petrapole. During the search, the jawans recovered 21 gold biscuits wrapped with transparent tape and tied in a cloth through selected cavities made in the truck. Thereafter, Border Security Force troops quickly seized the gold biscuits and the truck

and took the truck driver into custody for questioning," said the official.

The official said that when the seized 21 gold biscuits and the truck driver were being handed over to the Custom Office Petrapole after all the paper formalities, the BSF got concrete information about more gold biscuits being hidden in the same truck.

Thereafter, the company commander immediately called a civil mechanic and got a few more selected cavities opened in the other side of the

truck.

"On opening another cavities in the truck, 24 more gold biscuits were found wrapped in tape. Thus a total of 45 gold biscuits were seized from the truck. The estimated value of 45 gold biscuits and the seized truck is at Rs.3,12,44,424," the official said.

"Biswas works as a truck driver and regularly goes to Bangladesh carrying export goods. On August 21, he went to Bangladesh with loading sponge iron in said truck. On August 25, when he was coming back to India, Suman Mandal resident of Benapole, district Jashore contacted him at ICP Benapole, Bangladesh parking area and handed over 45 gold biscuits.

"As per the instructions of Suman Mandal, he was about to come to India and hand over the gold biscuits to Salam Mandal who is resident of Gopalnagar," the official said.

BSF received information that Salam Mandal and Qutubdin Karikar are gold smugglers. These smugglers work for Ajgar Sheikh who is a major supplier of gold in India.

Over 40 passengers trapped on Pavagadh ropeway for 30 minutes



Pavagadh (Gujarat), August 26 (IANS): A cable dislodged from the aerial ropeway connecting the revered Kalika Mata temple in Gujarat's Pavagadh, leaving more than 40 passengers suspended in 10 cabins at an altitude of 763 meters, triggering a dramatic rescue operation that lasted over 30 minutes.

The incident took place on Friday evening and the investigations began after that.

No injuries were reported, but the incident has once again ignited concerns about the safety of ropeway systems in Pavagadh.

The mishap struck shortly before the scheduled closing time of 8 p.m.

The track rope of the aerial ropeway, managed by the Usha Breco company under the name 'Udan Khatola,' unexpectedly detached from the conveyor.

This abrupt occurrence left passengers, with around six

LAC row: Congress flags no mention of disengagement between India and China

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): Congress leader Manish Tewari on Saturday said that the Chinese read out issued by the China's government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping's meeting makes no mention of "disengagement".

sides should bear in mind the overall interests of their bilateral relations and handle properly the border issue so as to jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in the border region."

He also asked on whose terms if any disengagement is happening.

"Indian position: Modi and Xi agreed to direct their relevant officials to intensify efforts at expeditious disengagement and de-escalation," he said.

Tewari, who is also a Lok Sabha MP from Punjab's Anandpur Sahib parliamentary seat took to X and said, "It is interesting that the Chinese read out of the PMO & President Xi Jinping's meeting makes no mention of disengagement. Instead it says -- meeting was held at India's request, the two

position restore status quo ante to pre April 2020 for normalisation of relations. What will happen to 2,000 square Kilometres of Indian Territory under Chinese occupation since April 2020?"



He made the remarks attaching the link of the read out issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's

Republic of China. Meanwhile, briefing the media on the BRICS summit in Johannesburg on August 24, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra when asked about the interaction between Modi and Xi, said that both the leaders agreed to direct relevant officials to intensify efforts at expeditious

disengagement and de-escalation.

Kwatra said that the Prime Minister underlined that maintenance of peace, tranquillity in border areas and respecting LAC are essential for normalisation of India-China ties.

During his conversation with the Chinese president Xi Jinping, the Prime Minister highlighted India's concerns on unresolved issues along LAC, the Foreign Secretary informed further.

"It was a conversation on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit where PM Modi talked about the LAC tensions. It was not a formal bilateral," Kwatra told reporters.

On August 14, 19th round of Corps Commander-level talks were held between the Indian Army and the China's People's Liberation Army (PLA). During the talks, the withdrawal of troops in the tense area in eastern Ladakh and reducing the tension were discussed. The Depsang and Demchok areas were discussed by the Indian side. There is a standoff between Indian and Chinese soldiers at certain places in eastern Ladakh. For the last three years, there has been confrontation between the armies of India and China. However, during this time both sides have ensured withdrawal of troops from many areas after extensive diplomatic and military talks. Despite this, tension still persists in Depsang and Demchok.

JWU students excel in yoga

Jamshedpur, August 26: MA Yoga students of Jamshedpur Women's University have performed well in the two-day 3rd East Singhbhum District Yogasan Sport Championship organized by East Singhbhum District Yogasan Sport Association at Dhatkidihi Community Center, Jamshedpur. The girl students of the University have brought laurels to the Yoga Department of the University by securing first, second and fourth positions respectively in the female category. In senior girl 18 years to 28 years age group student Sadaf Ara got fourth position, in female 28 years to 35 years age group Sanyasi got first position and in female 35 years to 45 years age group Bina Kumbhkar got second position.

These girl students had a formal meeting with the vice-chancellor of the University, Prof. (Dr.) Anjila Gupta and shared their experiences with her. (w/rg)

Awareness session on menstrual health

Jamshedpur, August 26: The Johar Periods campaign, being run under the joint aegis of the city's social organization Namya Smile Foundation and Rotaract Club of Steel City, reached Sai Saraswati English School in Birsanagar. Under this campaign, on Thursday, the organization once again tried to educate girls on workshops on menstruation and period. More than 375 girl students actively participated. Menstrupedia comic book, which explains the process of menstruation easily, was distributed among school girls under the Johar Periods campaign. Namya Smile Foundation is working hand in hand with Menstrupedia.

During the workshop, members of the organization, Reshu Ranjan and Prathama Bose, gave detailed information on menstruation and all related topics to the girl students through Menstrupedia comic book and Johar Periods video. During this, under the 'MAHI' (Mental Awesomeness and Health Initiative) campaign being run by Namya Smile Foundation, the girl students were made aware by giving them information about mental health. (w/rg)

Training imparted to 41 teachers of Jhinkapani block

Chaibasa, August 26: Under the National Blindness Control Program and Child Safety Control Program, a training program for teachers for primary eye check-up of school children was organized at the Government Basic School Jorapokhar, Jhinkapani, located in the Block Resource Center, Jhinkapani campus. Teachers were trained by Dr. Manoj Singh Munda, Ophthalmic Officer of Sadar Hospital Chaibasa.

A total of 41 teachers from Jhinkapani block participated in this teacher training programme. During the training, Dr. Manoj Singh Munda discussed in detail about the importance of vision. He told that it is the duty of the teacher to protect the eyesight of the children, therefore initial eye check-up of all the children of his school is necessary. In the course of investigation, if vision is less visible due to defects or other reasons, then mark it and submit the report on time to the Block Resource Center so that the detailed examination of the children can be done on the next scheduled date. Special teacher Manoj Kumar Yadav had a commendable contribution in this teacher training program. (W/pb)

Children learn about Chandrayaan-3



Jamshedpur, August 26 : Children were given information about Chandrayaan-3 at Xavier Public School, Kitadih. Various parts of Chandrayaan were explained by Kamalkant Sharma, Faculty of Science. School Principal Ankita Tiwari said that Crane from Tata Growth Shop and Ayush from Jamshedpur were also involved in this mission. He told how it is not only science and technology but also general awareness, geography and all subjects related to it, and how it enhances national pride, children were encouraged by quizzes based on Chandrayaan. The program was conducted by Kamalkant Sharma, teacher of the science faculty. Suman Sharma, PN Sharma, Rajni, Kajal, Gudiya, Alka, Sheetal, Sushmita, Asha, Simran, Preetika, Priya, Shweta Sharma Rashmi Bharti, BN Bera etc. were present on this occasion. (W/pb)

967 admissions in Jamshedpur Women's University and 14831 admission in kolhan

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: The process of admission to undergraduate classes in Kolhan University and Jamshedpur Women's University is almost complete. This time, so far 14 thousand 831 students have been enrolled in the graduation classes in Kolhan University, while only 967 girl students have been admitted in Jamshedpur Women's University. All these

admissions have been done through the chancellor portal.

According to the data available on the Chancellor portal, this time a total of 34 thousand 337 applications were received for admission in graduate classes in Kolhan University, out of which the number of paid applications was 30 thousand 380. Ultimately, the number of people who enrolled is less than half. On the other hand, a total of 4 thousand



88 applications were received in Jamshedpur Women's University, out of which the number of paid

applications was 2 thousand 789. Here also the number of admissions remained much less than half. However, even after publishing the merit list once in this university, the date for application on the chancellor portal was extended.

On the other hand, according to the statistics, so far only 16 admissions have been done in Post Graduate (PG) in Jamshedpur Women's University. While 561

applications were received by the college for admission, out of which the number of paid applications was 368. Despite this, it is a matter of surprise to have such a low admission.

Apart from this, 960 applications were received for graduate level vocation course, out of which 569 paid applications were found. Out of these, the number of girl students who took admission was limited to 242 only. (W/pb)

Instructions to ensure action on received applications as per rules

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Seraikela, August 26 : A Friday weekly public meeting program was organized in the office room of the Deputy Commissioner located at the District Collectorate. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla met dozens of people from far-flung areas of the district with personal and social problems and became aware of their problems.

In the Janata Darbar, mainly land related matters, mutual partition, irregularities found in the works conducted under the 15th Finance Commission in the Kuchai block area, transfer of liquor shop located in Maa Akarshini



Mandir Kharsawan premises to another place, disabled woman dealer Phoolmani Manjhi Various applications were received, including getting back the PDS shop, providing room for starting a bank branch in Jhimiri Panchayat, strengthening drinking water problems in Adityapur Municipal

Corporation area, freeing encroached roads in various wards and cleaning the area. During this, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departmental officials for quality, transparent disposal of the applications received related to various problems. The Deputy Commissioner directed to

inform the district headquarters after ensuring the solution of the above problems within a week. During this, mainly District Public Relations Officer Sunil Singh and Social Media Dissemination Officer Nandan Upadhyay were present along with the Deputy Commissioner. (w/pb)

Eye donation awareness drive

Seraikela, August 26 : Under the 38th National Eye Donation Fortnight, Eye Donation Fortnight was inaugurated by District Blindness Control Committee in Kharsawan's upgraded High School Burudih. On this occasion, school children were made aware by giving information related to eye donation. On the occasion, along with various programs, essay and quiz competition was also organized among the school children. The program was coordinated by Ghanpat Mahato, the manager of the District Blindness Control Committee. Zilla Parishad member Kalicharan Banra.

Third Max Fashion Store Opens in Guwahati

Guwahati, August 26 : The third Max Fashion store opened in Guwahati today, marking yet another milestone for the brand's expansion in this vibrant city.

With a sprawling shopping area of 15,583 square feet across the Ground and 1st floors, this new store is set to redefine the shopping experience for the fashion-savvy residents of Guwahati.

"Our commitment to providing 'Max Style Min Price' remains unwavering, and we are excited to bring this ethos to life once again in the heart of Guwahati," says Rajib Mukherjee - vice president, Max retail.

Site inspection for 15 different schemes of Nagar Panchayat area

Seraikela, August 26 : As per the instructions of Jharkhand Government's Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare and Transport Minister cum Local MLA Champai Soren, a joint site inspection was conducted regarding the implementation of 15 different schemes selected for the development and beautification of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat area.

Under which the most ambitious scheme Marine Drive on the banks of the river, construction of park and beer in Majna Ghat, reconstruction of park in Kudarsai Shiv Temple complex, beautification of Public Durga Temple, construction of marriage hall in Dewansai,



construction of multi-storey market house in Daily Market Field visits were made to other planning sites including construction of multi-complex in the market.

A special discussion was held on the flood prone areas for the construction of Marine Drive by the

Executive Engineer of Subarnarekha Project Kharkai Canal Division, Adityapur.

And it was directed that this should be taken into serious consideration while preparing the DPR by the consultant. After inspection of the sites, it was decided to start the work of

preparing DPR by selecting the consultation as soon as possible. On this occasion, JUDCO GM Vinay Kumar, DGM Santosh Choubey, PM Dhananjay Kumar and Nayan Modak, Subarnarekha Project Kharkai Canal Division Adityapur Executive Engineer Arvind Kumar, Seraikela Circle Officer Suresh Kumar Sinha, Seraikela Nagar Panchayat Administrator Rajendra Prasad Gupta, MLA Representative Sanad Kumar Acharya, City Manager Sumit Suman, Junior Engineer Kausal Kishore Singh, Zone's Amin Pankaj Kumar, Prahlad Kumar Sahu and Rohit Sahu and other personnel were present. (w/pb)

Panchayat committee members submitted memorandum to DC



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Seraikela, August 26 : Panchayat Samiti members of Kuchai Block have submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner accusing the Block Head and Block Development Officer of illegal withdrawal of 15th Finance Commission funds and requested to investigate and take action. In the memorandum submitted to the DC, the Pansas members, who reached under the leadership of Pansas Jayanti Munda of Chhotasegoy Panchayat, have said that illegal withdrawal of funds has been done in many schemes in connivance with the head of the block and the BDO. In which reinforcement of sports material at Anganwadi center in Punisir of Rolahatu panchayat, reinforcement of Anganwadi center at Siyadih of Rugudih panchayat, reinforcement of Anganwadi center in Champad of Chhotasegoy panchayat, reinforcement of Jamda Anganwadi center, reinforcement work of Chhotasegoy Anganwadi center is included. It has been alleged in the memorandum that a beneficiary committee has been formed in the name of an employee working on contract in the block and the amount has been withdrawn. (w/pb)

Teacher parent meeting



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Seraikela, August 26 : As per departmental instructions, a teacher-parent meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Principal in-charge Gangaram Tiyu in the premises of Boys Middle School Seraikela. In which mainly four points were discussed. While conducting the meeting by Sankul Sadhan Sevi Rajendra Nanda, it was informed that weekly evaluation is being done for the session 2023-24. In view of this parents were urged to send their children to school regularly. Apart from this, the newly enrolled children were urged to definitely get Aadhaar made and cooperate in opening bank accounts. Giving information about the work being done by the school in the interest of the students and the development of the school, including getting the birth certificate, a resolution was taken to make 100 percent enrolled children present in the school. All the teachers including parents were present on the occasion. (w/pb)

District Chairman of Inner Wheel Club visits Jamshedpur

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26 : Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur welcomed esteemed guest Dr. Ragini Rani, District Chairman, with warmth and enthusiasm during her official visit to the city. The visit was marked by a series of fruitful meetings and discussions, further strengthening the bonds of the organization and laying the foundation for upcoming programs.

Dr. Ragini Rani's visit to Jamshedpur was graciously hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur ZEST. The itinerary included various significant events that underscored the commitment of the organization towards community welfare and service.

