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

H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

INDIA bloc makes additional appointments in newly-formed panels

New Delhi, Sep 2: Opposition bloc INDIA on Saturday made some additional appointments in some of the committees set up at its Mumbai meeting to get battle-ready for the Lok Sabha polls. The bloc had formed a 14-member coordination-cum-election strategy committee comprising members of various parties.

The opposition alliance had also announced a campaign committee with Congress' Gurdeep Singh Sappal, JD(U)'s Sanjay Jha, Anil Desai (Shiv Sena), Sanjay Yadav (RJD), PC Chako (NCP), ChampaiSoren (JMM), Kiranmoy Nanda (Samajwadi Party), Sanjay Singh (AAP), Arun Kumar (C P I - M), BinoyVishwam (CPI), HasnainMasoodi (NC), ShahidSiddiqui (RLD), NK Premchandran (RSP), G Devarajan (AIFB), Ravi Rai (CPI-ML), Thirumavalan (VCK), KM Kadar Moidin (IUML) and Jose K Mani (KC-M) as its members. The TMC was to give a name for the committee later. In a statement released on Saturday, the names of Tiruchi Siva of the DMK and Mehboob Beg of the PDP were added to the campaign committee.

Jamshedpur Court security surveyed following HC directives

Judge takes stock of security flaws

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Jamshedpur, Sept 2: After the action taken by Jharkhand High Court regarding the attack on secretarial staff of Jamshedpur Court in the court premises, Jamshedpur administration has also come into action.

After the appearance of the Chief Secretary and DGP, state zonal judge Sujit Narayan Prasad reached Jamshedpur court on Saturday and took information about the entire incident.

He sought information about how the judge's courtroom was attacked and what kind of security breach was done. He took stock of the security of the entire court complex. During this, East Singhbhum deputy commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri, Jamshedpur SSP Prabhat Kumar and other officials were present.

Incidentally, a criminal had entered the court premises with a sharp edged weapon and attacked the staff who is entrusted with listing of the case. Although the attacker was arrested, it exposed the security. Due to this



incident sensation spread in the judicial world of the entire state, then the Supreme Court has intervened in this matter. Complete information has been sought from Jharkhand High Court. After this the High Court has intensified the action. It was seen where the mistake has happened in this incident and detailed information was also taken about how all the mistakes have to be removed. During this, it was decided to make better security arrangements.

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Jharkhand HC directs Home Secretary, DGP to beef up courtroom security

Ranchi, Sept 2 (IANS): The Jharkhand High Court today directed Home Secretary Avinas Kumar and DGP A K Singh to strengthen the security in courtrooms across the State. Taking suo motu cognizance of an attack on a Jamshedpur civil court employee Rakesh Kumar yesterday, a division bench headed by Chief Justice Sanjay Mishra had summoned the home secretary and the DGP today. During the hearing, the State Home Secretary and DGP as well as the DC and SSP of Jamshedpur appeared before the court through virtual medium. The court directed them to make tight security arrangements in all the courts of the state, after which Monday has been fixed for the next hearing of this case. Advocate General Rajeev Ranjan, on behalf of the state government, assured the court that the government is completely serious about the security of the courts.

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ISRO successfully launches Sun Mission, to reach destination in 125 days



Sriharikota: Days after scripting history by becoming the only nation to achieve a successful soft landing near the south pole of the moon, India added another feather to its space exploration cap on Saturday with the successful launch of the Aditya-L1 mission. India's first solar space observatory mission was launched on the

Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) XL from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota at 11.50 am. The separation of Aditya-L1 and its injection into an elliptical orbit around the Earth was successful and took about 63 minutes. Aditya-L1 will be placed in the halo orbit around Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the sun-Earth

PM Modi congratulates ISRO

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated the scientists at ISRO for the successful launch of India's solar mission Aditya-L1, saying the tireless scientific efforts will continue in order to develop better understanding of the Universe for the welfare of entire humanity. "After the success of Chandrayaan-3, India continues its space journey. Congratulations to our scientists and engineers at ISRO for the successful launch of India's first Solar Mission, Aditya -L1," the Prime Minister posted in X, formerly known as Twitter. "Our tireless scientific efforts will continue in order to develop a better understanding of the Universe for the welfare of humanity," he said.



system, which is about 1.5 million km from Earth. The journey to L1 will take 125 days. Discovered by mathematician Joseph-Louis Lagrange, Lagrangian points are places in space where gravitational forces, acting

J'hkand Guv, CM laud ISRO scientists

Ranchi, Sep 2: Jharkhand Governor C P Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Saturday congratulated the scientists of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for the successful launch of the country's ambitious Solar mission, Aditya L1. After the historic success of Chandrayaan-3, @isro is once again with #AdityaL1, on a path breaking journey as the first space mission to study the Sun. My heartfelt congratulations on the launch. Wishing more success to ISRO for a bright future of solar exploration and groundbreaking discoveries. Proud," the governor wrote on X, formerly Twitter. Soren said in a post on X: "Unprecedented! After the success of Chandrayaan-3 mission, today our great scientists of ISRO have successfully launched Aditya-L1 to study the Sun.



between two objects, balance each other in such a way that spacecraft can remain in a fixed position with minimal fuel consumption. The L1 point is considered the most significant of the Lagrangian points for solar observations.

Asia Cup: India vs Pakistan match abandoned due to rain

Kandy, Sept 2 (IANS): The India vs Pakistan match in Pallekele has been called off due to rain. Pakistan could not start their chase as rain eventually forced the match to be abandoned. Earlier, India were bowled out for 266 runs as Shaheen Afridi picked a four-wicket haul. The left-arm pacer kept the Indian team at bay despite fifties from Hardik Pandya (87) and Ishan Kishan (82). India were 66 for 4 at one stage but a 138-run partnership between Hardik and Kishan brought them back in the game. Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf picked three wickets each, denting India's show towards the end. India skipper Rohit won the toss and opted to bat first.

Forged land documents: ED attaches 3 plots worth Rs 162 crore in Ranchi

Ranchi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has temporarily attached three plots worth over Rs 161.64 crore (commercial price) located at Cheshire Home Road, Pugu, and Siram in Ranchi. With the connivance of the officials of the Land Revenue Department, these lands have been mutated in favour of the land mafia. The ED had initiated investigation in three land scam cases on the basis of several FIRs lodged by Jharkhand Police and West Bengal Police against Pradeep Bagchi, Vishnu Kumar Aggarwal, Bhanu Pratap Prasad and others under various Sections of IPC. ED investigation has revealed that the mafia is running a big fraud to change the ownership of land illegally in Jharkhand. These criminal elements used to make a settled record in Kolkata and Ranchi. It has also been learned that the ownership records of land have also been made fake by dishonest government officials to benefit the said land mafia. After this, such lands are sold to other persons on the basis of fake land

records. ED had earlier conducted 41 searches and 5 surveys in this case and various evidences such as fake seal of Land Revenue Department, fake land documents, records of distribution of crime among them, photographs of forgery, evidence of bribing the government etc. and seized them. Earlier, the ED temporarily attached three land worth crores of rupees. In another land scam case, 74.39 crore (commercial price) has reached the total attachment of Rs 236 crore in the land scam cases with current attachment. So far, 14 accused include Pradeep Bagchi, Adhikari Ali, Saddam Hussain, Imtiaz Ahmed, Talha Khan, Fayaz Khan, Bhanu Pratap Prasad, Chitra Ranjan, IAS (former DC Ranchi), Dilip Kumar Ghosh, Amit Kumar Aggarwal, Vishnu Kumar Aggarwal, Rajesh Rai, Bharat Prasad and Prem Prakash have been arrested and are currently in judicial custody. Earlier on March 12, prosecution complaint was filed. Today, another prosecution complaint has been filed by the ED in the land scam case. (W.cd)

PLFI area commander arrested from Khunti

Ranchi, Sept 2: PLFI area commander Shraavan Das alias Faguwa Das has been arrested by the police from Birta hill area of Rania police station area. According to reports, a desi katta, two live cartridges of .315 bore, four live cartridges of one-47, PLFI form and mobile phone have been recovered from his possession. Speaking on the arrest of the banned organisation PLFI's area commander, Torpa SDPO Om Prakash Tiwari said that the police had received secret information that the area commander

of PLFI was in the forests of Shraavan Das alias Fagua Das village Virata. He was constantly on the run. Acting on a tip-off of location of the accused, the team was formed under the leadership of SDPO of Torpa on the instructions of Superintendent of Police Aman Kumar for necessary action. The team raided and arrested Shraavan Das. According to the SDPO, he was trying to strengthen the organization again. PLFI's arrested area commander Nichtipur is a resident of Sadan Toli police station Rania. There are already cases

against Shraavan Das under various serious sections in Murhu police station, two in Taserp police station, one in Rania police station and in Karra police station. The raiding team included SDPO Om Prakash Tiwari, Police Inspector Digvijay Singh of Torpa zone, Ranjit Kishore, police station in-charge of Tapakara, Ranjit Kishore, Rania police station in-charge Satyajit Kumar, Rania police station under -inspector Nishant Kumar and Sandeep Kumar, besides armed forces. (W.cd)

J'hkand: PLFI sets ablaze earthmover engaged in doubling of railway tracks

Simdega (Jharkhand), Sep 2: A hydraulic earthmover, engaged in the doubling of railway tracks, was set ablaze allegedly by militants belonging to the banned outfit PLFI in Jharkhand's Simdega district, police said on Saturday. The incident took place around 1 am on Saturday near Kanarwa railway station in Bano police station area, around 110 km from state capital Ranchi, Simdega Superintendent of Police Saurabh said. "A handwritten pamphlet of PLFI, threatening dire consequences if the company or the contractor carried out further work without contacting the outfit, was found at the spot," the SP said, adding further investigation is underway.

Amit Shah, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury part of panel on 'One Nation, One Election'

New Delhi, Sept 2, (ISANS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury are among eight others on the panel, headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind, formed to examine the possibility of 'One Nation, One Election'. Other members of the panel are Democratic Progressive Azad Party president, Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, NK Singh, former Secretary General of Lok Sabha, Subhash Kashyap, senior advocate, Harish Salve, and former Chief Vigilance



Commissioner Sanjay Kothari. On Friday, the government formed a committee to explore the possibility of a 'One Nation One Election' that aims at holding general and state elections simultaneously.

The move came a day after an India Today report said that the government may introduce a 'One Nation, One Election' bill in the special session of Parliament, scheduled to be

held from September 18 to 22. The setting up of the panel opens up the possibility of Lok Sabha polls being advanced so that they could be held with a string of assembly elections to be held later this year. Sources said that Ram Nath Kovind is expected to speak to experts and may also consult leaders of different political parties regarding the issue. The panel will also explore the possibility of the exercise and the mechanism to see how the country can go back to having simultaneous Lok Sabha and state assembly polls, as was the case till 1967.

Amit Shah releases list of Congress gov't's 'scams' in Chhattisgarh

Bhopal, Sep 2 (IANS): Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday accused the Congress led Chhattisgarh government of 'indulging in huge corruption'. He alleged that the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has made the state an 'ATM of Gandhi Family'. Shah made these remarks while addressing a poll rally in the state capital Raipur. Before launching a scathing attack on the ruling Congress in Chhattisgarh, Shah along with state BJP unit released 'AropPatra' against the state government led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. During his address, Shah listed out alleged scams related to coal, liquor, online betting being probed by central agencies in the state, and asserted that BJP can save Chhattisgarh from the Congress' scams, atrocities and misrule. Referring to the money laundering case related to an alleged illegal betting app 'Mahadev Online Book', Shah said, "People of Chhattisgarh have to decide whether they want the Bhupesh Baghel government, which has committed corruption to the tune of thousands of crore or BJP government that paves the way for development."

DSS demands speedy trial and punishment of narcotics dealers



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Jamshedpur, Sept 2: A delegation of Deendayal Seva Sansthan (DSS) on Saturday handed a memorandum to the SSP demanding the speedy trial and punishment of brown sugar and other narcotics' dealers. It may be mentioned that DSS had been running a regular campaign against drug abuse especially among the youth through street meetings and distribution of pamphlets. The DSS delegation members stated that their demand to book and punish narcotics including brown sugar dealers had even been raised in the Assembly but their efforts had met with no tangible response. The DSS delegation included Nishant Kumar, Shashikant Singh, Satish Mukhi, Anshul Kumar, AnkushJawanpuria, Vikas Singh, Motu Singh Sardar, Kajal Chaudhary, and Amrit Chaudhary. (w/gsd)

Gurus advocate recognition for Kharsawan Chhau Nritya Shaili

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Seraikela, Sept 02: In a landmark gathering of Chhau dance luminaries representing various styles, a special meeting convened at Kharsawan's Arjuna Stadium has made resounding strides towards securing special recognition for the Kharsawan style of Chhau dance art. The event, presided over by Chakradharpur MLA Sukhran Oraon, brought together prominent figures in the Chhau dance community who rallied behind the cause of elevating the Kharsawan style to its rightful status. Jharkhand boasts three distinct styles of Chhau dance - Seraikela,



Manbhum, and Kharsawan. While Seraikela and Manbhum styles have garnered official recognition, Kharsawan style, despite being the most cherished and widespread in the Kolhan region, has long been overlooked by both

the central and state governments. During the meeting, a chorus of Chhau Gurus and artists voiced their concerns to MLA Sukhran Oraon regarding this glaring omission. Guru Parmanand Nanda, a revered figure in the Chhau

community, expressed collective disappointment that such a culturally rich and expansive dance style remains unacknowledged. Prabhat Mahato, the guru of the Manbhum style, underlined the need to accurately designate the dance style of the entire

Manbhum region as "Manbhum style Chhau" rather than erroneously conflating it with the Purulia style. Guru Tapan Kumar Patnaik emphasized the significance of presenting the Kharsawan style issue forcefully to the state government, as it has been a primary impediment to securing recognition thus far. The assembled artists and gurus articulated several key demands, including the reopening of three defunct art centers in Seraikela-Kharsawan district in line with previous agreements, the inclusion of Kharsawan style Chhau in the curriculum of Kolhan University, and the development of a dedicated syllabus for Kharsawan

style Chhau. Foremost among these demands was the call for the comprehensive recognition of this distinct dance style. MLA Sukhran Oraon vowed to champion the cause by presenting it before the Chief Minister and relevant government departments, pledging unwavering support for the struggle of Kharsawan style Chhau dance artists in their quest for full recognition. The meeting witnessed the presence of numerous artists and gurus representing diverse Chhau styles, marking a crucial step towards preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Jharkhand's Chhau dance traditions. - (w/nm)

BJP gears up for Sankalp Yatra, preparations and strategy meeting held

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Chaibasa, Sept 02: A significant meeting convened at the BJP district office on Saturday to deliberate on the meticulous preparations for the forthcoming Sankalp Yatra, featuring the esteemed presence of the party's state president, Babulal Marandi, scheduled for September 24. The meeting was conducted under the guidance of District President Satish Puri and witnessed the participation of former MLAs, district officials, divisional presidents, and dedicated senior party members. During the meeting, a collaborative spirit prevailed as all attendees were encouraged to contribute their valuable suggestions and insights



regarding the impending Sankalp Yatra. In-depth discussions centered on these suggestions, shaping the strategies and plans for the event. Responsibilities were methodically assigned to ensure seamless execution. The District President, Satish Puri, issued clear directives to all divisional

presidents, urging them to organize meetings with their respective in-charges. JB Tubid, a prominent BJP leader, emphasized that each member had been entrusted with specific responsibilities for the program. He stressed the collective commitment required from all

participants to ensure the resounding success of the upcoming journey. Notable figures present at the meeting included Satish Puri, Uday Singhdeo, Jawaharlal Banra, JB Tubid, Manoj Leyangi, Lalmoni Puri, Sanjay Pandey, Geeta Balmuchu, among others. (w/nm)

Dengue prevention campaign launched

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Seraikela, Sept 02: In a proactive move to combat the threat of dengue, Rajendra Prasad Gupta, the Executive Officer of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, has initiated a comprehensive spraying and fogging campaign within the jurisdiction of the Nagar Panchayat. The endeavor aims to safeguard the health and well-being of the local community by curtailing the spread of the disease. Baban Kumar Singh, the supervisor in charge of cleanliness at the Nagar Panchayat, shared insights into the meticulous planning and execution of the campaign. He explained that an extensive operation involving chemical spraying has been launched, covering every street and locality within the Nagar Panchayat area. This spraying regimen is being diligently carried out during the morning hours. In addition to the morning spraying, the Nagar Panchayat has also introduced evening fogging sessions



employing specialized fogging

machines. This dual-pronged approach ensures that potential breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes are thoroughly addressed. Moreover, local residents are being actively engaged and educated about the importance of preventing waterlogging in and around their homes. This essential measure aims to eliminate stagnant water, which serves as a breeding haven for mosquitoes. Furthermore, the campaign seeks to raise awareness among the community on effective measures to protect themselves from mosquito bites. The overarching goal of this initiative is to control and mitigate the outbreak of dengue in the Seraikela Nagar Panchayat area, thus safeguarding the health and well-being of its residents. The concerted efforts of the Executive Officer and the dedicated team at the Nagar Panchayat underscore their commitment to public health and safety. (w/nm)

NITI Aayog's Central Additional Director conducts inspection of health centers

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Gamharia, Sept 02: Anand Shekhar, the Central Additional Director (Mission) of NITI Aayog, conducted a comprehensive inspection of several vital centers within the Gamharia block, focusing on Health and Wellness Centers, Sub Health Centers, and Anganwadi Centers. This visit which occurred on Saturday, was a proactive effort to assess the quality and availability of services provided at these essential facilities. During the inspection, Shekhar meticulously examined the infrastructure and amenities offered at each center. Engaging with the officers and staff on-site, he sought detailed information about the services, basic structures, and assistance provided to the local community. Additionally, Shekhar interacted directly with members of the community, including Anganwadi workers,



Community Health Officers (CHOs), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), children, and adolescent girls. These discussions revolved around identifying areas for improvement in center operations and enhancing services for the benefit of the populace. Recognizing existing challenges within the centers, Shekhar provided valuable guidance to the concerned officials to address these issues effectively. He emphasized the importance of active participation from center

personnel in transforming the Panchayat into an exemplary and ideal Panchayat by delivering enhanced facilities and services to the community. Accompanying Shekhar during this visit were the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of Gamharia and local administrative officials. The inspection underscored NITI Aayog's commitment to ensuring the efficient functioning and service quality of critical healthcare and welfare facilities at the grassroots level. (w/nm)

Traditional extravaganza awaits Shri Krishna Janmashtami festival

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Seraikela, Sept 02: The Shri Jagannath Seva Samiti Seraikela is set to usher in the joyous occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami with deep-rooted traditions and fervor. The sacred celebrations will take place within the hallowed precincts of the Jagannath Shri Temple in Seraikela on the upcoming 6th of September. Raja Singhdeo, the President of Shri Jagannath Seva Samiti, announced that the festivities will commence at 5:00 pm and will include a delightful fancy dress competition for children, alongside worship sessions within the serene Shri Mandir premises. The organizing sub-committee has already completed the enrolment process for participating children. A spirit of healthy competition will prevail as the Shree Jagannath Seva Samiti plans to reward all participating children with consolation prizes. Additionally, the young talents who distinguish themselves in the fancy dress competition will be honored with first, second, and third-place prizes. Singhdeo revealed that a review meeting of the Shri Jagannath Seva Samiti has been scheduled in the Shri Mandir building on Sunday at 11:30 am. During this meeting, the committee members will collaboratively strategize to ensure the program's resounding success. The registration process has successfully concluded, with a total of 43 children prepared to grace the event with their creative costumes. Among the young participants, one will depict Balram, another will personify Ganesh, one will assume the role of the Kalki avatar, 11 children will portray Lord Krishna, one will emulate Meera, 23 youngsters will embody Radha, one child will represent Lord Ram, and four will step into the character of Sudama. (w/nm)

Bar Association condemns attack on court clerk, demands thorough investigation

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Seraikela, Sept 02: The District Bar Association has vehemently denounced a shocking and brutal attack that occurred at the District Court in Jamshedpur, targeting court clerk Rakesh Kumar. The incident, which transpired last Friday, has sent shockwaves through the legal community, prompting calls for a comprehensive and high-level investigation into the matter. District Bar Association Vice President Om Prakash, accompanied by advocate DN Ojha, visited TMH on Saturday to extend their support to Rakesh Kumar and inquire about his well-being. They expressed their heartfelt wishes for his swift recovery and solidarity during this challenging time. During the visit, Vice President Om Prakash emphasized the essential nature of court operations, revealing that it is customary for court personnel to work until late



evening, often until 7-8 pm. This extended workday is crucial for documenting the day's proceedings in the courtrooms, ensuring the seamless flow of court activities on the following day. Highlighting the paramount importance of security within the court premises, Om Prakash stressed the necessity of maintaining 24-hour security arrangements across all courts. Additionally, he called for the strict safeguarding of judges, advocates, and court staff, underlining the collective responsibility to ensure their safety. While acknowledging the efforts to enhance security in comparison to

previous conditions, Om Prakash emphasized the need for continuous evaluation and improvement in security measures to fortify the safety of all stakeholders within the judicial system. Furthermore, Om Prakash disclosed that discussions have been held with the President of the Jamshedpur Bar Association, with a shared commitment to working collaboratively in the best interests of advocates and the legal community. The incident has underscored the importance of unity and cooperation in addressing the security concerns and well-being of all those involved in the legal profession. (w/nm)

Govind Vidyalaya students organize Suicide Prevention rally



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Jamshedpur, Sept 2: The students of Govind Vidyalaya, Tamulia, in association with JEEVAN, a suicide prevention organization, organized a suicide prevention rally that was flagged off by Principal Krishna Modak who stated on the occasion, "The objective of this rally is to raise awareness and eliminate the thoughts of suicide among people." Students distributed pamphlets at shops and homes along the route, with messages on suicide prevention. They carried banners with messages of suicide prevention by Jeevan Foundation. The rally was led by the school's Activity In-charge Naushad Raziya, teachers Sanjeev Kumar, Shubham Kumar and Sports Teachers Anjali Saurabh and Gokul Anand Mishra. (w/gsd)

MP triumphs in restoring vital rail services amidst public demand

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, Sept 02: In a ceremony organized by the Railways in Goikera, MP Geeta Koda, along with Jharkhand Minister for Women and Child Development Joba Manjhi and Railway Divisional Manager Arun Jatho Rathore, flagged off passenger trains. This momentous occasion marked the fulfillment of a long-standing demand from the local population. Addressing the gathered audience, MP Geeta Koda reaffirmed her commitment to enhancing railway facilities throughout her parliamentary constituency. Her vision encompasses station cleanliness, improved quality of railway

hospitals, and the enhancement of railway schools, all geared towards providing enhanced facilities to the public through the railways. MP Geeta Koda extended her heartfelt congratulations to the residents of Goikera, acknowledging that the reinstatement of train services is a testament to their unwavering determination. Member of Parliament Geeta Koda and former Chief Minister Madhu Koda have persistently championed the cause of the local populace in Chakradharpur, Goikera, Sonua, and the entire parliamentary constituency. Their unwavering efforts



have borne fruit with the reinstatement of vital rail services that were temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. The relentless pursuit of reinstating rail services saw numerous achievements, including the establishment

of critical railway infrastructure such as the Chakradharpur Rail Underpass and Chaibasa Rail Underpass. These endeavors have significantly benefited the general public, offering enhanced connectivity and convenience.

