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H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

ED summons CM again between Jan 27-31

Ranchi, January 23: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued a fresh summons to Jharkhand Chief Minister HemantSoren barely 48 hours after his questioning on Saturday.

The federal agency has asked him to again record his statement in a money laundering case between January 27 and 31, official sources said on Monday.

The central agency recorded his statement for the first time in the case on January 20 after investigators went to his official residence here.

They recorded his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) during the about seven hours they spent at his home.

Soren has been asked to join the investigation again between January 27 and 31, and a Enforcement Directorate team will go to his residence like the last time or he can come to the ED office, the sources said.

The recording of the statement did not finish that day (January 20), and hence, the chief minister has been asked to join the probe again, they said.

Govt hikes import duty on gold and silver coins

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): The government has raised the import duty on gold and silver findings as well as coins of precious metals to 15 per cent, from 10 per cent at present, with effect from January 22.

Findings are items like hooks and clips which are components used for making jewellery. The step has been taken to benefit the domestic industry.

The new duty rate of 15 per cent, comprises a Basic Customs Duty (BCD) of 10 per cent and an additional 5 per cent under the All Industry Duty Drawback (AIDC).

Jharkhand CM announces 20 L houses for rural poor Launches Abua Awas Yojana from Khunti, Simdega

Ranchi, January 23: Jharkhand Chief Minister HemantSoren on Tuesday announced that his government would provide 20 lakh houses to the poor of the state by 2027.

Addressing the beneficiaries of 'AbuaAwatYojana' (AAY), a state government-sponsored housing scheme, at Torpa in Khunti district, Soren said that the JMM-led dispensation had demanded eight lakh houses for the poor from the Centre as it had promised to provide accommodations to all the poor.

"Initially, the Centre had

accepted that Jharkhand has four lakh poor people. But later, it stated that no poor was left for the central housing scheme in the state. So, we decided to provide houses to eight lakh poor people from the state exchequer," the chief minister said.

Soren said the state government has launched the 'AbuaAwatYojana' (My House) and sought applications for the scheme during the 'ApkiYojana, ApkiSarkar, ApkeDwar' (Your scheme, your government at your doorstep) campaign.



Terming it as a "historic" one, he said that the scheme was a first-of-its-kind initiative after the formation of Jharkhand in 2000.

"We received more than 30 lakh applications for the scheme. Of the total, 20 lakh are estimated to be genuine beneficiaries. So, the government has decided to provide houses to all 20 lakh beneficiaries by 2027," the CM said.

During the programme, Soren also distributed approval letters and the first instalment for the housing scheme to more than 8,000 beneficiaries from Khunti

and Simdega districts and said that beneficiaries can now see construction of their new houses soon.

The CM claimed that the Centre used to give Rs 1.20 lakh for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). "We have decided to provide Rs 2 lakh for the construction of a three-room house, which will be better than the PMAY scheme," he said.

Soren also said that the state has decided to provide pension to women, Dalits and tribals after they age 50 years which is the first of its kind in the country.

Bharat Ratna for former Bihar CM Karpoori Thakur

New Delhi, Jan 23: President Droupadi Murmu has conferred the Bharat Ratna posthumously to two-time Bihar chief minister and socialist icon Karpoori Thakur, the Rashtrapati Bhavan announced on Tuesday.

Often remembered as the "voice of the oppressed and the downtrodden", Thakur served as the chief minister of Bihar from December 1970 to June 1971 and from December 1977 to April 1979. Also called 'jan-nayak', he is widely considered as the pioneer of OBC and EBC reservations in the country.

As the CM in 1978,



Thakur implemented a layered reservation regime, despite resistance from the Bharatiya Jan Sangh, a major constituent of the then Janata Party government. The quota system, an unparalleled one at that

time, provided a 26% reservation model in which OBCs got 12%, EBCs from among OBCs got 8%, women got 3%, and economically backward classes (EBWs) from among the upper castes got 3%.

On July 12, 2022, speaking at an event to mark the centenary of the Bihar Assembly building, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav had demanded a Bharat Ratna for Karpoori Thakur, a two-time Chief Minister of the state and a towering socialist icon who is often invoked by the state's politicians.

This year, the JD(U) pushed for the commemoration of Thakur's birth anniversary on a grand scale in Bihar, from Patna to his village Pitaunjihiya to Samastipur, with Nitish Kumar in attendance at some of the events.

Three lakh devotees visit Ram Mandir on Day 1

Ayodhya, Jan 23:

Ayodhya witnessed a heavy rush of devotees on Tuesday, a day after the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla, with nearly three lakh people paying obeisance at the temple till afternoon. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath conducted an aerial survey of the temple alongside Principal Secretary Home and DG Prashant Kumar. The chief minister instructed officials to prioritize crowd management and security measures, reports said. "Till afternoon, 2.5 to 3 lakh devotees have paid obeisance in the temple and a



similar number of them are remaining," Director, Information, Shishir told.

Over 8,000 policemen have been deployed to ensure smooth darshan for devotees. Special DG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar and Principal Secretary (Home) Sanjay Prasad are inside the temple and over-

seeing the arrangements.

"I assure all devotees that they will be able to take darshan of Ram Lalla. The darshan has been going on continuously. I appeal to the devotees to remain patient," Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Chief Priest Acharya Satyendra Das said.

LS election date sparks speculation, poll panel clarifies as 'tentative'

New Delhi, Jan 23: An internal note circulated by the office of Delhi's Chief Electoral Officer having April 16 as the tentative "poll date" to help officials schedule various activities "in the build up" to the Lok Sabha elections created a flutter among journalists about the possible schedule of the upcoming polls.

Responding to queries, the Chief Electoral Officer's office clarified that the date was mentioned only for "reference" for officials to plan activities in accordance with the Election Planner issued by the poll panel.

"Some media queries are coming referring to a circular by @CeodelhiOffice to clarify whether April 16 is tentative poll day for Lok Sabha elections. It is clarified that this date was mentioned only for 'reference' for officials to plan activities as per Election Planner of ECI," the CEO office posted on X.

In a communication issued to all the 11 district election officers on January 19, the CEO's office had referred to the Election Planner issued by the ECI in which various activities in the build up to the election has been given along with the timelines and durations for each activity to start and to be completed.

"For the ensuing General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024, the Commission has tentatively given the Poll Day as 16.04.2024 for the purpose of reference and to calculate start and end dates in the Election Planner," the circular read.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the office of the Delhi CEO clarified that in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, "it is required to plan and complete a large number of activities pertaining to election".

"ECI Planner enlists all such important activities and provides Start date and End date with reference to an imaginary poll date as reference point to initiate and complete those activities," it said.

Two held from Jharkhand for cheating people

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): Two men were arrested from Jharkhand for duping several people on pretext of customer care services by running advertisements on Google, a Delhi Police official said on Tuesday. The fraudsters were identified as Mustaqeem Ansari (31), and Md. Rizwan Ansari (26) -- both residents of Deoghar district, Jharkhand.

According to police, an FIR was registered last year on August 9 after RajanaKaul, a resident of VasantKunj, alleged that she searched the customer care number of Punjab National Bank on Google and she called on the alleged mobile number mentioned on the website. "The alleged person advised her to download Rust Desk App and took access of her phone and account related information.

Nitish Kumar meets Bihar Governor, 'Khela Hobe' says Manjhi

Patna, Jan 23 (IANS): Political circles in Bihar are abuzz as Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday went to the Raj Bhavan to meet Governor Rajendra VishwanathArlekar, accompanied by his Cabinet Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary.

Nitish Kumar stayed for 40 minutes in the Raj Bhavan but the reason for his visit has not been made public yet, leading to speculation of a government change in Bihar.

What has provided grist for the rumour mills is the fact that while Nitish, Tejashwi Yadav, Choudhary and Arlekar were together at a function to commemorate the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, later Nitish and Choudhary went to the Raj Bhavan without Tejashwi.

Following the incident, former Chief Minister of Bihar, Jitan Ram Manjhi posted a cryptic comment on his X handle saying the

games have begun in Bihar. He posted "Khela Hobe" in Bangla, "Khela Hokto" in Magahi and "Khela Hokhi" in Bhojpuri Manjhi was implying that Nitish would join the NDA any time and change the government in Bihar.

Manjhi had claimed earlier also that the government might change in Bihar and his statement had come at a time when Nitish was not the National President of the JD(U).

Police complaint against Rahul in Assam

Guwahati, Jan 23 (IANS): Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday directed the state DGP to file a police complaint against Rahul Gandhi for allegedly "provoking a crowd" during his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. According to Sarma, Rahul Gandhi's unruly behaviour and violation of agreed guidelines resulted in a massive traffic jam in Guwahati.

Tata Motors: 600 Bi-Six workers to be regularized

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In a significant development for the workforce at Tata Motors' Jamshedpur plant, an agreement has been reached between the management and the Tata Motors Workers Union, heralding positive news for the sons and daughters of employees.

More than 600 bi-six workers are slated to secure permanent positions, and discussions indicate that the reinstatement of employee offspring will persist.

The negotiations, led by Tata Motors Workers

Union President Gurmeet Singh Tote, General Secretary RK Singh, and Advisor Praveen Singh, alongside top company officials including Tata Motors Vice President Vishal Badshah and Jamshedpur Plant Head Ravindra Kulkarni, have been ongoing for the past two to three days.

Despite administrative challenges, including the closure of the Labor Department office, discussions have been resilient. Video conferencing sessions have been instrumental in maintaining dialogue, with the latest meeting conducted on Monday

from Ranchi.

The anticipated permanency of 2,700 bi-six workers represents a milestone, with ongoing negotiations focusing on the continuation of reinstating employee sons and daughters. Union leaders express optimism, suggesting that better results are imminent.

An agreement, expected to be finalized after January 23rd, a public holiday in the state commemorating NetajiSubhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary, will cover various aspects, including the permanency of employees and the contin-

uation of ward registration. Post the public holiday, discussions with Labor Commissioner Sanjeev Kumar Besra will pave the way for the formal agreement.

This development follows the historical context of a tripartite agreement in 1972, establishing the foundation for reinstating Tata Motors employees' children.

Subsequent amendments in 2005-2006, chaired by Labor Commissioner NidhiKhare, outlined the employment of 200 employee sons annually through the TMST bridge.

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Netaji believed nationhood should be uppermost in life: Shekhar Dey

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: On the occasion of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary, the Sreeleathers family organized a programme at its Bistupur K Road showroom on Tuesday. The director of Sreeleathers, Shekhar Day, along with followers of Netaji's ideologies, members of various social organizations, and prominent citizens, lit candles in front of Netaji's portrait and offered floral tributes.

In his address, Shekhar



Day stated, "Netaji's thoughts are still as relevant today as they were earlier. The path he showed and the ideas he embraced led the country to independence. His contribution can never be forgotten. Netaji gave utmost importance to reservation benefits to reach those who genuinely needed it, rather than the creamy layer. According to Netaji, the basis of reservation should be poverty. Netaji always aspired for a powerful India and aimed to lead the country forward." (w/gsd)

Netaji's Statue unveiled at Jamshedpur Mahila Samiti

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: A statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was installed in the premises of Jamshedpur Mahila Samiti at Q Road in Bistupur on Wednesday in tribute to the iconic freedom fighter's 127th birth anniversary.

The statue was unveiled by Subhash Sanskriti Parishad's Vice President and Sreeleathers' Director, Shekhar Day.

Present at the event were Jyotsna Day, Bithika Roy, Preetilekha Roy, Purabi Ghosh, and Jharna Kar, who offered floral tributes at Netaji's statue.



During the event, Jyotsna Day of the Jamshedpur Mahila Samiti spoke on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's life.

Speaking to the students present on the occasion, she urged them to tread

along the path shown by the iconic freedom fighter. Members of the Jamshedpur Mahila Samiti and school students were present at the occasion. (w/gsd)

Shri Ram Mahotsav celebration at Excel India Model School



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Jamshedpur, Jan 23: A cultural program marking the Shri Ram Mahotsav was organized at Excel India Model School in Birsa Nagar, Murakati. The programme was jointly inaugurated by social worker Kevlar Prasad Rao and SubirAdak, who offered floral tributes and lit lamps before the image of Lord Rama.

During the event, children presented Ram bhajans, dances, a play, and a choral recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa, creating a thoroughly Ram-centric atmosphere. The children also made models of the Ram Mandir, and the first prize was awarded to Kajal Kumari, the second prize to Tiasha Lohar and Nikita Lohar, the third prize to Reena Kumari, and the consolation prize to Pramod Kumar by the chief guest. The Principal of the school, Mamta Kumari, along with all the teachers and students, were present at the event. (w/gsd)

Kalinga Super Cup: JFC to face East Bengal FC in semis today

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In a pre-match press conference leading up to the Kalinga Super Cup Semi-Final against East Bengal FC, Jamshedpur FC Head Coach Khalid Jamil shared his insights with the media. Emphasizing the formidable nature of their opponent, Jamil acknowledged East Bengal's strong performance, cautioning against underestimating the team. He stressed the importance of maintaining their winning momentum and approaching the semi-final with the same level of preparation as any other match. Recognizing Cleiton Silva as a standout player, Jamil highlighted the need for readiness against the skilled opponent. Addressing Jamshedpur FC's dedicated fanbase, Jamil expressed gratitude, referring to them as "phenomenal." He urged the fans to continue their unwavering support, emphasizing the collective effort to make them proud. The highly anticipated clash between Jamshedpur FC and East Bengal is scheduled for January 24th in the Kalinga Super Cup 2024. Football enthusiasts can catch the action live on Jio Cinema. (W/mb)



Birth anniversary of Netaji celebrated at SS Academy

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: SS Academy in Baliguma commemorated the birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose.

School Secretary Prince Singh paid floral tributes to Netaji at his portrait during the event.

Addressing the students, he highlighted that Netaji is a role model for everyone, having



sacrificed his life for the nation. Prince Singh urged the children to follow the path shown by Netaji and work for the betterment of the country and society.

As part of the celebration, the children presented a poem titled "Woh khoon kaho kis matlab ka, jisme koi ubaal nahin...?" The program

was attended by teachers including Divya Rana, Jyoti Singh, Meera Das, Babita Kumari, Prerna Singh, Pratima Kumari, and others. (w/nm)



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Jamshedpur, Jan 23: The BJP workers in Jamshedpur Mahanagar marked the 127th birth anniversary of the revolutionary leader Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as Parakram Diwas. Led by BJP Jamshedpur Metropolitan President Gunjan Yadav, dozens of workers paid tribute to Netaji by garlanding his statue at Sakchi Netaji Subhash Maidan (Aam Bagan) on Tuesday.