As part of her visit, Dr. Ragini Rani inaugurated several notable initiatives. At the Odia Middle School for girl students, she inaugurated a project aimed



at providing essential support for education. Additionally, a water station for clean drinking water was inaugurated, ensuring access to safe and potable water for the community. Further contributing to empowerment, Dr. Rani also inaugurated a sewing machine, fostering skills and self-sufficiency among individuals.

Demonstrating their concern for animal welfare, the Inner Wheel Club organized the distribution of fodder and other

essential items for cows under the Gau Annapurna Seva initiative.

A pivotal aspect of the visit was the executive meeting of the Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur ZEST, presided over by Preeti Goyal. The meeting served as a platform for comprehensive discussions on ongoing and future projects, highlighting the dedication of the organization to community development. The meeting concluded with a convivial lunch hosted at Preeti Goyal's residence. During

the meeting, the present office bearers presented comprehensive reports of their work, reflecting the progress and impact achieved.

The evening saw an esteemed gathering at the Durbar Hall of United Club for the General Body Meeting (GBM). Dr. Ragini Rani and the other office bearers of District 325 were honored during the event. Jyoti Khirwal, the Club Secretary, presented an informative report detailing the club's activities. Manju Maheshwari, the Editor, presented the latest e-Bulletin, encapsulating the achievements and milestones of the organization.

Outgoing President Nisha Gadiya and all the members played pivotal roles in the successful execution of the various activities. Their dedication and contributions were recognized and appreciated during the visit. (w/pb)

Monsoon Mania grips play school kids

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: Play school, Step by Step school with Dolly Aunty located in CH Area brought a delightful twist to the monsoon season with its festive celebration titled 'Monsoon Mania'. The event, filled with vibrant colours, joyful laughter, and creative themes, was spearheaded by none other than the school's Principal, Dolly Upadhyay. Adding a unique touch to the festivities, Principal Dolly embraced the spirit of the occasion by dressing up as a 'Bhutta Wala' (corn seller), captivating the hearts of students, parents, and staff alike.

The Monsoon Mania event, a hallmark of Step by Step's commitment to holistic and engaging education, provided an opportunity for the school community to come together and revel in the joys of the rainy season. The campus was adorned



with cheerful decorations reflecting the essence of monsoon, with raindrops, umbrellas, and vibrant colours dominating the scenery.

The highlight of the celebration was undoubtedly the presence of Principal Dolly Upadhyay, who is known for her innovative and hands-on approach to school events. Dressed in a 'Bhutta Wala' attire complete with a colorful chart of corn cobs, Dolly aunty, as

affectionately called by the students, brought boundless energy and enthusiasm to the festivities.

Rain dance and music added an extra layer of excitement as students and teachers danced to rhythmic beats, soaking in the joy of the moment.

"I believe that every season brings its own magic, and it's our responsibility as educators to help our students appreciate the beauty of nature and the uniqueness

of each time of the year. Monsoon Mania is a celebration of this idea, and I'm thrilled to see the enthusiasm and smiles on our students' faces," said Principal Dolly Upadhyay.

The event also showcased the school's commitment to safety and well-being, with necessary precautions taken to ensure the health of all participants. Students and staff adhered to hygiene measures throughout the celebration. (w/pb)

Five achievers to receive Sangh Ratna Seva Award

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: In an annual tradition, the Har Har Mahadev Seva Sangh has announced the recipients of the Sangh Ratna Seva Award. The residents of the city were actively involved in suggesting names for this honor, and after careful consideration, the Sangh's core committee has chosen five individuals who have made significant contributions to society in fields such as journalism, advocacy, medicine, and social service.

The selection process involved inviting suggestions and achievements via WhatsApp media. Numerous names were put forth by the community, with individuals even nominating themselves and their peers. Given the constraints of announcing only five names, the Sangh respected all the nominations and

achievements, finally recognizing five outstanding individuals who have made enduring contributions to their respective fields through a lifetime of dedication and service. The recipients of this year's award are: Shaileendra Singh - Acknowledged for his remarkable social service, Shri Shaileendra Singh is a prominent figure within the Sikh community and has dedicated his life to uplifting various sections of society.

Dr. NK Singh - Renowned for his contributions in the medical field, Dr. NK Singh, the director of Ganga Memorial Hospital, has conducted over a thousand surgeries, including more than 11,000 free surgeries, earning him the title of the "Messiah of the Poor."

Nimai Chandra Panda - An 82-year-old advocate, Panda has an extensive legal career spanning over four decades, during which he has fought and won more than 48,000

cases. He is admired for his disciplined and honest approach to his work.

P.N Gope (Pratap Narayan Gope) - With nearly 60 years of legal practice, 83-year-old Mr. Gope has served as the Public Prosecutor from 1996 to 2007. His involvement in significant cases, including securing death sentences, has been instrumental. Rangadhar Nanda - Recognized for his contribution to journalism as a press photographer and dialogue writer for almost thirty years, Nanda's commitment to journalistic integrity and values has been unwavering. The Sangh expressed its pride and joy in announcing the names of these distinguished individuals, who have left a lasting impact on the city. The Sangh Ratna Seva Award has become a cherished tradition to honor exceptional personalities who have dedicated their lives to serving the city and the nation. (w.pb)

DA case: Five ministers of Raghuvvar Cabinet in trouble; wealth increase 1100% in 5 years

Ranchi, August 26: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a PE (Preliminary Inquiry) against five ministers who were part of Raghuvvar Das's Cabinet in Jharkhand. The ACB has registered this PE against former ministers Neelkanth Singh Munda, Neera Yadav, Lewis Marandi, Randhir Singh and Amar Bauri. The ACB has taken this action on the orders of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. It is alleged that the assets of these former ministers have increased by 200 to 1100 per cent from 2014 to 2019. During the Cabinet meeting held on July 26, it was decided to file a PE against the above five former ministers for amassing disproportionate assets. The ACB has registered five separate PEs in the case. The PE will be later converted into an FIR against the former ministers



and cases of disproportionate assets will be filed against these five ministers. Subsequently, an investigation was ordered on the basis of PIL in 2020, a PIL was filed in the Ranchi High Court in this regard demanding an investigation into the assets of the five former ministers. The applicant, Pankaj Kumar Yadav, had alleged that there was an unexpected increase in the

income of the five while holding the post of minister in five years. Submitting proof, he made reference to the affidavit filed before the Election Commission regarding their properties. Later, the matter reached the Chief Minister who ordered an inquiry. On the orders of the CM, the ACB filed an IA and verified that the five had disproportionate assets. The PIL on the basis of which the ACB registered

an IA and investigated, it was said that Amar Bauri's assets were 7.33 lakhs in the year 2014, which increased to 89.41 lakhs in 2019. On the other hand, Randhir Singh's assets of 78.92 lakhs increased to 5.06 crores in the year 2019. Neera Yadav's assets increased from 80.59 lakhs to 3.65 crores, Lewis Marandi's assets from 2.25 crores to 9.06 crores, Neelkanth Singh Munda's from 1.46 crores to 4.35

crores. Former ministers whose property increased from 2014 to 2019: • Amar Bauri: Rs 7.33 lakh in 2014 to Rs 89.41 lakh in 2019 • Randhir Singh: Rs 78.92 lakh in 2014 to Rs 5.06 crore in 2019 • Neera Yadav: Rs 80.59 lakh in 2014 to Rs 3.65 crore in 2019 • Lewis Marandi: Rs 2.25 crore in 2014 to Rs 9.06 crore in 2019 • Neelkanth Munda: Rs 1.46 crore in 2014 to Rs 4.35 crore in 2019.

Wet spell to continue in Jharkhand for next 2 days: IMD

Jamshedpur, August 26: It has been raining in many parts of Jharkhand for the past few days as the southwest monsoon has become active in the state again. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the weather pattern in the state will remain the same for the next two days. It is raining in many parts of the state and the weather will be cloudy in almost all areas of Jharkhand. There may be heavy rain with thundershowers and lightning in some areas. Several parts of the state, including the capital Ranchi, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Bokaro, Giridih, Deoghar, Dumka, Godda, Pakur, Sahibganj districts are likely to experience heavy rain today and tomorrow. The weather office has issued a yellow alert for these areas. The IMD has made it clear that there will be no significant change in the weather in the state for the next two days. The minimum and maximum temperatures in Ranchi are likely to be 23°C and 27°C respectively. The weather office has forecast heavy rain with thundershowers in Jamshedpur, Chaibasa and Seraikela areas. A slight drop in temperature has been recorded in Palamu, Garhwa and Latehar areas. The IMD said that in the last 24 hours, Lohardaga has received maximum rainfall of 86.4 mm. The maximum temperature was 31°C was recorded in Jamshedpur. There is every possibility of rain in many parts of Jharkhand for the next 24 hours.

Tele-Law 2.0 unveiled by Law Minister

New Delhi, August 26: Heralds it as the commencement of a new era in digitally dispensed citizen-centric legal services. 50 Lakhs pre-litigation advice enabled across the country. Integration of the Tele-Law & Pro Bono programs into Tele-Law 2.0 to enable a seamless transition of citizen-centric services at the grassroots. Law Minister interacted virtually with the CSC VLEs, Tele Law Panel Lawyers & beneficiaries; unveiled 4th Edition of Voices of Beneficiaries Booklet

IRCS Hosts 689th Free Eye Camp in Bagbera

Jamshedpur, August 26: The 689th free eye camp organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, in collaboration with Ram Manohar Lohia Sewa Sansthan, Draupadi Devi Chimanlal Bhalotia Sewa Sansthan, Rajasthan Sewa Sadan, and the District Rural Health Committee, commenced today at Ram Manohar Lohia Netralaya in Bagbera, Jamshedpur.

This three-day eye camp has received support from Mr. Rajkumar Agarwal, a prominent social activist of the city, President of Jharkhand Region Goshala Sangh, and a Patron of the Red Cross Society.

The camp began with Dr. B. P. Singh conducting preliminary eye examinations on patients, following the necessary registration by Red Cross Society volunteers. Among the attendees, 52 individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds presented various eye conditions. Additionally, 32 cases of hypermetropia requiring surgery have been identified and are scheduled for operations on August 27th at the camp site. The identified patients have been accommodated at the camp site, where they are provided with complimentary boarding and lodging facilities. The members and volunteers of the Indian Red Cross Society and Ram Manohar Lohia Sewa Sansthan are actively assisting and contributing to the success of the eye camp.

Sawan Milan of Rotary Club

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: Sawan Milan was organized by Rotary Club of Jamshedpur Femina, at Bistupur. During this, the members danced to the songs of Sawan in green clothes, played entertaining games and enjoyed delicious refreshments. The title of 'Sawan Queen' was given to Rotarian Pasam Adesara, Best Dance Performer Rotarian Vineeta Saraogi and Consolation Prize to Rotarian Shweta Singh. The guests were welcomed by President Rotarian Tajinder Kaur Bhramra and vote of



thanks was given by Rotarian Seema Kumar, Rotarian Seema Jha, Rotarian Monideepa Dandpad, Rotarian Kanchan Prasad, Rotarian Sudishna Chatterjee, Rotarian Preeti Ahuja and Rotarian Vinita Saraogi were present. (W.pb)

Third Max Fashion Store Opens in Guwahati

Guwahati, AUG 26: The third Max Fashion store opened in Guwahati today, marking yet another milestone for the brand's expansion in this vibrant city. With a sprawling shopping area of 15,583 square feet across the Ground and 1st floors, this new store is set to redefine the shopping experience for the fashion-savvy residents of Guwahati. "Our commitment to providing 'Max Style Min Price' remains unwavering, and we are excited to bring this ethos to life once again in the heart of Guwahati," says Rajib Mukherjee - vice president, Max retail

Cleanliness workshop at school

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: A workshop on cleanliness and health was organized by Procter and Gamble Company at Govind Vidyalaya Tamolia. In which girl students of classes 6 to 8 participated and obtained important information related to menstruation and obtained very useful and important information related to the use of sanitary pads.

On this occasion, sanitary pads were also made available free of cost to the girl students by the company. (W.rg)

Youth Cong meeting

Chaibasa, August 26: Youth Congress's Majhgaon assembly executive meeting concluded on Saturday at Kumardungi Forest Rest House. Presidents of various blocks and office bearers and active workers of Youth Congress's Majhgaon constituency attended meeting. Youth Congress District President Pritam Bankira said that not only West Singhbhum district but the people of the whole country are suffering due to the corrupt policies of the BJP. Youth Congress colleagues have to take the responsibility of making the country strong on our shoulders. (W.rg)

Freshers Day at NTF



Jamshedpur, August 26: NTF RD Tata Institute of Technology organized "Freshers Day" function to welcome the new batch of students on Saturday. During this, an

introduction session and various cultural programs were organized for the students. The program was inaugurated by principal Preeta John and Ramesh Rai by lighting the lamp.

The principal said that technical education has an important place in career building and asked students to work hard and follow discipline for achieving success. (W.rg)

BIS quiz competition

Jamshedpur, August 26: An orientation and quiz competition was organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards at the local RVS College of Engineering and Technology. The competition was based on BIS and Current Affairs. Chief Guest Saurabh Rai welcoming standard promotion officer and Krishna Kumar Graduate Engineer BIS, Professor Krishna Murari, Head of Department of Civil

Engineering, addressed all the students present in the college auditorium and about the usefulness of Indian Standards. Twelve teams of the college participated in quiz competition, in which the Mechanical Engineering team stood first, the Computer Science Engineering team stood second, the Electrical Engineering team stood third and the Mechanical Engineering team stood fourth. (W.rg)

Lecture on tool designing

Jamshedpur, August 26: A lecture program on design of production tooling was organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the local RVS College of Engineering and Technology. Dinesh Kumar (assistant professor from NIT, Jamshedpur) was the main speaker of the program. While addressing the students, the keynote speaker gave detailed information about the tool design.

Upset over studies, Class VI Student Of Ranchi Sacred Heart School Jumps From 3rd floor

Ranchi, August 26: In a shocking incident, a Class VI girl student of Sacred Heart School in Ranchi jumped from the third floor of the school after being upset with her studies. The case pertains to Sacred Heart School located in Tupudana of the district. According to the reports, a girl named Aaradhya, studying in Class VI, came out of her class during lunch time in the school and reached the third floor of the senior section and jumped from there. The school management rushed her to Paras Hospital where the doctor said that the girl had fractures in many parts of her body. If there is fracture in many places on the leg, then many



bones of the hand have also been shattered. She also has serious injuries on his face. She has been kept on ventilator. According to the school management, the girl had gone to

the terrace three times around 10 am and 11 am. A forensic team has also measured the height of the roof. It is said that the girl has jumped from about 32 feet above. The girl has also left a suicide note. It is being said that the reason for studies and low marks has been written in the suicide note. At present, the condition of the student remains critical. Many questions are being raised about the school management after this accident. The station in-charge says that the police is investigating seriously at every point. The footage of the CCTV installed in the school is being scrutinised. In the initial investigation, the case seems to be an attempt to suicide.