Following the containment of the pandemic, MP Geeta Koda played a pivotal role in resuming several key train routes. The Tatanagar Gua passenger train, TatanagarBarbil passenger train, Tata Howrah Jan Shatabdi train, and ChaibasaBarbil route were restored to operation, thanks to her dedicated advocacy. Additionally, the revival of numerous important train services, including the Howrah Mumbai CSMT Mail, Gyaneshwari Express, Ispat Express, Azad Hind Express, Gitanjali Express, Samaleshwari Express, Ahmedabad Superfast Express, South Bihar Express, Bilaspur

Express, and Mumbai LTT Express, became possible through her determined efforts. Furthermore, Goikera station now enjoys the privilege of three pairs of trains stopping regularly, marking a significant development for the region's residents. The event witnessed the presence of esteemed individuals such as Chandrasekhar Das, District Congress President, Rameshwar Bahanda, Rahul Puri, Ranjan Das, Rajesh Chaurasia, Jonko Angaria, Sonaram Koda, among others, celebrating this significant milestone in the region's connectivity and development. (w/nm)

Man kills girlfriend after she breaks up with him in Goa, two arrested

Panaji, Sep 2 (IANS): Goa Police have arrested a 22-year-old man for allegedly killing his girlfriend after she broke up with him, sources said on Saturday.

The accused has been identified as Fakir aka Prakash Chunchwad, 22, from Porvorim, Goa, police said.

After killing his girlfriend Kamakshi Shankar Uddapnov (30), the accused dumped her body at Amboli Ghat in neighbouring Maharashtra, around 80 km from the crime spot.

A senior police officer told IANS that the incident happened on August 29 at Porvorim in North Goa.

"He dumped the body with his friend's help. After he confessed to the



crime, we took him to the spot and recovered the body (on Friday)," the police officer said.

"The friend of the accused person Nirupadi Shriranappa Kadakal, 21, from Porvorim-Goa has also been arrested," Superintendent of Police Nidhin Valsan said.

The police said Chunchwad allegedly

stabbed Kamakshi Uddapnov to death at her flat. It has been learnt that before the murder, he also had a fight with the woman following which a non-cognisable offence was registered against him at Mapusa police station.

Later, he went to her flat in Porvorim and allegedly committed the crime.

"The motive of the crime is that the deceased lady was in a relationship with the accused person and that she had recently broken her relationship with him and because of this the accused person committed this gruesome act," police said.

Porvorim Police have attached the car used for transporting the body of deceased Kamakshi.

Maratha stir: ST bus services suspended in some parts, top Oppn leaders rush to Jalna

Jalna, Sep 2 (IANS): A day after the Marathas quota stir violence rocked some parts of the state, the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) suspended a majority of its ST bus services in at least four districts and certain other routes as a precautionary measure on Saturday, officials said.

The ST services have been suspended or curtailed in parts of Jalna, Ahmednagar, Solapur, Nandurbar ostensibly to prevent them from being targeted by the protesters.

Around two dozen protesters were injured, including some police personnel, trying to control and disperse the angry mobs in Antarvali-Sarati



village of Jalna late on Friday.

Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar rushed to Jalna this afternoon along with state President Jayant Patil, while Shiv Sena (UBT) President and ex-CM Uddhav Thackeray along with Leader of Opposition (Council)

Ambadas Danve, and Congress' ex-CM Ashok Chavan are reaching this evening.

In an unusual move, Pawar went to the marquee where the protests are on since last Tuesday and addressed the Marathas gathering as Bharatiya Janata Party MP Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bh

osale was present, and Chhatrapati Sambhajiraje Bhosale had arrived earlier.

He slammed the Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for not fulfilling his promises and accused the government of using brutal force to crush the Maratha agitation.

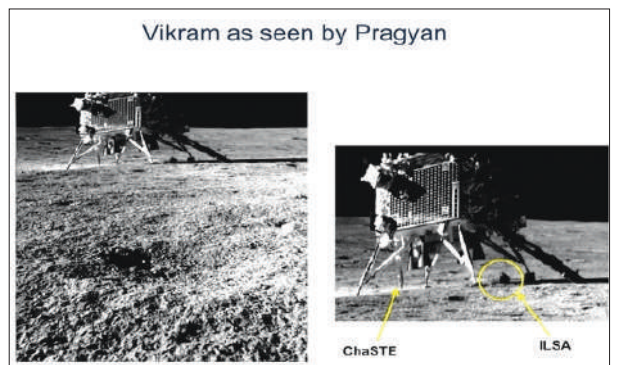
Pawar appealed for peace and restraint, and

said that the issues could be resolved amicably with discussions with the government.

Handing over the microphone to Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bhosale, Pawar also expressed happiness that both the royal descendants were present to express solidarity with the agitating Marathas.

The government of Shinde and Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnis and Ajit Pawar has come in for several criticisms with Congress President Nana Patole, Leader of Opposition Vijay Wadettiwar (Assembly) and others demanding their resignation for failing to fulfil the Maratha aspirations.

Moon lander, rover working well, to be put to sleep



Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh) Sep 2 (IANS): India's moon lander Vikram and the rover Pragyan will be put to sleep in a couple of days time, said Dr. S. Somanath, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) here on Saturday.

Soon after orbiting the Aditya-L1 spacecraft in the intended intermediate orbit by the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C57 (PSLV-C57) Somanath said the rover Pragyan has moved 100 metres away from the lander.

Patratu police arrest 2 with smack and heroin



Ramgarh, Sept 2: Patratu police have arrested two people and seized smack and heroine from their possession. Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Patratu SDPO Virendra Chaudhary said that Patratu police had received a tip-off that drugs like smack and heroin were being sold in Modern Dresses located in New Market. Acting on this tip-off, a team was formed that raided the premises of Modern Dresses. Nine grams of smack and heroin were recovered from the owner of the shop, Vicky Kumar Srivastava. Along with this, its stem machine was also recovered. During police interrogation, Vicky Kumar said that he had bought smack and heroin from Poda Gate resident Sujit Ram. Acting on this confession, the raiding team also arrested Sujit Ram and interrogated him. Sujit Ram confessed his crime during interrogation. SDPO Virendra Chaudhary said that Vicky Kumar Srivastava's father Suresh Kumar Srivastava, a resident of Janata Nagar Patratu, has been forwarded to judicial custody. He allegedly worked for the Aman Saw gang. Patratu police station in-charge Amit Kumar, Bhurkunda OP in-charge Mayank Kumar, police inspector Akshay Kumar participated in the raiding team. (w.cd)

Haryana CM unveils master plan for Faridabad urban area

Chandigarh, Sep 2 (IANS): Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday unveiled a comprehensive master plan for the holistic development of the Faridabad urban area. The plan, devised in collaboration with IIT Delhi and IIT Roorkee, aims to systematically enhance infrastructure and public services within the jurisdiction of Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority.

Chairing the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee meeting held in Faridabad, the Chief Minister redressed 12 of the 14 complaints on the spot.

He directed the officials concerned to conduct a survey in collaboration with IIT Delhi and IIT Roorkee to meticulously assess the existing urban landscape and identify areas that require improvement and redesign to align with the development schemes.

"With the help of the IIT teams, the structure and levelling in the Municipal Corporation area will be examined," Khattar said.



Tension in Bengal's Howrah district over custodial death of youth

Kolkata, Sep 2 (IANS): Panchla in Kolkata turned into a virtual battlefield on Saturday after following protests by the local people over the alleged custodial death of a youth at the West Bengal's Howrah district correctional home.

Somnath Sardar allegedly died in custody. The agitating local people also got engaged in a brawl with the police personnel who tried to disperse the crowd protesting by block. The police had to resort to massive lathicharge to bring the situation under control.

The angry mob attacked the cops with bricks and stones. Finally, a huge contingent of the rapid action force (RAF) had to be deployed to bring the situation under control. Tension was prevailing in the area till the time the report was filed.

It is learnt that the deceased was arrested on August 29 on charges of abduction of a minor girl. On August 30 he was remanded to judicial custody. The police had claimed that



he had fallen sick in custody on Friday night and was shifted to the Howrah district hospital, where he died early this morning.

As he news of his death reached the area tension started mounting as the local people alleged that Sardar's death was a result of intense police torture in custody. "We saw injuries

on different parts of his body. This is clear case of death by torture at custody," claimed one of the relatives of the victim.

The police had already sent the body of the victim for post-mortem purposes. The entire autopsy process will be video-recorded, said a local police official.

ED to court: Naresh Goyal diverted bank monies to clear personal loans

Mumbai, Sep 2 (IANS): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has contended that Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal -- who was arrested late on Friday -- had allegedly diverted around Rs 9.50 crore from a public sector bank loan to clear off his private loans.

Producing Goyal before a special PMLA court here on Saturday, the ED said that his daughter Namrata Goyal's production house also got money from Jet Airways accounts to pay salaries and other commitments.

On Friday, the ED swooped on Goyal's home, picked him up for questioning and late in the night placed him under arrest for alleged money-laundering linked with a Canara Bank loan fraud case of Rs 538 crore between 2011 and 2019.

The money-laundering case arose from a Central Bureau of Investigation



(CBI) FIR filed against Goyal, his wife Anita, and others in connection with the alleged fraud perpetrated with Canara Bank.

The Canara Bank had complained that it had given loans and credit limit to Goyal's Jet Airways worth Rs 849 crore, of which over Rs 538 crore was outstanding, and then declared a fraud in July 2021.

The investigation also revealed that private and

personal expenses of the Goyal family and staff salaries were paid through the airline accounts, and funds were siphoned off through Jet Lite by Jet Airways Ltd through loans, advances and investments.

It may be recalled that the once-powerful Jet Airways which virtually ruled the skies for nearly 25 years was grounded in April 2019 owing to financial problems and heavy losses.

Himachal bans cutting of hills for construction till Sep 16

Shimla, Sep 2 (IANS): The Himachal Pradesh government on Saturday announced to ban cutting of hills for construction, except for rebuilding disaster-affected buildings and roads, till September 16. Likewise, fresh planning permission or building permissions will also be banned for commercial or tourism units in Shimla, Mandi, Kullu, Kangra, Solan and Chamba districts during this period, an official statement said. During the monsoon season, unprecedented environmental disruptions have been witnessed across the state, which includes catastrophic landslides, land subsidence, river bank failures and severe erosion leading to the tragic loss of lives and properties.

Strong public support to ban polygamy in Assam, says CM

Guwahati, Sep 2 (IANS): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said that there is a strong public support in banning the polygamy in the state.

The state government earlier formed a committee to study the feasibility of introducing a law to ban polygamy in Assam. Following the submission of a report by the concerned committee, public opinion was sought by the government ahead of bringing a legislature in the state assembly. Taking to Twitter, Sarma said, "We have received a total of 149 suggestions in response to our public notice. Out of these, 146 suggestions are in favor of the bill, indicating strong public support. However, 3 organisations have expressed their opposition to the bill."

"We will now proceed to the next stage of the process, which is to complete the final drafting of the bill in next 45 days," he added. In its report, the expert committee said that the Indian Constitution gives the Union and the States the power to create legislation on specific issues.

Marriage is on the concurrent list, therefore both the federal government and the states can establish laws governing it. The Doctrine of Repugnancy (Article 254) states that if a state law conflicts with central law, the central law will take precedence unless the state law has the prior approval of the President of India, according to the committee's findings.



Shalini Dubey from Jharkhand selected for Zee Sa Re Ga Ma Pa musical show

Ramgarh: Ramgarh resident and noted singer Shalini Dubey, who is popular in Bihar and Jharkhand, has been selected in Zee TV's national show Re Ga Ma Pa 2023. Auditions were conducted by Zee TV in big cities across the country like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Lucknow etc. Hundreds of participants from across the country took part in it. The only participant from Jharkhand, Shalini Dubey, daughter of Vishwanath Dubey, was selected among the top 25 participants in Jharkhand. In the subsequent rounds, a total of 12 participants will be selected for the final round. The



musical recital of the 25 selected participants in Zee TV's famous show Re Ga Ma Pa 2023 will be telecast on September 3 and 4 at 9.00 pm. Famous singers Anu Mallik, Himesh Reshammiya and Neeti Mohan will play the role of judges

in this. Apart from this, it is being hosted by Aditya Narayan. Shalini Dubey of Ramgarh will be seen performing the song Jiya Laage Na Tum Bina Mora. Shalini Dubey considers her father Vishwanath Dubey as her music

guru, whereas her mother Suchitra Dubey is her biggest supporter. She said that her father, despite being an ordinary music teacher, has always encouraged her to move forward. Earlier too, Shalini Dubey has brought laurels to Jharkhand in singing. She secured second position during the state level competition held in 2011. After this, due to hard work in Sur-Sangram 3 organised in Mahua Channel in 2014, she made it to the last finalist. She also made a name for herself in the field of music by being a finalist in the Saare Gamma Rang Purvaia reality show aired on Big Ganga channel in 2017. (W.cd)

Nigar Shaji, a woman ISRO scientist helmed Aditya-L1 mission

Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh), Sep 2 (IANS): Women power at the Indian space agency is slowly coming to the fore and that too in the interplanetary missions. The latest is Nigar Shaji, Project Director for Aditya-L1 mission, India's mission to the Sun. A native of Shengottai in Tamil Nadu, the 59-year-old Shaji did her schooling in a government school there. A bright student - she stood first in her 10th standard and school first in her 12th standard. Completing her engineering degree in a college in Tirunelveli, Shaji completed M. Tech from Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi and then joined Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Over the years she was involved in various projects and the responsibility of heading Aditya-L1 came to her about eight years back.

"I have been heading this complex project for eight years. It was a challenging project. To place the spacecraft in the halo orbit itself is a major challenge. Further the payloads were also first of its kind," Shaji told IANS.

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This is to notify to all concerned that my clients namely Vandana Tiwary and Varun Tiwari are the wife and son respectively of one Jitendra Kumar Tiwari, aged about - 60 years, permanent resident of B202, Eastern India Enclave, Sonari, Jamshedpur-831 011 and if anybody deals with the aforesaid Jitendra Kumar Tiwari in respect of monetary and /or otherwise He/She/They shall act with his/her/their own responsibility and my clients shall not be responsible for such act and activities on the part of said Jitendra Kumar Tiwari and my clients shall not be in any way responsible.

Chinmoy Pal, Advocate
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सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गोलमुरी थाना कांड सं-20/23, दिनांक-26.02.2023, धारा-147/148/149/323/307 भादो/विो एवं 27 आर्म्स एक्ट परिवर्तित धारा- 147/148/149/149/2023/307 भादो/विो एवं 25 (1-बी)ए/25(ए)/27/35 आर्म्स एक्ट के प्राथमिकी अभियुक्त 1. अमन सफेदी उर्फ चिकना, पे-मुस्ताज खान, पता-नॉर्स-108 तेजा कॉलोनी गोलमपुरी मुस्लिम बस्ती, थाना-गोलमपुरी 2. शेख फैज, पे-मो गुलाम हुसैन, पता-न्यूडी0एस0 पलेट नियर गोलमपुरी मुस्लिम बस्ती, थाना-गोलमपुरी 3. चॉद, पे-एजाजुल शेख, पता-नॉर्स-29, खाना कॉलोनी गोलमपुरी, मुस्लिम बस्ती, थाना-गोलमपुरी 4. अब्दुल्ला, पे-अब्दुल्ला कादीर, पता-मुस्लिम बस्ती मालुबासा, थाना-सीतारामडेवा सभी जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर गिरफ्तारी के डर से फरार रहने के कारण सभी चारों अभियुक्त के विरुद्ध माननीय न्यायालय द्वारा इस्तेहार निर्गत किया गया है तथा माननीय न्यायालय द्वारा इस अभियुक्त के विरुद्ध निर्गत इस्तेहार अधिपत्र का स्थानिय अखबारों के माध्यम से प्रकाशित करवाने हेतु आदेश प्राप्त है।

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Jugsalai MLA inspects site for road connecting Khasmahal- Govindpur



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Jamshedpur, September 2: Road from Khasmahal Chowk to Govindpur will be built soon, Jugsalai MLA Mangal Kalindi inspected with officials the site.

The construction of road from Khasmahal Chowk to Govindpur railway gate via Parsudih, Shankarpur, Sarjamda, Barigoda, Rahargoda, Gadda under Jamshedpur block. On March 22, MLA Mangal Kalindi met the Chief Minister and handed over a demand letter to him regarding the construction of this road, on which the Chief Minister assured that this road would be constructed as soon as possible. For the construction of this road, on May 31, the MLA had also given an application to the Secretary of the Road Construction Department regarding the construction of this road and on March 3, during the zero hour of the Vidhan Sabha session, raised the issue of construction of the road. The DPR of this road has been prepared. This road will be constructed at a cost of about 24 crores. Soon after getting the administrative approval, the construction work of this road will start.

Youth swallows sleeping pills after dispute with wife

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: Rajababu Goswami, a resident of Garhabasa under Golmuri police station, consumed sleeping pills after a dispute with his wife. He is now in a critical condition and has been admitted to MGM Hospital for treatment. Relatives reported that Rajababu's mental condition was not stable and he was undergoing treatment at a facility near Ranchi. The dispute with his wife escalated on Thursday, leading him to swallow the sleeping pills. Following his deteriorating health condition, he was admitted to MGM Hospital for medical attention. (w/sgd)

District team camp for Jharkhand State Football Championship

Seraikela, Sept 2: A three-day training camp will be organized by Seraikela-Kharsawan District Sports Association from coming September 7 at Arjuna Stadium Kharsawan. In this camp, players who have performed well in the District Football League held in the district in the past are being invited. In this camp, which lasts for three days, expert coaches will give information about the nuances and techniques of football. In this regard, the District Sports Association has issued a press statement informing that 40 players from all the clubs participating in the recently concluded District Football League are being invited to the camp on the basis of better performance. The players selected in the league are Suresh Lohar, RakeshMahto, Anil Hansda, Anil Sardar, Kusho and RakeshMahto from R Sporting, MukeshGope, Dinesh Bansingh, John Kamal, Mahesh Soy, YadavSamad, Vijay Gope, HaradhanMunda and others from USC Reading Club. (w-pb)

Jamshedpur FC lose 3-2 to Bengaluru FC in pre-season match



Jamshedpur, Sept 2: Jamshedpur FC put on a valiant display but came up just a little short as they were beaten 3-2 by Bengaluru FC in a pre-season match at the Deccan Arena in Hyderabad.