During the homage, BJP workers commemorated Netaji's significant contributions by chanting slogans such as 'Long live

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose,' 'Bharat Mata ki Jai,' and 'Vande Mataram.' President Gunjan Yadav expressed that the nation would forever be grateful for Netaji's sacrifices and dedication.

Netaji, a staunch advocate of independence, organized the youth and formed the Azad Hind Fauj in 1943.

Gunjan Yadav highlighted Netaji's pivotal role in India's independence struggle, emphasizing how he ignited the spirit of freedom among the youth with powerful slogans like 'Jai Hind for freedom, you give me blood, I will give you freedom.'

Rs 2.5 cr Gaur Bhawan to preserve Gaur community's heritage: Champai Soren

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In a significant development, a grand multipurpose Gaur Bhawan is set to be constructed in Sijulata, Rajnagar, at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore, announced Champai Soren, the State's Tribal Welfare cum Transport Minister.

The announcement was made during the 33rd resolution day of Gaur Seva Sangh, where Minister Soren addressed the gathering as the chief guest.

The Gaur Bhawan, envisioned as a museum dedicated to the Gaur community, aims to play a crucial role in preserving the language, culture, and traditions of the society. Minister Soren emphasized the government's commitment to maintaining the rich heritage of the indigenous tribal people, stating that both tribal and Gaur communities are



integral parts of the region.

During the event, Minister Soren laid the foundation stone for the Gaur Bhawan and encouraged unity among the society for collective development. He stressed the importance of reviving cultural values and guardianship, highlighting the need to combat issues such as drug addiction among the youth.

Gaur Samaj President Chaturbhuj Barik expressed unity among various

subgroups within the Gaur community and called for the resolution of discrepancies, particularly related to Khatiani, which have led to divisions within the community. The society's demands, including the reopening of closed Odia schools in Kolhan, construction of Gaur Bhawan, and prioritizing job opportunities for unemployed youth, were presented to the minister in a 4-point demand letter.

The resolution day concluded with a collective commitment to eliminate societal evils, combat drug abuse, and emphasize education for the all-round development of the society. The event witnessed the honoring of elders and women from the Gaur community. Key attendees at the event included Gaur Samaj President Chaturbhuj Barik, General Secretary Pitovas Pradhan, and other prominent members of the society. (w/nm)

Tributes paid to Netaji on 127th birth anniversary

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: Under the auspices of Bharatiya Jantantra Morcha, Jamshedpur Mahanagar, a wreath-laying program was organized at the Netaji Memorial in Netaji Subhash Maidan (Ambagan) to mark the 127th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Roy graced the occasion, joining BJMO workers and supporters in paying homage by garlanding Netaji's statue.

During the event, Roy highlighted Netaji's pivotal role in India's struggle for



independence, emphasizing how he recognized the limitations of the prevailing approach. Netaji went on to form the Azad Hind Sena with support from global powers, ultimately

liberating India in 1943. Roy expressed the belief that, had it not been for the atomic bomb dropped on Japan, Netaji would have achieved India's liberation at that moment. The

subsequent independence, he noted, was not in line with Netaji's vision, resulting in a divided India.

Roy underlined that Netaji's dream of a united India remains alive in the collective consciousness. The wreath-laying ceremony saw the participation of numerous BJMO members and supporters, including Subodh Srivastava, Mukul Mishra, Manoj Singh Ujjain, Kulwinder Singh Pannu, and many others who paid their respects to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. (w/nm)

Discussion on New Labor Laws at SCCI today

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: The Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) will convene a discussion on the New Labor Laws on Wednesday, January 24, from 5:45 PM. The Deputy Labor Commissioner of the district, Rakesh Prasad, Labor Inspectors Avinash Thakur and Arvind Kumar, and Planning Officer Ajay Kumar will provide detailed information to the participating businesspersons and entrepreneurs.

This was jointly announced by SCCI President Vijay Anand Moonka and Honorary Secretary Manav Kedia. The session will aim to shed light on the intricacies of the New Labor Laws and address any concerns or queries that the business community may raise. (w/gsd)

BJP celebrates Netaji's birth anniversary as Parakram Diwas

Mail News Service

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Netaji's revolutionary ideas and perseverance in the face of adversity continue to inspire generations and kindle the flame of patriotism.

Yadav stressed the importance of today's youth playing a leading role in the nation's upliftment by embracing Netaji's ideals and fostering a positive mindset.

The celebration was attended by Nandji Prasad, Chandrashekhra Mishra, Neeraj Singh, Sudhanshu Ojha, Babua Singh, Sanjeev Sinha, Prem Jha, Ajay Srivastava, S Karthik, Ganesh Munda, and other dedicated workers. (w/nm)

AFFIDAVIT

I, Amanjeet Kaur, wife of Mr. Gurdarshan Singh, resident of H.No. 33, Road No. 2, Kagal Nagar Colony, Sonari, Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That my actual full name Amanjeet Kaur Chaney, but my name was recorded in my Aadhar Card my name was recorded as Amanjeet Kaur.
2. That Amanjeet Kaur. and Amanjeet Kaur Chaney is one and same person i.e. my self.
3. That I am swearing this affidavit to confirm the above facts and rectified the same in all concern.

Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

I, Gurdarshan Singh, son of Late Ajit Singh, resident of H.No. 33, Road No. 2, Kagal Nagar Colony, Sonari, Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That my actual name Gurdarshan Singh, recorded in my Aadhar Card my name was recorded as Gurdarshan Singh.
2. That my name was recorded in some record as Gurdarshan Singh Chaney, instead of Gurdarshan Singh.
3. That Gurdarshan Singh, and Gurdarshan Singh Chaney is one and same person i.e. my self.
4. That I am swearing this affidavit to confirm the above facts and rectified the same in school record.

Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

1. I, SUNDARIYA KUSHWAHA, Mother of No. 391554Y, Rank SUBEDAR (GUNNER), SHRAVAN KUMAR KUSHWAHA, Unit 220 FD Regt. Resident of Army Camp. PO & PS-Sonari, Jamshedpur, District-East Singhbhum, State-Jharkhand, Pin 831011 am solemnly affirm and state the following in my respect :-

- (a) That in my aadhar card bearing aadar No. 7422 6243 3646 and all my documents my name is mentioned my correct name SUNDARIYA KUSHWAHA.
- (b) That in my son's army record my was wrongly mentioned as SUNDARIA KUSHWAHA which is wrong.
- (c) That my correct name SUNDARIYA KUSHWAHA & my wrong name SUNDARIA KUSHWAHA both are one & same person. Represented by myself.
- (d) That I making this affidavit so that my correction name SUNDARIYA KUSHWAHA in my son's service record & or other useful information can be useful in future.

2. I give an undertaking that all documents submitted by me are correct. All document issued by government organization/officers have been signed by authorized designed and government officials. If any document at any stage is found fake I am aware that I will be liable for punishment.

Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

1. I, NARENDRA KUMAR KUSHWAHA, Son of No. 283554Y, Rank SUBEDAR (GUNNER), SHRAVAN KUMAR KUSHWAHA, Unit 220 FD Regt. Resident of Army Camp. PO & PS-Sonari, Jamshedpur, District-East Singhbhum, State-Jharkhand, Pin 831011 am solemnly affirm and state the following in my respect :-

- (a) That in my aadhar card bearing aadar No. 7999 8158 1930 and all my education certificate my name is mentioned my correct name PUSHPENDRA KUMAR.
- (b) That in my father army record my was wrongly mentioned as PUSHPENDER KUMAR which is wrong.
- (c) That my correct name PUSHPENDRA KUMAR & my wrong name PUSHPENDER KUMAR both are one & same person. Represented by myself.
- (d) That I making this affidavit so that my correction name PUSHPENDRA KUMAR in my father's service record & or other useful information can be useful in future.

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- (b) That in my father army record my name was wrongly mentioned as NARENDER KUMAR KUSHWAHA which is wrong.
- (c) That my correct name NARENDRA KUMAR KUSHWAHA & my wrong name NARENDER KUMAR KUSHWAHA both are one & same person. Represented by myself.
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Caste census plan a part of Jagan's political conspiracy, says TDP

Amaravati, Jan 23 (IANS) The caste census of the Backward Classes (BCs) in Andhra Pradesh is nothing but part of a political conspiracy by Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for electoral gains, claimed TDP politburo member and former minister KalavaSrinivasulu on Tuesday.He appealed to the BCs in the state not to fall victim to this political conspiracy by reposing faith in Jagan. Talking to media persons here, the TDP politburo member asked Jagan as to why he has not mounted pressure on the Centre all these years if at all he was serious on working for the welfare of BCs."At least Mr Jagan would have asked his party MPs to raise the caste census issue on the floor of Parliament," he felt. Not raising the issue on any platform all these years and without asking those concerned with this, bringing the matter onto the scene suddenly is the best example for his political opportunism," Srinivasulu observed.Alleging that Jagan is responsible for the killing of 76 innocent BC leaders and sending thousands of those belonging to the community to jail by filing false cases, the TDP leader asked how he can be expected to do justice to BCs.

Cong revokes suspension of Mohammed Moquim, ChiranjibBiswal

Bhubaneswar, Jan 23 (IANS) The Congress party on Tuesday revoked the suspension of three senior leaders including Barabati-Cuttack MLA Mohammed Moquim and former MLA ChiranjibBiswal.Similarly, the suspension of former Legislator Krushna Chandra Sagaria has also been revoked by the party. Speaking to media persons, Congress OdishainchargeAjoy Kumar said that the suspension order against Moquim, Biswal and Sagaria had been withdrawn following their letters to the party President in this regard. He also urged others who had left the Congress to rejoin the party. Kumar stated that the party is ready to welcome them if they show interest in joining it. Earlier, Biswal and Moquim had met Kumar at the state guest house on Monday and held discussions. The decision regarding the revocation of suspension was finalised during the meeting.

Netaji deliberately removed from history: Bengal Governor

Kolkata, Jan 23 (IANS) West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose on Tuesday said that there has been a deliberate attempt in the past to remove the contributions and the role of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose in India's freedom movement. "I am saying as responsible Governor that in the past there was a definite and deliberate attempt to remove Netaji's role in the freedom movement from the pages of history," the Governor said on the occasion of the 127th birth anniversary of the legendary Indian freedom fighter. He said that even the Prime Minister NarendraModi had acknowledged the requirement to project Netaji in the right perspective of history. "It is the responsibility of every Indian citizen to ensure that Netaji gets his deserved place in history," the Governor said while paying homage to Netaji at a function in Raj Bhavan premises. He also announced the decision of naming the main portico of the Raj Bhavan after Netaji. He also announced that a spate research team will be constituted by his office whose task will be to undertake an extensive research on the life and contributions of Netaji.

Full Dress Rehearsal for R-Day Parade held at Kartavya Path

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) A full dress rehearsal of the 75th Republic Day parade was held on Tuesday at Kartavya Path here. Marching contingents of the Army, Navy and Air Force took part in the rehearsal. The IAF's fighter jets also participated in the rehearsal as did DRDO's Mission Shakti, missile, radar, rocket launcher. According to the Ministry of Defence, a total of 46 IAF aircraft comprising 29 fighter aircraft, seven transport aircraft, nine helicopters and one heritage aircraft will participate in this year's Republic Day flypast. All these aircraft will operate from six different bases. The aircraft were part of the full dress rehearsal too. A total of 25 tableaux -- 16 States and union territories and nine Central Ministries will roll down on Kartavya Path during the Republic Day parade. The tableaux also took part in the full dress rehearsal, the official added. The Defence Ministry informed that Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Ladakh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana's tableaux will participate in the Republic Day. Like each year, the tableaux have been selected by an expert committee comprising eminent persons in the fields of art, culture, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, choreography, etc., the official said.

Armed men loot Rs 90 lakh from Axis Bank in Bihar

Patna, Jan 23 (IANS) Six armed men took away at least 90 lakh from Axis Bank in Araria district of Bihar on Tuesday. "Around Rs 90 lakh was looted by armed men from the Axis Bank branch located at ADB Chowk in Araria city," police said. Police said that the armed men posed as customers entered the bank and forced customers and employees into a room and locked them. "And then looted the cash and fled from the spot," police said. Police said that the bank employees informed the district police about the incident. "We are scanning the CCTV footage to find some clues about the armed men," police said. Police said that the incident occurred around 12.30 PM while the exact figure of loot is being ascertained.

Three WR signal staff run over by Mumbai local train in Palghar

Palghar (Maharashtra), Jan 23 (IANS) In a shocker, three Western Railway (WR) signalling department staffers were run over by a suburban local train near Vasai Station during the peak hours, an official said here on Tuesday.According to WR chief spokesperson Sumit Thakur, the three deceased persons were identified as: VasuMitra, Chief Signalling Inspector at Bhayander, Somnath U. Lambutre Electrical Signal Maintainer at Vasai and an assistant Sachin Wankhede, all from the WR's Mumbai Division.Late on Monday, the trio had gone to attend some signalling point issues which had failed during the evening.Around 8.55 p.m., the three officials were run over by a passing suburban local train between Vasai Road and Naigaon station on the UP slow line, and were killed instantly.On hearing of the incident, the WR Divisional Railway Manager and other seniors rushed to spot and extended all help to the families of the deceased, while ordering a full probe into the tragedy.The WR has paid an amount of Rs 55,000 per family as immediate relief, and further ex-gratia and other payments/dues will be disbursed to the families of all the deceased staffers within 15 days.

Pro-Babri Masjid slogans raised inside Jamia campus

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Delhi Police on Tuesday said that a protest was held inside the JamiaMilliaIslamia against the PranPratishtha ceremony of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (southeast) Rajesh Deo said that information was received that on Monday evening some protest was held inside the campus by a group called the 'Fraternity Movement' which is led by Lubabib Bashir.

He said that in wake of protests preventive deployment has been undertaken.

"No protest was done outside the campus. Local



police did not go inside the campus. The circulating videos are from inside the campus," said the DCP.

Police have been also deployed outside the campus to avoid any kind of untoward incident.

A user with the handle "Fraternity Movement JMI" on X platform posted a video in which students can be seen chanting pro-

Babri Masjid slogans.