Office of the Superintending Engineer, Building Construction Department, Chotanagpur Circle, Line Tank Road, Ranchi. e-Procurement Notice (Very Shorty Notice) Tender Ref. No.-BCD/SECNC/26/Building Div. Chaibasa/2023-24 Date: 25.08.2023

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला. अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/SKELLA/06/2023-24

India endorses Commonwealth roadmap on fast-tracking gender equality

Women's affairs ministers from Commonwealth countries, including representatives from India, have committed to a roadmap, designed to scale up efforts to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls, especially in climate action. New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) Women's affairs ministers from Commonwealth countries, including representatives from India, have committed to a roadmap, designed to scale up efforts to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls, especially in climate action. The roadmap was the result of three-day deliberations among ministers at their triennial Commonwealth meeting in The Bahamas this week. It was also shaped by input from a range of stakeholders, including domestic violence survivors, civil society representatives and women with disabilities. As part of this roadmap, the women's affairs ministers pledged to enhance efforts to address inequality in several Commonwealth priority areas over the coming years.

Specific provisions include an enhanced role of women in climate finance, increased support for women with disabilities, more economic opportunities for women, better representation in decision-making and greater protections from gender-based violence. The roadmap encapsulates the outcome statement issued by ministers, representing 2.5 billion Commonwealth people, at the conclusion of their meeting. Next year, this roadmap will be considered by leaders at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa.

Speaking after the meeting, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Patricia Scotland, said the roadmap was "incredibly important" because millions of women and girls "re disproportionately impacted by injustice, climate change, violence and discrimination". "The outcomes of the meeting send a clear message that the Commonwealth is determined to lead by example towards ensuring women and girls are not left behind in our efforts to achieve sustainable development and climate justice. "What we achieved here will enable us all to deliver today and it will help to shape a better tomorrow for the benefit of the 2.5 billion people living in our Commonwealth," she added. To support the roadmap's implementation, ministers endorsed a framework for reporting on Commonwealth priorities for gender equality. The Commonwealth Secretariat will use this framework to regularly assess progress based on set indicators and coordinate necessary measures through a ministerial action group, aimed at tackling challenges disrupting the positive momentum. Acknowledging that climate change disproportionately affects women and girls, ministers shared good practices that supported women and girls in overcoming the impacts in their respective countries.

Ministers and senior officials also called on the Commonwealth to advocate for an inclusive 'Loss and Damage Fund' that supports the needs of women and girls equitably. India's Preetam B. Yashwant, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, endorsed the roadmap on achieving gender equality.

The meeting was chaired by Obediah Wilchcombe, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development of The Bahamas. Reflecting on the meeting in a press conference, minister Wilchcombe expressed his appreciation for the substantive outcomes. "We have a roadmap coming out of this meeting which we (The Bahamas) and other countries will follow. Because it would not make too much sense three years from now to return saying the same old thing. What we want to do is to make a real difference. We are pleased that this meeting sets us up on a higher plane and at a faster pace to follow this roadmap," he said.

Recognising the significance of engaging men and boys in preventing and combating gender-based violence, ministers welcomed the launch of Secretary-General Scotland's 'For the Women in my Life' campaign.

To be rolled out across the Commonwealth, the campaign will take a culturally sensitive approach towards involving men and boys in addressing violence against women and girls as active allies. In their statement, ministers also highlighted the need for collecting and analysing sex-disaggregated data in order to develop evidence-based solutions and target them more accurately.

Dedicated to the advancement of Indian Industry and Community

Sir Dorabji Tata gave concrete shape to the vision of his father Jamsetji Tata, the founder of the Tata Group. He established the Tata Group as an industrial giant while also supporting sport and a variety of charitable causes.

The elder son of Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, Sir Dorabji was born on August 27, 1859. He attended the Proprietary High School in Bombay (now Mumbai). At 18, he attended Gonville and Caius College at Cambridge. It was in England that Sir Dorabji discovered his love for sports. At Cambridge, he distinguished himself at sports, winning honours for cricket and football. He also played tennis for his college, became an expert rower, won several sprint events and was a good equestrian.

He returned to Bombay in 1879 and joined St Xavier's College, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in arts. Instead of including his son in his expanding business, Jamsetji encouraged him to broaden his experience with a stint in journalism, and later gave him independent charge of setting up a textile project in Pondicherry (today's Puducherry). Soon after, Sir Dorabji was sent to look after the company's flagship Empress Mills in Nagpur, India. At the age of 38, he married Meherbai Bhabha, the daughter of HJ Bhabha, inspector general of education of the erstwhile Mysore state.

The three great passions of Jamsetji's life at this point were the Indian Institute of Science, which would prepare future

CELEBRATING SIR DORABJI TATA'S 164TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



Inspired by Sir Dorabji Tata's legacy, Tata Steel remains dedicated to championing Indian sports.

The Company has established academies for football, archery, athletics, hockey and sports climbing - nurturing talent across disciplines.

generations of Indians to take full part in the scientific development of the country; a steel plant, which would establish India's industrial credentials; and a pioneering hydroelectric plant near Bombay.

Sir Dorabji's commitment to his father's

vision and values was so strong that he staked his personal fortune to save the steel venture, Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd (TISCO) as it was known then, when in 1924 it slipped into trouble. His business sense and audacity had seen the company undertaking a

five-fold expansion programme in the post-World War I period. Spiralling costs combined with transport and labour difficulties in the West upset Sir Dorabji's calculations. At about this time, TISCO's largest pig iron customer, Japan, was struck by an earthquake and

steel prices tumbled.

It got to a point when there was not enough money to pay his workers' wages. Sir Dorabji pledged his entire personal fortune worth, about INR 1 crore and his wife's personal jewellery including the famous Jubilee Diamond, to obtain a loan. TISCO secured support from several and it survived the crisis.

Sir Dorabji's selflessness and devotion to TISCO has permeated through every generation of Tata Steel's management and employees. The Company aspires to be the most respected and valued steel company globally. While there are metrics to assess valuation, respect is intangible. Small steps, however, can be taken that can incrementally add value to the total, taking the organisation in the direction it wishes to go. Building on the vision of its leaders like Sir Dorabji, Tata Steel has instituted a culture in which small improvements are institutionalised. More importantly, it has ensured that this culture of doing the right thing permeates every corner of the organisation. Sir Dorabji had an enduring love of sport, trying his hand at different disciplines in his younger days and, later, becoming a strong patron and supporter of the Indian Olympic Association. In fact, India owed its participation in the Olympic Games at Antwerp in 1920 in great measure to Sir Dorabji. As president of the Indian Olympic Association, he financed the Indian contingent that went to the Paris Olympics of 1924.

PAWAR PLAY-I MASTER OF REAL POLITIK



On May 2, the day he was to release his revised and updated autobiography in Marathi, 'Lok Maze Sangati' (People Are My Companions), the longest lasting player in Maharashtra politics, Sharad Pawar, dropped a shocker - he said he was quitting as president of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which he had founded in 1999.

The announcement came at a time when Pawar was conducting talks with Opposition leaders to find ways to get them together and against the backdrop of the rumours swirling around Mumbai that his nephew and political right hand, Ajit Pawar, was planning to bail out to the BJP-led ruling Maharashtra coalition with a majority of NCP MLAs.

Political observers were quick to point out that 83-year-old Pawar has never showed that he's prone to taking impulsive decisions. He was clearly checkmating Ajit Pawar and other prominent potential defectors (Praful Patel is one of the names on the list), although he maintains for the record that "we cannot stop those who wish to leave the party", and safeguarding his daughter Supriya Sule's position by showing to the world that his party is still solidly behind him.

After the high drama of May 2, and another two days of suspense, with a committee appointed for the purpose rejecting his decision, Pawar declared on May 5 that he was taking back his resignation in response to the wishes of his party leaders and workers. Here's a recap of Pawar's meteoric rise and amazing durability.

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India's real estate sector aims for USD 5.8 Trn valuation by 2047: Report

India's real estate industry could reach a value of USD 5.8 trillion by 2047, according to a joint report by the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) and Knight Frank.

The report "Vision 2047" was unveiled during NAREDCO's 25th Silver Jubilee Foundation Day celebration in Hyderabad in the presence of prominent figures, policymakers, industry leaders, and real estate experts.

Residential real estate might contribute USD 3.5 trillion, office real estate around USD 0.43 trillion, and Private Equity (PE) Investments could hit USD 54.3 billion, says the report.

This growth would elevate the real estate sector's contribution to the economy from 7.3 per cent to 15.5 per cent by 2047. As India approaches its 100th year of independence in 2047, its economy is projected to range from USD 33 trillion to USD 40 trillion. Speaking at the launch, Rajan Bandelkar, President NAREDCO India said: "Vision 2047, not just for NAREDCO but for Indian Real Estate, is about the



roadmap of India's economic growth, and the role of real estate as one of the leading engines of that growth story."

"Significant expansion of the Indian economy by 2047, will be powered by Real Estate. A multifold economic expansion will boost demand across all the asset classes - residential, commercial, warehousing, industrial land developments etc - will grow at a multiplier rate to accommodate the growing needs of the economy and consumption needs of the

individuals," Bandelkar said. The report suggests that Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) could extend beyond offices and retail spaces to include residential, warehousing, and other sectors. Developers may also explore REITs for various asset classes like data centers, hospitality, and education.

The report anticipates changing income profiles will lead to housing demand across all price categories. While affordable housing will

initially be in demand, there will be a gradual shift towards mid and luxury segments.

The proportion of lower income households is expected to decrease from 43 per cent to 9 per cent by 2047, resulting in more middle-income and upper middle-income groups driving mid-segment housing demand.

Dr Niranjan Hiranandani, National Vice Chairman of NAREDCO, opined: "PMO's ambitious project, Housing for All, will propel the

sustainable demand for residential housing across the spectrum. A strong foundation for the upward

cyclical growth of the real estate sector is being laid by the Government of India and the regulatory authorities."

"Growing GDP will stimulate commercial and industrial real estate growth, attracting global investors towards Grade A assets. Emerging alternative asset classes will also play a critical role in pooling investments and boosting investors' confidence," he

Indian spacetech sector gets \$62 mn in funding this year, up 60%

As the world acknowledges India's space dominance after the Chandrayaan-3 success, the spacetech sector in the country received \$62 million in funding this year to date, reflecting a substantial 60 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. India currently ranks seventh in terms of funding within the international spacetech landscape, firmly establishing its

space dominance after the Chandrayaan-3 success, the spacetech sector in the country received \$62 million in funding this year to date, reflecting a substantial 60 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. India currently ranks seventh in terms of funding within the international spacetech landscape, firmly establishing its

influence in this dynamic sector, according to a latest report by market intelligence firm Tracxn.

This exceptional growth trend is expected to continue in the upcoming months. The Indian SpaceTech sector's journey has been one of transformation, driven by the sector's privatisation in 2020. From a modest \$35 million funds raised



between 2010 and 2019, the sector experienced a meteoric rise in 2020,

securing a remarkable \$28 million in funding. This trend continued with

exponential growth, reaching \$96 million in 2021 and an impressive \$112 million in 2022, marking a 17 per cent increase from the previous year. This steady expansion in funding sets the Indian SpaceTech sector apart from other industries affected by funding challenges and macroeconomic fluctuations.

"Previously dominated

by governmental players, the sector has witnessed a significant surge in private sector participation post-privatisation. Private entities are now actively involved in crucial aspects of research, manufacturing, and fabrication of rockets and satellites, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of innovation," the report noted. India's emergence

as a potent player in spacetech is further highlighted by its impressive satellite deployment. With 381 satellites placed in low orbit, India has positioned itself as a key player in this arena. Notably, the successful launch of 36 satellites into orbit by ISRO for UK-based OneWeb illustrates India's contribution to global satellite ownership.

Asia Cup: Babar Azam does remind me very much of Virat Kohli, says Moody

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): Former Australian cricketer Tom Moody discussed the similarities between two modern-day batting greats in Virat Kohli and Babar Azam in the 50-over format game, saying the Pakistan skipper reminds him a lot about the talismanic Indian batter.

"I think absolutely he is. He does remind me very much of Virat Kohli, the way he goes about his business. He plays authentic cricket shots. He seems to understand, read the game very well, which Kohli has done for over a decade. He is a good chaser as well like Virat Kohli has proven to be over many, many years."

"So, there's so much likeness between the two and I wouldn't go as far as saying that Virat is gonna have a better Asia Cup than Babar Azam, but they both can have equal pressure on them and it's gonna be a delight to watch them both bat because they are box office," Moody was quoted



as saying by Star Sports.

The upcoming edition of the Asia Cup will be held from August 30 - September 17 in Pakistan and Sri Lanka. India will be opening its Asia Cup Group A campaign against Pakistan on September 2 at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium in Kandy.

Moody believes Azam being Pakistan's captain for a while has enhanced his leadership skills, on which he can bank upon during the Asia Cup. "Well, the

captaincy for any captain in any Asian team is always a very challenging one."

"The microscope is very much on every single captain and every single move and suddenly you've got so many experts out there when you do make a move that maybe not be the right move at the time but I think that he's still dealing with the growing pressures of captaincy there's no question of that."

"So, you know, he'll only continue to get better. He is

also got around him, I mentioned the experience of this Pakistan side now he's also got a lot of experience around him and a lot of players that have been in captaincy roles whether that be in franchise cricket or in their domestic cricket, so he's got a lot of strong leadership pillars around which I'm sure he'll draw upon," he elaborated.

Taking forward Moody's view, former India cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar spoke about the qualities of

Kohli and Azam by drawing a comparison between the two.

"Absolutely, and we can expect that to happen again. Just one thing that you know people like Tendulkar and Virat Kohli have had to deal with that they've had long careers and they sort of have spanned over 10-15 years and anytime there's been a rising star, he's been compared to a guy who's been in the race for a long time." "So sometimes it can be a little unfair but the greatness of these two guys is that they maintain that standard that the best performance of a rising player is equated with it. Yes, both are very good players." "One obviously in his prime younger but coming to these kind of platform we want to say Virat Kohli and see with the format that we have here not the T20 format, Asia Cup this time round you might just see a bit Babar Azam and maybe show his place as well."

BCCI chief Roger Binny, Rajeev Shukla to attend matches in Pakistan; reports

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS): The BCCI has nominated its president Roger Binny and vice-president Rajeev Shukla to go to Pakistan and attend the matches during the Asia Cup 2023 campaign, reports said. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had extended an invitation to the Indian cricket board to attend the matches in the Pakistan leg of the tournament, which gets underway on August 30. According to reports, the two BCCI officials will travel to Pakistan via Wagah Border on September 4 as representatives of the board during the Asia Cup. Pakistan will host four matches of Asia Cup 2023 while Sri Lanka will host nine.



'Virat Kohli is perfect for No. 4', says AB de Villiers

Dubai, Aug 26 (IANS): Former South Africa cricketer AB de Villiers has suggested Virat Kohli could be the answer to India's No.4 conundrum at the World Cup.