This was Jamshedpur's second pre-season game in Hyderabad and third overall this campaign, and expectations were high this time around following an opening goal for the Men of Steel scored by defender Pratik Chaudhari. Pratik rose highest following a corner delivery for JFC and nodded home what was the first goal of the match in an exciting first half at the Deccan Arena. The joy was momentary though as Bengaluru FC fought back and found an equaliser via NamgyalBhutia. Jamshedpur FC appeared to be pushing for a second goal but ended up putting the ball in the wrong net as an own goal was scored to give Bengaluru the lead. 2-1 turned into 3-1 soon after as Robin Yadav converted for BFC but Jamshedpur continued to fight. Towards the end of the first half, the Men of Steel were awarded a penalty after Mohammed Sanan was brought down in the box by the Bengaluru defence. The resulting penalty was taken and scored confidently by Ritwik Das who slotted the ball past Gurpreet Singh in the opposition goal. The game ended 3-2 but there were more positives for Jamshedpur FC to take as they look to strengthen themselves in various parts of the pitch ahead of the start of the Hero Indian Super League campaign. (W-mb)

Founder's Day celebration at Mangilal Rungta 10+2 School's Annual Function

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Chaibasa, Sept 2: Mangilal Rungta 10+2 School observed the 142nd birth anniversary of the Founder simultaneously with its Annual Day celebrations.

The proceedings were jointly inaugurated by chief guest Kolhan Commissioner Manoj Kumar, along with guests-of-honour DC West Singhbhum Ananya Mittal, Regional Education Joint Director Nirmala Kumari Barelia and member of the founding family Mukund Rungta. A statue of Founder Mangilal Rungta was unveiled on the



occasion. School Principal, Shilpa Gupta, emphasized the importance of nurturing talent, modernizing education, and fostering a better understanding of human society. "It is our endeavor to build on the visions of the Founder through progressive

planning to enhance our institution's fame with robust provisions and far-sighted planning," she stated. The chief guest, Kolhan Commissioner Manoj Kumar observed, "You must have a competitive spirit that will enable you to progress sure-footedly towards



your goals in life. You should nurture this spirit through life for attainment of success in any venture you choose to pursue." Special guest Ananya Mittal while lauded the participants for their showing in various events, averred, "Competitions naturally

arouse the competitive spirit in every field of activity including sports and arts. This spirit plays a vital role in allround development." Mukund Rungta congratulated all winners of the annual day events and wished all a bright future.

To cap off an exciting Annual Day celebrations, the school students presented an array of traditional Mangalacharan dance items including an awe-inspiring presentation themed on Chandrayaan-3 including its launch and landing on the south pole of the lunar surface.

The entire programme including prize distribution ceremony was anchored by Lekha Singh and Sushma Jojobar. The contribution of all the teachers and members of the Rungta family towards the success of the programme was highly appreciated. (w/sgd)

DC gives instructions to ensure action on received applications

Seraikela, Sept 2: A weekly public meeting program was organized in the office room of the Deputy Commissioner located at the District Collectorate. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla met dozens of people from far-flung areas of the district with personal and social problems and became aware of their problems. Various applications were received in the JanataDarbar, mainly land related matters, Kisan Credit, adding names to ration cards, closure of private drains. During this, the Deputy Commissioner did on-the-spot execution



of many cases related to public welfare schemes. On the other hand, for quality, transparent disposal of the applications received related to other problems, the concerned departmental officials were directed. The Deputy Commissioner directed to inform the district

headquarters after ensuring the solution of the said problems within a week. During this, mainly District Public Relations Officer Sunil Kumar Singh and Social Media Dissemination Officer NandanUpadhyay were present along with the Deputy Commissioner. (w-pb)

25 to undergo cataract surgery today

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: The 690th free eye camp being organized by the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), East Singhbhum Branch, in association with Ram Manohar Lohia SewaSansthan, Draupadi Devi Chimanlal Bhalotia SewaSansthan, Rajasthan SewaSadana and the District Rural Health Committee, began today at Ram ManoharLohiaNetralaya, Bagbera. As part of first day's proceedings, Dr BP Singh conducted preliminary tests on the patients who thronged the camp site today. While 62 patients with eye ailments reached the camp, 25 patients with hyper maturity issues have been identified for Cataract surgery. Operation will be held on September 3. (w-mb)

Children take oath to adopt cleanliness



Seraikela, Sept 2: As per the instructions of Jharkhand Education Project Council, Jharkhand Government, Cleanliness Fortnight will be celebrated in government schools from 1st September to 15th September. Under this, on the first day on Friday, a collective cleanliness oath was taken by the students including teachers in all the government schools of the district. While monitoring the program, Seraikela Block Program Officer RabikantBhakat said that cleanliness oath program was organized with awareness in all the schools of Seraikela block. In this sequence, a collective oath of cleanliness was taken with a pledge at Municipal Odia Middle School, Seraikela. In which the boys and girls of the school, members of the school management committee, members of the school's Children's Parliament, parents, the head teacher and all the teachers together took an oath that along with keeping our school clean, we will also keep the streets and neighborhoods around us clean. (w-pb)

Deputation of MDM computer operator

Seraikela, Sept 2: Mid Day Meal Scheme Computer RajaramMahto of Seraikela block has also been deputed for Kharsawan and Rajnagar blocks. In this regard, District Superintendent of Education Charles Hembram has issued a deputation letter stating that RajaramMahto will be free from the mid-day meal scheme in Rajnagar block for 2 days a week in the event of the post being vacant due to the resignation of MDM computer operator Tapan Kumar Pal of Rajnagar block. deputed to perform the respective functions. Similarly, due to the retirement of Bandhan Kumar Modak, MDM computer operator of Kharsawan block, in case of vacancy, RajaramMahto for 2 days and district MDM computer operator Gautam Kumar Sahu of Kharsawan block for one day to execute the works related to the mid-day meal scheme. Deployed for. (w-pb)

ZP President, Vice President accused of arbitrariness

Chaibasa, Sept 2 : In the general meeting of ZillaParishad members chaired by District President Lakshmi Surin on Friday in the ZillaParishad office of West Singhbhum, there was a lot of uproar. The meeting went on smoothly for about an hour. But after an hour there was an uproar in the meeting. ZillaParishad members accused the President and Vice President of arbitrariness in some cases. ZillaParishad member of Jhinkapani block John MiranMunda demanded immediate resignation of both of them accusing them of misusing DMFT funds. Said that the work is being done in a wrong way. Work should be done on the DMFT fund in the ZillaParishad member's area. This work should be done in the public interest in the district. JIP member John MiranMunda demanded a ban on the tobacco factory operating in the name of Jharkhand in Chaibasa. (w-pb)

DSE to investigate student's death



Seraikela, Sept 2: District Superintendent of Education (DSE) Charles Hembram on Friday investigated the matter of dismissal by the headmaster in connection with the death of ShubhankarMandal, a student of Basic School located at BadaGamharia under Adityapur police station area, by drowning in a pit. During this, after reaching the school, he talked to the school headmaster and other teachers and also talked to

the children and many parents and inquired about this. DSE said that leave cannot be granted in the school without the orders or informing the senior departmental officers. But if this has been done by the headmaster then it is wrong. It is being verified. During this he found many flaws in the school. On which he has prepared a report on the whole matter and said that appropriate action will be taken according to the law. (w-pb)

Tatanagar. Howrah-Barbil Jan Shatabdi Express train to halt at Jhargram

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: In a move aimed at enhancing passenger convenience and connectivity, Jan Shatabdi Express will now include a stop at Jhargram station in the Kharagpur Division. This decision will be effective until further notice.

Starting from September 6, 2023, Jan Shatabdi Express trains will make scheduled halts at Jhargram Station, benefitting commuters and residents of the region.

1201 Howrah-Barbil Jan Shatabdi Express will make a designated stop at Jhargram Station from September 6.

Similarly, 12022 Barbil-Howrah Jan Shatabdi Express departing from Barbil and heading towards Howrah will also have Jhargram Station as a scheduled stop from September 6.

This development is expected to greatly enhance the accessibility and connectivity for passengers traveling through Jhargram, facilitating smoother and more convenient rail journeys for those residing in and around the region. (W-mb)



Kunal distributes mosquito nets in Chakulia

Jamshedpur, September 2: Dengue cases are being seen increasing rapidly in East Singhbhum district. The risk of serious condition is being seen in those patients whose immunity is weak. This time the figures of dengue in Chakulia block of East Singhbhum district is quite high. In view of this danger, on Friday, more than 250 mosquito nets were distributed among the Swasthya Sahiya didis in Chakulia Dharamshala by former MLA and founder of the organization Namya



Smile Foundation, Kunal Sarangi. Kunal Sarangi said that dengue cases are continuously increasing

in the state. Patients are neither getting beds nor proper treatment in government hospitals. Jharkhand's health system has completely collapsed. The people of Chakulia area are forced to get treatment in the hospitals of Jhargram. At the same time, Kunal raised questions on the apathy of the state government on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious scheme Ayushman Bharat and said that it is extremely unfortunate that dengue is not included in the Ayushman Bharat scheme. (W.rg)

Protest movement if power supply system not improved : Manoj

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Sept 2: Despite the hour-long area-wise power supply being interrupted in the name of maintenance, the electricity department's attitude of arbitrarily disrupting power supply continues. Not only this, even those giving formal or informal information regarding power supply interruption are considering it insulting to even give information to the distressed consumers. A lot of anger is being seen among the local public and common consumers regarding this. Consumers say that due to frequent



power cuts, essential daily tasks are also getting hampered. The same attitude of the electricity department is badly affecting the education of the children. It should be mentioned that after the people's

agitation led by BJP leader Manoj Kumar Chaudhary on the rickety power supply system in the past, it was agreed with the department that the dangling electric wires would be repaired after taking time for maintenance. Along with this, the branches of the surrounding trees will be sorted and separated. After which the power supply was interrupted for hours in the name of maintenance. Despite this, even at present, the ancient tradition of interrupting the power supply in case of light rain or strong wind is still there. (w-pb)

Nodal teachers' training for detecting eye problems of school children

Seraikela, Sept 2: In the Block Resource Centre, Seraikela, one nodal teacher from each school was given training on testing the eye defects of school children by Eye Assistant Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahato. ShriMahato told that all the nodal teachers who receive training will identify the children of their schools for eye examination. And the identified children will be sent to the eye check-up camp to be organized at Block Resource CenterSeraikela on 11th September. Where children's eye examination will be done by doctors.



After which they will be provided free spectacles as per their requirement. So that children do not face difficulty in studying in school. Formats related to this were also distributed during the training. In which the details of the identified children are to be

submitted in the investigation camp on the prescribed date. On this occasion, Block Program Officer RabikantBhakat, Resource Teacher Narendra Prasad Singh and Physiotherapist PinkyChaki were mainly present. (w-pb)

Introspection session at Hudu Panchayat



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Saraikela, Sept 2: An introspection session was organized at the Hudu Panchayat Secretariat under the auspices of the AkanshiBlock in Saraikela. Led by Gram Panchayat Head Sugii Murmu, this introspection session brought together various leaders from the Panchayat region to engage in an in-depth discussion on issues faced by the Panchayat and their potential solutions. (w/gsd)

Bhagwat Katha at Satyanarayan Marwari Mandir commences today

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Jamshedpur, Sept 2: A weeklong Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Gyan Yagna will get underway at the Bistupur Sri Satyanarayan Marwari Mandir from Sunday, September 3. The Katha Vachak (narrator), Himanshu Ji from Mathura, will narrate and explain from the chapters of the holy text from the Vyas Peeth (podium) from 3:30 pm daily. The Katha will continue till Saturday, September 9.

A press release to the effect was issued by the Mandir committee Secretary, Suresh Kumar Agiwal on Saturday. The release mentioned that on Sunday, September 3 at 8 AM, the Kalash installation and Shobha Yatra (procession) will mark the inauguration.

Forest Dept initiates action against unauthorized land boring

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Gamharia, Sept 02: On the night of August 27th, an incident involving clandestine land boring came to light in Julumtand Basti, located in Ward 2 of Gamharia under the jurisdiction of the Adityapur police station. In response, the Forest Department has taken swift action, registering a case against unidentified individuals and impounding the vehicle used for the unauthorized activity on forest land.

Ranger Digvijay Singh of the Seraikela Forest Department provided details about the incident, explaining that local residents had seized the vehicle and subsequently handed it over to the Adityapur Police. However, some individuals claimed that the land in question was leased to them.

Upon receiving this information, the Forest Department promptly notified its zonal office and initiated an investigation led by the zonal Amin. The inquiry revealed that the specific plot of land where the unauthorized land boring occurred bears the designation "Plot Number 316" and falls under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department, as indicated in the zonal office's records.

Subsequently, based on the report submitted, the Forest Department initiated legal action against unknown individuals involved in the unauthorized activity. Further steps are being taken to address this matter comprehensively, with the aim of safeguarding forest land and ensuring adherence to regulations. (w/nkm)

Cyclist dies after being hit by unidentified car

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Gamharia, Sept 2: A cyclist, Tirala village resident, Shiv Charan Patro (55) was killed when an unknown vehicle hit him and escaped from the scene. The accident occurred near Tirala Nala under Gamharia police station at 5 am on Saturday. According to the victim's son, Arun Patro, Shiv Charan Patro worked at Auto Profile, a company in Gamharia. The Gamharia police arrived at the spot and sent the body for post mortem at Saraikela Sadar Hospital. Arun informed that around 5 am on Saturday, his father had left for duty on his bicycle. While on his way, he was hit by an unidentified vehicle near the canal and the driver fled the scene with the car. By the time the villagers arrived at the scene, the victim had already died. The Gamharia police station was informed and they took custody of the body and sent it for autopsy at Saraikela Sadar Hospital. (w/gsd)

India emerges as world's fastest growing economy: Chauhan

Jamshedpur, Sept 02: Ashish Kumar Chauhan, the Managing Director and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India Limited, has lauded India's remarkable first-quarter GDP growth of 7.8 percent, deeming it "fantastic." According to Chauhan, this achievement solidifies India's position as the fastest growing economy globally. In comparison, the United States is experiencing an economic growth rate of approximately 2 percent, and China is expected to hover around a similar range, if not lower. Chauhan predicts that India is poised to become the world's growth engine.

Highlighting the exceptional performance of India's services sector, which expanded by over 10 percent in the first quarter, Chauhan emphasizes its enduring role as a key driver of growth. Furthermore, he finds the overall investment rate of 35 percent highly encouraging, indicating that India is diligently laying the groundwork for a prosperous future and aiming for rapid economic expansion.



The Lions Club of Jamshedpur, Bharat, organized its third installation ceremony at RVS College of Engineering and Technology (RVSCET) on Saturday, September 2. Saurav Anand, Meenal Sharma and Anoop Samanta were sworn in as members of the Club.

Sacred Heart Convent claims Best School award at India Environment Meet
Tata Steel's Meet spreads message on sustainable living

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Jamshedpur, Sept 2: In its commitment towards promoting sustainability in its areas of operations, Tata Steel organized India Environment Meet 2023 at KudyMahanty auditorium on Saturday. Rajiv Mangal, Vice President (Safety, Health & Sustainability), Tata Steel graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Earlier in the day, Jitendra Prasad Singh, Regional Officer, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board inaugurated the meet. The event was organised in association with Millennium Institute of Energy & Environment Management. During the occasion, Rajiv Mangal, Vice President (Safety, Health & Sustainability), Tata Steel, expressed his views, stating that the younger generation has a significant responsibility to promote sustainability. He emphasised that it is time for us to start practicing the concept of reduce, reuse and recycle, so that we are well positioned for a brighter tomorrow and preserve our nature.

First-ever India Environment Meet 2023 was organised to sensitise school children on topics like waste management and conservation of nature. The meet was aimed at enhancing the environmental awareness among the young generation. It also sensitised the school children on various environmental issues affecting the local, national, or global ecological balance. More than 250 students of 17 schools from across the



city participated. From among the young generation. It also sensitised the school children on various environmental issues affecting the local, national, or global ecological balance. More than 250 students of 17 schools from across the

first-ever India Environment Meet 2023. JUSCO South Park School bagged the best Skit award. Team Three Musketeers Sacred Heart Convent won the quiz competition. Sagar Kumar from Loyola School was adjudged winner of Debate Competition, RenuMahato from Kerala Public School won the essay competition and MugdhaJha from JUSCO School, Kadma bagged the first prize in Poster making competition. Promoting sustainability, things like seed paper-based name tags, seed-based pencils and bio-fabric were used for the event. Present on the occasion were, SurajitSinha, Chief Agglomerates, Tata Steel, PradeepChaudhary, Chief Sinter Plant, Tata Steel, Indrajit Paul, Chief Pellet Plant, Tata Steel and members from Tata Workers Union and Environment Department. (W-mb)

Team Coke Plant wins Inter-JDC Rafting tournament



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Jamshedpur, Sept 2: Tata Steel's Sports Department organised Inter-JDC Rafting Tournament on September 1 and 2 at the Water Sports Centre, Dimna.

The tournament witnessed enthusiastic from 32 JDC Units of Tata Steel. More than 260 participants showcased their talent in this year's competition. In a display of exceptional skill and sportsmanship, Coke Plant team emerged as the winner, whereas team of Hot Strip Mill bagged the runner's up position. Engineering Services emerged as the 2nd runner's up.

To ensure fair play and adherence to the rules, the tournament benefited from the expertise of renowned technical officials, including AnveshaSinha, Ankit Mishra and Tata Steel Adventure team who performed their roles admirably. The event provided an excellent platform for employees to showcase their Rafting skills and foster a healthy competitive spirit. Shatrughan Kumar Roy, Vice President, Tata Workers' Union (TWU) graced the occasion as Chief Guest with Vinod Kumar Thakur, Committee Member, TWU during the prize distribution ceremony. (W-mb)

Saryu's focus on Sidhgora Surya Mandir development

Jamshedpur, September 2:

Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Rai has given his reaction to the agitation being carried out by BJP's national vice president Raghuvir Das and his people against the development work to be done at Sidhgora Sun Temple and the adjacent Shankh Maidan. In a press conference that the allegation that religious faith is being played with is completely wrong. He said that he is taking steps to save Sidhgora Sun Temple only from businessmen. Government's money is also invested in it. JNAC will maintain all the buildings built around the Sun Temple. Rai said that all the work done by Raghuvir Das while he was MLA is being carried forward. He said that they are getting a swimming pool constructed for the children, a basketball court constructed, they are getting many types of development works done in the Sun Temple campus. (W.rg)



Surya Mandir: Protest erupts in Jamshedpur over controversial construction projects

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Jamshedpur, Sept 2: Followers of the city's religious traditions have taken to the streets to voice their objection to the construction of a swimming pool at the sacred Chhath Ghat pond within the Surya Mandir complex in Sidhgora, Jamshedpur, and the erection of basketball and volleyball courts at the revered Shankh Maidan spiritual site. This development has evoked both the ire of the Surya Mandir Committee and the deep-seated anger of countless devotees who hold the temple in high regard.