The video was captioned: "Boycott for Babri. Resistance is Remembrance. Fraternity Movement Jamia Millia Islamia orchestrated a university-wide strike, encouraging students to abstain from attending classes and reading rooms in solidarity with Babri Masjid."

CUET-UG exam: NTA assures Delhi HC on uploading final answer key before result declaration

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) The National Testing Agency (NTA) has assured the Delhi High Court that in the future the final answer key for the Central University Entrance Test (CUET-UG) exam will be uploaded on its website at least a day before the final declaration of results.

Justice C. Hari Shankar was hearing a case involving two pleas filed by a candidate who appeared in the CUET (UG) 2022 examination, seeking direction for NTA to publish the final answer key, reconsider objections raised, and publish a corrected scorecard.

The assurance was



provided to the judge, who was also assured that the final answer key would only be accessible through the individual login ID and password of the respective candidate.

NTA assured the court

that any consideration of objections to the provisional answer key would only be undertaken before the final result of the CUET examination.

The court expressed satisfaction with the

Cong high command not taking our suggestions on various appointments: K'taka Home Min

Bengaluru, Jan 23 (IANS) Karnataka Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Tuesday expressed his dismay against the party high command for not taking his suggestions into consideration over appointments of presidents and vice-presidents for boards and corporations.

"No one has sought our opinion with regards to the appointments of presidents and vice-presidents for the boards and corporations. I was asked to provide a few names and I gave it to the party high command but no meeting has been called or opinions sought when the list was finalised," Parameshwara told media persons.

The Home Minister also targeted Congress General



Secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and K.C. Venugopal.

"We better ideas of district level leaders and their contributions. The selection has to be made by the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. They must prepare the list after consulting the district level leaders. But the list is being prepared by the general secretary," he said.

He said that the list is getting delayed unnecessarily. "I was also

the state president for eight years. I know the leaders and their contributions to the party. There are leaders who have worked for decades and they should be given power. If the position is given to those who have no contributors, it hurts the loyal members," he said.

He said that the opinions and suggestions of the leaders and district presidents will have to be considered and is must before taking any decision regarding the list.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the names for the appointments to the boards and corporations have been cleared.

He said that the list was signed by the General Secretary K.C. Venugopal.

Jagan government a puppet in hands of BJP: Sharmila

Visakhapatnam, Jan 23 (IANS) Andhra Pradesh Congress Chief Y. S. Sharmila on Tuesday alleged that the Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government has become a puppet in the hands of the BJP.A day after assuming office as Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president, she launched a fresh attack on the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government headed by her brother, saying its functioning is not in alignment with the ideals of their father Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR). She said that YSR, throughout his life, was strongly opposed to the BJP. She said it was unfortunate that the political parties in Andhra Pradesh have become tools in the hands of BJP. "The government is in the hands of a party which does not have a single MLA," she said. Sharmila was addressing a meeting at Ichapuram in Srikakulam district after visiting the place where YSR had completed his padyatra 'PrajaPrasthanam' in 2003. She recalled that schemes like Arogyasri and free electricity were born out of this padyatra as he closely observed peoples' hardships.Sharmila said that she had come amidst his life to continue YSR's struggle and will stand by them. She claimed that she was beginning her journey for the betterment of people of Andhra Pradesh from the same place where YSR had concluded his historic 'padyatra'.



After PSLV and SSLV, ISRO decides to make heavy rocket LVM3 under PPP mode

Chennai, Jan 23 (IANS) After its two rockets -- Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) - the Indian space agency is now looking at making its heaviest rocket LVM3 under the public-private-partnership (PPP) model.

The LVM3 is Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) heaviest rocket with a maximum carrying capacity

of four ton to Geo Transfer Orbit (GTO) and eight ton to Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

The Indian space agency and NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) , the commercial arm of Department of Space, have begun the work to make the LVM3 under PPP mode.

A stakeholder meeting was recently held by NSIL and ISRO in which representatives from over 30 companies participated.

In 2022, NSIL had



engaged Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd-Larsen and

Toubrro Ltd consortium to make five numbers of PSLV rockets.

Last year, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) had issued an Expression of Interest (EoI) for making ISRO's small rocket SSLV.

The status of the EoI for SSLV is not known till now.

And now, ISRO has started preparations for making LVM3 under PPP mode.

NSIL has engaged the services of IIFCL Projects Limited (IPL) to explore the potential PPP partnership options for LVM3 production through Indian industry.

According to NSIL, the need for PPP mode of partnership with Indian industry for realising more numbers of LVM3 to meet the global launch service demand is essential to stay competitive and relevant in the market.

Order of externment issued against Hindu JagaranVedike activist in K'taka

Dakshina Kannada (Karnataka) Jan 23 (IANS) Dakshina Kannada District authorities have issued an order of externment to AvinashPurusharakatte of the Hindu JagaranVedike on Tuesday for disrupting law and order and directed him to appear before a court.

The notice has been issued in the backdrop of AvinashPurusharakatte's involvement in various activities and protests which affected law and order in the communally-sensitive region.

The notice has been issued from the Uppinangady Rural police station and AvinashPurusharakatte has been directed



to appear before the court of the Puttur Assistant Commissioner on Wednesday with regard to the order of externment.

The notice has warned that in case if he doesn't appear before the court, he will be externed to Bidar District from Dakshina Kannada district.

AvinashPurusharakatte is a resident of Purusharakatte near Narimogaru Village. He has asked to be present in connection with externment order issued under the 55 (A) and (B) of the Karnataka Police Act - 1963. The authorities have claimed that the action has been taken in connection with maintenance of law and order.

Shiv Sena urges Mumbai Police to help unfreeze investors' funds in 'scam-couple' fraud

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Shiv Sena spokesperson Krishna Hegde on Tuesday urged the Mumbai Police to move the courts and secure the release of the frozen funds belonging to the investors who were allegedly cheated by a scamster couple arrested on December 30.

The scamsters - AsheshShailesh Mehta and his wife Shivangi Lad-Mehta, wanted in multiple states - were nabbed by the Mumbai Police Economic Offences Wing (EOW) from Surat and brought to



Mumbai for probe.

After the Mehta couple went 'missing' in June 2023, the EOW had ordered freezing of around Rs 170 crore in the bank accounts belonging to Bliss Consultants Trading Co. Ltd. and Zerodha Trading,

which is said to be a part of the over Rs 1,000 crore cheated from gullible investors from all over India.

Hegde said that after the EOW gets court's permission, the funds as well as the proceeds of the properties that are attached, can be distributed among the investors who had lost money in the scams allegedly perpetrated by the Mehtas.

Lord Ram Temple task is over, now talk of work: Uddhav Thackeray to PM Modi

Nashik (Maharashtra), Jan 23 (IANS) Opening the election war front with the BharatiyaJanata Party and Prime Minister NarendraModi, Shiv Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray said here on Tuesday that "now the Lord Ram Temple task over, the PM should talk work".

In a scathing attack, Thackeray said that he and his party had campaigned vigorously for Modi in the last two Parliament elections, and the late Balasaheb Thackeray had tied up with BJP for the cause of Hindutva.

"At that time, we were not dishonest... Now, suddenly we are branded as corrupt... So many of my party leaders like



KishoriPednekar, RajanSalvi, SurajChavan, RavindraWaikar, Anil Parab are facing allegations, Sanjay Raut was even jailed on false charges. We are being hounded and defamed by the central investigation agencies," said Thackeray, addressing a party convention.

Taking objections to the Ayodhya Temple Trust

treasurer GovindgiriJiMaharaj drawing parallels between Modi and ChhatrapatiShivajiMaharaj in his speech after the PranPratishta of Lord Ram Temple, Thackeray said that "there can be absolutely no comparisons".

"It was because of ChhatrapatiShivajiMaharaj and Balasaheb Thackeray

that the temple issue came to the fore... It was due to Balasaheb Thackeray that Maharashtra and the country were saved on several occasions from enemies, terror attacks and riots, when my Shiv Sainiks took police caning and bullets. But today some blind followers (andhbhaktas) are saying such things. Now we are repenting for the tie-up with BJP," Thackeray rued.

He added that Lord Ram is not the private property of any leader or any party, but the BJP has even tried to hijack Lord Ram, and declared how "now the time has come to 'free Lord Ram from the BJP' clutches", on the occasion of Balasaheb Thackeray's

98th birth anniversary on Tuesday.

Sharpening his attack, Thackeray said the BJP keeps asking "what the Congress did in 75 years", but now they have to reply "what has Modi done in 10 years", advising the PM not to just keep mouthing 'Jai Shri Ram' but also live up to Lord Ram's ideals.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. & Date : 49-EL-WT-2023-24, dated 19.01.2024, e-Tender against open tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer(G)Chakradharpur, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of work :** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for different capacity UPS including Batteries at different locations over Chakradharpur Division for two years. **Tender Value :** ₹ 28,47,167.50. **EMD :** ₹ 57,000/- **Tender Document Cost :** Nil. **Date of Closing/Opening :** 14.02.2024, 15.00 hrs. The tender can be viewed at web site <http://www.ireps.gov.in> The tenderer bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering. (PR-1052)

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By Madan Prasad Singh

Jamshedpur, Jan 23 : Bio, psycho, socio, genomic and environmental conditions shape our lives. We are a unique species markedly different from preceding ones as we are an improvised version. The changes required in our genome to adapt and evolve have been incorporated.

In a perspective, experiences and imagination have been used to design a species like us humans obviously to evolve faster and lead evolution of living beings on earth.

We can use enhanced capacity based on the experiences of our predecessors and our own imagination and sort out problems that come in our way.

Easy options abound to make life smooth taking care of all angles of society. We make ourselves weak and vulnerable by associating with smaller groups based on narrow points of view that are contrary to proven facts. At the genomic, biological, social and environmental levels we are same. Human society is one and indivisible.

Regional diversities on existential plane and absence of universal social outlook had made establishment of global society difficult in the past. Though the world is well connected now, we are living in a skeletal global society, not like a family. We are fighting grim battles on many fronts. The trend can be changed by emphasizing regional self sufficiency and the universal spirit. Universal spirit does not in any way interfere with regional self-sufficiency, rather, it will enable to take into account the global interest too, weighing the far reaching consequences of the envisaged measures.

Regional approach helps in gearing up for giant leap forward and using one's own potentiality optimally. Not using one's own capability and resources makes life meaningless.

Hence regional approach with universal spirit is the only panacea for all the afflictions plaguing the people on this globe. This is inclusive approach for peace and progress on earth.

Awareness Rath to inform farmers about Government Schemes

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In a bid to empower farmers with knowledge about government public welfare schemes, the Birs Kisan Awareness Rath embarked on its journey from the Collectorate premises, flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri and Senior Superintendent of Police Kishore Kaushal.

The chariot is set to traverse through the Panchayats of all blocks, strategically reaching even the remote villages. District Magistrate Manjunath Bhajantri emphasized the importance of reaching these distant areas and urged officials to organize farmer seminars. These seminars aim to disseminate information about the various public welfare schemes initiated by the government.

Among the key topics covered by the awareness chariot are soil health, organic farming, water management, seed treatment, mechanization, farmer credit cards, fish farming, animal vaccination, and distribution of soil health cards. The objective is to equip farmers with knowledge that enhances their agricultural practices and maximizes the benefits from government schemes.

Highlighting the significance of Kisan Goshti (farmer meetings), District Magistrate Bhajantri stressed that these gatherings would prioritize addressing technical problems in farming. Additionally, the focus will be on providing comprehensive information about government welfare schemes and showcasing the latest agricultural technologies to agricultural scientists, officials, extension workers, progressive farmers, and the general public.

The event witnessed the presence of Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jaideep Tigga, ADM Law and Order Rajeev Ranjan, District Agriculture Officer, and other officials. Their collective efforts reflect a commitment to empowering farmers and fostering agricultural development in the region. (pb)

District launches Road Safety Month: DC asks people to stay safe

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: With the initiation of Road Safety Month in East Singhbhum district from January 15 to February 14, 2024, a concerted effort is underway to promote awareness and education on road safety. The awareness chariot, symbolizing this commitment, was ceremoniously flagged off from the Collectorate premises by District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri and Senior Superintendent of Police Kishore Kaushal.

The event saw the presence of key officials including Deputy Development Commissioner

Manish Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jaideep Tigga, ADM Law and Order Rajeev Ranjan, DCLR Ravindra Gagarai, and others, showcasing a unified approach towards enhancing road safety measures.

District Magistrate Bhajantri emphasized the importance of the awareness chariot's tour across different blocks, aimed at enlightening people about the significance of adhering to road safety practices. Throughout the month-long campaign, various initiatives were undertaken, including quiz competitions on road safety for school children, health checkups for bus drivers and conductors, campaigns



against overloading, and inspections of two-wheeler and four-wheeler vehicles. Additionally, pamphlets and street plays were utilized to effectively

communicate road safety guidelines to the public. The district is placing special emphasis on educating both drivers and pedestrians about road

safety rules, with the primary objective of preventing accidents and ensuring public safety. District Magistrate Bhajantri issued an appeal, urging individuals below 18 years of age to refrain from driving two-wheelers and four-wheelers. He also stressed the importance of driving cautiously in foggy conditions, installing reflectors on vehicles, and consistently using helmets and seat belts for protection. This comprehensive approach seeks to foster a culture of responsible and safe road usage, ultimately working towards reducing accidents and safeguarding the well-being of the community. (w-pb)

Rabindra Sangeet exponents dispel evening chill at Rabindra Bhawan

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: On the final evening of the annual three-day Rabindra Sangeet Festival organized by Tagore Society at the Rabindra Bhawan, popular exponents of this genre of music dispelled the biting, evening chill as the audience sipped the warmth of the songs rendered by the artistes from Kolkata and Bangladesh.



each artiste's rendition evoked. The success of this annual event was attributed to the exceptional contribution of instrumentalists who seamlessly blended rhythm into the performances. Notably, tabla virtuoso Partho Mukherjee, esraj player Nandan Dasgupta,

keyboardist Shubhendu Shekhar Das, and manjira artiste Sanjivan Acharya enhanced the musical experience. Tagore Society's Secretary, Ashis Chowdhury emphasized the importance of preserving cultural heritage. He underscored the need to impart Rabindra Sangeet

education to younger generations through such events, ensuring the continued legacy of this rich musical tradition. "The Tagore Society, through its initiatives, aims to nurture and inspire young talents, fostering a deeper connection with Rabindra Sangeet for generations to come," he said. (w/gsd)

Tata Steel bags multiple awards at Mines Safety Week

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: The 61st Annual Metalliferous Mines Safety Week Celebration 2023 in the Chaibasa Region came to a grand conclusion with the Final Day function hosted by M/s Hindalco Industries Limited on January 21, 2024 at Ranchi. Present during the event as Chief Guest was Prabhat Kumar, DGMS of Dhanbad, S D Chiddarwar, Dy. DGMS (South Eastern Zone), and dignitaries from DGMS and officials of various mines under the jurisdiction of DGMS Chaibasa Region.