Speaking on his Youtube channel 'AB de Villiers 360', Kohli's former IPL teammate said, "We're still talking about who will be the No. 4 batter for India. I've heard some rumours about Virat (Kohli) possibly taking up that position. I would be a big



supporter of that."

"I think Virat is perfect for No. 4. He can put the innings together, play any kind of role in that middle

order. I don't know if he would like to do that. We know he loves his No. 3 position; he's scored all his runs there, but at the end of the day, if the team needs you to do something, play a certain role, you have got to put your hand up and go for it." "With Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul only recently returning to the squad after their long-term injuries, India's middle order has been a topic of discussion ahead of the Asia Cup and the World Cup.

The Hundred in England can definitely be second to IPL, says Sam Curran

London, Aug 26 (IANS): England's left-arm pace all-rounder Sam Curran feels The Hundred has definitely in it to be the second-best tournament in the franchise cricket circuit after the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Curran will be playing in Sunday's final of The Hundred for his team Oval Invincibles, and has played for Punjab Kings as well as Chennai Super Kings in the IPL, apart from representing MI Cape Town in the inaugural edition of SA20 in South Africa.

"I think players are more used to the format, and teams have been pretty stable over the three years so they are familiar faces to the fans. Good crowds, good pitches, lots of close games?... we have had fantastic support. England is a great place to play cricket with all the big grounds and definitely it can be second to IPL."

"All the domestic talent we have should make us achieve that anyway. England has so many fantastic white-ball players and that has made this a great competition. Hopefully it can make it bigger and better." Curran was quoted as saying by The Telegraph. Curran was the player of the match and player of the tournament in England winning the Men's T20 World Cup in Australia last year. With Sunday's final of The Hundred at Lord's being a sold-out, Curran is convinced that the tournament is working its magic on getting kids drawn to the sport.

Argentina's Primera Division: Colon beat Gimnasia to go top

Buenos Aires, Aug 26 (IANS): Colon struck two first-half goals to rise to the top of Argentina's Primera Division Group A standings with a 2-0 home win over Gimnasia.

Jorge Benitez headed home the opener after Damian Batallini's cross and Tomas Galvan doubled the advantage just before the half hour by firing home following a scramble inside the six-yard box, reports Xinhua. The result at the Elephants Cemetery stadium in Santa Fe catapulted gifted Colon three points clear of second-placed Talleres Cordoba while Gimnasia are last in the 14-team group. In Friday's only other fixture, Nestor Breitenbruch scored in the 78th minute as Arsenal Sarandi clinched a 3-2 home victory over Argentinos Juniors. Lucas Brochero and Santiago Toloza were also on target for the hosts while Gabriel Avalos and Luciano Gondou netted for the visitors.

I was pretty much in my zone after the second game, says HS Prannoy

Denmark, Aug 26 (IANS): After the stunning victory over two-time defending champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark in the quarterfinals on Friday, India's HS Prannoy expressed his delight, saying his determination has finally paved off and he has a world medal now.

"Oh, yes! I finally have a world medal. I just zoned out, the only thing under my control is me. I was actually not thinking about anything else today, just thinking about what to do to take the next five points. A lot of thinking I was doing inside but was not aware of what was happening around me. I was pretty much in my zone after the second game," said Prannoy after the match. He further expressed his commitment to innovating his game in big tournaments and said, "I have been developing my game and trying to learn as many new shots as I can. I might come out with new shots in the next week". With this remarkable win, Prannoy will finally have a world championship medal under his name. Despite getting down in the first game, Prannoy made a stunning comeback in the second set, displaying his great skill of grit and temperament with the final scorecard read 13-31, 21-15, 21-16 in Prannoy's favor. With PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal, Kidambi Srikanth, Lakshya Sen, B Sai Praneeth, and Prakash Padukone previously winning in singles events, Prannoy will now share the bench with them.



'Best of luck to Neeraj', says Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem ahead of World Athletics 2023 finals

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS): Pakistan's star Javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem has hailed India's Neeraj Chopra's performance in the ongoing World Athletics Championship 2023 and wished him luck ahead of the finals.

"Best of luck to Neeraj. Neeraj bhai, Aap bhi achha karein, Hum bhi achha karein. Aapka naam hai world me, hamara bhi naam aye" (Neeraj brother, you also do well, and I also do well. You have a name in the world. I hope I also get my name in the world), said Arshad to Sportstar.

Nadeem who just came out of a year-long knee injury, propelled his season-best 86.79m to book



his spot in the finals after Neeraj Chopra in the ongoing championship in Budapest.

The Indian star athlete, who topped the qualification mark, secured his spot in the finals with a massive of 88.7m throw. Both the players have also qualified for the Paris Olympics 2024 surpassing

the qualification mark.

Nadeem posted a photograph on Instagram and expressed his camaraderie towards Neeraj soon after the game and said that he wants Chopra to perform well in the finals. He also looked confident about achieving the big feat in finals on Sunday.

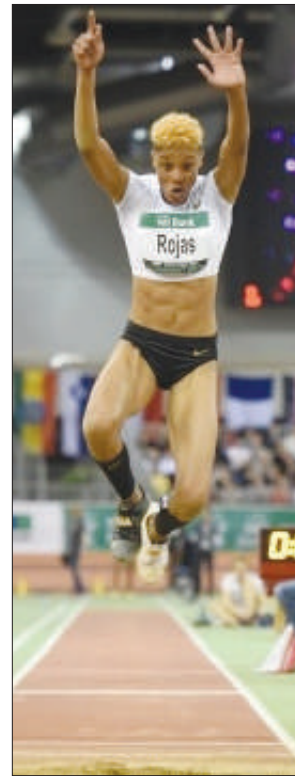
Rojas's final jump, Kitaguchi's last throw and Lyles's double victories at Worlds

Budapest, Aug 26 (IANS): Both Yulimar Rojas and Haruka Kitaguchi triumphed at the World Athletics Championships with their final attempts while Noah Lyles added the 200m title to his 100m crown here.

Yulimar Rojas, the world record holder and Olympic champion in the women's triple jump, was far from her best form as she was eighth in 14.33m with only one jump to go, reports Xinhua.

But the 27-year-old Venezuelan only needed one opportunity to leave everyone behind. A final jump of 15.08m enabled her to win the world title four times in a row, as Maryna Bekh-Romanchuk of Ukraine and Cuban Leyanis Perez Hernandez followed behind in 15.00m and 14.96m respectively.

"It was very difficult.



The fact that I won the competition with my last

attempt makes it very special and memorable," said Rojas. "This is my seventh world championship gold in a row (outdoors and indoors), but this is the most special of all of them. My last attempt was proof of the hard work I have done, my mental state and my self confidence."

Although the result was far behind her personal best of 15.67m, Rojas said she didn't care. "The only thing I had in mind was to win the gold."

In the women's javelin throw final, Colombian veteran Flor Denis Ruiz Hurtado held the top position firmly in 65.47m with her first try, but Japanese Kitaguchi, who couldn't surpass the 63m mark in her previous five attempts, made a tremendous throw to turn around the table in 66.73m.

National racing championship 2023 set to roar into action in Coimbatore

Coimbatore, Aug 25 (IANS): Motorsport enthusiasts are in for a treat as the iconic JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship (JKNRC) revs back with a brand-new season this weekend on August 26-27, here.

The Kari Motor Speedway, is all set for high-octane action, continuing its legacy of discovering and nurturing emerging talent. The track which is nestled on the outskirts of Coimbatore and surrounded by natural beauty has been a home to JKNRC for a long time and has time and again proved to be a worthy and rewarding venue for motorsports enthusiasts.

JKNRC which is in its 26th year of existence, enjoys an iconic status and has been a breeding ground for Indian motorsports which yielded desired results and helped various drivers including Narain Karthikeyan, Armaan Ebrahim, Karun Chandhok,



Arjun Maini, Kush Maini and others graduate to the next level to realise their dreams. Over the years, it has given a platform to aspiring drivers from all parts of the country to make it big in motorsport. And like every edition, this year too it will see pan-India participation from Jammu, Chandigarh, Delhi in North to Sikkim in North-East, Mumbai in West and, Hyderabad, Bangalore & Chennai in South and will give an opportunity to both

male and female drivers to prove their mettle on a level-playing field.

The opening round will see the contenders push their limits for the coveted National Champion title in the Indian make LGB Formula 4, and becoming the overall champion in the JK Tyre Novice Cup and JK Tyre presents Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup with an aim to grab early advantage and set the tone for the remainder of the season.

Men's and women's blind teams make India proud at World Games

Birmingham, Aug 26 (IANS): In a momentous display of strength, perseverance, and sheer skill, the Indian blind cricket teams (both men's and women's) have made the nation proud by qualifying for the finals of the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Games 2023 on the back of their scintillating show in Birmingham.

Being the only country to have both its men's and women's cricket teams in the final of the IBSA World Games, India has put blind cricket on the world map, setting an example of what grit and determination can do.

The challenges conquered by the blind cricket teams go beyond the boundaries of the cricket

pitch. Each run scored and each wicket taken have been a result of relentless practice, hours of honing their senses, and sheer commitment to making the nation proud.

While the journey for the women's team to the final was a cakewalk in the IBSA World Games 2023, the Indian men's team had to fight hard at times to reach the finals.

India had lost the first match against Pakistan by 18 runs last week when the campaign began for the two teams in the ongoing tournament. However, the Men In Blue didn't lose hope as they came back hard at Australia to win the next match.

India defeated the hosts England by 7 wickets to win their second match of



the tournament as the players displayed an all-round performance.

India's next match was with Bangladesh and the Men In Blue found themselves in a tricky position chasing 148 as the side lost half their side inside 6 overs for just 26 runs.

However, some brilliant batting performances from Nareeshbhai Balubhai Tumda (28), Sunil Ramesh (20), and vice-captain Venkateswara Rao Dunna (30) helped India get close to the target.

In the end, Bangladesh were fined 26 penalty runs which eventually took

India's score to 165/7 in 17 overs, helping the Men In Blue register a thrilling win.

India again met Bangladesh in the semis on Friday and this time the Men In Blue didn't waste a minute in dominating the Tigers before reaching the finals.

On the other hand in women's cricket, India won the game by 8 wickets against Australia to kick off their campaign in style. In the second match against England, India went all guns blazing and scored 268/2 in the allotted 20 overs with Gangavva H smashing 117 in 60 balls. England lost the match by 185 runs.

In the third match on Wednesday, India thrashed Australia by 163 runs to

continue their dominant display of cricket.

As these two teams gear up for the finals, the nation awaits dual glory on Saturday. It's just not a final but a finale that is manifested after a lot of hard work.

Through their journey, the teams have shown that impossible is nothing and that sheer willpower and prowess can overcome any hurdle that comes across the journey of an athlete.

India's men's team will meet Pakistan on Saturday in the finals as the IBSA World Games get ready to witness its maiden summit clash in cricket while the women's team will face Australia. Both matches will be played on Saturday at Edgbaston Cricket Stadium.

'Queen of West Coast', 117-year-old Flying Rane, gets sleek new LHB rakes

By Quaid Najmi

Mumbai, August 26 (IANS) The favourite train of the diamond fraternity and tourists, Flying Rane Express, partly a double-decker, zooming between Mumbai-Surat since 1906, will get a new look from Sunday - the comfortable and speedier LHB rake, a Western Railway official said here on Saturday.

The train (12921/12922), first described as the 'Queen of the West Coast', has been serving the diamond polishing hub of Surat and the country's commercial capital Mumbai since its inception 117 years ago in 1906.

It makes the 265-km journey in around 4 hours, 40 minutes, averaging around 80 kmph and is popular with commuters travelling between the two cities, the 'angadiyas' (traditional couriers) community, the vacationers thronging beaches dotting

its route and those going to work in either city.

Under the new LHB 'avatar', the train will have 21 coaches comprising air-conditioned chair cars and second-class seating coaches, reserved as well as earmarked for season ticket holders, a ladies only coach, a ladies season ticket holders coach and a general coach, etc., said WR Chief Spokesperson Sumit Thakur.

Introduced first in 1906, the classic Flying Rane was touted as a train destined to make history for its speed and affordability as well as a 'single fare for return journey for ladies', but for certain reasons it was discontinued in April 1914.

Then, on a warm sunny morning, the Flying Rane was re-introduced as a weekend special train from May 1, 1937 - in the period marking the Coronation of King George VI in December 1936 -- the



grandfather of the present King Charles III of the United Kingdom.

A thrilled local well-wisher had gifted saris and dhotis to all the excited passengers travelling on the inaugural run of the train.

But its journey lasted for just two years - when Flying Rane was again 'derailed' due to the outbreak of World War-II when civilian travel was severely restricted to make way for military trains.



Thereafter, in Independent India, on November 1, 1950, the Flying Rane roared again with 8 coaches from the Surat station, gaily decorated with bunting, flags, flowers and festoons,

the then Surat Collector M. K. Deshpande broke the auspicious coconut and sprinkled its water on the steam engine before it puffed out.

This time it became the Flying Rane's permanent,

daily service avatar that has continued uninterrupted for the past 73 years, with 14 stations en route, mostly linking to the popular beach resorts on the west coast of India in Maharashtra and southern Gujarat, where the weekend crowds thronged in that era.

In December 1979, it became the first and only superfast train that got 8 double-decker coaches and now Flying Rane will be in another incarnation with the LHB rakes from July 16, but the double-decker coaches will be history.

The train has long been patronised by the Gujaratis, Parsis, DawoodiBohras, Memons and other communities having their homes or offices in either Mumbai or Surat, and many owning country homes in one of the coastal villages en route.

"My sister has been settled in Surat for over 40 years... We are in Mumbai

and regularly travel to meet her family there, so we always opt for the Flying Rane... both ways," gushed a senior citizen, Abdul HussainKinariwala of Kandivali.

A veteran Bollywood journalist, JivrajBurman, recalled how - in the mid-1980s - several junior artists working in the epic RamanandSagartele-serial 'Ramayana' (1987), used to travel by the Flying Rane to reach the picture-postcard village of Umargaon where the shooting sets were erected for many months.

A Surat resident, PankajPanchal, a manager in a Mumbai diamond firm, commutes daily between the two cities and he loyally described Flying Rane as 'royal, punctual and dependable' in all weathers, and he loves travelling on the upper deck of the train.

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Wearing slippers, Manali SDM makes way for deluge-struck 4,500 vehicles

By Vishal Gulati

Manali, August 26 (IANS) It's not a storm in a teacup when downpours last week dislodged boulders and rocks and triggered heavy flooding in Kullu-Manali in Himachal Pradesh.

But this officer, Raman Sharma, knew it all along. The realisation about the plight of the stranded tourists in some 4,500 vehicles hit him with full force after he himself paid Rs 50 to a roadside vendor for a teacup after a hectic rescue work amidst mounting pressure.

After paying a price for it, he has been on his toes in slippers to make way for a l a n d s l i d e - s t r u c k commuters.

