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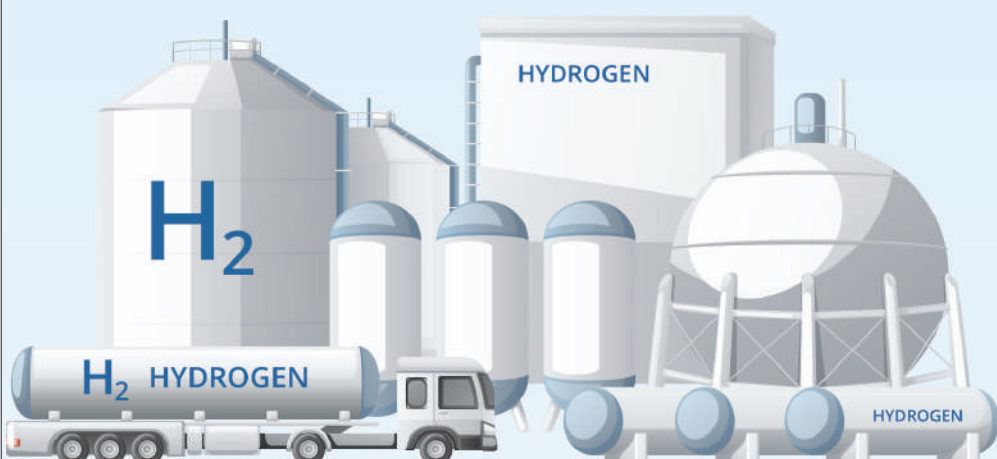
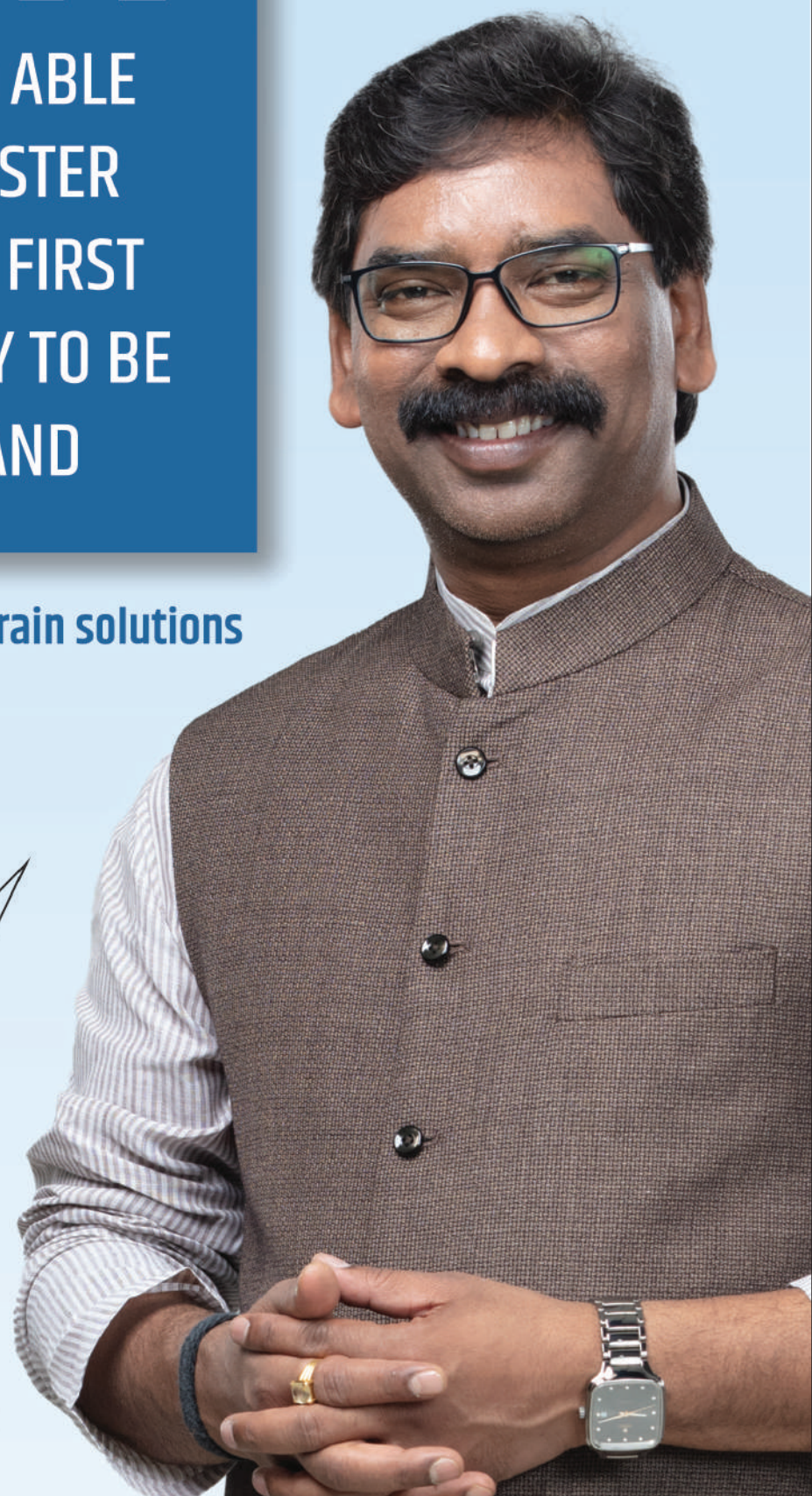
Generation of direct and indirect employment, and skill development opportunities for the youth

To manufacture low-to-zero-emission powertrain solutions

An MoU has been signed between the Department of Industries, Government of Jharkhand and TCPL Green Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Cummins Private Limited (TCPL))

This day shall prove to be a milestone for India as well as Jharkhand. I am elated that a historic step has been taken jointly by the Government of Jharkhand, Tata Motors and Cummins towards making the vision of transitioning to clean energy a reality.

- Hemant Soren
Chief Minister, Jharkhand



'Kurti House' added attraction at Banarasi Saree Emporium in Bhalubasa



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: The Banarasi Saree Emporium at Bhalubasa Radio Maidan has expanded its range of products comprising quality range of famous Banarasi sarees, by introducing 'Kurti House' to provide a wide variety and colourful choice range for women. For over three decades, Banarasi Saree Emporium has been renowned for its extensive collection of Banarasi and Silk sarees, including South Silk, Pure Silk, Baluchori, Taant, Tangail, Ikkaat, Bengal Handloom, and various designer and fancy sarees. Now, in addition to the wide range of sarees, the Store has begun offering new designs and an extensive collection of readymade Salwar Suits, Kurtis and Leggings. The expansion aims to cater to diverse preferences and modern fashion trends. The Banarasi Saree Emporium is well-known for its exquisite designs and high-quality textiles.

Every year, before Durga Puja, the Banarasi Saree Emporium organizes a pre-puja sale. During this sale, customers enjoy various benefits and discounts. Additionally, select sarees are available with a 'Buy One Get One Free' offer during this sale period. (w/gsd)

Jalabhishek of Lord Mahakaleshwar at Haludbani on Aug 28



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: The annual Jalabhishek ceremony will be organized at the Haludbani Mahakaleshwar Shiv Mandir in Parsudih Namotola Agrawal Colony, on August 28, the final Monday of the month of Shravan. Devotees, will organize a Kalash Yatra whereby they will fetch sanctified water from the Narwa River to the temple to perform the holy Jalabhishek of Lord Shiva. A meeting was held by the temple committee members and former Zila Parishad Vice President Rajkumar Singh to discuss the preparations for the Kalash Yatra. It was decided that all participants of the Kalash Yatra would travel from the temple to the Narwa River by bus and then proceed to the Sundarnagar Pal Company, from where they would collect water in urns and walk in a procession (Yatra) to the Mahakaleshwar Shiv Mandir where they would perform the Jal Abhishek of Baba. The participants in the meeting included Arjun Singh, Santosh Singh, Vinod Singh, Suresh Prasad, Prashant Kumar Singh, Lalji Kishore, Laxmi Prasad, Purnima Devi, Khushbu Sinha, Ranjo Devi and Sudha Singh. (w/gsd)

Scams rampant under Modi government: Geeta Koda



Chaibasa, August 25: In the Monsoon session, on the disclosure of scams and scams in the Modi government in the report of the Cash Controller and Accounts General Instructor in the monsoon session, Geeta Koda, Member of Parliament cum State Executive President, said that corruption is rampant under the nose of the BJP government at the Center. Talking to the media on Friday, the MP said that there is no government at the Center. There, efforts are being made to harass the governments through ED and Income Tax. Opposition MPs are not allowed to speak in the House. The mic is switched off, now that corruption has been confirmed by the CAG's report, the Prime Minister's silence is maintained, District President Chandrashekhar Das and District Spokesperson Jitendra Nath Ojha were also present in the press conference. (w.pb)

SSP lays foundation stone of new Police HQ building

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: East Singhbhum SSP Prabhat Kumar laid the foundation stone of the new building of district police headquarters on Thursday. A total of Rs 9 crore 19 lakh 60 thousand will be spent in the construction of the new building. It is being constructed in the present police headquarters premises only. State-of-the-art facilities will be present in this building. This building will be G+3, which is to be built in 10,000 square feet. Prabhat Kumar told that this building will be built



keeping the environment in mind. It is being constructed in such a way that there will be no need to keep the lights on during the day. There will be light

in the building only because of the light of the sun. At the same time, solar power will be used for electricity. The entire building will be air-



conditioned and there will also be Wi-Fi facility in the building. He told that the future of the new building has also been taken care of. The building will have a

waiting hall for visitors, a conference hall for 200 people, a video conference room, a war room, a pantry and a canteen, besides parking for employees and

visitors. There will also be a lift facility in this building. The SSP told that there will be a visitor's room on every floor. At the same time, there will be a complaint room and a general branch on the ground floor. The first floor will have the office of all DSPs and a secret branch will be there with them. On the second floor, there will be the office and secret branch of SSP, SP City, SP Rural and other IPS. There will be a record room on the third floor, where all the records will be kept safe. After the construction of this building, people will be able to come to the office.

Central government has propagated by glorifying lies : Kashyap



Seraikela, August 25: Congress MLA from Khijri, Rajesh Kachhap, who reached Seraikela on the report issued by the CAG, has exposed the Modi government at the Center by holding a press conference. In a press conference after a meeting with the district committee at Seraikela-based council, he said that the report issued by the CAG has exposed the deep corruption of the central government. According to the CAG report, the BJP government has carried out massive corruption in various projects including the Bharatmala project. He said that the CAG report has exposed seven scams of the Modi government right under the nose of Prime Minister Modi. In which forgery in the bidding process of the Bharatmala project, huge rigging in the Dwarika Expressway, payment of Amrit in Ayushman Bharat by showing people alive and forgery of 7.5 lakh Indians being connected to a single number, undue benefits from the throats of contractors in the Ayodhya development project. Transportation scam, wrongful recovery of Rs 132 crores from passengers in violation of toll rules, serious allegation of defects in design production of aircraft engines on HAL and diversion of old age, disabled and widow pension scheme money by Ministry of Rural Development to other schemes. Expenditure for publicity has been revealed. Dozens of Congressmen including Sanjeev Srivastava, Prince Singh, Suresh Dhari, Ramashankar Pandey, Tukun Bhanj, Devendra Nath Das, Rahul Yadav, Akhilesh Tiwari were present in the press conference organized under the leadership of Executive District President Ambuj Kumar. (W.pb)

Kalka Mata's Jhulan Utsav at Bistupur Rajasthan Bhawan

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: Kalka Mata Parivar Tata Nagar, celebrated the Jhulan Utsav (swing festival) of Kalka Mata, the revered deity of Shri Amarsar, at Bistupur Rajasthan Bhawan. The host couple, Satyanarayan Naredi and his wife performed the prayers while Pandit Dharmaveer from Varanasi conducted the rituals and tied protective threads on all devotees present.

Popular Bhajan singer Manoj Sharma Monu who commenced with Ganesh Vandana to initiate recitations from the holy verses, later went on to render religious songs in ode to the deity. Lost in devotional ecstasy, the devotees danced in tandem



to the Bhajans' lyrics to create an aura of devotion in and around the Bistupur Rajasthan Bhawan. Colour to this aura was heightened by women devotees who attended the Jhulan Utsav in traditional and

colourful Rajasthani attire. The main attraction of the festival was the eye-catching decoration of the divine court of Goddess Kalka Mata, the swing (Jhoola), fifty-six types of delicacies

(Chhappan Bhog), Akhand Jyot and prasad (consecrated food). The contribution of all members of Kalka Mata Parivar was pivotal in making this religious festival a success. (w/gsd)

Teacher-parent meeting

Seraikela, August 25: As per departmental instructions, a teacher-parent meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Principal in-charge Gangaram Tiyu in the premises of Boys Middle School Seraikela. In which mainly four points were discussed. While conducting the meeting by Sankul Sadhan Sevi Rajendra Nanda, it was informed that weekly evaluation is being done for the session 2023-24. In view of this parents were urged to send their children to school regularly. Apart from this, the newly enrolled children were urged to definitely get Aadhaar made and cooperate in opening bank accounts.

ITR filing workshop



Gamharia, August 25: A two-day workshop was organized for the students of commerce department at XITE College, Gamharia on Income Tax e-Return Filing. The workshop concluded on Friday. 37 students of the college took part in it. The objective of the workshop was to inform the students about the process of income tax and e-return filing. The students were informed about creating an account for e-return, editing personal information, calculating deduction, claiming tax reimbursement, etc. (W.rg)

Former Nagar Panchayat Vice President exposes corruption

Mail News Service

Seraikela, August 25: The corruption prevalent in the Animal Husbandry Office has been exposed by BJP Assembly Convener cum former Nagar Panchayat Vice President Manoj Kumar Chaudhary. Chaudhary has said that the entire Jharkhand is drowning in the quagmire of corruption. Recently, he had raised his voice about the corruption of the town hall at a cost of 8 crores. Today, as another example of corruption, he exposed the corruption of the Animal Husbandry Department. Even animals are not being spared after looting water, forest and land by the subordinates of the corrupt in the whole of Jharkhand. Releasing the photo and video, he said that the cost of a normal cow would be only 20 to 25 thousand. By managing all of them, the innocent tribals and farmers of Jharkhand are being cheated by purchasing them at a price of 60000 by the District Gavya Vikas Kendra. In this regard, when I sought information from the District Animal Husbandry Officer, the information about the scam was not given, but they started glorifying themselves. They have demanded a high-level inquiry into the entire scheme.

AFFIDAVIT

1. RAMBHA DEVI, wife of Vidya Sagar Singh by faith Hindu, by Nationality Indian, resident of 70, Road No-3, Block No-4, Shashtri Nagar, Kadma, Po: Kadma, PS: Kadma, Town - Jamshedpur, Distt - East Singhbhum, State, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :-
 1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth.
 2. That I have been residing at above mentioned place.
 3. That my Aadhar Card No.: 2520 9568 3950.
 4. That before marriage my name is "RAMBHA KUMARI" but after marriage my name is "RAMBHA DEVI".
 5. That "RAMBHA DEVI" & "RAMBHA KUMARI" is the same and one person i.e. myself.
 6. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts for all intents and purpose hence this affidavit.
 Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

1. Charanjeet Singh Son of Late Shingara Singh, Resident of Qr. No-25, Gandak Road, Near Golumuri, Thana- Tiplate, Golumuri, Jamshedpur-831001, Distt- East Singhbhum, Jharkhand do hereby solemnly affirm and declare a follows :-
 1. That I am Indian citizen by birth.
 2. That my actual and correct name is 'Charanjeet Singh'.
 3. That 'Gurmeet Singh' is written in my aadhar card vide 8604 8924 9876.
 4. That both name 'Charanjeet Singh' and 'Gurmeet Singh' is same and one person i.e. myself.
 5. That I want to necessary correction in my name in my Aadhar card vide as 'Charanjeet Singh' instead of Gurmeet Singh.
 6. That I am swearing this affidavit to confirm and true the above facts, and from today I have known as 'Charanjeet Singh' instead of 'Gurmeet Singh', and to produce before the any authority concerned for the same; hence this affidavit.
 Advocate

Four arrested for extortion, firing at company gate

Seraikela, August 25: An extortion of Rs 5 lakh was demanded through slip from Arjun Mahto, owner of Adityapur-based Ramdana Metal Private Limited. On August 19, miscreants tried firing at the company gate after not getting the extortion money. While taking action in the said case, the police arrested Raja Singh alias Raju, resident of Adityapur II, Prakash Gope alias Chhotu Gope, resident of Kulapatanga Basti, Rahul Singh, resident of Transport Colony and Guru Prasad Mahato, resident of Timaniya. During the search, one country-made revolver, one country-made pistol, four cartridges, and four mobiles have been seized from the accused.