During the concluding day function, Vijay II Iron Ore Mine under Ore Mines and Quarries Division of Tata Steel Limited received recognition for their exemplary performance, bagging 10 prizes in various categories. The mine was declared the winner in Overall Performance in A1 B group, showcasing their commitment to excellence across different aspects of mining operations.

Vijay II Iron Ore Mine was honored with the 1st prize in categories such as Illumination, workshop and electrical safety; Accident, emergency Preparedness & Mock drills; and Implementation of SMP & SOP, use of PPE & Safety practices. Additionally, the mine received the 2nd prize for its outstanding performance in Publicity & Propaganda, adopting best practices in Drilling & Blasting, Explosive handling; Plant operation & Maintenance, HEMM operation & Maintenance; Statutory Manpower, provisions & records, and VTC: Training facilities/aids.

Golf scholarship and incubation program launched in Jamshedpur

JCAPCPL, Tata Steel Foundation, and Jamshedpur Golf unveil program for caddies



expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "This collaboration aligns with Tata Steel's commitment to nurturing talent and fostering

community development. We believe in the transformative power of sports, and this program will undoubtedly open

doors for many aspiring individuals." Ujjal Chakrabarti added, "JCAPCPL is proud to be a part of this meaningful endeavour. By combining efforts with Tata Steel Foundation and Jamshedpur Golf, we aim to create a lasting impact on the lives of these talented individuals." Sourav Roy expressed his happiness, as the program provides an opportunity for the diverse community to be a part of this eminent sport, especially the children of Masti Ki Pathshala, a residential bridge course for all-round development of street children and child labourers. JCAPCPL already extend its support for mainstreaming the holistic education and development of girls at MKP (w/mb)

Harsh Gujral's 'Jo Bolta Hai' Solo Stand-up Show on January 27

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: Gear up for an evening filled with laughter as comedian Harsh Gujral, known for his witty humor and unique style, is set to perform his solo stand-up show, "Jo Bolta Hai," in Jamshedpur. The event promises to be a laughter riot, offering residents an opportunity to unwind and enjoy a night of comedy. Harsh Gujral Solo Stand-up Comedy - "Jo Bolta Hai" is scheduled on January 27, 7:00 pm onwards at Rajendra Vidyalaya, Sakchi.

Tickets are available on BookMyShow. Born and raised in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Harsh Gujral's journey into the world of comedy took an interesting turn during his time as a database engineer at a Noida-based company. Despite his engineering background, Gujral found his true calling in making people laugh. Belonging to a Punjabi family, Harsh's early life was influenced by his father, B L Gujral, a Lawyer, and his mother, Savita Gujral, a homemaker. He has three sisters: Pooja Gujral, Aarti



Gujral, and Deepti Gujral. Harsh Gujral's comedic talent began to flourish when he started performing in open mic shows and comedy gigs during his stint with a multinational company. His interest in comedy further blossomed during an assignment in London, where he entertained audiences in various comedy shows for a year. Taking a leap of faith, Gujral left his job and fully embraced a career as a stand-up comedian. He debuted by participating in open mic shows at the renowned comedy club, Canvas Laugh

Club. His unique show titled "Jo Bolta Hai, Wohi Hota Hai" gained popularity, and his first YouTube video, "Indian Reality Shows," quickly amassed over 1 million views within just four days of its release. Now, Jamshedpur gets the chance to witness Harsh Gujral live in action. So, grab your tickets, mark your calendars, and get ready to laugh your heart out at Rajendra Vidyalaya, Sakchi, on January 27, starting from 7:00 pm onwards. Don't miss this opportunity for a night filled with humor and entertainment. (w/pb)

Health Dept staff summoned by police for mobile investigation

Ranchi, Jan 23: In a significant development, the Doranda police station in Ranchi has issued notices under Section 91 to approximately a dozen employees from the health department. The notices instruct the individuals to appear at the police station, bringing along the mobile phones they were using during the year 2022. This action is part of the ongoing investigation related to case number-105/2022.

The move follows the public disclosure of the confidential section of the file pertaining to the incentive payment for the financial year 2021-2022 by Minister Saryu Roy to the media.

The Doranda Police has confirmed the issuance of the notices, marking a crucial step in the investigation process. The summoned individuals are expected to comply with the directive to bring their mobile phones, which may be integral to the inquiry.

Police arrest accused in Mother-Son Murder Case in Deoghar

Mail News Service

Deoghar, Jan 23: In a swift response, the police in the Jasidih police station area of Deoghar district, Jharkhand, have successfully uncovered the murder of a mother and son within a mere 48 hours. The accused has been apprehended and subsequently sent to jail.

During a press conference at the sub-divisional police office, Deoghar SDPO Pawan Kumar disclosed that the heinous crime was committed due to an illicit relationship. The close relative of the victims, driven by this motive, orchestrated the murder, cleverly attempting to mask it as a robbery.

Following the incident, a dedicated raid team, led by senior officers, was swiftly assembled to investigate the case. Through the meticulous examination of evidence, the team successfully identified and apprehended the suspect, Tinku Rai, responsible for the mother and son's murder. Additionally, a mobile phone linked to the accused was recovered during the operation.

SDPO Pawan Kumar revealed that the evidence gathered during the investigation indicated a decade-long illicit relationship between the accused and the deceased. The accused, who was unmarried at the time, resorted to strangulation to carry out the murders. Disturbingly, water was poured on the victims' bodies in an attempt to eradicate any potential scientific evidence.

Journalist declares candidacy for Jamshedpur West Assembly

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In a surprising turn of events, renowned journalist Anni Amrita has officially announced her candidacy for the Jamshedpur West Assembly in a press conference held at Jamshedpur. Breaking away from traditional party affiliations, Amrita has opted to enter the political arena as an independent candidate, injecting a new dynamic into the local political landscape.

With several months remaining before the assembly elections and the impending Lok Sabha elections, Anni Amrita's entry into the political fray has added an intriguing layer to the existing

political discourse in Jamshedpur. Speaking at the press conference, Anni stated, "I don't care about the outcome; I just have to do my best. The rest is God's will. People from the intellectual class will have to stop saying that politics is dirty. If there are better options, the public can bring about change with their votes." Highlighting her commitment to public service, Amrita emphasized that politics should be a medium for societal advancement, not a means of exploitation. She questioned whether it is the nature of politics that is inherently dirty or the individuals who engage in corrupt practices.



Anni Amrita urged the people of Jamshedpur to challenge the status quo, emphasizing that change begins with individual responsibility. She urged citizens to actively participate in the democratic process, welcoming candidates of integrity rather than dismissing politics as a whole.

Addressing the pressing issues facing the Jamshedpur West constituency, Amrita identified health, education, and employment as key areas needing attention. She

expressed concern over the lack of a major government hospital in the region, leading to a heavy reliance on private healthcare facilities. The dearth of educational institutions, especially for women, and the challenges in employment were also highlighted. Amrita drew attention to the persistent traffic congestion, the incomplete Eastern Western Corridor, and the inadequate infrastructure, raising questions about the nexus between politics and corporate interests. She underscored the need for better electricity distribution, pointing out the disparity between TISCO and non-TISCO areas.

The journalist-turned-politician also criticized the poor waste management in the area, citing the transformation of Marine Drive into a garbage dump and the subsequent health hazards. She lamented the stagnation of market development in various areas and expressed disappointment over Jamshedpur's exclusion from the Smart City Project. As Anni Amrita steps into the political arena, the residents of Jamshedpur West eagerly await a new approach to address their long-standing concerns, and the unfolding electoral landscape promises an engaging and transformative journey ahead. (w/pb)

Sai Mandir Committee celebrates ninth foundation day



Mail News Service

Gamharia, Jan 23: The ninth foundation day of Sri Sri Sarvajanik Sai Mandir Committee Jagannathpur was marked with joyous celebrations and vibrant festivities. The highlight of the occasion was a splendid tableau of Lord Sai, paraded through the entire area by devoted women, commencing from the temple premises. The procession, led by enthusiastic devotees, showcased the rich cultural and spiritual heritage associated with Lord Sai. The tableau traversed the locality, spreading the essence of devotion and divine blessings. Following the grand procession, the temple hosted a ceremonial worship and aarti dedicated to Sai Baba, conducted with traditional rituals. As a gesture of communal harmony, Prasad was distributed among the devotees, symbolizing the auspiciousness of the occasion. The event saw the active participation of key members of the temple committee, including Vinod Tiwari, Prof. Ravi Shankar Maurya, Rajni Tiwari, Santosh Tiwari, Vinay Singh, Munna Singh, Durga Tiwari, Kamal Kishore Mishra, Janardan Pandey, Vikas Yadav, Uma Mishra, Anju Tiwari, Usha Kumari, Amresh Kumar, and others. The celebration witnessed the collective devotion of all Sai devotees, including Sarita Devi, Suraj Tiwari, Kashish Kumari, and Sefali Kumari, who actively contributed to making the ninth foundation day a memorable and spiritually enriching event. (w/nm)

Dusadh Mahasabha annual meeting on Feb 11

Gamharia, Jan 23: In a significant gathering of the All Jharkhand Dusadh Mahasabha, various pressing issues were deliberated upon, leading to a unanimous decision to focus on the development and upliftment of the community. The members also resolved to conduct the annual meeting of the Mahasabha on 11th February at the Jagannathpur Kali Temple complex. The meeting, presided over by Jawaharlal Paswan, took place at the residence of society member Mohan Paswan. The discussions centered around strategies and initiatives aimed at the betterment of the society, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts for positive change. To strengthen the organization and ensure widespread awareness, members were urged to engage in door-to-door outreach programs. The collaborative efforts of Kameshwar Paswan, Mohan Paswan, Ramkaran Paswan, Raju Paswan, Mithilesh Paswan, Dharmendra Kumar, Naval Paswan, Sunny Dayal, Kapildev Paswan, Sumit Paswan, Lalan Paswan, and others were acknowledged during the meeting. (w/nm)

Gamharia English School celebrates Netaji's birth anniversary



Gamharia, Jan 23: The birth anniversary of the revered Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was joyously celebrated within the premises of English School, as students and staff came together to pay homage to the iconic leader. The commemorative event was initiated by School Director Subroto Rai, who garlanded Netaji's photograph, marking the beginning of the program. Vice Chairperson Rinku Rai, Principal Kiran Choli, Administrator Reema Banerjee, and Secretary Shipra Pal joined the tribute by lighting the lamp and placing flowers in honor of Netaji. The solemn ceremony set the tone for the day, emphasizing the significance of remembering and honoring the contributions of this national hero. Children from all classes actively participated in presenting various programs that showcased the diverse talents and creativity within the school community. The occasion served as a platform for students to express their admiration for Netaji through a range of performances. The teaching staff, including Chandana Singh, Kamaljeet Kaur, Rupam Singh, Sarita Mishra, Sarita Mohanty, Sheela Mahato, Amit Mahato, Rasmita Sahu, Shweta, Nanda, Mithilesh, Poma, and others, were present to witness and support the students in their heartfelt tributes to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. (w/nm)

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary celebrated



Chaibasa, Jan 23: In a heartfelt tribute to the legendary freedom fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Sai Aman Play School in Sadar Bazar commemorated his birth anniversary with reverence and enthusiasm. The morning began with the youngest members of the school offering flowers to a portrait of Netaji, followed by teachers and staff paying their respects. The Headmistress, Bonolata Ghosh, shed light on the inspiring biography of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, emphasizing the significance of his contributions to India's struggle for independence. The occasion witnessed the presence of dedicated teachers including Swata Karmakar, Isika Chakraborty, Monica Sinha, Rajnandini Prajapati, and Ankita Kumari, who actively participated in the commemorative event. (w/nm)

Naman pays tribute to Netaji on his birth anniversary

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Jamshedpur, Jan 23:In a heartfelt ceremony, Naman, the city's prominent social organisation, celebrated its annual ritual of paying homage to the iconic leader Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The ceremony, led by founder Amarpreet Singh Kale, saw the gathering of women, youth, and numerous dignitaries at Sakchi Ambagan Ground, where Netaji's statue stands tall.

Addressing the attendees, Amarpreet Singh Kale reminisced about Netaji's pivotal role in the Indian independence movement. He emphasized how Netaji had ignited a new spirit among the youth, urging



them to unite and stand against foreign rule. Singh Kale highlighted Netaji's strategic brilliance in steering the country's freedom struggle, both within India and on the international stage. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, according to Singh Kale, stands as a symbol of India's bravery and valor,

an inspiration for the nation to progress into a Mighty India.

Singh Kale called upon the youth to intensify their efforts for the country's growth, echoing Netaji's call for an active involvement in the freedom struggle. He stressed that the true homage to Netaji lies in every individual

honestly fulfilling their duties towards the nation. Among the dignitaries present were Jitendra Chawla, Akhilesh Pandey, Bipin Jha, Satinder Singh Rami, Lakhinder Singh, Raju Marwah, Paramjit Singh Kale, Sukhwinder Singh Nikku, Sandeep Singh Pappu, Kashmir Singh, Jaswant Singh, Kiran Singh, Aarti Mukhi, Kakuli Mukherjee, Ranjita Rai, D Mani, Mamta Puschti, Savitri Devi, Jitu Singh, Shukla Halder, and Simi Kashyap. The event brought together senior workers of Naman Sanstha, showcasing a collective commitment to honoring the legacy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and contributing to the nation's progress.

RVS Academy celebrates Netaji's birth anniversary

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Jamshedpur, Jan 23: RVS Academy observed the 127th birth anniversary of the iconic freedom fighter, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at a special ceremony where tributes were paid to his extraordinary life and contributions to India's independence struggle. The school's Managing Committee Chairman, Binda Singh urged students to draw inspiration from the life of Netaji. Vice Principal, Anita Tiwari, after garlanding the portrait



of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, emphasized the importance of instilling the values of patriotism and resilience in the younger generation. The school, in honour of Netaji's birth anniversary, also organized

an essay competition for Std VI on the topic, 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose' which aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of the legendary freedom fighter's life and the freedom struggle. (w/gsd)

Street drama promotes stress-free exams

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In an effort to address the stress associated with examinations, children at Shiksha Niketan School in Telco presented a street play within the school premises. The play, highly informative in nature, conveyed a crucial message of maintaining mental balance and achieving a stress-free state during examinations. The performance aimed to provide valuable insights and guidance to students dealing with the pressures of exams.