Subdivisional Magistrate (SDM) Raman Sharma, who is posted in the picturesque tourist Manali that witnessed full nature's fury after last week's deluge washed away about 40 per cent of the 41-km-long national highway between



Manali and Kullu and several bridges by the swollen glacial-fed Beas river. After the damage to the national highway, local authorities diverted the traffic on the rural winding road on the left bank of the river. But the hurdle is that even a crucial half a century old bridge on the Jagatsukh, a tributary of the Beas, has also been washed away in flashfloods. The left bank 50-km road stretch between Manali and Kullu is the most dilapidated one, while the right bank is a national highway.

Before the motorists were

allowed to use the left bank route to exit, a crucial challenge for local authorities was to make an upcoming bridge near Jagatsukh, some 6 km from Manali, motorable.

On knowing that the Jagatsukhbridge is the last lifeline for safely evacuating people in some 4,500 vehicles, comprising Volvos, SDM Raman Sharma reached the spot, braving torrential rains on July 11 to make the upcoming bridge motorable. Sharma told IANS that the construction of the new bridge was

underway as its both ends were to be connected with the link road.

"There was a lot of pressure on us to make the bridge motorable. A huge volume of the vehicles were parked on sides of the bridge. Everyone was in panic to leave for their destinations. It was raining heavily. We reached the spot with a JCB and a handful of labourers. But the JCB soon developed a snag. I told them to start lifting boulders and muck physically to fill up the gaps on both sides of the bridge," an elated Sharma told

IANS.

Locals told IANS the SDM himself started lifting the boulders. On seeing the official, a large number of local villagers and motorists too joined him to make the bridge motorable.

As the SDM's shoes were damaged in a slurry of mudslide, he brought a pair of slippers from his vehicle and was involved in an earth filling operation that lasted for nearly two hours.

"We were racing against time as the traffic snarl was getting longer and longer while the stranded tourists were in panic to leave the place as early as possible. They were feared of another deluge. The determination of the SDM was the motivating spirit for the locals and passersby, largely the youth, to speed up the rescue work," Prem Thakur, who runs The BykeNeelkanth hotel in Manali, told IANS. Local residents Gautam Thakur and Hari Chand Sharma, who were also involved in the volunteerism.

Welcome to Barbie land

New Delhi, August 26 (IANSLife)

TheBarbiecore trend has been taking over runways and Instagram feeds for a while now. But as the highly anticipated release of the new "Barbie" movie is on July 21st, the Barbiecore frenzy is reaching its peak!

The iconic doll has always been the ultimate trendsetter, and the proof is in the pudding. Immediately after the trailer dropped, searches for Barbie skyrocketed by a staggering 300%! It's evident that people all over the world are ready to embrace their inner Barbie and channel her iconic style.

Here are 4 fun ways to help you play-up her signature charm. Are you ready to become a living, breathing Barbie doll?

- Barbie Blonde!
 - Get the Schwarzkopf Simply Color Peanut Blonde and apply directly to achieve the target shade (follow instructions on the pack)
 - In case the hair is darker, bleach before applying colour.
 - Voila, your Barbie hair is ready to party!
- Bouncy High Pony
 - First, prep your hair by applying the Schwarzkopf Taft Power Hair Mousse, section by section
 - Blow dry hair to create volume
 - With a curling iron, create soft texture along the hair lengths. Gather hair at the top center of the head and secure with a rubber band or scrunchie
 - Style your bangs or pull out some loose strands to frame the face
 - Add finishing spray with Taft Ultimate Hair Lacquer to keep the style in place and



- hold for hours
 - Bubble Braid or Chunky Braids
 - To prep the hair, start applying Schwarzkopf Taft Power Hair Mousse, section by section
 - Blow dry hair to create volume
 - Section hair neatly and create a loose plait. While holding the end of the plait firmly with one hand, use the other to loosely tug and fluff each part of the plait starting from the top. Secure with a rubber band.
 - On some Taft Power Hair Lacquer for a finishing spray to keep the style and add some radiant shine!
 - Big Blow-out
 - Rinse hair with a shampoo and conditioner to keep it fresh for the next step
 - Time to take sections and apply the Taft Power Hair Mousse
 - Now using a large brush, blow dry the hair creating lots of volume
 - Finish with a Taft Shine Hair Spray for a glossy topcoat finish and an extra dose of shine!
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Going beyond brutality, experts help us unravel mindset of violence

By Supriya Ramesh

New Delhi, August 26:

The increasing incidence of criminal activities in the nation's capital has instilled fear in the population. The severity of these crimes is particularly alarming, and it is worth noting that the reported cases represent only a fraction of the total number of crimes that go unreported.

Crime occurrences have become a daily reality to the extent that people have developed emotional resilience, striving not to be affected or intimidated. However, the recent surge in brutal murders has become a cause for concern, as the pervasive brutality is deeply distressing and unsettling.

"Murderers may view killing as a last resort due to multiple factors, such as intense emotional distress, distorted belief system, perceived threats, a lack of alternatives, or a desire for control or power," Consultant Psychiatrist Dr Sneha Sharma of Aakash Healthcare, New Delhi said.

Although, it is crucial to acknowledge that there is no single explanation to comprehend the factors that drive individuals to commit crimes and to understand the circumstances that lead them to perceive murder as their last resort, violence often stems from a combination of individual, psychological, environmental, and societal factors.

Looking at the

psychological factors, there are several that may contribute to an individual's inclination towards violence.

"These can include untreated mental health conditions, such as antisocial personality disorder, conduct disorder, or anger management issues," told Dr MinakshiManchanda, an Associate Director - Psychiatry at Asian Hospital, Faridabad.

It is commonly believed that our behaviour as both young individuals and adults is greatly influenced by our upbringing, the values instilled in us, and the environment in which we were raised. These factors play a significant role in shaping our conduct and actions.

A history of childhood trauma, abuse, neglect, or exposure to violence may increase the likelihood of violent behaviour later in life.

"The environment in which a person grows up and the society they are a part of can significantly impact their mindset. Factors like exposure to violence, poverty, social isolation, substance abuse, and lack of access to education and mental health resources can contribute to an individual's propensity for violence. Cultural norms and media influence can also shape attitudes and behaviours related to violence," Dr Manchanda explained.

On the other hand, according to Dr



VipulRastogi, a Senior Psychiatrist at Medanta Gurgaon, individuals with disturbed behaviour often exhibit aggressive tendencies from a young age. He said that people who perpetuate such atrocities are generally people with antisocial tendencies. "They may display violence and even demonstrate a propensity for animal cruelty during their childhood," Dr Rastogi made out an important point, adding that they can also be very insecure people and take any adverse event very personally in their life.

Dr. Sharma further explained that early behavioural traits can include a range of indicators. "Early behavioural traits could be inclination for violence such as exhibiting cruelty towards animals,

displaying persistent aggression, lacking empathy, being impulsive, having a fascination with violence, or experiencing social isolation, among other characteristics."

Following the recent and highly brutal murder of ShradhaWalkar in Delhi, where she was reportedly killed and dismembered into more than 30 pieces by A a f t a b P o o n a w a l a, approximately 7 to 8 similar cases have been reported across India.

In a month-old incident, a 32-year-old woman in suburban Mumbai was killed by her live-in partner of nine years who then used an electric saw to hack her body into so many parts.

For three days after the alleged murder, Manoj Sane (56) tried to dispose of the body and to escape detection, he pressure-

cooked some body parts, roasted others, and ground some more in a mixer and fed them to stray dogs.

The spine-chilling nature of these murders, coupled with the perpetrators' desperate attempts to cover up the evidence, leaves us all wondering about the thought process behind such heinous acts.

It is difficult to fathom how someone can conceive of committing such atrocities and muster the courage to carry them out.

"Factors contributing to extreme acts of brutality such as chopping body can be because of a combination of psychological factors, personal motives, emotional states, and the specific circumstances surrounding the crime," Dr Sharma told.

"In cases of cannibalism, mutilation, ritualistic

murders- can be nacro-sadistic that is the act, or parts of the crime signifies a fetish, trophy or a symbol. Other brutal crimes may be guided by strong aggressive emotions.

"The crimes are often organised, well-planned and researched. The common thread will usually be little to no guilt," said Dr SanjanaSaraf, a Clinical psychologist and certified Somatic therapist.

These individuals who exhibit little or no remorse often attempt to justify their murderous actions. It is understandable that a person with a sound mindset would not think of committing murder and feeling at ease with it.

The distorted mentality of those who engage in such acts plays a significant role in their ability to rationalise and accept such extreme behaviours.

"There is a lack of empathy toward others, extreme and rigid thought processes, feeling wronged, blaming others or the environment and belief systems, an inability to manage emotions and urges," Dr Saraf said.

"The mentality of individuals inclined to violence can vary, but common factors include distorted thinking, a lack of empathy, impulsivity, and a skewed perception of power or control," Dr Sharma added.

It would be inaccurate to say that all individuals who inflict violence have personally experienced

similar traumatic events. However, it would also be incorrect to entirely dismiss the possibility.

Trauma can have a profound and damaging impact on people, often leading them to cope by inflicting pain onto others. While it may not apply to every case, the link between personal trauma and the perpetration of violence cannot be completely disregarded.

Dr Sharma said: "Some individuals prone to violence may have faced abuse, neglect or trauma in their own lives which can be the reason to a cycle of violence. However, it is important to understand that not all individuals who experience negative circumstances become violent offenders."

Indeed, comprehending the mindset of individuals who commit violent acts can be a complex and difficult task.

However, it is crucial to approach the situation with a positive outlook and seek ways to facilitate change in these individuals.

By understanding the underlying factors contributing to their violent behaviour, it becomes possible to develop strategies and interventions that can support their transformation and rehabilitation.

Providing opportunities for rehabilitation and addressing the root causes of violence can help pave the way for positive change and contribute to building safer and more compassionate communities.

communities.

"While changing the mindset of such individuals is a complex, comprehensive approach involving prevention, early intervention, and rehabilitation holds the potential for promoting positive change," Dr Manchanda said.

She added: "Efforts should focus on creating supportive environments, improving access to mental health resources, and providing individuals with the necessary tools to lead non-violent and fulfilling lives."

It is important to delve deeper into the factors that contribute to violent behaviour and taking a proactive approach to addressing them.

Rather than solely condemning individuals who commit violent acts, it is crucial to encourage empathy, understanding, and a comprehensive approach to tackling violence.

By recognising the psychological, environmental, and societal factors that may influence violent behaviour, society can work towards creating supportive environments, improving access to mental health resources, and providing individuals with the necessary tools for non-violent and fulfilling lives.

There is a potential for positive change through prevention, early intervention, and rehabilitation, ultimately aiming to build safer and more compassionate communities.

Taliban imposes restrictions on Afghanistan's Sikh, Hindu minorities

New Delhi, August 26 (IANS) When Kabul fell to the Taliban in 2021, there were concerns that some of Afghanistan's tiny non-Muslim minorities could vanish. Two years on, those fears are becoming realised a media report said.

While Afghanistan's last-known Jew fled the country shortly after the Taliban takeover, the Sikh and Hindu communities are believed to have shrunk to just a handful of families, RFE/RL reported.

Under the Taliban, Sikhs and Hindus have faced severe restrictions, including on their appearances, and have been banned from marking their religious holidays in public, leaving many with no choice but to escape their homeland, RFE/RL reported. "I cannot go anywhere freely," Fari Kaur, one of the last remaining Sikhs in the capital, Kabul said.

"When I go out, I'm forced to dress like a



Muslim so that I can't be identified as a Sikh," she said, in reference to the Taliban's order that all women must wear the all-encompassing burqa or niqab. Kaur's father was killed in a suicide attack targeting Sikhs and Hindus in the eastern city of Jalalabad in 2018.

The attack reportedly led as many as 1,500 Sikhs to leave the country, including Kaur's mother and sisters.

But Kaur refused to leave

and stayed in Kabul to fulfil her father's dream that she finish school, the RFE/RL report said. In March 2020, 25 worshippers were killed when Islamic State-Khorasan (IS-K) militants stormed a Sikh temple in Kabul. Following the attack, most of the remaining members of the minority left Afghanistan.

Again, Kaur refused to leave. But now, more than two years after the Taliban seized power, she said the

lack of religious freedom under the militants has left her no choice but to seek refuge abroad.

"We have not celebrated our key festivals since the Taliban returned to power," she said. "We have very few community members left behind in Afghanistan. We cannot even look after our temples."

There were up to 100,000 Hindus and Sikhs in Afghanistan in the 1980s. But the war that broke out

in 1979 and the onset of growing persecution pushed many out.

During the civil war of the 1990s, the Taliban and rival Islamist groups pledged to protect minorities. But many Sikhs and Hindus lost their homes and businesses and fled to India, the report said.

When the Taliban regained power in August 2021, it attempted to assuage the fears of non-Muslim Afghans. The militants visited Sikh and Hindu temples to try and assure the remaining members of the communities of their commitment to their safety and well-being. But the Taliban's draconian restrictions on Sikhs and Hindus have forced many to seek a way out of their homeland, RFE/RL reported.

Niala Mohammad, the director of policy and strategy at the nonprofit Muslim Public Affairs Council in Washington.

India Club - a slice of history in heart of London closing down forever

London, Aug 26 (IANS) The landmark India Club in London, founded in 1951 as a way of furthering Indo-British relations, following Independence, will shut down next month after losing a protracted battle against its closure.

Situated directly opposite the Indian High Commission and the BBC's studios at Bush House, the club will shut its doors on September 17 after it was served a notice by the landlords to make way for putting up a luxury hotel, The Telegraph newspaper reported. The restaurant, with independent India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as its founding member, attracted a cosmopolitan clientele of employees from India House, journalists, lawyers from the nearby Royal Courts of Justice and lecturers and students from King's College.

Founded by Krishna Menon, India's first High



Commissioner, the place has been a hotspot for the Asian community in London, and has served Indian taste buds with popular dishes like butter chicken and masala dosa.

According to the Telegraph report, the lease was held by Yadgar Marker and his daughter Phiroza for the past 26 years, who described the eviction of the club as "heartbreaking".

In 2018, an application by the premises freeholder Marston Properties to turn the place into "modern tourist accommodation" was rejected by

Westminster Council, following a "Save India Club" petition signed by 26,000 people.

However, it was only a temporary reprieve. Sharing a photograph with his sister at the club, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, whose father Chandran Tharoor was one of the founding members of the club, wrote on X: "I am sorry to hear that the India Club, London, is to close permanently in September. As the son of one of its founders, I lament the passing of an institution that served so many Indians."

Singapore ready for a non-Chinese PM: Indian-origin presidential candidate

Singapore, Aug 26 (IANS) Ahead of the September 1 presidential election in Singapore, Indian-origin candidate Tharman Shanmugaratnam has said that the city-state is now ready for a non-Chinese Prime Minister.

"Singaporeans today, compared with 40 or 50 years ago, look at all factors, not just race," Tharman said in an election meeting with guests from the public on Friday, The Straits Times reported.