Addressing the press conference, Superintendent of Police Dr. Vimal Kumar gave this information. He

told that the police got a tip-off that some youths were planning in Bantanagar to carry out the criminal incident. A team was formed and raided under the leadership of station in-charge RIT. When the police reached near Adityapur II Government Middle School located in Bantanagar and lit the torch, they saw that the youths sitting in the

verandah of the school started running after seeing the police. The police laid siege and arrested four youths. During interrogation of the police, Raja Singh alias Raju told that on August 19, Rahul Singh along with Prakash Gop alias Chhotu Gop, by giving a slip had sought extortion from Arjun Mahato. Both went to the

company in search of Arjun Mahato and gave the extortion slip to the guard of the company. After which the guard closed the gate, Rahul Singh tried to fire outside the gate but failed. After that both Rahul and Prakash came to Raja Singh said that no extortion money was received from Arjun Mahato and his plan to kill him also failed. (W.rg)

District Council Meeting of SER Bharat Scouts and Guides in Chakradharpur

Mail News Service

Chakradharpur, August 25: The District Council Meeting of S.E. Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides Chakradharpur District was convened in the DRM's Meeting Hall. The meeting was chaired by Arun Jatoh Rathod, DRM/CKP cum President of S.E. Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides CKP Division. Ashwini Kumar, Sr. DMM/CKP cum District Commissioner Scouts, Anil Kumar Puran, Assistant District



Commissioner cum ADEN (Settlement), and all District Office Bearers of Scouts and Guides of CKP, along with representatives from other Local Associations participated in the meeting.

Various issues were discussed during the meeting, and a decision was made to schedule the 32nd District Camp and Rally from December 28, 2023, to December 30, 2023. Addressing the assembly, DRM/CKP highlighted the commendable year-round efforts of the members of

S.E. Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides. He expressed his confidence that these Scouts, Guides, Rovers, Rangers and Leaders associated with

the organization would emerge as responsible citizens, contributing selflessly to the nation's welfare in future. He further stated, "I am sure that the dedicated members of this organization will enhance the reputation of CKP Division by achieving new milestones in Scouts and Guides competitions and activities. I extend my congratulations to the entire team of Scouts and Guides and wish them a bright future." Murari Lal Pathak delivered the Vote of Thanks. (w/gsd)

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MoU signed for country's first hydrogen fuel industry in Jamshedpur

Tata Cummins to invest Rs 350 crore in Jharkhand to produce green mobility solutions

Ranchi, August 25 (IANS): The country's first industry related to hydrogen fuel will be set up in Jamshedpur. For this, an MoU was signed between the Industries Department and TCPL Green Energy Solution Private Limited for an investment of Rs 354.28 crore. Chief Minister Hemant Soren was also present in the programme organized at Project Bhavan. The Chief Minister said that today is a historic day for Jharkhand, which has shown a historic step and courage to implement the

concept of clean energy. He said that Jharkhand is called a backward state, but he finds it difficult to say why this state is standing in the line of backwardness. He is looking for ways how to get Jharkhand out of backwardness, Soren added. The move will see an investment of over Rs 350 crore will be done over the next few years by TCPL GES to produce fuel-agnostic powertrain solutions including hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine (H-ICE), battery electric vehicle systems, fuel cell electric vehicle



systems, and fuel delivery systems. Like all other Cummins facilities, the TCPL GES site will comply with lean, clean and green manufacturing operations. The plant is expected to commence production in 2024 in a phased manner. As per current plans, the H-ICE will roll out first followed by the battery electric components and fuel delivery system related products. The MoU was signed by Jitendra Kumar, Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Jharkhand, and Ajay

Patil, CFO, Cummins Group in India, in the presence of Hemant Soren, Chief Minister of Jharkhand; Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors and Nitin Jirafe, VP, Engine Business, Cummins India. The investment is said to provide an opportunity for the state's skilled youth to work on new technologies and new processes and will help in creating direct employment opportunities of more than 300 youth, thus acting as an enabler for social and economic development of the state.

JMM, Congress slam ED for 'selective' action against corruption in Jharkhand

Ranchi, Aug. 25: Two days after the ED conducted massive raids in the liquor and land scams in the State, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and the Congress accused the central probe agency of being selective in taking action in the cases of money laundering. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has already challenged the ED summons in the Supreme Court in the land scam.

Addressing a press conference, senior JMM leader Supriyo Bhattacharya accused involvement of BJP state president Babul Marandi in corruption and asked the ED to take cognizance of a case explained in detail by him. He said that Marandi invested his black money in the business of land through Santhal Pargana Building Private Limited in which is

run by a board of three directors, including Babul Marandi's brother Ramia Marandi, Sunil Tiwari's wife Lalima Tiwari and Yogendra Tiwari. The JMM leader said Marandi returned to the BJP after showing his rebellion attitude only to save his business and it is expected from the ED to probe who are the present directors of the said company. He said being a constitutional body and

impartial action is expected from the ED. On the occasion, Bhattacharya supported by Congress party's Rakesh Sinha said it was wrong on the part of the probe agency to enter the house of state's finance minister Rameshwar Oraon in order to search his son in the liquor scam as Oraon is not an ordinary person. He said that Oraon before joining politics has served the country in the

capacity of an IPS officer and some etiquettes and manners were expected from the probe agency before knocking the door of a minister like Oraon. Congress party's Sinha said the ED has become an election management department of the BJP as it acts in the non-BJP ruled states during elections. He cited the ED's action in poll-bound Chhatisgarh as an example to support his statement.

PM Modi to visit ISRO in Bengaluru on today

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS): Within hours of his returning from Greece, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday will visit the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru. He will reach the ISRO campus at around 7:15 a.m., immediately after returning from his visit to South Africa and Greece, official sources said. Modi will meet and interact with ISRO scientists involved in the Chandrayaan-3 mission. He will also be briefed about the findings and progress in the Chandrayaan-3 mission, sources said. After witnessing the successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 mis-



sion's soft landing on Moon on Wednesday via video conferencing from South Africa, the Prime Minister had described it as a historic moment for the whole country.

Adani-Hindenburg case: 22 out of 24 probe reports final, SEBI tells SC

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS): In a fresh status report filed before the Supreme Court, the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said on Friday that it will take appropriate action based on the outcome of the investigations into the Adani-Hindenburg matter. The market regulator said that as on August 25, it has examined 24 matters in compliance with the orders of the top court. "Out of the said 24 investigations, 22 are final in nature and two are interim in nature. As on date, the said 22 final investigation reports and one interim investigation report have been approved by the competent authority in accordance with SEBI's extant practice and procedures," said the status report filed by SEBI Executive Director, V.S. Sundaresan. Further, it said that in respect of one remaining matter, interim findings have been approved by the competent authority, and SEBI has sought information from external agencies or entities.

Delhi court grants permission to Sisodia to open new bank account

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS): A Delhi court has granted permission to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, an accused in the excise policy case, to sign specific documents necessary for opening a new bank account. This decision came in light of Sisodia's previous account being provisionally attached by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Special Judge M.K. Nagpal of Rouse Avenue Court allowed Sisodia to sign a request letter addressed to the Delhi assembly for the purpose of crediting his salary as the sitting MLA from Delhi's Patparganj constituency to the new account he intends to open. Sisodia had expressed that his family was facing difficulties due to the provisional attachment of his previous savings bank account by the ED.

Banna cites CAG report to flag scam under "Modi government"

"Cong to launch massive stir if action not taken"

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: State health minister and Jamshedpur West MLA Banna Gupta said that the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) presented during monsoon session of the Parliament has exposed scam of Narendra Modi government.

Addressing media at Circuit House, Banna Gupta said irregularities worth lakhs of crores of rupees have been exposed in the country. "I demand the Prime Minister of the country to register a case against the ministries involved in scams and take action. Otherwise, the Congress party will be forced to launch a nation-wide mass movement," Banna threatened.

"The construction cost of Dwarka Expressway road



of Rs. 18 crore per kilometer was approved by the cabinet and it has been increased to Rs. 250 crore per kilometer. The much publicized Ayushman Bharat health scheme of the Modi government has crossed all limits of scams. Registration of 7.5 lakh

beneficiaries was found on only one mobile number. Similarly, thousands of beneficiaries were found registered on many other fake numbers, which has been revealed in the audit report of CAG," said Gupta. "Modi ji's government made a record in the

Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme, the amount was withdrawn by showing treatment under the Ayushman scheme in the name of dead persons. There were 88670 such dead persons, using whose names the forgery was carried out," he claimed.

"Random audit of only 5 toll plazas, the CAG found that an excess of Rs 132 crore was collected from road users. This is pick-pocketing of the people. The NHA carried out this scam by following the rules of the toll plaza," he added. "There were 14 projects under Swadeshi Darshan Yojana, in which 8 projects got delayed from 22 months to 47 months, 6 projects are still pending. According to the CAG report, for the period from 2014-15 to 2018-19, 76 projects were worth Rs 5,45,569 crore. These projects were started despite the objection of the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Tourism sanctioned the fund without cabinet approval, while projects worth more than Rs 1,000 crore require cabinet approval," said Gupta. Banna Gupta further said that there were huge irregu-

larities in the auction of coal mines. On auditing the auction process of coal mines, the CAG found that there was loot and embezzlement of public money. There should have been competition in the auction of coal mines, but it did not happen. This was managed by a combination of corporates and their subsidiary companies. "There were errors and discrepancies in the valuation (value assessment) of the auctioned mines, which caused huge loss of revenue to the government. Potential level of competition was not achieved in the auction bid of 11 coal mines auctioned in the first two phases," said Gupta. Banna Gupta told that the CAG has found errors in the tendering process of Bharatmala projects. The construction cost of this project is Rs 15.37 crore per km which was increased to Rs 32 crore per km. (W.rg)

Seminar on Emerging Opportunities in Jharkhand: Consul General of the US promises support

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: A seminar titled "Emerging Opportunities in Jharkhand in collaboration with USA" was jointly organised by the Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) and the United States of America. The seminar, held at a prominent city hotel, aimed to shed light on the burgeoning prospects for investment and economic growth in Jharkhand while fostering a stronger partnership between the two nations. The event was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including Melinda Pavek, Consul General of the US Consulate Kolkata, who served as the Chief Guest.

IACC, founded in 1968, stands as the paramount bilateral Chamber dedicated to fostering economic engagement between India and the United States. The East India Council of IACC, renowned for its vibrant and proactive approach, plays a pivotal role in facilitating trade, commerce, and the formulation of favorable business policies for enterprises seeking to establish a presence in the two thriving economies. The seminar's significance is accentuated by the recent upsurge in economic collaboration between the United States and India, propelled by the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As both nations explore new avenues for partnership and development, the seminar aimed to illuminate the promis-



ing opportunities that Jharkhand, with its abundant resources and strategic location, offers to prospective investors.

The city of Jamshedpur marked a crucial milestone by establishing its 13th IACC chapter in the country, further

solidifying the Chamber's commitment to driving growth and innovation across the region. Under the leadership of Nakul

Kamani as the President and with the dedicated efforts of Cdr Sanjeev Raman (Retired from the Indian Navy) and Dilip Goyal as Vice Chairman, the Jamshedpur Chapter aims to catalyze economic transformation and enhance the business ecosystem. The seminar witnessed insightful discussions and deliberations on various aspects of investment, economic trends, and growth prospects in Jharkhand. The collaboration between IACC and the USA serves as a beacon of hope, guiding enterprises towards lucrative avenues in line with the vision of economic prosperity shared by both nations. Addressing the seminar, Chief Guest Melinda Pavek, Consul General of the US Consulate Kolkata, lauded the

efforts of IACC and its partners in fostering stronger economic ties between India and the United States. She highlighted the importance of such collaborative initiatives in strengthening people-to-people connections, fostering innovation, and advancing shared economic goals. The seminar, an embodiment of the spirit of international cooperation, serves as a platform for enterprises, policymakers, and thought leaders to explore, strategize, and actualize mutually beneficial partnerships in the emerging landscape of Jharkhand. As the event concluded on a note of optimism, it reaffirmed the commitment of both IACC and the United States towards a future characterized by prosperity, innovation, and inclusive growth.

Bajaj Finance Fixed Deposits cross Rs 50,000 crore

New Delhi, August 25: Bajaj Finance Limited, one of India's leading and diversified Non-Banking Financial Company, and part of Bajaj Finserv, today said its Fixed Deposits book had crossed a milestone of Rs. 50,000 crore. Bajaj Finance has half a million depositors, with each depositor having placed 2.87 deposits, totalling 1.4 million deposits.

Bajaj Finance has the highest credit rating of AAA/Stable for its long-term debt programme from CRISIL, ICRA, CARE and India Ratings, A1+ for its short-term debt programme from CRISIL, ICRA and India Ratings, and AAA (Stable) for its fixed deposits programme from CRISIL and ICRA. Sachin Sikka, Executive Vice President - Fixed Deposits & Investments, Bajaj Finance, said, "We have focused on offering long-term savings solutions for our customers at attractive interest rates. The rapid growth of our Fixed Deposits portfolio, which increased twice over in the last two years, is reflective of customer trust in the Bajaj Finserv brand, the ease of booking Fixed Deposits digitally and our country-wide presence."

Bajaj Finance offers among the highest interest rates on FDs for a tenor of 44 months, at 8.60% for senior citizens and 8.35% for others.

Over 10 years, the company has grown its deposit book at a CAGR of 60% and depositor count at a CAGR of 49%. The company offers interest rates of 7.40% for a tenor of 12 months and 7.55% for 24 months. For 36 to 60 months, interest rates are at 8.05%. Senior citizens are offered an additional 0.25% on these rates. Bajaj Finance has 73 million customers and 40.2 million customers on its App. The company has been seeing a significant number of its customers across age groups opting for FDs through its digital channels.

Physics Wallah announces launch of its PWNSAT 2023

Durgapur, August 25 : PW (Physics Wallah), a leading unicorn Ed-Tech company, that has announced the launch of its PWNSAT 2023 (Physics Wallah National Scholarship cum Admission Test). The exam will be conducted in both offline and online mode and will be open to students of class 6 to 12, as well as droppers, who are aspiring to study for JEE or NEET.

This year, Physics Wallah is offering scholarships worth 200 crores to students who perform well in the PWNSAT exam. The exam will be held on October 1st, 8th, and 15th, 2023 in offline mode and students can give the exam from 1st October to 15th October in online mode. Registration for the exam can be done through the PW website, and app, or at the nearest offline PW center now until October 15th, 2023. The results of the exam will be announced on October 20th, 2023. Ankit Gupta, CEO Vidyapeeth Offline, PW said, "The exam helped more than 1.1 lakh students and over 120 crores worth of scholarships were distributed. We believe that every student deserves access to quality education, regardless of their financial background."

Delhi HC criticises I-T department for delayed appeal filing

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) The Delhi High Court has expressed strong criticism towards the Income Tax (I-T) department for filing an appeal after a delay of nearly 500 days. The court stated that such deliberate inaction cannot be accepted and emphasised the need for officials to be penalised for such conduct. A division bench of Justices Rajiv Shukla and Girish Kathpalia noted that despite previous judicial pronouncements expressing dissatisfaction with the behaviour of government officials in terms of delays, there has been little change in their attitude. The court remarked that such delays often stem from extreme negligence and dereliction of duties on the part of government officials. The court further mentioned that such delays can have detrimental effects, especially when they are used to exploit limitations and dismiss government appeals, thereby benefiting a particular party.

The judges called for a shift from negligence to due diligence to prevent justice from being compromised due to indifference and negligence. The case in question dealt with an application filed by the Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, seeking to condone a delay of 498 days in filing an appeal under the Income Tax Act. The court dismissed the application and the appeal, pointing out the importance of adhering to the law of limitation and expressing the need for government officials to act with due expedition. The judges concluded by expecting that legal representatives, who represent the revenue in court, would educate their officers about the Supreme Court's stance on such issues, referring to a previous case (Bherulal) that dealt with similar matters.

Ahead of G20 Summit, Delhi Traffic Police unveils comprehensive advisory

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Ahead of the G20 Summit in the national capital on September 9 and 10, the Delhi Traffic Police (DTP) on Friday unveiled a comprehensive advisory to ensure seamless vehicular movement during the highly-anticipated event. In its advisory, the DTP urged drivers to proactively adjust their travel plans in light of the anticipated traffic diversions on the two days.

