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

H. H. Swami Advadhanand Giri

Only Centre can conduct caste census, Supreme Court told

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): No other body other than the Union Government can conduct a caste census, the Supreme Court was told today. The Centre, in an affidavit, asserted that the Census Act, 1948, empowers only the Government to conduct the census. The move is a challenge to the Bihar government which in an earlier hearing informed the Supreme Court that an exercise of conducting surveys of the caste census in Bihar was conducted by August 6 and the data gathered uploaded by August 12. The Supreme Court, on August 21, had allowed Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, to file its response on the issue within seven days after he said the survey could have some consequences. Today was the seventh day. Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav has hit out at the Centre for filing the affidavit.

Automobile, pharma, tourism: PM Modi pitches for rapid growth across sectors at Rozgar Mela

India will become one of world's top 3 economies in this decade: PM Modi distributes 51,000 appointment letters under Rozgar Mela

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the Indian economy was on the path of rapid growth which had led to creating big opportunities for employment of the youth. Addressing a Rozgar Mela where he distributed over 51,000 appointment letters to the youth, mostly in the security forces, the prime minister said automobile, pharma, tourism and food processing sectors were expected to grow at a rapid pace and open up employment opportunities for

the youth. He said the tourism sector alone was expected to contribute Rs 20 lakh crore to the economy by 2030 and had the potential to create 13-14 crore new jobs. The prime minister said India was set to emerge among the top three economies in the world in this decade and bring benefits to the common man. "Every sector has to develop. From food to pharmaceuticals, from space to startups. When every sector progresses the economy will grow," he said. Citing the example of the



pharmaceutical industry, the prime minister said the sector worth Rs 4 lakh crore at present is expected to grow to Rs 10 lakh crore by 2030. "What does it mean? It means that in this decade the pharma industry will need a lot of youth. There will be opportunities for employment," Modi said. He said the automobile sector too was on the growth path and would require youth power to propel it. "There will be immense employment opportunities," the prime minister said.

Citing the example of Uttar Pradesh, he said good governance in the state has led to the establishment of the rule of law, which has in turn brought in a lot of investments. "In an atmosphere of security, the establishment of the rule of the law speeds up development, instils confidence in the people and brings in investments," he said. However, the states with rising crime rates witness fewer investments and shrinking employment opportunities, Modi said.

Fodder Scam: Ranchi CBI Special Court acquits 35 accused

52 given jail terms in Doranda Treasury case

Ranchi, Aug 28: The special court of CBI has pronounced its verdict in the fodder scam case related to Doranda treasury. CBI Special Judge Vishal Srivastava's court has acquitted 35 accused, while 52 convicts have been sentenced to three years prison term. The verdict on others is yet to come. It is worth mentioning that Rs 36,59,000 was withdrawn from the Doranda treasury during the tenure of Lalu Prasad Yadav as Chief Minister of undivided Bihar. D This withdrawal took place during the years 1990 to 1995. In this case,



the arguments in the court of special CBI court judge Vishal Srivastava have been completed and the verdict was announced today. During the 27-year-long trial in the Doranda treasury case, CBI Special Public Prosecutor Ravi Shankar

recorded the statements of 616 witnesses. In this case, 125 accused, including the then supplier and former MLA Gulshan Lal Azmani,

are currently facing trial. Sixty-two accused have died during the trial. The CBI had registered a case against a total of 192 accused in the case. Thirty-eight accused have been public servants and eight of them are treasury officers. Eighty-six suppliers are accused in the case, including 16 women. The most important thing is that among the accused, the oldest 90-year-old District Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Gauri Shankar Prasad is also included. Among them there are more than 12 people who are 80 years old or more.

I don't want any post, I only want to unite oppn parties: Nitish

Patna, Aug 28 (IANS): Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday reiterated that he did not want any post in the INDIA alliance, and only wanted to unite all the opposition parties. Nitish Kumar made the remarks to mediapersons while visiting the Sri Krishna Memorial Hall in Patna along with his deputy Tejashwi Yadav. "I do not wish to get a post. I am repeatedly saying to give responsibility to others. I just want to unite every opposition party. I want to do work in the interest of everyone," the Chief Minister said. Earlier, RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav had said that any one could become the convener of the INDIA opposition alliance. Also addressing the reporters on Monday, Tejashwi said: "There is a possibility of making multiple conveners according to the regions. The mood of the country is something different now."



India's moon rover safely heading on new path: ISRO

Chennai, Aug 28 (IANS): India's moon rover is roaming around the lunar surface carefully and avoiding not just pitfalls but crater falls. In a post on social media platform X on Monday, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said: "On August 27, 2023, the Rover came across a 4-meter diameter crater positioned 3 meters ahead of its location. The Rover was commanded to retrace the path. It's now safely heading on a new path." India on August 23 reached the Moon with its lander safely landing on the lunar soil in a text book style. Later the rover rolled down and starting roving.

Launch of Aditya-L1 spacecraft to study the Sun on Sep 2 morning

Chennai, Aug 28 (IANS): After the Moon, it is the Sun for the Indian space agency. Days after landing India on the Moon safely, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will be launching the country's first space-based observatory called Aditya-L1 to study the Sun at 11.50 a.m. on September 2. The Indian space agency

has invited public to register in order to view the proposed launch from the gallery at the Sriharikota space port in Andhra Pradesh. The Aditya-L1 - named after the Sun God in Hindu mythology - will be carried by the Indian rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-XL variant (PSLV-XL), the ISRO said.

Nine girls from Jharkhand rescued from clutches of human traffickers in Delhi

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): Nine girls from Jharkhand's Sahebganj district have been rescued from the national capital, an official said on Monday. According to the police, these girls were taken to Delhi human traffickers. The rescued girls are being sent to Jharkhand by train, the official said. According to reports, Sahebganj district administration was informed about the rescue of the girls and a

team was formed under district Child Protection Officer Punam Kumari to bring them from Delhi. The girls were rescued from a place on Delhi's border with Haryana and Uttar Pradesh with the help of Delhi police. All these rescued girls will be monitored by linking them with various schemes of the Jharkhand government so that they do not become victims of human trafficking again. The girls,

who were rescued in Delhi, were brought there by human traffickers. "Such traffickers are very active in Jharkhand who lure young girls to Delhi by promising them to provide a good life in Delhi but sell them in various homes on the pretext of employing them. The traffickers get a hefty amount but the lives of such girls are made hell," a release issued by Punam Kumari read.

Reliance AGM: Nita Ambani resigns from RIL Board; Isha, Akash and Anant appointed

Mumbai, Aug 28 (IANS): Nita Ambani will step down from the Reliance Industries (RIL) Board and continue as the chairperson of the Reliance Foundation, it was revealed during RIL's 46th annual general meeting (AGM) on Monday. RIL Board has recommended the appointment of Isha Ambani, Akash Ambani and Anant Ambani as non-executive directors of the company. AirFiber will be launched on September 19 on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. Mukesh said Jio Smart Home services will redefine Indian homes. "Our extensive JioFiber service already serves 10+ mn customers, with thousands getting connected each month. With JioAirFiber, we are expanding our addressable market to 200+ mn homes and other premises."

Jio Air Fiber to be launched on September 19

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): JioAirFiber will be launched on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi on September 19, giving the company another avenue for customer value and revenue growth in the untapped Indian home segment, Mukesh Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited, said on Monday. "JioAirFiber uses our pan-India 5G network and advanced wireless technologies to bypass the need for last-mile fibre," Ambani said at the 46th AGM of RIL. "Through optical fibre, we can currently connect around 15,000 premises daily. But with JioAirFiber, we can supercharge this expansion with up to 150,000 connections per day which is a 10-fold increase, expanding our addressable market over the next three years to over 200 million high-paying homes and premises," he said. "And through fixed-mobile convergence, we can foster greater engagement and loyalty among Indian households, especially premium households where home broadband usage is growing the fastest. This also lays the foundation for widespread adoption of various Smart Home solutions", Ambani said.

Putin speaks to Modi, says FM Sergey Lavrov will represent Russia at G20

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): Russia's Vladimir Putin has conveyed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi his inability to attend the G20 Summit to be hosted by Delhi next weekend. Putin will send foreign minister Sergey Lavrov in his place, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said.

The PMO also said the leaders, who interacted during last week's BRICS Summit in South Africa also spoke about bilateral, regional and global issues.

During the brief call, Prime



Minister Modi expressed an understanding of Mr Putin's decision and conveyed India's gratitude for Russia's support as it holds presidency of the G20 for this year.

The two leaders agreed to remain in touch, the Prime Minister's Office said.

Speculation Mr Putin will not travel for the G20 Summit broke last week after the Kremlin's statement on the Russian leader, who faces global criticism for leading his country into the war with Ukraine.

SC disposes plea challenging demolition drive near Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi in Mathura

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): The Supreme Court on Monday disposed of a plea challenging the demolition drive near Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi in Mathura while granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the jurisdictional civil court for further relief, including stay on demolition.

"The relief claimed in this petition, in our opinion, is better examined in a suit as proceedings are pending (before jurisdictional civil court), we dispose of the petition with liberty to the petitioner to apply for relief before the civil suit,"

ordered a bench comprising Justices Aniruddha Bose, Sanjay Kumar and S.V.N. Bhatti. "We have not made any comment on merit in this matter and all the points are left open to be determined by the suit court," clarified the bench. It refused to pass any interim direction ordering stay against demolition. Senior advocate Prashanto Chandra Sen, instructed by a d v o c a t e Kaushik Choudhary, urged the apex court to record the submission made by Railways in its affidavit that it will not carry out



any further demolition in the disputed area. At this, the bench said: "Show that affidavit before the trial court." Earlier on Friday, the court did not pass any order extending the ten days sta-

tus quo order passed earlier on August 16 while asking the petitioner to respond to the Railways' claim that the petitioner has not approached the top court with clean hands as he is not having any property

situated on the Railways land. In its counter affidavit, the Railways had said that the petitioner challenging demolition gave its action a "communal overtone" by linking it with disputed religious premises. The reply document said that the demolition was carried out as the Railways in Mathura undertook a project to convert the pre-Independent era 'meter gauge' to 'broad gauge' for running high-speed or express trains connecting Vrindavan with Mathura Junction Railway Station. It had said that Mathura to

Vrindavan is an important pilgrimage centre having very high footfall. Earlier, the Supreme Court had directed Railways to maintain status quo with respect to the disputed land for a period of 10 days, while issuing a notice on the plea. The petitioner had submitted in the apex court that Railways initiated demolition activities taking advantage of the situation when courts in Uttar Pradesh were closed pursuant to a resolution passed by the Uttar Pradesh Bar Council on account of shooting of an advocate.

West Singhbhum police bust inter-state robbery gang, arrest 3

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, August 28: Three persons were arrested as an inter-state robbery gang was busted in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district, police said. The gang was allegedly involved in robberies in Jharkhand and Odisha, they said.

Acting on a tip-off, two members of the gang were arrested on Saturday from the Jagannathpur police station area, Superintendent of Police AshutoshShekhar said. They were arrested based on the inputs given by another member of the gang who was arrested in a murder case in Seraikela-Kharswan district a few days back, he said.

Inter-school Badminton Competition



Chaibasa, August 28: West Singhbhum District Badminton Association and MadhusudanVidyalayaChakradharpur and Dr. C.A. Fourth Aviral Memorial Inter-School Badminton Competition 2023 duly inaugurated by Memorial Trust Chief Guest AshutoshShekhar Superintendent of Police West Singhbhum, Chaibasa Co-President of West Singhbhum Badminton Association, Special Guest Mr.DilipKhalko S. D.P.O. Today Birsamunda Indoor Stadium was organized by SadarChaibasa in Chaibasa, in which more than 200 players from different schools of West Singhbhum district are participating in different age groups. Secretary of District Badminton Association Shri Ashok Joshi informed that this Under-11 age group matches are being organized for the first time this year. A large number of participants from different schools are participating, which is very encouraging, for which the principals, sports teachers and coaches of all the schools deserve thanks.

Manjari teachers undergo training

Chaibasa, August 28: Under the Blindness Control Program, the training program for the teachers of Block Resource CenterManjhari was done in the auditorium of Block cum Zonal Office, Manjhari for initial eye checkup of school children. In this training programme, a total of 83 teachers of Manjhari block were given training for initial eye check-up of the children of their respective schools. Dr. Manoj Singh Munda, Ophthalmic Officer of Sadar Hospital Chaibasa, trained the teachers present in the auditorium. He explained the easy methods of initial eye checkup of school children through vision chart and snellens e chart. Apart from JitendraKeshari, Block Program Officer of Block Resource CenterManjhari, Resource Teacher RenuBadaik, MIS Mr. Ashok Badaik, other employees were present in the training program of

Devotees commemorate last Monday of Shrawan

Kalpana Patowary enthral audience

Jamshedpur, August 28

In a vibrant display of faith and devotion, the city witnessed an outpouring of religious fervour as devotees came together to celebrate the last Monday of the auspicious month of Shrawan. The air was thick with a sense of spirituality as countless worshippers congregated at temples and religious sites across the city to mark this significant occasion.

The devotion of the devotees was palpable as they engaged in various rituals, including offering prayers, lighting incense, and making offerings of holy water and flowers. The atmosphere was electric with the sounds of bhajans (devotional songs) and chants that echoed through the streets, creating an ambiance of reverence and unity.

Local temples were adorned with vibrant decorations, and the devotees adorned themselves in traditional attire, symbolizing their deep connection to their spiritual heritage. The event served as a reminder of the strong ties that bind the community together through shared beliefs and traditions.

Religious leaders and priests delivered insightful sermons, imparting spiritual wisdom and encouraging devotees to seek inner peace and enlightenment. The last Monday of Shrawan holds special significance in various cultures and communities, and its observance transcended generational boundaries, with both the young and old participating fervently.

As the sun set on this memorable day, the city remained aglow with the



warmth of faith and devotion. The celebrations showcased the city's ability to harmoniously blend tradition and modernity, as the religious fervour seamlessly blended with the urban landscape.

The fervent celebrations of the last Monday of Shrawan stand as a testament to the city's rich cultural diversity and the enduring spirit of spirituality that continues to thrive within its vibrant communities.

Har Har Mahadev Seva Sangh, a philanthropic

organisation, hosted a cultural soiree, featuring Kalpana Patowary. People from all walks of life, including senior political party leaders, representatives of various corporate houses and social activists, were among the audience.

Har Har Mahadev Seva Sangh had been organising a function on the last Monday of Shrawan. Bhojpuri singer Bharat Sharma had performed at the grounds while noted bhajan singer Lakhbir Singh Lakkha had

mesmerized the audience with his melodious voice in 2009. Popular Bhojpuri singers Manoj Tiwary, Kalpana Patwari and Devi had also staged performances here in the past.

One of the highlights of the function was the Sangh Ratna Seva Award, which was instituted a few years back for professional excellence and distinguished service. The recipients of this year's award were: Shailendra Singh, Dr. NK Singh, Nimai Chandra Panda, P.N Gope (Pratap Narayan Gope) and Rangadhar Nanda.

In the temples, devotees poured milk, curd, honey, ghee and bael (bilwa) leaves on Shivlings and prayed for the well-being and prosperity of the family. People also offered prasad (sweets) to the deity along with flowers which were later distributed among devotees. "Lord Shiva is the one who removes all hindrances in the way of his devotee's life. During the month of Shrawan, we visit temples every Monday," said Shubhra Shukla.

Namotola Mahakaleshwar Shiv Mandir Kalash Yatra



Jamshedpur, August 28:The annual Kalash Yatra organized on the last Monday of the holy month of Sawan by the Mahakaleshwar Shiv Mandir committee in Agarwal Colony at Namotola in Haludbani, Parsudihi, saw milling crowds of women devotees collecting sacred river water in urns and marching in a procession to the temple to perform Jal Abhishek of Lord Shiva. Prominent personalities attending the event included MLA Mangal Kalindi, Zila Parishad (ZP) President Bari Murmu, Vice President Pankaj Sinha, and ZP Committee Member Paritosh Singh from Govindpur. It may be mentioned that former ZP Vice President, Rajkumar Singh has been organizing this annual event through several years. (w/gsd)

Kanwar Yatra from Baroda Ghat to Cintaharan Mahadev Mandir in Baghera



Jamshedpur, August 28:Devotees organized a Kanwar Yatra on the last Monday of the month of Sawan by carrying water in urns from the Baroda Ghat and moving to Chintaharan Mahadev Temple in Garabasa Shitla Mata Temple, Baghera. Entranced devotees in the Yatra danced to the music of devotional songs along the route and chanted slogans in the glory of Lord Shiva. They performed the Jal Abhishek of the Lord at the Chintaharan Mahadev Temple.The Kanwar Yatra saw the participation of former minister Ramchandra Sahis, Zila Parishad members Kavita Parmar and Kusum Purty, and representatives of JunaAkhada including Sri-Sri Meghanand Saraswati Maharaj, who completed the journey on foot, carrying water from the river and then performed the ritual at the Baba Chintaharan Mahadev Mandir.Organizer and AJSU Party leader, Kanhaiya Singh said, "This is an annual programme and we try to improve things every year. Next year, the Sawan Yatra will be more colourful and vibrant."

After the Jalabhishek, all the Kanwariyas and devotees distributed the sacred water and consecrated food among the devotees.

A Bhajan Sandhya was organized in the evening followed by Shiv Maha Aarti. A large number of devotees participated in the programme. (w/gsd)

KPS Kadma :Onam celebrated with pomp and gaiety

Jamshedpur, Aug 28: Kerala Public School (KPS), Kadmacampus turned colourful and vibrant as Onam celebrations was conducted with pomp and gaiety on Monday, August 28.

Onam is one of the grand festivals of Kerala, celebrated with ardent fervor by Malayalis all over the world every year.

The celebrations started with setting up of an attractive floral decoration (pookalam) in the Assembly Ground.

The Program commenced with the lighting of the auspicious lamp followed by prayer to invoke the almighty.

The program was graced by Director Kerala Public Schools SharatChandran,



Academic Director Kerala Public Schools Lakshmi R, Principal Sharmila Mukherjee, Headmistress AlameluRavishankar and Coordinators.

The main attractions of

the programme were skit presentation speech, group songs, and group song by the teachers of the school. The arrival of Mahabali was well-received by the audience. Lakshmi R

wished a prosperous Onam to the faculty and students. She briefed them about King Mahabali and emphasised on the grand celebration of the festival in Kerala. (W-mb)

Rakhi making competition among girl students

Seraikela, August 28: A rakhi making competition was organized among the girl students of the upgraded middle school Mahadevpur of Seraikela block. The students of classes VI, VII and VIII participated enthusiastically in the said competition organized under the chairmanship of the headmistress of the school, Smita Kumari Srivastava. And made different types of colorful rakhis with their own ideas. In which the rakhi of the national flag tricolor was pleasing to all. On the occasion, in the presence of teachers Kishore Hembram and Himanshu Shekhar Singh along with the headmistress, while encouraging the participating girl students, the winning girl students were rewarded.

Mango Jawaharnagar residents hit by four-day water crisis

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: The residents of Jawaharnagar in Mango Road # 10, have been grappling with water scarcity since the past four days. The hardest hit are 50 households in Mohalla SantKutia Gurudwara.