Citing former US President Barack Obama, Tharman said in his 20-minute speech that "race is a factor in politics everywhere. They look at people in totality..."



Singapore's ready anytime."

"If someone comes up who's a superior candidate for prime minister, the person can be made the prime minister. I believe they can," the 66-year-old leader stated.

It is a marker of

Singapore's progress as a society, he said at the meeting, which was held at Pasir Panjang Power Station.

"The answer to that (question) is before your eyes, when Singaporeans vote (for) a non-Chinese president," Jane Ittogi told the crowd, referring to her husband Tharman.

In his remarks, the former minister said that everyone should be recognised for what they contribute to society, and no one should feel that they are a nobody.

While material progress is important, "it's the things we can't measure that are critical to our future", Tharman, who had

formally launched his presidential campaign last month with a pledge to evolve the country's culture, said.

Apart from Tharman, senior investor Ng Kok Song and former income chief of the National Trades Union Congress, Tan Kin Lian, are in the race for September 1 election to choose the country's ninth president.

As the head of the city-state, the Singaporean president is empowered to veto government budgets and key public appointments, authorise anti-corruption investigations, and safeguard the country's fiscal reserve.

British Museum director resigns following suspected thefts

London, Aug 26 (IANS) British Museum Director Hartwig Fischer has resigned with immediate effect following alleged thefts of artefacts from the London institution.

In a statement on Friday, Fischer said that the museum "did not respond as comprehensively as it should have in response to the warnings (of thefts) in 2021" and that "the responsibility for that failure must ultimately rest with the director", reports Xinhua news agency.

The British Museum said last week that it had dismissed a staff member after items from its collection, including gold jewelry and gems of semiprecious stones and



glass dating from as far back as the 15th century B.C., were found to be "missing, stolen or damaged". According to reports by the BBC, an art dealer alerted the museum to the thefts in 2021, but Fischer said the art dealer himself withheld information about the stolen items when he contacted the museum.

"I wish to express my sincere regret and withdraw those remarks," Fischer said in his resignation statement. The museum has launched an independent review of security and the matter is now also being investigated by the Metropolitan Police.

Police said on Thursday that a man had been interviewed by investigating officers over

the thefts but no arrests had been made.

Fischer took up the post of director of the museum in 2016 and was due to step down in 2024.

The museum's Board of Trustees has accepted his resignation. "I am clear about this: we are going to fix what has gone wrong," British Museum Chair George Osborne said. One of the UK's largest tourist attractions, the Bloomsbury-based museum sees more than six million people visiting it each year.

Its collection spans six continents and two million years of history, including the Parthenon sculptures, also known as the Elgin Marbles.

India endorses Commonwealth roadmap on fast-tracking gender equality

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) Women's affairs ministers from Commonwealth countries, including representatives from India, have committed to a roadmap, designed to scale up efforts to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls, especially in climate action.

The roadmap was the result of three-day deliberations among ministers at their triennial Commonwealth meeting in The Bahamas this week.

It was also shaped by input from a range of stakeholders, including domestic violence survivors, civil society representatives and women with disabilities.

As part of this roadmap, the women's affairs ministers pledged to enhance efforts to address inequality in several Commonwealth priority areas over the coming years.

Specific provisions



include an enhanced role of women in climate finance, increased support for women with disabilities, more economic opportunities for women, better representation in decision-making and greater protections from gender-based violence.

The roadmap encapsulates the outcome statement issued by ministers, representing 2.5 billion Commonwealth

people, at the conclusion of their meeting.

Next year, this roadmap will be considered by leaders at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa.

Speaking after the meeting, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Patricia Scotland, said the roadmap was "incredibly important" because millions of women

and girls "are disproportionately impacted by injustice, climate change, violence and discrimination".

"The outcomes of the meeting send a clear message that the Commonwealth is determined to lead by example towards ensuring women and girls are not left behind in our efforts to achieve sustainable development and climate

justice. "What we achieved here will enable us all to deliver today and it will help to shape a better tomorrow for the benefit of the 2.5 billion people living in our Commonwealth," she added.

To support the roadmap's implementation, ministers endorsed a framework for reporting on Commonwealth priorities for gender equality.

The Commonwealth Secretariat will use this framework to regularly assess progress based on set indicators and coordinate necessary measures through a ministerial action group, aimed at tackling challenges disrupting the positive momentum.

Acknowledging that climate change disproportionately affects women and girls, ministers shared good practices that supported women and girls in overcoming the impacts in their respective countries.

Nearly 400 remain missing in Hawaii after deadly wildfires

Honolulu, Aug 26 (IANS) Nearly 400 people remain unaccounted for following the devastating wildfires in Hawaii's Maui Island which have claimed at least 115 lives since its eruption on August 8.

The "validated list", curated by the FBI, includes 388 names, as cell phone data now also is being used to try to pinpoint where victims may have been when the deadliest US wildfire disaster in more than 100 years tore through the island, CNN quoted the Maui County as saying.

"We're releasing this list of names because we know that it will help with the investigation," Police Chief John Pelletier said in a statement.

"We also know that once those names come out, it can and will cause pain for folks whose loved ones are listed. This is not an easy thing to do, but we want to



make sure that we are doing everything we can to make this investigation as complete and thorough as possible."

The FBI has worked with agencies "to unduplicate people that have been reported missing", Hawaii Gov. Josh Green had said on Thursday.

Wind-whipped flames tore through the Maui Island on August 8

following the historic town of Lahaina was left in ruins, with entire neighbourhoods and businesses reduced to ash, reports CNN.

As search crews and cadaver dogs have searched 100 per cent of single-storey homes in the disaster area, they were now going through multistorey homes and commercial properties, Maui County officials had said earlier in the week.

Syrian army kills 7 rebels in Aleppo

Damascus, Aug 26 (IANS) Seven members of the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) rebel group were killed by the Syrian Army in the northern province of Aleppo, a war monitor reported. The Army hit two vehicles of the HTS in the western countryside of Aleppo, killing seven militants and injuring several others, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights on Friday.

The UK-based watchdog group said the death toll will likely rise as some militants are critically wounded, Xinhua news agency reported.

Tension has been brewing between the HTS, which is previously known as the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front, and the Syrian



Army with both sides exchanging fire in northern Syria. On Monday, Syrian forces intercepted and shot down three weaponised drones dispatched by the HTS in the northwestern provinces of Idlib and Hama, according to the state news agency SANA.

Earlier on Monday, Russian airstrikes conducted in the Idlib region killed eight HTS militants, according to the Observatory.

HTS, a former al-Qaida affiliate, has established control over a large swathe of Idlib.

Wildfires burn 60,000 hectares in Italy this year: Industry

Rome, Aug 26 (IANS) Wildfires have so far burned more than 600 square km. (60,000 hectares) of land in Italy, more than in all of 2022, Coldiretti, the country's main agricultural association said.

It said on Friday that the past two unusually dry and hot summers have left water levels in rivers and lakes low, contributing to dry conditions in wooded areas. The areas impacted most by the fires are the islands of Sicily and Sardinia, but other parts of southern Italy also experienced uncontrolled blazes. Most recently, fires torched the eastern part of the Tuscan island of Elba.

The total area impacted by fires is more than three



times the size of the city of Milan in northern Italy, Xinhua news agency reported.

Even though the summer of 2022 was affected by drought and heatwaves, the

weather this year has been even more extreme with record high temperatures in many parts of the country. The back-to-back heatwaves have also had a cumulative effect, leaving

forests more vulnerable.

Police are reportedly conducting multiple investigations into possible arson in some cases of the wildfires, especially those in Sicily and Sardinia. A

seven-metre-tall wooden statue called the 'Dragon of Vaia' in Trentino, northern Italy, was burnt earlier this week and media reports indicate that police are "almost certain" arson was the case. On Friday, authorities in Greece said they had arrested 79 people on suspicion of arson in connection with recent fires in that country. In Italy, no arrests have been made so far. Coldiretti said that in addition to the land lost to fires, the extreme weather events (windstorms, hail, and floods) that have occurred this summer in Italy have had other far-reaching impacts: grape production is expected to be 14 per cent below last year's already reduced harvest.

Health

Common supplements may reduce natural hearing loss



New York, Aug 26 (IANS) Age-related hearing loss is associated with a decrease of cholesterol in the inner ear and a common supplement may help reduce the condition, according to a study in mice.

Experiments published in the open access journal PLOS Biology show that phytosterols supplements were able to act in place of the lost cholesterol and prevent sensory dysfunction in mice.

Sensory cells in the inner ear called outer hair cells (OHCs) amplify sounds by changing their length.

As people age, these cells lose their ability to stretch in response to sound, preventing sound amplification and leading to age-related hearing loss.

Because cholesterol is a key player in the stretch response, and because brain cholesterol has recently been shown to decrease with age, researchers hypothesise that hearing loss might be related to loss of cholesterol in OHCs. The team from University of Buenos Aires in Argentina, tested this hypothesis in mice.

First, the researchers measured the amount of CYP46A1 in inner ear OHCs because this enzyme helps break down and recycle cholesterol.

As expected, they found more CYP46A1 in the inner ears of older mice than in younger mice, and consequently less cholesterol.

Next, they showed cause and effect by inducing hearing loss in young mice, as indicated by abnormal inner ear-cell output, by over-activating CYP46A1 with a drug.

Finally, they tested whether increasing cholesterol in the brain could counter the drug.

Since cholesterol itself cannot actually enter the brain from the blood, the researchers used plant-based cholesterol-like compounds called phytosterols which can.

The young mice who got both the CYP46A1-activating drug and three weeks of dietary phytosterols displayed improved OHC function.

As phytosterols can be found in many over-the-counter supplements, they could be a convenient way to combat age-related hearing loss.

However, directly testing their effects on hearing loss in older mouse models as well as in humans will be necessary before more definite conclusions can be made.

"In the present work we show that: 1) ageing triggers

Amitabh Bachchan, SRK to come together on screen after 17 years

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) Megastar Amitabh Bachchan and superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who were last seen together sharing screen space in 'Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna', are all set to mark their return together on the screen after 17 years for a new project.

Big B and SRK were last seen in 2006 romantic film 'Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna', written and directed by Karan Johar. The film also stars Abhishek Bachchan, Rani Mukerji, Preity Zinta, and Kirron Kher. It explored the themes of marital infidelity and dysfunctional relationships.

According to a source: "There is an interesting



project in the works where Amitabh Bachchan and Shahrukh Khan will once again be sharing the screen together. Not a lot of news surrounding this project is out yet, but there will soon be more updates and news coming out."

The duo had previously shared the screen in iconic movies like 'Mohabbatein', 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham', and 'Veer Zaira'.

SRK was seen in a cameo role as 'Mohan Bhargav', a former NASA scientist, in the fantasy action adventure film 'Brahmastra: Part One Shiva'.

The movie stars Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt in the lead, while Amitabh was seen in a

pivotal role of Raghu, the guru of Brahmansh.

On the work front, Amitabh is currently hosting the 15th season of quiz-based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'. He next has 'Ganapath', 'The Umesh Chronicles', 'Kalki 2898 AD', and 'Butterfly' in the pipeline.

SRK is gearing up for the release of his action thriller 'Jawan'. The film also stars Nayanthara, Vijay Sethupathi, while Deepika Padukone and Sanya Malhotra will be seen in a special appearance.

He will also be seen in a cameo appearance in Salman Khan-starrer 'Tiger 3'. SRK also has 'Dunki' in his kitty.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Regina Cassandra to star in 'Section 108'

Mumbai, Aug 26 (IANS) Actors Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Regina Cassandra are teaming up for an upcoming film 'Section 108' directed by Rashik Khan.

Produced by the dynamic combo of CinemaWala Ventures and Three arrows production, and it's presented by one of the famed and most thoughtful directors Aneez Bazmee. The film is touted to be around the biggest scam in the country.

The teaser of the film is set to release on August 27. Other details related to the film are still under wraps. Meanwhile, Nawazuddin will be seen in 'Haddi' a crime drama directed by Akshat Ajay Sharma. The film also stars Anurag Kashyap and Ila Arun in key roles. Nawazuddin plays a double role in the film, one of which is transgender. Regina made her acting debut in a supporting role with the Tamil film Kanda Naal Mudhal (2005) and made her Telugu film debut with Siva Manasulu Sruthi (2012). She made her Hindi film debut with Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga. She was last seen on screen in 'Karunagapiyam' Tamil-language horror thriller film written and directed by Deekay.



Hollywood plans to explore origins of oil in film 'Sands of Fortune'

Los Angeles, Aug 26 (IANS) Hollywood is now planning a film, which will explore the origins of oil in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The film is titled 'Sands of Fortune'.

The film will also explore the development of the world's largest oil and natural gas exporting company Aramco.

The idea was first confirmed by Israeli producer and businessman Uri Singer on August 22, before he announced the project's name on August 25 and detailed his interest in making the film, reports Deadline.

The historic drama feature revolves around the true story of the partnership between American geologist Max Steineke and Bedouin Khamis Bin Rimthan, who together discovered the country's first oil well in 1938, today known as Dammam No. 7.

Steineke was a renowned geologist and was well known for his determined nature and adventurous spirit, while Rimthan was a member



of the nomadic Al-Amjan tribe with a deep knowledge of the desert, who worked as a guide for the American geologists prospecting for oil in the 1930s.

In a previous interview, Singer said: "The story of Aramco is a testament to human ingenuity and the incredible impact that a single discovery can have on the world. This is a story that all Saudis know, but I believe the whole world will soon be as intrigued

as I was when I first heard about this."

The script will be written by Bernie Campbell, a longtime strategist and speechwriter who has spent years living in Saudi Arabia and was the first American to write for the country's Royal family.

"We have been working together on this for a while. Bernie is the perfect fit to bring this story to life, especially given his experience on the ground in Saudi," said Singer.

Shreya Dhanwanthary on chemistry with Dulquer: 'It adds an extra layer of depth to our characters'

Mumbai, Aug 26 (IANS) Actress Shreya Dhanwanthary has spoken about her on-screen chemistry with actor Dulquer Salmaan in the latest release 'Guns and Gulaabs'.

Shreya's portrayal of Yamini alongside Dulquer stands as a shining example of extraordinary chemistry.

Talking about the same, she said: "Reuniting with Dulquer has been an absolute delight. Our on-screen chemistry is something that unfolded naturally, and I believe it adds an extra layer of depth to our characters."

"We bounce off each other's energy effortlessly, which translates beautifully on screen. I would like to extend my gratitude to the fans for the outpouring of appreciation and love." 'Guns & Gulaabs' is a comedy crime thriller created and directed by Raj and DK. Set against the backdrop of the gritty 90s underworld, it features Rajkumar Rao, Dulquer Salmaan, Adarsh Gourav, Vipin Sharma and TJ Bhanu in lead roles. It is a



captivating narrative of 'firsts', set in the early '90s in the unpredictable and precarious town called Gulaabganj. The series is an ode to Bollywood in the nineties, bringing back the charms of the decade. The genre-blending series intertwines romance, comedy, action, pulp, thrill, and twists, with young adult themes.