Commuters have been requested to avoid embarking on journeys to areas falling within the designated Regulated and Controlled Zones. However, recognising that some trips might be unavoidable, road users have been provided with specific alternate routes. According to the advisory, commuters coming from North-South corridor routes can opt for Ring Road, Ashram Chowk, Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Noida Link Road, Pusta Road, Yudhisthir Setu, ISBT Kashmere Gate, Ring Road and Majnu Ka Tila. Motorists coming from South to North Delhi can take routes from AIMS Chowk, Ring Road, Dhaura Kuan, Ring Road, Brar Square, Naraina Flyover, Rajouri Garden Junction, Ring Road, Punjabi Bagh Junction, Ring Road and Azad Pur Chowk. Commuters travelling from East-West corridor can take Sun Dial/DND Flyover, Ring Road, Ashram Chowk, Moolchand Underpass, AIMS Chowk, Ring Road, Dhaura Kuan, Ring Road, Brar Square and Naraina Flyover. "Yudhisthir Setu, Ring Road, Chandgi Ram Akhara, Mall Road, Azad Pur Chowk, Ring Road and Lala Jagat Narayan Marg routes can be taken from people travelling from East to West Delhi," the traffic advisory says. It further cautioned that road journeys to the New Delhi Railway Station from Ajmeri Gate side will be affected on September 10 between 5 a.m and 1 p.m. "Passengers are encouraged to utilize the Metro services. For road journeys, suggested routes include Dhaura Kuan - Ring Road - Naraina Flyover - Mayapuri Chowk - Kirti Nagar Main Road - Shadipur Flyover - Patel Road (Main Mathura Marg) - R/A Pusa - Pusa Road - Dayal Chowk - Panchkuian Road - Outer Circle Connaught Place - Chelmsford Road for Paharganj side, or Minto Road - Bhavbhuti Marg for Ajmeri Gate side," stated the advisory.

Indian ulema must look up to lodestars, Nahdlatul Ulama and World Muslim League

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) India in the last one year saw two pivotal religious activities. One saw an assembly of Indian and Indonesian Ulema (scholars) deliberating upon fomenting interfaith dialogue.

The second was the visit of Sheikh Mohammed Abdul Karim al-Issa who is chief of the Saudi-based World Muslim League, who was on a similar mission.

Both the series of events left behind a trail of reformist path that Indian Ulema have to urgently follow.

Why are there lessons for Indian Ulema? First, despite India being safe from extreme radical thoughts expounded by groups like Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and like-minded groups, threat persists as these groups are active in India's immediate neighbourhood.

Second, the rapid advance of democratic thoughts and technological advancements has left no choice but swiftly accommodating to the new environment.

India and Indonesia have two of the largest Muslim populations in the world, around 200 million each.

Religious activities of such a large mass of people leave a lasting impression about Islam and its role in world politics.

Both these countries have deep histories of religious diversity and thus the emphasis on the democratic principles of peaceful coexistence and harmony naturally becomes expedient.

Indonesia, like India, too faced the danger of religious extremism only a few years back. Infamous Bali bombing is a grim reminder of that immediate past. However, the Indonesian government came up with a solution through Nahdlatul Ulama - a traditionalist organisation with an estimated membership of over 95 million - to promote globally the notion of Islam Nusantara (Islam of the Indonesian Archipelago).

Founded in 1926 by the Ulama and merchants to defend both traditionalist Islamic practices (in accordance with Shafi'i school) and its members' economic interests, the organisation has today become a fountain of religious reforms and people-oriented poverty alleviation programmes.

What is particularly



unique in the Indonesian understanding of Islam is that it combines the religious teachings with the local context. This essentially means that the principles of Islam can be adapted to the context in any case and this makes it easier to apply the teachings rather than having a rigid interpretation of the religion.

This rigid interpretation essentially becomes a breeding ground of radicalisation and religious extremism. The new coinage that the Nahdlatul Ulama has invented is "humanitarian Islam" that appeals to every section of the society and embraces everyone simply as fellow human beings. Besides

preaching Islamic values, the Nahdlatul Ulama undertakes educational activities through its network of 6,830 Islamic boarding schools (or pesantren). It also owns 44 universities; is involved in economic and agricultural studies; and provides social services such as family planning.

In 2019, it called for the abolishment of the term "kafir" to describe non-Muslims. In extending a hand of support and cooperation to Indonesia, India aims to bring this ideology of 'moderate Islam' to the forefront.

Indian ulema have to take cues from the NU and employ themselves in educational activities. They

must come up with a mutually agreed charter to make reforms on within the line.

Besides, they all have to take initiatives on their own for madrasa reforms or welcome the government steps in this direction. More importantly, they have to shun any "theory of distance from non-Muslim" if it exists in the Muslim society.

Like Nahdlatul Ulama, the Jeddah-based World Muslim League, that has a wide network among Muslims around the globe, has illustrated how reforms can be bravely launched. The MWL, under Dr al-Issa, has demonstrated exemplary courage in shunning a number of religious texts that somehow sowed seeds of discord or were vague in their interpretations.

This has been done with backing of Saudi crown prince Mohammed Bin Salman who seems to have a clear vision of reform-oriented Saudi Arabia which he is set to rule after his father King Salman bin Abdul Aziz. The Saudi Royal Family had hitherto followed and promoted Wahhabism and granted the movement authority over education and public

morality.

The hardline doctrinaire movement is slowly being blunted edge by edge, making it more accommodative of other viewpoints and changing circumstances. The MWL, under Dr al-Issa, is known for its moderation and a fervent search for world peace.

During his India visit, he asked Indian scholars to purge "toxic literature" (meaning that promotes disharmony and discord) and make reforms in religious text books. He also called India an ideal democracy and a perfect place for Muslims to live in. Now, the onus is on Indian Ulema to take quick cues from examples of Nahdlatul Ulama and the MWL which have daringly established themselves as harbingers of change in Muslim thoughts and practices.

India ulema have to show similar courage and embark on a reformist road without wasting any precious time. The lead should ideally be taken by leading seminaries and Ulema. They have hogged all the limelight yet far and thus must be the vanguard of change as well. Time is knocking at their doors.

Day after accusing BJP of tarnishing Chhattisgarh govt's image, CM Baghel meets Priyanka

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who had accused the BJP of tarnishing the image of his government, on Friday met Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and discussed several issues. Baghel also met former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi at her 10 Janpath residence. "Had a meeting with our leader, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi today. There was meaningful discussion on many issues including the politics of the country, the state, and the future strategy," he posted on X, formerly Twitter. Baghel and his government in Chhattisgarh are facing the heat of the central agencies just ahead of the crucial Assembly elections in the mineral-rich state.

He had arrived in the national capital on Thursday and also addressed a press conference alleging the misuse of the central agencies by the BJP government at the centre.

On Wednesday, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had carried out searches at several locations in the state, including his political adviser Vindoo Verma.

Rahul repeatedly making baseless statements: BJP



New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) The BJP on Friday slammed Congress MP Rahul Gandhi after he took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra over alleged Chinese incursions saying Gandhi is repeatedly making baseless statements. Earlier in the day, the Congress MP at a public meeting in Kargil said "Every person in Ladakh knows that China has taken the land of India and the Prime Minister is not ready to speak." Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said, "I am not able to understand why Rahul Gandhi ji has so much love for China. Is this in favour of the aid that the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation got? He is again and again ready to argue with the Indian government. He is repeatedly making baseless statements. He is unrestrained." Referring to the previous Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government at the Centre, he said, "What was the relationship with China with their government? What is the relationship with our government? We want to clarify that under the leadership of Narendra Modi after our government rode to power (at Centre), a think tank from Beijing in 2020, had said China is passing through its worst diplomatic isolation post Tiananmen Square." "During Doklam, the food he had with the Chinese ambassador, he did not tell, the photo came from there. Your habit of repeatedly asking (the government). What is the reason behind this? It should be made clear," he said. Reminding Gandhi of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Trivedi said, "Nehru during his time supplied rice to Chinese forces."

Nuh violence was not over religion, hate speech won't be tolerated: Gurugram police commissioner

Gurugram, Aug 25 (IANS) Vikas Arora, the newly-appointed Police Commissioner of Gurugram, on Friday said the recent violence in Haryana's Nuh, which spread to several other districts, was not over religious issue, but was an act of some anti-social elements.

"Some anti-social elements were behind the communal clashes. However, police will not spare anyone and those involved in the violence will be arrested and police will trace every case. He also added that Gurugram Police will not tolerate hate speech. Police have already taken action against people involved in hate speech and sent them behind bars," Arora said.

The commissioner further said that to deal with Nuh-like incidents, five companies will be deployed in the city on the lines of the Rapid Action Force (RAF). These companies will be deployed in each of the four zones of the district and one company will be deployed at the headquarters level. Each company will consist of over 100 policemen.



"These teams will be trained like the RAF. For this, a training centre will also be set up at the police line or other place. Along with training, all equipment will also be provided to deal with crowd management. These companies will be formed within two weeks," he added.

He asserted that to tackle cybercrime, a help desk has already been installed at each four cybercrime police stations in Gurugram. Policemen will be given training to investigate cyber crime cases and help will be taken from corporates and training sessions will also be organised for effective action.

"Facebook, Twitter (now X), Instagram, and Google companies have their headquarters in Gurugram. Efforts will be made after talking to their management to provide

necessary information for the police in the investigation. To deal with cyber crimes, better coordination with the Nuh police and Bharatpur police was established to tighten the noose on cyber criminals operating there," Arora said.

The Commissioner stated that, to deal with traffic mess on the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway, the police will develop coordination with the NHAI officials for better management, especially at entry and exit points. Action will also be initiated against wrong-lane driving and drunk driving.

He also said black spots will be identified on the roads where accidents are more frequent. "Road engineering will be checked for defects. After this the concerned agency will be asked to correct it and if they fail to take appropriate action."

10-yr-old Mumbai boy becomes world's youngest PADI-certified scuba diver

Mumbai, Aug 25 (IANS) In a significant achievement, a city student has become the world's youngest PADI-certified Junior Open Water Diver, a day after his 10th birthday, his family members said on Friday.

The boy, Dwit A. Nandu, studying in Class 4 in St. Francis D'Assisi High School, celebrated his 10th birthday on Thursday (August 24) and the new laurel was proclaimed on Friday at Temple Adventures, Pondicherry, said his joyous father Dr. Amit Nandu, who is a professor of Accountancy in H.R. College of Commerce & Economics.

Scuba Diving is regulated by the Australia-based Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI),

working in 186 countries, and it issues certification to divers which make them qualified to dive around the world.

The first level certification is called 'Junior Open Water Diver' (12 metres), followed by 'Open Water Diver', then 'Advanced Open Water Diver' (30 metres), 'Deep Diver' (40 metres), and then the professional 'tech-diver' categories for greater depths.

"As per PADI rules, the minimum age for a certified diver is 10 years. At 10 years one can begin the course and then get certified. Dwit's 10th Birthday was on 24 August. He had started preparing for the course well in advance and he completed it today, creating a world record," gushed Dr Nandu.



He explained that the rigorous course involved learning advanced swimming, ability to swim 200 meters without any aid or support, studying five modules, cracking a written exam based on them, finishing confined water training in a swimming

pool and then completing four open water dives.

For the past one year, Dwit was immersed deep in the preparations for his global record, undergoing swimming coaching at a club in Borivali, then for the PADI-certified Temple Adventures diving centre in

Pondicherry.

In a certificate issued by the instructor Riyas Jalal, the East Coast Watersports Pvt Ltd said: "Dwit has completed his Scuba Diver Course on his 10th birthday on 24 August, 2023, diving to the depth of 40 feet and finished his PADI Junior

Open Water Diver Course on 25 August, 2023 around 0800 hrs. Thus, he attained the position of youngest Junior Open Water Diver in the world by completing the course at the age of 10 years and 18 hours."

Incidentally, scuba diving practically runs in the family for years with Dr. Nandu himself a Certified Deep Diver, his elder son Jinay, 21 -- studying at IIT Bombay -- is an Advanced Open Water Diver, and now Dwit has become a world record-holder Junior Open Water Diver (12 metres).

The divers' family is looked after by Charmi Nandu, a former banker turned housewife, who ensures her sons, Jinay and Dwit, are on their toes both -- academically and in the diving arena.

New global fund to halt, reverse biodiversity loss by 2030

Amid a record wildfire in British Columbia, good news for nature in a challenging moment came, with representatives of 185 countries agreed at the Global Environment Facility's Seventh Assembly here to launch an innovative new fund for biodiversity that will attract funding from governments, philanthropy and the private sector.

The new Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) has been designed to mobilise and accelerate investment in the conservation and sustainability of wild species and ecosystems, whose health is under threat from wildfires, flooding, extreme weather and human activity, including urban sprawl.

The new fund was ratified and launched at the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly in Vancouver, where two countries announced initial contributions to start its capitalisation. This included 200 million Canadian dollars from Canada and 10 million pounds from the UK.

The GEF Assembly has brought together 1,500 people from around the world, including environmental leaders and managers from government, business, academia and civil society, including Indigenous people, women and young people.

The once-every-four-year gathering is taking place during a record wildfire season in British Columbia and at the start of what is expected to be a record hurricane season in North America, fuelled by record Pacific and Atlantic Ocean temperatures.

"Countries have come together in Vancouver to turn things around for the health of the planet and its people. This is a hugely positive moment that will be remembered far into the future. We have shown at the Seventh GEF Assembly that even in difficult conditions -- with wildfire smoke as our backdrop -- we can move forward to build a more biodiverse planet for everyone's benefit," said Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson of the GEF.

The GBFF's ratification came eight months after the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity agreed on a historic set of global biodiversity goals known as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and decided to set up a new GEF-managed fund to support its implementation.

The GEF is a family of funds supporting developing countries' action on inter-related environmental challenges, including biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution. In June, the GEF Council approved the arrangements to establish the fund during a meeting in Brazil.

The contributions announced in Vancouver will support action towards halting and reversing biodiversity loss by 2030 and putting nature on a recovery path by 2050.

"Biodiversity is the critical foundation of our well-being and the health of our planet. The new Global Biodiversity Framework Fund will play a key role in addressing biodiversity loss. It will address it in developing countries, where the impacts of nature loss are highest; it will address it in a gender-responsive manner, including through cross-sectoral partnerships; it will address it in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, the original guardians of the lands and seas," said Ahmed Hussen, Canada's Minister of International Development.

"Canada is making a significant contribution to this new fund and continuing to show our support for the GEF's eighth replenishment to ensure the protection of our planet's biodiversity for generations to come."

Steven Guilbeault, Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, said, "We are at a pivotal time of unprecedented environmental challenges as the world is being confronted by the triple crises of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss."

"The urgency of a global response has never been greater. Over the last eight months, since COP-15, we have seen outstanding collaboration between countries and international partners, and we need to keep the momentum going. Canada's longstanding partnership with the GEF is central to our efforts and underscores our shared commitment to collaboration and climate action," he added.

"As we confront the critical challenge of halting and reversing biodiversity loss around the world, working together has never been more important. Our initial contribution to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund showcases the UK's ongoing dedication to protecting our planet's natural diversity and through vital international cooperation we are paving the way for a more sustainable future for our planet," said the UK Nature Minister Trudy Harrison.

The new fund will mobilise and disburse new and additional resources from public, private and philanthropic sources, with a focus on the sustainability of biodiversity and ecosystems. As much as 20 per cent of its resources will support Indigenous-led initiatives to protect and conserve biodiversity. It will also prioritise support for Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries, which will receive more than a third of the fund's resources.

"The creation of this fund and its commitment to supporting Indigenous Peoples and local communities is an important and clear recognition of the fundamental role they have had for generations protecting biodiversity," said Lucy Mulenkei, Co-Chair of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

"We welcome the ratification and launch of the fund. We also welcome the contributions from donors which will facilitate the early operationalisation of the fund in advance of COP-16. This shows the determination of the world community to implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and shows that the world is moving from agreement to action," said David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Applauding the GEF Assembly for ratifying the GBF Fund, Oscar Soria, Avaaz campaign director, said: "The time for half-measures has passed; now is the moment to confront this crisis head-on."

"The GEF must rise to this moment of urgency by ensuring robust and direct financial support to empower IPLCs in their critical roles and efforts, and by prioritising indigenous-led ecosystem management strategies with the necessary financial resources to continue protecting our planet." "Surely donors can come up with the paltry \$40 million needed to operationalise the GBF Fund today." "With wildfires wreaking havoc in British Columbia, where the meeting is taking place, but also in many other areas around the world, like Hawaii, the Amazon and the Congo basin, Avaaz, a global movement uniting nearly 70 million members across nations, stressed the pivotal role of Indigenous Peoples in safeguarding biodiversity and preventing environmental contingencies such as wildfires

Covid new variants BA.2.86, EG. 5.1 does not pose any danger to Indians: Experts

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New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS) The new Omicron sub-variants BA.2.86 and EG. 5.1 will not pose any risk to Indians, said experts here amid fresh concerns of Covid-19.

