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H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

Soren urges Centre to respect state's culture in naming coal mining projects

Ranchi, Aug 29: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has urged the Centre to respect the state's culture, tradition and history while naming coal mining projects, an official said on Tuesday.

Soren wrote a letter to Coal and Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi and requested him to name the various mining projects including private coal projects operated by

Coal India Limited (CIL) according to the local place, village, panchayat, block, great personalities or scenic places of Jharkhand, an official release said.

Soren alleged that the Government of India is not naming the mineral projects run by CIL, private companies and other public undertakings on the basis of sentiments, tradition and culture of



the local public. Citing the examples of mining

projects -- Amrapali Coal Project, Ashok Coal Project and Magadh Coal Project -- operating in Chatra district, Soren said that the companies are going against the public sentiment and not giving due respect to the culture, tradition and history of the local people, it stated. The chief minister mentioned in the letter that the identity of Jharkhand has been

established as a mineral-rich state and it has contributed significantly to the development of the country. "A major part of the revenue received from minerals comes from coal itself, which is being continuously exploited. It is requested that due respect should be given to the culture, tradition and history of this state," he said, according to the release.

Rampant mining blasts in East Singhbhum leave one dead

Jamshedpur, Aug 29 : Local people are living in fear due to continuous blasting in stone mines in Oriya panchayat of Jharkhand's East Singhbhum district. Houses and shops in these villages along the border of West Bengal are shaking due to the blasting. Cracks have developed in the walls and locals fear for their lives and property. On the other hand, due to the blasting of stone mines in PodaDihapanchayat, a large stone flew over Manoj Puran, a resident of DungriTola, and hit him in the chest, killing him on the spot. This incident has caused outrage among the villagers. The guidelines issued by the government state that the mining should not cause any kind of trouble to the local people. At present, lease of stone mines in East Singhbhum district has been granted at several places. If the district administration investigates, many deficiencies can be found. The lease holders are free to do whatever they want. As a result, villagers who have been living for decades in the place are being affected. On the one hand, the government claims that the development of the villagers is linked to the revenue from the lease of mineral resources. Lease holders have to go through several processes in order to take up a lease. Lease is granted after approval of various departments. Even within the boundaries of the mining area, mining dust should not be allowed to settle on farmlands. With the problem arising from the mining blast, Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Rai said that this matter is not only of the mining department, but also of the district administration and pollution control board.

China releases new map; shows Aksai Chin, Arunachal as its territory

New Delhi, August 29 (IANS): In what could lead to yet another diplomatic flare-up, China has released what it called the "2023 edition of the standard map" of the country showing Aksai Chin -- one of the two large disputed border areas between India and China -- and whole of Arunachal Pradesh within its territory, according to reports quoting local Chinese media. The map was released on Monday by China's Ministry of Natural Resources, the reports said. The latest development has come four months after Beijing had announced in April that it will "standardise" names of 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh. Also the release of the map has come at a time when the New Delhi G20 summit is less than a fortnight away, which the Chinese President Xi Jinping is also expected to attend.

Car runs over 17 pedestrians in Palamu district, three dead

Daltonganj, Aug 29 : An uncontrolled car ran over 17 people in the Shahpur-Gahwa route Chaipur police limits of Palamu district in Jharkhand on late Monday night. Three people died on the spot and 14 others were injured in the accident. The deceased have been identified as Udal Prasad Chaurasia, son of Vasishtha Mahato of Narsinghpur Pathra, his grandson Rohit Kumar and Madhu Mehta of Kota village. All three died on the spot. While 14 other people injured in the accident have been admitted to MMCH for treatment. According to reports, a cultural programme was organised in ChadhavnaTola located on Shahpur-Garhwa road attended by several people from the area. Meanwhile, an uncontrolled car driver ran over pedestrians injuring 14 others during the escape. Many of the injured are in critical condition. According to eyewitnesses, after the incident, the driver left the car a kilometer away from the accident spot and fled the spot. The car was also completely damaged in the incident. Local people also helped a lot in admitting the injured to the hospital. After receiving the information about the incident, the police took possession of all the bodies and sent them to MMCH for post-mortem. Senior officials of the administration also reached the hospital and gave necessary instructions for proper treatment of the injured. Locals alleged that the car driver was drunk. BJP MLA Alok Chaurasia expressed grief over the incident and condoled with the family members of the deceased.

LPG price cut by Rs 200

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS): With eyes set firmly on the forthcoming elections, the Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved reduction in prices of LPG gas cylinders by Rs 200 for all connection holders.

In addition to this, the Cabinet also cleared the proposal to give 75 lakh new LPG cylinder connections under the Ujjwala scheme, thus taking the total beneficiaries to more than 10 crore across the country, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur told media-persons after the Cabinet briefing. As of now, the price of domestic LPG,



which is used in the kitchen for cooking purposes, is Rs 1,103 per 14.2-kg cylinder in New Delhi. This will now come down by Rs 200 per cylinder. Domestic LPG cylinder prices were last revised on March 1, when

they were hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder. The decision comes with Assembly elections scheduled in four states in December and Lok Sabha polls are to be held next year. Oil marketing compa-

nies (OMCs) have been reporting heavy under-recoveries due to lack of hike in prices of domestic cooking gas. Under the Ujjwala scheme, the government provided free LPG connection to women beneficiaries in rural households. The beneficiaries already get a Rs 200 subsidy and now there will be further Rs 200 cut for all domestic LPG connection holders, Thakur said. He further informed that the new connections are being given to those beneficiaries who have been added owing to marriage of girls and issuance of new ration cards.



बहुमूल्य जीवन बचाने को अग्रसर संवेदनशील हेमन्त सरकार

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टाटा मेडिकल सेंटर, कोलकाता से राज्यवासियों को चिकित्सा सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने हेतु झारखण्ड राज्य आरोग्य सोसाइटी ने किया MoU



पहले चरण में रोगियों का ईलाज आयुष्मान भारत मुख्यमंत्री जन आरोग्य योजना के स्वीकृत पैकज के अंतर्गत



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SCCI urges Tata Steel for parking space

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 29: Mukesh Mittal, the Vice President of Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PRW)in a letter to Tata Steel's Global CEO and Managing Director, TV Narendran, requested for the provision of a parking spaces for vehicles of visitors at the Chamber Bhavan.

Referring to acommunication of June, 2023, Mukesh Mittal highlighted that there was a regular flow of visitorswho arrived at the Chamber Bhawan to attend programmes organized regularly by SCCI. In his letter, he reasoned that due to the lack of designated space near the SCCI Building, visitors had no other option but to park their vehicles along the main road."Due to the rise in vehicle count, the road near and in front of the Chamber Bhawan, has been seeing growing congestion due to the absence of parking spaces. In addition, several other establishments including banks' branches attract several visitors, whose vehicles too are parked along the main road, adding to congestion and traffic bottlenecks."

The SCCI Vice President (PRW), referring to the problems pointed out in the letter, requested that the unused parking area on Bistupur R. Road be allocated for the convenience of visitors to Chamber Bhavan. Mittal assured that the SCCI would construct and maintain a suitable parking facility at that location.

In his letter, Mukesh Mittal highlighted Tata Steel's consistent support towards the activities of SCCI and expressed the hope that the request for parking space at Chamber Bhavan, based on the urgency of the matter, would be considered as a top priority. (w/gsd)

Plantation Drive at JUSCO School South Park



Jamshedpur, Aug 29: On the occasion of 20 years completion of Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Ltd, JUSCO School South Park in collaboration with Tata Steel UISL organised plantation drive in the school premises. 120 students of Std 6 participated in the drive. A total of 75 Ashoka trees were gifted and planted in the school. Students took the oath to protect and nurture them for a better environment.

Sanjay Kumar, GM, Tata Steel UISL graced the occasion as the chief guest along with the school Principal MiliSinha. (W-mb)

JUSCO Kadma: Students' talent to the fore at 'PLENORAMA 2K23'



Jamshedpur, Aug 29: JUSCO School Kadma hosted inter -school Robotic Tech Competition 'PLENORAMA 2K23'. The contest was held in KudiMohanty Auditorium. The Chief Guest for the event was RiturajSinha, Managing Director of TSUISL, and Guest of Honour was AmitavaBakshi. 19 teams from 13 schools pan Jamshedpur participated in different categories showcasing impressive live demos, video presentations and working models. The event witnessed beautiful innovations and techniques by different schools. The event was divided into two categories - On Stage and Off Stage. The winners of the 'On Stage' event - 1st position: Kerala Public School, Burmamines.

JH Tarapore School secured the 2nd position and the 3rd position was bagged by ChinmayaVidyalaya. The winner of the 'Off Stage' event was DBMS Kadma High School. JUSCO School Principal JhumjhumNandi, congratulated the winners and applauded the participants for their hardwork, creativity and competitive spirit.

The event was organised under the guidance of the Atal Tinkering Lab coordinators, Rajesh Kumar and AmrinderRoshia along with the school faculty, office staff and sub staff. The programme was also graced by NiroopMahanty ,RupaMahanty, hiva Rama Rao and Mohit Bhatt, AnuragAgnihotri and Abhishek Kumar.

Vice Principal Anindita Roy, School Coordinators SeemaTiwary and Qamar Ali supported in making the event a success. (W-mb)

Farewell given to DO of LIC

Seraikela, Aug 29: In the auditorium of Adityapur branch under Life Insurance Corporation of India's Jamshedpur circle, a felicitation cum farewell ceremony was organized by the agents on the retirement of MrityunjayMandal, Development Officer (DO) of the branch. Development Officer MrityunjayMandal and his wife Smt. MukulMandal jointly inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. On this occasion, everyone gave him a heartfelt farewell by garlanding him, giving him a bouquet and honoring him with a shawl. He honored all the present agents by covering them with shawls. Addressing the farewell function, he said that he is feeling very proud to retire from Life Insurance Corporation of India, India's No. 1 Life Insurance Company after serving thirty four years. Because during his tenure, by giving agency to many people, he has worked to connect them with the mainstream of employment. Not only this, but he has also got a lot of respect from the agents of the team. The program was conducted by PurushottamMahato and the welcome speech was done by ManoranjanMahato while the vote of thanks was done by Bagchi. Mukesh Mishra, HemsagarPradhan, PurushottamMahato, Vidhan Shah, ManoranjanMahato, NilsenPradhan, LalmoanMahato, Bagchi Da, Mukesh Prasad, KritiMandal, Sameer Nandi, Sanjay Pal, Bipin Singh, Sanjit Chandra Mahato, SantoshMahato were instrumental in making the program a success. , Subhash Chandra Mahato,

G Town Ground Bistupur converted to Fitness Zone

8075-sq-m area houses open gym, children's playing enclosure, volleyball and badminton courts, walkers track

Jamshedpur, Aug 29: On the occasion of National Sports Day, to elevate the quality of life for the residents of Bistupur, Tata Steel UISL has dedicated the Fitness Zone at G-Town Ground, Bistupur. This momentous initiative aims to provide state-of-the-art fitness and recreational facilities that cater to diverse age groups and interests.

ChanakyaChaudhary, Vice President of Corporate Services, Tata Steel, inaugurated the facility alongside Ritu Raj Sinha, Managing Director of Tata Steel UISL. The

event was further graced by Capt. Dhananjay Mishra, Senior General Manager of Town O&M and RE, Raghunath Pandey, President of Jusco Shramik Union, and Shailesh Kumar Singh, Deputy President of TWU.

The primary objective of this transformative project is to create a holistic space that enhances the physical and mental well-being of the residents. Covering an extensive area of 8075 square meters (95m x 85m), the Fitness Zone at G-Town Ground was developed over a span of 6



months, starting from March 2023 which was completed in August 2023. The Fitness Zone encompasses a wide array of thoughtfully designed

amenities, including a park area, a walking track, a dedicated senior citizens' zone, space for Yoga, comfortable sitting areas, and play courts for sports enthusiasts. The fitness Zone includes, 16 open gym and 12 children's playing equipment, a volleyball and badminton court. The walkers track measure 960 meters. The inclusion of green spaces with trees adds a touch of natural tranquility to the surroundings. The opening time of the fitness zone will be from 5 am to 9 am and in the evening from 4 pm to 9 pm. (W-mb)

Surya Mandir committee opposes swimming pool and basketball court

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 29: The Sun Temple Committee has lodged a protest objecting to the construction work of the basketball court and swimming pool at the Chhath Ghat of the Sun Temple in the Sankh Maidan of the Sun Temple complex located in Sidhgora. On Tuesday, a delegation of the Sun Temple Committee met Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri in this regard. The delegation led by Bhupendra Singh,



chairman of the Sun Temple Committee, submitted a memorandum in this regard and urged not to start the construction

work in the Sun Temple premises. It was informed in the memorandum that Chhath Ghat pond and Sankh ground were

constructed in the Sun Temple premises in the year 2003 in the backdrop of public demand and local spiritual and cultural needs.

Since then, the rituals of Chhath Mahaparva and spiritual discourses and cultural and religious programs are being organized continuously in the Chhath Ghat pond. It was informed that the Sun Temple Committee has information that a basketball court is being planned at Shankh Maidan and a swimming pool is being constructed at Chhath Ghat pond, which is completely unfair and against the religious, cultural and spiritual sentiments of the people. (W.rg)

Shalimar-Bhuj Express to remain cancelled on Sept 2

Jamshedpur, Aug 29: South Eastern Railway has decided to cancel six trains in view of developmental works in Bilaspur Division of South East Central Railway.22830 Shalimar-Bhuj Express will remain cancelled on September 2. 22829 Bhuj-Shalimar Express, September 5, 2097, Udaipur City-Shalimar Express o n September 2,20972 Shalimar-Udaipur City Express on September 3, 20828, Santragachi-Jabalpur Humsafar Express o n September 6 and 20827Jabalpur-Santragachi Humsafar Express on Sept. 7. (W-mb)

Dist YC reviews VS, LS election strategies

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 29: The executive committee of the District Youth Congress, East Jamshedpur Vidhan Sabha Constituency, organized a review meeting on poll strategies for the Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha elections at a meeting held at the party's Bhalubasa office. YC District President Niraj Sahu chaired the meeting that was also attended by State YC General



Secretary Deenbandhu Boipai and State Vice President Satyam Singh. Addressing the meeting, Niraj Sahu stated that the YC was connecting with workers and officials of the party at grass-root levels and conducting

campaigns to ensure victory of the Congress. Other members present during the meeting were Mithun Chakraborty, Pankaj Upadhyay, Abhishek Anjan, Shubham Shukla, Rahul Singh and others. (w/gsd)

District level karate competition

Seraikela, Aug 29: On the occasion of National Sports Day, district level karate competition was organized under the aegis of Sports Karate Association of Seraikela-Kharsawan. 70 karatekars participated in the district level karate competition organized at the indoor stadium located at Guest House, Seraikela. Karatekars showed their respective performances in Kata and Kumite categories. On this occasion, the

winning players at the district level were selected to participate in the state level karate competition to be held from September 1 to 3. In 50 kg category, first Payal Yadav, second Anjali, third Suman, in 50 kg category junior kumite, first Mamta, second Sonali, third Jaleswari. Niharika stood first, Vinisha second, Rita third in the 12 to 13 kg category. In Boys Junior, Sameer stood first, Nutan second, Mahavir third. (W.pb)

Indigenous tribal sports competition on National Sports Day



Seraikela, Aug 29: Under the aegis of the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Jharkhand, while inaugurating the rural and indigenous tribal sports competition organized by the District Administration Seraikela-Kharsawan on the occasion of National Sports Day, District Sports Officer Amit Kumar said that our culture and traditions have been glorious. This year, on the occasion of National Sports Day, the government has decided to reactivate those

sports which have almost become extinct. Where there is entertainment in these games, the soul of the country resides in them. These games have full potential in influencing the skill development of an individual. He formally inaugurated Matka race, Bhara race by showing the flag at Arjuna Stadium in Kharsawan. On the occasion of National Sports Day, slingshot, matka race, tug of war, weight race and archery competition was organized at the Archery

Academy located at Dugni in Seraikela at Arjuna Stadium in Kharsawan. In the boys' category of the archery competition held at Dugni, Madhav Baidhu stood first, Uttam Mahato second and Nandlal Pradhan third. In the girls category, Baha Besra, Sriшти Karketa and Deepali Raj Swansi secured first, second and third positions respectively. Sita Manjhi stood first, Aarti Oraon second and Geeta Soy third in the women's matka race held at Kharsawan. (W.pb)

Jamshedpur FC suffer pre-season defeat, lose 1-2 against Sreenidi Deccan FC

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 29: Jamshedpur FC fell to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Sreenidi Deccan FC in their second pre-season match at the Deccan Arena in Hyderabad ahead of the new Hero Indian Super League campaign.

Goals from Kean Lewis in the 40th minute and Ibrahim Sissoko in the 65th minute gave Sreenidi the victory in Hyderabad, but

not before the Men of Steel actually took the lead via a goal from Imran Khan.

The new signing scored the opening goal of the game after some terrific work by KomalThatal who beat a few defenders including his former teammate Eli Sabia with his speed before setting up a delicious pass for Imran to open the scoring.

Sreenidi did much of the chasing of the ball in the first half as Jamshedpur



mounted several attacks, but the equaliser came towards the end of the first

period as Kean Lewis managed to squeeze his shot into the back of the

net. Following some half-time changes, Ritwik Das managed a few opportunities for JFC in front of goal, using his dribbling skills to manufacture shots on goal, and he was supported by the creativity and guile of AlenStevanovic. Young Mohammed Sanan also impressed during the game and enjoyed another productive outing at his new club. Despite the winner coming via Ibrahim

Sissoko for Sreenidi, the final result does show some positives for Jamshedpur FC in terms of performance, who were also leading in their first pre-season match against Gokulam Kerala before incessant rain brought an end to proceedings.

The Men of Steel will be back in action with their next pre-season match against Bengaluru FC on 1st September at the Deccan Arena. (W-mb)

Alumni Meet at Srinath College

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 29: An Alumni meeting was organized at the Srinath College of Education in Adityapur designed at reconnecting with the old students and celebrate their success and achievements in various fields of career pursuits. The Alumni comprised BED students of the College. The Principal, Srinath College of Education, Dr Balabhadra Jena inaugurated the programme. The Welcome



Speech was delivered by Asst Prof Sangita Mahato. The welcome song and

dance presentations were performed by the current BED batch of students.

In his address, College Principal, Dr Balabhadra Jena said, "The event has been organised to provide a platform to the current batch to interact with the Alumni of the previous batch. Our students are performing exceedingly well across the country. It indeed does us a lot of good and makes us feel proud to hear about their achievements."<Asst Prof Binay Singh Shandilya anchored the event. The vote of thanks was offered by AsstProf Madhuri Kumari. (w/gsd)

Cut in domestic gas prices is Modi's gift to sisters: BJYM

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 29: BJYM state media-in-charge Krishna Sharma Kali, speaking on the price cut in domestic gas cylinders stated, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has presented a big Raksha Bandhan gift to the sisters of the country by reducing the price of domestic gas by Rs 200."

Expressing gratitude to PM Modi for this decision of public interest, Kali

Sharma said that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the decision of the cabinet to give a discount of Rs 200 in domestic gas cylinders will give a lot of relief to the consumers. The new price will come into effect from Wednesday, August 30. Modi government has cut the price of cooking gas by Rs 200 for all consumers, which will come into effect from Wednesday, August 30. (w/gsd)

Headless body recovered in Jehanabad

Jehanabad, Aug 29: Panic gripped the residents of Jehanabad in Bihar after the recovery of a beheaded body on Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Ram Swaroop Manjhi, a resident of Ikkil village, who worked as an exorcist. According to reports, he is suspected to be murdered in superstition. Police recovered the body by digging the banks of the canal in Ikkil village under Makhdumpur police limits. The deceased was missing for the last four days. According to his relatives, a child of Lalman Manjhi of the village had died a month back. There was a dispute with the deceased Ramswaroop Manjhi in this connection and it is suspected that he was brutally killed with a sharp weapon. The criminals buried his body to hide evidence. Family members of the victim had informed the police about the disappearance of Manjhi a few days ago. On being informed, police started an investigation and during the probe it was found that soil has been dug in the Badhar of the village. When the police removed the soil, the headless dead body was recovered. After which the police seized the dead body and sent it to Sadar Hospital for postmortem. The SDPO said that his family members had reported that Ramswaroop Manjhi was missing since last Friday. In this connection, the police have registered a case and started searching for the criminals. (w-cd)

VP Dhankhar to launch MDL's P-17A stealth frigate 'Mahendragiri' on Friday

Mumbai, Aug 29 (IANS) Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar will launch the fourth Stealth Frigate of Project-17 Alpha, 'Mahendragiri' being built by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) on Sep. 1 in Mumbai, an official said here on Tuesday. The fourth and final ship of the Nilgiri Class being constructed by the MDL, the 'Mahendragiri' has been designed by the Indian Navy's Bureau of Naval Design and shall be fitted with advanced state-of-the-art weapons, sensors, communication facilities and other systems. The first ship in the P-17A 'Nilgiri' was launched in Sep. 2019 and is expected to go for sea trials around mid-2024, the second ship P-17A 'Udaygiri' was launched in May 2022 with sea trials in the second half of 2024, and the third 'Taragiri' was launched in Sep. 2020 with delivery expected by Aug. 2025.