Senior Citizens Walkathon at JRD Complex on Jan 25

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: Tata Steel is set to organise Senior Citizens Walkathon, open to all citizens aged 55 years and above, which will take place at the JRD Tata Sports Complex on January 25, 2024, starting at 9:00 AM onwards. This event aims to promote health and wellness among senior citizens and foster a sense of community through physical activity. The walkathon will feature two categories (Category 1 and Category 2), catering to both men and women in the specified age groups. Men aged 55-65 and 65-75 will participate in a 2.4 km walk, while women in the same age groups (aged 55-65 and 65-75) will cover a distance of 2.0 km. This inclusive event encourages participants to engage in physical activity and enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle. The registration deadline for this event is January 24, 2024. To register, participants can scan the QR code attached or visit the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/pm6gEUWqtc>. (W-mb)

Tailik Sahu Mahasabha pays tribute to Netaji



Jamshedpur, Jan 23: On Tuesday, the All India Tailik Sahu Mahasabha commemorated the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by offering floral tributes at his statue in Sakchi Aam Bagan. Led by District President Rakesh Sahu, attendees paid their respects to Netaji by garlanding his image during the ceremony. District President Rakesh Sahu emphasized the importance of aligning thoughts and ideas with Netaji's visionary outlook. The event's success was largely attributed to the contributions of District Treasurer Suresh Kumar, Senior District Vice President Shivlochan Shah, General Secretary Pappu Sahu, along with Kamlesh Sao, Sagar Sao, Nandkishore Sao, Gautam Sahu, Munna Sao, and Yashwant Sahu. (w/nm)

MYM Tatanagar Achievers distributes sweets at Hind Ashram



Jamshedpur, Jan 23: The Tatanagar Achievers branch of Marwari Yuva Manch celebrated the festive occasion of Lord Shri Ram's departure to Ayodhya, akin to Diwali, at Hind Ashram Burmamines. The celebration included the illumination of lamps, distribution of sweets, and the joyous burst of fireworks. Members of the branch came together to mark the occasion, spreading the spirit of Diwali and bringing joy to the residents of Hind Ashram. The festivities were attended by Branch President Ravi Kumar Gupta, Founder President Sugam Saraiwala, along with Anand Agarwal, Shiv Chaudhary, Vijay Soni, Akash Agarwal, Utkarsh Agarwal, Anuj Saraiwala, and others. The celebration not only added vibrancy to the atmosphere but also fostered a sense of community and shared joy during the festival of lights. (w/nm)

MYM Chaibasa celebrates Ramlalla's idol consecration

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Chaibasa, Jan 23: On the joyous occasion of the consecration of Ramlalla's idol in the grand temple at Ayodhya, the birthplace of Shri Ram Ji, Marwari Yuva Manch Chaibasa branch orchestrated a magnificent celebration. This auspicious moment, arriving after 500 years and marked by the relentless efforts of Ram devotees, was commemorated as a grand festival. The stage extends heartfelt congratulations to all the Ram devotees and pays homage to those who sacrificed their lives in the devotion of Lord Ram. The festivities unfolded on 22 January 2024, at 4:00 pm at Post Office Chowk



Chaibasa, where Marwari Yuva Manch orchestrated a Deep Utsav and distributed sweets among the Ram devotees. Adding to the joy, the live telecast of the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya was arranged by Marwari Yuva Manch in collaboration

with Saffron Suite. The telecast took place in the premises of the Durga Temple, allowing devotees to witness the historic moment. The program commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the stage's patron, Mukund Rungta, and former national president Balram Sultania. The coordination of the event was efficiently handled by the young Alok Jain as the coordinator, and young Kanhaiya Garg as the co-convenor, whose sincere dedication to Lord Ram contributed to the program's success. Key figures present in the celebration included Founder President of the Manch Purushottam Sharma, Advisor Pramod Nevatia, Divisional Vice President Harsh Sultania, President Mukesh Agarwal, Priyanshu Kedia, Vipul Dahima, Mohit Agarwal, Tanuj Agarwal, Mahesh Agarwal, Ajay Mohta, Govind Mohta, Vishnu Bhoot, Pankaj Aggarwal, among others. (w/nm)

MLA Deepak Birua distributes blankets

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Chaibasa, Jan 23: In a compassionate initiative to alleviate the biting cold, MLA Deepak Birua orchestrated a blanket distribution ceremony on Tuesday at Keetahatu of Jamdih Panchayat under the Haat Gamharia block. The event saw the MLA personally distributing blankets to the elderly in need, bringing solace to numerous faces during the harsh winter. A substantial number of elders from villages including Kitahatu, San Mrigilindi, Bada Mrigilindi, Bada Phunsia, Chhota Phunsia, Jamdih, Devjhara, Jikilata, Nogada gathered



to receive blankets from the honorable MLA. A total of 180 blankets were distributed to the attendees, addressing the immediate need for warmth in the prevailing cold conditions. Expressing his concern for the vulnerable during extreme cold and cold waves, MLA Deepak Birua emphasized the

distribution of blankets as a means to provide timely relief. He stated that the government is committed to ensuring that the benefits of various schemes reach every deserving individual, reflecting the dream of the state government to secure the rights of the poor. During the distribution

ceremony, MLA Deepak Birua attentively listened to the concerns of the people, assuring them of resolutions to their problems. He reiterated the government's intent to accelerate development efforts across the region, aiming to generate employment opportunities locally and prevent migration.

The event was attended by notable figures such as JMM Panchayat President Jundiya Sinku, former Zila Parishad member Sumitra Sinku, Mukhiya Virendra Hembram, and various community leaders who acknowledged the MLA's contribution to the welfare of the community. (w/nm)

No entry in Jamshedpur on Republic Day

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: On Republic Day, a no-entry restriction has been reinstated in Jamshedpur on January 26th. The timeframe for this restriction has been jointly determined by Jamshedpur DC Manjunath Bhajantri, SSP Kishore Kaushal, and DSP Traffic Animesh Gupta. No entry will be permitted from 6 am to 11 pm on January 26th, with a complete prohibition on the operation of all light and heavy vehicles, excluding buses. (w/nm)

Bengali Seva Samiti commemorates Netaji 's birth anniversary



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Chaibasa, Jan 23: The birth anniversary of the revered Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was celebrated with great fervor by the Bengali Seva Samiti Ravindra Bhawan Chaibasa. The commemorative event witnessed the offering of flowers on Netaji's portrait, followed by the distribution of sweets among the attendees. In continuation of the tribute, a blood donation program was organized at Sadar Hospital, where a commendable collection of twenty units was achieved. Devi Shankar Dutta took the opportunity to shed light on the remarkable biography of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, emphasizing his contributions to the nation. Key figures from Bengali Seva Samiti Ravindra Bhawan, including Ashish Kumar Sinha, Viman Pal, Rajkumar Singh, Trisanu Roy, Shubhendu Sengupta, Sushant Rai, Devashish Dutta, Devdas Rai, Ratan De, Dev Kumar Banerjee, Dr. Angshuman Sinha, Dr. Subhankar Ghosh, Gopal Chatterjee, Partho Chatterjee, Sanjay Rakshit, Suryakant Bose, Amulya Chatterjee, Somen Nandi, Atanu Bose, along with other senior dignitaries of Chaibasa and members of the Bengali Committee, graced the occasion with their presence. (w/nm)

Netaji played an instrumental role in India's independence: Congress

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Chaibasa, Jan 23: On Tuesday, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was commemorated at Congress Bhawan Chaibasa, where members of the Congress paid heartfelt tributes to the iconic leader by garlanding his photograph. Congressmen acknowledged Netaji's pivotal role in India's struggle for independence, emphasizing his influential speeches that galvanized the nation. Congressmen reflected



on Netaji's tenure as the National President of Congress, where his powerful oratory inspired people to unite and actively contribute to the fight for freedom. Netaji's vision extended beyond conventional means, leading to the establishment of the Azad Hind Fauj. His

call to the youth, urging them to "give me blood, and I will give you freedom," echoed as a rallying cry against British imperialism.

They highlighted the multifaceted approach Netaji adopted in leading organizations, balancing soft and strong ideologies

as the situation demanded. Congress District President Chandrashekhar Das, former MLA Devendra Nath Champiya, MP representative Ghanshyam Gagrai, Jitendra Nath Ojha, Shankar Biruli, District Secretary Jagdish Sundi, City President Ajay Prajapati, Sadar Block President Diku Savaiya, and other senior Congress members, including Ram Singh Savaiya, Jumal Sundi, Singrai Sundi, Sanjay Kumar Sao, and Sushil Das, were present at the celebration. (w/nm)

Indian law enforcement up against cyber criminals who keep upping the stakes

With the benefit of the internet and other technologies also comes the obvious flip side -- criminal behaviour. Cyber technology opens new vistas for bad actors, making them conspire and commit crimes more conveniently, each progressive day. Identity of the individual, travel to ground zero and tools of the trade have all become irrelevant. How can anyone, leave alone a government, penetrate the mind of a cybercriminal to prevent a crime?

Tom Cruise's 'Minority Report' notwithstanding, the world is far from reaching an effective remedy. The issue is not just that the impact of a crime is realized and assessed only once it is committed; it is also the issue of 'crime', civil wrong and bad behaviour evolving each day. Law enforcement working on robberies and motor vehicle accidents is now probably dumbfounded by the elementary nature of traditional crimes.

Cybercrime is far more destructive and affects a wider number of victims. Simply put, cybercrime uses technology to commit traditional offences. Such crime doesn't know the boundaries of an individual, state, or nation -- each is more vulnerable than the other.

And as we spend more time online, and public institutions go further online, this online misbehaviour is bound to increase. How far online does law enforcement go?

The Information Technology Act, 2000, which doesn't define 'cybercrime', is our primary source of comfort in terms of remedies for such bad behaviour. This Act does define, however, various offences related to cybercrime, such as hacking, phishing, and identity theft. These offences are categorized into three categories: unauthorized access to computer systems, data theft, and destruction or alteration of computer systems. In addition to the offence, the Act lays down the punishments too, which range from fines to imprisonment.

The Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008, addressed evolving (new) offences, including sending offensive messages, publishing sexually explicit material, and breaching confidentiality.

Under Section 70B of the Act, the Central government appointed the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) as the national nodal agency for incident response. CERT-In collects, analyses, forecasts and issues advisories, alerts and guidelines on cyber incidents. This is in addition to taking emergency measures for handling cyber security incidents, and coordination of cyber incidents response activities.

The Information Technology (Guidelines for Intermediaries and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 form the basis of a legal structure for social media platforms, over-the-top (OTT) platforms, and digital news providers. CERT-In requires the reporting of cybersecurity incidents within six hours of getting to know about them.

A bit of a stretch, but at least it is doing its bit to secure Indian cyberspace by providing guidance and advisories to computer users on possible threats and bad actors. Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) is defined as "facilities, systems or functions whose incapacity or destruction would cause a debilitating impact on national security, governance, economy and social well-being of a nation", under the Act.

CII is monitored by the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIIPC). Critical sectors include power and energy; banking, financial services, and insurance; telecommunication and information; transportation; government; strategic and public enterprises; and, recently, some private banks such as ICICI and HDFC.

Certain sectoral regulators, like the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), have issued comprehensive Cyber Security Frameworks for entities regulated by them. While the adequacy of the above may be a discussion item, there is a larger issue here.

We are discussing techno-legal offences here. This assumes that law enforcement has knowledge, expertise and understanding of both the legal as well as certain technical aspects and procedures.

The evidence here is intangible. Despite the laudatory OTT series 'Indian Police Force', is it fair to assume that an Investigating Officer has the technical knowledge and special skills to collect intangible evidence? Cyber forensics is yet to find its rightful place in the procedural rules currently laid down in India. Being a country that constantly evolves, most investigating agencies have adopted their own Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) which includes forensic aspects.

For Indian law enforcement, though, it is the Indian Penal Code (IPC) that continues to be its Bible and loadstar. The IPC does contain provisions related to cybercrime (notably Sections 406, 408, 420, and 468 which deal with offences related to online fraud and cheating; and Section 509, which deals with offences related to online harassment and stalking). In terms of procedure, investigation, trial and punishment for criminal offences, it is the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) that law enforcement follows in India. The CrPC also directs law enforcement on the rules for arrest, search, seizure, and bail.

The challenge comes when CrPC is expected to access data stored by criminals without physical boundaries. How much more complicated can we make it for our Investigating Officers to collect, analyse and appreciate evidence of cyber crimes, leave alone preserve it? Transnational cyberspace needs more than Indian domestic law to be policed.

Then comes the issue of multinational internet service providers and ISPs. Unless they coordinate with Indian law enforcement agencies, the collection of evidence and monitoring becomes even more complex. Finally, tangible or intangible evidence would need to pass the test of the Indian Evidence Act. Only then would it be admissible in criminal trials. India would need to seriously consider jurisdiction-related issues to address issues related to cybercrime. Possibly relook at bilateral and multilateral agreements with countries. If possible, enter into regional or international arrangements in the form of conventions. Private-public dialogue and cooperation are also essential to control cybercrime. The government and the research and development wings of the various investigating agencies need to keep up with sophisticated technologies essential to tackle the menace of cybercrime. Last year, we got the National Cyber Security Policy 2023 with the stated objective of safeguarding both information and infrastructure in cyberspace. It is designed to instill a high level of trust and confidence in IT systems while fortifying a regulatory framework to ensure security and bolster the safeguarding and resilience of the nation's CII.

From the Editor's Desk

"The true measure of a society's civilization is its treatment of its women and children": Mahatma Gandhi

January 24 is observed as National Girl Child Day



By Dr Vinita Singh

National Girl Child Day, celebrated annually on 24th January, is a national observance dedicated to recognizing and empowering girls around the world. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the unique challenges and barriers girls face in our society and the urgent need to break down these barriers for their well-being and development. While it's a day to celebrate the strength, resilience, and potential of girls, it's also equally important to promote their rights and opportunities.