BA.2.86, known to be highly mutated, has been linked to 6 cases in 4 countries: Israel, Denmark, the UK and the US. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has designated BA.2.86 as a variant under monitoring (VUM).

EG. 5.1 is currently present in 55 countries and has also been designated by the WHO as a "variant of interest" (VOI).

"While EG.5 has shown increased prevalence, growth advantage, and immune escape properties, there have been no reported changes in disease severity to date. We haven't witnessed anything new as far as symptomatology is concerned, but many suspected Covid patients are getting negative RT-PCR tests," Dr Vidya S Nair, Senior Consultant & HOD unit 2 - Pulmonology at Marengo Asia Hospitals, Faridabad, told IANS.

"BA.2.86 will not pose any danger to India, because India has been having Omicron since last almost 20 months," added epidemiologist Dr Ishwar Gilada at the 55th Seminars on International Planetary Emergencies at Erice, Sicily, Italy, citing BA.2 and BA.4.

He noted that India has an edge over the two new variants, as the country has "since the beginning got good immunity so it will not affect India adversely".

Although there has been slight uptick in cases, Dr Gilada said the variants are not giving rise to any kind of oxygen demand, demand



for bed ICU ventilators and deaths are very, very low.

The WHO, meanwhile, said that "based on the available evidence, the public health risk posed by EG.5 has been evaluated as low and it is similar to other circulating variants of interest".

For BA.2.86, the global health agency said that the information is "limited". "To date, there is no evidence of significant changes in the public health impact of these sub-lineages and there is no justification for the assignment of a new 'variant of concern', the WHO added.

"It is indeed too early to draw sweeping conclusions about the BA.2.86 Covid variant. While it has made its presence known, we do not have sufficient data to assert whether it is more infectious than its predecessors. According to the reported cases, most of its symptoms are that of the flu variant, just like the EG.5.1 variant, the symptoms of Covid variant BA.2.86 are similar to that of the flu-like cold, cough, lethargicness,

myalgia, fever etc," Dr. Tribhuvan Gulati, Lead Consultant, Diabetes, Obesity & Internal Medicine at the CK Birla Hospital, told IANS.

On Monday, senior officials of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) held a high-level meeting to review the global and national Covid situation, newer variants in circulation and their public health impact.

It was highlighted that while globally a total of 2,96,219 new cases of Covid were reported in the past seven days, India, which contributes to nearly 17 per cent of global population, reported only 223 cases (0.075 per cent of global new cases) in the past week.

It was informed that the daily average of new cases continues to be below 50 from the entire country, with a weekly test positivity rate of less than 0.2 per cent. "New variants will keep on coming and we should keep on monitoring. However, there should be no cause of concern till the trajectory doesn't say that people can get into a requirement of bed or

hospitalisation or it was a kind of serious illness. So long as that is not the case. I think we should keep on monitoring," said Dr. Gilada.

"We should not be worried. We have natural immunity because of the infection to earlier variants or sub-variants. We have been vaccinated and when we have been vaccinated and having natural immunity, also called hybrid immunity, we also have our memory cells in us which get activated as soon as the attack from similar virus or organism comes. First our memory cells get activated then we have our own defence system so I think we should understand those things," he said.

Dr Rahul Pandit, Chair, critical care, Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai told IANS "we really don't know whether the mutation which has, has got any implications on its infectivity, or its severity. So I think as of now, we don't need to be panicking in India at all, there is no case detected in India as of now".

95% of Indian IT leaders believe genAI soon have big role at their firms: Report

About 95 per cent of Indian IT leaders believe that generative artificial intelligence (AI) will soon have a prominent role in their organisations, a new report said on Friday.

According to the enterprise software major Salesforce, 87 per cent of IT leaders in India said that the role of AI in their organisations is well-defined.

The report highlighted trends impacting IT organisations, such as shifting approaches to application development, the widening gap between IT services demand and supply, and the transformative impact of automation and artificial intelligence.

"Delivering innovation, turning data into action, and rising to meet increasing security threats,



business has never asked more of technology and its leaders. Driving business value is critical and return on investments and speed are IT's top success measures," said Deepak Pargaonkar, VP - Solution Engineering, Salesforce India.

The report included IT leaders across 28 counties, including 300 from India.

Moreover, the report mentioned that 74 per cent of Indian IT organisations have trouble keeping up with demands from the

business, as 91 per cent project increased demand over the next 18 months.

In response, 95 per cent of IT leaders said that they're increasingly focused on driving operational efficiencies.

Only 40 per cent of Indian IT organisations can support all app development requests they receive. To scale their capacity, 83 per cent have adopted low-code or no-code tools, and 53 per cent use composability

About 76 per cent of IT leaders have trouble balancing business and security objectives, prompting them to adopt an array of defence measures. Nearly 63 per cent of IT organisations use data encryption, for example, and 59 per cent use multi-factor authentication, the report showed.

7 in 10 workers are millennials in India: Report

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According to the Great Place To Work India report, a remarkable 87 per cent of millennials consider their current companies to be a great workplace.

The report also stated that 39 per cent of millennials have grown to managerial positions, a testament to the progressive leadership development strategies employed by these companies.

"As torchbearers of change, millennials today demand transparency and equity. They courageously probe the essence of fairness within organisations, urging their leaders to uphold the values they profess. In this era of open communication, they expect their workplaces to mirror their aspirations," said Yeshasvini Ramaswamy, CEO, Great Place To Work India.

Moreover, the report said that the rise of millennial managers underscores their prowess in shaping and nurturing workplace



cultures that resonate with the values and aspirations of their generation.

About 52 per cent of millennials expressed confidence in their leaders' judgment.

Millennials undergo varying experiences across industries, with noteworthy contrasts emerging. In four of nine sectors, millennials

exhibit strong positivity when organisations contribute positively to society.

Conversely, issues like perceived managerial favouritism and equitable profit sharing generate the least positive responses, the report mentioned.

Notably, millennials constitute a substantial percentage in key

sectors -- 75 per cent in Financial Services and Insurance, 75 per cent in Healthcare, and 72 per cent in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical fields. As workplaces continue to evolve, 45 per cent of millennials reported experiencing abundant innovation opportunities, fostering creativity and cutting-edge thinking.

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Supreme Court guidelines on what's acceptable language when you're talking about gender roles

Stereotype (INCORRECT)	Alternative (PREFERRED)
Adulteress	Woman who has engaged in sexual relations outside of marriage
Affair	Relationship outside of marriage
Bastard	Non-marital child or, a child whose parents were not married
Biological sex / biological male / biological female	Sex assigned at birth
Born a girl / boy	Assigned female / male at birth
Career woman	Woman
Carnal intercourse	Sexual intercourse
Chaste woman	Woman
Child prostitute	Child who has been trafficked
Concubine / keep	Woman with whom a man has had romantic or sexual relations outside of marriage
Dutiful wife / Faithful wife / Good wife / Obedient wife	Wife
Woman of easy virtue	Woman
Eve teasing	Street sexual harassment
Faggot	Accurately describe the individual's sexual orientation (e.g., homosexual or bisexual)
Fallen woman	Woman
Feminine hygiene products	Menstrual products
Forcible rape	Rape
Harlot	Woman
Hermaphrodite	Intersex
Hooker	Sex worker
Housewife	Homemaker
Indian woman / western woman	Woman
Layabout / Shirker	Unemployed
Marriageable age	A woman who has attained the legal age required to marry
Mistress	Woman with whom a man has had romantic or sexual relations outside of marriage
Prostitute	Sex worker
Provider / Breadwinner	Employed or earning
Provocative clothing / dress	Clothing / dress
Ravished	Sexually harassed / assaulted or raped
Seductress	Woman
Sex change	Sex reassignment or gender transition
Slut	Woman
Splinter	Unmarried woman
Survivor or Victim?	An individual who has been affected by sexual violence may identify herself as either a 'survivor' or 'victim'
Transsexual	Transgender
Transvestite	Cross-dresser
Unwed Mother	Mother
Violated	Sexually harassed / assaulted, or raped
Whore	Woman
Woman of loose morals / easy virtue / promiscuous woman / wanton woman	Woman

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Vinesh Phogat slams Brij Bhushan after UWW suspends Wrestling Federation of India

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Commonwealth and Asian Games gold medalist wrestler Vinesh Phogat slammed former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Saran Singh after United World Wrestling (UWW) provisionally suspended the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) with immediate effect for not conducting elections on time.

The national wrestling governing body was supposed to conduct elections in June. Unfortunately, these elections have faced multiple delays due to a series of legal challenges put forth by different state units. Then, the elections to pick the new administrators were slated to be held on August 12 but got further delayed after Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed WFI elections till further orders following a petition of the Haryana Wrestling Association (HWA).

"The extent of damage



Indian wrestling has suffered because of Brij Bhushan. If it is properly assessed, the true picture will come to light. The tricolor has been insulted because of this mafia," Vinesh said in post on X (previously Twitter).

With the WFI election getting delayed, the UWW on Thursday suspended the Indian body, making it clear that the Indian wrestlers will have to contest under

the IOA took the responsibility of conduction election and day-to-day function of the WFI. The panel was expected to conduct a fresh election for the federation within 45 days.

Notably, in June the UWW stimulated the IOA ad-hoc committee to respect the deadline, failing to do so will led to the suspension of the federation.

The WFI is in limbo since the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) set up an Oversight Committee to conduct day-to-day functions after a large number of wrestlers led by Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat sat in protest at the Janta Mantar in Delhi alleging Brij Bhushan of sexual harassment of female grapplers and overall management, demanding his removal from the post.

Stepping away from Perth Scorchers captaincy role and focusing on myself helped a lot: Mitchell Marsh

Perth, Aug 25 (IANS) Mitchell Marsh, Australia's stand-in skipper for the upcoming white-ball tour of South Africa, believes that him stepping away from the captaincy of Perth Scorchers in the BBL to focus on himself has helped in him being a bit wiser about how to be a leader in the sport.

"I think it's been a progression over the last four or five years. When I gave up the Scorchers captaincy to focus on myself and where I was at in my life and my career, I didn't think I had the capacity to captain any side at that point in time because I was just striving so much to try and hold my spot and get my spot back in the Test and one-day teams," Marsh was quoted as saying by codesports.com.au.

12 months ago Marsh did not wish to be thought of as Australia's white ball skipper, and cut to now, he's all set to take up the leadership role, albeit only for the tour of South Africa. "You talk about staying true



to yourself as a leader and I didn't think it was fair on teams that I was captaining and I struggled as a captain at that point in time. It really clouded my decision-making as a captain."

"It was a tough time for me personally and so ... I wasn't any good (as a captain). I found it best for me personally and most importantly the team to step away from that role and focus on myself for a while and that helped my cricket a lot and it's all been part of my journey I guess."

It took conversations with Australian head coach

Andrew McDonald and Test captain Pat Cummins for Marsh to give captaincy of the national side a shot. "They probably got a few beers into me first. Nah, no one had to convince me. It was more conversations we had throughout the Ashes ... the conversations were all pretty easy."

"I guess even last year I didn't necessarily want to be captain, but with where our team is at now, the environment that Ronnie (McDonald) and Patty have created and the relationship I have with Ronnie to be able to work with him as a

leader in our team, that really excites me. Whether I'm any good I guess we'll find out."

Marsh signed off by hoping that he stays true to himself in the leadership role. "I know it's clichéd, but I've always seen myself as a leader within our group. I think the biggest learnings I've had from my brief leadership roles and leading Western Australia and the Scorchers is to just stay true to yourself. I'll still be myself. I'll never change ... hopefully I don't get too grumpy."

World Badminton Championship: 'I wasn't brave enough in lot of areas', says HS Prannoy after thrilling Round of 16 win over Loh Kean Yew

Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug 25 (IANS) India's top-ranked shuttler HS Prannoy, who is on



hunt for his maiden world championship medal, admitted that it was an intense match and he felt he was not brave enough in a lot of areas in the hard-fought battle against former

world champion Loh Kean Yew in the third round of the BWF World Championships.

Prannoy, the hero of India's triumph in the Thomas Cup last year, defeated the 2021 champion from Singapore 21-18, 15-21, 21-19 in a hard-fought encounter on Thursday.

Speaking to BWF website after his gruelling win, the ninth-seed Indian said he executed shots that are typically outside of his usual repertoire, which constituted the only difference in the game.

"I wasn't brave enough in a lot of areas, but towards the end I convinced myself that it was okay to lose, but not okay to not try, so that's why towards the end I played some shots that I usually don't play, and that was probably the only difference," said Prannoy.

"There's a lot of talking with the coaches. They were asking me to do certain things but I wasn't able to do those things. I was wondering what to do and I was getting frustrated because I wasn't able to play the way they wanted me to play, and they were getting frustrated because I wasn't able to execute those kinds of shots.

"It's difficult out there to play those shots in a pressure match. But that's where the coaches come into play, they give you the confidence to play, that it's okay to lose," he said. Prannoy conceded an early lead in the first game before fighting back to level scores at 8-8. Loh took the lead again at 12-9 before the Indian shuttler equalised at 16-16 before surging to a 21-18 first-game win. The trend continued in the second game and though Prannoy caught up with Loh at 13-13, the Singapore shuttler quickly grabbed the remaining points to pocket the second game 21-15. In the thrilling decider, Prannoy was holding a comfortable 11-4 before Loh launched comeback and reduced the gap to 11-10. The Singaporean won five consecutive points to take a 16-14 lead but Prannoy could not be denied as he caught up with his opponent at 19-19 and went on to win the game and match to seal a quarterfinals berth.

The X-factor is Satwik's smash and Chirag's skill at the nets: Parupalli Kashyap

Copenhagen, Aug 25 (IANS) Calling the world no. 2 Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty "brilliant and extraordinarily talented guys", badminton player Parupalli Kashyap feels the x-factor behind the duo's success has been the combination of Satwik's smash and Chirag's skill at nets.

Satwik and Chirag, who clinched maiden bronze in the last edition of the BWF World Championships, reached the quarterfinals of the ongoing edition in Denmark with a 21-15, 19-21, 21-9 win over Indonesia duo Leo Rolly Carnando and Daniel Marthin.

The pair, ranked number two in world rankings, will next face Denmark's Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen in the quarterfinal game scheduled to be held on Friday evening.

Asked if Satwik and Chirag are gold medal contenders in the ongoing competition, Kashyap said to JioCinema, "Oh yes. From last year, it was in my mind that these guys can win the gold medal in whichever tournament they play. It's just that things have to click. And they just have to have a good day because in doubles, I feel it's a very tactical game." "The physicality of the game is not much in doubles but the tactical part of it is extremely important. They also have the X-factor of Satwik's smash and Chirag's skill at the nets. With a little luck, they are gold medal contenders." Talking about the pair who can challenge Satwik and Chirag, Kashyap opined, "I don't think there's any pair right now that would go into a match and think they have an edge over Chirag and Satwik. Absolutely no one." "There was only one pair that I could think of - Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia. But, they defeated them in the Indonesia Open finals and it changed things. It was a brilliant win for them." Reflecting on the time when he first saw Satwik and Chirag, Kashyap recalled, "I remember clearly, I saw their junior Nationals final. Chirag was playing with Arjun as partner and Satwik was playing with Krishna Prasad.

World Athletics Championships: Neeraj Chopra enters final with season-best 88.77m throw

Budapest, Aug 25 (IANS) Reigning Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra began his World Athletics Championships campaign in style as he qualified for men's javelin throw final with a season best of 88.77m in his very first throw in Group A Qualifier, here on Friday.

A total of 37 javelin throwers, divided into two groups - A and B - are competing in the qualifiers for a place in the 12-man final, scheduled on Sunday. The automatic qualifying mark is 83.00m.

The 25-year-old Indian entered the championships as the world's top-ranked



javelin thrower and eyeing that elusive gold medal

both for his personal medals cabinet and the country.

Chopra came close to becoming the first Indian world champion in any athletics discipline at the 2022 world championships in Oregon but eventually had to settle for a silver medal after finishing behind Grenada's Anderson Peters. Another Indian in action DP Manu, who won the silver at the Asian Athletics Championships this year in Bangkok, started off with 78.10m and made a bettered in his second attempt to jump to third in Group A with an 81.31m throw.

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The season-best distance of 88.77m saw Chopra breaching Paris Olympic qualification mark of 85.50m. The qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympics for track and field athletes began on July 1, 2023.

The Indian national record holder sent the spear to his season's and fourth career-best distance in his very first attempt while

competing in Qualification Group A.

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Those who throw 83m or the top-12 best performers from both Group A and B qualify for the Sunday's final.

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However, his qualification will be confirmed after the conclusion of Group B, where another Indian Kishore Jena will be action, scheduled later in the day.