The keel of 'Mahendragiri' was laid in June 2022, and like the previous versions, is being built with integrated construction methodology. The P-17A series is valued at a total Rs.27,500 crore and the MDL Mumbai is constructing four of the seven ships in this class. The 'Mahendragiri' will be around 149 metres long and 16 metres wide, with a displacement of around 6,600 tons and a speed of some 30 knots. Akin to the other three frigates, the steel used in the Hull construction is indigenously developed DMR 249A, a low-carbon micro-alloy grade steel manufactured by SAIL.

We never questioned BJP for not giving us funds for G20 Summit, says Saurabh Bhardwaj

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) While inspecting the preparations of G20 at Moti Bagh, Delhi Minster Saurabh Bharadwaj on Tuesday said that they never questioned BJP for not giving funds for the G20 Summit. On this occasion, Bhardwaj said that Delhities are happy to celebrate G-20 Summit with their own money, they don't have any problem, but it is Centre which was creating problems. Bhardwaj was hinting at the politics over expenses on the preparations of G-20 Summit. "I Don't understand why the BJP is doing such trivial talks on such a great occasion. We never questioned them for not giving us the funds (for G20 Summit). People of Delhi are happy to celebrate the occasion of G20 with their own money," Bhardwaj said. At the occasion, he also interacted with guards of the park and area residents.

V.K Saxena played key role in Delhi's beautification, says L-G office

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Lieutenant Governor (L-G) V.K Saxena worked tirelessly and chaired numerous meetings for the upcoming G20 Summit, contributing to the enhancement of Delhi's beauty, his office said on Tuesday. According to the L-G's office, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Public Works Department (PWD), Indian Air Force (IAF), and Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) are collaborating under the leadership of the Lt. Governor. He has been conducting regular meetings with these stakeholders. Saxena conducted over two dozen high-level meetings with these departments and agencies, spanning more than 48 hours on various dates. Starting in July, he established District-Level Monitoring Committees, headed by a senior IAS officer, to ensure timely completion of work. Five committee meetings have taken place, where progress reports and "Before - After" evidence of work, along with future plans, are presented and reviewed by the L-G, his office said.

In July, the L-G conducted 54 visits to inspect the repair, restoration, and beautification of roads. These visits included areas around ISBT, Rajghat, Delhi Gate, ITO, ITPO-Pragati Maidan (the G20 Summit venue), parts of Lutyen's Delhi-India Gate, Khan Market, Malcha Marg, Akbar Road, Sardar Patel Marg, Dhaula Kuan to IGI Airport, Air Force Station, Palam Technical Area, and identified hotels at Aerocity, Bhikaji Cama Place, and New Friends Colony, it added.

Delhi HC grants bail to alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar's purported aide

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) The Delhi High Court on Tuesday granted bail to Pooja Singh, who was reportedly a close aide of alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar. Singh is accused of aiding Chandrashekar while he was in Tihar Jail through a contractual nursing staff, and facilitating an extortion racket from inside the prison. Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma noted that Singh is a young woman around the age of 25 to 26, and the Enforcement Directorate did not accuse her of benefiting financially from her actions. The court also recognised the possibility of a young person with an immature mind being manipulated by Chandrashekar's tactics. The court said that the mere contention that Singh was promised rewards was not enough to conclude that she committed an offense under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). It said that individuals of her age might deviate due to the allure of easy money, adding that each case's circumstances are unique.

Indian Army to participate in largest ever joint military exercise in Middle East, says MoD

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) An Indian Army contingent will be a part of multinational tri-services joint military exercise 'Bright Star- 23' in the Middle East. This military exercise will take place in Egypt and is scheduled to be conducted from 31 August to 14 September at Mohammed Naguib Military Base.

Defence Ministry (MoD) that 34 countries will participate in the exercise and it will be the largest ever joint military exercise in Middle East and North Africa region.

MoD said that this is for the first time that Indian Armed Forces are participating in exercise Bright Star with a total strength of 549 personnel. The Indian Army is being represented by a contingent from 23 JAT Battalion.

It said that the Army's



contingent comprising of 137 personnel departed for Egypt on Tuesday. It is a multinational tri-services joint military exercise that will be led by US CENTCOM and Egyptian Army. It was initially conceptualised as a bilateral biennial training exercise between the US and Egypt during the Camp David Accord of 1977.

The first edition of the exercise was conducted in

the year 1980 in Egypt. From 1995 onwards the exercise was expanded for participation by other nations. The previous exercise 'Bright Star' was conducted in the year 2021 wherein forces of 21 countries had participated, the official added.

The exercise will comprise of a large number of training activities focused on combating emerging unconventional

threats and enhancing regional partnerships amongst participating nations aimed at maintaining world peace. In addition to the various field and situational training exercises, exercise Bright Star- 23 will also include a combined arms live firing exercise based on a tactical setting. A panel discussion on contemporary topics is also planned to be conducted on cyber security for which the Indian armed forces are the lead force.

The exercise will provide a unique opportunity to Indian Army to share best practices and experiences with other armies besides enhancing the defence cooperation. Indian Army looks forward to an enriching professional experience from the Exercise, the official added.

Dhanbad Congress leader's son thrashes student for not 'Prostrating', video goes vira

Dhanbad, Aug 29 : A video of a 17-year-old boy being beaten up by the son of a Congress leader in Jharkhand's Dhanbad area is going viral on social media.

In Dhanbad, Congress leader Ranvijay Singh's son Ranveer Singh allegedly beat up a student just because the boy did not bow down. The Congress leader's son along with his friends and personal bodyguard kicked the boy and beat him with hockey sticks. After this, he hit the boy in the head with the butt of the pistol and injured him.

When the Congress leader's son was not satisfied, he forced him into the vehicle and abducted him. After this, he called

the student's father and threatened him. The father of the victim student has registered a case against the Congress leader's son and others at the Saraidela police station.

The victim student said that the Congress leader's son beat him only because I did not 'prostrate'. The victim's father told that his son was beaten up by Congress leader Ranvijay Singh's son. In which he is seriously injured. An FIR has been registered against Ranveer Singh and three others in Saraydhel police station.

At the same time, in this case, Congress leader Ranvijay Singh said that it is not clear anywhere in the video that has gone viral that it is his son. There is no



authenticity to the video. The video should be forensically examined.

Woman sells daughter, abandons son to elope with lover

Ranchi: A Bihar woman allegedly sold her daughter to a businessman and left her son at a school hostel in order to elope with her lover. The incident is being

reported from Muzaffarpur district where she moved from Ranchi with her husband a few years back.

According to reports, her husband passed away in 2021. After her husband's demise, the woman developed romantic feelings for another man and opted to marry him. However, the man declined

G20 Summit opportunity for India to expose China on transgressions: Kharge



New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday asserted that the Indian territories, including Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin are an "indistinguishable" part of the country, and the G20 Summit here will be another opportunity for India to expose the issue of China's transgressions at the global stage.

He also said that the status quo ante before May 2020 should be of utmost importance, and the Modi government must not

budge from anything less than the restoration of the same.

In a tweet, Kharge said, "The Indian territories including Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin are an indistinguishable and inalienable part of India. No arbitrarily invented Chinese map can change that."

He also stressed that China is a habitual offender and said, "China is a habitual offender when it comes to renaming and redrawing maps of territories, belonging to

other countries."

"The Indian National Congress takes strong objection to any such illegal representation or renaming of India's territories. We want a peaceful coexistence with our neighbours, including China and want peace and tranquility at the LAC (Line of Actual Control).

"It is, however, painful to note that China's deception and belligerence continues, post Galwan, in the wake of Prime Minister Modi giving them a free pass, by saying "no one entered our territory", after 20 of our brave soldiers were martyred," he charged the BJP-led Centre.

The Congress leader, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha said, "The status quo ante before May 2020 should be of utmost importance, and the Modi government must not budge from anything less than the restoration of the same."

UAE & Indian Navy to share expertise and training in meteorology

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) A three-member UAE Navy delegation led by Colonel Dr Ali Saif Ali Mehrazi is on a four-day visit to India to study the specialised Meteorology, Oceanography and Weather Modelling units of Indian Navy at Kochi, Goa and New Delhi. The Ministry of Defence said that this visit signified the beginning of a new chapter in professional cooperation between the two Navies, with the goal of exchanging professional knowledge, expertise, training and collaboration in



the fields of Meteorology, Oceanography and Weather/Ocean modelling. The Indian Navy over the years has accrued knowledge, expertise and skills in the domain of Meteorology and Oceanography. The Navy through its dedicated units

has also been supporting many countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) with training in the fields as well as daily Weather forecasts services to ensure maritime safety in the region, the defence ministry official added. According to the

ministry of defence, the UAE Navy delegation visited Kochi on Monday where they met senior officers of the Indian Navy for professional interaction at Naval Operations Data Processing and Analysis Centre (NODPAC), which is a dedicated unit for aspects of Oceanography, Ocean State Forecast and Ocean Modelling. They also visited the Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) which looks into the aspects of Weather Forecasts and Atmosphere Modelling.

Cong MLA linked with Nuh violence summoned, says Haryana Home Minister



Chandigarh, Aug 29 (IANS) A day after Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said a Congress MLA has been issued notice by the police in connection with the July 31 Nuh violence, state Home minister Anil Vij on Tuesday alleged that MLA

Mamman Khan was in touch with Nuh rioters. The police have sent a notice to Mamman Khan asking him to appear for questioning on August 30, he told the media here.

"The police shall be questioning Congress MLA Mamman Khan tomorrow. The initial investigation so far has indicated that he was in contact with certain people who were involved in the violence," he said.

"As per our initial investigation, wherever arson and clashes occurred on July 28, 29 and 30, Mamman Khan went there and he was in live contact with those (rioters) at all those places. There are so many angles and so many theories are still coming. We are conducting a fair inquiry," the minister said. The Home Minister was categorically clear in saying, "it is also being investigated why the cyber police station was particularly targeted by the rioters."

"As per the initial investigation, we have arrested approximately 510 people and we have registered 130-140 FIRs. After their interrogation, the conclusion that we are getting for now is that it looks like this has been done by Congress," he said.

to take on the responsibility of her children.

This prompted the woman to sell her daughter to a local businessman, while she left her son at a private school's hostel.

The matter came to light when the administration of her son's hostel notified the family regarding the unpaid hostel fees. After receiving the details from the hostel administration, the child's grandfather lodged a zero FIR in Ranchi, which was subsequently transferred to Muzaffarpur.

Further investigations by the police are underway. Both - the businessman who bought the child and the intermediary involved in the transaction - were arrested by the authorities.

On Monday, a court in Jharkhand's Bokaro district handed a 15-year prison sentence to a Bihar resident for raping a 23-year-old woman. The two had connected after an unintended missed call, which resulted in their friendship. The accused was also fined Rs 25,000.

Upon receiving an unintentional missed call from the woman, the man began making regular calls to her, eventually leading to their friendship. One day, he traveled to Bokaro to meet her in person.

They rendezvoused at a Bokaro hotel, where he covertly laced her food with drugs. This caused her to lose consciousness, and he sexually assaulted her. He also filmed the act.

Heavy rainfall to continue over Andaman-Nicobar, northeast, south peninsular India: IMD



New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday said that isolated heavy rainfall activity is likely to continue over Andaman-Nicobar Islands, Northeast India and extreme south Peninsular India during next five days while a fresh rainfall spell is likely over parts of East India from Saturday.

In Northeast India, there is a forecast for light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, with the possibility of isolated heavy rainfall over Arunachal Pradesh on Tuesday.

"From Thursday to Saturday, similar weather

conditions are expected over Assam and Meghalaya. Additionally, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura are likely to experience this pattern of rainfall and thunderstorms over the next five days," said the weather forecast agency in its bulletin.

Moving to East India, there's a prediction of light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and isolated instances of heavy rainfall.

"Specifically, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim are anticipated to encounter these conditions on Tuesday and

Thursday. Furthermore, Odisha can expect such weather on Saturday," said the IMD.

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands are forecasted to experience light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, along with thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds ranging from 30 to 40 kmph, gusting up to 50 kmph.

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E-tender Notice No.: **RSO-SAND-CKP-DPS-7, dated 28.08.2023**. Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for the following work. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of work :** Supply, unloading, storing and filling of river sand in electrical and diesel looms at CKP & DPS (Chakradharpur & Dangoapasi) station round the clock for three years (1096 days) [Sand will be screened and dried by the contractor. Specification of treated sand will be M-916-51 (Car and locomotive sand)]. **Tender Value :** ₹ 1,04,26,074.30. **EMD :** ₹ 2,22,100. **Cost of tender form:** Nil. **Place of opening of e-tender:** Office of the Sr. DEE (OP)/CKP, South Eastern Railway. **Date & Time of closing of tender :** 25.09.2023 at 15.00 hrs. **Date & Time of opening of tender :** 25.09.2023 at 15.30 hrs. The e-tender can be viewed at website <http://www.irps.gov.in>. The tenderer/ bidder must have Class-II digital signature certificate & must be registered under IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. (PR-555)

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TKM opens bookings for Toyota Rumion

Bangalore, August 29: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), today, officially announced the start of bookings and the prices of its latest offering - The All New Toyota Rumion which was launched earlier in the month of August'23, generating much excitement amongst customers. Available in six grades, this extraordinary new compact B-MPV is expected to set new standards with its unmatched space and comfort, excellent fuel efficiency, stylish and premium exterior design. The latest offering by TKM will be available at attractive ex-showroom prices from Rs. 10,29,000 to Rs. 13,68,000 with deliveries expected to commence from 8th of September onwards. Bookings start at a token amount of Rs. 11,000.Making the announcement, Atul Sood, Vice President - Sales and Strategic Marketing, TKM said, "We feel deeply humbled and honoured by the overwhelming response in terms of customer enquiries that the All New Toyota Rumion has received.

'Will not join any secular party', says suspended BJP MLA Raja Singh

Hyderabad, Aug 29 (IANS) Suspended BJP MLA Raja Singh on Tuesday said that he will die but will not join any secular party.The member of Telangana Legislative Assembly from Goshamahal constituency vowed to continue working for 'Hindu Rashtira'.He ruled out joining either Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) or the Congress party.He hoped that his suspension would be revoked. He, however, made it clear that if his suspension is not revoked and if he is not fielded by the BJP, he would not contest the election as an independent candidate or on the ticket of any other party."If necessary, I will stay away from politics for some years and work for my goal of turning India into Hindu Rashtira," he told reporters.Earlier this month he had stated in the state Assembly that he will not be a member in the next Telangana Assembly.The controversial legislator also remarked that both 'ghar wale' and 'bahar wale' don't want him in the next Assembly. He, however, did not elaborate.Assembly elections are due to be held towards year-end.

Delhi: Man says 'Hindustan murdabad' in the video, FIR lodged

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Delhi Police has taken suo moto cognisance and have registered an First Information Report in connection with a video where a person can be heard saying 'Hindustan murdabad', an official said on Tuesday.The video doing rounds on social media seems to be recorded near the Red Fort, the official said. In the video, a man dressed in a black T-shirt can be observed uttering "Hindustan murdabad" to a woman holding a microphone. The individuals present at the scene condemned his actions as inappropriate"As regards to this social media post, we are taking suo motu cognisance. An FIR under section 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) of the Indian Penal Code is being lodged at Kotwali police station," said the Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi.

In fight over goats, UP man bites owner's private parts

Shahjahanpur, Aug 29 (IANS) In a shockingly bizarre incident in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur district, a man bit a portion of his neighbour's private parts after the latter's goats strayed into his compound and damaged some of his belongings.The 31-year-old goat owner was admitted to a medical college in Shahjahanpur city, where his condition is reported as stable.He sustained injuries and four stitches had to be put in place.Both men have filed complaints at Roza police station.The victim said: "I had a quarrel with my neighbour Ganga Ram Singh, 28, because of my goats and he pushed me to the ground and bit my private parts due to which I lost my consciousness. I approached police, but they initially refrained from registering an FIR.

"The pain is severe and I fear this injury may compromise my ability to lead a normal married life."

SHO Roza police station Amit Pandey said: "After initial investigation and considering the medical report, we registered an FIR against Ganga Ram under IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult) and 506 (criminal intimidation). The victim was given treatment by the emergency medical officer in hospital.

"The doctor said injuries were external and there was no damage to any internal veins. The victim will recover over time and can live a normal life."

'Can't bear the agony': Siblings of Kota coaching student who committed suicide to leave city

Jaipur, Aug 29 (IANS) The siblings of Kota coaching student Adarsh Raj, who committed suicide on Sunday, have decided to leave the city, citing their inability to continue their studies here after losing their brother.

Adarsh, who lived with his cousin brother and sister, hanged himself on Sunday at 7 p.m. Hailing from Bihar, he was scoring low marks and hence was under stress, said police officials.Sister and cousin brother of Adarsh have now decided to move back to their native places, stating that they can't bear the agony of losing their brother whom they have grown with since childhood. It is impossible to stay here and study, said his brother.Adarsh's uncle, who was here to collect his body did not hold anyone responsible for his death. "He (Adarsh Raj) was living with his sister and cousin brother. Even then it happened. It was God's wish," the uncle said.Meanwhile, another student Raj hanged himself in his rented flat at around 7 p.m. nearly four hours after his death.The city police handed over the bodies of two NEET aspirants and lodged separate cases of unnatural death under Section 174 of CrPC for investigation in the matter.

SC defers hearing on plea relating to caste certificate cancellation of Maha MP Navneet Kaur Rana

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Tuesday adjourned hearing on a plea filed by Maharashtra's Amravati MP Navneet Kaur Rana against an order of the Bombay High Court which had cancelled her Scheduled Caste certificate.A bench comprising Justices J.K. Maheshwari and K.V. Vishwanathan fixed the plea for further hearing on September 5.Earlier in June 2021, the Supreme Court had stayed the operation of the Bombay High Court which cancelled her caste certificate saying it was obtained by using fabricated documents. It had remarked that the High Court ought to have sent the matter back to the committee for fresh consideration.

Gadkari unveils world's first prototype car, says biofuel will eradicate stubble burning almost to nil

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday unveiled the world's first prototype of the BS6 Stage II 'Electrified Flex Fuel Vehicle' which is developed by Toyota Kirloskar Motors.

The minister said that the bio fuel will eradicate the problem of stubble burning almost by 100 per cent and it will also help in doubling farmers' income.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony of the prototype of the flex-fuel Toyota Innova Hycross hybrid which can run on up to 85 percent ethanol blend fuel, Gadkari said: "Today is a historic day for the entire world as first prototype is going to unveil. Earlier, Vikram Kirloskar was there and I usually took follow up about the prototype every time from him, but

his demise is a big loss for us."

He said that India is currently importing fuel worth Rs 16 lakh crore.

"And if we see the pollution graph, 40 per cent of the pollution is generated due to the fuel. I hardly stay in Delhi for two or three days and when I return back to my native place I am down with infections. Everyone knows the condition of Delhi and the level of pollution," Gadkari said.

He said that the Haryana's Panipat plant is generating ethanol, which is generated from the bio-waste.

He cited the example that how 50 percent bio-aviation fuel is being used in two different flights.

The Minister said that 65 per cent of the GDP of our country is coming from agriculture background and



he knows about the the condition of the farmers.

"My dream is to transform 'annadatas' (food giver) to 'urjadatas' (producer of solar power)," the Minister said.