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MM Keeravani says Kangana has given 'stunning performance' in 'Chandramukhi 2'

Mumbai, Aug 26 (IANS) Academy Award-winning music composer MM Keeravani has heaped praise at Kangana Ranaut saying that the actress has given a 'stunning performance' in the upcoming film 'Chandramukhi 2'.

Kangana and Raghava Lawrence starrer 'Chandramukhi 2' had its grand audio launch in Chennai on Friday.

The event was attended by the who's who of the Tamil film industry. Among many others, Keeravani praised the actress in the film.

At the launch, the music composer said: "She has given a stunning performance and everyone will get blown away after seeing Kangana's shocking act as Chandramukhi on the big screen."

'Chandramukhi 2' is Kangana's foray into the horror comedy genre for the first time opposite Raghava Lawrence.

Resplendent in a stunning orange six-yard Kanjeevaram, the actress



took to her IG handle and posted a picture with the composer and wrote, "With my absolute favourite and the Pride of Bharata, academy and multiple national awards recipient MM Keeravani."

The film is all set to release on September 15.

Kangana will also be seen in 'Tejas', where she will be seen playing a fighter pilot.

It tells the tale of the extraordinary journey of Tejas Gill, an Air Force pilot, and aims to inspire and instill a deep sense of pride in the valiant soldiers who tirelessly defend our nation, confronting numerous challenges along the way.

The actress also has 'Emergency'. It stars Kangana as former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi.

The film also features late Satish Kaushik, Anupam Kher, Shreyas Talpade, Mahima Chaudhry and Milind Soman in pivotal roles. Emergency is scheduled to release on November 24.

Margot Robbie nearly starred on 'American Horror Story: Asylum'

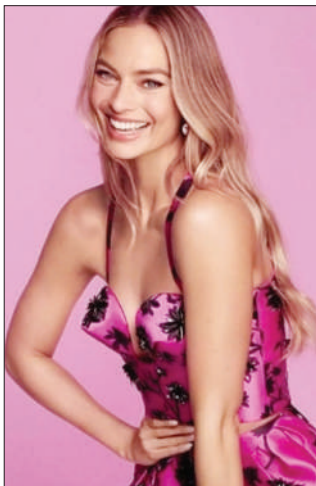
Los Angeles, Aug 26 (IANS) Actress Margot Robbie almost joined Ryan Murphy's 'American Horror Story' universe, casting director Eric Dawson revealed in a podcast.

In a new episode of Backstage's podcast 'In the Envelope' shared that the 'Barbie' star was almost cast on 'American Horror Story: Asylum', reports aceshowbiz.com.

"Margot is probably one of my favorite auditions of all time, and it was right before she broke out," Dawson explained during the interview.

Talking about the actress, he continued: "She was just such a star.

It was just crazy, her star appeal and when she walked in the room and her voice. Everything about it." Even though Margot didn't get the role in the second season of the hit FX anthology series, Dawson's confident that she would become big later. "That was one of those things as a casting director you go, 'This is a star. What do we do with her?'" the Emmy-nominated casting director recalled. He added, "Then, immediately she started, just boom, boom, boom, and she was out of our sort of realm of possibility of hiring, but that's really the fun part of casting, is seeing the people whose careers are just rising." Shortly after auditioning for the show, Margot did land her first major role as Naomi Lapaglia in 'The Wolf of Wall Street'.



Miley Cyrus says Sinhead O'Connor was right about the music industry 'pimping' her out

Los Angeles, Aug 26 (IANS) Sinhead O'Connor was known to be a rebel in her music career having a very unfavourable view of the corporate music industry. The Irish singer had even said that she was 'pimped' by the music industry. Miley Cyrus has come out in agreement with the late singer's views.

This is a follow-up to the feud between the singers in 2013, where Cyrus was far removed from Sinhead's comments, going so far as to mock her.

The discourse between the two musicians was sparked after Cyrus compared the 'Wrecking Ball' music video to O'Connor's 'Nothing Compares 2 U' clip in a Rolling Stone interview at the time, People reported.

In Cyrus' new special, 'Endless Summer Vacation: Continued (Backyard Sessions)', she reflected on the feud with O'Connor and



admits she wasn't aware of the Grammy winner's mental health struggles.

"At the time when I made 'Wrecking Ball', I was expecting for there to be controversy and backlash, but I don't think I expected other women to put me down or turn on me, especially women that had been in my position before," the 30-year-old star says in the special, reflecting on the nude music video and backlash she received. O'Connor then responded with an open letter. "I am extremely

concerned for you that those around you have led you to believe, or encouraged you in your own belief, that it is in any way 'cool' to be naked and licking sledgehammers in your videos." "It is in fact the case that you will obscure your talent by allowing yourself to be pimped, whether it's the music business or yourself doing the pimping." Back then, Miley fired back at Sinhead by mocking her mental health issues on X (formerly Twitter), but now she has come out to regret

Sonu Sood helps man achieve his dream of becoming pilot

Mumbai, Aug 26 (IANS) Actor Sonu Sood had helped a man named Vamshi financially for his career and the latter has now become a pilot.

Vamshi now has a dream to fly the actor and is eagerly waiting for the moment.

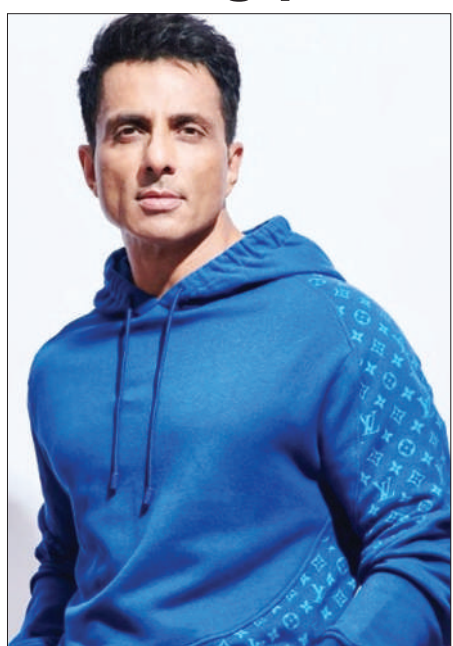
Sonu transformed Vamshi's life, making his dream of becoming a pilot come true. Vamshi is working as a ground instructor at an aviation academy as a pilot, a testament to Sonu's impactful kindness.

Born into poverty, this individual faced numerous adversities and emerged from a background where the notion of becoming a pilot seemed unlikely. He shared, "I faced a lot of struggles, like not having enough financial support."

Having started his journey as a helper and cleaner at the airline, but found an ally in Sonu.

"Sonu Sood helped me, and I received financial aid immediately after requesting it from a foundation inspired by Sonu Sood", he recounts. It was a turning point that rekindled his ambitions and provided wings to his aspirations.

The impact went beyond personal achievement, echoing in the collective dreams he ignited. "My dream is to fly Sonu Sood, and I eagerly await that moment. Now, I'm getting interviewed by YouTube channels, and Sonu Sood himself told me he's proud of me. That one



sentence is a lifetime achievement for me.

"His encouragement has transformed not only my life but also the lives of many. After watching my YouTube video, people have reached out to me, saying they want to become pilots like me too. This belief, that even the less privileged can become pilots, has been instilled in the minds of countless people, all thanks to Sonu Sood."

FICCI CASCADE organises inter-school competition to motivate youth towards making India free from illicit trade

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) With the aim to sensitise youth on the threats posed by illicit trading, FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) organised an interschool competition.

Centred around the theme 'Role of Youth in Making India Free from Smuggling & Counterfeiting', the competition was categorised in three categories: Painting, Elocution, and Jingle Writing. The programme saw an overwhelming response and participation from more than 600+ students from 70 leading schools in Delhi and NCR.

The competition was judged by P.C. Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE, and Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs; Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE, and Former



Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi and P. K. Malhotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE.

P.C. Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, said, "Being the consumers of tomorrow,

school children will play a key role in shaping the future of trade, and therefore, it is necessary to help them understand the impact of smuggling and counterfeiting on the economy and development of the nation. FICCI CASCADE has been working towards this goal and organising competitions every year to

create awareness and inspire students to lead a youth movement against this growing menace."

P. K. Malhotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India, said, "Illegal trading not only impacts the present but also the future of our nation. It is imperative that the youth recognise the power they hold and navigate this

challenge to shape a better tomorrow. By being vigilant consumers and responsible citizens, they can refuse to support or engage in any form of illegal trade and build a society that thrives on ethical practices."

FICCI CASCADE is a dedicated forum on the agenda of combating smuggling and counterfeiting. Over the years, FICCI CASCADE has been working relentlessly on creating large-scale awareness about the ill-effects of smuggling among the most impacted segment, the consumer. The Committee's youth awareness programme has offered the opportunity to bring in more people, particularly youngsters, to push forward its actions to curb illicit trade in India. Along with policymakers, industry, enforcement officials and media, FICCI CASCADE has been working closely.

Income Tax Dept launches revamped website with add-on features

New Delhi, August 26 (IANS) In order to enhance taxpayer experience and keep pace with new technology, the Income Tax Department has revamped its national website (www.incometaxindia.gov.in) with a user-friendly interface, value-added features and new modules.

The newly revamped website was launched by Nitin Gupta, chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Nitin Gupta, at the 'Chintan Shivir', organised by Directorate of Income Tax (Systems) at Udaipur recently.

This website serves as a comprehensive repository of tax and other related information.

It provides access to direct tax laws, several other allied Acts, rules, income tax circulars and notifications, all cross-referenced and hyperlinked.

The site also offers a



'Taxpayer Services Module' featuring various tax tools to assist taxpayers in filing their income tax returns.

It also has a 'Mega Menu' for content, with new features, and functionalities.

For the convenience of the visitors to the website, all these new additions are explained through a guided virtual tour and new button indicators.

The new functionalities, allow users to compare different Acts, sections, rules, and tax treaties.

All relevant content on the site is now tagged with Income Tax sections for easy navigation.

Further, dynamic due date alerts functionality provides reverse countdowns, tooltips, and links to relevant portals to help taxpayers to comply easily.

The revamped website is another initiative in providing enhanced taxpayer services and will continue to educate taxpayers and facilitate tax compliance.

DGCA identifies lapses within Air India internal safety audit procedure



New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) An examination squad consisting of two members from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has identified deficiencies within Air India's internal safety audit procedures, triggering an official regulatory inquiry.

When inquired about the specifics, a high-ranking official from the aviation regulatory body stated that due to the ongoing investigation, they were unable to disclose the particulars. A DGCA senior representative said: "The observations made by the monitoring team have brought forth a range of grave concerns. These matters are presently undergoing further scrutiny."

According to the evaluation report submitted to the DGCA, Air India was obligated to carry out routine safety spot checks spanning various operational areas, encompassing cabin surveillance, cargo handling, ramp operations, and load management.

Ray of hope for 20K homebuyers as work begins in Noida's 'ghost town'

Noida, Aug 26 (IANS) For nearly 20,000 Jaypee Infratech Limited (JIL) homebuyers, who have been waiting for the hand over of their flats for more than 13 years, a ray of hope has emerged as the work on at least 59 unfinished towers in the erstwhile 'ghost town' begins to speed up.

In March this year, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the Mumbai-based Suraksha Group's bid to buy Jaypee Infratech Ltd and finish housing units in various stalled projects spread across Noida and Greater Noida.

Suraksha is infusing Rs 250 crore in the debt-ridden Jaypee Group firm, along with a Rs 3,000 crore loan for completion of the flats

over the next four years. Jayashree Swaminathan, a homebuyer who has seen the decade-old agony unfold in front of her eyes, is relieved that the wait will soon be over for most of the buyers.

"Despite Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) still making frivolous appeals and the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) officials meeting Suraksha Group to iron out compensation issues and other land dues, homebuyers are upbeat that the work on several unfinished towers is now in progress," Swaminathan told IANS.

"After the NCLT verdict, Suraksha does not need to pay a single penny to YEIDA on legal grounds.



Yet, they are willing to compensate farmers to the tune of around Rs 1,689 crore, which the authorities have to take cognisance of and drive the momentum to deliver the pending flats as fast as possible," she

added. YEIDA wants to recover Rs 1,689 crore from Jaypee Infratech or the takeover company Suraksha as 64.7 per cent hiked land compensation and Rs 6,111 crore as additional land

compensation. To protect the interests of the farmers, YEIDA challenged the NCLT's order in NCLAT, which directed the two stakeholders to settle the issue via meetings.

Suraksha Group recently submitted a proposal to the Yamuna Expressway authority, agreeing to build around 20,000 flats and compensate the farmers, along with certain conditions.

In August 2017, the NCLT kicked off insolvency proceedings against the Noida-based realty major.

As last reported, there were 18,767 active homebuyers who paid a collective principal amount of Rs 8,676 crore. Nearly 413 homebuyers cancelled their bookings and their refund worth Rs 64 crore was still pending.

Around 1,410 buyers were issued offers of possession valued at Rs 528 crore, but no registration took place.

Indian spacetechnology sector gets \$62 mn in funding this year, up 60%

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) As the world acknowledges India's space dominance after the Chandrayaan-3 success, the spacetechnology sector in the country received \$62 million in funding this year to date, reflecting a substantial 60 per cent increase compared to the same period last year.

India currently ranks seventh in terms of funding within the international spacetechnology landscape, firmly establishing its influence in this dynamic sector, according to a latest report by market intelligence firm Tracxn.

This exceptional growth trend is expected to continue in the upcoming months. The Indian SpaceTech sector's journey has been one of transformation, driven by the sector's privatisation in 2020. From a modest \$35 million funds raised between 2010 and 2019, the sector experienced a meteoric rise in 2020,



securing a remarkable \$28 million in funding.

This trend continued with exponential growth, reaching \$96 million in 2021 and an impressive \$112 million in 2022, marking a 17 per cent increase from the previous year. This steady expansion in funding sets the Indian SpaceTech sector apart from other industries affected by funding challenges and macroeconomic fluctuations.

"Previously dominated by governmental players, the sector has witnessed a

significant surge in private sector participation post-privatisation. Private entities are now actively involved in crucial aspects of research, manufacturing, and fabrication of rockets and satellites, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of innovation," the report noted.

India's emergence as a potent player in spacetechnology is further highlighted by its impressive satellite deployment.

With 381 satellites placed in low orbit, India has positioned itself as a key player in this arena.

Musk's X takes on LinkedIn, opens job hiring Beta for verified companies

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) X (formerly Twitter) on Saturday finally revealed plans to take on professional networking platform LinkedIn, saying that early access to the X Hiring Beta is now available to verified organisations.

The verified organisations (those who pay \$1,000 a month for the verification status) can now feature job listings on their X profiles with the new feature.

"Unlock early access to the X Hiring Beta -- exclusively for Verified Organisations," X said in a post.