On being informed of the persisting water crisis Monday, BJP leader Vikas Singh visited the area and listened to the problems of the residents. Local women informed that the water scarcity had disrupted their daily routines.They complained that every household was making do with water purchased from the market and that was telling on their purse strings. Vikas Singh tried to contact the



Junior Engineer of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Pandit Mahato on the issue but the call remained unanswered. The BJP leaderthen contacted the contractor concerned and informed him about the water supply problem in the locality. The contractor stated that there was a problem in the intake well that was posing water supply problems. However,

the contractor assured that the issue would be resolved soon. Vikas Singh stated that the Mango Municipal Corporation had been requested to supply water through tankers. Those present along with the BJP leader were Vikas Singh, Sarabjit Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Sukhbir Kaur, Swarn Kaur, Manjeet Kaur, Savinder Kaur, Manisha Khandelwal and Nisha Ganguly. (w/gsd)

Brahma Kumaris' Didis tie Rakhi on wrists of RAF personnel



Jamshedpur, August 28: A special Raksha Bandhan programme was organized at the Rapid Action Force (RAF) 106 Battalion camp in Sundarnagar on Monday, August 28 in which the Didis of Brahma Kumaris organization and students of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Awasia Vidyalaya tied the sacred Rakhis on the wrists of officers and Jawans of the Force. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shailendra Kumar jointlywith Second-in-Command of the RAF 106 Battalion, Sachidanand Mishra. Sisters from Kasturba Balika Awasia Vidyalaya narrated stirring stories of dedicated soldiers serving the nation. A Rajasthani folk dance was presented on the occasion to add a touch of colour to the programme. All sisters tied Rakhi to the wrists of their brave soldier brothers while expressing their hopes for their long and healthy life and their dedication to duty with courage. A sister recited, "On this day of Rakhi, brother, don't forget, you are dedicated to the nation's service, fulfil your duty." Second-in-Command Officer of RAF, Sachidanand Mishra, along with other officers and soldiers, participated in the program. (w/gsd)

One day workshop under Anti Narcotic Activity Campaign

Seraikela, Aug 28: As per the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner, a one-day workshop was organized under the Anti-Narcotic Activity Campaign at Van Chetna Kendra, Sahebganj, Seraikela. Presiding over the workshop, District Forest Divisional Officer Aditya Narayan, while giving detailed information regarding anti-drug activities, gave necessary suggestions to the forest personnel subordinate to Forest Department Seraikela Division.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Chandan Kumar Vats, who was mainly present in the workshop, gave necessary guidelines to the forest personnel and gave detailed information about various provisions of the NDPS Act.

DST-Women Technology Park Program trainees get certificate

Jamshedpur, Aug 28: C S I R - N a t i o n a l Metallurgical Laboratory (NML), Jamshedpur, in association with the National Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology (NIAMT), Ranchi, organized Job Oriented Training (JOT) programs on "3D printing, Basic Computer Software, Innovative product development, and Waste Management" for women. These training programs were organized as a part of the project "Women Technology Park (WTP) for Capacity Building and Entrepreneurship Development" sponsored by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. The second and third batch of the 3-month training was over, and it was time to recognize the



hard work and achievements of the participants. The trainees were handed over certificates during a program at CSIR-NML on August 28.

The training programs on "3D printing, Basic Computer Software, Innovative product development, and Waste Management" were an attempt of CSIR-NML and NIAMT to find ways to

empower the women from the state of Jharkhand and to include the women workforce in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Dr MitaTarafdar, CRIT Scientist and Head KRIF Division, CSIR-NMLdiscussed product development activities and the necessity of skill training for women. She also discussed the importance of women in entrepreneurship roles.

Y Usha, Senior Scientist, Engineering Division, talked about the importance of design and quality of product and the training program related to product development.

DrAnimesh Jana, Senior Scientist, KRIT Division, discussed the skill training activities taken up by the CSIR-NML. He mentioned the significance of skill training in personal and professional development,

empowerment, and overall well-being.

Roshan Kumar, Scientist, Engineering Division and Project Leader DST-WTP of CSIR-NML, expressed his thoughts about the importance of the learning process during this training program, and he also congratulated the participants for completing the training program. (W-mb)

34 labourers from Jharkhand rescued from Andhra Pradesh

Ranchi, Aug 28 : The Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) police of the Crime Investigation Department (CID), along with the Labour Department, rescued 34 labourers from Jharkhand from a private aqua unit in Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh on August 26.

The victims, a majority of whom belong to the Santhal tribe, were engaged for meagre wages at the aqua hatcheries and ponds located at Pallitummalapalem village. Following the directions of Labour Commissioner MV Seshagiri Babu, teams, comprising the Labour, Revenue, and police personnel, conducted raids on the aqua units and hatcheries. The AHTU police, under the supervision of CID Additional Director General of Police N Sanjay, produced the rescued labourers before the Machilipatnam Revenue Divisional Officer I Kishore.

"The labourers have urged us to free them from the aqua unit," said CID Superintendent of Police KGV Saritha. Kishore said the victims, aged between 19 and 25, were engaged for different works at the prawn culture units and hatcheries. During investigation, it was found that the owner of the farm did not pay salaries or any advance to the labourers. They were living in pathetic conditions, Saritha said. The prawn culture unit management later paid Rs 4.15 lakh wages to the workers, and provided food and transportation to all the labourers. They were sent back to their native villages in Sahebgunj district in Jharkhand, the RDO said. Stern action would be taken against those who engage children and labourers in violation of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, and the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Seshagiri Babu warned.

Latehar: 4 students injured after portion of classroom ceiling caves in

Latehar (Jharkhand): At least four Class II students were injured, one of them critically, after a portion of the ceiling of their classroom caved in on them in Jharkhand's Latehar district on Sunday. The incident took place in Saraidih Urdu Middle School at Pokhrikala, around 180 km from the state capital Ranchi. Around 50 students were in the classroom when the incident happened. Urdu-medium schools remain open on Sundays and are closed on Fridays. "Of the four students, one is critically injured, and has been admitted to Medininagar Medical College and Hospital, while the remaining three are undergoing treatment at a local hospital," Barwadih Block Development Officer Rakesh Sahay said. Md Ajam Khan, the headmaster of the school, said there are only four rooms in the school for a total of 721 children.

Flags of Imran Khan's PTI recovered from J&K's Poonch, Rajouri

Jammu, Aug 28 (IANS) The flags of Pakistan's 'Tehreek-e-Insaf' (PTI) party led by Imran Khan were recovered on Monday in J&K's Poonch and Rajouri districts. Official sources said that flags tied with balloons were spotted at Middle School Sarula in Bhimber Gali Sector in Poonch district and police took these into its possession. Multi-coloured balloons along with Pakistan's national flag and PTI flags were also recovered from the Lam area of Rajouri district. Sources said it is being ascertained whether these flags were released into air from across the Line of Control (LoC) or from somewhere within Poonch and Rajouri districts.

J&K L-G hands over Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak to father of martyr

Srinagar, Aug 28 (IANS) J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday handed over the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, citation and a cheque to Gulam Mohammad Dar, father of Martyr civilian Mohammad Umar Dar, at Raj Bhawan an official statement said.

Mohammad Umar Dar was conferred with Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (Posthumously) by President Droupadi Murmu. On March 26, 2022, Mohammad Umar Dar and his brother, Ishaq Ahmad Dar, who was working as an SPO in J&K Police, were killed by terrorists inside their house in Chattabugh Budgam. "The Lt Governor paid homage to Sh Mohammad Umar Dar and saluted the exemplary courage shown by him in saving the lives of his family members," the statement said. "Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; and family members of Mohammad Umar Dar were also present."

Assam: Elephant dies due to electrocution

Guwahati, Aug 28 (IANS) In yet another tragic incident, a wild elephant came into contact with a high voltage electric wire in Assam's Udalguri district and died on Monday, officials said. The incident happened in the wee hours of Monday at a private tea garden in Hatigarh area of the district which is not far from Indo-Bhutan border. Dibakor Das, the Divisional Forest Officer at Udalguri told IANS, "The elephant came out from the wild in search of food and while it was collecting some foodstuff, it came into contact with a high voltage electric line. The jumbo unfortunately died on the spot." A team from the forest department including Das and others rushed to the spot. It was an adult elephant and according to the forest department, the accident happened around 3:45 a.m. on Monday. Earlier this month, three elephants died due to electrocution on the outskirts of Guwahati.

The incident happened in Rani Tea estate which comes under the Kamrup (Rural) district.

EMI means Empty Manipulative Installment, Kharge's swipe at PM Modi over Rozgar Mela

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday dismissed Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributing appointment letters to newly-inducted recruits as "empty manipulative installments", and said if he was genuinely worried about youths' future, he would not have indulged in PR stunt. His remarks came ahead of the Prime Minister distributing more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits in government departments under Rozgar Mela. In a tweet in Hindi, Kharge said, "EMI - Empty Manipulative Instalments. By promising 2 crore jobs to youths per year, Modi ji is distributing jobs to few thousand youths in EMI. Today he will also do the same. It has come to notice that in the list of new appointees to the government departments, there are many who are getting promotions."

He said that for example, as per records shared by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Mohali in April this year, 15 people were given appointment letters while it was decided to promote 21 people. They were given appointment letters during the Rozgar Mela. Similarly, in Maulana Azad National Urdu University in April 2023, 38 people were issued appointment letters. However, 18 out of 38 were promotees. Taking a swipe at the Prime Minister, Kharge said, "Modiji, if you are really worried about the future of youths then you would not have been involved in PR stunts to play with their aspirations. Youths of the country have identified the lies, rhetoric and betrayal of the BJP and in 2024 they will show the exit door to the Modi government."

SC allows Bihar ex-MP Prabhunath Singh to appear virtually in 1995 double murder case

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) The Supreme Court recently allowed former Bihar MP Prabhunath Singh to appear virtually through video conferencing for hearing on the quantum of sentence after it held him guilty in 1995 double murder case.

A bench headed by Justice S.K. Kaul exempted the RJD leader from physical appearance against the top court's earlier direction asking Bihar's Home Secretary and DGP (Director General of Police) to produce him on September 1 before the apex court, when order as to the quantum of sentence will be pronounced.

On August 18, a special bench comprising Justices S.K. Kaul, Abhay S. Oka and Vikram Nath held the former legislator guilty in connection with a 1995 double murder case, reversing the acquittal decision rendered by the Patna High Court.

"Accused-respondent no. 2 (Prabhunath Singh) is thus convicted under Sections 302 and 307 IPC for the murders of Daroga Rai and Rajendra Rai and



also for attempt to murder of injured Lalmuni Devi (mother of deceased Rajendra Rai)," it had said. In its judgement, the apex court had said that there was sufficient evidence to show that Singh murdered Rajendra Rai and Daroga Rai near a polling booth in Bihar's Chhapra in 1995.

PM Rozgar Mela a gimmick to save Modi's flailing image, says Congress

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Prime Minister Rozgar Mela is nothing but a face-saving exercise of Narendra Modi, who has failed to fulfill his tall promise of providing 2 crore jobs to the unemployed youth of the nation every year, veteran Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said on Monday.

Slamming the Prime Minister, Ramesh, who is also Congress General Secretary, posted in X, formerly Twitter, "After failing to fulfill his grand promise of creating 2 crore jobs per year. After destroying the MSME sector with demonetisation, a badly designed GST and an ill-planned sudden lockdown."

"After betraying the hope of aspirational youth for more than nine years, the Prime Minister is feeling the heat in an election year. To save his flailing image, he has come up with one of the biggest jumlas - the PM Rozgar Mela," the Rajya Sabha MP said.

Hitting at the government, he said, "The jobs are already sanctioned posts that have not been filled up for years due to some administrative or financial reason. In a very large number of instances appointment letters are being handed out by the Prime Minister even in cases of promotion. The Mela personalises employment in the government sector as if the Prime Minister is singularly responsible for mostly routine job offers."

Locals perform 'Jalabhishek' in Nuh Shiva temple amid tight security

Gurugram, Aug 28 (IANS) The local people performed the 'Jalabhishek' and offered prayers in the Shiva temple of Nalhad in Haryana's Nuh on Monday.

The district administration has banned the arrival of devotees from other districts to the temple. The security at all mosques and temples across the district has been tightened.

A number of people attended the morning prayers at the Shiva temples in Nalhad. People were seen performing 'Aarti' at the temple as August 28 is the last Monday of the holy month of Shravan.

The Gurugram Police have also beefed up the security in Sohna and adjoining areas to keep an eye on suspicious people.

"We started checking vehicles since yesterday.



We are collecting public information, their destination information, vehicle checking, vehicle registration numbers are being noted to get all the details about their movements," Siddhant Jain, DCP, (South) told IANS.

Sources said the police have received some secret inputs about the movements of suspicious elements that can harm law and order situation in the

Man handed 5-year RI in MBBS student suicide case



New Delhi/Puducherry, Aug 28 (IANS) A special CBI court in Puducherry has awarded five years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) to a person convicted in connection with the suicide case of medical student Priyadarshini.

The court, while imposing the jail term on the accused S. Pradeep, a resident of Thirukannur in Puducherry, also levied a fine of Rs 5,000 on him for committing the crime.

The CBI had registered the case in 2015, following the order of the Madras High Court.

Initially, the case was handled by the Thirubuvana Police in Puducherry.

Priyadarshini, a fourth-year MBBS student at a Medical College & Hospital in Puducherry, was staying in the hostel.

Reportedly, she was in love with Pradeep, a resident of Thirukannur. Later, he began avoiding her, leading to differences between them.

Pradeep had sent her an SMS, casting aspersions on her character, which proved to be the breaking point and led to Priyadarshini's suicide, an official said.

K'taka govt to launch Griha Laxmi scheme Aug 30, Kharge to inaugurate - CM Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Aug 28 (IANS) Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said that Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge will attend the mega launch event of the Griha Laxmi guarantee scheme under which women heads of BPL families will get Rs 2,000 monthly allowance.

Speaking to reporters, CM Siddaramaiah stated his government had implemented three guarantee schemes during elections and the fourth one Griha Laxmi will be launched on August 30 in Mysuru city. People from Mandya, Mysuru, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Coorg districts will participate in the programme.

"More than a lakh people will attend the launch programme. Rahul Gandhi is attending the programme as an MP and Kharge in his capacity of Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha. Kharge will inaugurate the scheme and I will preside over the function in the presence of Rahul Gandhi," he explained.

This is a big project in the country. For one year, the government is spending Rs 32,000 crore and for this year the



government is incurring Rs 18,000 crore of expenditure. Woman heads of 1.33 crore families will get Rs 2,000 monthly allowance, CM Siddaramaiah stated.

Punjab to set up Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences in Mohali

Chandigarh, Aug 28 (IANS) In a significant decision aimed at providing the world-class treatment for liver ailments, the Punjab Cabinet led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday gave the nod to establish the Punjab Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences in Mohali, near here.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the Council of Ministers. A spokesperson for the Chief Minister's Office said the decision is aimed at emerging the state as a hub of medical care facilities.

The centre, to come up at a cost of Rs 59 crore, will act as a catalyst to provide better diagnostic, health facilities, counseling and treatment facilities at affordable rates for liver-related diseases. The Cabinet also approved to create 484 temporary posts in the upcoming institute to ensure that people were immensely benefited by it. The Cabinet also gave green signal to fill 20 technical cadre posts of direct recruitment quota as per departmental rules in the Department of Governance Reforms and Public Grievances. This decision is aimed for smooth functioning and to improve the efficiency and quality of the work of the department in the larger public interests.

INDIA meet: Mamata to reach Mumbai a day in advance to meet Big B



Kolkata, Aug 28 (IANS) West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee will reach Mumbai a day in advance of the two-day meeting of the Indian National Development Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) on August 31 and September 1.

Bengal firecracker blast: Partner of illegal warehouse arrested

Kolkata, Aug 28 (IANS) The first arrest in the blast at an illegal firecracker warehouse at Duttapukur in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district in which seven people were killed, was made by the police on Monday with the nabbing of a partner.

The arrested man has been identified as Shafiqul Islam and is the second partner in the entity.

The land on which the said illegal firecracker factory was operating, is owned by Shafiqul Islam.

The principal partner of the said illegal firecracker warehouse, Keramat Sheikh is still missing with contradictory rumours floating around regarding his disappearance. While a section of the local people have claimed that Keramat has absconded immediately after the blast, another section claims he died in the explosion on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, confusion is also going on over the actual death figure in the explosion. While the official figure of casualties as maintained by the



administration till Monday morning stands at seven, the local people have claimed that there is no trace of at least 10 more people who were present at the factory during the time of explosion.

The leader of the opposition in West Bengal Assembly, Suvendu Adhikari has already accused the state police administration of understating the death figure and also claimed that as per information available with him at least 10 people have died in the explosion.

My surname is neither 'Modi' nor 'Mallya', I will not abscond: Abhishek Banerjee

Kolkata, Aug 28 (IANS) Trinamool Congress national general secretary and the party Lok Sabha member Abhishek Banerjee on Monday said that his surname is neither "Modi" nor "Mallya" and he is not a person to escape in face of any pressure.

"I went abroad for my ophthalmological treatment. A rumour was floated that I had escaped from the country. I want to make one thing clear. My surname is not 'Modi'. Nor is it 'Mallya' or 'Choksi'. My surname is Banerjee. My name is Abhishek Banerjee. I know how to fight with my head high. I do not know the art of bowing down to pressure and surrendering to New



Delhi. I will never escape in face of any kind of pressure," he said while addressing a gathering on the occasion of the foundation of Trinamool Chhatra Parishad, the students' wing of the party.

He once again said that if a single evidence surfaces

about his involvement in any kind of corruption there will not be any requirement for further investigation or trial and he will voluntarily hang himself publicly.

Rubbishing the Opposition's allegations of massive violence unleashed by the state's ruling party in the recently-concluded elections for the three-tier panchayat system in West Bengal, he said that there had been a record number of nominations by the opposition forces this time.

"Even after that Trinamool Congress got elected in the majority of the seats in most districts. This would not have been possible without the spontaneous support of the people," Banerjee said.

Man Woman Man Woman - an unconventional tale of love

Howrah, August 28 : Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films in association with Motley Movies and Trigger Productions announced the release of their latest short film titled 'Man Woman Man Woman'. Written and directed by the legendary actor-filmmaker Naseeruddin Shah, the 26-minute film presents a unique story of love and companionship across two generations. Starring Ratna Pathak Shah, Tarun Dhanrajgir, Saba Azad and Vivaan Shah, the film aptly depicts the complexities of relationships in the modern world.

Speaking about the film, writer-director Naseeruddin Shah shared, "I am very glad to be releasing my short film with Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films.'Man Woman Man Woman' is a story of love, sans conditions. It is an attempt to show how uncomplicated relationships can be when love is the guiding light. I hope the audience finds some inspiration in it." 'Man Woman Man Woman' will premier exclusively on Royal Stag Barrel Select's Large Short Films YouTube Channel, a platform to watch the most original and inspiring short films featuring some of the finest actors and directors in India.

College girl stabbed & kidnapped in K'taka district; accused arrested

Ramanagara (Karnataka), Aug 28 (IANS) In a shocking incident, a college girl was stabbed and kidnapped here on Monday. The kidnapper later admitted her to a hospital. The condition of the girl is said to be critical. According to police, the girl was waylaid by the accused and his associates at the entrance of the college in Ramanagara city. The kidnapper stabbed her in the shoulders and hands. When she collapsed bleeding severely the kidnappers dragged her into their car and escaped from the spot. The kidnappers managed to escape even as the locals and students attempted to prevent them and pelted stones at the car. The locals passed on the information to the police. The cops later got information that the girl was admitted to the Ramakrishna hospital.