On Saturday, thousands of fervent believers participated in a torchlight procession that traversed various police station areas of Jamshedpur, condemning the construction endeavors spearheaded by independent MLA Saryu Roy. The protesters, armed with torches and placards, fervently rallied against what they perceive as an affront to their religious values, distributing leaflets to raise awareness of the alleged "anti-religious mentality" of MLA. The procession witnessed a palpable surge of anger among residents hailing from diverse police station areas, as they decried the MLA's alleged preference for generating unwarranted controversies over concrete initiatives to address the area's mounting issues and deteriorating law and order. Residents stressed the significance of the Temple, revered not only within Jamshedpur but throughout Jharkhand, for its unwavering spiritual importance and breathtaking beauty. It serves as a sacred place of



worship for devotees seeking blessings from deities including Lord Bhaskar, Shivalaya, Shri Radha-Krishna, Maa Durga, Veer Bajrangbali, and the grand Shri Ram Temple, constructed in the vein of Ayodhyadham, within the temple complex. Each year, thousands of fasting mothers and sisters gather to offer Arghya to Lord Bhaskar at the Chhath Ghats situated within the temple premises, celebrating the folk faith festival of Chhath. Shankh Maidan plays host to continuous spiritual and cultural events, as well as religious rituals that hold profound significance to the community. Critics argue that the independent MLA's actions are not only undermining the functioning of the Surya Mandir but also eroding the temple's

the torch procession opined that the independent MLA seemed more inclined toward generating headlines through contentious actions than genuinely dedicating efforts to development work. They cited instances where his public statements and controversies seemed to overshadow practical work on the ground. The torch procession was organized across various police station areas, including Golmuri, Chhayannagar, Kalyannagar, Babudih Basti, Sitaramdera, Sidgora, Bagunhatu Chowk, Baridih Basti, Bajrang Chowk, Hind Ashram, Gemco Chowk, Birsanagar Kunwa Maidan, Sunday Market, Krishnanagar, and Jojobeda, drawing attention to the heartfelt concerns of the community regarding the preservation of their spiritual and cultural heritage. (W.pb)

Headmaster held on charges of abetting minor student's suicide

Kolkata, Sep 2 (IANS):

The headmaster of a state-run school in West Bengal's in Darjeeling district was arrested on Saturday on charges abetting the suicide of a minor student of his school. The arrested headmaster has been identified at GagendraGurung, who is accused of putting mental pressure on a 16-year-old student who committed suicide.

Uproar over death of Jio contract worker, agreement on compensation of Rs 8 lakh

Jamshedpur, September 2: Jio employee Gulshan Boypai (contract worker), who was injured while working on NH 33 at Mango, died during treatment at TMH. On Saturday, the people of the colony including the deceased's mother Sanju Boypai, BJP leader Vikas

Singh surrounded the office of Jio Fiber located on Mango Road, demanding compensation. The family demanded a compensation of Rs 10 lakh and Rs 10,000 every month for the mother's living. However, the company was adamant on paying

only Rs 4 lakh compensation. On receiving information BJP state spokesperson Kunal Sarangi also reached the spot and talked to the company officials. In the end, the company agreed to pay a compensation of Rs 8 lakh, the entire hospital expenses including

the cost of cremation of the dead body, after which the matter was calmed down. It is known that Gulshan started working in the company on August 1 itself. He was working by climbing a pole near Big Bazaar on NH 33 when he got electrocuted and died. (W.rg)

Model UN Conference concludes on a high note at DAV Bistupur
Become catalysts for positive change in society: Pragya Singh

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sep 2: Model United Nations conference concluded at DAV Public School Bistupur on Saturday, on a high note.

On the conference's final day, delegates were enthusiastic about showcasing their problem-solving and analytical abilities. They demonstrated a keen interest in examining, analyzing, and debating a diverse range of national and international crises. These aspiring young leaders exhibited a deep commitment to exploring various responses and resolutions for the pressing contemporary issues

affecting people worldwide. The two-day conference witnessed brainstorming sessions, heated debates, discussions and passing of resolutions on national and international issues such as Illegal Immigration in Europe, Israel-Palestine conflict, gender based bias in working environment, sexual harassment against women etc. Various agendas including China-Taiwan conflict, protection of human rights in the digital sphere, Decarbonization of Energy Resources, Uniform Civil Code and its implementation, India's G-20 Presidency, Cyber terrorism etc. In the closing ceremony,



the country representatives were awarded with the titles including best delegate, high commendation, special mention, best dressed delegate and verbal mention each for the six committees. The best delegates were

EklavyaAmrit (AIPPM) from DAV Bistupur, AparajitaKumari (UNHRC) from DAV Bistupur, Pragya Sharma (UNSC) from DAV Bistupur, SurabhiKumari (UNFCCC) from DAV Bistupur, Satyam Dubey (UN Women) from DAV Bistupur and Rishabh Choudhary (UNGA) from Bistupur. Pragya Singh, ARO of DAV Public Schools in Jharkhand Zone E, who also serves as the Principal of DAV Bistupur emphasized that the true essence of the conference lies not only in the resolutions passed but in the enduring impact they carry forward. She Singh highlighted the invaluable skills acquired, friendships forged, and perspectives gained during DBMUN. She urged the young participants to become catalysts for positive change in society, embodying the principles of diplomacy and collaboration that define DBMUN. (W-mb)

Crucial note on simultaneous LS & Assembly polls was prepared in 2016

Simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies had been discussed at length in a note prepared by the Lok Sabha Secretariat in 2016. The note was prepared by B. Phani Kumar, Additional Director, BelaRouth, Joint Director of Lok Sabha Secretariat under the supervision of Kalpana Sharma, Joint Secretary and C.N. Sathyanathan, Director.

"The desirability of holding simultaneous elections for the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabhas has been discussed at various levels. A considered view is that simultaneous elections will not only keep alive the enthusiasm of voters, but will also result in huge savings to the public exchequer as well as avoiding repetition of administrative effort.

"It is also expected to control the expenses of political parties. Simultaneous elections will also avoid repeated enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct which affects administrative actions by the government," the note argued. On the history of simultaneous elections in India, it said that simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha (House of The People) and Vidhan Sabhas (State Legislative Assemblies) were held in the years 1951-52, 1957, 1962 and 1967.

Thereafter, however, the schedule could not be maintained and the elections to the Lok Sabha and the Vidhan Sabhas have still not been realigned. On the justification for holding simultaneous elections, the note said that it was felt that holding simultaneous elections would reduce the massive expenditure incurred for conduct of separate elections every year.

Currently, the cost of holding elections for Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of States and UTs has been pegged at Rs 4,500 crore by the Election Commission.

"Elections lead to imposition of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in the poll-bound state/area and as a result, the entire development programme and activities of the Union and state governments in the poll bound state would come to a standstill. Frequent elections lead to imposition of MCC over prolonged periods of time which affects the normal governance," the note said. Frequent elections lead to disruption of normal public life and impact the functioning of essential services. If simultaneous elections are held, this period of disruption would be limited to a certain pre-determined period of time. It would free the crucial manpower which is often deployed for prolonged periods on election duties.

For example, the 2014 Lok Sabha elections which were held along with assembly elections in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh was spread over 10 phases and 1,077 in situ companies and 1,349 mobile companies of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) were deployed. This 2016 note said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken several times on considering the feasibility of holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections and stressed on the need for building consensus on the issue. He is of the opinion that continuous and frequent elections take a toll on economic and human resources.

Frequent elections add to the expenses, party leaders and cadres are also perpetually involved in the electoral process, leaving them with very little time for constructive matters related to development of the country.

In 2016, the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Nasim Zaidi, said that the Election Commission was ready to hold simultaneous Lok Sabha and state legislative polls if certain conditions are met and more resources are provided. The Commission can hold simultaneous election for which two things to be noted: firstly, several constitutional amendments will have to be made; and secondly, there has to be consensus among all the political parties.

Modi's 'One Nation, One Election' gamble is revolutionary and could push Presidential form of govt

By Nirendra Dev

The Central government has constituted a high-powered panel headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind to explore the possibility of much-talked-about "One Nation, One Election".

This is a shocker for the political opponents and detractors of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But this is revolutionary and one of the much sought after "pro-reform" strategies. There are chances now the country could be headed towards a Presidential form of government.

Now whether this happens by 2023-24 or later could be looked into at a later stage.

Answers to questions on these lines remain best in the womb of time. The idea of "One Nation, One Election" is in tune with the political philosophy of the BJP and even the presidential form of government has been endorsed by the BJP stalwarts like L. K. Advani in the past.

In fact, in 2018, none other than the then President Ram Nath Kovind had told Parliament, "Frequent elections not only impose a huge burden on human resources but also impede the development process due to the promulgation of the model code of conduct".

For his part, Modi has pushed the idea strongly especially for simultaneous Lok Sabha and state



assembly polls.

Hence the decision to set up a panel underscores the government's seriousness on the matter.

In 1998-99 these ideas gained currency after the Vajpayee government took over the reins of the government following three years of political instability under United Front - a conglomeration of regional and caste-based parties supported by the Leftists and the Congress.

BJP ideologues such as K R Malkani used to raise concern that the Indian polity has sunk to abysmal depths. Elections were almost farce and marked by violence and booth capturing. There was deep concern also about the emergence of caste-based politics and also criminalisation of politics.

The conviction by the saffron

think tanks and individuals used to be that electoral politics is at the source of all these ailments/perversions.

'One Nation, One Election' if implemented could lead to Presidential form of government and that would be something to ensure a strong and stable central/federal government as is understood in the US.

The British model that India followed envisages a system with a responsible cabinet and sovereign parliament. But in the US, the system is Presidential. There one has an executive central government for a "federation" and that would function in close coordination with the judiciary. In some cases even the judiciary gets upper hand.

In the US, of course, experts would say the separation of powers doctrine has been made 'workable' with right checks and balances. This will be a challenging area in the Indian context.

If the US model is adopted, one major factor/transition will be the civil service "losing" its vice-like grip over governance machineries. This is also reform and a revolutionary strategy. It is believed going away with the "babudom" and red-tapes (something PM Modi keeps repeating) will also ensure quicker implementation of plan projects.

However, one major concern is it will be less democratic and smaller parties will slowly and gradually

cease to exist.

Hence there will be a lot of "hungama" about the reform especially to endorse a Presidential form of government.

However, such a system will encourage a two or three party system and technically it will allow "reviving" the Congress party with a renewed look.

During the Vajpayee era, the likes of Advani must have dreamt about such a situation with One Nation, One Election and even the Presidential form of government. But the BJP did not have numbers in Parliament. But in 2023 -- the AmritKaal, the saffron party is having adequate numbers in parliament and is in power in several states.

The Presidential form encourages to uphold a political system where the president is a national hero. The bill suits Modi rather easily. In the states, probably Chief Ministers will be replaced by Governors and the "governors" too will be the provincial hero.

Efficiency will be encouraged automatically and the voters will not have to vote on petty caste and religion considerations. The stage may be set as Bibek Debroy recently wrote an article pushing for a new constitution.

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Kerala : A tale of two high profile daughters

Kerala's two high profile daughters - Veena Vijayan daughter of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Achu Oommen Chandy, daughter of late Congress chief minister Oommen Chandy -- have been in news for different reasons.

Veena has come under attack after a leading vernacular newspaper -- Malayala Manorama came out with a news report that her IT firm Exalogic got Rs 1.72 crores from a Kochi based mining company CMRL.

The newspaper report had attributed the source of the news to the Income Tax Department which was followed by Congress legislator Mathew Kuzhalsadan coming out against Veenu with more news, leaving the CPI-M and its top leadership to defend Veena.

She was trolled over social media as well.

Veena was also in news after her name got associated with Swapna Suresh, the prime accused in the gold smuggling case. It was also alleged that Veena was engaged in gold and currency smuggling.

"All projects in Kerala



beginning with K are literally V projects, a vehicle for Veena to make money," said Swapna. She also alleged that she was offered a job in Veena's IT firm in Bengaluru, which she did not take up.

Meanwhile, Achu who always remained away from public glare as she is settled in the Middle East with her family also came under attack, as soon as the campaign for the Puthuppally assembly by-election to elect Chandy's successor was announced.

Congress has asked Chandy's son and Achu's elder brother Chandy Oommen as the candidate.

As soon as Achu arrived

to join her brother in the election campaign, a top retired government official and ruling CPI-M activist Nandakumar wrote a social media post against Achu.

After Achu expressed displeasure with the social media post against her, Nandakumar withdrew it and rendered an apology.

However, Achu registered a complaint with the Cyber wing of the police and following a public outrage against the post, the police registered a case against Nandakumar with bailable charges against him.

Leader of Opposition V.D.Satheesan wrote to Vijayan demanding immediate ouster of

Nandakumar from the job which he was given allegedly by violating all the rules.

"If you really give any significance to your repeated stand on protecting the dignity of women, you should register a criminal case against Nandakumar and oust him from the job of the administrative officer at IHRD," wrote Satheesan in a letter to the Chief Minister Vijayan.

The difference between the daughters about how they have approached their respective crises is vast. While Achu has immediately filed a complaint, Veena is yet to respond to the allegations.

Years of mismanagement reduce Jadavpur Univ to suicide hotspot

By Sumanta Ray Chaudhuri

Coming under the national scanner for all the wrong reasons seems to have become a regular affair for West Bengal. The latest is the mysterious death of a fresher student of Jadavpur University (JU), allegedly because of mental harassment and ragging by a group of senior students.

With arguments and counter-arguments flying thick over this tragedy, academic circles in the state feel that it is utter mismanagement on the part of the JU authorities to end the menace of ragging by adopting some simple applications following the example of several reputed universities and educational institutes at the national level who have brought down incidents of severe ragging to almost zero.

The first application point should be the students' hostel of the university where the victim, who was yet to cross the age of 18, had to undergo such ragging. His body was found in front of the hostel on August 10.

The anti-ragging



committee at the national level which was constituted under the chairmanship of former Central Bureau of Investigation director R.K. Raghavan had suggested a number of measures to prevent such incidents of ragging and harassment of junior students in the university campuses. As per the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) based on the recommendations of the Raghavan Committee, separate hostel accommodation for first-year students from that of senior students should be organised.

However, from the death of the fresher it is clear that

this recommendation for a separate freshers' hostel was completely ignored by the JU authorities. Now after the tragedy the JU authorities have taken some initiatives to separate the freshers' hostel but it is too late for the victim who came to Kolkata from a remote village in Nadia district of West Bengal for higher education.

The UGC has already sent two notices to the JU authorities seeking clarifications on whether their anti-ragging guidelines were implemented by the university.

Another irregularity noticed at the students'

hostel is the illegal occupation of beds and rooms by former students even months after they had passed out. They also acted as the final word in accommodation-related affairs in the hostels.

The four former students of the university arrested by police in this connection have been accused by the hostel occupants as treating the hostel virtually as their parents property even months after passing out.

Another major violation by the JU authorities in implementing the anti-ragging guidelines was the reluctance to install CCTVs within the university campus.

Gujarat BJP goes for organisational rejig in the run-up to 2024

By Janvi Sonaiya

As the countdown to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections begins, political landscapes across India are undergoing significant shifts, with parties ramping up their efforts to secure an advantageous position in the electoral race.

The BJP, well aware of the political dynamics, has begun its preparations in the state of Gujarat, a region that has long been considered its stronghold. In its pursuit of maintaining and enhancing its influence, the party has initiated a series of organisational changes and ground-level strategies.

One of the notable strategies employed by the BJP in Gujarat is the restructuring of its organisational framework. Key individuals have been sidelined, and a renewed focus on grassroots-level operations has been prioritised.

The resignation of Pradip Singh Vaghela, who had held the position of

BJP General Secretary since 2016 and was in charge of crucial areas like the south zone, Ahmedabad city and district, and the state BJP headquarters, exemplifies the party's commitment to realigning its personnel and streamlining its operations.

This move, however, did not occur in isolation. It coincided with a time when the Surat crime branch apprehended three individuals on charges of disseminating a defamatory letter containing allegations against Vaghela and several other prominent leaders.

The timing suggests a heightened sensitivity to potential smear campaigns and a proactive approach to containing any negative impact on the party's image.

Under the leadership of C.R. Paatil, the Gujarat BJP Chief, these organisational changes are not isolated incidents but part of a broader strategy aimed at fine-tuning the party's structure for the upcoming electoral



challenge. Meanwhile, the significance of the visit of Union Home Minister

Amit Shah to Gujarat should not be overlooked. Shah's presence, coupled with his engagement with

BJP karyakartas (workers), underscores the importance that the party places on its home turf, Gujarat, which

remains its most formidable asset at this juncture.

The Gujarat BJP headquarters Shree Kamalam, is now a hub of activity where members are diligently following the directives set forth by Shah.

A pivotal moment in this preparation phase was marked by the Gujarat Assembly elections in January this year, where the BJP emerged victorious.

The sentiment shared by party members resonates with Shah's words during the celebrations:

"These (Gujarat Assembly poll) results are not only important for Gujarat, but for the entire nation as there will be elections in 2024. The entire country is ready to make Modisaheb the Prime Minister again."

These sentiments echo across the BJP's ranks and signal their unwavering dedication to securing victory in 2024, even today. Nonetheless, as the BJP

works tirelessly to solidify its position, it faces new challenges on its home turf. The unexpected alliance between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress has introduced an element of unpredictability to Gujarat's political landscape.

This coalition could potentially erode the BJP's dominance by capturing a few seats from its bastion. The BJP's response has been multifaceted, including a redoubled effort to offset these potential losses by making gains in other states like Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP's efforts in Uttar Pradesh revolve around forming coalitions with smaller parties, such as the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) led by Jayant Chaudhary. This strategic maneuver aims to not only counterbalance potential losses in Gujarat but also to expand the party's influence in regions where it seeks to consolidate power.

The alliance between the AAP and Congress, known

as INDIA, has caught the attention of political observers. Congress leader Gadhvi's assertion that the BJP seems unnerved by this alliance further highlights the potential impact of this unexpected political union.

The fact that BJP leaders, including the Prime Minister, have been openly addressing this alliance underscores the BJP's concern and the challenge it perceives.

In the intricate world of politics, each move is part of a broader chessboard strategy. As the BJP in Gujarat readies itself for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, it navigates the waters of organisational restructuring, ground-level engagement, and strategic considerations to maintain its dominant position in the state and contribute significantly to the national political scenario.

The dynamics and responses unfolding in the run-up to the elections will undoubtedly shape the trajectory of the nation's political narrative.

India defeat Malaysia in semis, sets up final showdown against Pakistan

Oman, Sep 2 (IANS): The Indian Men's Hockey Team will take on traditional rivals Pakistan in the inaugural Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023 on Saturday.

The Indian Team confirmed their spot after a comprehensive 10-4 win over Malaysia in the semifinal on Saturday. Meanwhile, Pakistan reached the Final after defeating Oman 7-3 in the first Semi-Final. India's previous meeting against the opposition in the tournament in the Elite pool stage match had ended with Pakistan winning 5-4. Mohammed Raheel (9', 16', 24', 28'), Maninder



Singh (2'), Pawan Rajbhar (13'), Sukhvinder (21'), Dipsan Tirkey (22'), Jugraj Singh (23'), and Gurjot Singh (29') scored the goals for India, while Captain Ismail Abu (4'),

Akhimullah Anuar (7', 19'), Muhamad Din (19') were on target for Malaysia.

With the win, India also confirmed a spot in the 2024 FIH Hockey 5s World Cup.

Asia Cup: Hardik's 87, Ishan's 82 help India post 266 after top-order collapse

Pallekele, Sep 2 (IANS): All-rounder Hardik Pandya made 87 while Ishan Kishan slammed 82 as the duo helped India overcome a top-order collapse and make 266 in 48.5 overs against Pakistan in their first match of Asia Cup here on Saturday.

Under challenging conditions, India were reduced to 66/4, before Kishan and Pandya stepped up in a pressure situation to stitch an important 138-run partnership. While Kishan mixed sensibility with aggression, Pandya was calmness personified and upped the ante after the wicketkeeper-batter fell.



For Pakistan, pacers Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf were amongst the wicket-takers, even though their spinners and fielders weren't up to the

mark. Just when it felt the game would drift away from Pakistan, the pacers triggered another collapse as India went from 239-5 to 266 all out.

Electing to bat first,

Rohit Sharma slammed two leg-side boundaries via nonchalant flicks off Shaheen, who tested the openers well. Naseem also tested Rohit and Shubman Gill with pace, seam movement and some instances of variable bounce.

After 25 minutes of rain interruption, Shaheen found some movement to beat Rohit twice and finally got his man when the left-arm pacer got one to nip back in and hit the top of the right-handed batter's off-stump.

In his next over, Shaheen cramped Virat Kohli for room on an attempted

punch, to which the right-handed batter could only chop onto his stumps. Shreyas Iyer, making a comeback in international cricket, immediately found his groove with a punch drive and flick off Rauf for two boundaries.

But the pacer had the last laugh in the final over of power-play as Iyer pulled his 147kph short ball straight to mid-wicket before a slight drizzle paused play for 20 minutes. Post resumption, Kishan upper cut Rauf over deep backward point for six and got a leading edge past first slip for four to rebuild India's innings.