"Feature your most critical roles and organically reach millions of relevant candidates. Apply for the Beta today," the Elon Musk-run company added.

It's not yet a LinkedIn killer but surely a step in that direction to make X an "everything app".

"Sign up for early access to X Hiring, currently available for Verified Organisations. If eligible, we'll enable the Hiring features on your account," said X.

Reports surfaced earlier this week that X will soon roll out a job search feature, allowing users to find jobs directly on the platform. Last

month, app researcher Nima Owji had posted a screenshot detailing the job listing feature which revealed that the company describes the feature as "Twitter Hiring" and it is a "free" feature for "verified organisations to post jobs on your company profile, and attract top talent to your open positions". Moreover, the verified organisations will be able to add up to five job positions to their profiles.



Rahul Yadav saga: Innov8 goes into arbitration with 4B Networks over unpaid dues

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) In yet another trouble for Broker Network (operated by 4B Networks) founder Rahul Yadav, co-working company Innov8 has reportedly gone into arbitration with him over unpaid dues amounting to Rs 1.08 crore, a media outlet reported on Friday.

4B Networks rented out an Innov8 office space in Mumbai, but did not pay rent amounting to Rs 1.08 crore, reports Money Control, citing sources.

4B Networks reportedly did not give notice to Innov8 and "packed up the office and left one day".

The case has been filed by Innov8 under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act after its attempts to resolve the issue failed, the report mentioned. The two companies are in arbitration under the aegis of Delhi High Court. Earlier, a vendor of Broker Network filed an FIR against him for alleged fraud and the



Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai Police has issued a lookout circular for Yadav, and his bank accounts have also reportedly been frozen. The charges are under Sections 406 (Breach of trust), 409 (Criminal breach of trust), 420 (Cheating) and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The FIR was lodged by one of the aggrieved parties, Vikas Omprakash Nowal, co-founder of advertising agency Interspace Communication Pvt. Ltd., naming the accused -- Rahul Yadav and Sanjay Sukhdeo Saini --

and their company 4B Networks Pvt Ltd.

According to the FIR, Interspace put up a total of 83 advertisement hoardings at different places in Pune for a 4B Networks campaign. Interspace also generated 14 invoices for the work and sent them to the company but the full payment was not made.

Yadav, who founded Housing.com, has denied all allegations related to any wrongdoing at the company.

He is also currently in arbitration with the backer of his startup, Info Edge.

Allcheckdeals India Private Limited (AIPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Info Edge, invested Rs 276 crore in Yadav's 4B Networks and provided debt financing of Rs 12 crore. After Info Edge wrote down its entire investment of Rs 288 crore in the Yadav-led startup, it initiated a forensic audit into the prop-tech startup in which it holds a stake.

SEBI proposes to enforcement action, disrupt revenue model for influencers

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) Besides undertaking enforcement action against unregistered influencers who breach SEBI regulations, the regulator proposes to disrupt the revenue model for such influencers, so that the perverse incentives in the ecosystem reduce.

SEBI has come across instances where SEBI registered intermediaries/regulators/entities may be relying on such unregistered/unregulated influencers to promote their products and services.

As per a new paper, on SEBI registered intermediaries/regulators/entities or their agents/representatives

shall, directly or indirectly, have any association/relationship in any form, whether monetary or non-monetary, for any promotion or advertisement of their services/products, with any unregistered entities (including influencers).

Entities registered/regulators/entities or stock exchanges or AMFI shall not share any confidential information of their clients with any unregistered entities.

Financial influencers, commonly called 'influencers', are persons who provide information and/or advice on various financial topics such as investing in securities,



personal finance, banking products, insurance, real estate investment, etc. through social/digital media platforms/channels, and have the ability to influence the financial decisions of their followers.

Thus, the activities of influencers may deal in areas regulated by financial sector regulators such as

SEBI, RBI, PFRDA, and IRDA.

Finfluencers often attract investors/prospective investors through their engaging stories, messages, reels and videos on various social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.

However, finfluencers

not registered with the relevant financial sector regulator may not have the requisite qualifications or expertise on the subject.

Worse, not being formally subject to a financial sector regulator's code of conduct, they may not disclose any potential conflict of interest such as their association with or interest in the products, services or securities that they promote.

Many unregistered/unregulated influencers directly or indirectly promote products, services or securities. They may induce clients to avail these products or services in return for referral fee for usage of the product,

channel, platform, or services that they advertise - such referral fee may be variable (per use or per user), or fixed (retainer model), or a combination of both. The commission may be in an upfront or trail manner, non-cash benefits such as free usage of products or services, compensation received directly from the social media or other platform where they share their content, and profit sharing with the underlying product, channel, platform, or services. Other unregistered entities/influencers may be effectively enticing their followers to purchase products, services.

RBI Governor underlines need for strengthening of governance standards

New Delhi, Aug 26 (IANS) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday emphasised on strengthening governance standards.

Addressing a meeting of managing directors and chiefs of select non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) and housing finance companies (HFCs), Das said that governance standards and assurance mechanisms such as compliance, risk management and internal audit should be made stronger, reads a statement issued by the RBI.

In the meeting, which was held in Mumbai, ways to contain the increasing reliance on bank borrowings, risks associated with high credit growth in the retail segment, prioritising the upgrade of IT systems and cyber security were also discussed, the statement said. Das also discussed ways to strengthen balance sheets with improved provisioning cover and monitoring of stressed exposures and slippages. It was also ensured that robust liquidity and asset-liability management should be ensured.



Telco labour union warns of stir



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: Telco Mazdoor Union will block the gate of Tata Motors Company against the arbitrariness of Gold Line, the contractor of Tata Motors. Union general secretary Ambuj Thakur gave this information to the journalists after a press conference at the AITUC office in Sakchi on Saturday. He said that about eight months ago, contract worker Premchand Chaudhary was removed from work by the contractor Gold Line of Tata Motors Company when he was undergoing treatment under ESI. Meanwhile, he was declared unfit and thrown out of work. Even after lapse of eight months, the contractor has not made their final settlement. Ambuj Thakur said that a complaint has been lodged with the Deputy Labor Commissioner in this matter, but the contractor did not turn up on any date for the talks. Giving an ultimatum of 15 days, Thakur said that if the final settlement of Premchand Chowdhary is not done by the contractor within 15 days, then the union will protest by jamming the main gate of Tata Motors Company. The movement will continue until Premchand Chowdhary gets justice. For this the company itself will be responsible, he claimed. (W.rg)

XLRI, CMC Vellore sign MoU for Healthcare Professionals

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 26: XLRI and Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop and offer a variety of management programs and collaborative research to address the future needs of healthcare professionals. Both institutions are known to have a rich legacy of offering high-quality, relevant, cutting-edge educational programs and grooming well-rounded, responsible professionals to address the growing needs of industry and the nation. India's first Business School, XLRI was founded by Fr. Ida Sophia Scudder, both visionaries. XLRI is currently celebrating its platinum jubilee year, having been established in 1949 whereas CMC Vellore was established in 1900. XLRI and CMC are pioneers in

their respective fields with both institutions consistently ranked as the top private educational institutions in the country. XLRI was the first to start a full-time management program in Industrial Welfare in the year 1953 and successfully pioneered many educational and management development programs through the online mode since 2002. CMC started India's first school of Nursing and has been at the forefront of medical advances that include India's first open heart surgery, and first kidney transplantation among others. Both institutions are driven by a common mission to serve the greater good of the nation. The MoU was signed at a private ceremony in CMC Vellore in the presence of Fr. K.S. Casimir, S J (Director, XLRI Delhi-NCR Campus), Fr. S. George, S J (Director, XLRI Jamshedpur), Dr. Vikram Mathews (Director,



CMC Vellore), Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar (Principal, CMC Vellore). Speaking on the occasion, Fr. K.S. Casimir said "This is a significant step towards creating affordable, accessible, high-quality healthcare services in India's journey towards sustainable and inclusive growth... We would require a significant number of professionals trained in cutting-edge management practices relevant to the Indian healthcare sector. We are

extremely excited to partner with CMC Vellore in our endeavor to help address this growing need for the future of the nation." Addressing the gathering, Fr. George Sebastian added, "In our platinum jubilee year, this partnership with CMC Vellore will help open new vistas for both the pioneering institutions working towards the greater good of the nation. We also look forward to contributing towards the United Nations Sustainable

Development Goals by providing highly skilled, responsible, ethical healthcare professionals to help address the crucial healthcare needs of the nation.....This is therefore a moment to rejoice". Dr. Vikram Mathews expressed that there is a huge need for enhancing administrative skills while managing healthcare organizations and this collaboration and courses developed through this collaboration will address the administrative training

needs of Healthcare organizations, especially for the mission network organizations. He also stated that it is a privilege to collaborate with a premium institution in the country that shares a similar vision to CMC Vellore focusing on excellence in education and training. Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar stated that good management of healthcare institutions is key for its growth and development. This requires a formal training in management and this collaboration with XLRI will enable starting unique excellent training courses with practical hands-on experience. A milestone is achieved through this collaboration wherein premium organizations join hands to create impactful and need-of-the-hour academic programs, with the goal to improve healthcare in our country. The first academic course through this collaboration will be launched in January 2024. (W.pb)

Marts to sell rural women's products at collectorate

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: Stalls have been set up in the District Collectorate premises under Palash Mart for the sale and promotion of goods produced and manufactured by Sakhi Didis. The Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri said that Palash Mart was started by the Chief Minister of Jharkhand to empower the Didis of Sakhi Mandal and to increase their income. The potential of rural women entrepreneurship among the self-help-group

(SHG) members of East Singhbhum is being encouraged by the district administration under Palash Mart. Items were purchased by public representatives, office bearers and employees in the meeting of Disha. SHG members from different blocks of East Singhbhum district displayed handmade products in the stall, including Dheki Kuta Rice (Brown, Black, Kalamati Usna Rice, Swarna Arwa), Murhi, Honey Oats, Ragi Cookies, Dry Mushroom, Mushroom Pickle, Roasted Flax Seed, Ragi



Ladoo, Turmeric Cumin, Coriander, Mix Masala, Mitt Masala, Mirch

Masala, Phenyl, Face Wash, Shampoo, Detergent Powder, Pooja Agarbatti, Mosquito Agarbatti, Soap, Almond Rose Soap, Neem Tulsi Soap, Lemon Grass Soap, Grape Fruit Soap, Aloe - Lavender Charcoal Soap, Pain Relief Oil, Bhringraj Onion Oil, Rose Face Wash, Lemongrass Face Wash, Aloe Vera Face Wash, Aloe Vera, Amla Shampoo, Lip Balm, Turmeric/Chandan/Creams containing aloe vera etc. Presently 63 groups of women are involved in the processing work. (W.rg)

Grievance redressal session every Monday at blocks

Jamshedpur, August 26: Every Monday from August 28, a public grievance redressal program will be organized at the district and block level by the district administration. In this regard, Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri said that the objective of the program is to solve public problems and cover all eligible, needy people with various public welfare schemes. So that they get their rights by staying in the panchayat and they don't have to go round the offices. Grievance redressal program is being started keeping in mind the people of remote rural areas who cannot come to the district headquarters. With this effort, people will be able to sit in their panchayats and inform about their problems. During this, the departmental officers of the district level along with their team will connect with the collectorate and the officers of the blocks will connect with the block online. (W.rg)



State topper from Chakulia



Jamshedpur, August 26: Anshu Kumar Vaidh, a second year student of Electrician trade of Swami Vivekanand ITI College, Chakulia, East Singhbhum district, has achieved the distinction of being Jharkhand topper by scoring 99.33 percent marks in the annual examination of AITT conducted by NCVT, Government of India. Anshu Kumar Vaidh comes from a very poor family. He lost his father in childhood and his mother is a labourer. (W.rg)

Thief caught red-handed

Jamshedpur, August 26: A thief was caught red-handed while trying to steal from Mohammed Karim, resident of Azadnagar road number 7 under Mango police station. On the spot of the thief, one of his companions was also caught. Mohammed Karim caught both the thieves and handed them over to the Mango police where the police is interrogating them. Mohammed Karim told that he does cable work. For the past few days, some expensive equipment and scrap kept on the roof of the house were being stolen. When he went to the roof on Saturday morning, he saw a young man running away from his roof and going to the neighbor's roof. He recognized the young man. The youth was Kallu, a resident of the township itself. When he was called, he also brought the stolen goods with him. On interrogation, Kallu revealed that he used to steal drugs to get intoxicated and sold them at a stall in Daigutu. According to Karim, the cost of the stolen goods would be around Rs 50,000. (W.rg)

Two motorcyclists injured in road accident

Mail News Service

Saraikela, August 26: Two motorcyclists, Anoop Sundi and Anil Sundi of Kankra Village were on their way home after completing their duty at Ramakrishna Forgings in Kolabira on their individual bikes. While conversing along the way, their bikes collided and as a result, both received serious injuries. The accident occurred near Sanjay Village on the Saraikela-Kandra road under Saraikela PS. Local residents, with the help of road ambulance took them to the Sadar Hospital where both were undergoing treatment. (w/gsd)

Loyola students embark on journey of expanding rural empathy horizons



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 26: A contingent of 400 students from Stds XI and XII of Loyola School embarked on a journey under a rural outreach programme on Saturday to live up to the Jesuit values incorporating experimental learning, compassion and introspection. This initiative aimed to foster a deeper connection between students from urban backgrounds and their rural counterparts. The Loyola students realized in the course of their rural schools' visit the privileges they enjoyed which they

took for granted especially when they encountered the fact that the rural school kids were bereft of most of these privileges. The Std XII Loyoleans visited schools in Lupungutu, Pindrabera, Bhilaipahari, Gande Dugri and Basahatu and engaged in activities including drawing and painting, quiz and musiccompetitions. The bisecting urban-rural veil was lifted as students mingled with students irrespective of the uniforms they wore. Fraternal feelings abounded making it a strong exhibition of empathy. The rural schools hosted meals for the

visiting Loyola team. The exchange of information, the close glimpse of rural values and lifestyles were food for introspection the Loyola students took home to ponder and reflect over. The rural sojourn underlined the Jesuit fulcrum of experimental learning, empathy and introspection. The Std XI students pursued a different horizon of life and living to realize how much more fortunate they were than their fellow humans staying in orphanages, old age homes and institutions for the mentally challenged. These Loyoleans presented

gifts and spent valuable learning time with these children of God who enjoyed every moment of their companionship that generated joy amidst the people living in these homes. It was another empathic situation where one gave to earn the experience of living on the other side of the same life. A session on reflection was conducted following their return from the different spheres of experiencing life at close quarters. The students delved into their experiences, allowing thoughts and emotions to coalesce on paper. This integral aspect of the Jesuit education philosophy served as a poignant reminder of the power of self-reflection in nurturing empathy and personal growth. Saturday's ensemble of reaching out to two different worlds had the Jesuit students transcending the confines of classrooms to embrace a world of meaningful connections, compassionate outreach and reflective growth. (w/gsd)

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