The police rushed to the hospital and took the kidnapper and the car into custody. The preliminary probe has revealed that both the accused and the victim hailed from a village in Ramanagara district. The police are suspecting that it is a matter of one-sided love. However, police said the exact reason would be ascertained sooner and other accused will be arrested in connection with the case. The girl is admitted to the ICU and is yet to record her statement. Further investigation is on.

SC permits cleric Maulana Kaleem Siddiqui to visit ancestral village in UP for brother's last rites

New Delhi, August 28 (IANS) Supreme Court (SC) on Monday granted one time relaxation to cleric Maulana Kaleem Siddiqui, who is charged by Uttar Pradesh state anti-terrorist squad (ATS) for running a mass religious conversion racket, to visit his ancestral village in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar to perform last rites in his brother's funeral. In view of the death of Siddiqui's brother, a bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose, Sanjay Kumar and SVN Bhatti relaxed the bail condition imposed by the Allahabad High Court barring Siddiqui from entering Uttar Pradesh except for trial. The bench ordered that the cleric will not take part in any political or social event except connected with brother's funeral and said that he will not make any public speeches. Notably, the Uttar Pradesh government's appeal against the High Court bail order is pending consideration before the Supreme Court. During an earlier hearing on the state government's plea seeking cancellation of bail, the top court had asked Additional Advocate General Garima Prashad to file a tabular statement clearly specifying the role attributed to Siddiqui in alleged mass religious conversion case by September 5.

Days after replaced by Surjewala as MP incharge, Priyanka meets JP Agarwal

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Days after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge replaced Madhya Pradesh in-charge J.P Agarwal with party leader Randeep Singh Surjewala, party General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Monday met with the senior Delhi leader at his residence. Priyanka Gandhi arrived at the residence of Agarwal in Delhi on Monday afternoon and discussed issues. The meeting between the two leaders comes in the wake of the discussions going on in the party to decide new chief for Delhi Congress unit. Agarwal was replaced by Surjewala as Madhya Pradesh in-charge. Surjewala is also the in-charge of Karnataka. He had played an important role in bringing the party back to power in the southern state. Meanwhile, as Madhya Pradesh in-charge Agarwal also worked closely with the party veteran leaders like Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh and the preparations in the state is in full swing.

Haryana minister accuses Cong of 'orchestrating' violence in Nuh on July 31

Chandigarh, Aug 28 (IANS) Accusing the Congress of "orchestrating" the communal violence in Nuh district on July 31, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij on Monday informed the Assembly that the government "is democratic and secular, allowing people of every religion to freely practice their religious activities based on their beliefs". He said the ongoing investigation into the incident and arrest of 500 persons "indicate that it was orchestrated by the Congress". Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, however, refused to discuss the violence in the House, saying the matter was sub-judice. Leader of Opposition and two-time chief minister Bhupinder Hooda said the matter pertaining to demolition of houses "is sub-judice". "We are not demanding discussion on demolition, we want discussion on the Nuh violence and the conspiracy behind it. We demand the Speaker's ruling on whether a discussion shall be held or not," he said.

26th Bengaluru Tech Summit to begin from Nov 29, tech leaders from 50 countries to participate

Bengaluru, 28 Aug (IANS) Priyank Kharge, the Minister for Rural Development, and Panchayat Raj, IT and BT announced on Monday that the 26th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) is set to surpass all expectations with an unparalleled scale and an unprecedented level of global participation. Addressing at the Global Innovation Alliance (GIA) partners meeting, he said, "This summit is an extraordinary event that will redefine the boundaries of technology and innovation is scheduled to take place at the Bangalore Palace from Nov 29 to Dec 1." Building upon the remarkable success of the previous year, BTS 2023 eagerly awaits the presence of esteemed high-level government and industry delegations from renowned tech nations. Over 200 global technology leaders will take the stage to share their invaluable insights at BTS 2023. GIA Partner Countries will host 16 engaging sessions and witness representations from Australia, France, Israel, Japan, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.

Member of Saddam Gauri-Salman Tyagi gang arrested in Delhi

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Delhi Police's Crime Branch has arrested a member of infamous Saddam Gauri-Salman Tyagi gang, who was declared 'proclaimed offender' and was previously involved in nine cases including murder and arms act, an official said on Monday.

The accused was identified as Puneet Sharma aka Anil.

The Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Singh Yadav said that specific information was received that the associate of Saddam Gauri-Salman Tyagi gang named Puneet Sharma, a resident of Subhash Nagar, who is declared proclaimed offender in a robbery case of Rajouri Garden would come to Tis Hazari Court to meet and facilitate gangsters Saddam Gauri and Deepu Boonda on their court hearing date.

"Acting on the tip-off, a trap was laid near Tis



Hazari Court complex and Puneet was successfully apprehended from Metro Station, Kashmiri Gate," said Yadav. On interrogation, Puneet disclosed that he came to Tis Hazari Court to meet Saddam Gauri and Deepak Boonda to facilitate them and to discuss gang related activities. "In the year 2005, he along with Saddam, Deepak and others murdered a transgender in Rajouri Garden. In this regard, an FIR was also registered. In 2011, he was also arrested with gangster

Salman Tyagi in a rape case registered at Hari Nagar police station," said the Special CP.

The Special CP said that Tyagi and Gauri are running a gang from inside Tihar Jail through their associates. "In the year 2019, Gauri, Tyagi, Roshan Khalla, Deepak Boonda were booked under MCOCA by Hari Nagar police station. In the year 2022, the gang was involved in conspiracy in the murder of Ajay Chaudhary, former chairman, Keshopur Mandi," the Special CP added.

Someone messaged me threatening to arrest Abhishek Banerjee: Mamata

Kolkata, Aug 28 (IANS) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday claimed that she had received a message from an unknown person threatening to arrest Trinamool Congress national general secretary and the party Lok Sabha member Abhishek Banerjee.

"I received a message yesterday from someone who said that Abhishek will soon be arrested as all evidence from his computer had been retrieved. Yes they have retrieved some files from the computer and planted their own files there. But we are not fools. "We have also extracted all the evidence of planting files which were not there in the computer. A general diary has also been filed in the matter," the chief minister said while addressing a gathering on the occasion of the foundation day of Trinamool Chhatra Parishad, the students wing of the party.



She indirectly referred to a complaint filed with the cyber cell of Kolkata Police by an employee of a corporate entity linked to Sujay Krishna Bhadra, the prime accused in the school job case in West Bengal. The complainant has accused the Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths

of "planting evidence" while conducting raids at the said corporate entity in south Kolkata in the first two days of the last week.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister also launched a scathing attack against the West Bengal Governor, C.V. Ananda Bose accusing the latter of making attempts to run a parallel administration in the state. "I respect his chair. But I cannot accept his style of functioning. He is crossing his constitutional limits. He has recently appointed a retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer without any academic experience as an interim vice- chancellor of a state-university. In Jadavpur University he has appointed someone as an interim vice-president who is a president of a particular cell of BJP. The Governor is forgetting that while he is appointed, we are elected," the chief minister said.

Five arrested in Madurai train coach fire case

Chennai, Aug 28 (IANS) Five people, including tour operators and a cook, were arrested in connection with the Madurai train coach fire which claimed the lives of nine Uttar Pradesh pilgrims travelling to Rameswaram.

Sathyaprakash, Narendra, Kardish Sakhani, Deepak and Sukum Kashyap were arrested by the Government Railway Police. They have been booked under Sections 302, 304 and 285 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 164 of Indian Railway (IR) Act.

According to sources, they will be produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate court in Madurai.

Notably, a tourist coach in the Lucknow-Rameswaram express that was stalled at Madurai outer yard caught fire on Saturday morning leading to the death of nine persons and grievous injuries to many others.

The cause of the fire was found to be an illegally boarded gas cylinder exploding in the coach while the cook was trying to make tea.

There were 55 tourists and eight staff in the coach and nine people lost their lives in the fire mishap.

Andhra Pradesh bans mobile phones in schools

Amaravati, Aug 28 (IANS) The Andhra Pradesh government has banned the use of mobile phones in schools across the state.

The school education department has issued orders prohibiting students from bringing mobile phones to the schools.

The department has also banned use of mobile phones by the teachers in classrooms. The teachers have been directed to deposit their cell phones with the headmaster before going to the classrooms.

The department said the ban has been imposed to ensure that there is no



disruption to teaching. Officials said that the action has been taken in accordance with the Global Education Monitoring Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The U.N. body endorsed banning smartphones from schools. It noted that

globally one in four countries has imposed such bans either as law or as a policy out of concern for data privacy, safety and child's well-being.

The UNESCO warned against an uncritical rush toward embrace of digital products in educational settings, noting that "there is little robust evidence on digital technology's added value in education" and that "a lot of the evidence comes from those trying to sell it".

The school education department had already asked the teachers to stop using mobile phones in the classroom but the orders were not being followed strictly.

The ban on using mobile phones by teachers in the classrooms is a part of guidelines of the Education Department. With teachers using mobile phone during class, the students are forced to study and understand lessons on their own.

Today I see both my father Dhirubhai and me in Isha, Akash, and Anant: Mukesh Ambani

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani on Monday said that he sees "both my father and me in Isha, Akash, and Anant. I see the flame of (founder) Dhirubhai (Ambani) shine in all of them".

"I am happy to report to you that earlier today, the Board met and recommended the induction of Isha Ambani, Akash Ambani, and Anant Ambani into the Board of Directors of Reliance Industries Ltd. I can proudly say that they have earned their stripes through dedication, commitment, and hard work," he said at the company's 46th AGM.

Teaming up with the other Directors, they will work as one single team to provide leadership to the Reliance Group as a whole and guide the growth of all our diverse businesses with a holistic vision, he added.

"This is truly an emotional moment for me because it reminds of that day in 1977, when my



father inducted me into the Board of Directors of Reliance. I was only 20 then. Today I see both my father and me in Isha, Akash, and Anant. I see the flame of Dhirubhai shine in all of them," Mukesh Ambani said.

"They have fully internalised the founder's mindset. They are fully committed to preserve and further enrich the purpose, philosophy, passion, and pioneering spirit of Dhirubhai Ambani."

"I shall continue to perform my duties and responsibilities as Chairman and Managing Director for five more years, with greater vigour,"

he added.

"I shall groom and empower all the Next-Gen leaders at Reliance and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the future. I shall especially mentor Akash, Isha, and Anant so that they can provide collective leadership and dependably take Reliance to greater heights of growth and value in the decades ahead. Together with the Board and all my long-time colleagues, I shall further enrich Reliance's unique institutional culture, which has sustained your company's perpetual and exponential growth," Mukesh Ambani said.

Karnataka: Rape accused jumps 40 feet tall wall, video goes viral



Bengaluru, Aug 28 (IANS) The video of a rape accused making an escape after jumping the 40 feet tall prison wall has gone viral on social media in Karnataka. However, the police has nabbed the accused and sent him back to the prison.

The 23-year-old Vasantha, an auto driver was jailed in connection with a rape case in Davanagere Sub-jail. Vasantha, a resident of Karuru in the outskirts of Davanagere city was arrested by Davanagere Women's police station on Saturday and sent to jail.

Vasantha after landing in jail had jumped the wall from 40 feet and made an escape. The footage showed even as his leg was hurt after the jump, he managed to limp towards the road and caught an auto to escape. The entire incident was captured on CCTV footage.

Basavanagara Police had lodged a fresh case in this regard and launched a hunt for the accused. The accused was found in Duggavathi village in Harihara taluk, police said on Monday.

15th Annual Shyam Mahotsav celebrated in Parsudih Housing Society

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: Religious organization, Shri Shyam Bhakt Mandal organized the 15th Shyam Mahotsav at Parsudih Housing Society colony near the Haat Bazaar. The program commenced with the invocation of Lord Ganesh. Host couple, Usha-Shyam Sundar Agarwal performed the prayers under supervision of priest Gopal Shukla who also tied the ritualistic protective thread among all devotees present.

The evening of Bhajans in glorification of Baba Shyam spread an aura of devotion across the Parsudih Housing Colony. The much hailed Punit Krishna Jaitly (Pagla Baba) from Varanasi along with popular devotional singers Banti Changil,



Harjit Singh Heera and Sonu Sharma mesmerized the devotees with their renditions and set the aesthetic feeling on a high. The programme concluded

at 2 am on Monday. The Utsav's highlights included a Baba Shyam's Darbar décor, Akhand Jyot, and the offering of Chhappan Bhog (56

varieties of food) for the deity's consecration which later, was distributed as prasad among the devotees. The Maha Aarti of Shri Khatushyam Ji was

performed, followed by the distribution of Chhappan Bhog prasad among the devotees.

Distinguished guests present on the occasion

were Legislator Mangal Kalindi, Zila Parishad Vice President Pankaj, former MLA Kunal Shadangi, Prof H P Shukla, Arun Bankrewal, Sudipto Dey Rana, Manik Malik, Sandeep Sharma Bobby, Rahul Sharma, Sandeep Murarka, Kamal Kishore Agarwal, Abhishek Agarwal Goldy, Sunny Sanghi and others. All guests were presented with scarves with the name of Baba Shyam printed on them and Tulsi saplings.

The organizing committee comprised Ratan Agarwal, Bijay Agarwal Biju, Akhilesh Agarwal, Manoj Agarwal, Rohit Agarwal Bablu, Vaibhav Agarwal, Anurag Sharma, Navin Agarwal, Rajesh Agarwal, Shyam Sundar Agarwal, Sanjay Agarwal Sanju and Shankar Agarwal. (w/gsd)

Tata Steel's enduring commitment to sports and athlete development

Jamshedpur, August 28 : India's National Sports Day, observed annually on August 29, holds a special significance as it commemorates the birth anniversary of the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand. A true icon, Dhyan Chand's remarkable accomplishments include clinching three consecutive gold medals for India at the Olympics in 1928, 1932 and 1936. His autobiography, *Goals*, chronicles an awe-inspiring career with a staggering 570 goals scored between 1926 and 1949. Notably, his legacy extends to the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award, the country's highest sporting honour.

Tata Steel, a pioneering conglomerate, has been an instrumental force in nurturing sports and athlete development for nearly a century. This commitment finds its roots in the passion of the visionary founder, Jamsetji Tata, who recognised sports as a powerful instrument for positive change. This belief led to a culture of unwavering support for various sports and the exceptional athletes who excel in them. The legacy

continued through his son, Sir Dorabji Tata, who financed the Indian contingent at the 1920 Olympics in Belgium, demonstrating Tata's early association with competitive sports.

Fast-forward to the present day, Tata Steel's dedication to sports has become deeply ingrained in its corporate identity. Sports serve as a way of life, embodying the Company's vision to engage employees, families and communities in active, healthy lifestyles while enhancing the brand's image through excellence. This vision is realised through targeted initiatives aimed at both employees and the community, fostering talent at the highest echelons of sports.

The Company invests in state-of-the-art training facilities, organises corporate runs, fun games, and outdoor activities to promote fitness and well-being. Tata Steel's commitment to athlete development is underscored by the creation of premier academies that nurture talent at the highest levels. From the Tata Football Academy and Tata Steel Adventure Foundation to the Tata



Archery Academy and Tata Athletics Academy, the Company's dedication shines through. These academies, alongside High-Performance Centres, Training and Feeder Centres, and grassroots programmes, form a comprehensive ecosystem that identifies, trains and supports promising athletes.

Testament to the Company's efforts in adding value to the overall sports eco system of the country is that Tata Steel has produced 1 Padma

Bhushan, 11 Padma Shri, 1 KhelRatna, 6 Dronacharya, 42 Arjuna Awardees and 1 Dhyanchand Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of sports. Jamshedpur is also home to Jamshedpur FC, the professional football club based in Jamshedpur. The club competes in the Indian Super League (ISL), which is the top tier of professional football in India.

Notably, the Naval Tata Hockey Academy (NTHA) has been a game-changer in Jharkhand and Odisha.

Established in 2017 and 2019 respectively, these academies have partnered with the Bovelander Hockey Academy (BHA) from the Netherlands to impart technical expertise. Tata Steel's High-Performance Centres (HPCs) further enhance the training regimen by providing athletes with world-class sports science support, cutting-edge infrastructure and exposure to technology. These efforts have significantly contributed to Odisha

producing over 5,000 national-level hockey players and over 70 international players.

The local community has always been at the core of the sports activities that Tata Steel supports. The Company's Run initiatives - Tata Steel Kolkata 25K (TSK 25K), Tata Steel Noamundi Run-a-thon, Tata Steel Jamshedpur Run-a-thon, Tata Steel Bhubaneswar Half Marathon, Tata Steel Meramandali Run-a-thon, bring the communities together and enabling a

healthier tomorrow. This year we would be launching three new Run-a-thons, namely the Tata Steel Joda, Ranchi and Angul Run-a-thons in December, January and February.

Adding more to the list are events like the Tata Steel Chess India (TSCI) and Tata Steel Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI). Tata Steel Chess India was inaugurated in Kolkata in November 2018. This tournament, part of the FIDE (International Chess Federation) tournament features many of the world's top grandmasters. The 4th edition of the Tata Steel Chess India introduced a women's tournament, marking a significant step towards empowering women in the chess world and fostering a more inclusive and diverse environment. The 5th edition of Tata Steel Chess India (TSCI) is being held from August 31 - September 9 at the National Library, Kolkata. Top International and Indian women and men Grandmasters, including R Pragganandhaa along with ViswanathanAnand as the tournament ambassador are making this year's competition an enriching experience for all.

The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) is the ideal platform for Indian golfers to hone their skills, enhance their careers, and finally go on to compete at the highest level in the European and US tours. Through the three-year deal with Tata Steel as the tour's 'Umbrella Partner', PGTI took another giant leap in 2019. The Company's association with PGTI will help the tour scale new heights.

Beyond the realm of sports, Tata Steel's commitment to social development is evident in its sports initiatives. The Company's role in establishing academies, organising tournaments, and building sports infrastructure has not only nurtured world-class athletes but also empowered communities and transformed lives.

The vibrant sporting culture has earned Jamshedpur the title of the Sports Capital of Jharkhand. In conclusion, Tata Steel's dedication to sports has evolved into a legacy that continues to shape India's sporting landscape is a testament to the power of sports to inspire, uplift, and create a brighter future for individuals and communities alike.

MNPS fosters financial literacy among students

Plantation drive in MNPS



Jamshedpur, Aug 28: Recognizing the importance of financial literacy in today's fast-paced global economy, Motilal Nehru Public School has integrated financial literacy into its curriculum across all grade levels. Students of Std 9 to12 are introduced to financial concepts, including budgeting, savings, investments, banking, and credit. Through interactive and practical lessons, they learn

how to set financial goals and track their expenditure. The resource person for the session was Dr SSGoel,a gold medalist in Economics (Post Graduation)as well as in MBA. He served Tata Steel Management Development Centrefor thirty years till 2001. Dr Goel has been a visiting faculty in some of the premiere institutions of India eg.IITKharagpur,NIT Jamshedpur, Coal India to name a few.

Principal,AshuTiwarly expressed, "We are committed to equipping our students with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly complex financial landscape. By fostering financial literacy, we are empowering our students to make informed choices and manage their resources effectively."

According to a class 11 student, the program has been quite enriching and interactive". (W-mb)

Jamshedpur, Aug28: A tree plantation drive was organized at Motilal Nehru Public School along with Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (formerly JUSCO).