Novak Djokovic ousts Djere in five-set US Open comeback

New York, Sep 2 (IANS): Novak Djokovic survived a major scare as he ousted fellow Serbian and No. 32 seed Laslo Djere in five-set US Open comeback, at the Arthur Ashe Stadium, here.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic needed to come back from a two-sets-to-love deficit and grind out a 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 win over Djere to advance to fourth round, reports 'usopen'. "It's one of the toughest matches I've played here in many years," Djokovic said. "Huge, huge credit to Laslo, who played some of the best tennis I've ever seen him play."



Clifford Miranda names 23-member squad for AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers

New Delhi, Sep 1 (IANS): India U-23 men's team head coach Clifford Miranda has announced a 23-member squad for the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers to be held in Dalian, China from September 6-12, 2023.

India, seeking their maiden qualification to the AFC U23 Asian Cup to be held in Qatar in 2024, will face Maldives (September 6), hosts China PR (September 9) and the United Arab Emirates (September 12) in Group G, the AIFF said in a report on Friday.



The 11 group winners and four best second-placed teams will qualify for the AFC U23 Asian Cup 2024, which also serves as the qualifier for the men's Olympic football tournament for Paris 2024.

India's 23-member squad:

Goalkeepers: Hrithik Tiwari, Prabhsukhan Singh Gill, Arsh Anwer Shaikh.

Defenders: Narender Gahlot, Hormipam Ruivah, Bikash Yumnam, Sanjeev Stalin, Sumit Rathi, Jitendra Singh, Abdul Raheeb.

Midfielders: Thoiba Singh Moirangthem, Lalrinliana Hnante, Jiteshwar Singh Yumkhaibam, Ayush Dev Chhetri, Vibin Mohanan, Brison Fernandes, Amarjit Singh Kiyam.

Forwards: Souvav K, Parthib Gogoi, Rohit Danu, Ninthoinganba Meetei Khumantem, Sivasakthi Narayanan (C), Suhail Ahmad Bhat.

Head coach: Clifford Miranda.

Russian, Belarussian athletes not to participate in Hangzhou Asian Games



Kuwait, Sep 1 (IANS): The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has thwarted a move by Asian sports administrators to involve athletes from Russia and Belarus in the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, later this month.

Though the Russian and Belarus authorities have not been very enthusiastic, the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) had a few months ago proposed to invite athletes from these two countries to participate in the Asian Games.

The IOC has suspended Russia and Belarus from international competitions because of their countries' role in the war in Ukraine.

However, the IOC felt that the time was not right to involve the Russian and Belarussian federations to get into action, so the IOC ruled.

Thus, Russian and Belarussian athletes will not be allowed to participate in the Asian Games, which start September 23 in Hangzhou. "Russian and Belarussian athletes will not participate in the Asian Games and this is a decision of the IOC, not the OCA," the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) said in a statement on Friday.

A total of 12,417 athletes and 4,975 team officials from all 45 countries and regions under the OCA will compete in the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, the organizers said on Thursday.

Lockie Ferguson to captain New Zealand in ODI series against Bangladesh ahead of ODI WC

Auckland, Sep 2 (IANS): Fast bowler Lockie Ferguson is set to captain New Zealand for the first time in international cricket during the upcoming three-match ODI Series against Bangladesh in Dhaka, said New Zealand Cricket (NZC) on Saturday.

Ferguson, who recently led the team in tour matches in England, will captain the side in the absence of regular ODI captain Kane Williamson as he continues to recover from a right knee injury, and his deputy Tom Latham, who will miss the series to have time at home before the ICC Cricket World Cup and Test tour to Bangladesh.

"Lockie is an experienced bowler at the international level, and this is an opportunity for him to really lead from the front with not just the bowling group but the team as a whole. He stepped into the role for the warm-up matches in England and led a group, with a lot of moving parts, well," said head coach Gary Stead in a statement.

Along with Latham, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell,



Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner and Tim Southee will be missing the ODI series against Bangladesh.

NZC added that the regular players are given a short break to focus on, and prepare for, the ODI World Cup tournament, for which they will assemble only 12 days after the start of the Bangladesh series.

The need to manage player workloads sees the squad feature an experienced core including five players from the 2019 Men's ODI World Cup squad and a group of players newer to ODI cricket. "We have a very full schedule between now until the end of our tour to Pakistan in April including

with the arrival of or shortly after the birth of their first children, respectively.

The absence of many regular players means Dean Foxcroft has earned his maiden selection in a New Zealand ODI Squad fresh from his T20I debut last month against the United Arab Emirates.

"Any time a player is selected for the first time it's exciting and Dean's shown as the Volts' leading white-ball run scorer last summer the talent he has. We were impressed with the way he came into the group with the T20 Squad, and this will be another great opportunity to keep learning in our environment," stated Stead.

The three ODIs between New Zealand and Bangladesh will be held on September 21, 23 and 26 with the teams then heading to India for the Men's ODI World Cup to be held from October 5 to November 19.

Regular batting coach Luke Ronchi will lead the coaching group in Bangladesh as head coach with Shane Jurgensen in his usual role as bowling coach and Ian Bell continuing from the ODI series against England as batting coach.

Survey shows Indians are no more interested in Test cricket

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS): Not only India and its western neighbour, but the sports enthusiasts across the whole world are excited about the India-Pakistan face off in the Asia Cup tournament on Saturday (September 2). In a survey conducted by CVoter for sports enthusiasts across India, around 49.4% of the respondents in the age group of 45-54 years are of the opinion that Shubman Gill is the most suitable player to open along with Rohit Sharma.

Gill was followed by Virat Kohli with 20.1% respondents believing that he should be the opening batter along with Rohit. Shreyas Iyer and Tilak Verma remained the least favoured.

Around 32.6% respondents are of the opinion that Virat Kohli is the most suitable player to bat at the 4th position. Kohli was followed by Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan. Around 28.8% of the sports enthusiasts feel that Yadav should play at number 4. Upon asking about their favourite cricket format, the T-20 cricket format remains the most popular among Indian sports enthusiasts as around 45.1% identify T-20 as their favourite format



while the Five-Day Test match format least popular. In a survey conducted by CVoter targeted at sports enthusiasts across India, around 54.2% respondents in the age group of 18-24 years are of the opinion that Indian Premier League or the IPL is the major reason behind Indian cricketers' injuries.

Bhubaneswar, Guwahati to host India's first two World Cup Qualifiers

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS): The All India Football Federation on Saturday announced Bhubaneswar and Guwahati as the venues for the first two home matches of India in the FIFA World Cup 2026 and AFC Asian Cup 2027 Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2.

India have been drawn in Group A of the Asian qualifiers, alongside Qatar, Kuwait, and the winners of the Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 1 fixture between Afghanistan and Mongolia.

The Blue Tigers will open their campaign against with an away fixture in Kuwait on November 16, 2023, before hosting reigning AFC Asian Cup champions Qatar at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, on November 21, 2023.



The following year, India will play back-to-back matches against Afghanistan or Mongolia, starting with the away fixture on March 21, 2024, and then return home to the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Guwahati, where they will play the second leg of the fixture on March 26, 2024.

AIFF Secretary General Shaji Prabhakaran said, after the announcement,

"We would like to congratulate Football Association of Odisha and Assam Football Association on successfully bidding for the hosting rights of the aforementioned matches, and wish all the success for delivering the said matches at a world-class level with the support from the respective state governments."

US leads four teams into FIBA World Cup quarterfinals

Manila, Sep 2 (IANS): The United States, Lithuania, Germany and Slovenia secured their berths in the quarterfinals of the 2023 FIBA World Cup after posting their fourth straight wins in the tournament.

The US held off Montenegro 85-73 in Manila to improve to 4-0 and secure a top-two finish in Group J, reports Xinhua.

Bojan Dubljevic had a layup with three minutes and three seconds remaining to pull Montenegro within 72-68, but the US answered with a 7-1 run to make it 79-69 with 1:29 left.

Anthony Edwards had 17 points and three rebounds to lead five Americans in

double digits, while Nikola Vucevic finished with a game-high 18 points and 16 rebounds for Montenegro, who outrebounded the United States 49-31.

"They got 22 offensive rebounds, they executed, tried to pound us inside, but I'm proud of our guys," said US head coach Steve Kerr.

"It was not our night offensively, we'll look at the tape, we didn't move the ball well at all, that's why we got into the trouble. These games are going to happen, you have to be able to fight through them."

Also in Group J, Lithuania outscored Greece 28-9 in the fourth quarter to record a 92-67 win and join the United States in the top eight with an unbeaten 4-0



record. The United States and Lithuania will clash on Sunday to vie for top spot in the group.

Germany nailed 20 three-pointers in 35 attempts on its way to a 100-73 win over Georgia in Okinawa, Japan to improve to 4-0 in Group K. Maodo Lo shot 6-for-6 from beyond the arc

better in the second half, as everybody saw," rued Georgia head coach Ilias Zouros.

"I don't know what happened. We started with low intensity, we gave very easy shots, some three-point shots that gave them confidence. We didn't function well in the second half." Later on Friday, Luka Doncic had 20 points, a seven rebounds and six assists and Mike Tobey added 18 points, 12 rebounds and five assists to lift Slovenia over Australia 91-80. Germany and Slovenia will play against each other on Sunday for top spot in Group K.

Italy rallied from 16 points down to nip Serbia 78-76 and improve to 3-1 in

Group I. Trailing 60-44 late in the third quarter, Italy overtook the lead 65-64 with a 21-4 burst connecting the last two quarters and held on for the victory.

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"We are really happy about the win. We really did an amazing job as a team, especially in the third quarter down 16," said Fontecchio. "We never gave up. This simply shows the heart of this team, the will of this team. We just don't give up. We don't care if we are down 16. We don't care how bad we are playing. We just keep playing, keep fighting until the end."

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'The Urdu Poetry Project' and the semantics of composite culture

By Sukant Deepak

New Delhi, Sept 2 (IANS) With roots in Uttar Pradesh, both these Delhi-based artists come from families whose values can be traced back to the Ganga Jamunitehzeeb. Growing up during the 1990s, visual artist Taha Ahmad and theatre practitioner Wamiq Zia carry a nostalgia where a composite culture that was celebrated across the length and breadth of the country, where cultural identity was always stronger than the religious one.

The 'Urdu Poetry Project' is a manifestation of the belonging of the two individuals who come from a world where individuals were identified on the basis of the language they spoke, and not their places of worship.

An ode to Urdu poetry, the common passion shared by the two artists, the project sheds light on how the language is looked upon today, under the pretext of the current socio-political context in India.

Fifteen Urdu poets have been chosen ranging from Amir Khusro to Faiz Ahmad Faiz, and they

intend to follow this project with more multi-arts projects based on the other forms of literature.

Essentially, the idea for this project came from the evening conversations, the two artists would have, with most of them being focused on literature and specifically around Urdu poetry.

Being the practitioners of their own arts, all these discussions were full of ideas around the different ghazals and nazms and how the two artists looked at them from the perspective of the art forms that they practiced.

"We have tried to visually represent the journey of Urdu poetry across the ages, in a free-flowing manner creating a historical timeline. The fusion of the different art forms is visible in the way these art pieces are being designed. Through carefully curated photographs, the project tries to visually represent 15 couplets by the 15 greats of Urdu poetry chosen for the project. The photographs are a modern interpretation as well as a representation of the couplets chosen set in



today's timeline amidst the current socio-political state of the language," Zia, who has actively been doing theatre for the past 15 years and writes for OTT and films tells IANS.

The photographs when put together as a series will take the form of a personal letter written by a father to his daughter, the father will be a metaphor for the composite culture that the society has been a witness to, whereas, the daughter will be one for the new world.

The letters will present the father's wish to share his legacy with his daughter. Its parts will be written by different calligraphers on each of the photographs.

Considering Urdu calligraphy and script have witnessed a massive decline over the past decades, this will be an ode to the two arts by the creators of this project.

Every photograph will have a part of the letter that talks about that era, and the story of the language, and

the legacy of the couplet, hence, an attempt is being made to narrate a complete story through each of these photographs.

Ahmad, the first Indian to receive The Documentary Project Fund/Award (2017) and Toto-Tasveer Award for Photography (2018) says art has always been an effective tool of resistance and highlighting issues.

"There is always a purpose behind creating an art piece that addresses certain political and social issues. Or reinterpret

different social structures of the society offering alternate understandings of certain events and dimensions. All of this put together becomes a force of political and social change. The potency of an art piece lies in its capacity to transcend cultural, and linguistic barriers. Let us not forget art has a purpose -- to comment on society, and what is going on around us. Raise awareness about different horrors. Interventions like these are a statement and

commentary on societal issues," adds the visual artist.

Stressing that artistic interventions have become important in the face of contemporary socio-political trends, the theatre artist also feels they are non-accusatory in nature and non-confrontational. "I am talking to the audience in a language that we both speak in and that is why poems and songs and art pieces become a rallying point in social movements. Art has always been a rallying point for the common man and some of the best art pieces have been written then and instead of fighting, we should put up a mirror and take a call for what we want to do."

In times when languages are being interlinked with religions, the artists say it must be remembered that language is a representative of culture, and culture and language are two very different things.

"Krishna has been narrated in Urdu more than any other language and it is important to see things in perspective, that's the point of a project like this and we want to keep hitting the nail

and communicating that and I don't know how much of an impact will it make but if we can get people to talk about it then I consider us successful," Zia smiles.

Both artists have known each other since 2015 and worked on many ideas together including film scripts. "In between different ideas is how 'The Urdu Project' was born.

And it is not only about us, but also our team Niharika, Ashi, Azad, Shariq, and KD. Well, the project has been a roller coaster and we have plans of massive projects and with bigger casts as well," they add.

Even as artists are breaking silos and increasing collaboration across genres, like in their case, Zia says the same ensures diverse ideas, perspectives, and approaches to the table. "This cross-pollination of ideas, creativity mediums, and processes leads to fresh interpretations and novel techniques. I am seeing unconventional artistic solutions to problems in society. While this is not something very new, but offers immense possibilities nevertheless."

The curious case of canine companions

New Delhi, Sept 2 (IANS) The trend of having a canine companion is neither new nor the trend of considering them as a family member. Today, pets find their mention in almost every human conversation due to the space they have built for themselves. From reading and understanding human behaviours, presence of mind, adaptive nature, along with their caring, supportive, and protective nature, they have become invaluable companions for us.

To a larger extent, they replicate human behaviour, which found mention in the classic book of Charles Darwin 'On The Origin Of Species'. In his book, he recognised how the diversified canines backed his theory a century and a half ago.

By their very nature, hailing from the lines of wolves, dogs initially became human's hunting companions. Their role over time evolved, as much as the breeds evolved. However, with the evolution of human lifestyle and the ecosystem, there has been a gradual shift from this thought process. Earlier individuals and families have shown resistance to adopting dogs or any pets but now, have turned out to treat them with utmost care and love. Similar to how parents want the best for their children, modern pet parents want the best services and offerings for their pets as well. This is irrespective of the age of the pet parent. GenZ, Millennials, or GenX, all have come together to create a safe space for their

pets.

Today, when we speak of pet care companies/brands operating in the domestic or global market, the sector gets the push because of human emotions. The thin line between pets and babies seems to have blurred, be it in Tier I cities or Tier II & III cities. Especially, in the case of puppies, the emotional connection with them leads pet parents to spend a significant amount of money on their care. No doubt, products for newborns or puppies are always at a higher price point. This is also the time when the urge to establish long-lasting memories dominates the spending power of the pet parents. Be it their food, toys, or health supplements, there are tailored products for every breed and age group. Additionally, to amp up their cuteness, today pet parents can get the most fashionable dresses and accessories that add to their fashion statement and joy in their lives.

The value and the benefits our dogs bring to us often remain unnoticed by many; most particularly unknown. According to a study, children who were exposed to dogs while still in the womb as their moms spent time with dogs, had a decreased chance of acquiring eczema in childhood. Additionally, going for a daily walk with your dog enhances your physical activity. This in return, helps you maintain your health. According to the American Heart Association, interacting with dogs can increase your production of 'happy'

hormones such as oxytocin, serotonin, and dopamine. This leads to a greater sense of well-being and helps lower cortisol levels. They also help reduce blood pressure and cholesterol, alleviate depression, and increase fitness. Knowingly or unknowingly, from before birth to old age, the four-legged in-house companion keeps you away from several health issues.

Our dogs are way smarter than we think, and they have the capability of learning similar to a two-year-old toddler. With proper training, guidance, and cue, they are able to understand human emotions and feelings at unimagined levels. As we celebrate International Dog Day, we should also remember the responsibilities that we hold towards these furry companions. They are dependent on us and hence, we should ensure that we take good care of their health, grooming, and other necessities. This requires lots of commitment and patience but is worthy of the learnings and love they bring to us.

Most importantly, irrespective of pet dogs or stray dogs, both play an important role. While our pets help us feel loved in our houses; the strays with their troublesome and challenging life ensures that we are safe from outsiders. They deserve an equal amount of love they shower on us; it's our companionship that matters.

Hence, as humans, it's our responsibility to create a space for happy pets!

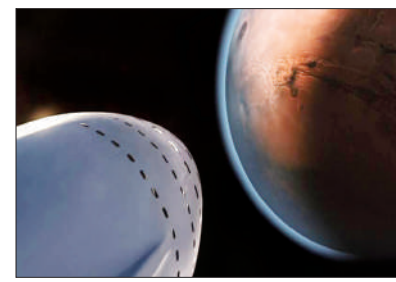
Streaming the stars

New Delhi, Sept 2 (IANS) Riding the waves of Chandrayaan-3's momentous lunar landing, we're ascending higher than ever! We're here to take you on an astronomical adventure if this has sparked your interest in space travel. Join us as we explore the depths of space with these five titles that promise an out-of-this-world escape as we celebrate this astounding accomplishment. These stories let you go through the wonders of space, from asteroids and astronauts to engrossing science fiction and intergalactic wars. So here's to taking off into a universe filled with cosmic marvels!

Apollo 1
Platform: Audible

Step into a time machine and journey back to Apollo's first moon landing when astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White, and Roger Chaffee entered a new spacecraft atop a colossal Saturn rocket at Florida's Kennedy Space Center. Little did they know, this routine rehearsal would seal their fate, never allowing them to leave the craft alive. The Apollo 1 disaster could've spelled the end of space aspirations, yet it didn't - instead, it spurred a complete spacecraft overhaul that propelled humanity toward its ultimate goal: moonwalking. Don't miss out on 'Apollo 1' as it unravels the spellbinding saga of these fearless space daredevils, the catastrophe that shook them, and the mind-bending transformation that followed.

Rocket Boys
Platform: Sony LIV



Drawing inspiration from the Pokhran nuclear test, code-named Operation Smiling Buddha, Indian scientists are gearing up for a daring mission to test their very first nuclear bomb. All this while the possibility of war hangs in the balance. There's a clash between their ambitions and ethical uncertainties as India's space program takes off amidst a shuffle in the top leadership. Catch Jim Sarbh, Ishwak Singh, Regina Cassandra, and Saba Azad take on the roles of Dr. Homi J Bhabha, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Mrinalini Sarabhai, and Parvana 'Pipsy' Irani and immerse yourself in a thrilling mix of history, drama, and pure entertainment!

Asteroid: Discovery
Platform: Audible

The gripping trilogy from a master storyteller - Bobby Akart, the Gunner Fox series begins with Asteroid: Discovery. Gunner Fox, a United States Air Force fighter pilot and Earth scientist discovers an asteroid on a collision course with Earth. In the history of our planet, five extinction-level events have occurred caused by asteroids. Gunner Fox serves up

evidence for the astonishing fragility and unpredictability of life. It is a testament to the reality that everything we have can be diminished at the mercy of invisible forces, the very forces that made our existence possible a few hundred thousand years ago.

Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
Platform: Amazon Prime

Sweep away on a riveting cinematic journey into the life of Nambi Narayanan, an exceptional Indian rocket scientist. Nambi's narrative echoes that of legends; A brilliant mind with an all-consuming passion that ignites foes, painting him as a formidable adversary and an unstoppable force. But here's the twist: the film isn't just about entertainment; it's a challenge, urging you to embrace the duty of recognising and exalting these exceptional contributors.

Brace yourself, for this isn't your ordinary movie; it's a vibrant call to celebrate true brilliance!

Mission Over Mars
Platform: Zee 5

Buckle up for an electrifying tale that unfolds the awe-inspiring journey of India's Mars mission. Based on true events, this show beams you into India's audacious quest to conquer Mars. The spotlight is on four brilliant women scientists - Nandita Hariprasad, Moushumi Ghosh, Neetu Sinha, and Meghan Reddy - whose steely determination forms the beating heart of this story. Battling against the clock, wrestling with mind-bending technical puzzles.