He said that he himself belongs to a farmer family and know that how much

benefit it will be for farmers. He said that bio fuel will eradicate the problem of stubble burning to almost by 100 per cent.

Praising the vision of the Prime Minister for making farmers Aatmanirbhar, the Minister said that ethanol being an indigenous, eco-

friendly, and renewable fuel holds promising prospects for India.

"The emphasis of the Modi government on ethanol aligns with objectives of attaining energy self-sufficiency, doubling farmers' income, transitioning them to

Urjadata while continuing to support them as Annadata, and positively impacting the environment," he said.

He also said that aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's global mission against climate change, Toyota is fervently transitioning to cleaner energy solutions.

"Their strong commitment to environmental conservation is evident in their advanced technologies, such as Hydrogen Vehicles and Electrified Flex Fuel Vehicles," he added.

The vehicle is based on the Toyota Innova Hycross and is engineered to adhere to India's stricter emission standards marking it as the first-ever BS 6 (Stage II) Electrified Flex Fuel vehicle prototype globally.

MP doctors to get salary under 7th Pay Commission slabs with effect from 2016: CM Shivraj

Bhopal, Aug 29 (IANS) Doctors associated with state government-run medical institutions will get pay scale based on the 7th Pay Commission slabs with effect from January 1, 2016, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said.

The CM also announced on Monday that medical practitioners will receive increments in five, 10 and 15 years without any compulsion of promotions.

Inaugurating a 2000-bed hospital built at a cost of Rs 482 crore at the campus of Bhopal's Hamidia hospital, Chouhan said that the pay scale of assistant professors in medical colleges would be increased and the rules for shifting of 11 nursing homes in the city would be simplified.

Madhya Pradesh Medical



Education Minister Vishwas Sarang, who was also present on the occasion, said that the state has become the fastest developing state in the country. The minister stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the health sector of India has witnessed tremendous developments

in the past nine years. "There has been a lot of improvement in health services in the country, while the number of medical colleges in Madhya Pradesh is increasing rapidly. Madhya Pradesh has become the first state to start MBBS courses in Hindi," Sarang said.

Consumer authority levies Rs 1 lakh fine on IAS coaching institute for misleading testimonials of IAS toppers like Tina Dabi

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) on Tuesday issued an order against IQRA IAS Institute for misleading advertisement and unfair trade practice by advertising misleading testimonials of top-rank holders of the years 2015-2017 in the UPSC Civil Services Exam.

The institute has been asked to discontinue the false claims under the garb of misleading testimonials and a penalty of Rs 1 lakh has also been imposed on it.

It was found in the investigation report by (CCPA) that the testimonials of all India rank (AIR) holders Tina



Dabi AIR-1, (2015), Athar Amir Ul Safi Khan AIR-2, (2015), Himanshu Kaushik AIR-77, (2015), Saifin AIR-570, (2017) were hosted by IQRA IAS Institute, which incidentally itself was set up in 2018, thereby deceiving consumers into believing that such successful candidates owe their success to the said institution.

The issue came to the notice of CCPA through the website of IQRA IAS Institute established in 2018 deliberately and falsely claimed through the testimonials of top-rank holders of UPSC CSE in 2015 and 2017 as their students which is factually deceiving.

Congress accuses BJP-led govt of cheating women in MP

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Congress on Tuesday accused BJP-led Madhya Pradesh government of cheating the people with false promises of providing gas cylinders for Rs 450 and also promised that the grand old party will provide cooking gas cylinders for Rs 500.

Charging Narendra Modi-led Central government and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led Madhya Pradesh government, Congress state in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala said, "Even in 'Rakhi Bandhai' (Rakhi gift), the BJP Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh cheated the sisters. The Modi government has increased the price of LPG (liquefied



petroleum gas) beyond Rs 1,100, due to which crores of families of the country could not get their cylinders refilled.""Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, looking at the elections, said that 'in the month of Sawan, LPG cylinder will be available for Rs 450' but when the sisters of the state reached the gas agency the very next day with empty

cylinders... they got a reply from the agency that you need to pay Rs 1,185, otherwise go home.

"But we want to tell the sisters of Madhya Pradesh not to worry as Congress has promised to provide gas cylinders for Rs 500. Only a few days are left for the BJP government steeped in corruption and scams," he said.

BSP expels Imran Masood for praising Rahul Gandhi

Lucknow, Aug 29 (IANS) Hours after he praised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, BSP president Mayawati expelled party leader Imran Masood citing "anti-party" activities.

Reacting to the development, Masood said that Mayawati had strayed from the path shown by Dr B.R. Ambedkar was responsible for the decline of the party in the past one decade.

Though he did not clarify his next political move, Masood said that he would continue to work for the weaker section and the downtrodden.



Tihar official duped of Rs 50 L by wrestler couple

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) An assistant superintendent at Tihar Jail, has lodged a complaint against a woman wrestler and her husband who allegedly swindled him of Rs 50 lakh under the pretense of involving him in a health product business.

According to police, Deepak Sharma, renowned for his dedication to bodybuilding, claims that he fell victim to a scam orchestrated by professional wrestlers Raunak Gulia and her husband, Ankit Gulia.

As per FIR, in the year 2021, Sharma appeared in one reality show 'Ultimate Warriors' on Discovery Channel where he met Raunak Gulia who was also a partaker/participant on the said show.

In his complaint, Sharma claimed that during the show, Raunak Gulia portrayed herself as a

performer and a health enthusiast.

"She informed me that her husband was an established entrepreneur in the Health Products industry. After the show concluded, the participants, including myself, returned to our respective homes and began conversing over the phone due to our shared interest in fitness," read the FIR.

"In May 2022, Raunak Gulia introduced me to her husband, Ankit Gulia, at the launch event for their supplement brand, Rapid Nutrition, where Raunak Gulia held a directorial role. By January 2023, she informed me that her husband's business was thriving and yielding substantial profits," he further stated.

"However, they required additional funds to expand their business by creating multiple brands and establishing various outlets



to maximise their earnings. Given Raunak Gulia's persuasive communication style, coupled with her awareness of my public presence in the Health & Fitness domain, she convinced me to invest around Rs 50 lakhs in their venture," Deepak claimed in the FIR.

"She assured that her husband would provide 10-

15 per cent of the profits, with no share in potential losses. Furthermore, she enticed me to become the Brand Ambassador for their company and brand. Enticed by the offered options, I decided to invest with a 15 per cent stake.

"Raunak Gulia painted an appealing picture, tempting me to invest. As a result, I agreed to invest Rs

43 lakhs through bank transfers and Rs 8 lakhs in cash at different times and locations, including various transactions at Vijay Park, Yamuna Vihar. Notably, on March 2nd, 2023, at approximately 7:30 PM, the same individual arrived in a black Scorpio vehicle in Yamuna Vihar.

"In April 2023, when I inquired about the status of my invested funds, I discovered that both individuals had orchestrated a fraud and deception against me. They had swindled my money under the pretense of their proposal. It was revealed that many others had fallen victim to the same

con and scam, and both Raunak Gulia and Ankit Gulia were now evading authorities. They even threatened me with severe consequences, including threats to my life, if I took any action against them," Sharma said in his

complaint.

"In light of the aforementioned actions, it is evident from their behavior that the married couple hatched a criminal conspiracy. They induced me to accept their proposal and enticed me to invest my hard-earned money. Subsequently, their true intentions became apparent: to deceive and defraud innocent individuals. They intentionally avoided returning the invested amounts, along with promised profits. This deceitful conduct exemplifies their fraudulent and duplicitous nature," it added.

A senior police official said that an FIR has been registered on Sunday under section 420 (cheating) and 34 (common intention) of the India Penal Code at Madhu Vihar police station and further investigation is on.

Tarapore School, KSMS crowned winners at handball championship



Jamshedpur, Aug 29: Tata Steel Sports Department organised inter school boys and girls handball championship on August 28-29 as part of the National Sports Day celebration, at JRD Tata Sports Complex.

In the boys event Tarapore School Agrico was crowned the winner followed by Church School Beldih and St Mary's Hindi School. Kerala Samajam Model School (KSMS) bagged the first position in girls' category.

St Marys Hindi was the runner-up while Tarapore School Agrico took third place.

Chief Guest during the closing function was Kamal Kishore and Nehaluddin Dy SP (Retired). Guests handed over the trophies to the winners and runners-up teams.

Present on the occasion were Firoz Khan, Hassan Imam, Rahul Gupta, MdAshfaque, MdAzhar Husain and Neyaz Khan. (W-mb)

RMS School: Blue House wins sports tournament



Jamshedpur, Aug 29: RMS High School organised inter house basketball, handball and badminton tournament on the occasion of National Sports Day on Tuesday. Students of class 6 to 10 participated in sporting events house wise. Blue house was the winner and Green house was declared the runner-up for the event. The tournament was under the supervision of HOD (Sports) Rahul Kumar Gupta. Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr ParineetaShukla, Principal, RMS High School. She awarded the students. The National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29 August every year. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand Singh. (W-mb)

Chhau Guru welcomed at Birsa Agriculture University



Seraikela, Aug 29: Chhau Guru Tapan Kumar Patnaik of Seraikela was welcomed at Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi. In a seminar organized on the topic of Role of Jharkhand in Glorifying India with Special Reference to Agriculture and Allied Sectors at Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, he was honored by the University's Vice Chancellor cum State Governor CP Radhakrishnan for his special contribution in the field of Chhau dance. (w-pb)

Play School kids celebrate Raksha Bandhan with soldiers

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Jamshedpur, Aug 29: In a touching display of camaraderie and respect, young children from the play school "Step by Step with Dolly Aunt" visited the Sonari Army Camp to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with the brave soldiers stationed there. The visit brought smiles and a sense of unity as the children enthusiastically tied rakhis on the wrists of the soldiers.

Under the guidance of Principal Dolly Upadhyay, the children embarked on a memorable journey to the army camp, carrying the handmade rakhis and



heartfelt wishes. The soldiers, who tirelessly safeguard the nation's borders, warmly welcomed the children and shared stories of their service and dedication. Amidst the picturesque backdrop of the camp, the children engaged

Our roots start from villages, we have to keep them alive: Artist Saurabh Pramanik

Seraikela, Aug 29: Saurabh Pramanik, a young artist living in a small village Chainpur of Chandil Block, is working on keeping both these rural environments alive in their original form. Many elderly men from rural environment and going to different rural places are carving the same through live painting watercolor. Seeing which people are appreciating a lot and giving blessings. Along with this, the live painting based on the rural environment of artist SaurabhPramanik is also being appreciated a lot in social media. Artist SaurabhPramanik explains that our roots start from the villages and we should



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keep it alive in its original form with its simplicity. Artist Saurabh keeps highlighting the problems of the society from time to time along with his imagination. Artist SaurabhPramanik has done 6 years Diploma in Fine Arts from Tagore School of Arts, Jamshedpur. And at present he is pursuing Bachelor of Fine Arts in Shrinath University located in Adityapur. He has made many pictures so far, in which problems in the society, from burning issues to many rural festivals like KaramParab, Sohrai, JitwaParv and Tusu etc. have been tried to engrave through his art.(w-pb)

Kaluram Seva Trust organises health checkup camp

Seraikela, Aug 29: ShriKaluramSewa Trust Seraikela organized a one-day health, free cataract, hernia, fistula, bone operation check-up camp at AgrasenThakurbariBhavan M a r w a r i DharamshalaSeraikela in collaboration with District A d m i n i s t r a t i o n , PurnimaNetralaya and GayatriSevaSadan, Marwari. The camp was inaugurated by Chief Guest Principal District and Sessions Judge Vijay Kumar by lighting the

lamp. In his address on the occasion, PDJ Vijay Kumar said that eye has a different importance among the main organs of our body. With that we do all the necessary work of our life while looking at the beautiful world. He said that at present the environment is changing. People are changing from joint family to nuclear family. By the way, parents are becoming unable to do daily tasks due to low eyesight in their old age. In such a situation, no other pious work can be

done by returning the light of his eyes. While giving the welcome speech, the president of the organization, Manoj Kumar Chaudhary said that for the last 20 years, the forerunner in public service work ShriKaluramSeva Trust has established a different identity in this field. During the Covid period, efforts were made by the organization to provide dry ration, oxygen cylinder, mask, sanitizer, hand wash, oximeter, etc. to each and every needy. (w-pb)

IWC West gives Rs 25k grant for girls' education

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 29: Inner Wheel District Chairman Dr Ragini Rani visited Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur West and inspected the on-going developmental projects. Club President BabitaKedia, Secretary AnanditaBera and all the members of the club informed about several projects.

DC distributed saree and ration to cunuch community. Later, sewing machine was handed over to women of old age home. In Bal Kalyan Mandir Vidyalaya, Kadma,



raincoats and umbrellas were distributed to all the students. An amount of Rs 25,000 was given to the school as a grant for the education of girls.

A health camp was organized at Tata Workers Union High School, Kadma, in which blood pressure, blood sugar, eye check-up was done. Dr Ragini Rani

inaugurated solar panel power project on this occasion, through which electricity will be provided to an entire building of the university.

District ISO Nibha Mishra, Vice President SanobarHasan, Treasurer PapiaChatterjee and others were present. (W-mb)

Theft in Kolabira's Shambhu Sound System shop

Seraikela, Aug 29:The spirits of these two thieves are high in Kolabira area. Last Saturday night, unknown thieves have stolen a total of 27 dinner tables, small and big, from Shambhu Sound System and Tent House located on the Kolabira road side, Seraikela-Kandra main road under Kolabira OP area. Unknown thieves are said to have carried out the midnight incident on Saturday in a shop located just 30 meters away from Kolabira OP. In this regard, District Council member ShambhuMandal, director of Shambhu Sound System and Tent House, while registering a complaint in Kolabira OP, disclosed the matter and demanded strict action against the unknown thieves who carried out the incident. He told that on coming to the shop on Sunday morning, he found 27 big and small dinner tables scattered all the belongings of his tent house missing.(w-pb).

Demand for high-level inquiry into corruption in CM's Live Stock Scheme

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 29: BJP Seraikela Assembly Convener Manoj Kumar Chaudhary has written a letter to the Deputy Commissioner saying that farmers were constantly complaining that very poor quality cows were being supplied by the District Cow Development Center. At the time of cow distribution, it is told that the cow gives 15 to 20 liters of milk, but the subsidized cow gives only 2 to 3 liters of milk to the farmers. To know the facts, I met the District Animal Husbandry Officer. No information was given by them. Photo and video of cows available at GavyaVikas Kendra have been made by us. Due to which prima facie corruption is being confirmed. A lot of corruption is also taking place in other schemes by the District Animal Husbandry Department, which will automatically come to the fore after physical examination of the cattle rearers. The state government has given approval for a livestock development scheme worth crores of rupees with the aim of improving the economic condition of the rural cattle herders and making the youth self-employed at the village level and making them self-reliant and preventing their migration. (w-pb)



झारखण्ड सरकार कृषि, पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग, जिला गव्य विकास कार्यालय, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

पशुपालकों के लिए आवश्यक सूचना

पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा जिला के वैसे दुधारू मवेशी पशुपालकों जो कृषि पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग(गव्य प्रभाग) द्वारा संचालित मुख्यमंत्री पशुधन विकास योजना / गव्य विकास द्वारा संचालित दुधारू मवेशी वितरण कार्यक्रम से लाभान्वित अथवा स्वयं से दुधारू पशुओं को पालते हैं, को किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड (KCC) से आच्छादित करने हेतु इच्छुक पशुपालकों से आवेदन पत्र दिनांक 01.09.2023 से आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। पशुपालकों को दुधारू पशुओं के लिए चारा-दाना, पशु आहार, हरा चारा उत्पादन आदि कार्य हेतु बैंको द्वारा कार्यकारी पूँजी के रूप में KCC की सुविधा प्रदत्त की जायेगी।

KCC से संबंधित आवेदन पत्र दिनांक 01.09.2023 से कार्यालय में निशुल्क उपलब्ध है। आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करने हेतु इच्छुक ग्रामीण क्षेत्र के पशुपालक मूल आधार कार्ड के साथ स्वयं कार्यालय पहुँच कर आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करेंगे एवं यथाशीघ्र पूर्ण रूप से भरे हुए आवेदन पत्र, कार्यालय में समर्पित करें ताकि आवेदन पत्र जाँचोपरांत शीघ्र बैंको को अग्रसारित किया जा सके।

विशेष जानकारी के लिए कार्य दिवस में जिला गव्य विकास कार्यालय, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम चाईबासा से संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

जिला गव्य विकास पदाधिकारी
PR 305751 (West Singhbhum) 23-24 (D) पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

आम सूचना

राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत

दिनांक 09.09.2023 (शनिवार),

स्थान – व्यवहार न्यायालय सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

निःशुल्क, सुलभ एवं शीघ्र न्याय के लिए

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार एवं नई दिल्ली, झारखण्ड राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार के निर्देशानुसार एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ के तत्वाधान में दिनांक 09.09.2023 (शनिवार) प्रातः 11:00 बजे से व्यवहार न्यायालय परिसर सरायकेला-खरसावाँ में National Lok Adalat / राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत का आयोजन होना निर्धारित है। उक्त "राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत" में Criminal compoundable cases, N. I. Act 138, MACT Cases, Accident Claim Cases, Matrimonial/Family Courts cases, Labour Disputes, Land Acquisition cases Civil cases, Bank Recovery, Revenue cases, MNREGA, Electricity & Water Bills, Sales Tax, Income Tax, forest Act cases संबंधी मामले, निष्पादित किए जाएंगे।

अतः आप सभी से निवेदन है कि अधिक से अधिक संख्या में 09.09.2023 प्रातः 09:00 बजे से अपने मामले का निष्पादन करवायें।

उपायुक्त-सह-उपाध्यक्ष

जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार,

सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।

नोट :- उक्त राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत के संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार की विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु आप कार्य दिवस के दिन प्रातः 11 बजे से 05 बजे पूर्व तक जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, व्यवहार न्यायालय सरायकेला-खरसावाँ में उपस्थित होकर जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार के मोबाईल (कार्यालय) नं०. 9431967228 से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।

Sd/- सचिव

जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार
सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

PR 305758 (Law)23-24*D

झारखण्ड सरकार श्रम, नियोजन, प्रशिक्षण एवं कौशल विकास विभाग नियोजनालय घाटशिला, पूर्वी सिंहभूम

भर्ती-कैम्प सूचना

सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक-01.09.2023 को नियोजनालय घाटशिला परिसर में पूर्वाह्न 10 बजे से अपराह्न 4 बजे तक ऑनलाइन भर्ती कैम्प का आयोजन किया जाएगा। भर्ती कैम्प से संबंधित नियोजन द्वारा निर्धारित शोयता एवं उम्र संबंधी अहर्ता निर्धारित है :-

Sl. No	Name of Employer	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Qualification	Gender	Age Limit	Pay & Allowances	Job Location	Remarks
01	M/s L&T Construction Skills Training Institute, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Construction Technician Trainee	200	Minimum 8 th and 10 th pass	Male	18-35 years	Rs. 16000 stipend (NAPS) after 2 months of training	PAN INDIA (2 months Training will be held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat)	Food and Accommodation is free during 2 months training period

अतः योग्य एवं इच्छुक उम्मीदवार जो पूर्व से निबंधित नहीं है वे झारखण्ड के किसी भी नियोजनालय में अपना निबंधन कराते हुए उपर्युक्त भर्ती कैम्प में नियोजन/नियोजन के प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष अपने सभी मूल प्रमाण पत्रों एवं उसकी एक छायाप्रति, पासपोर्ट साईज फोटोग्राफ, नियोजनालय का मूल वैध निबंधन कार्ड तथा अपना बायोडाटा के साथ निर्धारित तिथि दिनांक-01.09.2023 को पूर्वाह्न 10:00 तक उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। पूर्व से नियोजनालय में निबंधित उम्मीदवारों को पुनः निबंधन कराने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। चूँकि नियोजक एवं रचित निजी क्षेत्र की है। अतः भर्ती सेवा की शर्तों हेतु नियोजक ही उत्तरदायी होंगे। चयन प्रक्रिया में नियोजनालय का किसी भी प्रकार का हस्तक्षेप नहीं होगा, नियोजनालय मात्र सुविधा प्रदाता की भूमिका में है। कोविड-19 हेतु निर्गत दिशा निर्देशों / SOP का दृढ़तापूर्वक अनुपालन किया जाना आवश्यक है। अतः समाजिक दूरी का पालन, फेस मास्क एवं सैनिटाइजर इत्यादि का उपयोग करेंगे।

इसके लिए किसी भी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता देय नहीं होगा।

नियोजन पदाधिकारी
PR 305760 Labour Employment and Training(23-24).D नियोजनालय घाटशिला, पूर्वी सिंहभूम

झारखण्ड सरकार, श्रम, नियोजन, प्रशिक्षण एवं कौशल विकास विभाग जिला नियोजनालय, जामताड़ा

भर्ती कैम्प- 2023

दिनांक-01.09.2023, समय- 10:00 पूर्वाह्न से स्थल:- सरकार की औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, जामताड़ा

SR. No.	Company Name	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Qualification		Age (Min-Max)	Pay/Salary	Job Location	Remarks
				Essential	Desirable				
01	Tata Motors Jamshedpur	Apprentice Trainee	150	ITI Pass		18-25	9000	Jamshedpur	

नोट :- झारखण्ड के किसी भी नियोजनालय में पंजीकृत होना अनिवार्य है। यदि अग्रेषी पूर्व में निबंधित नहीं है तो भर्ती- कैम्प से पूर्व अपना निबंधन स्थानीय नियोजनालय में निश्चित रूप से करा ले। उल्लेखनीय है कि जिला नियोजनालय जामताड़ा में अग्रेषी स्वयं की अपना निबंधन ऑन लाईन वेब साईट- होम पेज के Newjobseeker में जाकर कर सकते हैं। (सभी अग्रेषी अपना Resume 02 प्रति में लायेंगे)। रचित निजी क्षेत्र से संबंधित है, इसलिए रचित की शर्तों के लिए सीधे नियोजक उत्तरदायी है। नियोजनालय मात्र सुविधा प्रदाता के रूप में कार्य कर रहा है। भर्ती-कैम्प में भाग लेने हेतु किसी भी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता देय नहीं है। अधिक जानकारी हेतु जिला नियोजनालय, जामताड़ा कार्यालय में सम्पर्क करें। बिना मास्क भर्ती-कैम्प स्थल के अंदर प्रवेश की अनुमति नहीं मिलेगी।

PR 305802 Labour Employment and Training (23-24)_D

Mail News Service

Barbil, August 29: In Ward No. 2 of Barbil Municipality in Keonjhar district, a dengue prevention awareness campaign was initiated jointly by Barbil Municipal Corporation and ARCELORMITTAL. The awareness campaign program saw the presence of officials including Abhishek Panda, Municipal Officer of Barbil, Ward Councillor Baby Rani Mahanta from Ward No. 2 of Barbil Municipality and officials of

ARCELORMITTAL, including Mine Manager Pramod Misra, along with Sujit Das, Pramod Acharya, and Jagabandhu Sahu.