Students played the role of 'eco warriors' and planted saplings of Ashoka& Bauhinia in school premises.

The aim is to create awareness among students, faculty and stakeholders about the importance of trees for sustainable future. It also creates green belts and meets the aesthetic recreational needs to the people.

Planting trees helps to reduce carbon emissions, mitigate climate change and conserves natural resources.

The program was attended by Principal AshuTiwarly, officials of Tata Steel, faculty, eco club members and students of std. X, XI & XII. (W-mb)



Smikhi clinches Gold in 13th South Asia Yoga meet

Anshu honoured with South Asia Yogi Excellence Award

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 28: It was a field day for Yoga star couple, Smikhi and Guru Anshu Sarkar at the 13th South Asia Yogasana Championship organized in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu.

Smikhi Sarkar clinched the Gold medal in the women's segment. Anshu Sarkar has proved his Yoga mettle with every outing across the country and other international shores. His reputation received another shot-in-the-arm when he was honoured with the prestigious South Asia Yogi Excellence Award - 2023 at the same event to add to his overflowing showcase of glittering trophies with the imprint of Yoga Guru embossed on them. The competition was organized on August 26, 2023, by the Yoga Sports Federation of

Asia and the Yoga and Cultural Arts Center. A total of 364 participants took part in the event, and the Sarkar couple were honored with this recognition and award. The awards were presented by the organizing committee's President Yogi Mahendra Bhai Bhattacharya and Secretary Dr Jit Shankar Nath. Several other officials of the organizing bodies who

were present on the occasion included ChuramaniKarkari, Secretary of the Nepal Yoga Council and Dr Loknath Nath.

With the fresh laurels attained at the 13th South Asia Yogasana Championship organized in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu, Smikhi and Anshu Sarkar added to the pride of the city and entire Jharkhand. (w/gswd)

Children dramatize cultural tradition of Onam

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: Students of Siksha Niketan School in Telco, presented a depiction of the cultural and traditional facets of Onam Festival through a play during the morning assembly session. The play highlighted the significance of Onam celebration. The School's Principal, Vice Principal, along with other teachers and staff members were also present on the occasion. (w/gsd)



Free eye camp concludes

Jamshedpur, Aug 28: The 689th free eye camp of Indian Red Cross Society, East Singhbhum branch, organized in association with Ram Manohar Lohia Sewa Sansthan, Draupadi Devi Chimanlal Bhalotia Sewa Sansthan, Rajasthan SewaSadana and the District Rural Health Committee, concluded today at Ram ManoharLohiaNetralaya, Bagbera. As part of the last day proceedings, Dr BP Singh, conducted follow up checks on the 25 patients who were operated on August 27. Prior to discharge, all the patients were also provided with dark glasses and requisite medication. (w-mb)



IWC East: District Chairman inaugurates slew of projects



Jamshedpur, August 28: The Inner Wheel Club Jamshedpur East, welcomed District Chairman, Dr Ragini Rani, on her official visit to the club. The day was marked by a warm morning reception followed by the inauguration of several impactful projects that showcased the club's commitment to social welfare.The projects inaugurated during the event included: Red Rose School Mango Happy School, Hand Washing Station with Save Water Message, Computer Room, Sanitary Pad Bank, Scholarship for School Topper PriyaKumari, Solar Light Installation, Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine to name a few. The day also witnessed an executive meeting where officials adhered to paperless documentation guidelines, showcasing the club's embrace of digital advancements.

Furthermore, during a meeting club's e-bulletin was launched. Dr Ragini Rani inspired the members with her words of wisdom, leaving a profound impact on all attendees. (W-mb)

Three injured as auto overturns

Jamshedpur, August 28: An auto full of students overturned near Jugsalai police station on Monday morning. After the incident, there was chaos on the spot. The local people straightened the auto and admitted the injured to the local hospital. While a student was taken to TMH. According to the information received, an auto packed with students was going from Bistupur towards Jugsalai. (Wrg)

Football tournament marks National Sports Day

Jamshedpur: The spirit of sports and unity was in full swing as the Rotary Club of Steel City orchestrated the Independence Cup Football Tournament on August 27 at the Thakkar Bappa Dhatkidih ground. This vibrant event was organized to mark National Sports Day and celebrate the power of sports in fostering camaraderie and healthy competition. A total of 22 community teams from Jamshedpur and its surrounding areas participated enthusiastically, showcasing their prowess on the football field. The tournament not only provided an arena for football enthusiasts to display their skills but also served as a platform to



promote health awareness and social responsibility within communities.

To emphasize the importance of nutrition, all participating teams and the organizing committee were treated to nutritious lunches, underlining the significance of a balanced lifestyle in sports and daily

life.The tournament culminated with Undefeatable FC clinching the coveted Winner's title, while Sandip Sporting Club secured the Runner-Up position. The triumphant teams were rewarded not only with splendid trophies but also with cash prizes and

specially branded Rotary Club T-shirts.Football, often referred to as the beautiful game, goes beyond the realm of sports to foster respect, unity, peace, and friendship. The Independence Cup Football Tournament aimed to promote these values while encouraging

physical activity and overall well-being. It was a testament to the idea that sports can be a catalyst for positive change, both as a recreational pursuit and as a tool for addressing larger societal issues.President Amrita Vakharia, Gaurav Rungta - Sports Chair, Krishna Kharia - Treasurer, Milan Vakharia, Savak Patel, Bharat Shah, along with Rotaractors Amit and Chandan, were present at the event, along with the Thakkar Bappa committee. This event not only celebrated the essence of sports but also highlighted the significant role they play in enhancing motor skills, physical health, and well-being among individuals, aligning with the United Nations' Millennium Development Goal 4.

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Let there be light: When nature opens up for German artist Philipp Frank

Amid the surreal landscape of Disko Valley in Ladakh, dry mud, and centuries-old rocks have metamorphosed into a liquid avatar. Different connections are being formed, and technology and art are interacting to convey synonyms of a state where spirituality and the natural world come on a common plane during the closing ceremony of the recently organised 'Sa-Ladakh', Asia's highest altitude land art exhibition, exploring climate, culture and community, supported by the German Embassy.

While this show centered around the theme of water, Philipp Frank, who travels across the world with projection and video art, stresses that producing socially relevant art is something that has always driven him.



"We are living the consequences of climate change. It has become a major issue of our times, something that pushes me to talk about it through my art."

"Born in a small village near Munich, the artist, has been creating art ever since he was a teenager – starting with graffiti, drawing, and then moving to projection mapping. He admits that the years spent as a street artist have had a deep impact on his artistic sensibilities."

"It taught me to observe things minutely, experiment, and open to improvisation," he tells IANS.

Considering projection involves extensive use of technology, it is only fair to ask where science ends and arts begin...

"Honestly, technology is just a vehicle, 10-15 years back, it would not have been possible to do what I am doing now. But that time, I was conveying my thoughts through other mediums."

While he has travelled across the world with his art, this is his first visit to Ladakh.

"There are so many layers to the landscape here. For an artist, the contrasts that nature offers here open multiple possibilities to explore," he says.

Sebastian Fuchs, Spokesperson of the German Embassy and also a DJ adds, "The past few years have witnessed an increase in people-to-people contact between the two countries. We were looking for a cultural project with sustainability at the centre to celebrate India's G20 Presidency. Germany is a big contributor to sustainable development in India. When the idea of 'Sa-Ladakh' was presented, I was immediately impressed. There are many aspects to this place-it is a fragile ecosystem, and a lot of tourists come here, which is great but that also poses many challenges. It is always interesting to be associated with something that is just starting. Ladakh has a spiritual and emotional pull for many Indians and foreigners, and I hope we continue to be associated with it and bring in more German artists too."

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BRICS marching ahead

The 15th summit of the BRICS bloc comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, was held in Johannesburg, and majorly focussed on two issues; first, admitting new members to the five-nation organisation and boosting trade using the local currency of the member nations.

Reportedly, encouraged by BRICS success on the economic and geopolitical fronts, a growing number of countries in the Global South consider it as an attractive agent of multilateralism.

More than 40 nations, including Algeria, Egypt, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates, as well as key G20 countries such as Argentina, Indonesia, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia, had formally expressed their interest in joining the BRICS.

But finally only six more were added to the original members' list.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa formally announced BRICS expansion, and now Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE, Argentina and Ethiopia will join BRICS. Overtly this seems to be an attempt to reshape the global world order and provide a counterweight to the US and its allies.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, described the expansion as "historic".

Xi had leading the demand admitting new members, thus shaping-up an enlarged BRICS as a way for the Global South to have a stronger voice in world affairs.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, welcoming the expansion of the five-nation grouping, said: "Through this step, the faith of



numerous nations in a multipolar world order will become stronger."

Media reports prior to the summit cited Chinese officials furthering the view that the bloc should be a rival to the G7. But they were silent on plans to enhance the group's clout on the global stage. It would depend on how far it will be able to act in unison, as the addition of new members has made it even more disparate.

The Guardian quoted the director of the Asia and Latin America programme at the Inter-American Dialogue, Margaret Myers, as saying that this move is more symbolic than anything -- it's an indication of wide-ranging global south support for a recalibration of the global order.

The decision to admit Iran represented a win for both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Xi,

giving the group a more anti-western nuance. Iran, which has been looking for ways to sidestep the US sanctions, was indeed elated and same could be said about Putin, who'll be hosting the next summit and addressed the Johannesburg summit virtually.

While India had not opposed the expansion of the BRICS, it did push for rules and procedures to be laid down, which would govern which countries could enter the bloc. China's push to incorporate Pakistan into the BRICS alliance earlier stirred a diplomatic conundrum, but ultimately it was not amongst the lucky six.

For Argentina, facing dire economic problems, membership may provide a lifeline to escape from the deepening crisis. Its president, Alberto Fernandez, said it represented a "new scenario" for the country. Ethiopia became the

only low-income country in the group. Its Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed, described it as "a great moment" for his country.

Al Jazeera quoted Ayham Kamel, the head of Eurasia Group's Middle East and North Africa research team, as saying that in one move, the Middle East and North Africa region could have four members in an expanded BRICS organisation. This will structurally enhance their leverage regionally and globally.

A strengthened region would further pave the way for a multipolar world, Al Jazeera quoted Trita Parsi, vice president of the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, as saying. "As the world moves away from unipolarity, the US is also losing its ability to act as a gatekeeper, no one single state can any longer decide who is in the Community of Nations and who is a pariah."

Jeddah conference on Ukraine -- a post - West moment when the Global South came into its own

On 5-6 August the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia organised peace talks on Ukraine. More than 40 countries, including India, the United States, and European countries, Brazil, South Africa, and China participated in them, but not Russia. The Ukrainian delegation in Jeddah was led by Andriy Yermak, presidential adviser and head of the president's office. The basis of the talks was the Ukrainian 10-points peace proposal.

Yermak is later reported to have remarked that the summit in Jeddah will enter history as a "rehearsal of a future world, which has no place for stone-age aggression". The talks in Jeddah were, predictably, not expected to yield any statement or document. But the participants agreed to hold another meeting of political advisers within about six weeks. A couple of months prior to the talks the kingdom had hosted Ukrainian president Volodimir Zelensky who had addressed the Arab League summit ongoing then, explaining the Ukrainian position.

Following the talks, a senior Ukrainian official told the media that the weekend's talks in Saudi Arabia had dealt a "huge blow" to Russia, while Russian Permanent Envoy to International Organizations in Vienna Mikhail Ulyanov said that "By definition, it was far from real peace-oriented efforts since a major actor -- Russia -- wasn't invited. It made no sense at all... Obviously, inviting only one party to a conflict to a meeting to resolve the same conflict is a non-starter. Having just entered into a truce with archival Iran earlier this year, Saudis would know this well. So, what was the Jeddah meeting all about?"

There are two plausible explanations: One is for Saudi Arabia to reclaim its leadership of the region where mediating has become a calling card for such leadership; the second is to show up Saudi Arabia and China as the leaders of the non-aligned or "neutral world" - that is primarily those countries who have maintained neutrality on the Ukraine war and are mostly from the Global South.

As change has been sweeping through KSA and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, the country under the de facto rule of Crown Prince Mohamed bin Sultan or MBS, as he is popularly known, has encountered numerous challenges in its foreign policy. The war in Yemen, the Arab Spring, the spat with Qatar, the strain in relations with the US and Turkey, together with internal challenges of corruption, employment and a burgeoning youth population, have necessitated a rethink. This has been manifested in the way the



Saudis have reached out to Qatar, reinstated Syria into the Arab League, mended fences with Turkey and capped all of this with its rapprochement with Iran earlier this year facilitated by China. Along with this, MBS also seeks to reclaim the mantle of regional leadership, which the kingdom is well endowed to.

Peace-making or mediation is a key part of expanding a country's geopolitical profile and the region is no stranger to it. Qatar is still basking in the glory of facilitating the US-Taliban peace accords, the UAE has played a behind the scenes role to de-escalate tensions between India and Pakistan, Turkey helped broker the Black Sea grain deal between Russia and Ukraine. Now it is the turn of Saudi Arabia. The Ukraine war has further opened an opportunity for KSA as it has pushed oil prices and given the world's largest crude exporter a leverage over both the US and Russia. While the former needs to maintain low oil prices with President Joe Biden moving into election year, Russia relies on its oil and gas exports to finance its Ukraine operations.

Hosting an event like the Jeddah talks projects the kingdom as a responsible, neutral, and capable power not just in the region or in the Muslim world but as a global one; simultaneously, with no strings attached. And not without reason. If Ukraine talks held in Copenhagen couple of months earlier had only around 15 countries present, then Saudi Arabia managed to get 42 countries together, with more participation from countries with a neutral stand on the war, like the African countries, together with others like India and Brazil.

Even India was represented at a

higher level by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in Jeddah, than it had been at Copenhagen. Jeddah also became the venue where the Ukrainian delegation held more than 30 bilateral meetings with participating countries.

The icing on the cake of the Jeddah talks, however, was undoubtedly the presence of China, which was represented by its Special Envoy for Eurasian Affairs Li Hui. China had at the beginning of this year put forth its 12-point peace formula which critics say was not a peace deal, as it put no pressure on Russia, but merely put forth China's position on the war. Western countries had rejected it and in turn, Beijing had refrained from attending the Copenhagen meeting.

However, in Jeddah, China was a major presence, much to the delight of Western countries, where it patiently heard out the Ukraine proposal. Like Saudi Arabia, China too does not have any expectation of any concrete result. Russian analyst Alexander Gabuev has described China's peace proposal as a document that "is sooner a rebuttal to Western allegations that China has been a silent accomplice to Russia, and an attempt to bolster its image as a responsible world power in the eyes of developing countries." This also seems true of China's participation at Jeddah.

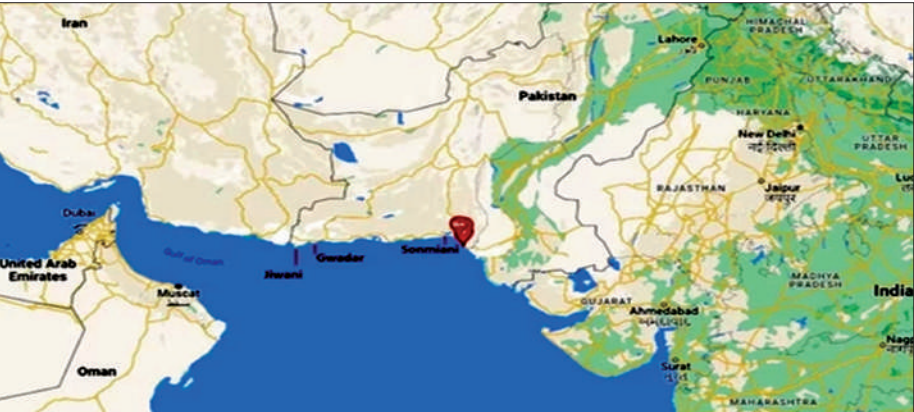
The Arab Barometer polling of MENA residents undertaken between October 2021 and July 2022 found that overall, China's ratings in the MENA region had improved and "the U.S. consistently lags behind China in the view of respondents to the 12-country survey...." A similar survey of 28 African countries in 2021-2022 show that on average, half of respondents (51%) rate the

economic & political influence of China as positive. It is to this gallery no doubt, that, along with Ukraine, Saudi Arabia and China were reaching out to. Of course, like much of the world both the latter would like to see an end to the war. But both know that will take some time coming. "We have many disagreements and we have heard different positions, but it is important that our principles are shared," Li Hui told Reuters at the end of the talks.

Following the Jeddah meet, China's Global Times quoted Cui Heng, an assistant research fellow from the Center for Russian Studies of East China Normal University as saying that China's attendance of the conference demonstrates its considerable influence and respect from all parties. In other words, Saudi Arabia clearly understands that without China's participation, the impact of the talks would be diminished, and the results obtained would be less significant.

One of the consequences of the Ukraine war has been that the Global South has made its voice heard; it is too powerful an entity now to be dragged into one or the other camp. This is the powerhouse that Ukraine wants to reach out to, and one that both the Saudis and the Chinese are tapping into. "The peaceful resolution method actively promoted by China and Saudi Arabia and other countries is the most appropriate and least damaging approach," the Global Times concluded. Jeddah, it therefore seems, has served as a good platform for both Saudi Arabia and China to raise their standing in the international arena by projecting themselves as concerned, responsible, peace-loving states, something that is useful for both power projection.

Baloch organisations fear China will build two naval bases in Pakistan



So, how many ports is China building in Pakistan's conflicted province Balochistan? Surprisingly, it could be as many as three and all in Pakistan's poorest province of Balochistan.

For the world, it is the Gwadar port that is in the spotlight. However, Baloch organisations say China is interested in building military ports at Jiwni and Sonmiani while the one at Gwadar is most likely to remain a part for commercial purposes.

The Jiwni port lies barely 35 kms from the Iran border to Pakistan's west while Sonmiani lies in the opposite direction as it is located in the Baloch industrial township of Hub, close to Karachi -- one of the biggest commercial ports in Asia.

India Narrative speaks with Jamal Nasir Baloch, the head of Foreign Affairs department of the Free Baloch Movement (FBM) -- a political party seeking to regain independence for a Baloch nation usurped by Pakistan in March 1948.

Baloch says: "China is keen to construct a naval base in Jiwni which is sandwiched between Iran and Gwadar, and also build a submarine base in Sonmiani in Balochistan near the commercial port of Karachi". He adds that Gwadar, which has been speculated to be a military port for China in global eyes, is likely to remain a commercial port.

Islamabad had given away Gwadar to the Chinese State-owned China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC), the builder of the Gwadar port, under a 40-year lease in 2017. COPHC had been building the port under President Xi Jinping's ambitious initiative to link China and Pakistan through a vast network of roads, railway, pipelines and power projects under the \$62 billion China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Baloch says: "We believe that Gwadar port is for the benefit of China which wants to protect its energy interests by bypassing the Malacca Strait. Therefore, to be able to protect its energy and commercial interests in Gwadar, China wants two more -- a naval base in Jiwni and a submarine base in Sonmiani".

Both the ports will be on either side of the Gwadar port, lending it the security Beijing needs to secure its energy supplies from the Gulf region, just in case regional powers in South Asia and South-East Asia block the Malacca Strait with support from Western powers.