WWE champion Windham Rotunda, also known as Bray Wyatt, passes away at 36

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) The three-time WWE world champion Windham Rotunda, also known as Bray Wyatt passed away at the age of 36, WWE office chief content officer Triple H announced the news on social media platform X.

"Just received a call from WWE Hall of Famer Mike Rotunda who informed us of the tragic news that our WWE family member for life Windham Rotunda - also known as Bray Wyatt - unexpectedly passed earlier today. Our thoughts are with his family and we ask that everyone respect their privacy at this time." Triple H wrote on X, formerly (Twitter).

However, the main cause of his death is yet to be



known. According to wrestling reporter Sean Ross Sapp, Wyatt got Covid earlier this year which exacerbated a heart issue and he suffered a heart attack and passed away on Thursday.

Wyatt is survived by his fiancée and former WWE ring announcer Joseann Offerman, their four children, brother Bo Dallas (Taylor Rotunda), and sister Mika.

"Known for his captivating performances and incredible in-ring

presence, Wyatt was a defining Superstar of his generation and accomplished many feats in WWE, including becoming WWE Champion in 2017," WWE condoled the demise of the wrestler.

Wyatt had been out of action since late February with an illness and it was recently reported that he was getting closer to getting cleared with creative coming up with plans for him, according to Wrestling News.

Dwayne Johnson, aka The Rock, was among those paying tribute to the star.

"I'm heartbroken over the news of Bray Wyatt's passing. Always had tremendous respect and love for him and the

Rotunda family. Loved his presence, promos, in ring work and connection with wwe universe. Very unique, cool and rare character, which is hard to create in our crazy world of pro wrestling.

"Still processing losing the goat, Terry Funk yesterday and now Bray today. My love, light, strength & mana to the Rotunda family and Funk family during this tough, heartbreaking time. As always, 'thank you for the house'," Rock wrote on X.

As Bray Wyatt, he portrayed the villainous leader of a cult faction named The Wyatt family with Erick Rowan, Braun Strowman, and the late Luke Harper (aka Brodie Lee).

Wanted to see Afghanistan spinners' overs off and accelerate against their fast bowlers: Shadab Khan

Hambantota, Aug 25 (IANS) After Pakistan secured a thrilling victory in the second ODI against Afghanistan, all-rounder Shadab Khan said his plan was to see off the overs of their spinners and go for the runs against the faster bowlers.

In chasing 301, Shadab made 48 off 35 balls and brought Pakistan back in the hunt in the 49th over when he smashed a four and six on two full tosses against fast bowler Abdul Rahman.

With 11 runs needed off the final over, he was run-out by Fazalhaq Farooqi at the non-striker's end, after moving out of the crease before the ball was bowled. But Naseem Shah (10 not out) and Haris Rauf held their nerves to take Pakistan over the line with a ball to spare.

"When you're a senior player, you go through these stages again and again. Sometimes you fail, sometimes you succeed. I try to be as calm as possible. Their team has world-class spinners so I wanted to see their overs off and accelerate against their fast bowlers. The boundaries are long so there are easy twos, so when Shaheen and Naseem came our plans were to go for twos," said Shadab after the game ended. With Pakistan taking an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam credited his team for clinching a narrow win.

Putin not coming to India to attend G20 summit: Kremlin



New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) The Kremlin said on Friday that Russian President Vladimir Putin will not be coming to India to attend the G20 summit to be held in Delhi next month. Putin's spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told the media in Moscow said that the Russian President is not planning a trip to India for the G20 summit. The main emphasis now is a special military operation in Ukraine, Peskov said. The G20 summit is scheduled to take place on September 9-10 in Delhi. US President Joe Biden has confirmed his participation in the summit and will be in the national capital between September 7 and 10.

Homemaker no less than skilled worker: Punjab and Haryana HC



Chandigarh, Aug 25 (IANS) A homemaker's contribution is no less than that of a skilled worker, the Punjab and Haryana High Court ruled on Friday.

Saying the contribution of a homemaker to the intricate fabric of daily life is immeasurable and deserves profound acknowledgment, Justice Sanjay Vashisth observed, "In no way can it be equated to an unskilled labourer."

The ruling came in the wake of the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal that assessed the homemaker's income as that of an unskilled labourer. Justice Vashisth said a homemaker shoulders a myriad of responsibilities that encompasses a diverse range of tasks. "From managing household chores to nurturing relationships and maintaining a harmonious living environment, their role is ceaseless and demanding. Operating tirelessly round the clock, a homemaker's dedication is undeniable."

Justice Vashisth further observed "the homemaker's affection and dedication towards her family transforms a house into a home. It is rightly said a house without a woman was a body without a soul". Quoting the SBI's "Ecowrap" report of March, the judge said the total contribution of unpaid women to the economy was around Rs 22.7 lakh crore, almost 7.5 per cent of India's GDP.

The bench was dealing with an appeal filed by the petitioner against the 2005 award passed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal seeking enhancement of the amount of compensation, on account of the death of her husband in a motor vehicular accident.

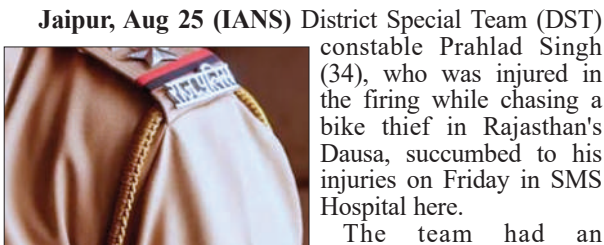
Caste-based survey ready, soon to become public: Nitish



Patna, Aug 25 (IANS) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday said that caste-based survey is complete and will soon be made public. It will prove beneficial for all sections of society, he added. While interacting with media persons here, he said: "The headcount is over and the data compiling is underway. It will soon be out. The survey will help deprived the people of society. It will give a picture of which section is required for development."

"I am not bothered about what BJP leaders are saying on caste-based surveys. I can say that it was a unanimous decision of all parties, including the saffron party to conduct a caste-based survey. We have been in favour of it right from the start," the CM said. He also said that the Supreme Court has never put the survey hold. The Patna High Court has already dismissed the PIL filed in this regard. Nitish Kumar also said: "Why is the Centre not conducting a census of the country which takes place every 10 years and was scheduled in 2021."

Rajasthan cop injured in firing while chasing thief, dies



Jaipur, Aug 25 (IANS) District Special Team (DST) constable Prahlad Singh (34), who was injured in the firing while chasing a bike thief in Rajasthan's Dausa, succumbed to his injuries on Friday in SMS Hospital here.

The team had an encounter with two bike thieves at 8.45 a.m. on Wednesday in Reta village of Sikandra police station area of the district. Police constable Prahlad Singh was shot in his head by a miscreant during the encounter. According to police, Prahlad Singh had entered a millet field in Reta village while chasing a bike thief, who carried a weapon and shot Singh in the head. An injured Singh was sent to Dausa Hospital in the jeep of a finance company. After first aid there, he was referred to the SMS Hospital in Jaipur on Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday itself, the doctors operated on Singh and removed a part of the bullet. After this he was shifted to ICU. He was on a ventilator. Neurosurgery Head of Department Dr. Ashok Gupta confirmed the death of Prahlad Singh on Friday morning. According to the information received from the hospital, Singh had two parts of the bullet in his head. One was surgically removed by the doctors but the other part was deep inside the head. Prahlad Singh was posted as constable at the Sadar police station in Dausa and was part of DST. Hearing the news of the death of a fellow cop, a wave of mourning descended in the police department. The constable had joined the police in 2008. He was originally a resident of Chiplatea village in Neemkathana area of Sikar district.

Jammu court frames charges against 24 in SI recruitment scam

Jammu, Aug 25 (IANS) A court in Jammu on Friday framed charges against 24 persons in the police sub-inspector (SI) recruitment scam.

Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Anjum Ara framed the charges against 24 persons, including a BSF officer named Karnail Singh, in the SI recruitment scam. As per the prosecution case, vide letter No. GAD-VIG0COMP/285/2022-04-GAD dated 08.07.2022, Mohammad Usman Khan, Deputy Secretary, conveyed the decision of the J&K government for an investigation by the CBI into the allegations of irregularities in the written examination for SI's posts in the J&K Police conducted by the J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on the basis of a report of the inquiry committee constituted by the J&K government.



Perusal of the report prima facie revealed criminal conspiracy among officials of JKSSB; M/s Merit Trac Bengaluru; beneficiary candidates and other accused persons causing gross irregularities in conduct of written examination for SI's posts in J&K Police. Accordingly, a regular case was registered against the accused persons under Sections 120-B and 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

After hearing the arguments, the CJM

observed, "Prima facie it appears that the accused have substantively committed the offences under Sections 420, 201, 411 of the IPC as such and are required to be charged for the offences." Therefore, prima facie commission of offences under Sections 120-B read with 420, 408, 201, 411 of the IPC are clearly found established against the accused persons. They are accordingly charged for commission of offences."

PM Modi reducing Indian democracy to a theatre of the absurd: Congress on reports of 'Gadar 2' premium in new parliament building

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Reacting to news reports that BJP MP starrer movie 'Gadar 2' will be premiered in new Parliament building, the Congress on Friday said that the 'Vishwaguru' is now reducing Indian democracy to a theatre of the absurd.

In a tweet, Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "After turning politics into a spectacle in 'New India', the self-styled Vishwaguru is now reducing Indian democracy to a Theatre Of The Absurd - TOTA - that too in the new Parliament."

He said that this film features a BJP MP in the lead role, who failed to settle his dues of Rs 56 crore with the Bank of Baroda, which withdrew its action in less than 24 hours. "An MP, who has a remarkable record of absence from attending



Parliament. The depths to which our democracy is sinking every passing day is an absolute shame," Ramesh, who is also a Rajya Sabha MP, said, attaching a news report.

The news report claimed that Gadar-2 which is having a dream run at the boxoffice will also be shown for three days in the new Parliament Building from August 25 onwards.

Madhumita Shukla murder: Ex-UP minister Amarmani Tripathi, his wife to be released from jail

Lucknow, Aug 25 (IANS) Former Uttar Pradesh Minister Amarmani Tripathi and his wife Madhumita Tripathi, who are serving life imprisonment for murdering poetess Madhumita Shukla, are set to be released from jail.

The order has been issued by the state Prisons Administration and Reforms Department.

Madhumita's sister Nidhi Shukla on Friday approached the Supreme Court against the order. However, the apex court

refused to stay Tripathi's release from the jail.

The Prisons Department said in the order that if it is not necessary to keep both of them in jail in any other case, then as per the discretion of the District Magistrate Gorakhpur, they should be released from jail on presenting two sureties and a bond of the same amount.

The poetess was shot dead on May 9, 2003, in Paper Mill Colony, Lucknow. The case was investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation



(CBI). They were in jail for over 20 years, after a fast track

court in Dehradun on October 24, 2007, sentenced Amarmani

Tripathi, his wife Madhumani Tripathi, nephew Rohit Chaturvedi, and shooter Santosh Rai to life imprisonment for Madhumita's murder.

On August 18, the Supreme Court passed the release order. The apex court had said that considering Amarmani's age (66), about 20 years in jail and good conduct, he should be released if he is not involved in any other case.

The District Magistrate of Gorakhpur issued an order stating that on

presenting two sureties and an equivalent amount of bail bonds, they should be released from jail.

The Supreme Court had recently advised the state government to consider the release of inmates exhibiting good behaviour in jail. Subsequently, Amarmani filed a petition in the apex court for his release.

The Supreme Court granted relief to Amarmani on February 10. Failing to comply with the order, the former minister filed a contempt petition.

Punjab Governor warns Chief Minister, seeks report on drugs



Chandigarh, Aug 25 (IANS) Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Friday slammed Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for "breaking down the law and order situation in Punjab" and asked him to "immediately send him a report concerning the action taken by him on the rampant drug trade".

Warning the Chief Minister, he asked him to respond to his letters.

In a letter to CM Mann, Purohit said he had received reports from various agencies regarding the rampant availability and abuse of drugs in Punjab.

"It is common knowledge that they are available in chemist shops. A new trend is observed that they are being sold in government-controlled liquor vends. The Narcotics Control Bureau recently sealed 66 liquor vends in Ludhiana which were selling drugs," he said.

Quoting a recent report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee, the Governor said one in five people in Punjab is exposed or addicted to drugs.

TM Hospital Surgery Dept to organize three day Endo Surgeons meet from today

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: The Department of Surgery at Tata Motors Hospital in association with the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES) will organize the Fellowship of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (FIAGES) and Endoscopy Fellowship of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (EFIAGES) conference.

This programme aims to foster collaboration, exchange knowledge and provide certification for participants in the fields of Endoscopy and Laparoscopic surgeries.

Hosted by Tata Motors Hospital, the conference is scheduled from August 25 to 27, 2023, at Tata Motors Hospital and the Management Training Centre, Telco. The FIAGES



and EFIAGES conference is expected to have, both, national and international delegates, promising an exceptional experience. The event will feature a comprehensive programme comprising didactic lectures, interactive workshops, scientific presentations and panel discussions.

The organizing team comprises some of the country's most renowned surgeons including Dr Sanjay Kumar, Head of

Medical Services at Tata Motors Hospital, as the Patron; Dr Sunil Kumar will be the Organizing Chairman, and Dr Arunima Verma, Head of the Department of Surgery at Tata Motors Hospital, as the Organizing Secretary. Additionally, doctors from the Department of Surgery at Tata Motors Hospital in Jamshedpur are also in the organizing team.

High profile medical professionals and researchers from around the

country, including Dr Pradeep Choubey, Chairman of Surgery & Allied Surgical Specialties at Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi; Dr S Easwaramoorthy, President of IAGES, Erode; Dr Satyapriya De Sarkar, Chairman of EFIAGES, Kolkata; Dr Arupabha Dutta, Vice President of IAGES East Zone, Dibrugarh; Dr Sarfaraz Baig, Kolkata; Dr M Kanagavel, Chennai; Dr Zameer Pasha, Coimbatore and Dr Meenakshi Sharma, Delhi, are slated to deliver insightful talks, sharing their expertise and presenting groundbreaking ground breaking advancements. Participants will have the opportunity to gain valuable insights, explore the latest medical trends, and expand their professional network during this three-day academic event. (w/gsd)

Angel of the Himalaya: Documentary on Bachendri's journey to Everest and beyond

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: The screening of the documentary film, 'Bachendri Pal: An Angel of the Himalaya,' was held at the Kudi Mahanty Auditorium.

The documentary delves into the passion, perseverance and purpose that have driven a common person to the status of a legendary, daredevil mountaineer Bachendri Pal who became the first Indian woman to plant the tricolour atop the world's highest peak, Mt Everest. But she did not sit on her laurels but opened the doors for many other girls to emulate her and plant the national flag on the Queen of Peaks. Her training ways, toughness and relentless efforts have seen to the realization of ultimate goals of many



budding mountaineers. And the documentary, 'Bachendri Pal: An Angel of the Himalayas' reflects these facets and more of Legendary Mountaineer, Bachendri Pal. The personality of the moment, mountaineering and adventure sports ace,

Bachendri Pal herself was present as also Head of Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) and Sports, Hemant Gupta along with faculty and staff of several educational institutions and rural schools under Community Development Centres in and around the



city. Mountaineering enthusiasts were a part of the packed Kudi Mahanty Auditorium.

The documentary film traces Bachendri's journey from modest beginnings to the pinnacle of her achievements. The film delves into significant

milestones she touched including the remarkable 1984 expedition where Bachendri Pal became the first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest, 2007 Desert Safari expedition and the historic 1997 Indo-Nepalese All-Women expedition, along with her

transformative 'Mission Gange' initiative.

The documentary also highlights how Bachendri Pal's indomitable spirit and accomplishments have served as a beacon of inspiration for countless women across the nation. Her journey resonates with empowerment, breaking barriers and exemplifying boundless determination.

Speaking about the documentary, Bachendri Pal stated, "This (documentary) is not just about me, but also about the relentless spirit of all women who dare to dream big and reach for the skies." The documentary film, 'Bachendri Pal: Angel of the Himalaya,' serves as a powerful reminder that every obstacle is surmountable with the right blend of passion, perseverance, and purpose. (w/gsd)

China activates emergency response to flooding in 13 regions

Beijing, Aug 25 (IANS) China's Ministry of Water Resources on Friday activated a level-IV emergency response to flooding in 13 provincial-level regions.

The regions are Jiangsu, Anhui, Shandong, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Tibet, Shaanxi and Gansu, Xinhua news agency quoted the Ministry as saying.

From Friday to Sunday, heavy rain will sharply increase water levels in



rivers including parts of the Yangtze and Huaihe rivers, the Ministry said, adding that some small and medium-sized rivers in affected areas may see floods exceeding warning levels.