The program, organized in collaboration with the Health and Family Welfare Department of Odisha, provided citizens information about effective prevention of dengue disease. The awareness campaign emphasized the need to keep the surroundings clean and use mosquito repellents daily to safeguard against dengue. (w/gsd)

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय लघु वितरणी प्रमण्डल संख्या-7, गालुडीह
Email ID: cemdd7galchandil@gmail.com

Short E-Procurement Tender Notice (e-Tender Notice) 4th Call

ई०-निविदा रेफ्रेंस नं०-WRD/MDD-7/GALUDIH/SBD-03/2023-24, दिनांक 29.08.2023

1.	विभाग का नाम	जल संसाधन विभाग, झारखंड सरकार।
2.	कार्य का नाम	Const. of Sub Minor & W/C of OL-52 through UGPL, Ex. Km 112.640 of CLMC.
3.	प्राकलित राशि	₹ 17,57,41,000.00 (सत्रह करोड़ सतावन लाख एकतालीस हजार) मात्र।
4.	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय	550 दिन
5.	वेबसाईट पर ई०-निविदा प्रका न की तिथि	31.08.2023, 12.00 बजे अपराह्न से
6.	ई०-निविदा अनिलेख डाउनलोड/अपलोड करने की तिथि	31.08.2023 से 20.09.2023, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
7.	परिणाम विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रपान की रा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	21.09.2023 से 22.09.2023 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
8.	ई०-निविदा (तकनीकी बीड)खोलने की तिथि समय	25.09.2023, 12.00 बजे अपराह्न
9.	ई०-निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु वितरणी प्रमण्डल संख्या-7, गालुडीह।
10.	ई० प्रोक्यूरमेंट पदाधिकारी का मोबाईल नं०	7761822355
11.	ई० प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन नं०	0657-2371765

नोट:- सिर्फ ई-निविदा स्वीकार होगा। ज्यादा जानकारी के लिए हमारे वेबसाईट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखें।

* प्राकलित राशि: It may vary

कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु वितरणी प्रमण्डल संख्या-7 गालुडीह
PR 305810 Water Resource(23-24)#D

For Tripura's tribal parties, assertion of ethnic identity a poll-time ritual

By Sujit Chakraborty

In the past over five and a half decades, tribal-based parties in Tripura raised tribal-centric demands including creation of the tribal autonomous body, Roman script for tribal Kokborok language, adopting traditional customary laws, wearing traditional attire, but on their own, they achieved little being short-lived in the absence of a serious ideology.

Since 1967, more than a dozen tribal-based parties in Tripura emerged and they have tried to play a crucial role in the state's electoral politics, but due to their issue-based politics sans any ideology, they became non-existent after their issues were resolved or when they raised irrelevant demands.

Of Tripura's four million populations, tribals, with 19 communities, constitute one third and out of 60 assembly seats, twenty reserved for the tribals, who belong to both Hindu and Christian faiths. Of the state's two Lok Sabha seats, one - Tripura East -- is reserved for the tribals, who in terms of economic status are better than the tribals of other states in the northeast region and other parts of the country.

In June 1967, the Tripura Upajati Juba Samity (TUJS) was formed as the first major tribal party, raising some tribal-centric demands including creation of the tribal autonomous body.

After continuous agitations by the CPI-M led Left parties, the TUJS and a section of Congress leaders, the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) was formed in 1985 under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to protect and safeguard the political, economic and cultural interests of the tribals. The TTAADC, which has a jurisdiction on over two-thirds of Tripura's 10,491 sq km area and is home to over 12,16,000 people, of which around 84 per cent are tribals, is, in terms of its political significance, second to the Tripura Assembly.

Tribal parties, including the Tipra Motha Party (TMP) and Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), along with the Left parties, are now demanding more constitutional power and more funds for the TTAADC. The TMP, led by former royal scion Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barman, has been governing the TTAADC since April 2021 while the IPFT is an ally of the ruling BJP.

Both the TMP and the IPFT, to capitalise the tribal vote bank, raise tribal-centric demands like upgradation of the TTAADC as a separate for the tribals even though they fully aware that such demand would never be fulfilled due to obvious reasons. The TMP, before and after capturing the TTAADC, has been demanding elevation of the areas of the autonomous body by granting a 'Greater Tipraland State' or a separate state status under Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution.

Both TMP and the IPFT in support of their separate state like demands organised agitations both in the state and in the national capital Delhi.

The ruling BJP, CPI-M led Left parties, Congress and the Trinamool Congress have been strongly opposing the demands of both the IPFT and the TMP.

The TMP, in its maiden electoral battle, fielded 42 candidates, including 20 on tribal reserved seats, in February Assembly polls, and bagged 13 seats and 19.69 per cent votes as it highlighted its demand for 'Greater Tipraland State' or a separate state.

However, after the announcement of the results of the February 16 assembly polls on March 2, the TMP gradually shifted its stand on the demand. Now the party is demanding the adoption of the Roman script for the tribal Kokborok language, the second official language in Tripura.

TMP chief Deb Barman said that his party would continue to fight for the all round development of the tribals, who, according to him, were deprived by the mainstream and national parties.

Deb Barman, who was a close friend of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, was the President of Tripura Congress but quit the party in September 2019 over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) issues.

Political commentator and writer Satyabrata Chakraborti said that the tribal parties, raising sentimental and tribal-centric demands, achieved electoral gains but after the elections, they remained indifferent over their demands and are even though not even serious over the basic problems of tribals. "Roads, electricity supply, health services, educational facilities and various other infrastructures are not good in the tribal areas. The tribal-based parties are only focusing on the sensitive, ethnic and emotional issues to get the electoral mileage, forgetting the tribals' day to day issues and problems," Chakraborti told IANS. Political analyst and author Sekhar Datta termed Deb Barman's politics as "most opportunistic".

"What is the meaning and structure of Greater Tipraland State? He is yet to convince the people of Tripura about his demand. He is misleading the people, especially the tribals.

"The TMP somehow won 13 tribal reserved seats in the recent polls, but the party's success and survival in future is gripped with deep uncertainty as more than a dozen tribal-based parties have vanished in the past six decades in Tripura," Datta told IANS.

Before merger with the Indian union on October 15, 1949, the erstwhile princely state of Tripura was an independent kingdom under the tribal dynasty with about 185 kings ruled the kingdom for several hundred years.

However, many of the former kings have promoted Bengali culture and maintained close relations with many top personalities including Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore and Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose.

No I.N.D.I.A in the States

By Dr Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao

The non-BJP alliance, now named INDIA, seems to be more, as the day for their third and important conclave approaches, strong in number and week in chemical bonding. The approach among those parties is apparently INDIA is aimed at throwing out Narendra Modi at the national level and not for the fight against BJP at the state level. As the D day draws closure to the assembly elections in four major states-Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Telangana- the disarray among the leaders and their parties is visible. The proposed Mumbai meet this month end is certainly not going to be as homily as it was in the earlier meets in Patna and Bangalore.

The unresolved issue of who should be the convener of INDIA is going to be the hindrance for the next moves, despite the declared agenda of sheet sharing and logo design of alliance, at the Mumbai meet. The problem with the top leaders of different political parties is their firm belief that the person who gets the convener post today will automatically become the PM candidate after the election results in 2024. Hence the resolve to grab the position now itself and then lead the opposition in campaign as the challenger to Modi.

Nitish Kumar, CM of Bihar and JDU leader, has firmly fixed his eyes on convener post of INDIA and it is open secret and it is equally in the open that Nitish Kumar's partner in the Bihar government, RJD and its resurrected leader, still a convict on bail, is not happy at such a prospect of Nitish's ascendancy in opposition camp.

It is to the credit of Nitish that Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, SP leader Akhilesh Yadav and AAP leader and Delhi CM were roped into INDIA alliance.

Earlier those three leaders were towing the boat of non-BJP-non-Congress boat floated by the BRS leader and Telangana CM KCR. With non on the board KCR is pulling his BRS alone and struggling to do so.

That RJD leadership is not for Nitish convensorship is evident in their guarded statements. Lalu



Prasad Yadav, at present, is non-committal on Nitish candidature, though at one time RJD thought of pushing Nitish out of Bihar politics by supporting his national ambition.

It was RJD's ploy to capture the CM post back by Lalu family. Tejaswi Yadav, the younger son of Lalu, currently deputy CM is billed to take over the CM chair. But that idea is abandoned by Lalu as such an elevation of younger son is likely to split his party through a rebellion of elder son Tej Pratap Yadav.

Eldest son Tej is not happy at his name being ignored for deputy CM and is ready to strike. His rebellious mood is reflected in his unilateral decision to change park in Patna named after former PM and BJP leader Vajpayee.

The praise Nitish heaped on late Vajpayee on his birth day on August 12 in the very park triggered the venting of dissent by Tej Pratap. Thus Nitish, faced with stiff opposition from RJD to his leadership in INDIA, is reportedly keeping all his options including going back to NDA.

The other tall leader in INDIA who is confusing the opposition camp is Sharad Pawar. His insistence even three days prior to the Mumbai conclave of opposition parties that his nephew Ajit Pawar is their party leader and there is no split in his party is rather confusing the INDIA camp.

The Ajit Pawar has taken away 40 MLAs with him and took the post of Deputy CM of Maharashtra along with eight other colleagues as ministers. Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar had secret conclaves and Ajit Pawar reportedly asking his uncle to end

his association with INDIA and join hands with BJP and get suitable rewards both in position and kind. Sharad Pawar, even after formation of INDIA, has shared dais with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to present him Lokmanya Tilak award in Pune, despite Congress asking him not appear along with Modi. Sharad Pawar as is his wont plays his cards very close to his chest and may not mind the label of traitor if he gets suitable political rehabilitation offer from BJP.

The two states, Bihar and Maharashtra, together send 104 Lok Sabha members and cracks in the unity of INDIA in those states is not a good omen to the non-BJP camp. As of now West Bengal CM and TMC Chief Mamata Banerjee is not so vocal in the opposition unity talks as she is besieged with her own problems in the state.

Her ambition to be the PM candidate from the opposition is no secret and unless she is offered the convener post Mamata may not participate enthusiastically in INDIA matters.

AAP and Kejriwal have separate agenda of political expansion. It entered Chattisgarh directly and is sure to enter the fray both in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The AAP, which joined INDIA on one condition of Congress opposing the Delhi ordinance is not ready to allow a comeback to Congress.

Kejriwal insists that Congress should give up its idea of contesting the Delhi and Punjab seats during the Lok Sabha elections.

AAP is likely contest in MP and Rajasthan just as SP is contesting in MP. Akhilesh Yadav

has already announced his party's candidates in constituencies of MP bordering UP. Entry of SP in over dozen seats in Madhya Pradesh means a loss of that many seats for Congress in the coming elections.

The INDIA group members are apparently not interested in cooperation at the state level but are positioning for bargain in the Lok Sabha seats in their strongholds. Thus AAP and SP are concerned with number of Lok Sabha seats they can grab from Congress and is not ready project INDIA as a Congress led one. On the other hand the Congress strategists is preferring a situation where every senior leader feels that he has a chance to be the challenger for Modi and do their best to win maximum number of seats in their states.

This fluid politics of Congress are not to the liking of Nitish Kumar as he feels that absence of a firm convener tag from INDIA partners he is likely to lose his grip in Bihar. Congress on the other hand wish to cash the clash of regional leaders' high ambitions and squeeze in Rahul Gandhi as the PM candidate of INDIA.

It is with such a suspicious minds and independent agendas clashing with one other that all the 26 non-BJP parties are heading to Mumbai conclave and the outcome, as things stand, may not be so pleasant for the INDIA members and plausible outcome is to meet again this time in Jaipur.

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What goes wrong when a student's response to stress is suicide

By Kavya Dubey

In a fiercely competitive environment in an emerging power centre that India is, the common man's road to success is but through education: one's ticket to a better life and perceived creature comfort. But in this race for the achievable, many exhaust before they finish. Some just perish.

Academic education is pursued out of the desire and desperation for respectable employment and livelihood, and is ingrained in an individual's mind from an early age; however, little attention is paid to acquiring holistic knowledge and quality education per se, i.e., beyond marks and ranks.

Education and the uplift it brings with it is a singular gateway for an individual and their family to rid themselves of the social predicaments that tie them down by way of caste or class. However, the ride on this path is seldom smooth. And young students are made to foresee it. When the results for classes 11 and 12 were announced in Andhra Pradesh, nine children committed suicide within two days. And this is an unfortunate addition to the spate of suicides that have lately been happening in India's flagship institutions. While Jadavpur University is infamously a hotspot for suicides, various Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campuses have reported four deaths by suicide in recent months.

Suicide happens to be the fourth leading cause of fatality among youth. This is a major cause of concern as 65 per cent of India's population is below the age of 35.

A 2012 Lancet Report stated that suicide rates in India are the highest among the age group of 15-29 years. National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) report on Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India states that over 13,000 students died in 2021, at the rate of more than 35 per day. This is a 4.5 per cent rise from the 12,526 deaths in 2020, wherein 864 out of 10,732 suicides were due to failure in examination. Maharashtra had the



highest number of students committing suicide in 2021 with 1,834 deaths, followed by Madhya Pradesh with 1,308 deaths, and Tamil Nadu with 1,246 deaths.

As obvious as it may seem, a nation-wide policy on suicide prevention is the need of the hour to address suicide as a public health concern. With several state- and non-state agencies extending help to the distressed by means of helpline numbers and readily available help at the other end of a line, seeking help to address a mental health concern is fast being normalised. But the awareness about such a system and provision is yet to expand to include parts of society beyond the urban confines.

The move to drop mid-sem exams in IIT may appear to address the issue to some extent by way of easing some pressure for the students, but it must be understood whether it is a solution akin to a Band-Aid on a fracture or if that would be impactful in a more lasting manner.

IANS reached out to Dr Ritu Sharma, a psychologist and a core committee member of Manodarpan, an initiative that began during covid outbreak, for psychosocial support for mental health and wellbeing of students, under Union Ministry of Education.

Dr Sharma points out that

"suicide is a momentary thought", and that such thoughts can be averted through an institutionalised system of addressing it, if only the affected person reaches out for help. Suicidal thoughts occur when one is driven to the furthest point of despair and consumed by a sense of absolute helplessness, hopelessness, and worthlessness. "Suicide is when a person has nothing to look forward to," she said. When aspirants of the most sought-after courses such as IIT-JEE, as seen in Kota, take the extreme step to end their life, one may attribute that to the student's inability to handle the pressure of competition and rigorous study of pursuit demands.

Similar is the reason for students at the prestigious IITs resorting to suicide. Dr Sharma points out that the skill to crack an exam is different from the skill required for coping with what comes after it.

"Students are not necessarily passionate about the course they intend to pursue, but do so because of their parents. Imagine being in a place where others told you to be. How will you be able to decide the next step (when even the first step was not your decision)?"

"We have to stop putting our children in the rat race. We have to stop forcing our children to score more and emotionally bond with

them," she emphasised, adding that "Averages students are more successful in industry." Asserting that "children must be taught to enjoy what they do", it calls for a greater understanding at social level that each profession is significant and that all must be respected. "As a society, if we respect all professions, our children will be in a better place. And this has to come from the community," she added.

There is also a need to understand that "success is also about how happy you feel within. Even a mediocre person could be successful and happy". It is imperative that "students be empowered in a manner that they are able to take care of their problems in a very solution-oriented way," said the psychologist, highlighting that children must be trained to make their own decisions while they are mindful of the consequences of those decisions.

"They must also be assured that their family will be by their side no matter what they do. With this, even in adversities, they will be able to make judgements on their own. When you fail at one thing, it opens the doors for many other avenues. But the ability to see that will come when students start making their own decisions."

Most Indian children are generally raised in over-protected environments and allowed a controlled exposure to the world up to a certain age, and when they are set on their mark for the race to the prized selections after due labour, they are often unprepared to deal with the next set of challenges after they have surmounted one.

The key to healthy competition and well-being lies in preparing students to meet challenges in a growth-oriented manner instead of a result-oriented obsession. Social support is irreplaceable in the formative stages of a student at any level and contributes significantly in shaping one's notion of success.

Ashwin's versatility makes him qualify for a return to World Cup squad

By Avinash Kr Atish

With exactly two months to go for the 2023 ODI World Cup, hosts India are still trying to figure out their best possible 15 men for the mega event and there are discussions around seasoned off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's inclusion in the squad as well.

The 36-year-old, who has not played a 50-over game in 18 months, was not part of India's ODI squad for the recently concluded three-match series against West Indies. However, he could still be considered for the ODI world given his versatility.

A great thinker of the game, Ashwin could ball at any stages of an ODI match, is a more than handy batter lower down the order and has years of experience behind. An Indian Express report had recently said that Ashwin's name is being discussed between the selectors and team management as they want variety in their spin department.

As of now, India have four spin options in Ravindra Jadeja (left-arm off-spinner), Axar Patel (left-arm off-spinner), Kuldeep Yadav (left-arm leg-spinner) and Yuzvendra Chahal (right-arm leg-spinner) for the World Cup. But since both Jadeja and Axar have similar skill sets, Ashwin could eventually make it to the squad because of his off-spin.

If Ashwin indeed comes in, Axar is likely to miss out but the final call will depend on the balance the team management wants to strike for the mega event in India.

What Ashwin brings to the table

Unlike other spinners, who usually are habitual of bowling at certain stages of the game, Ashwin is a very clever operator and can bowl with the new ball, make an impact in the middle and can spin the ball during the death overs as well.