Baloch says that it was in 2018 that more

than a dozen Chinese PLA officers met officers of the Pakistani Army in Jiwni. "China regularly sent batches of military officers to Jiwni and took soil samples as well". The plans were to build a wall and cordon off the entire peninsula after relocating the local people from Jiwni.

Regarding China's submarine base in Sonmiani, which lies to Pakistan's east, Baloch says this lagoon is suitable for an underground submarine base as it offers added protection. "It is a naturally secure area", he emphasises.

Sonmiani is also important because it is close to Balochistan's industrial town of Hub and boasts of the Sonmiani flight test range from where Pakistan has been test-firing its nuclear-capable ballistic missiles.

Baloch adds that despite the initial research and travel by Chinese military officers, China stopped the construction in both Jiwni and Sonmiani after Beijing noticed a financially-strapped Islamabad slide towards the West.

"But we think that the stoppage of work on the ports is only temporary. China is waiting for stability to return to the Pakistani foreign policy so that it can reassure itself that Islamabad is tilting back towards Beijing. Thereafter it will begin work on the two military ports", Baloch stresses.

The FBM activist says that the Baloch believe that the West will not be able to prevent Pakistan from gravitating towards China because most of the Pakistani Army officers, except the senior-most officers, hate the US. Another reason for his confidence is that China has been making efforts to bring Iran and Pakistan closer against the Baloch community -- currently the only opposition to Chinese ports and CPEC investment.

With the Baloch community scattered on both sides of the border, called the Goldsmith Line, and maintaining close ties, the two nations are weary. Moreover, the Baloch armed groups have provided stout resistance to the Pakistani Army, killing dozens of soldiers in almost daily, and sometimes audacious, attacks.

Underscoring that all three ports are being built by China in Balochistan against a simmering local sentiment, Baloch says, "China has provided drones for attack, forensic support as well as surveillance tools to the Pakistani security forces against us. Just think, why is China investing so many billions in a place where there is no drinking water or power supply but ample hostility?"

Neeraj Chopra makes history with first gold for India in World Championship

Budapest, Aug 28 (IANS): India's Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won a historic maiden gold medal for India in the World Athletics Championships on Sunday, claiming the gold medal in the men's javelin throw competition here.

Chopra, who has been bothered by an injury in the last few months, killed the competition in the Hungarian capital with a massive throw of 88.17 in his second turn.

Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem took the silver medal, the first World Championship medal for his country, with a distance of 87.82 while Czech Republic's Yakub Vadlejch retained the bronze he won in Oregon last year, with a distance of 86.67.

The two other Indians in the fray too did their best but could not finish on the podium -- Kishore Kumar Jena, who had to overcome visa problems to reach Budapest, finished fifth with a personal best throw of 84.77 while D.P. Manu finished sixth with 84.14.

But India had the most hopes from Neeraj Chopra and the 25-



year-old from Haryana did not disappoint as he came up with a superb throw on his second turn and secured his first World Championship gold.

Before Sunday, no Indian male or female had won a gold medal in the World Championship with Anju Bobby George claiming bronze in women's long jump at Paris

in 2003 while Neeraj Chopra won a silver in Oregon, US, last year.

Chopra, who usually aims to start with a big first throw and had done just that in the qualifying stage with a stunning 88.77 metre, opened with a foul on his first attempt on Sunday.

But his next throw straight away catapulted him to the top

of the standings as the 25-year-old Tokyo Olympic gold medallist from Haryana hurled the spear to 88.17 to take the lead.

Germany's Julian Weber was placed second with 85.79 on his second attempt while Yakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic was placed third with 84.18m throw in his second attempt.

Chopra could manage only 86.32 metre in his third attempt while Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem jumped into the fray with a superb throw of 87.82 metre on his third turn.

Nadeem, who had surgery on his shoulder earlier this year following an injury, started with a gentle loosener of 74.90m and followed that up with 82.81m before unleashing a rip-roaring 87.82 in his third turn, a season-best for the Pakistan thrower.

India's D.P. Manu also came up with his best effort of the first half of the competition with 83.72m in his third attempt and was placed fifth while Kishore Kumar Jena came up with 82.82m in his second attempt to remain in seventh position.

Chopra could manage only an 84.62m throw in his fourth attempt while Nadeem came up with 87.15m while Julian Weber of Germany remained in the third position thanks to his 85.7 attempt.

Arshad Nadeem made a final attempt in the sixth round with a big one but it was still short of what he wanted and Chopra sealed the gold medal.

'Symbol of unparalleled excellence', Prez Murmu, PM Modi congratulate Neeraj Chopra



New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated Neeraj Chopra for winning a gold medal at the World Athletics Championships and said he exemplifies excellence.

In a series of tweets, the President said, "Neeraj Chopra adds yet another golden page to the history of Indian sports by becoming the first ever Indian to win a gold medal in World Athletics Championships. His superlative performance in the javelin throw finals at Budapest will inspire millions of our youth."

She said, "India is proud of Neeraj Chopra. I convey my heartfelt congratulations to him. I wish his legend grows with more such feats. It is a matter of great national pride that three Indians, Neeraj Chopra, D.P. Manu and Kishore Jena together competed in the final round of the World Athletics Championships 2023 javelin event and they finished in the top six. I congratulate each one of them.

Glenn Maxwell ruled out of South Africa T20Is, Matthew Wade returns

Durban (SA), Aug 28 (IANS): Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has been ruled out of the T20I series against South Africa after he hurt his ankle during a team's training session here. Maxwell's absence opens the door for Matthew Wade to earn a recall to Australia's side,



with the veteran receiving a call-up for the series against South Africa and could provide another wicket-keeping option alongside Josh Inglis. While the 34-year-old is expected to recover from the ankle concern in time for Australia's World Cup campaign, national selector Tony Dodemaide said no risks would be taken with Maxwell given his injury history that includes the freak leg injury he picked up at a friend's party late last year. Dodemaide is confident Maxwell will return to national colours during Australia's ODI series against India at the end of next month and be fully fit for the World Cup.

"We are taking a precautionary approach, given Glenn was heading home next week in any case. We will monitor Glenn's recovery with a view to him being available for the three-match ODI series in India in advance of the World Cup," Dodemaide said. The T20I series gets underway in Durban on Wednesday with all three matches played in the same city across five days.

Texas Chargers crowned champions of inaugural US Masters T10 League



Lauderhill, Florida, Aug 28 (IANS): The Texas Chargers held their nerve at crucial moments, and put on a fantastic performance, as they defeated the New York Warriors, via a Super Over in the final of the inaugural US Masters T10. The Chargers won it narrowly in the Super Over. Batting first, the New York Warriors lost opener Kamran Akmal off the first delivery, before Tillakaratne Dilshan and Richard Levi steadied the ship. The duo put on a 30-run stand for the second wicket, playing with a risk-free approach, before Levi was knocked over for 17.

Dilshan added 18 to the cause and was the next to depart, with Misbah-ul-Haq being joined by Shahid Afridi. They could not kick on as Afridi was dismissed for 1, by Ehsan Adil, who finished his spell with 3 wickets.

The skipper could add only 5 in the seventh over, and Abdul Razzaq (3) departed in the 8th over, with the score at 62/6. After that, Jonathan Carter teed off for the Warriors, smashing 3 sixes and as many boundaries, taking the team to 92/6 in their quota of 10 overs.

In response, the Texas Chargers lost the wicket of the in-form Mukhtar Ahmed for 6 in the second over. However, the very experienced Mohammad Hafeez had skipper Ben Dunk for company, and the duo dug in.

Hafeez has been in scintillating form and along with Dunk, put on a 46-run stand to set the Chargers on the way to the finish line. Dunk was dismissed for 20 but Hafeez was looking dangerous, as the Chargers reached 60/2 at the halfway stage. Soon after, Hafeez was dismissed for 46, and Darren Stevens was gone for 2, as the Chargers lost their 4th wicket. In the 9th over, Sohail Khan struck a few big blows as Upul Tharanga (1), Phil Mustard (0), Thisara Perera (4) and Neil Broom (1) were all dismissed quickly. Sohail finished with a five-wicket haul as the Warriors took control. In the final over, Shahid Afridi picked two wickets, as the Chargers were all out for 92, in their 10 overs, forcing the Final into a Super Over. In the Super Over, the Chargers batted first with Ben Dunk and Hafeez coming out to face Sohail Khan. The Chargers courtesy Dunk and Mukhtar Ahmed hit a couple of sixers and lost one wicket on the way to posting 15 runs. In reply, the Warriors had Shahid Afridi and Jonathon Carter taking strike. The duo threw the kitchen sink at the Chargers, but fell just short, scoring 13 runs off the over. Brief Scores: New York Warriors – 92/6 (Jonathan Carter – 39*, T Dilshan – 18; Ehsan Adil – 3/11; Imran Khan – 1/15) tied with Texas Chargers – 92 (Mohammad Hafeez – 46, Ben Dunk – 20; Sohail Khan – 5/15, Umaid Asif – 2/14.)

Asia Cup: Indian team is very balanced but the path to final is not easy, says Wasim Akram

Dubai, Aug 28 (IANS): Legendary Pakistani seamer Wasim Akram has said that the Indian squad for the Asia Cup is very balanced and they are a strong contender for the trophy.

"Team India is trying different things and new players, especially in the T20 format. Indian squad is very balanced. However, it won't be easy for India as other teams are equally good."

"Though the Pakistani team is top in ranking nowadays, I want to remind you that Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup last time, while India couldn't even qualify for the finals. The India-Pakistan game is very important, but you can't rule out other teams like Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, even Afghanistan has a surprise element," said Akram.

On the question of the Asia Cup being shifted from Pakistan after the objection by the BCCI, he said that politics and sports should be kept away from each other.

"People-to-people contact is very important, and average Indians and



Pakistanis do love each other."

On Sunday, the ACC announced that Super 11 Fantasy League will be the title sponsor of the Asia Cup 2023, the 50-over tournament which will see Asia's top teams battle it out for glory starting on August 30 in Multan and will be hosted across Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Omar Khan, CEO of Super 11 said, "It is with great pride that Super 11 has signed on to be the Title sponsor of the Asia Cup, with the

growing popularity of cricket tournaments like the Asia Cup allow fans to see the best teams battle it out in the longer format of the game. Already the buzz around the Asia Cup and the India vs Pakistan games is at an all-time high and we are confident that this association will help in bringing fans closer to the game that we all love." Also present at the ceremony was ACC GM Finance and Operations Thusith Perera.

Tamim Iqbal confident of recovering in time for Bangladesh's campaign in World Cup

Dhaka, Aug 28 (IANS): Veteran left-handed opener Tamim Iqbal, currently undergoing rehab for back injury, has expressed confidence over him recovering in time for Bangladesh's campaign in the Men's ODI World Cup in India. Tamim is not a part of Bangladesh's squad for the upcoming Asia Cup so that he could do a rehab programme to recover from a long-standing back injury and be available for the three-match ODI series against New Zealand at home, as well as for the Men's ODI World Cup. "It's going good (as far as rehabilitation is concerned). I think the way my plan is set we are right on track I am quite happy with the outcome till now and I haven't complained about the back pain yet and there is no sign of major pain since taking the injection."

"There is stiffness for one or two days till now I am very happy and whoever is involved with the program (rehabilitation) like the new rehab manager (Kieron Thoms), national team physio Bayzid and national team



Formula 1: Verstappen wins hat-trick Dutch GP; equals Vettel's victory record

Circuit Zandvoort (Netherlands), Aug 27 (IANS): Reigning champion Max Verstappen came up with another dominant performance, converting pole position into victory at the Dutch Grand Prix for the third year in a row here on Sunday.

Red Bull's Dutch driver, came through the action-packed, rain-hit home race to take the chequered flag ahead of Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin and Pierre Gasly of Alpine and draw level with former champion Sebastian Vettel on nine successive F1 wins.

Before this race, Verstappen had won the last 13 races and 21 of the last 22 races.

Sergio Perez finished fourth while Ferrari's Carlos Sainz ended fifth with Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes, Lando Norris of McLaren, Alexander Albon



of Williams, Oscar Piastri of McLaren and Estaban Ocon finishing from sixth to tenth and claiming points in the Dutch Grand Prix.

It started with spits of rain before the start of the race that dramatically turned into a shower on the first lap. That prompted the teams to come up with split strategies for tyres as Verstappen headed a pack of drivers who initially stayed out on slicks while teammate Sergio Perez led a group into the pits to take

on intermediates.

In a frenetic opening phase, those who made an early switch to intermediates rose to the fore, while those who stayed out longer on slicks lost positions before the rain eased off and the track gradually dried up.

With the Red Bulls running alternate strategies, it was Perez who led the way as the race settled down, while Verstappen had fallen back to fourth - behind Zhou Guanyu and

Gasly - and had work to do to reclaim P1. After managing to do so with a much superior pace, Verstappen looked set for a clear run to the chequered flag and the win on a bone-dry track, only for further rain to work its way onto the radar and hit the track with force in the closing stages. That led to another flurry of pit lane activity, and a red flag after Zhou crashed out, bringing a seven-lap dash to the flag when the action resumed and serving up one last test for reigning double world champion Verstappen to overcome. Verstappen overcame it as he kept his cool at the slippery restart and managed to maintain the gap with Alonso and Perez, confirming his hard-fought triumph and equalling Vettel's victory record that has stood since the 2013 season.

Deepti Sharma, Rashid Khan named as final nominations for WBBL, BBL overseas drafts

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS): India's off-spin all-rounder Deepti Sharma and Afghanistan's premier leg-spinner Rashid Khan have been named as final nominations for the WBBL, BBL overseas drafts, to be held on September 3.

Deepti, who played for UP Warriorz in the inaugural edition of the Women's Premier League (WPL), is now added on the stellar list of nominations for the inaugural WBBL overseas draft, which has attracted a 122 players from 19 countries. She played for Sydney Thunder in the 2021-22 WBBL season, but is not eligible for retention.

Other Indian players in WBBL draft include Yastika Bhatia,

Harmanpreet Kaur, Harleen Deol, Hurley Gala, Richa Ghosh, Mannat Kashyap, Amanjot Kaur, Veda Krishnamurthy, Shikha Pandey, Shreyanka Patil, Sneha Rana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Meghana Sabbineni, Deepti Sharma, Megha Singh, Renuka Thakur, Pooja Vastrakar and Radha Yadav.

Harmanpreet and Jemimah are eligible for retention by their respective clubs Melbourne Renegades and Melbourne Stars. On the other hand, after being selected as a Platinum pick by the Adelaide Strikers in the BBL12 Draft, Rashid, with 556 T20 wickets, has put his name forward again in draft this year, which has nominations from 376 cricketers.



The players selected for the Platinum category of each draft will be announced on August 30. "We are thrilled by the response to this year's WBBL and BBL Drafts. The sheer volume and calibre of nominations for both Drafts speaks to the appeal of the Big Bash League for players from

across the globe and reinforces the competition's reputation for showcasing top-tier talent and providing unparalleled entertainment."

"With the uplift in Big Bash player payment pools this season, top international players set to earn more than ever before highlighting the Big Bash

League's continued commitment to fostering a world-class competition."

"On behalf of the League and our Clubs, we extend thanks to all players and their agents around the world for their support of the Drafts and the Big Bash Leagues. We look forward with great anticipation to the Drafts this Sunday," said Alistair Dobson, Cricket Australia's General Manager of Big Bash Leagues.

The Drafts will feature four rounds, with clubs able to select a minimum of two and maximum of three players in total, each Club will be required to pass in at least one round. Each Club's BBL squad will comprise of 18 players, including two or three overseas players from the

Draft.

Each Club's WBBL squad will comprise of 15 players, including at least two overseas players from the Draft, with the option of a third overseas player from the Draft or via a direct nomination. There will be four categories in which players can be selected on Draft night: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Salaries for each category have been set at globally competitive rates, with Platinum the highest player payment. The WBBL Overseas Player Draft offers players the option of nominating to be directly contracted by a WBBL Team after the Draft only. If a player opts for a direct nomination, they are not available to be selected by a team during the Draft.

7-city pan India roadshow 'You Grow Girl'

New Delhi, August 28 (IANSLife) An exciting pan India roadshow titled "You Grow Girl!" aims to empower and engage young individuals across India, launched by L'Oréal Paris with Yuvaan, an impact-driven youth media organisation, and NavyaNaveli Nanda, a prominent youth icon and entrepreneur.

"You Grow Girl!" is set to embark on a transformative journey, activating 25 esteemed colleges which includes renowned institutions across 7 cities in India commencing with St. Xavier's College, and going on to others like MICA, Hansraj College, Presidency College, NMIMS Bangalore, and TISS amongst others. The roadshow that was flagged off on the 28th of June will conclude in Kolkata on 4th August.

This project aims to provide thousands of



young people with a platform for both personal and professional advancement, leaving a lasting impression on their life.

Students will get the rare

chance to speak with Navya Nanda, the brand ambassador for L'Oréal Paris, during the roadshow.

Nanda will offer insightful stories about her experiences and adventures

as a young entrepreneur.

Participants will investigate a range of topics through interesting seminars, such as entrepreneurship, mental health, gender equality,

career assistance, and more.

Speaking on the occasion, Brand Ambassador Navya Nanda said, "I am extremely delighted to lead this

remarkable collaboration between Yuvaan and L'Oréal Paris, dedicated to empowering women and fostering inclusivity. It brings me immense joy to engage with students nationwide, sharing my experiences and offering a fresh perspective.

Together, through this initiative, we aim to inspire young minds to embrace their inherent value and equip them with the wisdom to flourish in every facet of life.

Moreover, I truly believe that the StandUp module will further enable these young women to fight street harassment."

Divya Reddy Shah, General Manager of L'Oréal Paris, expressed her enthusiasm for the partnership, saying, "At L'Oréal Paris, we are committed to empowering young individuals and providing them with the tools they need to succeed. Through our

collaboration with Yuvaan and NavyaNaveli Nanda, we are stepping up to create spaces that encourage young women to embrace their potential and make a positive impact in society.

We also look forward to enabling these young women with the StandUp training to ensure that they are well versed with the defence techniques to protect themselves against street harassment. We are excited about the meaningful conversations and experiences that await us on this incredible journey." The "You Grow Girl!" roadshow signifies the commitment of L'Oréal Paris, Yuvaan, and Navya Nanda towards the holistic growth and empowerment of young individuals in India.

Together, the partnership aims to inspire, uplift, and equip the youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in

today's dynamic world.

The pan India roadshow for "You Grow Girl!" is set to commence on 4th July, promising an enriching experience for all participants.

Yuvaan's CEO, Kevin Lee, shared his excitement about the collaboration, stating, "Yuvaan's roadshows have always been our way of listening to young people on the ground and giving them opportunities to express themselves.

Teaming up with Navya and L'Oréal Paris to empower young women and foster their potential is truly exhilarating. Over the past four years, we have engaged with over 10,000 young people on our roadshows, and we eagerly look forward to the meaningful thoughts, conversations, and experiences that lie ahead over the next two months."

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16 shows by top couturiers set the rhythm for 16th edition of ICW 2023



New Delhi, August 28 (IANSLife) India's leading designers will present their couture collections at the upcoming Hyundai India Couture Week 2023 in the Capital. TarunTahiliani, Rajesh Pratap Singh, VarunBahl, Gaurav Gupta, Ritu Kumar, JJ Valaya, Rahul Mishra, Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, Shantanu and Nikhil will showcase their collections alongside Mumbai based labels KunalRawal and Falguni Shane Peacock.