It urged relevant water conservancy departments to closely monitor rain situations and strengthen early warning, with focus on ensuring the safety of reservoirs and the prevention of mountain torrents and floods in small and medium-sized rivers.

Islamabad HC begins hearing Imran's plea challenging Toshakhana verdict

Islamabad, Aug 25 (IANS) The Islamabad High Court on Friday began hearing a plea by incarcerated former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan which challenged his trial and conviction in the Toshakhana case, and is also expected to announce its decision later in the day.

Khan was sent to jail for three years on August 5 after a trial court in the capital convicted him in the case that involved



concealing details of state gifts, reports Dawn news. The verdict also disqualified the former premier from contesting general elections for five

years. Khan had subsequently filed an appeal at the IHC against his conviction. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief had also approached the Supreme Court of Pakistan against the IHC's decision to remand the case back to the trial court judge who had convicted him. On Thursday, Khan's counsel Latif Khosa had argued before an IHC division bench, focusing on three aspects -- the release of the former premier owing.

Aus state closes beaches after shark attack

Sydney, Aug 25 (IANS) Authorities in Australia's New South Wales (NSW) state on Friday ordered the closure of beaches in Port Macquarie town after a man was hospitalised due to serious injuries to his leg and foot following a shark attack earlier in the day.

Surf Life Saving NSW said in a statement that at around 10 a.m. on Friday, the man in his 40s was attacked by the shark in waters off Port Macquarie located in the state's mid-north coast, reports Xinhua news agency. According to the statement, beaches in the area would remain closed until further notice, with signs erected at the site to warn local residents to stay out of the water. The type of shark involved has yet to be confirmed. Australian Shark-Incident Database revealed that there has been eight shark attack incidents so far this year, of which two were fatal.



'Racist' author slammed for 'Hindu business' tweet on Haley, Ramaswamy

New York, Aug 25 (IANS) Conservative pundit and author Ann Coulter has been slammed for making racist comments targeting Indian-American presidential aspirants Nikki Haley and Vivek Ramaswamy, calling their clash during the Republican primary debate a "Hindu business".

"Nikki and Vivek are involved in some Hindu business, it seems. Not our fight," Coulter wrote on X, formerly Twitter, a day after Haley and Ramaswamy sparred over foreign policy and US aid to Ukraine and Israel. Responding to Coulter's tweet, Ramaswamy's senior adviser

communications director, Tricia McLaughlin, told NBC News: "Ann can tweet whatever she wants to. Vivek shares and lives by the same Judeo-Christian values that this nation was founded on -- and the way Vivek lives his family life offers a positive example for their own children and grandchildren."

Ramaswamy is the nation's second Hindu presidential candidate after former Hawaii congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard who ran as a Democrat in 2020.

Haley, born Nimrata 'Nikki' Randhawa, was raised by Sikh parents and she later converted to



Christianity. From calling her a "racist troglodyte" and "bigot" to an "ignorant megaphone" and "horse face", Coulter faced social media ire for her racist jibe against the two Indian-Americans. "News for you

@AnnCoulter. @VivekGRamaswamy and @NikkiHaley are the next generation of @GOP leaders. American Hindus are leaders in science, technology, medicine and policy research. Take it easy, read the Bhagavat Gita and take the batteries out of your ignorant megaphone," HinduAction, a US-based advocacy group wrote on X in response to Coulter's tweet. "Completely expected that she would attack them but using a white racist trope invoking a religion is beyond disgusting," Sangay Mishra, author of 'Desis Divided: The Political Lives of South Asian Americans', wrote on

X. Coulter has also attacked Haley in the past, calling her a "bimbo" and "preposterous creature", asking her to "go back to her own country". "Why don't you go back to your own country?" Coulter had said in a podcast after Haley announced her presidential bid on February 14 in a video message where she proudly talked about her Indian heritage. "Her candidacy did remind me that I need to immigrate to India so I can demand they start taking down parts of their history," the author had said making an appearance on the 'The Mark Simone Show'

podcast. Coulter's rants did not stop at just Haley, she targeted India as well. "What's with the worshipping of the cows? They're all starving over there. Did you know they have a rat temple, where they worship rats?" she said. In July, Hank Kunneman, the senior pastor of the non-denominational Lord of Hosts Church in Nebraska, targeted Ramaswamy's Hindu faith in a recent sermon asking citizens not to vote for him. The televangelist had said that Ramaswamy is Hindu and therefore anyone who supports him "will have a fight with God".

Norway joins Denmark, Netherlands to donate F-16s to Ukraine

Oslo, Aug 25 (IANS) Norway has become the third European nation after Denmark and the Netherlands to pledge to provide Ukraine with F-16 fighter jets.

"We are planning to donate Norwegian F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine, and will provide further details about the donation, numbers and time frame for delivery in due course," CNN quoted Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store as saying on Thursday.

Norway had first announced its plans to support the training of Ukrainian personnel on F-16 fighter jets in May. "Norway is supporting



Ukraine in its efforts to build a modern air defense system. This is both important and necessary," the Prime Minister added.

Also on Thursday, Norway said that it will be donating anti-aircraft missiles and de-mining sets to Ukraine, as well as 1.5 billion NOK (\$140.5 million) to secure gas and

electricity supply in the country.

This brings the total value of Norway's support over five years to 75 billion NOK, a statement on the government website said.

Last week, a US State Department spokesman had announced that Washington approved the transfer of American-made F-16

fighter jets from Denmark and the Netherlands to Kiev as soon as Ukrainian pilots are fully trained to operate them.

Denmark and the Netherlands have taken the lead in preparing a program to train Ukrainian pilots on the American jet, but the US is still working with other countries to see who may provide F-16s to the Ukrainian Air Force. While the Dutch are thought to have about 24 operational F-16s which are scheduled to be taken out of service and replaced by more advanced war planes, Denmark is also planning an upgrade of its fleet of some 30 F-16s.

NDRF rescues 51 from cloudburst-hit villages in Himachal

Shimla, Aug 25 (IANS) In another daring rescue operation, the 14th Battalion of the NDRF rescued 51 people who got struck after a cloudburst in two villages in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district, officials said on Friday.

As information received from the Sub-divisional Magistrate of Balichowki that villagers were trapped after a cloudburst in the Kholanal gram panchayat near the Hanogi temple, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team responded and left towards the incident site from Kullu.

Due to the landslide the



road was blocked at many places and the NDRF team moved on foot from Hanogi to the disaster spot.

The team covered eight km towards the incident site and reached Shehnu Gouni village to find that 51 people, comprising 20 women and 15 children, were trapped.

The team arduously rescued them and shifted to Hanogi village, an official told IANS.

Another team along with the SDM, the tehsildar and the Block Development Officer reached Kholanal village by trekking approximately 15 km and confirmed that all stranded

people have been shifted to safe locations, added the official.

Meanwhile, huge cracks have appeared in houses at Thalaut village in Mandi due to torrential rains. Around 35 families of the village have left their houses and taken shelter in nearby areas.

Fukushima water release carried out as planned: S.Korea

Seoul, Aug 25 (IANS) Japan's release of contaminated water from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant has been carried out stably and as planned, with no abnormalities detected so far, a South Korean official said on Friday.

Tokyo initiated the discharge of contaminated water a day earlier, a process expected to span more than three decades, despite lingering health and environmental concerns from neighboring countries, reports Yonhap News agency.

"So far, the discharge is proceeding stably as



originally planned, and it is understood that there are no abnormal situations," said Park Ku-yeon, the first

deputy chief of South Korea's Office for Government Policy Coordination, during a

daily briefing on the Fukushima issue.

Park also emphasised that the Seoul government

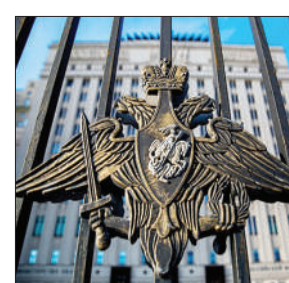
is thoroughly monitoring and analysing the ocean discharge process through a "double hotline" between the regulatory and diplomatic authorities of the two countries.

The two sides earlier agreed to swiftly share information in case of an abnormal situation at the discharge facilities. "The government will take its best measures to continue monitoring so that there will be no impact on people's safety and health," Park said. More than a million tonnes of water stored at the nuclear plant will be discharged over the next 30 years.

Russia claims to destroy 42 Ukrainian drones over Crimea

Moscow, Aug 25 (IANS) The Russian Defence Ministry on Friday claimed to have destroyed 42 Ukrainian drones over Crimea, the latest in a series of recent reported attacks by Kiev on the occupied Peninsula.

In a social media post, the Ministry said that nine of the drones were shot down and the remaining 33 were jammed by electronic warfare equipment and crashed without reaching their targets, CNN reported. "Overnight, an attempt by the Kyiv regime to carry out terrorist attacks using unmanned aerial vehicles



on Russian Federation territory has been thwarted," the post added. The Ministry also claimed that Ukraine had launched an upgraded S-200 air defence complex missile that was detected and shot down by Russian forces over the Kaluga

region southwest of Moscow. Ukraine is yet to comment on the developments.

Russia's claims came a day after Ukraine carried out what appeared to be one of its most complex and ambitious operations to date against Russian military facilities in Crimea, involving Ukrainian special forces landing on the western shore of the peninsula to attack Russian units.

Ukrainian officials have repeatedly vowed to restore Kiev's rule in Crimea, which was illegally annexed by Russia in 2014.

US unemployment claims applications fall



Washington, Aug 25 (IANS) The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits has plunged to the lowest level in three weeks, as the labour market remained tight. Initial claims for unemployment benefits dropped by 10,000 to 230,000 for the week ending August 19, Xinhua news agency quoted the Labour Department as saying on Thursday. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 claims, according to official data. The four-week moving average of initial claims, a less volatile measure, rose by 2,250 to 236,750. Continuing claims, which include those who have received benefits for longer than one week, edged down to 1.7 million for the week ending August 12.

2 missing after cargo ship capsizes off western Japan

Tokyo, Aug 25 (IANS) Two crew members were reportedly missing after a cargo ship capsized in waters off the coast of Wakayama prefecture in western Japan following a collision with another freighter, local media reported on Friday.

A Liberia-registered cargo ship made an emergency call at around 11.40 p.m. on Thursday night, reporting that it had collided with a Japanese cargo vessel Izumi Maru in the Kii Channel off the prefecture, Kyodo News reported, citing the country's coast guard.

Trump mocks Indian-American VP Kamala Harris' accent

Washington, Aug 25 (IANS) Taking a jab at Indian-American Vice President Kamala Harris' accent, saying she "speaks in rhyme", former US President Donald Trump said that he does not see her as a presidential candidate for Democrats.

While his Republican rivals engaged in a war of words at the first presidential primary debate in Milwaukee on Wednesday, Trump appeared on former Fox News presenter Tucker Carlson's show where he took digs at President Joe Biden and Harris. When asked about the chances of Harris becoming the candidate for Democrats in the next Presidential election, Trump said that



"this is not a president of the United States future". "Well, not really... She (Harris) has some bad moments. Her moments are almost as bad as it is. I think his (Biden) is worse,

actually. Yeah. She speaks in rhyme. And, it's weird, but she has had moments," Trump told Carlson. "Well, the way she talks... the bus will go here and then the bus will go

there because that's what buses do. And it's weird. The whole thing is weird. This is not a president of the United States future. And, I think they probably have some kind of a

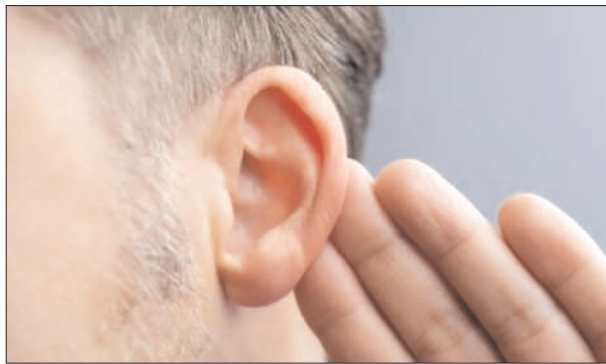
primary and other people will get involved," he said in a pre-recorded interview, which was posted on X just minutes before the Republican primary debate was aired on Thursday evening.

As for Biden, Trump told Carlson that he is "worse mentally than physically".

In the past, Trump's Republican rival Nikki Haley mocked Biden, saying it's unlikely he will "make it until 86 years-old", adding that a vote on Biden is a vote on Harris. In an interview with Fox News, the former South Carolina Governor had said that Biden would die within five years of being re-elected, leaving Harris as the commander-in-chief.

Health

Common supplements may reduce natural hearing loss



New York, Aug 25 (IANS) Age-related hearing loss is associated with a decrease of cholesterol in the inner ear and a common supplement may help reduce the condition, according to a study in mice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'IBD3' duo Hansvi-Deeperna make Kumar Sanu turn nostalgic

Mumbai, Aug 25 (IANS) Homegrown dance reality show 'India's Best Dancer 3' is set to roll out its 'Party Special' theme over this weekend.

Adding spice will be the famous playback singer Kumar Sanu, who will promote his latest song 'Ishq Hai', on the show. The contestants will impress the judges with their creative moves, but the duo of Hansvi Tonk and Deparna Goswami floored Kumar Sanu with their performance.

Each contestant is expected to give their best creative twist to their dances and be original. As such, the innovative spin given by the performance of contestants - Hansvi Tonk and Deparna Goswami will take the judges and audiences by



storm. This duo will infuse the vibrant colours of Gujarati culture into their act as they dance to the infectious and mellifluous rhythms of

'Dholid' and give a spin of their own to it, which will leave the judges mesmerised.

Kumar Sanu, who will be joining this special as a

guest judge will get nostalgic about his acting stint with Hansvi Tonk during his last visit on 'India's Best Dancer 3' and heap praise on them.

In a whimsical and playful manner, Sanu Da will go on to say: "Kya baat hai kamaal ho gaya! Hansvi, you performed so well. Hansvi, the last time when I came, I had enacted the 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' basketball scene with you."

Getting nostalgic, Sanu will add: "After doing that I got famous and even received film offers. People said 'kya acting kya hai' (laughs). Hansvi and Deparna, it was a fantastic dance! Thank you for this outstanding performance!"

But his praise won't stop here, as Kumar Sanu will go on to sing the beautiful song 'Do Dil Mil Rahe Hai' from the film 'Pardes', on Deparna Goswami's request; making it a memorable evening for everyone.

Judge Geeta Kapur will

also concur with Kumar Sanu and praise the duo, saying: "Hansvi & Deparna, you girls look beautiful; You both brought this colourful act to life. I loved the concept, and the way Deparna and Hansvi portrayed the act, you added your own vibrant colours to it. Some moments created by Hansvi and Deparna were simply amazing."

She will further add: "Deparna, I have never seen you attempt this dance before, and it was a very commendable attempt. It was a great risk to take at this stage, but it paid off. Even though this isn't your typical style, Deparna, you managed it wonderfully."

"Hansvi, your grace and infectious energy lit up the stage - it was Kamaal Ki Energy."

Prapti Shukla of 'Wagle Ki Duniya' to make Bollywood debut with 'The Diplomat'

Mumbai, Aug 25 (IANS) Actor Prapti Shukla, who currently essays the role of Gungun in the TV sitcom

'Wagle Ki Duniya - Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey', is excited to make her Bollywood debut with the upcoming film 'The Diplomat' starring John Abraham and Sadia Khateeb.

Prapti said: "I'm very excited to finally have my Bollywood dream come true. The Diplomat will be an amazing movie and I'm excited to play an important role in the movie."

"I will play the role of the youngest Indian girl who will be forced to marry a Pakistani guy and later become a victim of harassment in their country. My role has a good connection to the story which can't be revealed now."



Sharvari joins Alia Bhatt in spy-universe's 1st female led spy film

Mumbai, Aug 25 (IANS) Actress Sharvari, who made her acting debut with 'Bunty Aur Babli 2', is set to join the spy-universe which includes films like 'War', the 'Tiger' franchise and 'Pathaan'.

She will join Bollywood star Alia Bhatt in YRF's first female-led spy film which is expected to go on floors in 2024.

Aditya Chopra is planning to expand the YRF Spy Universe with this film which will be the 8th film in the spy-universe.

A source revealed: "Sharvari is someone who the industry feels is a star in the making. The fact that she has been chosen by Aditya Chopra to be a heroine in his spy-universe film alongside Alia Bhatt, shows that Sharvari is a cut above the rest of the actresses from her generation."

"This move by YRF brilliantly positions her as the young actress who is destined for glory in the Indian film



industry. It is also quite exciting to see someone like her enter the YRF Spy Universe that has only cast superstars in the lead," the source added. The YRF Spy Universe is the

biggest IP of Hindi Cinema today with the biggest of the superstars coming on board for the franchise. The universe started back in 2012 and it has been a journey full of blockbusters starting with 'Ek Tha Tiger' followed by 'Tiger Zinda Hai', 'War', and 'Pathaan', which went ahead to become the highest-grossing Hindi Film of all time.