Apart from facing New Zealand at Dharamsala, India's matches against other big opponents are all in spin-friendly conditions of Chennai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mumbai and Kolkata and Ashwin can exploit the home conditions and can also provide the control.

Not only with the ball, the experienced cricketer can also make valuable contributions with the bat, which will be very crucial when coach Rahul Dravid and captain Rohit Sharma along with the chief selector decide to zero-in on the final



squad.

During their 1st T20I match against West Indies, India dearly missed someone who can bowl and bat at No 8 and both spinners Chahal and Kuleep, who played that game, haven't shown the ability to contribute much with the willow, which might give Ashwin an advantage during team selection.

Why could Ashwin still miss the bus ?

Ashwin played the last of his 113 ODIs during the tour of South Africa in 2022 and has not been part of the 50-over set-up for a while now. In between, he was part of successive T20 World Cup campaigns, but he missed the 2019 ODI World Cup in England.

The off-spinner's inclusion in the squad also depends on team combination. If India decide to pick four spinners in the 15-member squad, they might have to compromise with their fast bowling options and the hosts should have at least one more in the form of Shardul Thakur.

If the team management has already made up their mind to play Thakur at No 8 as he has done well with the bat at that position, then India's six available bowling slots will be taken by Jasprit Bumrah (if fit), Md Siraj, Md Shami, Jadeja, Kuldeep/Chahal, Thakur and Ashwin might miss the bus for the World Cup.

It has been learnt that there will be a final discussion about the composition of the World Cup squad during the Asia Cup preparatory camp scheduled in Bengaluru from August 24 to 29 and a big call on the future of Ashwin will be decided there.

Asia Cup 2023: KL Rahul is progressively well, but won't be available for the first two matches, says Dravid

Karnataka, Aug 29 (IANS) Indian wicketkeeper batter KL Rahul won't be seen playing the first two games of Asia Cup 2023.

Head coach Rahul Dravid on Tuesday updated on Rahul's injury and said he is well, but can't play the first two matches.

In a recent tweet on X, previously Twitter, BCCI stated Rahul Dravid's comment on the last day of training session, "KL Rahul is progressing really well but will not be available for India's first two matches - against Pakistan and Nepal - of the Asia Cup."

"The NCA will be looking after him for the next few days while we are traveling. We will reassess on the 4th (September) and take it from there. But the signs are looking good. He will be unavailable for the first two games," Dravid



added. The recent update opens the door for a wicket-keeper batter position in the team, Ishan Kishan is the second option as a wicket-keeper batter but with the opening slot already filled Sanju Samson who is

traveling as a reserve player might be seen in the opening stage of the tournament.

The doubt over Rahul featuring in the playing eleven was already there, as Ajit Agarkar in the press

conference updated about his recent niggle injury.

However, he attended the week-long fitness and medical training camp in Alur, Karnataka, and practiced both batting and wicket-keeping.

Rahul hasn't featured in any matches since IPL 2023 after he suffered an injury in his right thigh. He underwent surgery in London and since then he has been in a recovery period at the National Cricket Academy in Bangalore with Shreyas Iyer and Jasprit Bumrah.

However, Bumrah and Iyer are all set to feature in the playing eleven. Bumrah recently led the Indian T20I team against Ireland and clinched the title with a 2-0 win in a three-match series.

Dravid looked confident about Rahul playing in the Super 4 stage of the Asia Cup if India qualifies.

Would love to see Virat Kohli play T10 format, says Robin Uthappa

Lauderhill, Florida, Aug 29 (IANS) The US Masters T10 League came to a thrilling end as the Ben Dunk-led Texas Chargers defeated Misbah-ul-Haq-led New York Warriors via Super Over in the Final at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground, here.

The tournament, which was played between Atlanta Fire, California Knights, Morrisville Unity, New Jersey Triton's, New York Warriors and Texas Chargers, provided blockbuster entertainment from the 18th to 27th August 2023. Aaron Finch, who played for the California Knights, emerged as the highest run-getter of the tournament with 236 runs, meanwhile, fast bowler Sohail Khan picked up the most wickets (15) in the competition.

Robin Uthappa, who played for the Atlanta Riders, expressed that T10 adds a lot of value to T20 cricket.

"I think T10 is here to stay. I think this version of the game is extremely entertaining for the viewer. Secondly, I think it opens up a different aspect of cricket that would add a lot of value to



T20 cricket. So, I do hope that at some point, it gets introduced in India and the current cricketers can play this format of the game."

The former India player also said that he would love to see Virat Kohli play the T10 format, "I certainly would love to see the Virat Kohli's of the world playing this version of the game. Because I think it would add so much more value. I think he's probably one of the greatest ODI

players we've ever seen in our lives. And I think that he would discover different aspects of his own game when he plays this version of the game."

Cricket's fastest format was a fascinating challenge for both batsmen and bowlers at the US Masters T10 League, with former Indian star Gautam Gambhir saying "Every ball is an event".

The T10 tournament was an all-action version of the game where fans around the world discovered there was never a dull moment.

"60 balls, every ball is an event, whether it's for the bowlers or for the batters, and you want to try and take as many options as you can," said Gambhir, who captained the New Jersey Triton's in US Masters T10 League.

Speaking about the success of the US Masters T10 League, Shaji Ul Mulk, Chairman, T Ten Sports Management said, "It was absolutely fantastic to witness some of the greatest cricketers in action at the inaugural US Masters T10 League.

IDCA finalises Indian team for DICC T20 World Cup 2023

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) The Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) has announced the final list of players for the forthcoming Deaf International Cricket Council (DICC) T20 World Cup 2023. The team of 15 players selected by the IDCA committee will represent India in the world championship to be held in Doha (Qatar) from December 1 to December 12, 2023. Captain Virendra Singh will lead the team to bring the coveted trophy home.

Teams from eight nations will compete against each other for 12 days and nights to win the title of the world champion. A total of 28 matches will be played in the Asian Town Cricket Stadium, Doha (Qatar).

On the occasion, Sumit Jain, president of the IDCA, said, "Our team is elated and well-prepared for the upcoming World Cup championship in Qatar. We won the 2022 tournament and are optimistic about bringing the trophy to India this time as well."

Indian women's hockey team beats Thailand 7-2 in final, wins inaugural Women's Hockey 5s Asia Cup

Salalah (Oman), Aug 28 (IANS) The Indian women's hockey team won the inaugural Women's Hockey5s Asia Cup on Monday, defeating Thailand 7-2 in the final. With the event serving as Asia's qualifying tournament for the Women's Hockey 5s World Cup 2024, India clinched their berth in the mega event. India also qualified for the FIH Women Hockey 5s World Cup Oman 2024, finishing first in the Elite Group. Mariana Kujur (2', 8'), Monika Dipi Toppo (7'), Jyoti (10', 27'), Navjot Kaur (23'), and Mahima Choudhary (29') scored the goals for India. For Thailand, Kunjira Inpa (5') and Sanpoung Kornkanok (5') were on target.

India made an aggressive start in the opening minutes of the first half as Mariana Kujur (2') gave India the lead scoring an excellent field goal. However, Thailand scored two goals in quick succession through Kunjira Inpa (5') and Sanpoung Kornkanok (5') to put India on the back foot. India responded immediately through the in-form Monika Dipi Toppo (7') as she made a brilliant penetration and scored a fine field goal to level the scores. India then took the lead through Mariana Kujur's strike (8'). With four minutes remaining in the first half, Jyoti (10') extended India's lead to 4-2. At the end of the first half, India were leading Thailand 4-2. At the start of the second half, a charged-up India continued to play with pace and precision, testing Thailand's defence constantly. Their efforts paid off as captain Navjot Kaur (23') added a fifth goal to the tally.

I will try and crack the code of 50-over format, says Suryakumar Yadav ahead of Asia Cup

Bengaluru, Aug 28 (IANS) India's middle-order batter Suryakumar Yadav stated that he would try to crack the code of excelling in the 50-over format ahead of the upcoming Asia Cup, adding that he is having conversations with head coach Rahul Dravid, as well as skipper Rohit Sharma and talismanic batter Virat Kohli in this regard. Suryakumar, the top-ranked T20I batter, has played 26 ODIs and averages only 24.33 at a strike-rate of 101.38. The right-handed batter made scores of 19, 24 and 35 in the recent ODIs against the West Indies, and before that, he was dismissed for three consecutive first-ball ducks against Australia at home in March. "I feel the role which will be given to me, I will try to maintain that role, and if it's a changed role I will try and do that. But yeah, this is one format in which I'm really looking forward to doing well. Everyone is saying that 'T20 is going good for me, both are white ball cricket but why I am not able to crack the code in the 50-over format.' But, I am doing my practice because according to me, this format is the most challenging one," Suryakumar told Star Sports. "The reason behind this is because here you have to play like the other 3 formats. First by setting down with calmness and composure, then rotating the strike well, followed by at last the T20 gameplay."

Novak Djokovic makes a stunning return to US Open, gains World No.1 spot

New York, Aug 29 (IANS) Novak Djokovic made a stunning comeback to the US Open after he was denied the calendar grand slam in the 2021 final by the Russian Daniil Medvedev.

In his opening-round encounter on Monday night against Frenchman Alexandre Muller, Djokovic displayed a sheer governing performance at the Arthur Ashe Stadium with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 scoreline.

With the win, he regained his top stop at the ATP World Rankings from defending US Open Champion Carlos Alcaraz on September 11, when Djokovic will start a record-extending 390th week at the top.

Asia Cup 2023: Virat Kohli's at No.3 is exceptional, says Aakash Chopra

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Former Indian cricketer Aakash Chopra feels Virat Kohli should bat at No.3 in the Asia Cup and World Cup 2023.

In the last few years, the Indian Men's Cricket Team has suffered a lot at the No.4 position, but with Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul back in the team, the shoes are filled now.

In his latest episode of Aakashvani on Jio Cinema, Chopra stated that Virat's numbers at the No.3 position are brilliant. "There are two parameters to judge this. First, Virat Kohli's success at No. 4 is good, but at No. 3 it's exceptional. A significant sample size reinforces this and his peak equals India's best.

"Hopes rest on his tournament performance - if he does well, India benefits; otherwise, a middle-order gap looms. Kohli's effectiveness shines at No. 3, tackling new balls



and closing games. Retaining this is vital," he added.

Earlier, former Indian cricketer and head coach Ravid Shastri had said that Kohli should bat at No.4 in the absence of Iyer and Surakumar Yadav's poor

form. Averaging 60.21 runs in 210 innings when batting at No. 3, Kohli has amassed 10,777 runs in ODIs. He has an equally remarkable record, scoring 1767 runs from 39 innings at an average of 55.22 batting at No.4.

With chances given to many batters in the middle-order conundrum, none of them established themselves in the position. However, Ishan Kishan and Sanju Samson showed some resilience but not enough to be promised.

Ishan Kishan played some brilliant innings opening for the team but with Rohit Sharma and Shubhman Gill back, he will be seen batting in the middle. Eyes will also be on Suryakumar Yadav's performance in the Asia Cup, he hasn't been up to his capabilities in ODI cricket.

Aakash also talked about the No.5 position and stated, "I am assuming without Rahul, Sanju Samson can enter the team. Given a No. 5 batter is needed, selection should be based on that specific condition. Samson, a middle-order batsman and keeper, should be the backup."

National Sports Day: Anurag Thakur pays tribute to Major Dhyani Chand



to the wizard of Indian Hockey, Major Dhyani Chand Ji on #NationalSportsDay at National Stadium, Delhi. On this special occasion, we are launching key initiatives on #IndianSports. Join me today to find out!" Anurag Thakur wrote on social media handle X. A three-time Olympic gold medal winner, Major Dhyani Chand was part of the Indian hockey team which won gold in the 1928, 1932 and 1936 editions of the Olympics. In his 185 appearances for

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Sports minister Anurag Thakur paid tribute to hockey great Major Dhyani Chand on his birth anniversary at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium, here on Tuesday. The National Sports Day is celebrated on August 29 every year to mark the birth anniversary of the legendary hockey player. "Legend. Legacy. Lessons. Paid my tributes

Rishabh Pant catches up with Indian training camp in Alur ahead of Asia Cup 2023

Karnataka, Aug 29 (IANS) India's star wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant made a surprise visit to the Indian Team training camp in Alur, Karnataka ahead of the Asia Cup 2023. The road to recovery for Pant after the fatal car accident last year in December seems to be a very speedy one.

The 25-year-old took a break from his recovery at Bengaluru's National Cricket Academy to join his teammates in preparing for the forthcoming Asia Cup 2023.

The video shared by the Indian Cricket Team's Instagram handle in which Pant can be seen interacting with his mates and cheering for the



performances. His resilience and determined approach to the sport makes him a true athlete.

The motivation that he shares with his fans and teammates is undoubtedly true to his nature. A few days back he was seen interacting

with younger kids at JSW cricket club, Bangalore where he was invited as a guest. His fast recovery from the injury combined with his spirit portrays the true persona of a champion. The accident which took place last year on December 30, left everyone shocked praying for his wellness. The Indian team missed the service of his star wicket-keeper batter, suffering a big loss in the ICC World Test Championship Final against Australia. Despite the accident, Pant stayed focused on his recovery and expressed respect to every well-wisher. He resumed his batting practices in the net and did some wicket-keeping also.

Smriti Irani felicitates gold medal-winning Indian women's blind cricket team

New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) The Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani on Monday felicitated the Indian women's blind cricket team that won a gold medal in the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Games 2023 in Birmingham.

The Indian women's blind cricket team on Saturday defeated Australia by 9 wickets, winning everyone's hearts with their spectacular show in the World Games.

The cricket players along with the officials of the Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI) were given a rousing reception as they arrived here on Monday.

After the arrival, the Indian women's blind cricket team met Smriti

Irani where the entire contingent was felicitated by the Union Minister for winning the gold medal for the country.

"The Indian women's blind cricket team has proved that India's daughters can create an indelible mark on the global stage. I congratulate everyone in the team on behalf of the nation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also recognised the achievement of our winning team and these girls are the best brand ambassador of Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao," Smriti Irani said in a statement.

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) Chairman Dr Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar thanked Union Minister Smriti Irani for her benevolent gesture.

"On behalf of Samarthanam and the



Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI) and especially on behalf of the winning team, I would like to extend big thanks to Smriti Irani, ma'am. She is a great source of inspiration

for us and I really appreciate her gesture for us.

"Our girls have tremendous potential, and blessing from the Minister will act as a great

motivation and in any way if she can help us, we would be highly obliged," CABI Chairman Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar said. To honour the team, the

Delhi High Court Bar Association announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh for the gold medal-winning women's blind cricket team.

The women's blind cricket team along with CABI officials were welcomed by the Delhi High Court Bar Association members later in the day. The cash reward of Rs 10 lakh was announced in the presence of Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) Director Shyam Sharma amidst the galaxy of High Court Judges.

The captain of the winning team, Varsha was overwhelmed by the announcement as it was the first commitment for the winning team. She was awed by the concern and appreciation of the judiciary family

How internships help students

By AARUL MALVIYA

New Delhi, August 29 (IANSlife) Internships are an eventful as well as fruitful part of students' summer vacations. Whether it is school students or those going to college, or someone pursuing a non-regular or distance education programme, taking up internships is a useful way to spend their summer time. Now that the summer vacations have been underway in most parts of the country, internships are actively being sought with possibly lakhs of students already working as interns across industries and sectors.

With the government bodies including the UGC and AICTE making internships mandatory for students, the trend has also caught on among school-going students, particularly secondary and higher secondary school students.

Consistent rise.

Over the years, there has been an unprecedented rise in demand for internship opportunities in the country. Against some 30,000 students applying

for internships in 2014, a whopping 3.5 million had applied for internships on leading internship jobs and training platforms in the country.

In 2020-21, as many as 76,000 students applied for internships every day, according to a survey. Although these would not be all school students, these numbers certainly indicate the ever-rising need for and popularity of internships among students including school students in India.

Rising number of vocational subjects

With plenty of choices available in terms of vocational subjects for school-going children today, even children as young as those studying in classes 8th and 10th are also looking for internships.

Some of those vocational subjects that they study and would need internships for would range from traditional trade-based subjects such as furniture-making and welding technology to formal office-based typewriting and secretarial assistance, arts and crafts, to modern solar energy technology, biogas energy technology,



bakery and confectionery and food processing, among others.

Besides, higher secondary students specializing in application-based courses such as computer science and IT and commerce and accounts would also explore internship opportunities. Within computer science and IT, even more advanced, fashionable and immensely popular has been coding and programming the basics of which are being taught to children as early as in class 6th in India

today.

These students would also look for internship openings in the summers.

In view of such popularity and the enormity of demand, in what ways can summer internships really help school-going students?

Testing of classroom learning

First, an internship programme helps students to test themselves in a real work environment. They can check for themselves whether and with what degree of proficiency the theoretical lessons that they

would have learnt in the classroom can be applied in the workplace.

This helps them identify gaps in their knowledge and understanding, revisit the 'weak spots', absorb and assimilate the learnings better, refine and hone their practical skills and eventually become more proficient and employable in the future.

Familiarising with relevant industries

Second, an internship programme is also an effective way to get to know the industry or the sector better in which they

thinking and logical reasoning, employ functional intelligence, polish his communication and interpersonal skills and pick up the finer points of team-building and leadership development - all at a very early and tender age.

At the same time, he also develops a wider worldview, the ability to see the big picture in terms of his chosen sector or industry as well as his own personal and professional course of development.

With such grounding, students who would have undergone internship programmes, usually rank far ahead of their peers and fellow students who wouldn't have taken up internship prior to applying for a position and are much more successful than the latter in their career in the long term.

There is enough research available to illustrate this advantage for the internship takers vis-à-vis the non-internship takers.

Improves credentials

Fourth, opting for internship opportunities at an early age also bolsters a student's résumé in a big

way which in turn improves his credentials for admission into institutes and colleges of his choice for higher education. There are AI-enabled measurement systems today that can also indicate a student's 'readiness' for a certain subject area or a career option with a high degree of accuracy.

Therefore, pursuing internships for school-going children is a powerful way of speeding up their development, both professional and personal.

And since summers are often the longest holiday that students get in a year, they can pursue a relatively longer and more stable internship programme, spending their time in the most productive manner possible.

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10 facts about natural diamonds

New Delhi, August 29 (IANSlife) Here are ten amazing facts about natural diamonds to help you understand these magnificent works of nature that have captured people's attention for ages with their eternal beauty and charm.

Origin and Formation:

Natural diamonds are formed deep within the Earth's mantle under extreme pressure and temperature conditions over billions of years. They are created from carbon atoms - the same element found in pencil graphite - arranged in a crystal lattice structure, making them one of the hardest materials known to man.

Rareness and Rarity:

Despite their popularity, natural diamonds are rare. Only about one in a million diamonds mined worldwide are of gemstone quality. This rarity adds to their value and allure.

Geological Sources:

Natural diamonds are sourced from numerous geological locations around the world. Major diamond-producing countries include Russia, Botswana, Canada, DR Congo, and South Africa. Each region produces diamonds with distinct characteristics, contributing to their unique beauty and desirability.

Age of Diamonds:

Most natural diamonds are estimated to be billions of years old, dating back to the formation of the Earth's



crust. Thus, wearing a diamond is nothing short of wearing a piece of ancient history.

Color Spectrum:

While diamonds are often associated with the traditional white colour, they come in a wide array of natural hues - but only 1 in 10,000 diamonds is a fancy colour. These colours are created when trace elements interact with the carbon atoms during the diamond's creation. For instance, chemical elements such as nitrogen, sulphur, and boron can colour diamonds in shades of yellow, green and blue.

Clarity and Inclusions:

Almost all natural diamonds contain tiny imperfections or inclusions. These are the birthmarks that nature leaves within the gemstone. These imperfections can range from tiny crystals to fractures, and their unique patterns can be used to identify individual diamonds.

The 4Cs of Diamond Quality:

The value and quality of a natural diamond are determined by the 4Cs: Carat weight, Color, Clarity, and Cut. These factors are internationally recognised standards used to assess and grade diamonds.

Diamond's Strengths:

Natural diamonds are incredibly durable and have a Mohs hardness rating of 10, making them resistant to scratching and wear. The only substance that can scratch a diamond is another diamond.