Bridal favourite AnamikaKhanna, will also present her creations.

The event is scheduled to take place from July 25 to

August 2nd, 2023, at the Taj Palace hotel and other off-site sites, which is being organised by Reliance

FDCI Chairman Sunil Sethi said, "FDCI brings its magnificent shows in the 16th edition of the Hyundai India Couture Week, which bring to the fore age-old craftsmanship sharpened to suit contemporary tastes.

This year we have proudly announced our association with Reliance Brands Ltd., which will help accelerate and widen the proposition.

We are also continuing our long-standing relationship with Lotus

Make-up as the Beauty Partner this season.

With these exciting partnerships, this edition will be a treat to the discerning audience, bringing with it the timeless elegance that couture embodies. We look forward to a mesmerising showcasing by the leading couturiers of the country in this one-of-a-kind event."

The shows will be live-streamed on the FDCI's digital platforms - Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and also the website.

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5 fun activities to make the most of Monsoon in Mumbai

Mumbai, August 28 (IANSLife) Mumbai has a distinct atmosphere during the monsoon; there is much-needed tranquilly and a break from the sweltering heat. Your scorching hot chai tastes even better, and the city appears to be green. While most of us like the sight of rain and fear going outside, we can assure you that the monsoon season in the largest metropolis doesn't need you to stay inside and waste the opportunity.

You may participate in a variety of fun events and activities, from a globally acclaimed theatre production to a walk outside the city. Don't worry if you don't know where to begin; we've selected the top five events the city is hosting this season.

Happy Thursday Fiesta Package
Bringing in the weekend a day early for Mumbaikars this monsoon, Phoenix Marketcity, Kurla has introduced specially curated fun packages for every THIRD Thursday of the month. This will begin from July 20th, 2023 and will go on till August 17th, 2023. The packages will consist of various activities from enjoying in a sports bar to playing your heart out in Timezone!

Have a look at all the activities here!

PAW Patrol Live! "Race to the Rescue"

PAW Patrol Live! "Race to the Rescue" is a musical theatre drama set to enthrall audiences from July 20th to July 30th, 2023 at the renowned NMAAC. It will act as a perfect opportunity for a cute family gathering. During the show, guests will also have an



opportunity to participate in the adventure and become a part of the PAW Patrol Cheer Team. Get set to get on this journey with your kids, friends and family to ensure that you don't miss out on this magical experience!

Grab your best seats on BookMyShow.

A date with nature

The city has more to offer than hustle and bustle, a couple of hours drive and you will be pleasantly surprised by the refreshing green sights. The hills and ghats make for beautiful trekking and hiking zones.

From medium to high intensity, there are various options available and you can choose what works best. One of the most attractive treks this season is the Lohagad Fort. It is a popular trekking

destination located near Pune. It is a relatively easy trek and the beautiful hike comes with a promising view. Especially during monsoons, the entire area is transformed into a verdant paradise.

Also don't forget to relish a locally made Vada Pav while you are there! For those looking for options closer home Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Karjat are a short ride away.

Sunday Streets

Sunday Streets is a Mumbai Police Initiative to revive the 'Spirit of Mumbai.' Often spotted on social media, the Sunday Streets in the monsoons are a different vibe! You can expect a fun filled Sunday morning with people from different walks of life coming together to enjoy fun activities ranging from

singing and dancing to fitness. You are most welcome to participate or enjoy as a spectator even! Make your way down town to the iconic Marine Drive for a wholesome Sunday morning!

Online Acrylic Workshop

Art and monsoon go hand in hand for the folks who love staying indoors! This art workshop is open to all age groups starting from July 15th. Get the chance to learn from a professional artist and create an original, handmade art that you can take back home! This workshop is bound to lift your spirits and make your creative soul happy. Don't forget to tag along with your friends and family and spend some quality time together doing what you love!

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A guide to common pet health concernsA guide to common pet health concerns

New Delhi, August 28 (IANSLife) As pet parents, we have a deep responsibility to provide our furry friends with the best possible care and ensure their overall well-being. Understanding common pet health concerns is vital in order to prevent, detect, and address any issues that may arise. In this feature, we will explore some of the most prevalent health concerns faced by our beloved pets, along with valuable insights into prevention and treatment options.

Dental Care: Proper dental care is essential for the overall health and well-being of our furry friends. Dental issues are prevalent among pets and can lead to various health problems if left untreated. Poor oral hygiene can result in dental plaque, tartar buildup, gum disease, tooth decay, and even tooth loss. Moreover, dental problems can have systemic effects, affecting vital organs such as the heart, liver, and kidneys. To maintain optimal dental



health, regular brushing, professional cleanings, and dental examinations are necessary.

Obesity: Addressing obesity in pets is crucial to their overall well-being and longevity. Obesity is a common health concern among pets, leading to a range of health issues such as joint problems, diabetes, heart disease, and a decreased quality of life. To combat pet obesity, a comprehensive approach is necessary. This includes providing a balanced diet tailored to the pet's nutritional needs, portion control, and regular exercise. Pet parents should consult with a veterinarian to determine the appropriate caloric intake for their pets and develop a

prescription diets specifically formulated for weight management in pets.

Incorporating interactive playtime, walks, and engaging activities can help pets burn calories and maintain a healthy weight.

Allergies: Allergies can affect our beloved pets, causing discomfort and affecting their quality of life. Common pet allergies include food allergies, environmental allergies (such as pollen or dust mites), and flea allergies. Symptoms may manifest as itching, skin irritation, redness, sneezing, or gastrointestinal issues. To provide allergy care for pets, it is essential to identify and avoid allergens, which may involve dietary changes,

keeping the environment clean, and using hypoallergenic products. In some cases, veterinary guidance may be needed to conduct allergy testing and develop a personalized treatment plan, which may include medications or immunotherapy to alleviate symptoms and improve the pet's well-being.

Skin Conditions: Skin conditions are a common concern among pets, often causing discomfort and affecting their overall health. Various factors can contribute to skin problems in pets, including allergies, parasites, infections, and underlying health issues. Symptoms may include itching, redness, hair loss, dryness, or the presence of sores or rashes. Proper diagnosis and treatment are crucial for managing skin conditions in pets. This may involve veterinary examinations, skin scrapings, blood tests, or allergy testing to identify the underlying cause. Treatment options may include topical medications, oral medications, medicated shampoos, dietary changes, or parasite control measures to alleviate

symptoms and promote healthy skin for our furry companions.

Arthritis and Joint Health: Arthritis and joint health issues are a common concern for pets, particularly in aging or overweight animals. Arthritis is characterized by inflammation and degeneration of the joints, leading to pain, stiffness, and reduced mobility. It can significantly impact a pet's quality of life. Recognizing the signs of arthritis, such as difficulty getting up, reluctance to climb stairs, or limping, is essential for early intervention. Veterinarians may recommend various treatments, including medications, joint supplements, weight management, physical therapy, and lifestyle modifications to alleviate pain, improve joint function, and enhance the overall well-being of our furry friends. Regular exercise, a balanced diet, and providing comfortable resting areas can also contribute to maintaining optimal joint health in pets.

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CGH Earth introduces personalised handmade holidays

New Delhi, August 28 (IANSLife) CGH Earth Experience Hotels, who are widely regarded as the forerunners of responsible tourism in the area, recently introduced vacation specialists for summer travellers looking to explore destinations and destination experiences based on their preferences, authentically and consciously, or even just wanting a relaxing vacation.

"The intent is to support our guests who may not have the luxuries of time to research on their interests and those of other family members but desire to immerse themselves into the meaningful and rejuvenating travel experiences. All our properties are a celebration of local cultures, art, architecture, cuisine, communities as well as the environment," comments Mridula Jose, Vice President of Product Development and Marketing at CGH Earth.

Travellers who complete a brief and easy form on the brand website are allocated to trained personal vacation consultants. Travellers just need to choose the property or places that appeal to them depending on the



kinds of experiences they are looking for. Travellers can make this decision easier by referring to the descriptions of experiences displayed next to each property. After choosing the houses and filling out the form, CGH's qualified staff will get in touch with visitors to create a flawlessly unique summer itinerary.

Travellers can choose from a variety of locations, activities, and landscapes, such as discovering the Nilgiri's hidden forest life at Wayanad, taking in spice plantations close to the Periyar Tiger Reserve, experiencing Fort Kochi's iconic history through landmark boutique hotels and a royal palace, taking part in Kerala backwater

cruises and coconut groves along the Malabar shores, discovering cultural hotspots in Chettinad and Kumbakonam, or falling in love with the waters and the island of the Andamans.

This initiative by CGH Earth Experience Hotels also includes intriguing packages and offers with various permutations and combinations of the brand's unique offerings. The offers are valid for stay dates till 30th September 2023.

The brand has won many accolades for its sustainability initiatives and is deeply involved in enhancing the state's responsible rural tourism narrative.

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Ukraine's allies won't back military move into Russia: Zelensky

Kiev, Aug 28 (IANS): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that the coalition aiding Kiev's fight against Moscow would not support the war-torn nation if it were to move the hostilities into Russian territory. "I believe that this is a big risk, we will definitely be left alone," CNN quoted the President as saying on Sunday in an interview to local media when he was asked if it was time for such a move. Zelensky said Ukraine's fight to reclaim its own territory has been critically aided by its relationships with allies.

The progress and responsibility for Ukraine on the battlefield "is always bilateral", he said, adding that international partners were a part of any victory, any hold-up in the counteroffensive, any defensive actions and any weakness. Zelensky also said he believes it is possible to "push for the demilitarization of Russia" in the occupied Crimea by political means, reports CNN.

The last several months have witnessed an increase in strikes on Russian territory, with Russian officials saying Ukrainian drones and shelling are responsible for the attacks. Meanwhile, Ukraine has taken credit for attacks by sea drones and other weaponry on the Russian-held Crimea and surrounding Black Sea targets, promising there will be more to come.

S.Korean President's approval inches up to 37.6%



Seoul, Aug 28 (IANS): South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's approval rating inched up to 37.6 per cent, primarily due to positive public assessments of his trilateral summit with the US and Japan, according to a poll on Monday.

In the survey of 2,507 eligible voters conducted by Realmeter last week, the positive assessment of Yoon's performance increased by 2 percentage points from the previous week, while disapproval of the President's performance dropped by 1.8 percentage points to 59.4 per cent, reports Yonhap News Agency.

His approval rating had steadily risen for three weeks, starting in the fourth week of July, but dropped by 2.7 points the previous week, according to Realmeter.

"The South Korea-US-Japan summit acted as positive momentum for the president's assessment," said BaeCheol-ho, a senior analyst at Realmeter.

Four men charged with murdering Indian-origin delivery driver in UK

London, Aug 28 (IANS): Four men have been charged with murdering a 23-year-old Indian-origin delivery driver who died after being ambushed by a machete-wielding gang in western England, police said.

Aurman Singh, who worked with Dynamic Parcel Distribution, died on the spot while he was delivering parcels in Berwick Avenue in Shrewsbury on August 21.

He could not be saved inspite of the best efforts of emergency services who had rushed to the crime scene.

The West Mercia Police have arrested and charged Arshdeep Singh, 24, of Tipton, Jagdeep Singh, 22, of Dudley, Shivdeep Singh, 26, and Manjot Singh, 24, both of Smethwick in connection with the murder.

The four accused were presented before the Magistrates Court on August 26, police said, adding that a fifth man, who was arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender, has been released on police bail.

Witnesses told The Sun that they saw men armed with machetes, baseball bats and a shovel after a car was seen parked up in the area from 11 a.m. on the day of murder.

Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Chief Inspector Mark Bellamy reassured local residents those suspected of being involved are not local to Shrewsbury or the wider West Mercia Police area.

Thailand's employment growth slows despite tourism recovery



Bangkok, Aug 28 (IANS): Thailand's employment growth slowed in the second quarter of this year as droughts affected farming despite improvements in the vital tourism sector with an inflow of foreign visitors, official data showed on Monday.<The Southeast Asian country's labour force amounted to 39.7 million individuals in the April-June period, representing a 1.7-per cent year-on-year increase, a slowdown from an expansion of 2.4 per cent in the previous three months, according to the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC). The growth was mainly due to an expansion of the non-agricultural sector, with employment in hotels and restaurants jumping 11.7 per cent from a year earlier, attributed to the recovery of the domestic economy and inbound tourists, Xinhua news agency quoted the NESDC report as saying.

Vivek Ramaswamy wants Elon Musk as advisor if he wins election: Report

Washington, Aug 28 (IANS): Fresh out of the first Republican primary debate, Indian-American candidate Vivek Ramaswamy has suggested that he would want to have Elon Musk on as an advisor if he wins the 2024 presidential election.

Ramaswamy said he wants to bring in people with "a blank fresh impression", after a voter at a town hall in Iowa asked the 38-year-old entrepreneur last week where he would seek guidance if elected, The Hill reported, citing NBC News.

"I've enjoyed getting to know better, Elon Musk recently, I expect him to be an interesting adviser of mine because he laid off 75 per cent of the employees at Twitter," Ramaswamy said.

Ramaswamy has previously complimented Musk's management of X, previously Twitter, saying he would run the government the way that Musk runs the social media company.

"What he did at Twitter is a good example of what I want to do to the administrative state," Ramaswamy had said in an interview on Fox News



last week. "Take out the 75 per cent of the dead weight cost, improve the actual experience of what it's supposed to do. He put an X through Twitter, I'll put a big X through the administrative state," he

said, adding: "So, that's where I'm at on common tactics with Elon."

Musk, who had previously pledged support for Florida Governor. Ron DeSantis' White House bid, called Ramaswamy "increasingly compelling",

Police arrest another suspect in connection with fatal shooting of Indo-Canadian

Toronto, Aug 28 (IANS): Canadian Police said it has arrested another suspect in connection with the murder of a 37-year-old Indo-Canadian man in Ontario province last year. Eduardo Tito Silva, 34, was wanted on a Canada-wide warrant in connection with the fatal shooting of Shawn Singh at Park Street North in Peterborough, on July 2, 2022. Officers had responded to a daytime shooting and located Singh, who later died in hospital due to his injuries.

He was Peterborough's second homicide victim of 2022. "At approximately 11 p.m. on August 22, 2023, Eduardo 'Tito' Silva was located and taken into custody after a two-hour stand off with police at a residence in Sault Ste. Marie," Peterborough Police Service said in a statement.

Following his arrest, search warrants were conducted at Silva's residence in Sault Ste. Marie, which have led to further charges, the police said. Silva was charged with second-degree murder, discharging a restricted firearm with intent, possessing a prohibited or restricted firearm with ammo, and three other firearm-related charges.



Foxconn founder Terry Gou announces bid for Taiwan's presidency

Taipei, Aug 28 (IANS): iPhone maker Foxconn's founder Terry Gou on Monday announced an independent bid for the Taiwan presidential election in January 2024.

The 72-year-old tech billionaire is now the fourth candidate for the top position, reports Nikkei Asia.

He is pitted against Vice President Lai Ching-te of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), Taiwan People's Party Chairman Ko Wen-je, and New Taipei Mayor Hou Yu-ih of the China-friendly Kuomintang (KMT).

Gou said at a press conference he will "make Taiwan overtake Singapore within 20 years" and have the highest GDP per capita in Asia.

"If Singapore can do it, so can Taiwan. We need to pull the country back to the path of peace and prosperity through this election. Only by doing so can hundreds of industries safely develop



and can people live and work in peace and contentment," Gou was quoted as saying.

"Taiwan should absolutely not become Ukraine. I shall never let Taiwan be the next Ukraine," said Gou.

"I can guarantee that I'll bring 50 years of peace to the Taiwan Strait."

Gou needs sufficient nominations to officially become a presidential candidate in November.

Founded in 1974, Foxconn grew to become

an international business empire, becoming the largest private employer and exporter in mainland China with a workforce of 1.2 million. As of 2022, Gou had a net worth of \$6.8 billion. In 2019, Gou resigned from Foxconn and joined the Kuomintang (KMT) to run for President. Once described as an "old friend" by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Gou has been characterised as friendly to Chinese business interests during his political and business career.

Pakistanis burn electricity bills, protest against imposed taxes

Islamabad, Aug 28 (IANS): Thousands of people across Pakistan have taken to the streets to protest against soaring electricity bills and high taxes imposed by the government at a time when surviving high inflation has become impossible for the common man.

The angry protesters also burnt thousands of electricity bills during the demonstrations against the government's high electricity tariffs and taxes.

"This government has made it impossible for a common man with a small family to run their household expenses by increasing prices of everything that is basic necessity. Now, they send us bills with towering tariffs and taxes. Imagine a house which has two fans and three lights, but the bill is over 20,000 PKR.



This is unacceptable and we will protest until this deliberate attempt to suck the blood off the people stops," said a protester in Rawalpindi. "On one side, there are no jobs, no business, everything is expensive. And on top of that, they try to bury us further and deeper into the ground by sending us bills that we cannot pay. We

reject these bills, tariffs and taxes. We will not pay them at all nor will we allow authorities to cut our electricity and take our meters," the protester added. There have also been announcements made from many mosques, calling on locals to not pay their bills and protest against the authorities.

Taking a note of the

situation, caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar has held meetings with his cabinet, seeking a solution to the fast-worsening crisis.

The government has asked authorities to come up with their recommendations and brief the cabinet on how the issue of high tariffs and taxes can be tackled.

Western lobby expresses concern over expected delay in Pakistan polls

Islamabad, Aug 28 (IANS): The ongoing forecast and debate about the expected delay in Pakistan's general elections and extension of the caretaker government's tenure from its mandated 90 days, has prompted western nations and the European Union (EU) to express their reservations and warns Islamabad of consequences in case of a postponement.

Diplomatic sources said that key western countries including the US and UK, have expressed serious concerns over the matter and have warned that a delay in polls might result in consequences, which includes downgrading of bilateral ties.

As per sources in the diplomatic circle, the US and EU believe that elections were the essence of any progressive democratic society, insisting that any delay in polls in Pakistan

as the Indian-American faced his first political debate in Wisconsin to select the Republican Party's 2024 presidential nominee.

The tech billionaire had also called the youngest presidential aspirant a "very promising candidate", referring to Ramaswamy's interview with talk show host Tucker Carlson.

Ramaswamy believes it's time for an "outsider" in the White House in 2024, and is almost tying up with DeSantis at number two in polls, beating fellow Indian-American Nikki Haley and

former Vice President Mike Pence.

A Yahoo News/YouGov poll released last week showed DeSantis in second place in the Republican race with 12 per cent support -- just four points ahead of Ramaswamy.

With a worth of more than \$950 million, Ramaswamy raised more than \$450,000, with an average donation of \$38, in the first hour after the Republican debate.

In addition, he was the most Google-searched Republican candidate, followed by Haley, according to Fox News.

Bangladesh preps to start voluntary Rohingya repatriation later this year



Dhaka, Aug 28 (IANS): Bangladesh is preparing to start safe and voluntary repatriation of Rohingya refugees to their homeland Myanmar later this year, initially with around 1,000 people, a senior government official said here.

"As part of confidence-building measures, a Bangladesh delegation is set to visit Myanmar next month while a team from Myanmar will be here soon to talk to the refugees," Xinhua news agency quoted Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momentas saying to reporters.

"We've prepared a list of over 3,000 Rohingya from whom we expect to send back 1,000 to Myanmar initially in or around December," he said.