Ayurvedic practises for healthy, nourished skin

Dr. Sanchit Sharma

New Delhi, Sept 2 (IANS) Ayurveda, the ancient and time-tested system of holistic healing, has been nurturing skin health for centuries amid the overwhelming world of beauty products promising miraculous transformations. Often referred to as the "science of life," Ayurveda emphasises the balance of mind, body, and spirit to achieve overall well-being. In recent times, there has been a renewed interest in Ayurvedic skincare for promoting natural, nourishing solutions for healthy skin. In this article, we will explore the essence of Ayurvedic practices and discover the wisdom it offers to achieve radiant and rejuvenated skin.

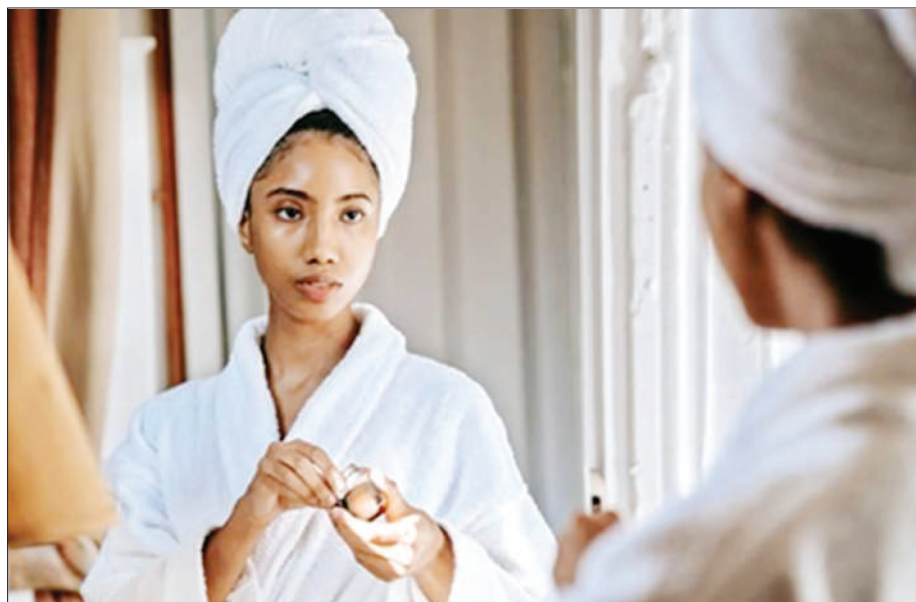
Understanding Ayurveda: The Science of Life
Ayurveda originated in ancient India and is rooted in the belief that each individual has a unique constitution or "dosha." These doshas, known as Vata, Pitta, and Kapha, represent the elemental forces present in every

person. Imbalances in these doshas are believed to be the underlying cause of various health issues, including skin problems. Ayurveda seeks to restore harmony and balance within the body to promote overall wellness, which inevitably reflects on the skin.

Identify Your Dosha:
Ayurveda recognises three doshas: Vata, Pitta, and Kapha, which govern various aspects of our physical and mental appearance. Understanding your dominant dosha can help you tailor your skincare routine to suit your specific needs.

For instance, Vata skin tends to be dry and sensitive, requiring moisturising and gentle care. Pitta skin is prone to inflammation and needs cooling and soothing treatments, while Kapha skin is oily and benefits from regular detoxification and deep cleansing. By aligning your skincare solutions with your dosha, you can ensure optimal results and target specific skin issues effectively.

Cleanse with the Power



of Nature :

Gentle yet effective cleansing methods are paramount in Ayurveda. Incorporate natural ingredients like chickpea flour (besan) mixed with water or milk, honey, or rose water to create a nourishing cleanser. You can also use face wash like Sparkling Gold Face Wash Enriched with swarnabhasma (gold ash), saffron, and floral and tropical distillates, this face

wash not only purifies the skin but also provides nourishment, leaving your skin feeling fresh and rejuvenated after each use. The gentle chemical free formulation ensures that your skin's natural moisture balance is preserved during the cleansing process.

Facial Oils for Deep Nourishment:

Ayurvedic facial oils, known as "taila" in Sanskrit, have been used for centuries to nourish and

rejuvenate the skin. These oils are made using a blend of herbs and essential oils that penetrate deeply, promoting cell regeneration and enhancing skin elasticity. One such oil is Kunkumadi Taila, renowned for improving complexion, reducing blemishes, and promoting youthful skin.

Kunkumadi Taila's key ingredients include saffron, sandalwood, and turmeric, known for their skin-

brightening and complexion-enhancing properties.

The antioxidant-rich formulation combats free radicals, giving your skin a radiant and youthful appearance. Massaging the face with Kunkumadi Taila not only nourishes but also improves blood circulation, resulting in a youthful glow and firmer, supple skin.

Ayurvedic Face Packs For Natural Detoxification :

Ayurvedic face packs offer multiple benefits, including deep cleansing, exfoliation, and nourishment. Natural ingredients like chickpea flour or multanimitti gently exfoliate, while saffron and turmeric brighten the complexion. These face packs possess anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties, minimizing blemishes and acne.

For a revitalising experience, try Herbal Ubtan Face Pack Powder, combining chickpea, multanimitti, rose, and Chandan for natural cleansing and nourishing. Regular use can lead to a smooth and radiant

complexion with reduced pigmentation and dark spots.

Abhyanga: The Art of Self-Massage:

Ayurveda celebrates the ritual of self-massage or "abhyanga," an Ayurvedic full-body massage with warm oil that balances doshas, promotes skin radiance, and supports lymphatic system detoxification. Abhyanga involves massaging warmed oil on the body in long strokes toward the heart for 15-20 minutes. Badam Taila, made with 100 per cent pure cold-pressed Kashmiri almonds, is ideal for abhyanga, especially for Vata (dry) skin. Its nourishing properties penetrate deeply, promoting overall skin health and a natural glow.

Mindful Diet and Lifestyle Choices:

In Ayurveda, skincare is not just about external treatments but also about nurturing your body from within. Following a balanced and healthy lifestyle is crucial for maintaining healthy, nourished skin. Incorporate a wholesome diet rich in

fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and aid in detoxification. Practice regular exercise, yoga, and meditation to reduce stress and promote overall well-being, as stress can take a toll on your skin's health.

Ayurveda's resurgence in modern times highlights its timeless wisdom in nurturing healthy, nourished skin. Embracing Ayurvedic practices and incorporating natural, plant-based ingredients into skincare regimens celebrate the harmony of body, mind, and spirit.

Ayurveda, with brands like Ayouthveda leading the way, offers a rejuvenating approach that nurtures both skin and soul. By integrating these ancient Ayurvedic practices into our lifestyles, we can achieve radiant, glowing skin that reflects our inner well-being and beauty. Let Ayurveda be your guide on this journey to discovering the true essence of healthy and nourished skin.

(Dr. Sanchit Sharma, the Founder & Director of Ayouthveda)

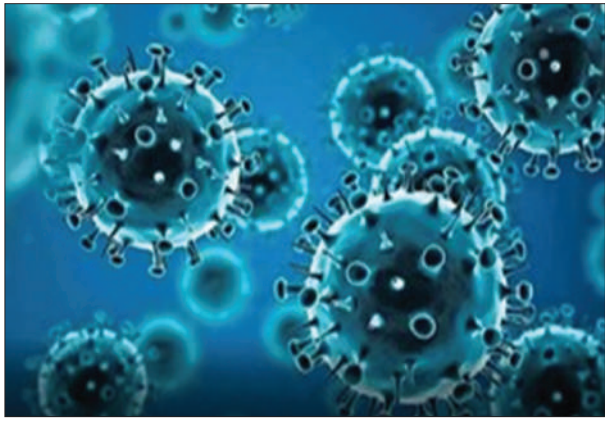
Fresh Covid wave in US worse than what official data suggests

New York, Sep 2 (IANS) Rates of severe Covid disease may be staying at relatively low levels in the US, but experts agree that there are probably more infections than the current surveillance systems can capture, reports CNN.

Virus levels in the US have been on the rise for weeks and federal data suggests that the current increases have stayed far below earlier peaks and notable surges.

"But judging by word of mouth among family, friends and coworkers, it can seem like everyone knows someone who's sick with Covid-19 right now," the report noted.

"There is more transmission out there than what the surveillance data indicates," said Janet Hamilton, executive director of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. "We should be paying attention to it, because we are



starting to see an increase." Ali Mokdad, professor of health metrics sciences and chief strategy officer of population health at the University of Washington, said he has been getting lots of calls and questions about Covid-19 recently -- similar to what he experienced around the end of last year.

Weekly hospital admissions have nearly doubled over the past month, including a 19 per cent bump in the most recent week, according to CDC data.

However, hospitals have shifted their testing practices, balancing federal requirements and recommendations with local risk assessments, which makes it difficult to compare data from different points in time, the CNN report mentioned.

Hospitals have eased back on testing to be more in line with guidance around other infectious diseases.

"The focus is on those who are symptomatic, have

been exposed or might be around other high-risk patients," the report said.

Data from biotechnology firm Biobot Analytics shows that wastewater concentrations of the coronavirus are similar to what they were at the start of the first winter surge in 2020, the report added.

The rising Covid cases have prompted some schools, hospitals and businesses to encourage, or even require, people to start masking up again.

CDC Director Mandy Cohen has cautioned that Covid remains risky for people who are unvaccinated. The risk is especially high for unvaccinated individuals who haven't been infected before and those who are older or have underlying health conditions.

The health officials are watching two new variants -- Omicron variant EG.5 (Eris) which is dominant in the US and BA.2.86 which is starting to spread.

Fully aware of the security concerns of India, says Sri Lankan envoy

Colombo, Sep 2 (IANS)

Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda has reiterated that the island country is fully aware of the security concerns of India and assured that it pays a great deal of attention towards the evolving scenarios in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific. Moragoda said this on August 30 while describing about the regional dynamics and developments in the Indian Ocean at a lecture on topic 'India-Sri Lanka Relations: Promoting Connectivity, Catalysing Prosperity' at the Ananta Centre, New Delhi, Sri Lanka Foreign Ministry in Colombo said in a statement.

During his address, High Commissioner Moragoda elaborated on the broad contours that define the unique characteristics of the past and present



dynamics of India-Sri Lanka relationship, and the way forward.

The Foreign Ministry said that the High Commissioner explained as to how the relationship between the two nations has grown from a transactional perspective to a special relationship in recent years. He said the current economic stabilisation efforts underway in Sri Lanka, and

emphasised that the two nations would heavily focus on connectivity and investment founded on a promising economic integration road-map that was agreed upon during the recent visit of the Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Moragoda also underscored the importance of driving the five key facets mapped in the 'India-Sri Lanka Economic

Partnership Vision' document, and highlighted that they would remain as the key enablers in elevating the existing relationship into a new level. In July, during the first visit to India after assuming office as President, Wickremesinghe who had talks with Indian PM Narendra Modi signed 'India-Sri Lanka Economic Partnership Vision'.

Fast-spreading wildfire forces evacuation in Texas

Austin, Sep 2 (IANS) A fast-spreading wildfire near Huntsville, in US state of Texas, triggered evacuation and a highway closure, according to the emergency authorities.

Texas A&M Forest Service posted on social media that it was responding to a request for assistance in Walker County on the "Game Preserve Fire," an estimated 100 acres (0.4 square km), at 4:21 p.m. local time. Around 9:30 p.m., the service updated that the fire had grown to an estimated 1,200 acres (4.85 square km) and was about 10 per cent contained, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Walker County Office of Emergency Management asked everyone within 4.83 km of Lost Indian Camp Road to evacuate and announced the 10.5 km stretch of highway FM247 was



closed both lanes from Pinedale Road to FM2989.

Over 12 active wildfires were monitored by the Texas Forest Service on Friday night, according to its website. Local media warned the risk of wildfires was expected to remain high through the US Labor Day weekend.

The forest service said, "Persistent triple-digit temperatures and minimal rainfall over the past two months have resulted in extremely dry vegetation across the state.

, which increases the likelihood of dangerous wildfires."

Huntsville, the county seat of Walker County, is located around 70 miles (113 km) north of Houston, the largest city in the US state of Texas.

Since June 28, the Texas A&M Forest Service and local fire departments have responded to over 2,125 wildfires burning more than 89,700 acres (363 square km), according to the state governor's office.

Army officer, 2 soldiers killed in gunbattle with militants in Pakistan

Islamabad, Sep 2 (IANS) An army officer, two soldiers were killed in two separate gunbattles in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province.

Security forces conducted an intelligence-based operation on Friday on the reported presence of militants in Miran Shah area of North Waziristan district of KP, military's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Friday night.

During the operation, a group of militants was spotted and intercepted by the security forces, and one terrorist killed and another injured, the statement said, adding that an officer and a



soldier also lost their lives in the combat.

In another development, a soldier and a militant were killed late Thursday night in an exchange of fire

between security personnel and terrorists in Tirah area in Khyber district of the province, Xinhua news agency reported quoting the ISPR.

'They are small': Ramaswamy on policy differences with Trump

Washington, Sep 2 (IANS) Indian-American presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy, who has heaped praises on fellow Republican rival Donald Trump throughout his campaign, says the two have policy differences "but they are small".

Asserting that he and Trump are "the two 'America-first' candidates" in the 2024 presidential race, Ramaswamy told Fox News, "I think we're deeply aligned on policy, 90-plus per cent of the way".

Citing differences, Ramaswamy said that he "would rescind affirmative action" and militarise the southern border instead of just building the wall.

"I would shut down the US Department of Education, not just put a good person... on top to reform it... We have some of our areas of differences, but they are



small," Ramaswamy said on being asked whether there was any daylight between him and Trump.

Following the Republican debate last month, a confident Ramaswamy told reporters that only two candidates would be left in the race, which would be him and Trump.

The youngest presidential aspirant said that the fact that he is running against Trump, "doesn't mean anything. I'm running for this country".

"I think we have an opportunity to reunite this country around our shared ideals, and that will allow me to take the America First

agenda even further than Donald Trump did, by building on what I think is a very good foundation that he laid," the 38-year-old entrepreneur told the news channel.

When asked on GB News whether he would be "happy to be (Trump's) VP", Ramaswamy ruled out, saying: "I can only reunite this country if I'm doing it from the White House as the leader and the face of our movement."

He said he had "fresh legs" and was "almost half (Trump's) age", but would ask him to serve as "my most valued adviser" in the White House. Trump, who is now the GOP frontrunner despite four indictments and two civil cases against him, praised Ramaswamy as a "smart guy" with "a lot of talent". However, he went on to warn the political newcomer that he was becoming "a little bit controversial".

Thai king endorses new cabinet led by PM Srettha

Bangkok, Sep 2 (IANS) Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn has endorsed the cabinet of Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin, a royal gazette said on Saturday.

The King appointed the ministers selected by Srettha, Xinhua news agency reported quoting the gazette which was published on Saturday. Srettha, the candidate of



Pheu Thai Party, was elected as the Southeast Asian kingdom's new prime minister in August after winning a simple majority in a parliamentary vote.

His government consists of an 11-party coalition led by Pheu Thai Party and includes major parties in the previous administration of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha.

Mohamed Al-Fayed, father of Princess Diana's boyfriend Dodi, dies at 94

London, Sep 2 (IANS) Mohamed Al-Fayed, a self-made Egyptian billionaire and father of Princess Diana's boyfriend Dodi, has passed away, his family said.

He died just a day before the 26th anniversary of Dodi and Diana's death.

"Mrs Mohamed Al Fayed, her children and grandchildren wish to confirm that her beloved husband, their father and their grandfather, Mohamed, has passed away peacefully of old age ON August 30," a statement issued by the family said, BBC reported.

"He enjoyed a long and fulfilled retirement surrounded by his loved ones," the statement added.

He rose from selling fizzy drinks on the streets of Alexandria in Egypt. During a two-year marriage to Samira Khashoggi, he started to work for his brother-in-law Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi Arabian arms dealer and businessman which helped Fayed to forge connections.

Fayed launched his own a shipping business, later bought the Ritz hotel in Paris, took over Harrods, a departmental store. However in 2010, he sold Harrods.



6 killed in Chile train-minibus collision

Santiago, Sep 2 (IANS) At least six people were killed after a train crashed into a minibus in San Pedro de la Paz of central Chile, local authorities said.

Juan Francisco Carrasco of the military police told reporters that the crash occurred at a railroad crossing, killing six of the 14 people on board the minibus on Friday, Xinhua news agency reported.

Typhoon Saola slams Macau

Macao, Sep 2 (IANS) Strong winds and heavy downpours hit Macau early Saturday morning as the typhoon Saola slammed the city.

Border ports linking Macau and its neighboring mainland city of Zhuhai have suspended customs clearance services since Friday afternoon, Xinhua news agency reported.

Local schools postponed the beginning of the new semester normally scheduled on the first day of September. Three cross-sea bridges were closed. Buses gradually stopped services on Friday afternoon. Ferry services were called off. A total of 106 flights were canceled. Earlier, the Macau Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau hoisted Signal No. 10, the highest level of warning, at 1:00 a.m. local time due to approaching of super Typhoon Saola At 6:00 a.m. local time on Saturday, the bureau issued a No. 8 signal for Typhoon Saola, saying it was located about 70 km southwest of Macau and moving away.

Where do the people of Bali go for a holiday themselves?

Bali (Indonesia), Sep 2 (IANS) A unique amalgam of nature and culture, blessed by balmy weather for most of the year, and friendly people, Indonesia's Bali is one of the world's most popular tourist spots, drawing in people from all over the globe. But where do its own people head to when they need a break?

Answers to the question are rather mixed as IANS found out in informal conversations with a cross-section of people during a visit to the scenic island for the Kaspersky Cybersecurity Weekend.

A visiting Singapore-based senior tech executive said that Bali, which is one of the over 17,000 islands that make up Indonesia, is not as small as it may



appear on the map.

At over 5,600 square kms, it is bigger than Singapore, almost equal in size to Brunei, and nearly three times the size of Mauritius.

And with its varied terrain - encompassing pristine beaches, challenging mountain hiking trails, rain forests, quaint villages, majestic temples, and more - there is a lot to explore for even the local residents.

Be it Ubud, with its verdant paddy fields, temples, street dance performances and museums - and its monkey forest, the resplendent Mount Batur and the nearby lake, tranquil Bratan with its floating temple, the stately Tanah Lot temple,

the Sanur and Jimbaran beaches with their picture-perfect sunrises and sunsets, the Sekumpul waterfall, the West Bali nature reserve, not to forget the nearby islands of Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida, Bali has lots of places to cater to its own people too.

"People of Bali may not need to go out of the island - those living near the beaches can go on to visit the scenic uplands, the natural parks, the mountains, and vice versa, for a change," he contended.

Singapore, and other ASEAN countries are also viable options that the Balinese can consider, he added.

An Indonesian journalist from Jakarta opined that his archipelago country is big and varied enough for people to consider travel within its own boundaries. He confessed that he was visiting Bali for the first time himself and hadn't been much around his own country too.

He also noted that many Indonesians, especially from Bali with its overwhelming Hindu population, also visit India for "spiritual reasons".

On the other hand, a taxi driver ferrying this IANS correspondent from Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport to a hotel in the Jimbaran area revealed that he has never been out of the country but would love to go to other countries like India or Australia to see

different cultures.

Others in Bali - especially shops, restaurant, or hotel staff - confess that they would love to go around for holidays but remain busy with their work as the tourist season spans almost three-fourths of the year - from April to December, with a pick up from Christmas time.

Even January to March - when the island witnesses heavy rains, there are visitors seeking deals in the off-season.

"Where do people from Bali go on holiday?" repeated a helpful tour group liaison.

"To home to sleep." (Vikas Datta can be contacted at vikas.d@ians.in)

Health

Aspirin could help cut diabetes risk by 15 per cent in over-65s



Sydney, Sep 1 (IANS) Use of low dose (100mg daily) aspirin among older adults aged 65 years and older is associated with a 15 per cent lower risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, according to a study.

The effect of aspirin on incident type 2 diabetes among older adults remains uncertain.

In the study, researchers at the Monash University in Australia investigated the randomised treatment effect of low dose aspirin on incident diabetes and fasting plasma glucose (FPG) levels among older adults.

"Aspirin treatment reduced incident diabetes and slowed the increase in fasting plasma glucose over time among initially healthy older adults," said Professor Sophia Zoungas, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash.

"Given the increasing prevalence of type 2 diabetes among older adults, the potential for anti-inflammatory agents like aspirin to prevent type 2 diabetes or improve glucose levels needs further study," she added.