The rarity, artistry, and tales associated with natural diamonds are what enhance their brightness. Our appreciation of their worth, distinctiveness, and moral behaviour that upholds their integrity is increased when we are aware of their reality. Natural diamonds will never cease to astound and amaze us with their timeless elegance, whether worn in an engagement ring or passed down through generations.

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Familiarise yourself with the latest GenZ dating trends and terms

New August 29 (IANSlife) "Much has been said and done about the global dating patterns, but this time, we wanted to shed some light on the up-and-coming desi online dating trends and specifically observe GenZ Indian daters' behaviour. We have noticed that approximately 44 percent of the participants have been a part of more than one trend, with Delusionship and Evil Dead Rise on the lead," says QuackQuack's Founder and CEO, Ravi Mittal.

Celebrating its 25M milestone, India's homegrown dating app, ran a survey among its GenZ users to find out the latest scoop of the virtual dating world. 15,000 men and women between 18 to 26 participated in the survey.

The individuals taking part came from tier 1 cities - Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, and more and tier 2 cities -- Surat, Lucknow, Jaipur, Bhopal, Patna, Indore, Kochi, Kanpur, and Guwahati.

The participants of the survey are self-employed, working professionals, and students.

Delusionship

39 percent of survey participants disclosed being in a "delusionship" at least once in their dating lifespan. Explaining this trend, they said "delusionship" is a state of mind wherein the person



imagines an entire relationship, starting from proposing to ending in marriage and kids, without even making a single move on their crush. It's all in their heads, and 29 percent of these people who revealed their delusionships are introverts.

Extroverts are also a part of this trend, and they think it's more common than most people care to admit. Users from both tier 1 and 2 cities, alike have experienced this intense "obsession and daydreaming," as they termed it. It builds slowly and steadily, but thankfully, it does not last long. If it does, that no longer comes under the delusionship category.

Evil Dead Rise

Exes trying to re-enter with new and upgraded fake promises is not new, but

GenZ daters have certainly given it a fresh and fancy term- "Evil Dead Rise".

37 percent of dating app users between 18 to 22 have admitted that they have been on the receiving end of the Evil Dead Rise, and the term fits the trauma that comes from rehashing the past.

Seven per cent of daters from tier 1 and 2 cities admitted being the Evil Dead Rise in someone's life, and they justified that their intentions were not as evil as people are making it sound. For every trend, perspective matters.

Chameleoning

Shining light on new trends, the survey shows "Chameleoning" is on the lead- this trend is where daters keep changing their personalities, likes, and dislikes to fit their matches'.

The app has even seen some users change the same in their profile bios and preferences. 23 per cent of women between 23 to 26 revealed that time and again, they have altered their persona to be more likable, and they think almost everyone does it, some more subtle than others.

31 per cent of men between 21 and 25 have done the same to impress their date. 36 per cent of men and women opined that while chameleoning is common, and almost everyone does some minor alterations, any major change is not sustainable; sooner than later, people's true colors start showing, and that can be more damaging.

Fake-ups

Among other intriguing

trends, the survey shows "Fake-Up" is stealing the limelight these days. Fake-Up is the trend where GenZ daters, especially single men, fake a breakup to gather sympathies from female daters and strike up a conversation with the end goal of dating them.

18 percent of male daters from metros and smaller cities disclosed using fake-up stories to talk to their crush.

Compared to men, the number of females participating in this trend is much lower, and 23 per cent of women above 21 believe that women's compassion makes it easier for men to use fake-up to slide into their DMs.

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Strategies to deal with burnout and work-related stress

By SandeepBudhiraja

New Delhi, August 29 (IANSlife) Hustle culture refers to a competitive environment where employees feel pressured to work strenuous hours and achieve results quickly. This type of atmosphere can lead to high levels of stress and employee burnout. Employees may be reluctant to take breaks or vacations, resulting in workdays that are extremely long and unrelentingly long. Working excessively long hours can cause physical and mental exhaustion, making it difficult to stay productive and complete tasks to the best of one's ability. Furthermore, the pressure to succeed in such a competitive environment can lead to feelings of inadequacy, leading to further stress and burnout.

In today's fast-paced and demanding work environment, burnout and work-related stress have become prevalent issues. However, there are effective strategies supported by

research that individuals can utilize to manage and reduce burnout and work-related stress. Let's explore these strategies, along with data and figures that highlight their effectiveness.

Set clear boundaries:

According to a study published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology, employees who set boundaries between work and personal life experienced lower levels of burnout and higher job satisfaction.

Research conducted by the American Psychological Association found that 44% of employees who set clear boundaries reported better well-being compared to those who didn't.

Practice self-care:

A study published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine revealed that engaging in self-care activities, such as exercise, reduced the risk of burnout among employees.

According to the American Institute of Stress, 28% of workers who practiced regular self-care



reported lower stress levels.

Foster a supportive work environment:

Research published in the Journal of Applied Psychology suggests that employees who perceive their work environment as supportive have lower levels of burnout and higher job satisfaction. A study conducted by Gallup found that employees who feel supported by their managers are 70% less likely to experience burnout.

Prioritize workload and

time management:

A survey conducted by the American Psychological Association found that 49% of employees who felt they had too much work experienced higher stress levels.

Research published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine indicated that effective workload management and time prioritization reduced burnout among employees by 41%.

Take regular breaks:

According to a study conducted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, brief mental breaks during work can enhance focus and reduce stress.

The Society for Human Resource Management reported that employees who took regular breaks experienced increased productivity by 33%.

Seek social support:

A study published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology found

that employees who received social support from colleagues had lower levels of burnout and higher job satisfaction.

The Mental Health Foundation reported that having a supportive network at work can reduce stress levels by 30%.

Practice mindfulness:

A meta-analysis published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology revealed that mindfulness interventions were effective in reducing burnout and increasing overall well-being among employees.

A study conducted by the National Institutes of Health found that employees who practiced mindfulness experienced a 28% reduction in stress levels.

Utilize employee assistance programs (EAPs):

Employee assistance programs provide resources and support for employees dealing with burnout and work-related stress.

The International Employee

Professionals Association reported that EAPs have been shown to reduce absenteeism, increase productivity, and improve employee well-being.

Promote work-life balance:

A survey conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management revealed that 89% of employees considered work-life balance an important factor in reducing burnout and work-related stress. According to the Harvard Business Review, employees who have a good work-life balance are 21% more likely to be engaged in their work.

Regularly assess and adjust workload:

It's important to regularly assess workload and make necessary adjustments to prevent burnout. This includes delegating tasks, redistributing responsibilities, and seeking help when needed.

Research published in the Journal of Applied Psychology found that employees who had control

over their workload had lower levels of burnout and higher job satisfaction.

In conclusion, implementing strategies to manage and reduce burnout and work-related stress is crucial in today's demanding work environment. Setting clear boundaries, practicing self-care, fostering a supportive work environment, prioritizing workload and time management, taking regular breaks, seeking social support, practicing mindfulness, utilizing employee assistance programs, promoting work-life balance, and regularly assessing workload are all effective approaches. By incorporating these strategies, individuals can enhance their well-being, increase job satisfaction, and combat burnout and work-related stress.

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Islamabad HC suspends Imran's sentence in Toshakhana case, orders release

Islamabad, Aug 29 (IANS) In a major relief to Imran Khan, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday suspended the former Prime Minister's sentence in the Toshakhana case and ordered his release from jail.

A division bench of the IHC, comprising Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Tariq Mehmood Jahangir, announced the short order, declaring the conviction of in the case as suspended.

As per the order, the former premier has been directed to submit surety bond worth 100,000 PKR and a guarantee of at least one person for his release.

Addressing mediapersons outside the IHC, Khan's lawyer Babar Awaz said that after suspension of the trial court verdict, his position as the chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party has also been reinstated.

"After the suspension of trial court order, Imran



Khan can no longer be kept at the Attock Jail. Also, after the court order, Imran Khan's position as the party chief also stands reinstated. After this, PTI and Imran Khan will move towards elections," Awaz was quoted as saying.

Khan was arrested on August 5 from his Zaman Park residence in Lahore after a trial court issued its verdict in the Toshakhana

case, finding the PTI chief guilty of opting to corrupt practices for personal gains using his office and its powers.

It sentenced him to three years in jail and imposed a fine of 100,000 PKR.

The trial court verdict also added that Khan would serve at least six-months more jail term if he fails to pay the fine.

In the wake of Tuesday's

verdict, the PTI leadership and supporters are in celebration mode as they termed the decision of the IHC as their victory.

However, legal experts say that the IHC has not cancelled Khan's conviction or disqualification, but has suspended it and issued a bail, adding that trouble was not yet over for the former Prime Minister.

"The IHC has suspended Imran Khan's sentence. It has not cancelled the case, nor has it ended the Toshakhana case against him. The suspension of the trial court means that there would be a re-trial into the case and PTI would file an appeal in the same case as well. Therefore, Imran Khan's disqualification and conviction still stands and would be later decided in the re-trial proceedings", said Hafiz Ahsan Ahmed Khokar, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Indian-American dentist admits stealing \$500k Covid relief money

New York, Aug 29 (IANS) A 46-year-old Indian-origin doctor of dental surgery in California has pleaded guilty to stealing \$500,000 Covid-19 relief money and using it for personal expenditures, such as investments.

Ranjan Rajbanshi, who ran a dental practice in Bakersfield and Santa Barbara, received over \$850,000 in Covid relief money from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from April 2020 through February 2022.

He represented to the government that he would only use the relief money for specified business purposes such as facility costs, payroll, and protective equipment for him and his staff, a release by US attorney's office for Eastern District of California stated last week.

Rajbanshi subsequently used \$500,000 of the relief money for improper



personal expenditures such as investments.

He has agreed to pay that money back to the government before his sentencing. He is scheduled to be sentenced by US District Judge Ana de Alba on December 4, and faces a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison and fine of \$250,000.

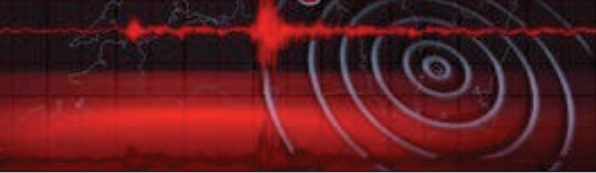
The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion

of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. Last month, around 14 people, including several Indian-origin business owners and employees, were charged in a \$53 million fraud scheme involving a Covid-19 pandemic relief programme in Texas. The case was

considered the largest investigated by the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) Fraud Task Force thus far.

Set up on May 17, 2021, the task force bolsters efforts to investigate and prosecute the most culpable domestic and international criminal actors and assists agencies tasked with administering relief programs to prevent fraud.

6.1-magnitude quake jolts Indonesia, no tsunami



Jakarta, Aug 29 (IANS) A 6.1-magnitude earthquake rocked Indonesia's eastern province of Maluku on Tuesday without causing a tsunami, the country's meteorology, climatology and geophysics agency said. The agency had initially said the earthquake measured 6.4 on the Richter scale before revising it. The quake occurred at 11.34 a.m., with its epicentre at 279 km southeast of Maluku Tengah (Central Maluku) district and a depth of 221 km under the seabed, Xinhua news agency reported. The agency did not issue a tsunami warning as the quake's tremors did not potentially trigger giant waves. The jolts were also felt in Sorong City, the capital of the nearby province of West Papua, it added. However, there were no initial reports of damages or casualties after the powerful quake, said Sandhy Luhulima, head of the emergency unit of the disaster management and mitigation agency in Maluku province. "The shakes of the quake were felt significantly in the Maluku Tengah (Central Maluku) district, but they did not leave damages or casualties so far," he told Xinhua.

Tripartite talks over Nile dam dispute end with no tangible results

Cairo, Aug 29 (IANS) The Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation said the latest round of negotiations on the dispute involving the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) on the Nile River concluded in Cairo with no "tangible results". Stalled talks between Egypt, Ethiopia, and Sudan had resumed on Sunday in the Egyptian capital over the long-running dispute regarding the GERD, reports Xinhua news agency. After years of fruitless negotiations, "the new talks aimed to reach an agreement on the rules of filling and operation of the GERD", the Ministry said in a statement late Monday.

However, "tripartite talks did not witness any tangible change in the Ethiopian positions", it added. "Egypt continues to exert utmost efforts to reach, as soon as possible, a legally binding agreement on the filling and operation of the dam that serves Cairo's interests and positions of safeguarding water security, and avoiding the infliction of harm, while realising the mutual benefit of all three countries," it added. All negotiating parties should adopt a comprehensive vision that will reflect positively on the upcoming rounds of negotiation, the statement said.

Ethiopia started filling the dam in 2020 despite the opposition of Egypt and Sudan, which eventually led to the suspension of relevant tripartite negotiations in 2021.

Powerful players expected to arrive in Ukrainian arms market: Defence Ministry

Kiev, Aug 29 (IANS) Ukrainian Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov said that "powerful players" were expected to arrive in the war-torn nation's arms market.

Addressing a news conference on Monday, he said: "By the end of this month or at the beginning of September, there will be good news about powerful players arriving on Ukraine's arms market. Several agreements will be signed." Ukraine plans to hold an industrial defense forum around the end of September or the beginning of October, CNN quoted the Minister as saying. "The participation of about 50 powerful players of the arms market is planned," Reznikov added. He further said that Ukraine has "significantly increased the production of domestic weapons", such as 155 mm artillery shells that have already passed tests. "The contract is being executed. The first orders are already in place, we will immediately transfer them (artillery shells) to the Armed Forces. And we plan to increase the number for their production."

Pak woman commits suicide due to high electricity bill

Islamabad, Aug 29 (IANS) As Pakistan is reeling from inflation and high taxes, a woman in Punjab province committed suicide after electricity was not restored at her home despite paying a bill of 10,000 PKR, a media report said on Tuesday. According to victim's husband, he had sold household items and taken a loan to pay the bill but the Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) had not restored the supply that had been disconnected because of non-payment. The Express Tribune reported. He said that there was no money for food after paying the bill. The victim, a mother of four, was upset that her children did not have enough to eat.

Malaysian PM announces \$430 mn for energy transition facility

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 29 (IANS) Malaysia will allocate 2 billion ringgit (\$430 million) as a seed fund National Energy Transition Facility to enable catalytic blended finance, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim announced on Tuesday.

In his remarks at the second phase of the National Energy Transition Roadmap, Anwar said the facility would enable catalytic blended finance to ensure a seamless flow of financial resources towards energy transition projects that are marginally bankable or yielding below-market returns, reports Xinhua news agency. Considering Malaysia's current state of immature decarbonization technologies, the country's progress would significantly hinge on



alternative energy sources and robust regional and international collaboration, he explained.

"As the paramount challenge in energy transition is financing, it is estimated that an investment of at least 1.2 trillion ringgit between 2023 and 2050 is needed to enable responsible energy transition," Anwar said.

He added that 60 billion-90 billion ringgits are

needed to be allocated for crucial projects, including the expansion of public transportation, strengthening grid infrastructure, and reskilling of human capital, in this decade alone.

He also highlighted energy efficiency as one of the energy transition levers that offer effective long-term solutions to manage energy consumption, thus reducing carbon emissions.

Eminem tells Vivek Ramaswamy to 'stop rapping his songs'

Washington, Aug 29 (IANS) American rapper Eminem's lawyers have sent a letter to Indian-origin tech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, who is seeking a Republican nomination for the 2024 US presidential election, asking the latter to stop rapping his songs.

The letter, dated August 23 and sent by the rapper's record company BMI, comes more than a week after Ramaswamy delivered an impromptu performance of "Lose Yourself", one of Eminem's most popular numbers, at the Iowa State Fair, reports the BBC.

The letter says the company "received a communication from" Eminem, whose real name is Marshall Mathers III, objecting to the Republican's use of his "musical compositions".

"BMI will consider any performance of the Eminem works by the Vivek 2024 campaign from this date forward to be a material breach" of its licence, it adds.

Responding to the letter, Ramaswamy's campaign spokeswoman Tricia McLaughlin, referring to an Eminem lyric, said in a statement on Monday: "Vivek just got on the stage and cut loose. To the American people's chagrin, we will have to leave the rapping to the real slim shady."

On Monday night, Ramaswamy posted on X, formally known as Twitter, to make light of the situation, reports the BBC.

"Will The REAL Slim Shady Please Stand Up? He didn't just say what I think he did, did he?" he wrote.

Ramaswamy, the 38-year-old political newcomer is seen, as a rising star in the campaign following a strong performance at last week's Republican debate.

Radiation levels of S.Korean seawater within safe range after Fukushima release



Seoul, Aug 29 (IANS) The radiation levels in seawater near South Korea were found to have been within the safe range despite Japan's release of contaminated water from its crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant, Seoul's Oceans Ministry said on Tuesday.

The Ministry's emergency tests on four locations in its territorial waters and high seas showed that the concentration levels of cesium and tritium stood well below the standard set by the World Health Organization for drinking water, Vice Oceans Minister Park Sung-hoon said at a media briefing here.

The South Korean government has carried out emergency radiation tests on about 30 spots in the waters since August 24 when Japan began discharging radioactive water from the power plant into the ocean, and all the samples have met the safety standards, reports Yonhap News Agency. No radiation has been detected in domestic seafood or imported marine products so far, Park added.

The government expanded the number of testing points from the previous 92 spots to 200 amid public concerns about the potential impact of the controversial release, and vowed to further raise its number to a total of 243 points next year. On August 23, Japan initiated the discharge of the contaminated water, a process expected to span more than three decades, despite lingering health and environmental concerns from neighbouring countries.

More than 15k Indian tech workers came to Canada over past 12 months: Report



Toronto, Aug 29 (IANS) India formed the largest cohort of global tech industry workers who flocked to Canada between April 2022 and March 2023, according to a recent report from The Technology Councils of North America (TECNA) and Canada's Tech Network (CTN). Out of more than 32,000 tech workers, 15,097 came from India, followed by 1,808 from Nigeria, partly due to Canada's immigration-friendly national policy and labor cost advantage, the report said. Mississauga, home to nearly 1,000 IT companies with over 300,000 tech professionals, and Montreal, where tech ecosystems have grown around 31 per cent from 2015 to 2020, were among the top Canadian cities to tap the talent. "The large migration of tech workers fills the need for skilled workers amid an ongoing global talent shortage and points to a hopeful and prosperous future for Canada's tech occupation workforce," the report titled 'Tech Workforce Trends: The Migration of Tech Workers and Tech Jobs Since The Pandemic', said. According to migration findings, a total of 1,900 tech workers from across the world came to Mississauga and 959 came to Montreal from April 2022-March 2023. While the global net in-migration of tech talent came primarily from India, Nigeria, and Brazil, Canada is also gaining American talent, which includes Indians, from major US cities like Washington D.C., Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia, the report said.

Sudanese army chief's latest move fuels speculation of forming war govt

Khartoum, Aug 29 (IANS) General Commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan has started running state affairs in his other capacity as chairman of the Transitional Sovereign Council from Port Sudan, the capital city of the Red Sea State, amid increasing speculations that he intends to form a caretaker government, or a war government amid the ongoing military conflict.

In his first speech since the violent conflict broke out between the SAF and

the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on April 15, Al-Burhan closed the door to any political settlement with the latter, reports Xinhua news agency.

Addressing the soldiers of Flamingo naval base in the military area of the Red Sea region on Monday, Al-Burhan said that "there will be no agreement with any party that betrayed the Sudanese people, and the efforts will be focused on defeating the enemy".

Al-Burhan's remarks came as if in response to an initiative proposed by the



RSF Commander Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo on Sunday.

Dagalo calls for reaching a long-term cease-fire agreement and forming a

democratic, civil government on the basis of fair and free elections at all levels.

Sudanese media on Monday night expected that Al-Burhan would issue a decision to form a war government in place of the current interim government.

Sudan Today News portal quoted informed sources as saying that Al-Burhan is heading to form "a war government", which is expected to be announced in the coming days and headquartered in Port Sudan.

Meanwhile, Sudanese politicians and analysts have expressed different opinions regarding the establishment of a war government. While some regarded the move as practical, others believed it would further complicate the situation.

"There are about 14 safe and stable Sudanese states, and therefore, there must be a government to run the country's affairs under the current situation," Abdel-Rahim Al-Sunni, a Sudanese political analyst, told Xinhua.