Menstruation is a natural and vital aspect of a woman's reproductive health, yet it has been shrouded in stigma and silence for centuries. Menstrual health and hygiene are critical components of women's overall well-being, and addressing these issues is essential for promoting gender equality and ensuring the dignity of every woman.

One of the primary challenges surrounding menstrual health is the prevalence of societal taboos and misconceptions. Many cultures still view menstruation as impure or



shameful, leading to secrecy and a lack of open dialogue. This silence often results in inadequate knowledge about menstrual hygiene practices, causing women and girls to face difficulties in managing their periods effectively.

Menstrual hygiene is more than just access to sanitary pads and appropriate toilets - though those are important. It is also about ensuring women and girls live in an environment that values and supports their ability to manage their menstruation with dignity.

In India millions of girls lack proper access to menstrual hygiene facilities and more than one-third of schools lack single-sex toilets. For adolescent girls, the presence of a safe water supply and clean, functioning, private toilet facilities for managing their menstruation can be the difference between dropping out and getting an education. Additionally, lack of proper menstrual hygiene products increases risk of reproductive and urinary tract infections.

These hygiene practices can help you stay healthy and comfortable during

your period:

1. Use of Sanitary Products:

"Sanitary Pads: Disposable pads are widely used and easily available.

"Tampons: Inserted into the vagina, tampons are another option.

"Menstrual Cups: Reusable cups collect menstrual blood. They are eco-friendly and can be used for several years with proper care.

2.Regular Changing of Products:

"Whether using pads, tampons, or menstrual cups, regular changing is crucial to prevent odours and infections.

3. Proper Disposal:

"Used sanitary products should be disposed of properly in designated bins to prevent environmental pollution and maintain hygiene.

4.Personal Hygiene and handwashing:

"Regular bathing and washing of the genital area help prevent infections and maintain cleanliness.

"Thorough handwashing before and after changing sanitary products is essential to prevent the spread of bacteria.

5.Choose Cotton Underwear:

"Cotton underwear is breathable and reduces the risk of irritation compared to synthetic fabrics.

6.Maintain a Balanced Diet and stay hydrated:

"A healthy diet contributes to overall well-being, including menstrual health.

"Drinking plenty of water helps alleviate bloating and can contribute to overall comfort during menstruation.

7.Comfort Measures:

"Hot water bottles, warm baths, or over-the-counter pain relievers can provide comfort during menstrual cramps.

8.Awareness and Education:

"Understanding one's menstrual cycle and being aware of potential issues can contribute to better menstrual hygiene.

9. Seek Medical Advice:

"An annual well-woman exam is a full check-up that includes a pap smear, a pelvic exam, and a breast exam. These exams are essential for good reproductive health as they can catch early signs of cancer or other health

issues.

Talk to a doctor if you experience a change in your cycle length, have extreme or unusual pain, or have more severe period symptoms than usual (such as a heavier flow or longer period).

10. Maintain Regular Exercise:

"Engaging in regular physical activity can help manage menstrual symptoms and improve overall well-being.

11. Stay Informed:

"Keeping up to date with advancements in menstrual health, including new products and hygiene practices, ensures that women can make informed choices.

In conclusion, menstrual health and hygiene are integral components of women's rights and well-being. Breaking the silence, dispelling myths, and ensuring access to education and products are essential steps toward fostering a world where every woman and girl can manage their menstrual health with dignity and confidence. By addressing these issues collectively, we move closer to a society where menstruation is embraced as a natural and empowering aspect of a woman's life. We at Tata Main Hospital believe all women have the right to menstruate with confidence, with dignity and with support, and strive to provide information and treatment to all issues related to menstrual health and hygiene.

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'Faith and development' figure in UP's R-Day tableau

By Sundeep Pouranik

Uttar Pradesh's Republic Day parade on January 26 will focus on 'faith and development.

According to official sources, an idol of Ram Lalla placed on a temple-like base has been showcased in the front of the tableau.

The tableau also features two sadhus with 'kalash' symbol, emblematic of the upcoming Magh Mela in Prayagraj and Maha Kumbh in 2025.

It displays the festival of lights, symbolising the



auspicious arrival of Lord Ram in Ayodhya. This is the third time that Ayodhya figures as UP's theme at the parade.

"Ayodhya, centred around the Ram temple,

was the theme of the 2021 tableau while Ayodhya Deepotsav was the theme of the Republic Day parade tableau in 2023," said officials.

This year, the tableau

also features the Jewar International Airport, mobile manufacturing factory in Noida highlighting the emergence of UP as a mobile manufacturing hub and the

transformation of UP into an expressway state with six operational and seven under-construction expressways.

The high-speed rapid rail service operational between Ghaziabad and Duhai has been placed after the sadhus.

The Brahmos missiles have been placed above the rapid rail showcasing UP's emergence as the defence production hub in North India.

The emblematic lion -- 'Make in India' -- signifying UP's role in advancing the national campaign for indigenous manufacturing has also been showcased.

In the intricate realm of real estate, fraud is a constant shadowy presence

By Supriya Ramesh

Real estate fraud, a sinister underbelly of property transactions, manifests in various forms, exploiting unsuspecting individuals and tarnishing the integrity of digital transactions.

From deceptive housing projects ensnaring professionals to the misuse of QR codes in online dealings, its impact call for stringent measures to safeguard the digital economy.

Recently, several JNU and IIT professors were duped to the tune of Rs 11 crore on the pretext of providing affordable housing project under land pooling policy of Delhi Development Authority (DDA), an official had said, adding that they have arrested varsity's senior technical assistant in connection with the fraud and cheating.

The scam came to light after an FIR was filed based on complaints from professors at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police.

The complainants alleged that in 2015, the accused identified as P.D. Gaikwad, a Scientific Officer at JNU, formed the Noble Socio-Scientific Welfare Organisation (NSSWO) to offer affordable housing.

Gaikwad, as the President, lured them into becoming

members, presenting details of a proposed housing project under DDA's land pooling policy in the L-Zone, Najafgarh.

The complainants joined NSSWO, booking units in the project and making payments.

Gaikwad, in his role, provided false updates on the project's progress. In 2015, he showed them a piece of land in L-Zone without supporting documents, and over time, they realised he had deceived them throughout the project.

In 2019, Gaikwad informed them of a new society, Siddhartha Officers Housing & Social Welfare Society, suggesting a switch from NSSWO. Complaints to return their money went unanswered. Gaikwad collected over Rs 11 crore, misappropriating the funds.

"During the investigation, complainants provided materials, brochures, and receipts from Gaikwad. Scrutiny revealed deceptive pictures and representations of the housing project, along with inducements in emails depicting DDA's land pooling policy," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (EOW), Surendra Choudhary.

The DCP further said that the DDA confirmed no approval for any project under the land pooling policy. RERA (Delhi) stated the alleged society was unregistered.

Gaikwad received over Rs 11 crore in the society's account,



but funds were misused.

"Gaikwad, when served notices, was initially unreachable. However, after sincere efforts, he was arrested on December 14, 2023, in connection with the case," said the DCP. From cunning schemes that prey on the dreams of home seekers to the exploitation of digital payment methods, real estate fraud takes on diverse disguises.

While 'Scan the QR Code and Pay' is undoubtedly a very convenient method of payment in the Digital Age, major inroads have been made by cyber criminals to misuse the same to

the disadvantage of the hard-earned money of other individuals.

There has been a rise in real estate frauds using QR Codes. The target platforms are online real estate broker portals where the seller/property owner is spotted and given a call regarding the property.

On showing a level of urgency to purchase or rent the property, the impersonator sends a QR Code/link to the Property Seller to enable his payment.

As soon as the same is scanned by the seller, money gets debited from the account of the seller.

Speaking with IANS, Advocate Anant Malik said that the basic mistake which is made here is the fact that the receiver of money ought not to do or scan anything to receive payment. It is for sending money to other accounts and thus it is the sender who is required to follow the guidelines for online transfer.

The chain of offences committed herein commence from impersonation to cheating to dishonestly and fraudulently inducing the seller.

"The same attracts the offences under Sections 415 (Cheating), 416 (Cheating by Personation), 418 (Cheating

with knowledge that wrongful loss may ensue to person whose interest offender is bound to protect), 420 (Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 425 (Mischief) as well as Section 66 (Computer related offences) and 66-D (Punishment for cheating by personation by using computer resource) of the Information Technology Act, 2000," Malik said. Given the scale at which such crimes are being committed and the losses that are being incurred, the above legal remedies may help but only to a certain extent.

"Digital India is unfolding new features and with every such development there are loopholes which allow the criminals to go scot-free. The same has even been observed by the Delhi High Court in Vineet Jhavar v. State of NCT of Delhi," said Malik.

He added: "Such offences extend well beyond the immediate financial losses associated with fraudulent transactions, and it is the economy at large which suffers firstly through the immediate loss and secondly, it is the loss of the people's trust in the online financial transactions."

Malik further said that the economic impact is two-fold - first, the direct financial losses incurred through the fraud of often hard-earned money of gullible people, and second, the indirect losses resulting from the

diminished trust of the people in online financial transaction platforms which is against the aspirations of an advanced Digital Bharat.

In essence, these cyber-enabled offences not only breach individual trust, but also have far reaching consequences that reverberate through the economic landscape of the country.

These online frauds contribute to eroding the trust of people in the online financial transactions and thus, discourage the newcomers into entering the digital realm, which negatively impacts the overall economy of the country. "In view of the domino effects that such offences have, more stringent laws are the need of the hour as had the same been a deterrent, the frequency and expansiveness with which such crimes are occurring would not have been the scenario today," Malik said.

He went on to say that training of law enforcement agencies as to how to nab the offence from the bud is essential as cyber crimes require different type of specialisation given the fact that computer resources are involved.

"Though the establishment of a cyber cell has catered to receipt of such offences by the cell, however the investigation is still carried out by the already in place law enforcement departments.

Rohit captain as six Indians feature in Men's ODI Team of the Year

Dubai, Jan 23 (IANS): India skipper Rohit Sharma was named captain with five other Indians making the cut for ICC Men's ODI team of the year released on Tuesday.

Joining Rohit in the ODI team of the year are Shubman Gill, ViratKohli, Mohammad Siraj, KuldeepYadav and Mohammad Shami, with Travis Head (Australia), Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand), Heinrich Klaasen (wk) (South Africa), Marco Jansen (South Africa), Adam Zampa (Australia) also making the cut.

Rohit continued his remarkable record in ODI cricket with yet another sensational year in 2023 with the bat as he amassed



a whopping 1255 runs at an average of 52. He was at his brilliant best throughout much of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, with his magnificent knock of 131 against Afghanistan in Delhi a clear highlight.

Gill established himself as Rohit's preferred partner

at the top of batting order at the start of 2023 when he smashed a wonderful 208 from just 149 deliveries against New Zealand in Hyderabad.

It was one of five occasions that Gill managed to reach triple figures in 50-over in 2023

and no player finished with more runs (1584) than the star right-hander compiled during the calendar year.

Kohli compiled yet another consistent 12 months in 2023 and only teammate Shubman Gill bettered his total of 1377 runs during the calendar year. Kohli reached three figures on six occasions in 2023, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's record for most international centuries during India's World Cup campaign on his way to winning the Player of the Tournament award at the showcase event.

The exciting right-arm. Siraj, collected a total of 44 wickets during 2023, with his most impressive performance coming in the

final of the Asia Cup as he single-handedly destroyed Sri Lanka's strong batting line-up. He ripped through the Sri Lanka top-order on his way to career-best figures of 6/21 as India clinched the Asia Cup title in style, and entered their home World Cup campaign full of confidence.

No player in the world picked up more wickets than Kuldeep last year, with the in-form left-arm spinner finishing 2023 with an imposing total of 49 ODI scalps. Kuldeep's biggest haul came against arch-rival Pakistan during the Super Four stage of the Asia Cup as the spinner collected the excellent figures of 5/25 to help India on their path to the title.

Rinku Singh added to India 'A' squad for 2nd 4-day match vs England Lions



New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): Rising India batter Rinku Singh has been added to the India A squad for the unofficial four-day Test against the England Lions, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said on Tuesday. Rinku comes on the back of fine performances in the shorter format. He also boasts a formidable first-class record, averaging 57.57 from 44 games. The opening game against the England Lions was ended in a draw on Saturday. The 2nd Four-Day Test starts on January 24 at the NarendraModi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

India 'A' squad for the 2nd multi-day match: AbhimanyuEaswaran (Captain), SaiSudharsan, RajatPatidar, Sarfaraz Khan, TilakVarma, Kumar Kushagra, Washington Sundar, Sourabh Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, TusharDeshpande, VidvathKaverappa, UpendraYadav, Akash Deep, YashDayal, Rinku Singh

Ashwin, Jadeja named in ICC Test Team of the Year

Dubai, Jan 23 (IANS): Ace Indian spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja have been named in the ICC Men's Team of the Year led by Australia skipper Pat Cummins released on Tuesday. Ashwin and Jadeja joined Usman Khawaja (Australia), Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lanka), Kane Williamson (New Zealand), Joe Root (England), Travis Head (Australia), Ravindra Jadeja (India), Alex Carey (wk) (Australia), Mitchell Starc (Australia), Stuart Broad (England) in the Test Team of the Year.

Ashwin was the leading wicket-taker for India in the Border-Gavaskar series, finishing with 25 wickets in four matches. In the very first Test, Ashwin bagged a five-for in the second innings to go with handy contributions with the bat



in each innings. His all-round showing fetched him the Player of the Series. Despite the stellar showing, Ashwin did not find a place in India's XI for the

WTC23 Final against the same opponent but made a mark on his comeback into the Test team with 12 wickets (5/60 and 7/71) in the first game against West

Australian Open: Djokovic breezes into semifinal with win over Fritz

Melbourne, Jan 23 (IANS): Novak Djokovic's unbeaten Slam streak against American opponents has hit double figures after withstanding an early onslaught from America's Taylor Fritz to reach his 11th Australian Open semifinal.

The 10-time champion recorded a 7-6(7-3), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over the 12th seed American in three hours and 45 minutes, denying Fritz his first major semifinal appearance.

It marked his 32nd consecutive win against a US contender at tour level and his 10th in a row at a major dating back to his Wimbledon 2016 defeat to Sam Querrey, according to the Australian Open website.

Djokovic won the opening set after saving two set points at 5-6, but he missed out on his first 15 break points in Rod Laver Arena and looked in real trouble when his opponent snatched the second set behind an early break.

But this is Novak Djokovic at the



Australian Open. The 10-time Melbourne champ cashed in on his two break chances in set three and quickly regained control of a highly entertaining clash.