The findings were a follow-up of a 2018 study which showed that aspirin conferred a 38 per cent increased risk of major haemorrhage in older adults without any reduction in incidence of cardiovascular disease.

The new study enrolled 16,209 community-dwelling individuals aged 65 years or over, and free of cardiovascular disease, independence-limiting physical disability and dementia. Patients with diabetes at the start of the study were excluded.

Participants were randomised 1:1 to 100 mg daily aspirin or placebo (8,086 randomised to aspirin and 8,123 to placebo). Incident diabetes was defined as self-report of diabetes, commencement of glucose lowering medication, and/or a fasting plasma glucose (FBP) level of 7.0 mmol/L or higher at annual follow-up visits. Over a median follow-up of 4.7 years, 995 incident diabetes cases were recorded (aspirin: 459, placebo: 536). Compared with placebo, the aspirin group had a 15 per cent reduction in incident diabetes and a slower rate of increase in FPG.

However, "the earlier published trial findings from 2018 showed aspirin did not prolong healthy independent living, but was associated with a significantly increased risk of bleeding, primarily in the gastrointestinal tract. Major prescribing guidelines now recommend older adults take daily aspirin only when there is a medical reason to do so, such as after a heart attack", Professor Zoungas said.

Madhuri Patle crowned Mrs Universe India 2023 by She is India

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS) Madhuri Patle from Nagpur, Maharashtra has earned the honour of representing India at the forthcoming Mrs Universe pageant, scheduled to take place from October 1 to 10 in Manila, Philippines after being feted as Mrs Universe India 2023 by She is India.

Speaking of her victory, Patle expressed: "This win is a testament to the power of perseverance and the unyielding spirit that resides within each of us. I'm immensely proud to be the recipient of this honour and to carry forward the message that She truly is India - strong, confident, and unstoppable."

"As I wear this crown, I stand not just as an individual achiever, but as a representative of every woman who dares to dream and break barriers."

The eighth edition of Mrs India She is India 2023, co-powered by Zulfeyn, concluded in a dazzling display of beauty and talent,



leaving an indelible mark on the world of pageantry. From August 27 to 30, the event unfolded at the prestigious venue, The Umrao, in New Delhi, showcasing the very best of India's beauty and grace.

On the pinnacle evening of August 30, amidst a backdrop of glitz and glamour, the Mrs. India - She is India 2023 Pageant reached its crescendo.

The air was thick with anticipation as over 200

people emerged as the radiant and deserving winner, taking centre stage as the new queen.

The crown was ceremoniously placed upon her head by Aditi Sharma and sashed by Shruti

Cauvery Iyer & Noyonita Lodh, a moment that signified the culmination of not just the pageant, but of a remarkable journey of empowerment and transformation.

The illustrious Mrs India

She is India 2023 Pageant witnessed the remarkable journey of nine exceptional finalists who truly embody the spirit of empowerment and grace.

Aishwarya Deshmukh, Tanya Puri, Kanchan Shinde Mujumdar, Tanishq Rupchandani, Madhuri Patle, Shivani Bagadia, Neha Brave, Yapoli, Priya Singh Shukla Gupta each brought their unique blend of talent, resilience, and charisma to the stage. The finalists of Mrs India She is India 2023 exemplified not just beauty, but compassion as well. They have taken up the cause of supporting an NGO dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating victims of human trafficking, demonstrating their commitment to making a positive impact on society. In addition to the main winner, the event celebrated the achievements of Shivani Bagadia as first Runner Up and Aishwarya Deshmukh as second Runner Up.

Pawan Kalyan drops action-packed 'OG' teaser on b'day, looks deadly in gangster avatar

Mumbai, Sep 2 (IANS) On his 52nd birthday on Saturday, the makers of Pawan Kalyan-starrer 'OG' shared a glimpse of the star as the "hungry cheetah" in the recently launched teaser of his upcoming actioner.

Touted to be a big-budget gangster drama, the teaser introduces fans to gangster named Ojas Gambheera aka 'OG' essayed by Pawan Kalyan. Speaking of the one minute, forty seconds long teaser, it's packed with blood, major action sequences and the actor being referred to as 'Hungry Cheetah' owing to intense events that revolve around



him being a deadly Mumbai gangster.

One look at the teaser, and it's easy to say that the film has blockbuster written all over it. After the teaser drop, the expectations from the film and the power star

have soared higher. The powerful teaser closed saying "#Firestorm is Coming".

Sharing the teaser on their social media handle, film's production banner 'DVV Entertainment' wrote,

"Here it is... #HungryCheetah has arrived. #TheyCallHimOG #HBDPawanKalyan"

Co-starring Emraan Hashmi, Priyanka Mohan, veteran actor Prakash Raj, Arjun Das & Sriya Reddy in key roles, 'OG' is produced by D. V. V. Danayya, written and directed by Sujeeth under DVV Entertainment banner. The film's music has been given by Thaman S. Emraan Hashmi who is making his foray into Telugu cinema with 'OG' will be seen locking horns with his onscreen nemesis, Pawan Kalyan.

'Luckiest girl alive': says Samantha after seeing confetti thrown in air for her 'Kushi' performance

Mumbai, Sep 2 (IANS) Samantha has expressed gratitude after seeing the response she and her latest release 'Kushi' have received by the audience. The actress called herself the "luckiest girl alive."

Samantha, who is currently not in the country, took to Instagram, where she posted a slew of images and a video. She described it all.

The first image has her making a heart with her hands while sitting in a cafe. The second and the third images have her looking at her phone with anticipation. The fourth is a clip, which has the screen and confetti in the air as a song sequence can be seen. "It never gets easier, it's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting." "Thank you for #Kushi pic 1- After the movie's release, Pic 2 and 3- Before(the stressssssssssss)!" "Video 4- You make me feel like the luckiest girl alive." 'Kushi' is a Telugu-language romantic comedy film written and directed by Shiva Nirvana.

Kevin Costner threatens to sue 'Yellowstone' producers over royalty

Los Angeles, Sept 2 (IANS) In the midst of his ongoing divorce, actor Kevin Costner has now threatened to sue the producers of his series 'Yellowstone', for not receiving proper royalties.

In Costner's first public remarks about his abrupt departure and the series coming to an end with Season 5, the actor, during a hearing in Santa Barbara court regarding child support, indicated on the stand that he will likely sue over the way things went down, reports Deadline.

While on the stand, he also shared that a "long, hard-fought negotiation" about splitting season 5 into two parts was behind his decision by the producers and showrunners, was his reason to quit the series after the last Season.

If Costner was to engage in a suit over his Yellowstone departure, the defendants likely would be producers 101 Studios and Paramount Network parent company Paramount Global.



Responding to a question by his estranged wife Christine Baumgartner's attorney John Rydell as to whether he was offered to do Season 6, Costner also said it was a "complicated" issue. "We did negotiate," Costner said, noting that he was offered \$24 million to do Seasons 5, 6 and 7. "There were issues about creative differences," he said, regarding his talks with franchise creator Taylor Sheridan and producers. "I tried to break the logjam. They walked away."

Costner was paid for the fifth season of 'Yellowstone', which only

has filmed the first half of that cycle's episodes so far. Based on his compensation, the \$24 million the actor was referring to in the court-hearing was for the sixth and seventh seasons only. Back in February, Deadline had reported that main the crux of the issues involved disagreements between the producers and Costner over shooting schedules. The actor, who originally had limited himself to 65 days of shooting on Yellowstone, only wanted to shoot 50 days for the first part of Season 5.

For the second batch of episodes, Season 5B, which is yet to be shot and now will mark the show's final chapter, Costner only wanted to spend a week shooting. It is unclear whether the actor, who is also an executive producer on Yellowstone, is serious about filing a wrongful-termination lawsuit or if this is part of legal maneuverings during his increasingly acrimonious divorce proceedings.

Selena Gomez feels uninspired to write sad songs

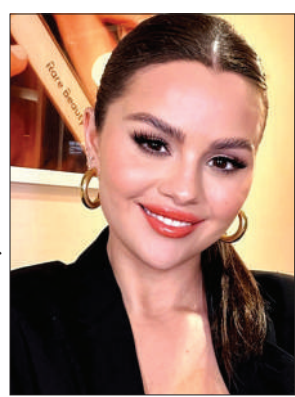
Los Angeles, Sep 2 (IANS) Singer-actress Selena Gomez has a hard time writing a "sad song" at the moment.

The 31-year-old singer has opened up that her upcoming new album doesn't feature one sad song, as Selena is in a particularly positive frame of mind at present, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"I genuinely don't feel like I have anything in me to write something negative. It just doesn't match with where I am anymore. And I live in sad girl music world. I love that. And I'll write that music all the time, but I, I just felt like this album shouldn't be that," the brunette beauty told SiriusXM Hits 1.

Selena - who has previously dated the likes of Justin Bieber and The Weeknd also revealed that she's happily single at the moment. She shared, "I think everybody goes through the phase of, 'Oh, it'd be nice to like have someone,' and I get that." "But, you know, I'm just enjoying where I'm at and I, I just want to be happy with who I am so that whenever that person comes into my life, I can just have them add on to me instead of being this insecure, you know, person that I normally used to be."

Earlier this year, Selena admitted that she struggles to find a "consistent" balance in her life. The singer has enjoyed significant success as an actress and as a pop star - but Selena has also been forced to accept that her lifestyle will never be perfectly balanced.



Rihanna makes 'huge' donation to disabled, homeless veterans in LA

Los Angeles, Sep 2 (IANS) Singer Rihanna recently contacted a foundation to make a "huge" donation to the disabled and homeless veterans in the city.

Rihanna called up the organisation's founder who "distributed hundreds of hygiene kits, socks, clothes, sleeping bags, food, 50-plus pairs of shoes, toilet paper, dog food, you name it..." a source told the New York Post newspaper's Page Six column, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The 'Umbrella' hitmaker did something similar in 2022 when she spent "hours" listening to the concerns of the city's homeless community. An insider said at the time, "She was genuinely interested and concerned."

Rihanna also made a positive impression on the homeless population. One of them said: "I met Rihanna! The greatest singer on earth. She donated clothes, food and she cares about the veterans."

Rihanna has been outspoken about various social and political issues throughout her career, and the chart-topping star previously spoke about her own experiences of growing up in Barbados, admitting that she took some of her privileges "for granted."

She told the Guardian newspaper: "Growing up in Barbados, I did not always love school. It can feel like a grind, especially when you'd rather be singing,



playing sports or doing pretty much anything other than homework."

"I realise now that I often took it for granted that I was even able to go to school. Education can be stolen from you in a second. As we've seen recently on an unprecedented scale, the Caribbean gets hit by natural disasters that wipe out schools, leaving thousands of children stranded."

Award-winning 'Harry Potter: The Cursed Child' licensed for school production

Los Angeles, Sept 2 (IANS) The Tony Award winning play, 'Harry Potter - The Cursed Child', is now set to be licensed for school productions.

The producers behind the Broadway and West End-produced adaptations announced a partnership with Broadway Licensing Group to bring a reworked version to high school and secondary school theater programs worldwide starting in 2024, reports Deadline.

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Friedman and Colin Callender said: "We are delighted to be working with Broadway Licensing Group so that schools around the world can stage their own productions of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child.

We're very proud that over half of the play's audiences worldwide have been first time theatergoers." "With this schools version, we hope to broaden that audience even further by introducing

younger generations to the magic of live theatre. We can't wait to see how students embrace their creativity and bring the magic of the wizarding world to life on their school stages. It's extremely exciting for us all."

Rajinikanth's 'Jailer' OTT release to clash with SRK-starrer 'Jawan'

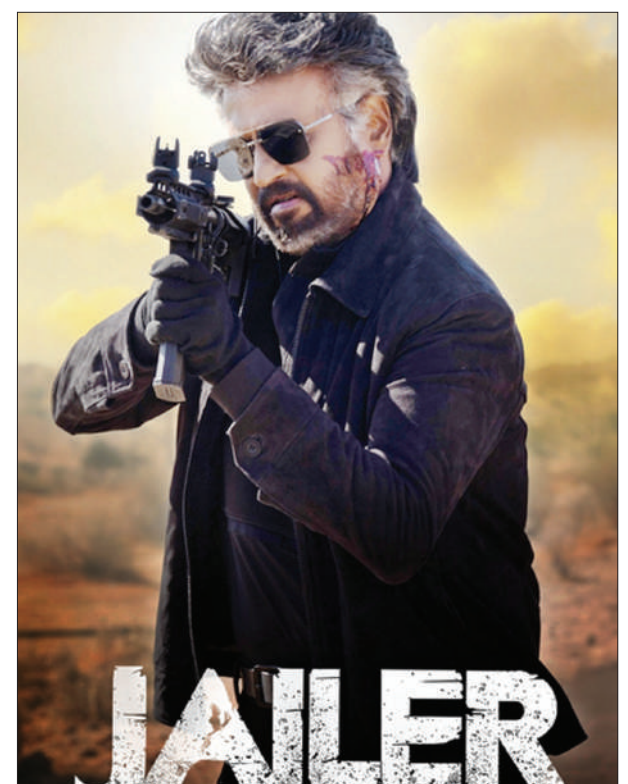
Mumbai, Sep 2 (IANS) Superstar Rajinikanth's film 'Jailer' is all set to premiere digitally on September 7 alongside Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming movie 'Jawan', which will hit the theatres on the same day.

"With Jailer we wanted to create an entertainer that would showcase Thalaivar in an out-an-out action role. We are humbled with the astounding love from audiences and the exemplary words from media," said writer and director Nelson Dilipkumar.

"Jailer is extremely special to me; I had Rajinikanth sir to elevate the story with his signature acting style, and had superstars from the Indian film industry - Mohanlal sir, Shiva Rajkumar sir, and Jackie Shroff sir - to add their magical touch to this mass entertainer. We are excited for audiences across the globe to now enjoy this action drama, anytime and anywhere, from their homes."

Prime Video on Saturday announced the global streaming premiere of 'Jailer', starring Rajinikanth on September 7. It is the latest addition to the Prime membership in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi. The blockbuster is about a retired jailer Tiger Muthuvel Pandiyan (portrayed by Rajinikanth), who goes on a manhunt to find his son's killers.

Produced by Sun Pictures and directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, the film features Rajinikanth in the lead role alongside Ramya Krishnan, Yogi Babu, Vinayakan, Tamannaah Bhatia and Master Ritvik in pivotal roles and special cameos by Mohanlal, Shiva Rajkumar and Jackie Shroff.



Walmart paid \$3.5 bn to buy Flipkart shares from Binny Bansal, Tiger Global & others

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS) Retail giant Walmart has paid around \$3.5 billion to acquire shares in e-commerce major Flipkart from non-controlling stakeholders, including co-founder Binny Bansal and top investment firms Tiger Global and Accel, among others.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filing in the US, the company said that during the six months ended July 31, 2023, "the company paid \$3.5 billion to acquire shares from certain Flipkart non-controlling interest holders and settle the liability to former non-controlling interest holders of PhonePe".

Additionally, during the six months ended July 31, the company received \$0.7 billion related to new rounds of equity funding for the company's majority-owned PhonePe subsidiary.

Bansal reportedly received about \$1-\$1.5 billion from his



shareholding in Flipkart.

Binny, along with Sachin Bansal, exited Flipkart after selling it to Walmart in 2018 for around \$16 billion.

Last year, Binny Bansal sold his stake worth \$264 million (more than Rs 2,000 crore) in the homegrown e-commerce platform to Chinese Internet giant Tencent.

In July, retail giant Walmart paid \$1.4 billion to acquire VC form Tiger Global's remaining shares in Flipkart. According to a report in Wall Street Journal, Walmart paid the money to boost Flipkart's stake.

Walmart purchased Tiger Global's remaining holding in Flipkart to further cement its

control of the Indian e-commerce giant.

Tiger Global made an overall gain of \$3.5 billion on an investment of \$1.2 billion.

Flipkart was earlier valued at \$37.6 billion in a 2021 funding round. Walmart had 72 per cent share in Flipkart as last reported.

Amazon e-commerce business acquirer Benitago files for bankruptcy

San Francisco, Sep 2 (IANS) Amazon e-commerce business acquirer Benitago Group has filed for bankruptcy in the US, listing both assets and liabilities ranging from \$50 million to \$100 million.

Founded by Benedict Dohmen and Santiago Nestares in 2016, Benitago connects with self-starting Amazon business owners who are looking to sell their businesses.

According to the filing, the company sought protection from creditors in the US Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan, reports TechCrunch.

"Benitago has plans to restructure its debt and potentially sell off some parts of its business in bankruptcy," the report noted.

The court filing listed entities, including intellectual property rights to 15 brands that sell over 300 products, including health supplements, office products and



beauty products.

The company had raised around \$380 million in equity and debt to fund acquisitions of brands built to sell on Amazon's marketplace.

Benitago had about \$7.5 million in cash at the time of the filing, the report noted. Benitago rival Thrasio has also faced similar troubles, resulting in layoffs and the departure of key executives.

Thrasio was once valued at \$10 billion before moving to the public markets.

Founded in 2018 by Joshua Silberstein and Cashman, Thrasio had a portfolio of tens of thousands of products.

FPIs sold stocks for Rs 20,620 crore in August

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS) In the cash market, FPIs were sellers after three months of sustained buying. In August, FPIs sold stocks for Rs 20,620 crores in the cash market, says V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

FPIs invested Rs 12,262 crore in August. This figure includes bulk deals and investment through the primary market.

Rising bond yields in the US and strong dollar index are negative for capital flows. This is the primary reason why FPIs have been sellers in the cash market,



he said.

FPIs have been sellers in most emerging markets in August mainly due to this double whammy of rising dollar and rising bond yields. Profit booking in financials also contributed to FPI selling, he added.

Regarding sector specific investments, FPIs have been consistently buying in capital goods. Recently,

they have been buyers in health care, too. The latest jobs report from the US indicates that the US economy is slowing and, therefore, the Fed might not raise rates again. This can bring down the US bond yields and the dollar index.

If this scenario unfolds, FPIs may again turn buyers in India, he added.

Lenovo unveils gaming glasses, portal PC handheld device

Berlin, Sep 2 (IANS) Global technology brand Lenovo has unveiled Legion Go, the company's first windows gaming handheld device along with a unique, micro-OLED-equipped new Legion Glasses for immersive gaming, as the IFA tech show kicked off here.

Along with the Legion Glasses and new Lenovo Legion E510 7.1 RGB Gaming headphones, the debut of the Lenovo Legion Go is a marked expansion of the Lenovo's ecosystem of gaming devices, monitors, accessories, software, and services that empower gamers to immerse themselves in their games.

The new Lenovo Legion Go brings Windows PC gaming power to a handheld mobile form factor, powered by AMD Ryzen Z1 Series processors that bring games to life on its 8.8-inch Lenovo PureSight Gaming Display. For an immersive gaming experience, the new Lenovo Legion E510 7.1 RGB gaming in-ear headphones offer hi-res 7.1 surround sound audio with a multifunction inline controller.

"As we scan the gaming landscape, we see that gamers are a versatile and varied group, and Lenovo Legion likewise endeavors to provide gamers with solutions that suit them,"



said Jun Ouyang, Lenovo's vice president and general manager of the Consumer Business Segment, Intelligent Devices Group.

"With the introduction of the Lenovo Legion Go, we are excited to expand our Lenovo Legion gaming ecosystem with a device that allows gamers to literally - game on the go,"

Ouyang added.

Featuring up to an AMD Ryzen Z1 Extreme processor with AMD RNDA Graphics and smart power management technology, the Lenovo Legion Go runs Windows 11.

Capable of up to 500nits brightness and sporting a 97 per cent DCI-P3 colour

gamut, the display is also adjustable to playstyle and situation, supporting resolutions from 1600p to 800p as well as 144Hz and 60Hz refresh rates.

The Legion Go features up to 16GB LPDDR5X (7500Mhz) RAM with power management flexibility that delivers optimal gaming performance and faster loading times depending on the scenario, as well as an up to 1TB PCIe Gen4 SSD and micro-SD slot supporting up to 2TB of extra storage, said the company.

With a 49.2Wh capacity battery, gaming sessions can go longer without needing to recharge.

Pegasystems to lay off nearly 240 employees in 2nd job cut this year

San Francisco, Sep 2 (IANS) Global software company Pegasystems is laying off 4 per cent of its workforce, or about 240 employees, in a second job cut this year.

US-based Pegasystems (Pega) said in public filings that it plans to cut approximately 4 per cent of its employees across various geographies,

citing a reorganisation of its customer success roles, reports Boston Business Journal. The company said in a statement that Pega expects "some" of the cuts to affect employees in the state of Massachusetts.