Health

Rare brain surgery gives new lease of life to patient



Lucknow, Aug 29 (IANS) Doctors at a private hospital in Lucknow have successfully operated upon a 42-year-old man suffering from a rare brain tumour -ependymoma. Ependymoma is a type of tumour that can form in the brain or spinal cord and develops from ependymal cells in the brain's ventricles. These ventricles have cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for protection of the brain and spinal cord. When these ependymal cells grow uncontrollably, they give rise to tumours that block the flow of CSF. It has an incidence rate of 22 in every 10 lakh and affects both children and adults.

Dr Bhawan Nangrawal, who led the surgical team of Wellsun Medicity Hospital, said the surgery was done on August 22 and the patient was discharged on Monday. "The patient from Siwan (Bihar) worked as a plumber in Dubai. He had been experiencing blurred vision, headaches and vomiting. He came to us seven days ago with his reports. A tumour was confirmed through MRI testing. Open surgery was risky because the tumour was deep inside the brain and extraction could have damaged other parts of the organ," he said. Hence, laparoscopic surgery was performed by making a 15 mm hole. "It took one-and-a-half hours to extract the tumour and fix hydrocephalus, fluid build-up in the third ventricle. An alternate pathway was also created for absorption of fluid," he added. Dr Sapna Yadav, a neuro anaesthetist at the hospital, said, "If left untreated, these cases have a 100 per cent mortality rate. However, the good news is that in 80 per cent cases, the tumours are benign."

Shahid Kapoor sports turban, turns on his 'Punjabi munda' mode

Mumbai, Aug 29 (IANS) Bollywood star Shahid Kapoor channeled his inner 'Punjabi munda' mode as he sported a turban in a string of new pictures he shared on social media. Shahid took to Instagram, where he posted a gamut of pictures. In the first photo, he is seen getting ready. The second image has him getting his turban fixed. Another picture shows Shahid posing with his father Pankaj Kapoor. The actor is seen dressed in a black kurta paired with a cream coloured turban. While his actor-father Pankaj Kapoor is sporting a vest coat paired with white shirt and a turban.

Aamir Khan to return to acting with Christmas release in 2024



Mumbai, Aug 29 (IANS) Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan is all set to make a comeback into acting with a yet-untitled film, which has been locked for Christmas 2024 and will be clashing with Akshay Kumar's 'Welcome 3'. Film trade analyst Taran Adarsh took to X, formerly called X, where he announced the film. He even shared that the pre-production of the film is ongoing and it goes on floors on 20 January, 2024. "#Xclusiv... AAMIR KHAN LOCKS CHRISTMAS 2024 FOR NEXT FILM... Aamir Khan Productions' Prod No. 16 [not titled yet], starring #AamirKhan in the lead role, to release on 20 Dec 2024 #Christmas2024. Pre-production of the film is ongoing and the film goes on floors on 20 Jan 2024... More details to follow soon," Adarsh tweeted. Aamir hit the pause button from acting after the debacle of 'Laal Singh Chaddha'. The actor had also said at a press event during the trailer launch of Punjabi film 'Carry On Jatta 3': "I haven't decided to do any film as of now. I want to spend time with my family right now. I'm feeling good about it because that's what I want to do right now. I'll do a film when I'm emotionally ready, for sure."

Akshay's 'Welcome 3' is reportedly titled as 'Welcome To The Jungle'. It will reportedly star Sanjay Dutt, Arshad Warsi, Suniel Shetty, Disha Patani, and Jacqueline Fernandez. It will also have Raveena Tandon. Los Angeles, Aug 29 (IANS) Over 1400 iconic Hollywood props, including several from MCU, 'Star Wars', 'Star Trek' and 'Alien', are set to be auctioned off in 'Legends: Hollywood and Royalty' event by Julien's Auctions and Turner Classic Movies (TCM). The highlights of this auction will be Princess Leia's slave costume and Han Solo's blaster from 'Star Wars', Iron Man's helmet from 'Iron Man 3' and the head prop of the Xenomorph alien.

Gigi Hadid is still enjoying 'single life'

Los Angeles, Aug 29 (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."

'I Should Have Stayed Home' shows scary Himalayan journey of a venture capitalist, World Bank consultant



Mumbai, Aug 29 (IANS) The upcoming adventure-travel docu-series 'I Should Have Stayed Home' will spotlight the journey of two brothers; one a venture capitalist & trained chef, and the other a consultant with the World Bank; navigating through rugged terrains that will test both their resilience and their brotherly bond. The series follows Sid Mewara, venture capitalist & trained chef, and Shanky Jayakumar, a consultant with the World Bank. The duo set out on a journey filled with misadventures across the breathtaking terrains of Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh in their trusted 4X4 vehicles. Expressing his excitement, Sid Mewara shared, "'I Should Have Stayed Home' turned out to be 'I definitely want to do this again'. Sure, it was seriously brutal, scary, and exhausting, but we loved being on the edge of disaster. While the show aimed to test these two unconventional travellers to their limits, for us, it evolved into an invigorating challenge. 'Hoyega Hoyega' became our rallying cry on and off camera. Fear filled our shoes with sweat, but we just giggled our way to the finish line". During their journey, Sid and Shanky confront numerous obstacles. While Sid, who is accustomed to life's luxuries, must break free from his comfort zone and confront the realities of mountain life, Shanky, who is a seasoned biker with a taste for adventure, faces an entirely new set of challenges.

Without an iota of modern technology, they navigate the untamed Himalayan wilderness, marked by low oxygen levels and freezing temperatures. In this journey, they rely on their instincts, wits, and the benevolence of strangers to fulfil their mission - a quest for sustenance, and shelter across diverse locations.

Pankaj Tripathi on 1 yr of 'Criminal Justice' : Would love to see how Madhav Mishra's family grows

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Versatile actor Pankaj Tripathi, who has won our hearts with his portrayal of wittiest and sharpest lawyer 'Madhav Mishra' in web series 'Criminal Justice', said he would love to see the character flourish professionally and also in his personal life. On the first anniversary of the release of 'Criminal Justice: Adhura Sach', Pankaj has opened up about his favourite thing about playing Madhav Mishra, and what he looks forward to for his character.



"I would hope to see Madhav Mishra handle much more complex cases that challenge him as a lawyer and bring justice. While it would be great to see him flourish professionally, in his personal life, I would love to see how the Mishra family grows, from Mrs. Mishra's insights/ instincts to witty nok-jhoks," shared Pankaj. The 46-year-old actor said: "Criminal Justice gave me Madhav Mishra, a character I relate to the most so celebrating one year anniversary feels like a homely celebration. 'Criminal Justice: Adhura

Sach' explored a very sensitive case which affected me to be honest." Talking about the role, the 'Mirzapur' fame actor said: "Compared to the roles I've done before, 'Criminal Justice: Adhura Sach' shows a new side. Madhav Mishra is someone who leads a simple life and looks beyond what meets the eye and that really caught my attention. Although I have played completely different characters from him, some very innocent and some extremely brutal."

'Gadar 2' actor Rumi Khan to feature in Nawazuddin Siddiqui's 'Section 108'



Mumbai, Aug 29 (IANS) After featuring in 'Pathaan' and 'Gadar 2', actor Rumi Khan will be seen sharing screen space with Nawazuddin Siddiqui in the upcoming Bollywood film, 'Section 108'. Rumi said: "After working with Shah Rukh Khan in 'Pathaan' and previously with Sunny Deol in 'Gadar 2', I'm happy to get the opportunity to work with Nawazuddin Siddiqui." "He is one of my favourite and I'm sure shooting with him will be amazing. I will get to learn a lot and the time spent will be like doing an acting workshop. I'm happy that slowly I'm making my way in Bollywood. It's my third movie in a row," Rumi said. Rumi, best known for featuring in TV shows like Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul, Mahabharat (2013) among others, continued to share about his role. Rumi said: "I can't reveal much about my role. But I can say in 'Pathan' I got to play a very small role, later in 'Gadar 2', it was a prominent role. But now it's more powerful and strong with a very good screen time. I'm in contract to not much talk about same but my audience will enjoy watching me."

Abhishek Banerjee opens up on his physical transformation for 'Aakhri Sach'

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Actor Abhishek Banerjee has not only trained himself mentally to play an emotionally challenging role of Bhuvan in investigative thriller web series 'Aakhri Sach', but also put on weight to justify the character arc. Actors sometimes dive into a bit of a "character cosplay" by making a bold physical changes. Whether it's hitting the gym or transforming themselves entirely to match the character's unique posture - these transformations are like stepping into a real-life costume. Talking about his physical transformation, Abhishek shared: "Physically I ate a lot because I wanted to put on some weight for my character. I wanted some kind of age for Bhuvan so I gained around 5 to 6 kgs. Our director Robbie Grewal was very clear that he does not want to grey



his hair. But there is definitely an age transition which I tried to convey with my weight." "Psychologically, when your body and mind goes through some trauma your responses and directions become slow and that is what I tried to do with Bhuvan. Bhuvan is someone who will talk slowly, walk slowly, he

does not get excited quickly, he thinks more than others, he is also an extreme over thinker and I tried to portray that," shared Abhishek. One night, one family, multiple deaths, an investigating officer and various theories, 'Aakhri Sach' is inspired by true events. Set against the backdrop of simmering tension, the series delves into the lives of each character as Tamannaah Bhatia, playing the role of Anya, the lead investigative officer embarks on a mission to unravel the mystery of the deaths. The show takes you on an emotional journey with a talented ensemble of Tamannaah, Abhishek Banerjee, Shivin Narang, Danish Iqbal, Nishu Dikshit, Kriti Vij and Sanjeev Chopra. It is produced by Nirvikar Films, directed by Robbie Grewal, and written by Saurav Dey.

BTS label Hybe looking for new global K-pop girl group for new docu-series

Los Angeles, Aug 29 (IANS) The leading K-pop label Hybe, best known for launching the K-pop idols BTS along with Geffen Records, is looking for a new global K-pop girl group for a new planned documentary-series/docu-series. According to 'Deadline', for this initiative, Hybe has teamed up with the American company Geffen Records, the very label behind rock legends Nirvana and Sonic Youth, in 2021 to create a new US girl group using its K-pop training and development system.



and has now been whittled down to 20 contestants competing for a spot in the group. Bang Si-Hyuk, Chairman of Hybe, said, "I have wanted to form an international group based on K-pop methodology for a while. To do this, I believed we needed a capable partner. When I met John (Janick), from the first moment, we both felt instantly that we had a connection, musically and creatively."

"I am very proud of the rich history we have made and the tremendous talent we have found. I am proud of the opportunities we have created within the K-Pop universe." Si-Hyuk added.

John Janick, Chairman and CEO of Interscope Geffen A&M added, "Since we began our partnership two years ago, Bang and I have often spoken about our shared beliefs in artist development, music and creativity." He further mentioned, "To develop a global group

with Bang, with the best of K-Pop methodology, and our Geffen team, is truly special and will bring to life a first-of-its kind experience in music. Each candidate is incredibly talented, dedicated, and driven, making this an exciting moment for music fans around the world." The 20 aspiring performers will then take part in an audition program called 'The Debut: Dream Academy', which will premiere on September 1 on YouTube along with the Japanese streaming channel Abema. The finale will air on November 17, when the final members of the group, as well as the group name, will be revealed. The documentary series is currently untitled, though it will air on Netflix sometime in 2024.

In a 'tribute to all girls who grew up in Bengal', Nithya Menen performs 'Chitrangada'

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Actress Nithya Menen, who has worked in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam Kannada and Hindi films, has shared a post of her performance of the dance-drama 'Chitrangada', calling it a tribute to all the girls who grew up in Bengal. Taking to photo-sharing platform Instagram, Nithya shared a string of vibrant photos, wherein we can see her sitting on a floor full of yellow flowers, dressed in traditional attire. She is posing candidly for the camera while wearing a silver anklet. Nithya, who oozed elegance in the pictures, captioned the post: " 'Chitrangada', a dance drama, originally composed by Nobel laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in 1892, is based on the love life of Manipur's princess Chitrangada and Arjuna, the third Pandava of the epic Mahabharata. It documents the emotional journey of Chitrangada as she is



awakened by her irresistible love." "Reimagine is an attempt to create a fresh look and feel for the characters, and spinning a new story out of them. But all are re-interpretations with an intriguing approach while retaining the visual essence of the original works," the note read. She concluded saying: "This one particularly is a tribute to all girls who grew up in Bengal, and dance classes were an integral part of their life."

Gujarat witnesses 49% surge in crorepati taxpayers

Ahmedabad, Aug 29 (IANS) Gujarat has witnessed a significant surge of 49 per cent in the number of 'crorepati' taxpayers, individuals declaring an annual income of Rs 1 crore or more, for the assessment year 2022-23, as per the latest data from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

Comparatively, the count of individuals with taxable income exceeding Rs 1 crore surged by 4,500, reaching a record-breaking figure of 14,000, as indicated by official statistics, in contrast to the 9,300 individuals in the same bracket in the preceding year of 2021.

Remarkably, this marks



the highest number of crorepati taxpayers recorded over the past five years, exhibiting a remarkable doubling from 7,000 to 14,000 individuals within this time frame. This

surge gains even more significance when juxtaposed with the average taxpayer count of the Rs 1crore-plus income category in the four preceding years, which

stood at 8,200 individuals. In the corporate realm as well, the number of crorepati taxpayers observed an increase, with an additional 1,000-odd individuals joining the ranks, resulting in a rise from 3,700 to 4,700 individuals. This data reflects a notable rise of 28 per cent.

The broader tax base in non-corporate categories within the state has also undergone growth, expanding by 4 per cent from 71.2 lakh taxpayers in the assessment year 2021-22 to 73.8 lakh taxpayers in 2022-23.

Five years ago in 2018, the overall tax base was 62.5 lakh.

McDonald's North and East partners with GreenCell Mobility to offer meals on NueGo electric bus routes

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) McDonald's North and East has consistently demonstrated a commitment to advancing sustainable practices within the green economy.

From implementing renewable energy solutions at the restaurants to utilising eco-friendly paper-based packaging and responsible sourcing, the company has made conscious efforts to contribute positively to the environment.

In line with this dedication, McDonald's North and East has entered into a strategic partnership with NueGo, the prominent electric bus service brand operated by GreenCell Mobility.



This collaboration stems from a shared vision of embracing sustainability and promoting environmentally friendly mobility solutions.

By catering to the needs of contemporary, environmentally conscious travelers, the alliance aims to offer convenient and

seamless meal options to individuals who choose the sustainable travel option provided by NueGo.

Passengers opting for NueGo bus service from Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT), New Delhi to popular destinations Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Dehradun, Agra or Jaipur -

can order McDonald's meals while awaiting departure in an exclusive lounge.

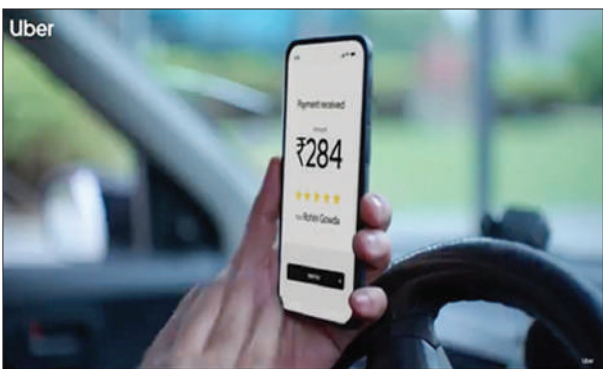
The partnership's scope will progressively expand to cover additional routes and introduce pre-booking feature for meals to enhance travelers' convenience.

Uber drivers earned over Rs 50K cr since 2013; 300 cr trips in India

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Drivers have earned more than Rs 50,000 crore through Uber, and 300 crore trips were taken on the ride-hailing platform over the last 10 years in India. Uber on Tuesday completed 10 years in the country.

"Uber has become a part of India's social fabric and we are proud and privileged to have been able to make a difference by enabling access and movement to riders while enabling livelihood to millions of drivers over the last decade," Prabhjeet Singh, President, Uber India and South Asia, said in a statement.

Looking back at the impact Uber has made, the company shared that the driver have covered about 3,300 crore km, which is equivalent to travelling from Earth to the Moon



about 86,000 times.

About 30 lakh drivers have earned via the Uber app as a driver partner, which is enough to fill the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad 30 times over.

Nearly four crore green kilometres were driven on Uber in the country in the last 10 years, according to the company.

Uber now operates in over 125 cities across India, making it possible for millions of people to book a

ride within minutes and helping over 800,000 drivers earn a sustainable income. Moreover, the company shared some significant consumer trends on completing 10 years.

About 90 per cent said that Uber has revolutionised the way they travel in India, while 72 per cent said that the availability of ridesharing options has made them re-evaluate the purchase of a personal vehicle.

IndiGo flight safely lands at Mumbai airport after engine shutdown



New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) An IndiGo flight from Madurai landed safely at the Mumbai airport on Tuesday despite one of the aircraft's engines shutting down.

Given that twin-engine planes can safely operate on a single engine, the Airbus A321 safely landed in Mumbai.

"IndiGo flight 6E-2012 operating from Madurai to Mumbai had a technical issue prior to landing in Mumbai. The pilot prioritised the landing in Mumbai. The aircraft is held at Mumbai and will be back in operations after necessary maintenance. We regret the inconvenience caused to the passengers," said the airline spokesperson.

Tuesday's development comes after the aviation regulator, DGCA had said earlier that subsequent to the announcement made by Pratt & Whitney regarding material anomalies on the PW1100G engines worldwide affecting approximately 200 engines, the aerospace manufacture issued the Service Instructions (SI) enlisting the serial numbers of the engine series which are required to be removed for performing Angle Ultrasonic Scan Inspection during shop visit and accordingly are required to be removed before September 15.

Global smartwatch shipments up 11% after declining for 2 quarters

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Global smartwatch shipments increased 11 per cent (year-on-year) in the second quarter (Q2) this year after declining in the last two quarters, a report showed on Tuesday.

India's shipments soared by 70 per cent YoY, serving as the primary driver for the global market's rebound, according to Counterpoint Research.

In terms of regional shipment shares, India's market stood at 34 per cent, a 12 per cent point surge compared to the year-ago period, the report noted.

China's market also recorded a modest increase. Besides, a shift in the competitive landscape was evident as Huawei ascended to the second position in terms of global market share.

"Huawei recorded impressive growth in Q2



2023, securing the second position in quarterly shipments for the first time in two years. Huawei aggressively pushed new flagship products such as the Watch 4 series into the market in Q2, achieving its highest quarterly shipments after 2020," said research

analyst Woojin Son.

Huawei made big strides by increasing its domestic market share to 39 per cent, following a surge of 58 per cent in shipments.

Indian brands Noise and Fire-Boltt emerged as major contenders, boasting 86 per cent and 70 per cent YoY growth, respectively.

It's past the time to disagree and commit: Amazon CEO tells remote employees

San Francisco, Aug 29 (IANS) As several Amazon workers have reportedly chosen to quit rather than relocate to various main work hubs, the company's CEO Andy Jassy has a stern message for those who don't want to return to work.

According to a report from Insider, Jassy told employees who don't want to return to the office that "it's not going to work out for you".

"It's past the time to disagree and commit. If you can't disagree and commit, it's probably not going to work out for you at Amazon because we are going back to the office at least three days a week," he was quoted as saying.

Jassy said his decision to have employees return to the office was a "judgment call" and that employees can leave if they don't want to comply.

"It's not right for all of our teammates to be in (the office) three days a week and for people to refuse to do so," the Amazon CEO added.

Amazon is reportedly cracking down on employees who refuse to return to the office.

In July, leaked messages seen by



Insider suggested that Amazon would force a "voluntary resignation" on employees who don't relocate to the in-person hubs.

As per the e-commerce giant's guidelines, remote workers are expected to join a main Amazon hub by the first half of 2024.

"Those who are unwilling or unable to comply are being forced to find work elsewhere, and some are choosing to quit," earlier reports mentioned.

A company spokesperson had confirmed the relocation policy, saying it affects a small percentage of the company's workforce.

"It's not a one-size-fits-all approach, so we decided that the best thing to do was to communicate directly with teams and individuals who are affected to ensure they're getting accurate information that's relevant to them," the spokesperson had said in a statement.

For employees affected by the relocation policy, Amazon is asking that they move to a designated hub, which could be Seattle, Arlington, New York, Chicago, San Francisco or another main office. "Some employees see it as a stark reversal from the company's approach during the pandemic," according to reports.