He said the reduction of assistance for Rohingya, whose population is

growing with around 30,000 newborns every year, is compounding the crisis in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. Against this backdrop, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has recently urged the international community to continue providing necessary humanitarian support till the sustainable repatriation.

More than 1 million displaced Rohingya from Myanmar are currently living Kutupalong and Nayapara refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, some 300 km southeast of the capital Dhaka, in some of the largest and most densely populated camps in the world.

The UN has described the Rohingya as "the most

persecuted minority in the world".

More than half of all Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh (52 per cent) are children, while 51 per cent are comprised of women and girls.

The current refugee population accounts for one-third of the total population in the Cox's Bazar.

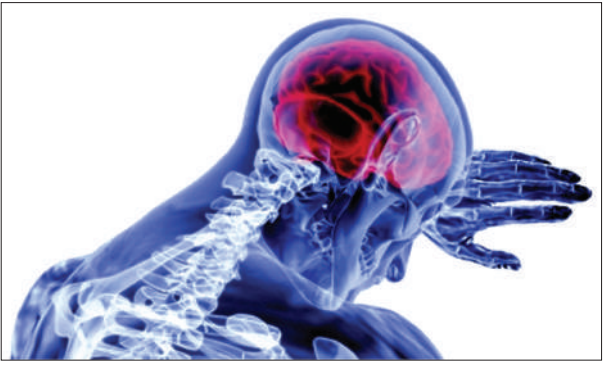


and concerns that the caretaker setup would remain in office for a long time than its mandated constitutional tenure of 90 days, would only prove counter-productive. The western concerns and warning have rung alarm bells in Islamabad as the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) announced the fresh delimitation exercise schedule in reference and accordance with the new digital census 2023, pushing the polls ahead till at least

February 2024. As per the Pakistan Constitution 1973, elections are to be held within 90 days of the dissolution of Assemblies. In the last meeting of the Council of Common Interests (CCI) during the previous government of Shehbaz Sharif, the new digital census was approved and it was mutually agreed by all coalition political parties that elections should be done as per the new census and delimitations.

Health

UK researchers develop new tool to reduce stroke risk



London, Aug 28 (IANS) UK researchers have developed a new way of identifying patients at risk of an irregular heartbeat, known as atrial fibrillation, that can raise odds of having a transient ischemic attack (TIA) or stroke by up to five times. The team from the University of East Anglia found four specific factors that can predict which patients will have atrial fibrillation.

These include older age, higher diastolic blood pressure and problems with both the coordination and function of the upper left chamber of the heart.

The team created an easy tool for doctors to use in practice to identify those at high risk, which will help diagnose and treat more patients, reducing their risk of future strokes. "Identifying who is at high risk and more likely to develop atrial fibrillation is very important," said lead researcher Prof. Vassilios Vassiliou, from UEA's Norwich Medical School.

"This is because it requires specific treatment with anticoagulants, commonly known as blood thinners, to reduce the risk of future strokes," Vassiliou said.

To determine the cause of the stroke, Vassiliou explained that people often undergo multiple investigations like prolonged monitoring of the heart rhythm with a small implantable device called a loop recorder, and an ultrasound of the heart, called an echocardiogram.

In the study, published in the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology, the team collected data from 323 patients who had had a stroke with no cause identified known as Embolic Stroke of Undetermined Source.

They analysed medical records as well as data from prolonged heart rhythm monitoring and also studied their echocardiograms.

"We determined how many of these patients were found to have atrial fibrillation up to three years following their stroke, and went on to perform a thorough assessment to identify if there are specific parameters that are connected with atrial fibrillation identification. "We identified four parameters that were linked with the development of atrial fibrillation, which were consistently present in patients that had this arrhythmia. We then developed a model that can be used to predict who will show atrial fibrillation in the next three years, and is therefore at increased risk of another stroke in the future," Vassiliou said.

'Gadar 2' becomes 3rd highest grossing film in Hindi, surpasses 'K.G.F. 2' collections

Mumbai, Aug 28 (IANS) The recently released Sunny Deol-starrer film 'Gadar 2' is causing a rampage as it emerges as the third highest grossing Hindi film of all time after crossing the lifetime collections of the Aamir Khan-starrer 'Dangal' and more recently the Yash-starrer 'K.G.F.: Chapter 2'. Trade analyst Taran Adarsh took to his X (formerly called X) on Sunday to share the development in the collections of 'Gadar 2'. The film has collected Rs. 439.95 crores in India so far.

He wrote, "CROSSES 'KGF 2', NEXT 'BAAHUBALI 2'... After crossing lifetime biz of #Dangal, #Gadar2 overtakes #KGF2 #Hindi... #Gadar2 is now THIRD HIGHEST GROSSING #Hindi film in #India... Continues to smash #BO records at mass sectors... [Week 3] Fri 7.10 cr, Sat



13.75 cr. Total: ? 439.95 cr. #India biz (sic)". Film exhibitor and distributor,

Sunny Khanna, CEO, Whitelion entertainment, had earlier told IANS: "The film has an average

of 75-80 per cent occupancy rate in theatres on weekends. This film has given life to theatres which

were thinking of shutting down. Leave aside the national chain of multiplexes, even the small multiplexes which earlier had an occupancy rate of 8% are now witnessing 60% occupancy rate and it's only because of 'Gadar 2'".

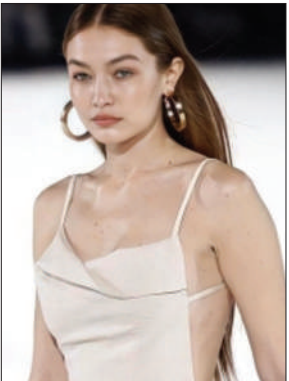
He shared that the film's collections peaked on I-Day: "The business of 'Gadar 2' was huge on Independence Day but what's surprising is that the film witnessed just a marginal drop of 30 per cent on second Saturday. Even a big hit like 'Pathaan' which is the highest grossing Hindi film had a huge drop on second Saturday but 'Gadar 2' seems to be unstoppable at this point." He further mentioned that it's a good time for movies in theatres because this is a rare occurrence when films from diverse geographies are doing good business.

Gigi Hadid is still enjoying 'single life'

Los Angeles, Aug 28 (IANS) Supermodel Gigi Hadid is "more than happy living the single life."

Gigi has been romantically linked to Leonardo DiCaprio over the recent months, and although they "respect each other and have fun when they're together," Gigi is happily single, reports aceshowbiz.com.

A source told Us Weekly: "Leo and Gigi still talk on occasion, and they see each other fairly often because they travel in similar circles of friends." Despite this, Gigi is not looking to settle down with anyone for the time being. The supermodel, who has Khai, two, with Zayn Malik, is still enjoying the single life. The insider shared: "They respect each other and have fun when they're together, but it's not the type of situation Gigi would settle down for. She's more than happy living the single life and focusing on her daughter and her career." Meanwhile, Gigi previously shared that she's loved being a young mom. The model has relished her experience of motherhood. She told the Sunday Times newspaper: "She has already given me so much. I always wanted to be a mom, but I was never obsessive about it or (thought that) I was put on this Earth to be a mom."



B-town congratulates Neeraj Chopra for winning Gold at World Athletics Championships

Mumbai, Aug 28 (IANS) Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra has made the nation proud again as he clinched Gold at the ongoing World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

As the nation celebrated his big win, B-town too sent best wishes to the 'golden boy of Indian athletics' who has etched his name in history by becoming the first-ever Indian to secure a gold medal at this championship.

On Monday, several Bollywood celebs congratulated Chopra. 'Udta Punjab' actor Shahid Kapoor shared a picture on his Instagram stories and wrote: "Congratulations to our world champion. #Proud." Shahid's 'Jab We Met' co-star, Kareena



Kapoor Khan shared a video on her stories and wrote: "So proud of you #Champion." National Award winning

actress Kangana Ranaut shared a post on her stories and wrote: "Congratulations India. Undoubtedly the greatest of

all time." Director Farhan Akhtar also shared a similar picture and wrote: "Congratulations (clap emojis) Onwards and upwards @neeraj_chopra (gold medal emoji) @worldathletics #javelin."

Vicky Kaushal shared photos of Neeraj's wins at the Olympics 2021, Diamond League 2022, and the most recent World Athletics Championships 2023, as he called him an "Absolute Legend".

Malaika Arora wrote: "Another proud win for India. Congratulations @neeraj_chopra." Abhishek Bachchan, who is receiving a lot of positive response for his recently released film 'Ghoormer', took to his Instagram Story as he shared a picture of Neeraj.

Vijay Deverakonda calls Samantha at midnight to tell a 'knock knock joke'

Mumbai, Aug 28 (IANS) Actor Vijay Deverakonda called up his friend and 'Kushi' co-star Samantha Ruth Prabhu at midnight to tell her a 'knock knock joke' but more than the joke, it was the reaction that has tickled the funny bone of many.

Ahead of the release of the film, Vijay took to Instagram where he shared a video where he is seen having a video chat with Samantha in the middle of the night and then getting into telling her a knock knock joke.

The clip begins with Vijay making a video call to Samantha to tell her that he is missing her and wanted to share a knock knock joke with her.

Samantha then said: "No really it's 1.30 AM in Los Angeles and I am locked out of room. I am not doing a knock knock joke."

The actor still went ahead and shared the joke with her.

Vijay says: "Knock knock."

To which, Samantha replies: "Who's there?"

Vijay says : "Na."

Then the actress questions "Na who?"



The actor then breaks into a song from the film.

The video was captioned: "Who is there? #Kushi from sep 1 yayy"

Directed by Shiva Nirvana, 'Kushi' also stars Sachin Khedekar, Rahul Ramakrishna, Murali Sharma, and Vennela Kishore in crucial roles. The film is all set to release on September 1, 2023 in Telugu, Tamil and Hindi.

Bipasha Basu's daughter Devi is her Sunday yoga partner



New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) Actress Bipasha Basu, who is currently enjoying the motherhood phase, on Sunday treated her Instagram family with an adorable video, giving a cute glimpse of her Yoga partner.

An avid social media user, Bipasha's Instagram handle is a vibrant account of her daily life.

Taking to the photo-sharing application's Stories section, the actress shared a Boomerang video of her daughter Devi, playing joyfully with her Yoga equipment. Devi is wearing a sky blue coloured floral clothing set, and gold earrings. Bipasha can be seen holding her from behind.

She captioned the post as: "Look who's my yoga partner today Devi... Yoga Time", followed by a red heart and evil eye emoji. She gave the backdrop music of the song 'Tick Tick Boom' by Sage the Gemini.

Bipasha met actor Karan Singh Grover on the sets of 'Alone' in 2014, and they fell in love. The couple got married on April 30, 2016. On November 12, 2022, their first child- a daughter, Devi Basu Singh Grover was born.

On the work front, Bipasha was last seen with Karan in crime thriller miniseries 'Dangerous'.

Sushmita Sen shares a video on daughter Alisah's b'day, says 'I couldn't be prouder'

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Actress Sushmita Sen on Monday showered love on her younger daughter Alisah on her birthday, saying how special God has made her, and that she "couldn't be prouder."

Taking to photo-sharing platform Instagram, Sushmita shared a video montage wherein we can see throwback photos of Alisah with the family.

There are glimpses of her childhood photos, school pictures with her elder sister Renee, travel clicks with mumma Sushmita, some glimpse of her maternal grandparents, photos of her previous birthday celebrations, and other candid photographs.

The former Miss Universe captioned the post: "Happyyyyy Birthday

LOVE OF MY LIFE!!! How special God made you...and this privilege of being your Mother...I couldn't be prouder Alisah!!!! I love you Shona!!! #apowerful destinyawaits."

Fans took to the comment section of the post, and wrote: "Happy birthday Alisah!! Hope u have a great one dearie."

"Happiest birthday wishes princess!! May God bless you with abundant joy, goodies, success, happiness and greatness!!"

"I always look after you mam, you are an inspiration for all womens.alisha is very lucky to get you as her mother.happy birthday Alisha .God bless you dear." "Happy birthday angel alisah wish u for worlds happiness n lord bless u always baccha love



to u always."

"HaPy happy happy birthday Alisha. May God bless you with love laughter

luck happiness prosperity light an more. Be blessed my child."

Sushmita is the mother of

two adopted daughters. She had adopted her first daughter, Renee in 2000, while her second daughter, Alisah joined the family in 2010. On the work front, Sushmita was recently seen in 'Taali', which throws light on the trials and tribulations of Shreegauri Sawant's (played by Sushmita) life - her daring transformation from Ganesh to Gauri, and the discrimination she was subjected to because of that, her fearless journey towards motherhood, and the audacious battle that led to the inclusion and identification of the third gender on every official document in India.

Created by Arjun Singh Baran and Kartik D Nishandar, and directed by Ravi Jadhav, 'Taali' is a story of courage and change.

Vidyut Jammwal's mantra to sexy neck is balancing 30 kg on forehead



Mumbai, Aug 28 (IANS) Bollywood action star Vidyut Jammwal has brought sexy back after revealing how he has the perfect neck - balancing heavy weight on his forehead. A video shared by the actor on Instagram and showcased how he keeps neck fitness in check. In the clip, the 'IB71' star is seen balancing a 30 kg kettlebell and a dumbbell on his forehead.

That's not it. He is seen balancing a person weighing 82 kilos on his forehead with ease as he is seen lying down on a

gym mat. He captioned it: "#I train like vidyut jammwal #Findyourownway."

This is not the first time Vidyut has amazed fans with his fitness tricks. Previously, he was seen running on a four-storey building's parapet for balance control. On the work front, Vidyut, who made his debut as a producer with 'IB 71', is currently busy shooting for 'Crakk - Jeetega toh Jiyege', which also stars Arjun Rampal.

RIL Board recommends appointment of Isha Ambani, Akash Ambani and Anant Ambani on Board of Directors

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) The Board of Directors of RIL, at its meeting held on Monday, on the recommendation of the Human Resources, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, considered and recommended to the shareholders for approval of appointment of Isha Ambani, Akash Ambani and Anant Ambani as Non-Executive Directors of the Company.

Their appointment will take effect from the date they assume office after approval by the shareholders.

The Board of Directors also accepted the resignation of Nita Ambani from the Board respecting her decision to devote her



energies and time to guide and enable Reliance Foundation (RF) to make even greater impact for India. The Board of Directors appreciated Nita Ambani for her leadership of Reliance Foundation as

its Founder Chairperson. Over the years, RF has made considerable progress in its mission of nurturing and empowering marginalised and under-resourced communities in India. They lauded Nita

Ambani's request to focus even more on strengthening Reliance Foundation as it embarks on a mission to achieve even greater societal transformation by undertaking a host of new programmes and initiatives.

As the Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani will attend all the RIL Board meetings as a permanent invitee to the Board so that the Company can continue to benefit from her advice.

Isha Ambani, Akash Ambani and Anant Ambani have been closely involved with and are leading and managing key businesses of RIL over the last few years including retail, digital services and energy and materials businesses.

They also serve on the boards of the key subsidiaries of RIL. Their appointment to the Board of RIL will enable RIL to gain from their insights and infuse new ideas, the Board opined.

Brightcom Group CMD, CFO quit after SEBI order

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Brightcom Group has announced the resignations of Suresh Reddy, who was serving as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the company, and Narayana Raju, who held the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in the company.



The resignations came after the SEBI order, which barred the company's CMD and CFO from holding directorial positions. The company said a Transition Leadership Team was proposed, with the responsibility of overseeing the leadership transition process.

The Board also approved the commencement of a search for an CEO and a CFO to ensure the smooth continuation of essential operations.

It was decided to promptly inform the company's staff about the upcoming leadership changes. Transparent and clear communication will be maintained throughout this transition period to ensure minimal disruption to daily operations.

The company will inform the public,

stakeholders, and investors about the departure of the Chairman & Managing Director and CFO in alignment with SEBI's interim order. The communication will be truthful, professional, and consistent with the company's values, it said.

The Board acknowledged the need for regulatory compliance. Steps will be taken to engage with relevant regulatory bodies and ensure compliance with all applicable regulations during this transition period. The Board is committed to managing this leadership transition in a responsible and strategic manner, prioritising effective communication, regulatory compliance, financial stability, and the well-being of the company's employees and stakeholders.

Hybrid work surges 29% as firms embrace flexibility

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Hybrid work surged 29 per cent (year-on-year) in the April-June period globally as "remote work" and "work from home" options declined, a report showed on Monday.

Hybrid working roles, which enable employees to balance their work hours between the office and their homes, are experiencing a growth as the world opens up, reveals GlobalData, a leading data and analytics company.

Job postings related to hybrid work increased in industries such as travel and tourism, retail, and financial services increased in Q2.

"Overall interest in hybrid roles has remained



intact as companies seem to be trying to strike a balance between complying with return-to-office requirements and offering work flexibility as well," said Sherla Sriprada, Business Fundamentals Analyst at GlobalData.

An analysis revealed that

some of the notable companies that posted jobs offering a hybrid work model include Element Fleet Management, Flight Centre Travel Group, Albertsons Companies, Amazon.com, Wells Fargo & Co, and Hub International.

MobilTM makes choosing the right quality engine oil easier for truckers

New Delhi/Jamshedpur, August 28 :MobilTM today launched its new campaign- "Trucking is Hard; Choosing Engine Oil Shouldn't Be", aimed at helping truckers choose the right quality engine oil for their trucks which has never been easier. Mobil is putting truckers first by helping them make easier purchasing decisions based on the needs of their trucks and its age.

As part of this campaign, Mobil has greatly simplified the product labels by renaming its products, use icons and easy claim language. Committed to operating the business in an accountable and sustainable manner, Mobil recently launched an initiative to encourage sustainable packaging with its 50% Post-Consumer Recycled (PCR) plastic pails for the engine oil. This is a first in India and Mobil DelvacTM products will be the first line to use PCR for pail packs.

Mobil is proud to introduce its revised range of commercial diesel lubricants - Mobil DelvacTM Modern and Mobil DelvacTM Legend. Mobil DelvacTM Modern ensures that new vehicles always perform in mint condition by providing engine protection and longer replacement intervals. Mobil DelvacTM Legend is designed for older engines to ensure optimum performance and prolong engine life.

White-Westinghouse launches 7 semi-automatic washing machines in India

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) US-based consumer appliance brand White-Westinghouse on Monday launched seven semi-automatic washing machines in India.

Available at a starting price of Rs 7,333, the washing machines come in seven variants -- 7 Kg (Plastic), 7.5 Kg (Plastic), 8.5 Kg (Plastic), 8 Kg (Toughened glass), 8.5 Kg (Toughened glass), 10.5 Kg (Plastic) and 12 Kg (Plastic). The products will be available for sale from August 28 on Flipkart.

"We are determined to deliver the best-in-class technology products to our customers at very affordable prices. We are thankful to our customers for the support that they



have extended to us over the years," Pallavi Singh, Vice President, Super Plastronics Pvt Ltd, a Licensee for White-Westinghouse, said in a statement.

The washing machines are coupled with salient features such as 1600 RPM,

Soak option, 3D Rollers, IPX4 Rating, turbo dry spin, conventional design to increase durability, a specially designed detergent box and waterfall technology to help the detergent mix well in the water to aid in the soaking process.

Moreover, the brand aims to capture a 2 per cent market share in India with a turnover of 150-200 crore, according to the company.

White-Westinghouse is a 100-year-old consumer appliance brand. The brand sells appliances in more than 45 countries across the world. The company entered the appliances manufacturing business by acquiring Copeman Electric Stove Company in 1917.