"These will be go-to-



market roles in order to simplify our client engagement approach and better support our business strategy," the company added. Pega is "realigning" its workforce "to continue to elevate and simplify our

client engagement." In January this year, the software company announced to lay off 4 per cent of its over 6,000-strong workforce. The workforce reductions "are part of the company's goal

to improve its go-to-market operating model," read the company filing. The company was engaged in a detailed review to improve its "go-to-market operating model".

In a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the firm said it was likely to incur a charge of \$18.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2022 related to cash severance and benefit costs for terminated employees.

The company had about 6,500 employees globally, with three regional headquarters in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific.

Tesla slashes FSD beta software price to \$12K

San Francisco, Sep 2 (IANS) After significantly reducing the price of its electric vehicles (EVs), Tesla has now slashed the price of its "full self-driving" (FSD) beta software by 20 per cent.

The Tesla FSD beta software now costs \$12,000, a \$3,000 or a 20 per cent decrease.

Tesla owners can buy FSD at reduced price which includes all the "enhanced autopilot" features as well as the ability to detect and (ideally) stop at traffic lights and stop signs.

In July, Musk offered the first-time Tesla customers a chance to transfer the FSD beta software to another vehicle as a "one-time amnesty."

Tesla owners who have purchased



the FSD package can transfer that to another new car by September 30.

The only details provided by Musk was that it would be a one-time offer and only applicable if you place your order before the end of Q3.

Another requirement is that when

people place the order for a new Tesla car, they must add FSD Capability to the order.

Those who will get this offer will need to purchase a new Tesla and take delivery by September 30.

Last month, Musk live-streamed a drive through Palo Alto, California holding a smartphone, which was an illegal act by law, showcasing the car's self-drive functionalities.

However, Musk was forced to stop his "Full Self Driving" system from running a red light partway through the livestream.

During the drive, Musk chatted with his passenger who was Tesla's head of Autopilot software engineering, Ashok Elluswamy.

GST collections for August at Rs 1,59,069 crore, 3.6% lower than July

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS) The gross GST revenue collected in August stood at Rs 1,59,069 crore, which was 3.6 per cent less than Rs 1,65,105 crore collected in July. The figure was, however, 11 per cent higher than the GST collections of August 2022, which were Rs 1,43,612 crore.

Out of Rs 1,59,069 crore collected as GST revenue for August 2023, CGST

was Rs 28,328 crore, SGST was Rs 35,794 crore, IGST was Rs 83,251 crore (including Rs 43,550 crore collected on import of goods), and cess was Rs 11,695 crore (including Rs 1,016 crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled Rs 37,581 crore to CGST and Rs 31,408 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the states in August 2023

after regular settlement was Rs 65,909 crore for CGST and Rs 67,202 crore for SGST. The revenues for August 2023 are 11 per cent higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenue from import of goods was 3 per cent higher and from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 14 per cent higher than the revenues.

US economy added jobs at robust pace last month

Minneapolis, Sep 2 (IANS) The US economy added 187,000 jobs in August, slightly more than expected, according to data released on Friday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a media report said.

The monthly job total came in similar to last month's job gains; however, the July total was revised down by 30,000 jobs to 157,000. June was revised down significantly as well, from 185,000 to 105,000, CNN reported.

Economists were



expecting total job gains of 170,000, according to Refinitiv, the report said.

The August number is still a slowdown from the past two years of

blockbuster job growth, and comes as the Federal Reserve aims to bring down inflation without triggering mass joblessness.

The unemployment rate

unexpectedly jumped to 3.8 per cent from 3.5 per cent. It's calmly drifted between 3.4 per cent and 3.7 per cent since March 2022, and economists had projected it would hold steady at 3.5 per cent, CNN reported.

"With 187,000 new jobs added in August 2023 and unemployment at 3.8 per cent, after red-hot post-pandemic hiring, we are seeing a slow glide into a cooler labor market this Labor Day weekend," Becky Frankiewicz, President and Chief

Commercial Officer at ManpowerGroup, said in a statement.

"With 'pandemic paranoia' about hiring lingering, companies are continuing to hold on to their workers, remembering how hard it was to rehire." Driving the increase in unemployment in August, according to the BLS report, was an increase in people who lost their jobs and those who completed temporary jobs. That cohort rose by 294,000 to 2.9 million in August.

Top 25 stocks in NSE 500 which gained over 20% in August

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS) Brightcom Group is the worst performing stock in the NSE 500 in the month of August-- down 32 per cent.

As per a research by BOB Economics Research, Tanla Platforms is down 18.5 per cent during the month, Vedanta is down 15.8 per cent, Medplus Health Services is down 15.4 per cent.

Among the other laggards, TCNS Clothing is down 13.3 per cent, Cummins India is down 13.2 per cent, Radico Khaitan is down 13 per cent, Redington is down 13 per cent, Borosil Renewables is down 12.8 per cent, Hindustan Petroleum is down 12 per cent, Bombay Burmah is

down 11.8 per cent, Macrotech Developers is down 11.7 per cent, TCI Express id down 11.6 per cent, Apollo Tyres is down 10.3 per cent.

Among the best performing stocks in August in NSE 500, RattanIndia Enterprises showed a gain of 52 per cent, Kalyan Jewellers gained 41 per cent, Swan Energy gained 38 per cent, Indiabulls Housing Finance gained 38 per cent, Cochin Shipyard gained 35 per cent, Gland Pharma gained 33 per cent, Apar Industries gained 32 per cent, Indian Railway Corporation gained 31 per cent, BSE gained 31 per cent, Suzlon Energy is up 29.6 per cent, Archeon Chemical is up 28.8 per



cent, Vaibhav Global is up 28 per cent, Solar Industries is up 27 per cent.

Among other top gainers, Jindal Worldwide is up 26.6 per cent, Linde India is up

26 per cent, Supreme Industries is up 25.6 per cent, Cera Sanitaryware is up 25.6 per cent, Escorts Kubota is up 24.4 per cent, Jubilant Ingrevia is up 24

per cent, Jubilant Pharmova is up 24 per cent, KSB is up 23 per cent, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank is up 22.8 per cent, BEML is up 22.4 per cent, JSW Energy is up 21.6 per cent, Dixon Technologies is up 21.4 per cent.

Nifty50 was largely in line with global indices in August, but remains a laggard YTD, the report said. Most major global indices were under pressure during August with Chinese indices among the worst performing indices. Hang Seng and Shenzhen were down 8 per cent and 6.5 per cent respectively. S&P500 was down 1.6 per cent while Nifty50 was down 2.5 per cent. With this correction, now the one year forward PE multiple

for Nifty50 is in line with its 5y average, which implies a fair valuation. Nifty50, up 6.3 per cent YTD, has lagged the double-digit returns of other major indices.

Mid & small caps maintained momentum but most sectoral indices in red. Nifty mid & small cap indices were up -4 per cent during August. Nifty IT had a 3 per cent recovery indicating bottoming out of the sector. Pharma sector also had a modest recovery given expectation of a milder pricing pressure in generic medicines in USA. That said, weakening INR also played part in the two sectors' recovery. Most other major sectors had negative return over the month though.

Air India has recruited more than 650 pilots since April 1, says CEO Campbell Wilson

New Delhi, Sep 2 (IANS) The Air India group has successfully hired and brought on board a total of 650 pilots since April this year, Air India CEO Campbell Wilson said in his Friday message.

His message comes days after the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had suspended simulator training for A320 pilots at Air India's Hyderabad facility and Boeing pilots at the Tata Group-owned airline's Mumbai facility. The CEO also said that in the first week of this month, Air India is set to acquire two additional Boeing 777 aircraft for its widebody fleet, with one of them already in operation, adding that this addition will enable the airline to improve its services to the US and increase overall capacity. "It's the first week of September, and this week saw the addition of not one but two new Boeing 777 aircraft to our fleet - the fifth and sixth of the year so far. One is another 777-200LR that will be deployed to North America, allowing us to upgrade more San Francisco and New York frequencies with better seats, inflight entertainment systems and a Premium Economy class, as well as improve schedule reliability," he said. "That we can operate these additional aircraft is thanks in no small part to the efforts of our Group Hiring Cell (GHC), which has seen folk from AI, AIXL and AIXC come together to recruit pilots en masse."

Parsudih: Minor girls sold in Rajasthan, complaint to SSP



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, September 2: The case of two minor sisters resident of Parsudih Salgajhari Kalindi Basti being sold in Rajasthan on the pretext of giving them work has come to light. The minor victim informed her mother over phone. After which the victim's family reached on Saturday along with BJP leader Vimal Baitha to request the SSP to bring back both of them. A memorandum has also been submitted to the SSP in this regard. The victim's mother told that she earns her living by working as a labourer. Her two daughters whose age is 13 years and 15 years. On July 20, both daughters had gone to their grandmother's house in Bagbera Harharguttu. Meanwhile, on August 7, Tulsi Kalindi, a resident of the neighbourhood, along with her husband, lured their daughters with the promise of getting them work and took them with them to Rajasthan. On August 12, the daughters called and informed that Tulsi Kalindi had taken her to Rajasthan where she was sold. Now they are being exploited. The victim's mother told that she had reached the police station on August 14 to lodge a complaint but she was turned away from the police station as she did not have the Aadhaar card. On August 18, she again reached the police station, but was told in the police station to go to Rajasthan and complain. Finally he took the help of BJP leader Vimal Baitha. The mother told that in the meantime she was in touch with her daughters. Instead of sending his daughters back, he was given a bribe of Rs 1 lakh to keep his mouth shut. (W.rg)

Learning a lifelong process, quest for knowledge unending: Raghvan

XLRI Jamshedpur hosts CXO series interaction with corporate leader

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: XLRI Jamshedpur hosted Manohar Raghavan, a distinguished corporate leader with a rich legacy of 35+ years of experience. Raghavan, Ex- 3M, Director Asia conducted an insightful session on the topic "Nuances of Strategy Implementation in larger geographies from a Leader's Perspective."

The session saw participation from over 100 students, as well as members of the XLRI management and staff.

Raghavan emphasized that the primary objective of any business endeavour should be the creation of value for both customers and shareholders, serving as the guiding principle for



all strategic decisions. Furthermore, he shed light on the ever-evolving nature of the business landscape, emphasizing the imperative need for continual learning and development.

He fervently stated that "Learning is a lifelong journey, and the pursuit of knowledge should never

cease." In addition, he recognized the importance of adaptability in the face of unforeseen shifts within the competitive landscape. He also emphasized the crucial skill of networking for aspiring business leaders, as it connects them to opportunities, mentors, and a broader professional

community. To illustrate these points, Raghavan shared a personal anecdote, underscoring the value of challenging the status quo and stepping out of one's comfort zone to seize growth and opportunities. His words left an enduring impact on the students. During a Fireside Chat

with PGDM (GM) students, attendees had a unique opportunity to engage in a candid and insightful dialogue with Raghavan. The conversation spanned various aspects of business management and leadership, benefiting from his extensive expertise. It

was then followed by an interactive Q&A session allowed students to discuss about crucial topics such as business strategy, leadership, and ethics, enabling deeper exploration and understanding.

"Raghavan emphasized on key principles such as commitment to ethics, customer and shareholder value, continuous learning, adaptability, diversity and inclusion, networking, and personal and professional growth. This session will shape the perspectives and aspirations of future business leaders like us", said a PGDM(GM) student.

Dr A Kanagaraj, the Convener for Placement (BM, HRM & GM) was also in attendance. (W-mb)

Development plan worth Rs 100 Cr for Jsr, Ranchi, Dhanbad

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: There will be development of Ranchi, Dhanbad and Jamshepur which come under three million plus city of Jharkhand. A plan worth Rs 100.23 crore has been approved for this. In a meeting chief secretary Sukhdev Singh,

information of about 128 small and big projects was given. Apart from Ranchi and Dhanbad, proposals were prepared and sent to the State Government from Jamshepur Notified Area Committee, Mango Municipal Corporation and Jugsalai Municipal Council. All the work would be done with the

money of the 15th Finance Commission. Under this, road, drain, water supply, community building, park and other construction works are to be done in the urban area. After getting its approval, now tender will be floated to get the works of all these schemes done in all the three urban areas. (W.rg)

Parents Assn protest overloading of school vehicles



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, September 2: Parents have shown seriousness on the incident of overturning of vehicles filled with school children in the city. Citing rules and court orders, the district administration has been demanded to take appropriate action by conducting an investigation campaign. Regarding this, parents demonstrated in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Saturday under the banner of Jamshepur Abhibhavak Sangh and submitted memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner

demanding formation of a committee to ensure the safety of children and determine the fare. As per the Sangh's press release in the last one week, there have been two incidents of overturning of school vehicles. Children were also injured in both these accidents. The parents felt that number of children allowed to sit in the vehicles was fixed. Then the vehicle operators had increased the fare citing loss. After that, children were overloaded. They claimed that restriction for petrol tempo-5, diesel tempo-8, van- 10 to 12, mini bus 28 to 30, big bus-45 (the capacity of all including the driver and

co-driver was determined.) Writ Petition 13029/1985 of the Supreme Court and the order was issued by the Jharkhand Education Tribunal in the year 2011. It was said that private school managements have to operate buses to bring them to school and take them home. Despite this, buses are not operated by most of the schools in the city. Because of this, parents have to make arrangements for their children to go to home and school by tempo or van. School vehicle operators are taking advantage of this and the result is that children remain unsafe while going to and from home and school. (W.rg)

Grand Parents Day: Loyola School extends 'A Salute to our Roots'

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: "We would not be here without our grandparents who are the footsteps to the future generations. They are our reassurance, our roots that hold and bind us, our present and future," observed Loyola School Principal, Fr Vinod Fernandes, SJ on the occasion of Grandparents Day celebrations in the form of 'A Salute to our Roots.'

An aura of love, care and joy permeated across Loyola School in Bistupur as students and faculty members drove home the importance of grandparents as pillars of strength and confidence. Their gratitude



was expressed through narration and presentations of beautiful stories, songs that evoked laughter and fanned the spirit of love, care and fondness. The events made the celebration

of Grandparents Day at Loyola School on Saturday, September 2 an album to be cherished for a long time. The presentation of immortal storyteller Munshi Premchand's

'Idgah,' that highlights Hamid's love and concern for his grandmother, was a unique mode of stating, "Grandparents, we love you and thank you for giving us our world."

'Retiro,' was another bag of fun that evoked unbridled foot-tapping unleashed by the band of talented Loyoleans. Other exciting events included Antakshari, KBC Lite, Ramp Walk, Fireless cooking and Rangoli that revved the adrenaline flow in the 150 grandparents who participated in the celebrations. The radiating joy on their countenances said it all. The sight was captured for posterity as the students had themselves snapped with their grandparents. The Loyoleans had well and truly 'Saluted their Roots.' The event culminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Vice Principal, Jayanthi Sheshadri. (w/gsd)

Residents meet Saryu after eviction threat



Jamshedpur, Sept 2: People living behind Sidhgora police station met Jamshepur East MLA Saryu Rai on Friday night. Mostly from poor families that told the MLA that they have been living behind Sidhgora police station for years. Now the building construction department has ordered them to vacate the land.

A new building of Sidhgora police station will be constructed there. Earlier, coal of Tata Steel used to be stored on the said land. They all used to work there. Later the coal shed was closed, but they have been living there by building huts. MLA Saryu Rai assured to put their demands in front of the administrative officials and assured to make arrangements for their stay by building a house at some vacant place nearby. (W.rg)

Howrah-Ranchi Intercity Express to stop at Bhojudih Station

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: Bhojudih Station is set to become a stoppage for several prominent train services. This decision will be effective from September 5, 2023, until further notice, providing an added travel option for passengers in the region.

18627 Howrah-Ranchi Intercity Express commencing from September 5 will halt at Bhojudih Station, facilitating easier travel for passengers. Passengers can now board and disembark at Bhojudih Station during their journey in 18628 Ranchi-Howrah Intercity Express also starting from September 5. (W-mb)

Trains regulated due to developmental work in Adra Division

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: In light of ongoing developmental works causing a Rolling Block in the Adra Division of South Eastern Railway, the following train services will be regulated as outlined below:

Cancellation of Trains: 08680/08679 Adra-Midnapur-Adra MEMU Special: Journeys commencing on 05.09.2023, 08.09.2023 & 10.09.2023 will remain cancelled.

08647/08648 Adra-Barabhum-Adra MEMU Special: Journeys commencing on 05.09.2023, 07.09.2023 &

10.09.2023 will remain cancelled.

Short Termination/Short Origination of Trains: 08174/08652 Tatanagar-Asansol-Barabhum MEMU Special: Journeys commencing on 04.09.2023, 06.09.2023 & 08.09.2023 will be short terminated at or short originated from Adra.

18035/18036 Kharagpur-Hatia-Kharagpur Express: Journeys commencing on 05.09.2023, 07.09.2023 & 10.09.2023 will be short terminated at or short originated from Adra.

03594/03593 Asansol-Purulia-Asansol MEMU



Special: Journeys commencing on 05.09.2023, 07.09.2023 & 10.09.2023 will be short terminated at or short originated from Adra. Diversion of Train: 18601 Tatanagar-Hatia

Express: Journeys commencing on 04.09.2023, 06.09.2023, 08.09.2023 & 10.09.2023 will run on a diverted route via Chandil-Gunda Bihar-Muri. Rescheduling of Train:

18036 Hatia-Kharagpur Express: Journey commencing on 04.09.2023, 06.09.2023, 08.09.2023 & 09.09.2023 will be rescheduled to depart from Hatia at 12.20 hrs. instead of the originally scheduled 09.20 hrs. These regulatory measures are necessary to accommodate and ensure the safety of passengers during the developmental works in the Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. Passengers are advised to check with the railway authorities for further updates and alternative travel arrangements during this period. (W.pb)

Jallianwala Bagh Express to remain cancelled from Sep 18 to Oct 11

Neelanchal Express to run on diverted route

Mail New Service

Jamshedpur, Sep 2: Lucknow Division of the Northern Railway is set to undergo significant developmental work, leading to several disruptions in train services. Cancellation of Trains: 18103 Tatanagar-Amritsar JallianwalaBagh Express: This train will be cancelled on the following dates: September 18, 20, 25, and 27, 2023, as well as October 2, 4, 9, and 11, 2023. 18104 Amritsar-TatanagarJallianwalaBagh Express: Passengers are advised that this train will not run on September 20, 22, 27, and 29, 2023, as well as October 4, 6, 11,

and 13, 2023. 18311 Sambalpur-Banaras



Express: Expect cancellations on September 20, 24, and 27, 2023, as well as October 1, 4, 8, and 11, 2023. 18312 Banaras-Sambalpur Express: The train will be cancelled on September 21, 25, and 28, 2023, as well as October 2,

5, 9, and 12, 2023. 18611 Ranchi-Banaras Express:

Shalimar-Gorakhpur Express: Cancellations are scheduled for September 12, 19, 26, and October 3, 10, 2023. 15022 Gorakhpur-Shalimar Express: Expect this train to be canceled on September 11, 18, 25, and October 2, 9, 2023. 08587 Banaras-Visakhapatnam Special: This special service will not run on September 21, 28, and October 5, 12, 2023. 08588 Visakhapatnam-Banaras Special: Passengers are advised that this special service will not operate on September 20, 27, and October 4, 11, 2023. Diversion of Trains-12875 Puri-Anand Vihar Neelanchal Express: Starting from September 12

Ispat Express, Utkal Express to stop at Goilkera Station

Jamshedpur, Sept 2: Goilkera Station in the Chakradharpur Division has been granted stoppage for several prominent train services. This decision is set to take effect from September 2, 2023, and is expected to benefit a significant number of commuters. 12871 Howrah-TitlagarhIspatExpress commencing from September 2 will halt at Goilkera Station. 12872 Titlagarh-Howrah Express starting from September 3 passengers can now board and disembark at Goilkera Station during the journey. 18477 Puri-YogNagariRishikeshUtkalExpress will make a scheduled stop at Goilkera Station. 18478 YogNagariRishikesh-Puri Express passengers traveling on this route can also avail the convenience of Goilkera Station as a stop. (W-mb)

to October 15, 2023, this train's route will be diverted via Kanpur-Prayagraj-Mirzapur-Pt. DeenDayalUpadhyaya. 12876 AnandVihar-PuriNeelanchal Express:

Commencing from September 12 to October 15, 2023, this train will also run on a diverted route via Kanpur-Prayagraj-Mirzapur-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. (W-mb)