Fritz fought to the end, but Djokovic's second wind proved enough to blow him over. Through to his 11th Australian Open semifinal, Djokovic awaits Jannik Sinner or AndreyRublev for a Friday showdown after two days off.

Rahul won't keep wickets in Test series against England: Rahul Dravid

Hyderabad, Jan 23 (IANS): India head coach Rahul Dravid has said that KL Rahul will not assume the wicketkeeping duty in the five-Test series against England, commencing in Hyderabad on Thursday.

Rahul was the designated wicketkeeper during India's Test series against South Africa in December-January, but now Dravid expressed the need for a more specialist keeper due to the home conditions and the selection for the wicketkeeper role will now be between KS Bharat and uncapped Dhruv Jurel.

"Rahul will not be playing as a wicketkeeper in this series and we are clear about that in the selection itself. We have picked two other wicketkeepers and obviously Rahul did a fantastic job for us in South Africa and really played a big part in helping us draw



the series. But considering five Test matches and playing in these conditions the selection will be between the two other keepers we have," Dravid was quoted by ESPN Cricinfo. Despite not making significant contributions with the bat in five Tests, Bharat's extensive experience as a wicket-keeper in first-class games in India, along with his impressive unbeaten 116 against England Lions in the first four-day match for India 'A' at Ahmedabad, solidify his position as a strong contender for the wicketkeeper's role in the Hyderabad Test.

Ajay Ratra backs KS Bharat to be India's preferred wicketkeeper for England Tests

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): As India prepares for the opening Test against England in Hyderabad on January 25, there are various decisions to be made, including who will occupy the wicketkeeping slot in the playing eleven.

For the first two Tests against England, India has picked three wicketkeeper-batters - KL Rahul, KS Bharat and the uncapped DhruvJurel.

The team thrust Rahul into the unfamiliar role of being designated wicketkeeper for India's tour of South Africa, as conditions weren't much in favour of spinners.

Now that India is back home, there is a consideration of using a specialist keeper who can handle turning pitches and uneven bounce against Ashwin, Jadeja, Patel, and Yadav. This theory brings Bharat and Dhruv more into the mix.

"When I read the squad after it was announced, I was very surprised over three keepers being picked. But I believe it's clear that Rahul will be considered as a batter and not as a keeper in this series, as in Indian conditions, they are looking at a proper keeper who can also bat."

"Yes, Rahul was



considered as a keeper for the South Africa Test series as there isn't much role of spinners in overseas conditions and keeping wickets to spinners is comparatively a tougher task," said Ajay Ratra, former India wicketkeeper-batter, in an exclusive conversation with IANS.

With Rishabh Pant sidelined due to a horrific car accident nearly a year ago, Bharat stepped up as India's wicketkeeper in Tests.

Later on, IshanKishan and Rahul became India's wicketkeepers for Test

matches in the West Indies and South Africa, respectively.

Despite not making significant contributions with the bat in five Tests, Bharat's extensive experience as a wicketkeeper in 82 first-class games in India, along with his impressive unbeaten 116 against England Lions in the first four-day match for India 'A' at Ahmedabad, solidify his position as a strong contender for the wicketkeeper's role in the Hyderabad Test.

India 'A' selection is good opportunity for Upendra Yadav, Kumar Kushagra: Ajay Ratra

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): With KS Bharat and DhruvJurel selected in the Test squad for the first two games against England at Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam, Kumar Kushagra and Upendra Yadav were recently included in the India 'A' team for the second and third four-day games against England Lions in Ahmedabad.

While Upendra was a member of India 'A' team on their tour of South Africa in 2021, Kushagra has been handed a maiden call-up to the squad. Former India wicket-keeper-batter Ajay Ratra believes the duo are on the radar of the selection committee, resulting in their selection for India 'A' team.

"India 'A' is your second-best Test team and with them being selected for those games, it means that the selectors and team management are keeping an eye on those two, based on their domestic performances for a long time.

There's a lot of cricket happening and it's great that those two wicketkeepers are getting a chance to play in this format," he said in an



exclusive conversation with IANS.

With Rishabh Pant still recovering from injuries sustained in a horrific car accident in December 2022, India has fielded three different wicketkeepers in Test cricket since February 2023 - Bharat, IshanKishan and KL Rahul.

Bharat had been in the 'A' team set-up for a long time before graduating to the Test level, while Rahul has been the primary wicketkeeper in ODIs and even donned the gloves for the Test tour of South Africa.

Australian Open: Gauff outlasts Kostyuk for first semifinal in Melbourne

Melbourne, Jan 23 (IANS): Coco Gauff survived a rollercoaster 7-6(8-6), 6-7(3-7), 6-2 battle against Marta Kostyuk to sail through to the semifinals of the Australian Open for the first time in her career on Tuesday.

By defeating her Ukrainian foe, Gauff, is now two wins away from becoming the first player since Naomi Osaka to win the US Open-Australian Open double.

Despite struggling on serve and with her forehand, Gauff saved two set points as she clawed her way back from a 1-5 deficit in the opening set. The 19-year-old American served for the match a 5-3 in the second but was foiled as



her determined opponent slammed a pair of backhand winners en route to recapturing the break.

But she regrouped with a strong start in the third set and hardly looked back to eventually take victory in 3 hours and 8 minutes in warm conditions at Rod Laver Arena.

Kostyuk, the world No.37, produced 39 winners to Gauff's 17, but was weighed down by 56 unforced errors.

The world No.4, who defended the ASB Classic title in Auckland earlier this month, is on a 10-0 unbeaten streak in 2024.

Overall, Gauff is through to the third Grand Slam semifinal of her career, and they've come at three different majors. She's 2-0 in her previous two, having reached the final at Roland Garros in 2022 before winning the US Open last year. The one missing from her set is Wimbledon, where she famously reached the fourth round on her debut as a 15-year-old in 2019.

Head expected to play day-night Test at the Gabba despite covid bout

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): Australia skipper Pat Cummins expects Travis Head will overcome his bout of Covid and be fit to participate in the second Test match against West Indies in Brisbane, starts on January 25.

Head contracted the virus following Australia's 10-wicket win in the opening Test and didn't travel to Brisbane with the rest of the squad but Cummins said Head will have a hit in the Gabba nets on Tuesday night, two days out from the opening day of the day-night Test.

"I think he's almost out of it. He'll be fine ... he'll train tonight. Obviously, even if he is still positive he can still play, there might just be a few protocols," Cummins told reporters as quoted bycricket.com.au website.

If Head is still testing positive on Thursday, he would have to abide by the International Cricket Council's covid safety protocols, which includes sitting away from the rest of the team while waiting to bat and keeping distance from teammates in on-field celebrations.

Test cricket is king, helps in developing my 'art of taking wicket': Bumrah

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): India ace fast-bowler JaspritBumrah expressed that to his generation of players, "Test cricket is King" and credited red-ball format for developing his "skills and art of taking wickets", adding that "Test cricket will find a way" to survive in the future as the format is currently struggling in front of a congested cricketing calendar.

"I am of that generation where Test cricket is king. I will always judge myself on it.

Yes I started with IPL but I learned to bowl through



first-class cricket; that's where I developed my skill, the art of taking wickets.

In Test cricket you have

"T20s, ODIs, some days you might send down five slower balls and get five guys out, when in a Test match they wouldn't have taken one. There is no luck in Test cricket, the better team wins, you cannot take 20 wickets through luck. I was never happy with just white-ball cricket and Test cricket is still the utmost format for me.

"I don't know how the youngsters look at it. But Test cricket has been around this long, it will find a way. Every format has its place - too much Test cricket would be boring, too much white ball the

same.

I think the sport needs a little bit of everything, rather than an overdose of one format or the other," he added.

Bumrah is the most experienced member of India's pace pack that will line-up for the first of five Tests against England in Hyderabad starting January 25. Speaking of aggressive approach "Bazball" which England have adopted in the Brendon McCullum-Ben Stokes regime, the Indian ace stated that he does not really relate to the term and pointed out that it will help him as a bowler.

Test cricket is still at the heart of West Indies: Kemar Roach

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS): West Indies bowler Kemar Roach believes "Test cricket" is still at the heart of West Indies despite the allure of T20 leagues and franchise cricket. A seasoned cricketer with 267 wickets in 145 Test innings, Roach finds himself in the latter stages of his career, he remains committed to Test cricket, taking each day as it comes. Despite the allure of T20 leagues and franchise cricket, Roach asserted that Test cricket holds a special place in his heart.

Nutrients to enhanced immune health in 2024



By N. Lothungbeni Humtsoe

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANSLife) Start your new year on a strong note by making a new year resolution to attain better immune health. Good nutrition is critical to support a healthy immune system. There is a strong relationship between poor nutritional status and compromised immunity. By boosting your immunity, you can benefit from better health. Whether you're an adult aiming for optimal health or a parent looking to fortify your child's immunity, incorporating essential nutrients into your daily diet is key.

To help you attain better immune health, Dr. Ganesh Kadhe, Director, of Medical and Scientific Affairs, Abbott's Nutrition Business shares with IANSLife important nutrients and their sources that can keep you strong:

Adult Nutrition for

Enhanced Immunity

Proteins: They serve as the fundamental building blocks for every cell in the body, contributing to the development of vital components such as muscles, bones, hormones, and antibodies. It plays a crucial role in fortifying the immune system by supporting the production of antibodies and providing essential amino acids as fuel for immune cells. Eggs stand out as an excellent protein source. Yet, a diverse range of foods, including chickpeas, cottage cheese, quinoa, Greek yoghurt, peanuts, and almonds, also function as significant contributors to protein intake. Vitamin A: It helps regulate the immune system. Known as the "anti-infective vitamin," this nutrient keeps your skin, mouth, stomach, and lungs healthy so that they can fight infection. It's also key for sharp vision. Consume it with some fat for better absorption. Sweet potato, pumpkin, carrots, and spinach are loaded with Vitamin A. Vitamin C: It helps the body build healthy skin and connective tissue, which blocks the entry of foreign microbes. Vitamin C also acts as an antioxidant protecting cells from damage. It also helps protect against anemia by



helping us absorb more iron from plant foods. Oranges are best known as sources of Vitamin C. However, some foods power-packed with Vitamin C are kiwis, strawberries, broccoli, tomatoes, cauliflower, and red peppers. Vitamin E: It works as an antioxidant, protecting cell membranes from damage due to free radicals. Healthy cell membranes help keep foreign microbes out and support a healthy immune response. Vitamin E is a common nutrient found in most foods. Cooking oils, seeds, and nuts are exceptionally rich sources. Vitamin D: It is a multitasking nutrient that helps to activate immune cells and regulate their function. Vitamin D helps our bodies absorb calcium and promotes a strong immune system. Few foods are naturally rich in vitamin D3, such as the flesh of fatty fish and fish liver oils, egg yolks, orange juice and cheese. Zinc: It is needed for cellular reproduction, which is important in the synthesis of new immune system cells. Zinc is critical for proper growth and development, especially during childhood and adolescence. Meat, especially red meat is an excellent source of zinc for those who prefer non-vegetarian food. For vegetarians, food like chickpeas, lentils and beans

contain a substantial quantity of zinc. Seeds could also be a healthy addition to your diet.

Child Nutrition for Strong Immunity

Protein-Packed Meals: Children, in their developmental years, benefit from protein-rich foods for growth and a resilient immune system. Include sources like lean meats, dairy products, eggs, legumes, and nuts in their diet. **Colourful Fruits and Vegetables:** Introduce a variety of fruits and vegetables to provide essential vitamins and minerals. Brightly coloured produce such as berries, carrots, and leafy greens are not only visually appealing but also rich in nutrients. **Calcium and Vitamin D for Growth:** For better bone health and overall growth ensure sufficient intake of calcium and Vitamin D. Include dairy products, fortified cereals, and kid-friendly Vitamin D-rich foods. **Fiber for Gut Health:** Ensure a balanced diet with fiber-rich foods like whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. A healthy gut contributes to a robust immune system.

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Agoda reveals new horizons list for India's travel plans

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANSLife) As the new year kicks off, digital travel platform Agoda, has revealed the top five emerging destinations in India in its "New Horizons List". The year-on-year search data has highlighted the destinations that have marked growth in traveller interest. Ahmedabad led the way, followed by Kodaikanal, Mahabaleshwar, Ooty, and Kochi. These cities reflect a growing interest among Indians to experience local culture and heritage and are increasingly inclined towards picturesque locales.

Ahmedabad, the financial capital of Gujarat, has claimed the top spot with a notable 44% increase in searches year-on-year. It is home to the Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue and also boasts of a rich cultural and culinary heritage. Ahmedabad has grown in popularity among Indian travellers, and this year it further grew owing to the city being the host of a major sports event, the 2023 Cricket World Cup.

Picturesque nature destinations dominate the New Horizons list, with Kodaikanal experiencing a 35% increase and hill stations Mahabaleshwar and Ooty, rising by 22% and 21% respectively. Kodaikanal's

unspoiled natural beauty and serene ambience has experienced a notable uptick in interest and Mahabaleshwar and Ooty are also capturing attention for their distinct attractions, ranging from Mahabaleshwar's sweeping hill vistas to Ooty's captivating colonial-era ambience and tea plantations.

At number five on the New Horizons List is Kochi, a vibrant port city in Kerala, which witnessed a 19% increase in searches. The state has been a hotspot for Indians, and Kochi is where history and modernity seamlessly converge. It remains a favourite among travellers for its remarkable Dutch and Portuguese architecture, food and spice markets, and traditional cultural experiences.

Krishna Rathi, Country Director India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives at Agoda said, "2023 has proven to be a great year for travel in India. Agoda's Year-on-Year search data highlighted growth across domestic, inbound, and outbound travel. The New Horizons list features quite a few hill stations and some bustling cities with a mix of food, culture, and interesting activities. As the new year begins, we are excited to see the trends that will shape the preferences of Indian travellers."



Empowering reads for a transformative 2024

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANSLife) As the New Year unfolds, resolutions abound, often centred on personal and professional development. Engaging with empowering books sparks a transformative journey. These books aren't just repositories of knowledge; they're guiding beacons that illuminate the path toward self-improvement and success.

By delving into these insightful narratives, individuals gain access to strategies and perspectives essential for honing their skills, nurturing resilience, and fostering growth in both personal and professional spheres.