Alia and Sharvari's yet-untitled film will go on floors in 2024 and is at present in the development and pre-production stage.

The spy-universe's immediate offerings are the Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif-led 'Tiger 3' which is slated to release this Diwali. 'War 2' with Hrithik Roshan, NTR Jr. and Kiara Advani goes on floors in November. The epic face-off between Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan in 'Tiger vs Pathaan' is also ready to go on floors next year.

National Film Awards: Kriti Sanon was in a meeting, 'completely unaware' of her Best Actress win

Mumbai, Aug 25 (IANS) Actress Kriti Sanon has won the National Film Award for Best Actress for her work in 'Mimi', and the actress is on cloud nine. The actress shared that she was in a meeting at her house when she started getting the calls and was completely unaware about her Best Actress win.

She told IANS, "I couldn't understand what was going on. I usually don't step outside the meetings to take calls but this time I had to, and that's when I really got to know the news. I was so elated and emotional that I had to pause the meeting and run down to give my parents a hug and tell them the news and then everybody was really emotional. It's a moment that I will never ever forget in my life."

She further mentioned that there are very few films and roles that come in an actor's life that give them so much to do and touch them so deeply.

Such roles make the actors very passionate and almost obsessed with the role and that's something that happened with her as well with regards to 'Mimi'.

"I think as an actor, I was really looking for an opportunity to dig deep and explore myself as an actor. 'Mimi' gave me that



platform and that kind of an arc and a screenplay that I could really play with and show my potential as an actor. The emotionally draining scenes, and every little bit, I gave it my all because it brought that creative satisfaction that every actor craves for. The love and the validation that the film has got even though it was released on OTT is beyond words. Getting my first Best Actress Awards and now the most prestigious awards of the National Award is very very special for me and is a moment that I will never forget in my life," the actress added.

Allu Arjun becomes first Tollywood star to win 'best actor' National Award

Hyderabad, Aug 25 (IANS) Allu Arjun became the first-ever Telugu actor to win the national award for best actor after he bagged the honours for his power-packed performance in 'Pushpa: The Rise' at the 69th National Film Awards announced on Thursday.

Celebrations broke out in Tollywood circles soon after the announcement, as greetings poured in for the stylish actor from all over the industry. There were celebrations at the house of the elated actor as his father and well-known producer Allu Arvind was among the first to greet him.

Sukumar, who directed the action-drama film, hugged the actor to congratulate him.

Several film personalities congratulated Allu Arjun, who became the first



Tollywood actor to win the national award for the best actor in 68 years of the awards' history.

Popular as 'Bunny' in film circles, Allu Arjun entered the film industry as a child artiste in 1985. 'Gangotri'

(2003) was his debut movie as the hero. He established himself as a pan-India actor with the blockbuster 'Pushpa: The Rise'.

The grandson of popular comedian Allu Ramalingaiah and son of Allu Arvind, Allu Arjun is the nephew of megastar Chiranjeevi. Chiranjeevi's wife Surekha is Allu Arjun's paternal aunt.

Congratulating Allu Arjun, Chiranjeevi tweeted: "Proud moment for Telugu cinema. Heartiest congratulations to especially my dearest Bunny for the coveted National Best Actor Award. Absolutely proud of you."

Leading actor Jr NTR also congratulated Allu Arjun, saying, "You deserve all the success and awards you get for Pushpa." Allu Arjun's cousin Ram

Charan and Venkatesh have also congratulated the actor.

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy congratulated Allu Arjun for winning the maiden national award for best actor. He also congratulated Devi Sri Prasad on winning the national award for best music for 'Pushpa'. In his reply, Allu Arjun thanked Jagan Mohan Reddy for his congratulations.

The Chief Minister said the 69th National Awards have proved to be a bonanza for the Telugu film industry. He also congratulated S.S. Rajamouli for 'RRR' winning six awards, including best popular film. Jagan Reddy also congratulated Chandrabose for winning the award for best lyrics for 'Konda Polam'.

Navya Naveli Nanda forays into comic books with women-centric stories



Mumbai, Aug 25 (IANS) Podcast host and entrepreneur Navya Naveli Nanda, who earlier announced her collaboration with legacy comics publication, 'Tinkle', has herself penned stories in collaboration with comic book' editorial team marking her foray into the world of comics.

These stories will be on women-centric topics as her 'Project Naveli' will have a crucial role to play in this collaboration. The special collaboration comic book is scheduled for the launch at the end of September 2023.

An excited Navya Naveli Nanda commented: "I have grown up reading Tinkle, so for me to be collaborating with them years later on creating a new set of stories is a full circle. It has been a really exciting process working with the Tinkle editorial team to bring some of these stories to life, and that too around some very important themes related to women."

She further mentioned: "I am looking forward to this being out soon, so that everyone can relive their childhood through Tinkle's magical world, but this time with a little twist."

Anupam Kher says he would have loved to win National Award for acting in 'The Kashmir Files'

Mumbai, Aug 25 (IANS) Veteran actor Anupam Kher is happy that his film 'The Kashmir Files' has bagged the Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration at the 69th National Film Awards.

However, the actor says he would have loved to be feted with the honour for his acting in the movie.

Anupam took to Instagram, where he shared a few glimpses from the film and wrote: "NATIONAL AWARD: Delighted and proud that #TheKashmirFiles won the prestigious and most important #NationalAward - Nargis Dutt award for #BestFeatureFilm on national integration. Not only as an actor but also being an executive producer on the film I am so happy for this recognition for our film."

"Would have loved to win an award for my acting too. Par agar khaashiye poori ho jaaye to aage kaam karne ka mazaa aur utsaah kaisai aayega. Chaliye! Next time! My heartfelt congratulations to every winner! Jai Ho!" he added.

'The Kashmir Files' presents a fictional storyline centred around the 1990 exodus of Kashmiri Hindus from the Valley. It depicts the exodus and the events leading up to it as a



genocide, a framing considered inaccurate by scholars.

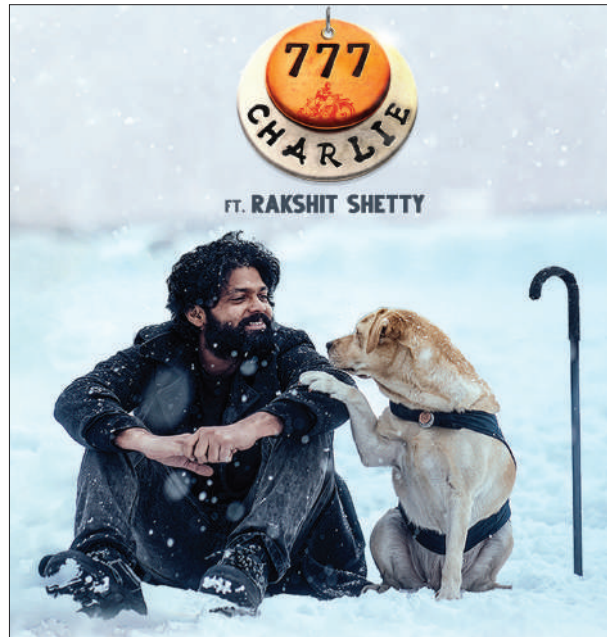
'The Kashmir Files' stars Mithun Chakraborty, Anupam Kher, Darshan Kumar, and Pallavi Joshi.

The plot follows a Kashmiri Hindu college student, raised by his exiled grandfather and shielded from the knowledge of the circumstances of the death of his parents.

Four National Awards for Kannada cinema; '777 Charlie' among the winners

Bengaluru, Aug 25 (IANS) The Kannada cinema industry has bagged four awards in the 69th National Film Awards that were declared on Thursday while pan-India hit '777 Charlie' starring Rakshit Shetty bagged the Best Kannada Film.

Documentary 'Bale Bangara', directed by Anirudh Jatkar, is honoured with Special Appreciation of jury members in the non-feature section. 'Ayushman', directed by Jacob Verghese and produced by Jacob Verghese, Dinesh Rajkumar and Naveen Francis, has received the Best Exploration Cinema award in the non-feature section. Senior film journalist Subramanya Bandoor has been honoured with the Best Film Critic (Special-Mention) award. Subramanya Bandoor is working as a film journalist for 43 years. He has been contributing articles and



columns. '777 Charlie' was a super hit movie starring Rakshit Shetty and dubbed into all major languages of the country. The movie generated good reviews in all languages and won the hearts of canine lovers.

The movie was directed by Kiran Raj and produced by Rakshit Shetty.

'Bale Bangara' documentary is based on the life and struggle of senior artiste Bharathi Vishnuvardhan, a Padma Shree awardee.

Gold prices near two-week highs

New Delhi, August 25 (IANS) Gold prices steadied near two-week highs and was headed for their best week in six ahead of mixed economic data from the US and as market participants await comments from Governors of major central banks, including Federal Reserve Governor Powell, that could guide on future interest rates, says Navneet Damani, Senior VP, Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services. The US 10 year Yield after dropping by more than 2 per cent in the



earlier session is inching higher once again, Dollar index also continues inch higher hovering around 104 week-high above 104 mark, he said.

Earlier this week, Manufacturing and Services PMI data from major economies were reported well below estimates, supporting an

up-move in bullions.

However, the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell for a second straight week, US Core Durables goods orders data was also reported better than expectations.

Two Fed officials tentatively welcomed a jump in bond market yields as something that could complement the central bank's work to slow the economy and get inflation back to the 2 per cent target, while also noting they see a good chance that no more interest rate increases will

be needed, he said.

Ahead of the important Jackson hole symposium, probability chart from CME Fed-Watch tool also witnessed a drop in probability for a pause in September meeting by 5 per cent to 80 per cent. Focus today will also be on the Michigan consumer sentiment data scheduled later in the day.

Broader trend on COMEX could be in the range of \$1,890-1,945 and on domestic front prices could hover in the range of Rs 58,400-59,100 could be expected, he said.

7 in 10 workers are millennials in India

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Seven out of 10 employees (about 70 per cent) are millennials in India, and about 22 per cent of millennials in the workforce are females, a new report showed on Friday. According to the Great Place To Work India report, a remarkable 87 per cent of millennials consider their current companies to be a great workplace. The report also stated that 39 per cent of millennials have grown to managerial positions, a testament to the progressive leadership development strategies employed by these companies. "As torchbearers of



change, millennials today demand transparency and equity. They courageously probe the essence of fairness within organisations, urging their leaders to uphold the values they profess. In this era of open communication, they expect their workplaces to

mirror their aspirations," said Yeshaswini Ramaswamy, CEO, Great Place To Work India. Moreover, the report said that the rise of millennial managers underscores their prowess in shaping and nurturing workplace cultures that resonate.

Realme introduces newest additions to its smartphone & AIOT portfolio

New Delhi/Jamshedpur, August 25 : Realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, today announced the launch of four revolutionary products, the newest addition to its "Hero" number series and AIOT segment - realme 11 5G, realme 11x 5G, realme Buds Air 5 & realme Buds Air 5 Pro.

Commenting on the occasion of the launch realme spokesperson said, "We are excited to now introduce the realme 11 series 5G and realme Buds Air 5 Series into our diverse range of AIOT lineups, a testament to our unwavering commitment to innovation and excellence.

Talking about the partnership, Kailash Lakshyani, Founder and Chairman of AIMRA (All India mobile Retailers Association) says, "AIMRA is truly honored to partner with realme, a technology pioneer who understands and caters to the needs of customers. realme and AIMRA share the goal of enabling the mobile retail ecosystem and providing our loyal customers with a seamless experience.

Kazakhstan considers sale of Arcelor Mittal Temirtau to Russian investors

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) The Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan announced the possibility of selling the country's largest metallurgical plant ArcelorMittal Temirtau to Russian investors. This is reported by a number of local media, GMK Center reported.

The decision to change the company's shareholders was made against the background of high mortality at work and a weak investment policy. Currently, the Kazakh authorities are negotiating



with the company's shareholders on their exit from the Kazakh business, the report said.

"Over the years of work of ArcelorMittal Temirtau, there are more than 100 dead miners at the

enterprise. Recent fatal tragedies were in 2021 and 2022 and 2023," the media noted, as per the report.

The prosecutor's office of Kazakhstan tried to obtain data on what measures are being taken

a number of safety violations were discovered.

According to the Prime Minister of the country Alikhana Smoilova, the owners of ArcelorMittal Temirtau paid attention only to making a profit, without creating an adequate level of safety for workers.

According to the Minister of Finance of Kazakhstan, Erulan Zhamaubaev, there is a possibility of transferring the assets of the enterprise to the ownership of the

Russian metallurgical company Severstal, the report added.

It should be noted that on August 17, 2023, a conveyor belt caught fire at a mine owned by ArcelorMittal Temirtau in the Karaganda region, after which a plan was introduced to eliminate the accident and evacuate workers - 227 miners. The number of injured due to the incident is 13 people, including 3 fatalities. The search for two more people is underway, the report said.

India gets its 1st unicorn of 2023 in Zepto which raises \$200 mn

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Ending the unicorn drought in India amid the ongoing funding winter, online grocery company Zepto on Friday announced it has raised \$200 million in its Series E round, valuing the company at \$1.4 billion.

The fundraise brought in new investors, with the StepStone Group leading the round.

US-based Goodwater Capital joined the round as a new investor. Existing investors like Nexus Venture Partners, Glade Brook Capital, Lachy Groom and more, doubled down in Zepto with meaningful follow-on investments. Founded in July 2021, Zepto said it plans to go public in the next 2-3 years. "This business is about execution and we are



succeeding because our execution is strong. We are in this to build a generational company and it truly feels like this is just the beginning," said Aadit Palicha, Co-founder and CEO of Zepto.

This fundraise in the middle of the deepest downturn in capital markets in over a decade validates Zepto's operating discipline. Zepto's burn has reduced significantly and with this, the company will be fully

EBITDA positive in 12 to 15 months.

The company has grown its sales by 300 per cent (year-on-year) and will likely achieve \$1 billion in annualised sales within the next few quarters.

"Even with this capital, we want to maintain our discipline, avoid complacency, and push hard to hit EBITDA positivity," said Kaivalya Vohra, Co-founder and CTO. Headquartered in Mumbai, Zepto delivers more than 6,000 grocery products in 10 minutes through a network of delivery hubs across the country.

Meanwhile, India did not see any new unicorn in the first half of 2023 as startup funding plunged more than 70 per cent in the January-June period from a year ago. The first six months witnessed Indian startups raise just \$5.48 billion, from \$19.5 billion they raised during the same period last year, according to data by market intelligence.

Shoppers Stop stock falls over 10% after CEO resigns

New Delhi, August 25 (IANS) The stock price of Shoppers Stop slumped more than 10 per cent on Friday after its CEO resigned.

Shoppers Stop was trading at Rs 727.50, down 10.35 per cent on BSE.

Venu Nair, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, has tendered his resignation, effective from the close of business hours of August 31, due to personal reasons, to enable him to spend more time with his family and explore other options.

The Board of Directors of the Company has accepted his resignation and placed on record their appreciation for the



contribution made by him during his tenure.

To ensure a seamless transition, he will continue to guide and advise the CEO over the next six months, in his capacity as a Company official.

Based on recommendation of Nomination, Remuneration and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board of Directors of the Company, approved the appointment

of Kavindra Mishra as an Additional Director of the Company w.e.f. September 1. He has also been promoted from his position as Chief Commercial Officer and CEO -- Homestop to Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Company for a period of three years effective September 1, subject to approval of shareholders of the Company.

Chingari fires up to 50% of workforce in 2nd job cut round in 2 months

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Homegrown short-video making platform Chingari has laid off up to 50 per cent of its workforce in its second round of job cuts in just two months amid fund scarcity, the media reported. The latest round of layoffs impacted employees from product, customer support, design and marketing teams, reports leading startup news coverage portal Inc42, citing sources.

When reached, Chingari did not immediately respond to the report.

According to the report, the short-video making platform has also asked some of its employees to take "pay cuts of up to 50 per cent to cut its expenses".

The startup has been aiming to raise money but has been "stuck in due diligence procedure for a long time". Chingari is now reportedly left with around 50-60 employees.

In June this year, Chingari had laid off 20 per cent of its workforce as part



of organisational restructuring.

In a statement to IANS, the company spokesperson had said that it was "one of the toughest decisions for our management and we understand the impact they have on our employees".

"We are recognising the contribution and dedication of the affected employees by offering a severance package equal to two months' salary to assist them during

this transition," said the spokesperson.

The layoffs at Chingari came as its cofounder Aditya Kothari recently quit the startup.