Glance launches its smart lock screen services in Japan

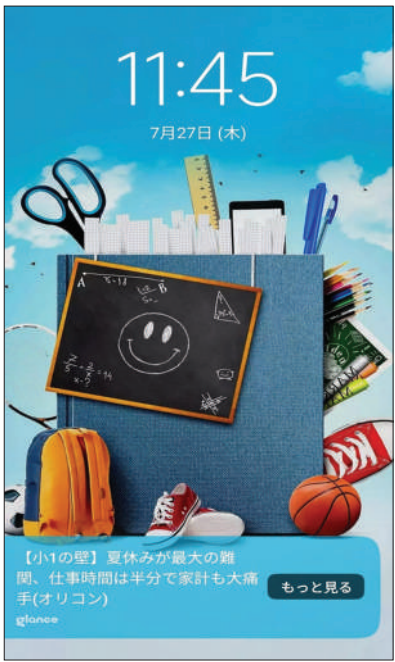
New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Consumer technology company Glance on Monday launched its smart lock screen services in Japan in partnership with the leading carriers and Android smartphone brands.

Consumers in Japan can now experience personalised internet on Android smartphone lock screens through Glance, without unlocking phones, downloading any apps, or searching for content.

Glance is an AI-driven platform that offers a wide range of experiences directly on the lock screens of Android smartphones, which includes instant games, live game streaming, news, sports, lifestyle, fashion, entertainment, shopping and live content.

Glance's AI personalises these experiences, ensuring that consumers find content that is most relevant and important to them, each time they glance or look at their lock screen, the company said.

"Consumers check their lock screen over 100 times a day, but only use it for notifications, battery, and time. With Glance smart lock screen, they



can stay on top of everything that interests them throughout the day," Piyush Shah, Co-founder of InMobi Group and COO & President of Glance, said in a statement.

In Japan, Glance is already available to subscribers of SoftBank Corp using Xiaomi and Motorola smartphones.

In the upcoming quarters, the company aims to expand its presence to other big carriers and Android smartphone brands in Japan.

Globally, Glance is present on over 450 million Android smartphones, and is aiming to be on over one billion phones in the next two years.

"The top six Android phone brands have integrated Glance on their smartphones in multiple markets globally and are using it to deliver personalized experiences for their consumers," said Aditya Goyal, Senior Vice President & GM, Strategic Distribution Partnerships, Glance.

Initially, Glance consumers in Japan will be able to discover news, trending content, and gaming on their lock screens.

The platform has over 230 million active users, primarily in India and Indonesia, while it has recently launched in Brazil, Mexico, and Colombia.

OPPO pays 23% of its India sales to Nokia as per court order

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Global smartphone brand OPPO has deposited with the Delhi High Court 23 per cent of the amount generated from its sales in India for infringing upon Nokia's patent, reliable sources told IANS on Monday.

According to sources, the Chinese company deposited 23 per cent as to Nokia from the sale of around 77 million devices in India since 2019, before the court-set deadline of August 25.

However, the exact amount deposited by OPPO could not be ascertained.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court dismissed OPPO's plea against a Delhi HC order which directed the company to deposit 23 per cent of the amount generated from its sales in the country for infringing upon Nokia's



patent.

A division bench of the Delhi High Court passed the order in July, after it found that the Chinese smartphone brand was using Nokia's technology without the requisite consent.

The HC had reached the 23 per cent penalty figure after taking into account

OPPO's sales in India which is around 23 per cent of its global sales.

A Nokia Technologies spokesperson had welcomed the Supreme Court decision.

"OPPO has been unwilling to renew its license on fair and reasonable terms or resolve the matter amicably and has

used our technology without making any royalty payments for two years," a Nokia spokesperson said.

Courts in India, Germany, the UK, the Netherlands, and Brazil have all given their verdicts in Nokia's favour.

"Once again, we encourage OPPO to play by the rules, and like its competitors, agree to a license on fair and reasonable terms, rather than continue to operate without one," said Nokia.

OPPO had secured a licence from Nokia in 2018 for using some of the Finnish telecom gear company's technology for three years.

Nokia alleged that after the expiry of the pact, OPPO sold around 77 million devices in India without paying a single rupee in royalty, according to reports.

Japanese C2C marketplace Mercari to double workforce in India

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) Japanese C2C marketplace Mercari on Monday announced the opening of its new office for their Global Center of Excellence (GCoE) in Bengaluru and is taking strategic steps to expand its footprint and bolster its presence in India by doubling its workforce.

The new GCoE is located in Vaishnavi Tech Park in Sarjapur.

Currently comprising a team of 40 employees, the CoE has been instrumental in supporting Mercari's operations in Japan.

The company will double its headcount, with specialised teams focusing on the backend, mobile development, infrastructure, and more.

These new hires will strengthen the company's engineering workforce and



also foster diversity and inclusivity within the CoE.

"With our growing team of talented professionals in India, we are ideally positioned to drive technological breakthroughs and deliver exceptional experiences to our customers worldwide," Ken Wakasa, VP & Group CTO-Mercari, said in a statement. Mercari India

has emerged as Mercari Group's first centre of excellence in the summer of 2022, driving innovation and technical expertise while bridging the gap between Japan and India.

The company boasts over 22 million active users in Japan and aims to build a robust ecosystem where value circulates while developing financial and

crypto-services based on an e-commerce-type platform.

Moreover, the company said that the Center comprises versatile teams specialising in various technical domains, ensuring a holistic approach to technical contributions.

"Our objective is to establish Mercari as a global tech powerhouse by

leveraging the potential that India's diverse talent pool offers," said Vish Magapu, Senior Director, and Site Lead of Mercari India.

"Mercari strongly believes in India's potential to create new innovations. Our India CoE is committed to developing applications for Mercari Japan reinforcing our dedication to delivering seamless user experiences worldwide," he added.

The new office will boast unique spaces catering to various needs, including areas for large-group communication such as company-wide All Hands meetings, open-door sessions, and offsites; designated project areas for teams to collaborate offline; and comfortable lounge spaces for casual chats, embodying Mercari's vibrant culture.

Tesla rival Xpeng acquires Chinese giant DiDi's smart EV assets for \$744 mn

Beijing, Aug 28 (IANS) In a bid to challenge Tesla's dominance, ride hailing giant Didi Global on Monday sold its smart EV assets to electric vehicle company Xpeng for nearly \$744 million.

DiDi Global and XPeng jointly announced a strategic cooperation where the two will collaborate to promote the global application of smart electric vehicles and technologies.

DiDi will sell certain business assets related to its smart EV development project to XPeng, which aims to launch an A-class Smart EV model in 2024, currently being developed under the project name "MONA".

The new model and brand will be differentiated from XPENG-branded products and its main



brand.

"XPENG's A-class Smart EV products under the new brand will not only significantly increase our scale, but also accelerate the adoption of our Smart EV technologies in the mass market segment, bringing our technologies to a much broader customer base," said He Xiaopeng, Chairman and CEO of XPENG. The strategic cooperation will also extend to areas such as

marketing, financial insurance services, charging and international expansion. "XPENG has established its leadership position in the Smart EV technologies and intelligent driving technologies. We will continue to deepen our cooperation with XPENG in multiple areas, driving transformation of the transportation and automotive industries," said Cheng Wei, Chairman and CEO of DiDi.

Chain snatched from two women

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: Criminals have carried out the incident of snatching with two women at two difference places. Chain snatching took place from a woman in Sidhgora. The incident of snatching happened with Pooja Mishra, wife of Omprakash Mishra, a resident of Sindhu Road No. 10 Basti of Sidhgoda police station area of Jamshedpur. She was coming home from her office at 8.30 pm on 27th August. Meanwhile, suddenly an unknown person came on a motorcycle near Sidhgoda Road No. 18 and ran away by pulling the chain from his neck.

After snatching the chain, the criminals fled towards the main road. The woman has informed the police station about this in writing, in which it has been said that she made a lot of noise but to no avail. After that she came home. After talking to the family members, she gave the FIR in writing the next day. The police is investigating the matter. A gold chain was snatched from the neck of a woman returning from worship in Sonari. An incident took place in Sonari police station area. Thieves snatched a gold chain from the neck of a woman who was returning after worshipping Lord Shiva near the Sonari water tank. The said woman is Lakshmi, a resident of Kagalnagar Colony Road No. 1, House No. 5, who had gone to offer water to Lord Shiva at some distance from her house.

While returning from there, a thief wearing a helmet came and snatched the gold chain from his neck and ran away. The said woman has not lodged a complaint with police. (W.rg)

Jobs for employee wards

Jamshedpur, August 28: The way for restoration is being cleared in Jamshedpur. In this episode, new restoration has been done in Timplite Company, a subsidiary of Tata Steel of Jamshedpur. This restoration has been done for the sons and daughters of employees or retired employees.

Restoration of sons and daughters of ITI pass and diploma qualified employees has been done. For this people can fill their application till 29th August. For this people have to apply online only. Training will be done for three years for ITI pass and two years for those with diploma qualification. During this, ITI will get a stipend of Rs 9500 per month and diploma holders will get Rs 13000. Applicants age should be 40 years as on 1st August 2023. (W.rg)

Eighth election of Chaibasa Chamber on Sept 29



Chaibasa, Aug 28: In anticipation of the eighth election for the session 2023-25 of the Chaibasa Chamber of Commerce and Industries, the Election Committee held a press conference at the newly established temporary election office in Gandhi Tola, adjacent to the PHED office on Monday. Addressing the media, the Election Committee highlighted the implementation of digitization in select areas as part of their commitment to ensuring transparent and equitable elections. The committee also unveiled key dates for the Chaibasa Chamber elections, with nomination papers set to be available for purchase on September 6 and 7. The nomination filing period is scheduled for September 8 and 9 from 11 am to 3 pm, followed by the withdrawal of nominations on September 10 from 11 am to 1 pm. Subsequently, the scrutiny of nomination papers will take place from 2 pm to 4 pm on the same day, after which the name of the candidates will be announced. Additionally, a copy of the voter list and model code of conduct will be provided to the candidates on the same day. The voting process for the election will be held on September 29, commencing from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the designated polling center, RabindraBhavan. The Election Committee will promptly tally the votes and declare the winning candidates on the same day.

To maintain fairness and integrity, all election-related activities will be headquartered at Gandhi Tola, adjacent to the temporary election office of P.H.E.D. The Election Committee asserted that any attempt to exploit financial or external influence will lead to the disqualification of the concerned candidate. It was clarified by the committee that membership renewal is essential for members to exercise their voting rights. Members who fail to renew their membership by the specified date will be ineligible to cast their votes. Present at the press conference were Chief Election Officer Sanjay Choubey, Election Officer PankajChirania, MukeshModi, NitinPrakash, former President Anil Khirwal, Chamber Auditor CA MukeshPoddar, former Treasurer AdityaSarda, and former Joint Secretary NitinAgarwal.

Woman falls from scooty, dies

Jamshedpur, August 28: Krishna Giri, a resident of Mango's Baliguma, was taking his wife Manju Devi from NH 33 Mishra Nursing Home by scooty for treatment due to ill health. Manju Devi fell from the scooty before Mishra Nursing Home as she passed by rubbing beside a speeding vehicle. He suffered a serious head injury.

For better treatment, Krishna Giri went to MGM Hospital with his wife Manju Devi where the doctors suggested to take him to Tata Main Hospital. On being taken to Tata Main Hospital, the doctors present declared Manju Devi dead. Krishna Giri informed about the case.

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Saryu efforts pave way for power substation in Sidhgora

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: With the efforts of Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Rai, the work of providing electricity through Tata Steel UISL (formerly JUSCO) in the Tata lease area and other adjacent settlements is going on continuously. In this sequence, a team of officials from Tata Steel UISL inspected the Bagunhatu area on Monday for the construction of a central power sub-station to



provide electricity in the Bagunhatu area. The site has been identified after inspection. A letter will be written to the District Additional Deputy

Commissioner to get the land transferred from the government. Keeping in view the requirement of increasing population in the near future, there is a plan to transfer additional land so that more power sub-stations can be constructed as per the requirement in future. MLA Saryu Rai had talked about providing electricity connection to the people of Bagunhatu soon in the meeting of the committee formed to provide electricity connection of Tata Steel UISL to the residents of Tata lease area and other settlements adjacent to it. For this, he also handed over the applications received from the residents for electricity connections to the General Manager of Tata Steel UISL and instructed to take action on it as soon as possible. The officials of Tata Steel UISL had prepared a survey team for the site inspection and network feasibility survey for sub-station construction. (W.rg)

Rly third line work begins



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: The work of third line has been started between Tatanagar railway station

and Adityapur station. Due to this, one way of the railway underbridge near Jugsalai Gate has been temporarily closed and the road has been diverted. Due

to the closure of this route, a situation of jam is arising on the road. The movement of vehicles is being done through the underbridge going from Tata Pigment Gate to the station, whereas people are facing more trouble due to accumulation of water on the underbridge. Railway has to construct another underbridge for the third line at this site. ARM Abhishek Kumar Singhal told that the work of third line from Adityapur station to Asanbani is going on fast. Work has started in many places regarding this. (W.rg)

BJP MP meets Abhay in jail



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: Palamu MP and BJP leader B.D Ram met Abhay Singh, lodged in Ghaghidih Jail on Monday and inquired about his wellbeing. While talking to the media on the spot, B.D Ram said that senior BJP leader Abhay Singh is being treated like a criminal by the district administration on the instructions of the

government. The party is serious in this matter, and will take further action after taking opinion from legal experts. The party will do everything possible to get Abhay Singh out of jail. He said that in the case in which Abhay Singh was sent to jail, Abhay Singh has got bail, but by implicating him in a false case, he is being forced to stay in jail by the district administration. (W.rg)

NCC cadets of JWU for national camp

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 28: NCC cadets of Jamshedpur Women's University have been selected for the Army Camp to be held in Delhi. University vice-chancellor Anjila Gupta said that "National Cadet Corps provides a conducive environment to motivate and inspire the youth to join the Armed Forces. As per the information received by



Caretaker Officer Preeti, two NCC Cadets of our University are under Officer Deepti Kumari and Cadet Sunita Kuntiya have been selected for Thal Sainik Camp to be held in Delhi. NCC cadets

were selected through various competitions like health and hygiene, tent pitching, obstacle race, judging distance field signal, rifle shooting, map reading etc. 570 NCC cadets from the states of Bihar and Jharkhand participated in the Pre Thal Sainik Camp at Khelgaon, Ranchi from 1st to 19th August, in which two NCC cadets of Jamshedpur Women University have been selected. (W.rg)

Motivational talk by CII Young Indians on September 2

Jamshedpur: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Young Indians in association with country's leading management institute XLRI Jamshedpur and Jamshedpur Management Association (JMA) is going to organize a Motivational Talk at Tata Auditorium XLRI on 2nd September. This talk, to be held from 6.30 pm, is supported by TRF. This talk will be given by Brigadier Sushil Bhasin, a well-known motivational coach of the country. Prateek Agarwal, Chair, Jamshedpur Chapter of CII Young Indians said that Brigadier Bhasin is an award winning military leader, team builder expert and time consciousness coach. He has a rich and varied experience of 34 years in the Army. Also worked in the business world for 18 years. He has been a Global Keynote Speaker, TEDx Speaker and Josh Talks Speaker. Brigadier Sushil Bhasin is the author of several self-help books including Million Dollar Second published by CNBC and endorsed by Brian Tracy. He has given motivational talks in more than six countries. He is the founder of Institute for Leadership, Time Management and Resilience as well as President of PSAI Mumbai Chapter and an active member of APSS. (W.rg)



Fine levied during anti-dengue raid



Jamshedpur, August 28: For the prevention of dengue in Chakulia Panchayat, a joint team of Community Health Center and Nagar Panchayat, under the leadership of city manager Monis Salam, raided various places in Ward No. 9 on Monday. Especially such places were targeted from where dengue larvae were likely to be found in large quantities. In this sequence, a challan of Rs 300 was issued to Maz Traders, scrap seller, Rs 100 to Alimuddin Khan, Rs 1000 to Gaurav Jhunjhunwala, mushroom factory and Rs 500 to Vikas Lodha's soap factory. The larvae growing at all the affected places were destroyed on the spot by the joint team. Major action was warned for not taking precaution and if larvae are found again. The campaign of the joint team will continue even further. (W.rg)

Encroachments removed near Mangalam Tower

Mail News Service

Gamharia, August 28: Encroachments near Mangalam Tower at DVC Morh along the Tata-Kandra road, were removed on Monday under the supervision of Circle Inspector Manoj Kumar Singh and office staff Rajesh Pandit. It may be mentioned that the owner of Mangalam Tower had encroached on 2.03 acres of government land and constructed a boundary wall on that plot

of land. Following the district administration's directives issued in June, the main entrance of Mangalam City was broken to remove encroachments, with the assistance of the local administration. After removing the encroachments on the right side, when attempts were made to remove the encroachments on the left side, the residents of the society initiated protests. Seeing the opposition from the residents, the campaign



was halted at that time. On Monday, following the directions of the Sub Divisional Officer, the remaining part of Mangalam City was cleared of encroachments. (w/gsd)

Anganwadi Sevikas protest at DC office

Jamshedpur, August 28: Anganwadi sevikas and assistants protested in front of the DC Office on Monday for not getting honorarium for eight months and demanded that they be paid honorarium as soon as possible. Sevika Lakshmi Rani told that due to non-payment of honorarium for the last eight months, the



economic situation is facing. The family runs on the honorarium only. Earlier, regular honorarium was received, but from January 2023, the payment is not being received. The last of the month of August is going on. Only assurance is given in the office that it will be received soon. It is not told when it will be available. (W.rg)

Management session empowers educators to prioritize well-being

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educational leaders often go unnoticed, but their decisions have a profound impact on the students they guide. Recognizing the unique challenges they face, the ABS took the pioneering step of organizing an interactive session centered on emotional well-being and stress management. Principals from various schools across Jamshedpur participated enthusiastically, acknowledging the timeliness and importance of such a program. The key speaker for the session, Dr. Pooja Mohanty, is a renowned psychotherapist armed with training from



prestigious institutions like Oxford University and NIMHANS. Dr. Mohanty engaged the audience with her extensive knowledge and expertise, addressing the multifaceted aspects of

stress, its manifestations, and effective coping mechanisms. Her insightful session provided attendees with practical tools and strategies to manage stress while maintaining a

healthy work-life balance. The Stress Management Session was characterized by its interactive format, allowing participants to share their experiences, challenges, and insights.

The engaging discourse not only shed light on the necessity of self-care but also highlighted the importance of creating a supportive environment within the educational community. Attendees left with a deeper understanding of the power of empathetic listening and its positive impact on their professional and personal lives. As the session concluded, Loyola School's Shubda Chowdhry and Chaitnyah Choudhry captivated the audience with their enchanting karaoke and piano performances, offering a harmonious conclusion to the event. The ABS,

Jamshedpur chapter, is committed to promoting art, culture, and literary endeavors. The association consistently endeavors to create a vibrant platform for intellectual exchange and growth. This Stress Management Session is one of many engaging programs meticulously planned by the ABS's dedicated Executive Committee. In a symbolic transition, Jagan Santra has assumed the mantle of President from Mr. Sumitesh Das, marking a new phase in the chapter's leadership. This change underscores the ABS's commitment to evolving and ensuring the continuity of its mission.