On May 31, hundreds of Amazon employees staged a walkout at the company's headquarters in Seattle over the company's return-to-work policy and its lack of progress on climate change initiatives.

Amazon mandated its return-to-office policy from May 1, with employees required to be back in offices at least three days per week.

The e-commerce giant has also laid off 27,000 employees in two job cut announcements.

US takes 1st action against firm for selling unregistered NFTs with \$6 mn fine

Washington, Aug 29 (IANS) The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has charged Impact Theory, a media and entertainment company headquartered in Los Angeles, with conducting an unregistered offering of crypto asset securities in the form of purported non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

This is the first time the authority has taken enforcement action against a company for selling unregistered NFTs.

Impact Theory raised approximately \$30 million from hundreds of investors, including investors across the US through the offering. "Absent a valid exemption, offerings of securities, in whatever form, must be registered. Without registration, investors of all types are deprived of the protections afforded them by the robust



disclosures and other safeguards long provided by our securities laws," said Antonia Apps, Director of the SEC's New York Regional Office.

Without admitting or denying the SEC's findings, Impact Theory agreed to a cease-and-desist order finding that it violated registration provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and ordering it to pay a combined total of more than \$6.1 million in disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and a civil penalty.

The order also establishes a Fair Fund to return monies that injured investors paid to purchase the NFTs, the SEC said in a statement late on Monday.

Impact Theory offered and sold three tiers of NFTs, known as Founder's Keys, which Impact Theory called "Legendary", "Heroic", and "Relentless".

Impact Theory encouraged potential investors to view the purchase of a Founder's Key as an investment into the business, stating that

investors would profit from their purchases if Impact Theory was successful in its efforts.

Among other things, Impact Theory emphasised that it was "trying to build the next Disney", and, if successful, it would deliver "tremendous value" to Founder's Key purchasers.

The SEC order found that the NFTs offered and sold to investors were investment contracts and therefore securities.

Accordingly, Impact Theory violated the federal securities laws by offering and selling these crypto asset securities to the public in an unregistered offering that was not otherwise exempt from registration.

"Impact Theory agreed to destroy all Founder's Keys in its possession or control, publish notice of the order on its websites and social media channels.

Rejove Aligners acquires majority stake in 32 WATTS, setting new standards in orthodontic solutions

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Rejove Aligners, the Delhi based Clear Dental Aligner company, Tuesday announced its acquisition of a majority stake in 32 WATTS, a renowned clear aligner brand for an undisclosed amount. Aiming to revolutionize orthodontic treatment options, the strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in the advancement of digital dentistry.

Rejove Aligners, with its innovative service delivery and business model, is quickly establishing itself as a trusted name in the clear dental aligners market. This strategic acquisition will enable both companies to foster healthy and state of the art dental care practices that extend beyond the use of their respective products,



creating a much larger outreach amongst dental practitioners, providing them with the best of consulting, treatment planning and aligner systems.

This move makes Rejove Aligners and 32 WATTS a formidable force to reckon with in the clear Dental Aligner market in India. Rejove Aligners alliance with Dental Ceramist (DC)

followed by this move clearly outlines their vision of consolidating the dynamic and fast-growing aligner market in India.

By collaborating with dentists dedicated to delivering cutting-edge, patient-centric results that improve smiles and transform lives, both organisations are actively contributing to the

expansion of the dentistry customer base. Both the companies follow an ethical treatment practice delivering aligners through DCI registered Dental clinics and Qualified Dentists only.

Rahul Agrawal, CEO, 32 WATTS Aligners, said "Rejove Aligners' commitment to delivering aligners as a service,

making dental care accessible at the most optimal costs, is in sync with our values and we are happy with this collaboration. Leveraging our expertise in this field, we are excited to join hands with Rejove Aligners in reaching new heights and build one of the best Indian Clear Aligner Brand Together, we can grow in the highly competitive Clear Dental Aligner market and develop service oriented and highly personalized treatment plans that cater to the unique needs of each patient." Captain Vikram Kumar, Co-founder of Rejove Aligners, said, "With this alliance, we will be able to expand our reach in the Indian market. Combining the strength of both companies.

Homegrown crypto exchange CoinSwitch lays off 44 workers

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS) Homegrown crypto investing platform CoinSwitch has laid off 44 employees as part of a restructuring exercise.

According to Moneycontrol, citing sources, the customer support team was primarily affected by the layoffs as well as the operations team.

"We continuously evaluate our business to stay competitive, prioritising innovation, value, and service for our customers. To that end, we right-sized our customer support team to align with the present volume of customer queries on our platform. This impacted the roles of 44 members of our customer support team, who voluntarily resigned from their roles after a detailed discussion with



their managers earlier this month," a CoinSwitch spokesperson, was quoted as saying.

"Over the last year, many support team members have been absorbed into other functions based on the suitability of their skills for the other roles. We are extending all our support to the impacted employees. As and when volumes grow and we open new roles, we will be happy to welcome

back those impacted."

CoinSwitch is one of the country's two crypto unicorns, and it is also the most valuable.

In May, CoinSwitch said it had facilitated nearly \$25 million in funding in 12 promising startups via its Web3 Discovery Fund. Last week, the homegrown crypto exchange CoinDCX said it was laying off about 12 per cent of its workforce, as the crypto market continues to navigate the tough macro conditions and impact of TDS on domestic exchanges.

CoinDCX Founders Sumit Gupta and Neeraj Khandelwal said in a blog post that to help the impacted employees, "we have put together a support package consisting of severance pay equivalent to the full notice period, additional one month.

MLA visits Duladungri to find feasibility for tourist spot



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 29:Jugsalai legislator, Mangal Kalindi had proposed to Jharkhand Chief Minister that village Duladungri in Bodam Block had to potentials to be converted into a tourist spot. The state government took notice of the MLA's suggestion contained in a letter and directed that an inspection be conducted of the site suggested and a report be submitted.

During the visit, legislator Mangal Kalindi and officials interacted with the local residents to learn about the historical significance of Duladungri. Others accompanying MLA Mangal Kalindi included TSC Jharkhand member Biswanath Singh Sardar,Bodam BDO Shyama Pada Mahato, Bodam Pramukh Aarti Singh, the Village Head Shiv Shankar Mahatoand others from the rural community.

Eight-foot Python spotted at Telco Chinmaya School



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 29: On Tuesday, an approximately eight-foot long python was spotted in the Vidya Bharati Chinmaya School in Telco, leading to a commotion. The Tata Motors rescue team was informed. Meanwhile, two parents, Surjeet Singh and Sanjoy who had come to the school to drop their children, manage to trap the Python after an hour long effort. The rescue team arrived and after securing the snake in a container, took it away. The eight-foot long Python weighed about 15 kilos. According to reports, the snake had climbed the boundary wall of the school. When a crowd gathered to see the snake, it slid into the thickets in the campus. The thickets were cleared and when the Python was spotted, it attempted to bite Surjeet and Sanjoy and the members of the rescue squad. (w/gsd)

KU's Aug 31 exams postponed

Jamshedpur, August 29: Kolhan University has changed the holiday of Raksha Bandhan. While issuing a notification on Tuesday afternoon, the university administration has informed that instead of 30, the Raksha Bandhan holiday will now be on August 31. Also, the exam to be held on August 31 has been postponed. It has been told in the notification that the next date of examinations will be announced later through the Controller of Examinations of Kolhan University. It is known that former MLA cum BJP State Spokesperson Kunal Sarangi had sought information from Manoj Kumar, vice chancellor cum divisional commissioner of Kolhan University. Kunal wrote that on August 31 i.e. on the day of Rakshabandhan, KU has scheduled examinations for LLB second semester and many other subjects and demanded the postponement of the examinations. On the other hand, there is confusion regarding the private schools of Jamshedpur. In many private schools, examinations are scheduled on the day of Raksha Bandhan (August 31). In such a situation, there is confusion among the parents. In this matter also, state BJP spokesperson Kunal Sarangi has requested the intervention of the district administration. On the other hand, Kunal has also requested the District Education Officer and District Superintendent of Education to issue related orders after taking proper cognizance. (W.rg.)

SSP orders suspension of traffic cop

Jamshedpur, August 29: East Singhbhum district's SSP Prabhat Kumar had given strict orders to all the traffic police personnel in the past to give exemption in traffic rules to the elderly and people going for emergency work, they should not be stopped.

ASI Rajkumar Yadav posted at Golmuri traffic station, who ignored this order of SSP, has been suspended. In fact, Meera Devi, a resident of Parsudih, had complained to the SSP regarding the matter. Meera Devi had told in the complaint that on August 26, she along with her husband Pramod was going to meet her daughter admitted in Tata Motors. Her husband was wearing a helmet, but she was not wearing a helmet. He was stopped by the police near Govindpur Anna Chowk and demanded a fine. She told the concerned officer that she was going to the hospital. Despite this, she was not allowed to go. In the end, he gave Rs 50 to that officer (Rajkumar Yadav) and then went and let him go to the hospital. Taking the matter seriously, the SSP formed an investigation team. It was revealed in the investigation that Rajkumar had ignored the order, but the matter of taking Rs 50 was not confirmed. Rajkumar has been suspended for ignoring the order. (W.rg.)

SDO inspect MGM

Jamshedpur, August 29: Dhalbhum SDO Piyush Sinha inspected the MGM Hospital on Tuesday. During this, he saw the irregularities prevailing in the hospital. He got agitated after seeing the arrangement in the emergency ward.

There was filth and water logging outside the main gate of the emergency. He saw the beds of the patients in the ward and the crowd of family members around and after enquiring, drove out the unnecessary mobs. The SDO said that in view of the increase in the number of dengue patients, the situation is being monitored. If required, extra beds will also be arranged. (W.rg.)



Biden and Modi serious on cooperation in education, research: US Consul General

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 29: XLRI Jamshedpur hosted the official outreach visit of the US Consul General Melinda Pavék. During her visit Pavék engaged in an exchange of ideas with the faculty, students and the administration of XLRI.

Pavék engaged in a discussion with Prof. Sanjay Patro, Dean (Academics) at XLRI Jamshedpur, in addition to other members of the faculty. Prof. Patro informed Ms.Pavék about the diverse range of academic programs the institute offers. He also emphasized the institute's robust worldwide alumni network. XLRI alumni occupy esteemed roles, including Chief Human Resources Officers, within some of the best companies globally. Furthermore, Prof. Patro pointed out that there are over 400 XLRI alumni residing in New York.

Pavék delved into the importance that President Biden and Prime Minister Modi were placing on collaboration between Indian and U.S. institutes of higher education, noting that government-to-

XLRI hosts official outreach visit of Melinda Pavék



government support for student and research exchanges were one area of effort that assisted the natural connections between schools created by Fulbright-Nehru alumni and Indian diaspora faculty working in U.S. universities. She shared ideas about other possibilities for fostering relationships and enhancing student exchange initiatives. Noting that there are currently more than 20,000 Indian students studying in the United States and developing have a good understanding of her nation, Pavék stated that U.S. Ambassador Eric Garcetti has a vision of more U.S. students coming to India for exchange

programs of varying lengths to develop an understanding of the diversity, energy, and talents of India. The mutual benefits that active exchanges offer students from both nations facilitates their holistic growth.

"The differences between our educational systems and calendars -- and especially how those differences create financial or logistical challenges for the students we seek to assist -- need to be carefully assessed in our planning," said Pavék. The Professors highlighted the substantial enthusiasm displayed by students in engaging with foreign universities and companies for summer

internships and agreed that the disparity between Indian and U.S. academic calendars, specifically concerning semester schedules and summer internship timing, posed a challenge that hindered the overall process. They agreed to think creatively about how to overcome these challenges.

When asked by a professor "What causes delays in the U.S. visa application process? We, as professors, are unable to make urgent trips to the US." In response, Pavék stated, "Educational and research collaboration exchanges are a priority for the U.S. Mission in India. The visa team has been actively working to

increase the number of visa appointments available and also provides interview waiver appointments with a much shorter wait time than for first time applicants as well as emergency appointments for specific kinds of travel that could not be foreseen." She encouraged people who are considering travel to the United States to book an appointment, even far into the future, and continue to monitor the website to self-prepone when earlier appointments are made available.

The faculty interaction was followed by US Consul General's talk on "Challenges and Opportunities in Supply Chain Management"

delivered to a dynamic and vibrant group of XLRI students. Pavék addressed the students and shared her journey of transition from a career in Supply Chain to one in Diplomacy. "Regardless of your field- supply chain, logistics, IT, Management, or any other- each skill you gain is a tool for overcoming challenges. Think of it as building a toolkit. The more you expand it, the better you'll handle bigger opportunities and succeed. Don't fear failure; every experience enriches your toolkit. Remember, every effort adds to your growth," she said. "The U.S. government and many U.S. businesses see India as a friendly partner in their global supply chains. American industries are keen to explore Indian partnerships. For these to succeed, mutual understanding is key; enhanced cultural exchange and encouraging Americans to explore India beyond the standard New Delhi-Agra- Jaipur-Mumbai tourism routes would allow more U.S. companies to approach doing business in India with more confidence and actualize India's potential in the supply chain," she added. (W-mb)

Boy drowns in lake near Adityapur

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Jamshedpur, August 29: Adityapur was shrouded in sorrow as a 13-year-old boy's life was tragically cut short by a drowning incident in a lake under the Gamharia police station area in the neighboring Seraikela-Kharsawan district. The incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon, casting a pall of grief over the community. The victim, identified as Shubhankar Mondal, was a student of class VIII at Basic School and hailed from Baskonagar in Adityapur. Shubhankar's routine school day took a tragic turn when he, along with a group of friends, left their classroom just before the lunch break and

headed to a lake situated within the Adityapur industrial area to cool off with a bath. As the boys ventured into the water, a fateful incident unfolded, leading to Shubhankar's drowning. Despite the efforts of fellow bathers who rushed to his aid upon witnessing his distress, their attempts to save him proved futile. The local residents, with heavy hearts, retrieved Shubhankar's lifeless body from the water and swiftly transported him to a nearby government health facility. Tragically, the medical team at the facility declared him deceased, leaving his family and the community in shock.

The health hub authorities promptly notified both the victim's parents and the police about the heart-wrenching

incident. OC of Adityapur Police station , Rajan Kumar Singh, confirmed the unfortunate drowning of the young schoolboy. While the circumstances of the tragedy are heartrending, an inquest is being prepared for the postmortem of Shubhankar's body, with authorities attributing the cause of death to drowning. This incident underscores a disconcerting reality faced by many residents in the Adityapur municipal corporation area – the lack of access to tap water. This situation often compels individuals, including children, to resort to bathing in ponds, lakes, or rivers, putting their lives at risk and resulting in tragic outcomes. (W.pb)

DC calls for 10 decimal forest lease land for beneficiaries



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Jamshedpur, August 29: The claim records of forest lease received from Dhalbhum and Ghatshila forest division were reviewed by Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman District Level Forest Rights Committee Manjunath Bhajantri. For review, 42 individual and four community claim records received from Sub-Divisional Forest Rights Committee, Dhalbhum and 142 individual and 13 community claim records received from Ghatshila subdivision were reviewed respectively. There were many such beneficiaries in both the subdivisions who were approved between 2 decimal to 4 decimals from the subdivision level, on which the Deputy Commissioner expressed

displeasure. The deputy commissioner saw the current residence of the beneficiaries through video calls, in which they were found to be living on land of more area than the approval. On the occasion, he instructed the committee members that the area in the proposed forest lease claim is less and impractical, while reviewing it, efforts should be made to approve at least 10 decimal forest lease for such beneficiaries from the Sub-Divisional Level Forest Rights Committee by September 7. At the same time, he said that the claims of forest lease must be checked for practicality, there is a complete eco-system in the rural residential area, in which people keep a shed for animal husbandry or a fence for greens and vegetables on a small piece of land. (W.rg.)

Induction meeting of LLB Session held

Jamshedpur, August 29: Induction meeting of newly enrolled students in LLB session 2022-25 was held at Jamshedpur Co-operative Law College on Tuesday. Rajesh Kumar Shukla, vice chairman of Jharkhand State Bar Council and founder Syndicate Member of Kolhan University guided the students as the chief guest. He said that law students can play an important role in making people aware of the legal field in the society. Seminars and conferences will be organized on various topics. While congratulating the new students, Shukla hoped that they would compete with law colleges full of resources and raise the name of the Co-operative Law College. (W.rg.)

Jsr East MLA meets TSUISL MD on civic amenities

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Jamshedpur, August 29: Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Roy claimed that a meeting was held with managing director Tata Steel UISL, Rituraj Sinha on civic amenities, drinking water and sanitation issues in Jamshedpur. It was decided that work on water supply scheme of Bhuiyandih areas will start soon along with laying of pipelines and the work would be completed in a year. On construction of the road leading to the Submarekha river from Litti Chowk, three culverts will be constructed on the drain in front of Lal Bhatta-Babudih-Bhuiyadiah so that the people of this area get an alternative route for

traffic evacuation. It is noteworthy that a bridge is going to be built on the river to connect NH 33 from here. Water supply scheme for Jojobera area will be completed in six months. Filling of water form will start from December-January. Saryu Roy claimed that a dozen public facility schemes was agreed upon in Burmamines area, including the construction of a big drain. TSUISL assured to clean the drains of Kashidih Road No. 1 Bagan area. This drain has not been cleaned for the last eight years. In the settlements where the water supply pipe has been laid, the work of filling consumer farms will be expedited and water will be provided. (W.rg.)

Poor road conditions raised with Rly authorities

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Jamshedpur, August 29: Seva Hi Lakshya NGO met the Assistant Divisional Engineer in his office on Tuesday regarding the problems in Parsudih and Station Road. During this, a three-point demand letter was also handed over. The president of the organization Manik Malik told that the condition of the road under the railway area near Makhdampur gate of Parsudih is very dilapidated. At the same time, there have been big potholes at that place, due to which accidents keep happening every day. Due to this, people have to face a lot of difficulties in commuting. Apart from this, the condition of the road near Karandih gate has also become very dilapidated. Due to potholes, there is often jam on the road. The road condition has become very dilapidated from near Sankata Petrol Pump near the station till Star Talkies via overbridge. Accidents happen every day. Regarding all these points, the Assistant Divisional Engineer assured that the repair work will start soon. (W.rg.)

Non-inclusion of Bhojpuri in Eighth Schedule our Failure: Kalpana Patowary

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Jamshedpur, August 29: "Bhojpuri language lags behind when compared to other languages. While South Indian films are being nominated for Oscars, Bhojpuri is not receiving the same recognition within India. One reason is that Bhojpuri language has not been included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. The failure to include Bhojpuri in the Eighth Schedule is our own failure. Despite various intellectuals having led movements for this cause, no progress has been made. Until Bhojpuri is included in the Schedule, it won't be able to

establish its own identity," observed renowned devotional singer Kalpana Patowary during an interaction with the media on Tuesday. Kalpana stated that there was a time when people had to struggle to reach their goals, but in today's era of social media, the struggle had been softened. "Individuals are gaining fame by showcasing their talents on social media platforms."

While discussing vulgarity in the lyrical content of Bhojpuri songs, a touch of anger was apparent when she said, "Those who create such songs lack educational depth and cultural etiquette. I do admit that I have sung a few songs in this genre in



the past but I soon realized the negative impact it had on my audience and immediately put a

stop to singing such songs."

Kalpana Patowary discussed several significant aspects during the media interaction. While on the topic of politics, she said, "If given a chance, I will go into politics and my priority would be to take initiatives to uphold and take forward my Bhojpuri language. When compared to the status of other languages, Bhojpuri lags way behind. Bhojpuri language is not as popular as it should be. I reiterate that our failure to ensure inclusion of Bhojpuri language in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution is a prime reflection of the language's status." Kalpana went on to share her experience further while

averring, "In my two decades of singing career that started in 2002, I have gone through several ups and downs both, personally and professionally and have observed the changing faces of socio-cultural values and preferences. I had been to Jamshedpur in 2018 and observed the city's culture. In these five years, I have not found any difference. The socio cultural scenario remains healthy. As for the popularity of Bhojpuri language in Jamshedpur, it was heartening to note that in the programme organized by Har-Har Mahadev Seva Sangh, the majority of singers rendered their songs in Bhojpuri." (w/gsd)