Earlier this month, the platform announced that the app crossed 100 million downloads on the Google Play store.

"The 100 million downloads is a testament to the faith our users have poised in Chingari. Multiple features, including Gari Mining, Chingari LIVE Rooms, Subscriptions, and Creator cuts have offered multiple revenue opportunities to our users," Sumit Ghosh, CEO and Co-Founder, Chingari, had said in a statement.

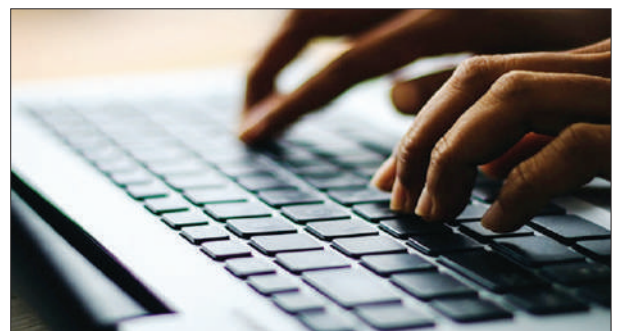
Currently, the Chingari app is available in 16 languages and has more than 5 million Daily Active Users (DAU) and 40 million Monthly Active Users (MAU).

In October 2021, Chingari raised over \$19 million for its token round across more than 30 venture funds and individual investors.

Protect users from data scraping, 12 key regulators tell social media giants

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) Social media companies and the operators of websites that host publicly accessible personal data have obligations under data protection and privacy laws to protect personal information on their platforms from unlawful data scraping, regulators at a dozen international privacy watchdogs have said in a joint statement.

The joint statement, issued at a time when generative AI poses new challenges to people's data, has been sent directly to Alphabet (YouTube), ByteDance (TikTok), Meta Platforms (Instagram, Facebook and Threads),



Microsoft (LinkedIn), Sina Corp (Weibo), and X Corp (X, previously Twitter).

The statement, signed by the key privacy regulators from the UK, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, Switzerland, Norway, New Zealand, Colombia, Jersey, Morocco, Argentina and Mexico, urged social media

platforms to protect users' public posts from scraping, saying that mass data scraping incidents that harvest personal information can constitute reportable data breaches in many jurisdictions.

Scraped personal information can be exploited for various purposes, such as monetisation through re-use on third-party websites, sale to malicious actors, or private analysis or intelligence gathering, resulting in serious risks to individuals.

"In most jurisdictions, personal information that is 'publicly available', 'publicly accessible' or 'of a public nature' on the internet, is subject to data protection and privacy laws," they wrote. Social media companies and the operators of other websites that host publicly accessible personal information also have data protection obligations with respect to third-party scraping from their sites.

Thakwani's gamble with steel in Ghana

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) An Indian man's chance entry into Ghana in Africa, has turned him into a well-respected steel producer.

The man's name is Mukesh Thakwani and he is from Gujarat. Thakwani, chief executive officer of B5Plus Limited said, "I didn't plan to start a business in Ghana when I arrived in Accra, the country's capital in 1996 in transit from Liberia."

But 27 years later, his company is producing over 400,000 tonnes a year and employing thousands of Ghanaians.

Since its inception, B5Plus Limited has won

over 100 national awards, but Thakwani says, "one dear to me is the recognition by the Ministry of Health this year, in appreciation for the company's contribution in donating oxygen to over 100 health facilities to avert crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Giving a background to his entry to Ghana, he said, "I arrived in Ghana in 1996 in transit from Liberia and fell in love with Ghana and the Ghanaian people."

On this particular visit, Thakwani said he met his uncle who had a business in Ghana and for some reason, he took the decision to spend some time and work



for him for a while. Later, he decided to stay and then took the decision to grow a business to produce steel products.

In 2002, he decided to set up his own company. "We started on this very ground where B5Plus is today. It was all bush. When I called

a friend to tell him I was building a steel factory, he asked me who will come to buy steel from the bush. No one used to come around here after 5.00 p.m. I remember I had to come here to cut the bush with a friend and my driver," he said.

The company that started producing only 200 tonnes of nails was able to win over the market as their products became popular because of their price. So, they decided to move into manufacturing galvanised products and later iron rods.

Thakwani said, today, "we are enormously proud to say that B5Plus today is producing 400,000 tonnes

of steel a year. In addition to this we have moved into other types of steel production in Ghana which we export to other West African countries."

It is not only steel that he is producing. He has also started a school, the Delhi (Private) School (DPS) near Tema, in Accra. The school is noted for its academic and non academic activities like Art, Dance, Drama, Football, Volley ball, singing, swimming which is a holistic approach to education under one roof.

Thakwani said DPS was started because education is very dear to his family. "We always believe that giving

education is important. If one person is given education, he can help support 10 people in his family. We realised that in Tema there was a great need for quality education, and we also wanted to create future leaders," he added.

The school opened its doors in 2010 with 23 students and he said though manufacturing steel was his passion, he also had the desire to build a top-class school where the fees would be affordable to all but with an elevated level of teaching and learning. The school was planned to be available to people from diverse backgrounds.

Nifty's breach below the 19,250 - 19,270 zone can trigger further slide

New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS) The Nifty is hovering near the important and crucial support zone of 19,270 levels

which is also where the significant 50EMA lies, and a decisive breach below the 19,250 - 19,270 zone shall weaken the overall bias and can trigger for further slide with next major support zone visible near 18,800 - 18,900 levels with 19,000 as the psychological landmark in-between, says Vaishali Parekh, Vice President - Technical Research, Prabhudas Lilladher.

At the same time, from current levels for the bias to improve, would need a decisive breach and sustain above 19,500 levels to anticipate further rise. So till then, one can maintain a cautious approach and go for only select stocks, Parekh said.

An unhealthy trend in the market is the sustained rise in the prices of many small-and micro-cap stocks, says V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services. This is partly aided by the sustained flow of funds into the small-cap segment.



Two bodies recovered from Rivers in Jugsalai and Mango

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: In a heart-wrenching incident, the lifeless bodies of two individuals were retrieved from the waters of Kharkai and Subarnarekha rivers today, sending shockwaves through the communities residing in the Jugsalai and Mango thana areas. The victims were identified as Hemant Sharma (40) and Laxman Machua (7), residents of Jugsalai and Shastrinagar in Kadma respectively.

Laxman Machua's untimely demise occurred under tragic circumstances. The young boy met his fate in the Kharkai River close to his residence on Thursday afternoon while bathing with his mother. The river's swift current, swollen due to recent weather conditions, proved to be fatal as Laxman was swiftly swept away before any rescue efforts could be made. Despite the desperate endeavors of both the local authorities and the family to

locate him, Laxman's lifeless body was discovered floating in the Subarnarekha River near the Mango thana area the following morning.

Local law enforcement, upon confirmation from the grieving family, arranged for the retrieval of Laxman's body from the Subarnarekha River and transferred it to the mortuary at MGM Medical College for postmortem examination.

Laxman Machua was a student at Kerala Public School in Kadma, rendering his loss a heartrending blow to the educational community and his peers.

In an unrelated and equally distressing incident, the lifeless body of Hemant Sharma was found in the Kharkai River, specifically at Parvati Ghaat situated within the Jugsalai thana jurisdiction. Hemant Sharma, a businessman and resident of Naya Bazar in Jugsalai, had gone missing after leaving his residence



on Wednesday afternoon. His absence prompted his family members to initiate a thorough search effort to locate him. Sub-inspector Kamu Paswan from the Jugsalai thana area disclosed that Hemant Sharma's demise was attributed to suicide, having taken his own life by plunging into the turbulent waters of the Kharkai River. Preliminary investigations unveiled that Hemant Sharma had been grappling with overwhelming financial liabilities, which had plunged him into severe depression. The weight of mounting debts had left him unable to make the necessary repayments, ultimately leading him to take this tragic step.

"The unfortunate culmination of Hemant Sharma's life is believed to be a result of his inability to cope with the excessive loans he had incurred. His profound emotional distress led him to this heart-wrenching decision," revealed Sub-inspector Kamu Paswan in an

Body sighted in Swarnarekha River waters

Jamshedpur, August 25: A body was found floating in the Swarnarekha River waters behind the Netaji Subhas School under MGM police station. The police arrived at the spot of sighting the body after being informed by the local people. The police made efforts to extract the body from the river but the swift water flow thwarted all recovery attempts. According to reports, the body was trapped in a whirlpool created by the swift water flow. According to local residents, there were two bodies in the river. MGM PS OC, Raju stated that local residents had provided information about two bodies being sighted in the river and that one of them was that of an animal. Raju said that the question over two bodies being sighted in the river would be clear when the sighted body would be recovered. Meanwhile, efforts are on to retrieve the body from the swirling Swarnarekha River waters flowing behind the Netaji Subhas School building. (W.gsd)

Dead body recovered from river



Ghatshila, August 25: The body of 24-year-old Shubham Bhagat, a resident of Sadhpura village under Ghatshila police station area, was recovered by fishermen from the Swarnarekha river in Baraghat village on Friday after 36 hours of search. On getting the information, the relatives reached the river bank and identified the dead body as that of Shubham Bhagat. The police reached the spot and with the help of fishermen took the body out of the river. The police have sent the dead body to Subdivision Hospital Ghatshila for postmortem. Shubham is alleged to have committed suicide on Thursday morning by jumping from the bridge near Amainagar village into the Subarnarekha river. (W.rg)

Five arrested, firearm recovered, robbery plan foiled



Jamshedpur, August 25: Mango police has arrested five criminals who were planning a robbery. The arrested criminals include Aman Pathak, resident of Bagbera Colony, Ankit Kumar Sharma resident of Bagbera Ramnagar, Vishal

Kumar alias Rahul Kumar Tiwari alias Chheche, resident of Mango Teachers Colony, Anurag Jaiswal alias Budha and Ronit Singh alias Ronnie. The police have recovered one country-made pistol, three country-made pistols, three live bullets, a scooter and a bike from the criminals. Giving information, SSP Prabhat Kumar said that Mango police had received a secret information that some criminals have gathered in Teachers Colony ground and are planning to commit a crime. After getting the information, the police raided and arrested the accused. (W.rg)

SCCI witness to MoU for Hydrogen Fuel Plant

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) initiated a significant step towards establishing the country's first hydrogen fuel plant in Jamshedpur. The signing of the MoU was held at the Project Building in Ranchi in the presence of Jharkhand Chief Minister, Hemant Soren. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the State Industry Department and Tata Motors and Tata Cummins the partners in the joint venture, TGEESPL.

Representatives from the Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry



(SCCI) were present on invitation by the Jharkhand Industry Department to witness the signing of the MoU. Chandra Choudhary, Corporate Services Chairman of Tata Steel, was also present on the occasion. This information was shared jointly by President Vijay Anand Moonka and Honorary Secretary Manav Kedia. SCCI congratulated the Jharkhand government for signing of the MoU. President Vijay Anand

The investment in this project will be approximately Rs 350 Crore. Production from this plant was slated to commence in 2024. "This initiative will prove to be an important step towards the state's development. It will generate employment for thousands and offer a new opportunity for the industrial units located in the Adityapur-Gamharia industrial area," stated Vijay Anand Moonka.

The SCCI delegation that was witness to the signing of the MoU included President Vijay Anand Moonka, Honorary Secretary Manav Kedia along with committee member Harsh Agrawal and others. (w/gsd)

Man found hanging in Parsudih

Jamshedpur, August 25: The body of 54-year-old MG Rajan, who lived near Gayatri Mandir under Parsudih police station, was found hanging from a mango tree in the courtyard of his house. When Rajan's sister-in-law woke up late at night, she found the body hanging from the tree. This was informed to the police on Friday morning. Here, after getting the information, the police reached the spot and sent it for postmortem. Relatives told that Rajan used to work in United Engineering Company. He returned from work at night and after having dinner went to sleep in his room. When the sister-in-law woke up late at night, her body was found hanging from the noose.

Sreeleathers Bistupur felicitates student self-defence trainees

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: In an event dedicated to women's empowerment, Sreeleathers Bistupur, on Friday, honored 30 students, along with teachers, Principals and Headmasters from fifteen government high and secondary schools who received self-defence training. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Indian International Boxer Aruna Mishra. Archery Coach and Dronacharya awardee Purnima Mahato and Deputy Commandant of RAF 106 Battalion Manisha Pathak were present as Guests of Honour.

The guests emphasized



that such self-defence training programs would enhance the self-confidence of the students. The event also had the presence of Sreeleathers partners including Shekhar Day, Varun Day, Govind Rao, Anita Jackson, Sunanda Kar, Abhijeet Choudhary,

Sanjay Mishra, Pinaki Gupta, Buland Iqbal Khan, Akhilesh Prasad and Sajan Biswas. The event was jointly anchored by RJ Prasoon and RJ Shweta.

Suresh Dey, one of the chief guests, inaugurated the Suresh Dey Building on the occasion. The building has a capacity of 200 plus seating capacity and has planned to host several social programs in the near future.

It may be mentioned that 'Kiranotsav,' an initiative under the joint collaboration of Sreeleathers Bistupur and Radio Dhoom 104.8 FM, was launched on June 9, 2023 with the aim of propagating women's empowerment. (w/gsd)

BJP leader alleges rampant sand smuggling



Jamshedpur, August 25: State BJP spokesperson cum former Baharagoda MLA Kunal Sarangi visited Kenduapal village of Gudabandha block and said that sand smuggling was continuing. He demanded action against the in-charge of the local police station, who ignored the complaints of the villagers in the said area. He challenged the district administration to visit Kenduapal village while visiting Gudabandha block. Kunal said that there is such a thick layer of sand on the road that it is difficult to walk on foot or even in vehicles. He has enquired from the deputy commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri that when will the illegal sand game stop here. (W.rg)

DIG reviews case diary in Musabani

Jamshedpur, August 25: Kolhan Division's DIG Ajay Linda reviewed various case diaries at Musabani DSP office on Friday. He told the present police officers to work in coordination with the people of the area and directed to complete the pending case research soon. He sought information about the availability of necessary resources in the police department. East Singhbhum SSP Prabhat Kumar was also present on the occasion. (W.rg)

Tata Steel UILSL celebrates 20 years of excellence, MD promises better services

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 25: Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited, formerly known as JUSCO, today marked two decades of exemplary service and dedication since its inception in 2004. A subsidiary of Tata Steel Ltd, Tata Steel UILSL has emerged as a leader in managing a spectrum of services including EPC Construction, Power Distribution, Integrated Town Maintenance, O&M, and Construction of industrial and residential townships, town infrastructures, and Real Estate developments. The milestone anniversary was celebrated with the launch of a commemorative logo by Chanakya Chaudhary, Vice President, Corporate Services, Tata Steel.

Tata Steel UILSL's



remarkable journey over the past 20 years has been a testament to its unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation. The company's operations have centered around the states of Jharkhand, Odisha, and

other strategically important locations.

Chaudhary praised Tata Steel UILSL for its remarkable achievements, highlighting the significant role it plays in the group's overall mission. He emphasized the company's

consistent efforts in raising the bar for service quality and operational excellence. Under the dynamic leadership of Ritu Raj Sinha, Managing Director of Tata Steel UILSL, the company has not only maintained its reputation

but has also taken bold strides towards advancement. Speaking at the press meet, Sinha outlined the company's commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Jamshedpur. He emphasized the ongoing efforts to improve power supply, civic amenities, and water resources in the city.

An essential aspect of Tata Steel UILSL's journey towards excellence has been its embrace of technology. In his address, Mr. Sinha underscored the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in delivering enhanced services. The integration of AI in various operations has not only streamlined processes but has also contributed to a higher level of customer satisfaction.

One of the remarkable

achievements that Tata Steel UILSL celebrated during the 20-year anniversary is the city of Jamshedpur's impressive ranking of 15th in the all-India Swachh Bharat Survekshan. This achievement serves as a testament to the company's dedicated efforts towards maintaining cleanliness, hygiene, and a high quality of life for the residents.

"As Tata Steel UILSL enters its next phase of growth and service, the company remains committed to its core values and the mission of enriching the lives of the communities it serves. The 20-year anniversary is not only a time for reflection but also a catalyst for future endeavors that will continue to redefine standards and improve the lives of thousands," noted the managing director. (W.pb)

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To whom it may concern

This is to declare that The Indian Steel & Wire Products Limited, at Ward no.: 19, Jamshedpur notified area committee of Jamshedpur, Dist.: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, has been granted Environmental Clearance, vide Letter No.-EC/SEIAA.2022-23/2693/2022/207 from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Jharkhand for "Installation of 0.5 MTPA combi Mill (Special Bar Quality and Wire Rod Mill) with re-heating furnace and finishing line".

The copy of environmental clearance letter is available on company's website: <https://www.isulp.co.in/environment>

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