Great books have an indelible impact on readers. More than mere inspiration, they provide actionable insights and strategies that empower individuals to translate their aspirations into tangible achievements. Whether aiming to enhance leadership skills, cultivate resilience, or foster a healthier mindset, books serve as mentors, supporting individuals in their pursuit of goals.

Utilising the transformative power of literature to fuel personal and professional advancement in 2024, the British Council Digital Library stands ready to enrich and empower individuals in their pursuit of knowledge and self-betterment. Here are five empowering reads that offer profound insights and practical wisdom to help you navigate life's challenges and unlock your potential:

Start with **Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action** by Simon Sinek

START WITH WHY asks (and answers) the questions: why are some people and organisations more innovative, more influential, and more profitable than others? Why do

some command greater loyalty from customers and employees alike? Even among the successful, why are so few able to repeat their success over and over?

The book shows that the leaders who have had the greatest influence in the world all think, act and communicate the same way-and it's the opposite of what everyone else does. Sinek calls this powerful idea **The Golden Circle**, and it provides a framework upon which organizations can be built, movements can be led, and people can be inspired. And it all starts with **WHY**.

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth

In this book, psychologist Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed-be it parents, students, educators, athletes, or business people-that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls "grit."

Drawing on her own powerful story as the daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of "genius," Duckworth, now a celebrated researcher and professor, describes her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience, which led to the hypothesis that what really drives success is not "genius" but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance.

Not a Life Coach: Are You Ready to Change Your Life? by James Smith

James Smith is back to challenge everything you thought you knew about the path to fulfilment and happiness. With hard-hitting home truths and a helping of tough love, be prepared to re-set your outlook, redefine your goals and truly consider: What does success truly

mean to you?

Now, more than ever is the time to take back control. Time to stop sleep-walking through your life; to challenge the status quo; and to truly ask yourself if you're on the right path to success, happiness and fulfilment.

12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos by Jordan B. Peterson

Drawing on his work as a clinical psychologist and on lessons from humanity's oldest myths and stories, Peterson offers twelve profound and realistic principles to live by. After all, as he reminds us, we each have a vital role to play in the unfolding destiny of the world.

Deep, rewarding and enlightening, **12 Rules for Life** is a lifeboat built solidly for stormy seas: ancient wisdom applied to our contemporary problems. **Can't Hurt Me: Master Your Mind and Defy the Odds** by David Goggins

For David Goggins, childhood was a nightmare -- poverty, prejudice, and physical abuse coloured his days and haunted his nights. But through self-discipline, mental toughness, and hard work, Goggins transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no future into a U.S. Armed Forces icon and one of the world's top endurance athletes. The only man in history to complete elite training as a Navy SEAL, Army Ranger, and Air Force Tactical Air Controller.

In 'Can't Hurt Me', he shares his astonishing life story and reveals that most of us tap into only 40% of our capabilities. Goggins calls this **The 40% Rule**, and his story illuminates a path that anyone can follow to push past pain, demolish fear, and reach their full potential.

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Unveiling India's dynamic search landscape in 2023



New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANSLife) Justdial a prominent digital platform, recently released a comprehensive report highlighting the intriguing search habits of Indians. The report unveils diverse interests shaping the dynamic market landscape across big and small cities in India.

Commenting on the 2023 annual search report, Shwetank Dixit, Chief Growth Officer of Justdial said, "Every year, Justdial endeavours to provide an insightful glimpse into the ever-evolving search trends shaping India's service landscape. We remain committed to connecting individuals with their specific needs, be it education, housing, or personal preferences, reaffirming our role in shaping India's evolving search landscape."

This in-depth exploration provides a unique insight into the diverse needs and preferences of the Indian population, as reflected in their online searches. Schools, restaurants, hospitals, beauty parlours, and paying guest accommodation services emerge as highly searched categories, underscoring the

country's focus on educational institutions, dining options, healthcare services, beauty services, and accommodation.

Digitization is narrowing the gap between big cities and small towns, with searches in smaller towns being twice that of big cities. Tier II and III cities contribute to 63% of the searches, indicating consistent search activity in smaller towns and cities, as compared to 2022.

In the education sector, the report suggests that educational institutions, especially colleges, should strategize during peak search months (May to August) to maximize visibility and engagement. Temporal trends in searches for schools and libraries suggest tailored marketing efforts aligned with admission processes and examination seasons.

The travel and hospitality sectors show a notable shift in demand, with Tier II & III cities contributing 66% of searches in this sector. This signals opportunities for hotels and restaurants to expand beyond traditional urban markets.

The recreation sector exhibits a balanced distribution, with both Tier I

and Tier II cities significantly contributing to searches for hobby classes. This suggests a substantial interest in hobby classes across both urban tiers. The variety of hobby classes searched for, including swimming, dance, tailoring, cricket coaching, Zumba, and music classes, indicates a diverse range of interests and preferences among individuals seeking recreational activities.

Mumbai, Delhi, and Chennai emerged as the top three cities in searches for hobby classes, showcasing the substantial interest and engagement in recreational activities in these metropolitan areas.

In healthcare, top searched categories like Hospitals, Dermatologists, and Dentists collectively contribute to 5% of Pan India searches. Temporal trends in searches highlight the importance of seasonal considerations for healthcare providers, with peak searches in March and May.

The Wellness and Beauty sector witnessed a nearly 10% increase in searches compared to 2022, reflecting a growing awareness and inclination towards self-care in India. Businesses are encouraged

to understand and cater to specific preferences in different regions to capitalize on the rising demand.

The report recommends businesses tailor their offerings to meet the unique demands of each tier and vertical, considering diverse market dynamics, tier-wise growth opportunities, digital engagement, and seasonal adaptation. Justdial emphasizes the importance of adapting services, promotions, and pricing strategies based on temporal factors and local preferences to thrive in the evolving Indian market.

This comprehensive report not only identifies common trends but also illuminates the unique characteristics and preferences across different city tiers, providing businesses with unparalleled insights to tailor their offerings. By aligning products and services with these trends, businesses can effectively cater to the distinct needs of each tier, fostering growth and enhanced consumer engagement.

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Seraikela News

Havan at Saraswati Shishu Mandir High School

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Jan 23: In celebration of the auspicious occasion of Shri Ram Mandir Pran Pratistha, Saraswati Shishu Mandir High School in Seraikela witnessed a fervent havan-puja, radiating devotion and joy at Shantikunj. The entire school campus was adorned attractively for the special event.

Commencing with Vandana, the program unfolded with devotional songs dedicated to Shri Ram Ji. The school resonated with the divine vibes as puja and havan ceremonies, enriched with Vedic chanting, were led by Hirambo Mahapatra, Ranjan Pati, and Chandan Das.

Expressing his heartfelt wishes on this significant day, School Principal Partha Sarathi Acharya acknowledged the special importance of the occasion for everyone present. In his blessings to the students, he emphasized the profound significance of the completion of the grand temple of Shri Ram Ji and the divine presence of Shri Ram Lal Ji in the temple.

Chairman of the School Managing Committee, Ramanath Acharya, extended good wishes to all and emphasized that the ideals of Shri Ram Ji illuminate the path of progress in life. He stressed that life gains meaning through devotion to Shri Ram Ji.

Following the puja and havan rituals, prasad was distributed to everyone present. In the evening, the school premises were illuminated with a Deepotsav program featuring devotional songs. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of teachers, students, and the Vice Principal of the school, Tushar Kant. (w/nm)

Live telecast of Lord Shri Ram's Pran Pratistha enthralles devotees

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Jan 23: The Seraikela branch of Marwari Yuva Manch organized a live telecast program of the consecration ceremony of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya Dham at the Agrasen Thakurbari Bhawan Marwari Dharamshala. The event brought together devotees to witness the auspicious ceremony.

The program, designed for Shri Ram devotees, featured the live telecast of the consecration ceremony from Ayodhya Dham. Among the prominent attendees were Satyanarayan Aggarwal, the District Sangh Driver of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Niranjan Kumar, District Pracharak, Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, former Vice President of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, Pradeep Chaudhary, Shambhu Nath Aggarwal, Poonam Aggarwal, Narayan Kumar, Rahul Aggarwal, President of Marwari Yuva Manch Seraikela branch Akash Agarwal, BK Poonam of Brahma Kumari Sanstha, Rekha Sexaria of Marwari Mahila Samiti, Rajesh Sahu of Gayatri Parivar, and several Shri Ram devotees from the city area.

Guru Kedar Memorial Art Centre presented a live tableau of Shri Ram, Lakshman, and Mata Janaki, adding a visual dimension to the spiritual gathering. A Sanskrit program featuring Ram Bhajan was organized, and local artist Jairaj Das captivated the audience with a soulful rendition of Shri Ram Bhajan.

During the event, special honors were extended to Kar Sevaks Gaur Govind Sah, Pulak Satpati, Shambhu Nath Aggarwal, Poonam Aggarwal, and Bhagirathi Pariksha, who had undertaken the car service journey from Seraikela to Ayodhya on behalf of Marwari Yuva Manch.

As the image of Lord Shri Ram appeared on the Rupali screen, the entire Dharamshala resounded with chants of "Jai Ram." The celebration continued with the distribution of laddus among the devotees, and the program concluded with the Aarti of Lord Shri Ram.

Expressing gratitude, President of Marwari Yuva Manch, Akash Aggarwal, thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the program. The event witnessed the presence of provincial coordinator Rahul Aggarwal, along with Anmol Seksaria, Anmol Chaudhary, Yatiraj Budhiya, Keshav Chaudhary, Keshav Lohriwala, and Shubham Chaudhary. (w/nm)

Conclusion of 11-day Shri ram lala Pran Pratishtha program in Jamalpur

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Jan 23: Karsevak Bhagwan Singh, known for his significant role in the demolition of Babri Masjid, organized a Shri Ram Lala Pran Pratistha program for 11 days in Satbahini Jamalpur, modeled on the lines of Ayodhya Dham. Lord Singh shared that the consecration ceremony, similar to the one in Ayodhya, was organized at the Jamalpur Shiv Hanuman temple and concluded today. Many individuals observed a fast for 11 days and contributed to the puja.

During the event, children portrayed emotional scenes, depicting characters such as Mother Sita, Bharat Mata, Lord Shri Ram, Lakshman, Bharat, Shatrughan, and Hanuman, earning high praise. A magistrate and a police force were present at the venue to ensure the smooth conduct of the proceedings. Bhog was prepared and served to hundreds of attendees. Retired Captain Sukhdev Singh from Bihar Regiment played a crucial role in the successful execution of the entire event. The 11-day Shriramlala Pran Pratishtha program in Jamalpur marked a spiritually enriching and festive celebration for the community. (w/nm)

Lord Shri Ram's consecration celebrations extend to rural areas

Seraikela, Jan 23: In the joyous celebration of the consecration of the grand statue of Lord Shri Ram Lala in Ayodhya Dham, the village of Murup in Seraikela witnessed worship of the religious scripture Ramayana in the premises of Hari Mandir. The ceremony, led by priest Pandit Shravan Das, included fasting by devotees as they worshiped Lord Shri Ram. A Bhandara was organized, and Prasad of Kheer and Khichdi was distributed among the devotees. Throughout the day, bhajan and kirtan echoed in the village, culminating in grand aarti programs in the evening, celebrating the festival of lights by lighting lamps.

Villagers, including Viprasen Pradhan, Kuthlu Pradhan, Ajit Pradhan, Gorachand Ho, Anand Pramanik, Ranjit Pradhan, Thakur Pradhan, Chitrasen Pradhan, and Hemsagar Pradhan, actively participated in the festivities.

25,000 civilian fatalities reported in Gaza conflict amid mounting humanitarian demands

United Nations, Jan 23 (IANS) "Intense" Israeli strikes in Gaza and Palestinian rocket fire into Israel persisted on Monday, with UN humanitarian reports stating more than 25,000 deaths in the enclave since the war's onset on October 7.

Referencing information from Gaza's health authorities, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that 62,681 Palestinians have suffered injuries due to Israeli strikes. These strikes were in response to Hamas-led attacks in Israel, which resulted in about 1,200 fatalities and around 250 hostages. Two Israeli soldiers had been killed in Gaza since Friday, OCHA said, which brought the total to 193 since the start of the ground operation, and 1,203 soldiers were injured, according to the Israeli military as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

The same period saw 343 Palestinians killed and another 573 people injured, the UN aid coordination office said. Addressing a summit of the Group of 77 countries and China (G77) in the Ugandan capital Kampala on Sunday, UN Secretary-



General Antonio Guterres described the Middle East as "a tinderbox," before issuing an appeal to "do all we can to prevent conflict from igniting across the region". "Israel's military operations have spread mass destruction and killed civilians on a scale unprecedented during my time as Secretary-General," Guterres said, having earlier reiterated his support for a two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians.

Highlighting the scale of need among Gazans after more than three months of "intense" bombardment, OCHA said that only 15 bakeries were now operational in Gaza -- "six in Rafah and nine in Deir al Balah" -- and none is open north of Wadi Gaza.

Almost all of these functioning bakeries have continued to receive support from the UN World

Food Programme which has provided flour, salt, yeast and sugar.

"Through this initiative, about 250,000 people were able to purchase bread at a subsidised price," OCHA noted in its latest update on the emergency on Sunday.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA, meanwhile, reported on Monday, that telecommunications shutdowns had entered a seventh day. In its most recent update, UNRWA disclosed that the number of internally displaced people within Gaza has reached 1.7 million. Of these, at least 335 have been killed while taking refuge in the agency's facilities, and 1,161 have been injured. Additionally, since October 7, 151 UNRWA staff members have been killed and 141 of its installations have suffered damage.

3 IDF soldiers killed as fighting intensifies in Gaza's Khan Younis area

Tel Aviv, Jan 23 (IANS) The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has announced the death of three of its officers as fighting between Israeli troops and Hamas terrorists intensified in the Khan Younis region of southern Gaza, an IDF official said. The deceased are identified as Major David Nati Alfasi, 27, a deputy battalion commander from Beersheba, Major Ilay Levy, 24, a company commander from Tel Aviv, and Captain Eyal Mevorach Twito, 22, a platoon commander from Beit Gamlil.

IDF in a statement said that the three soldiers were killed in an RPG attack on the building where they were present.

Palestinian health authorities said that at least 50 Palestinians were killed in the fighting at the Khan Younis area.

As fighting intensified in Khan Younis area, people are evacuating in large numbers from the place and moving down south into Rafah, the southernmost city of Gaza.

More than two million people are reportedly now in Rafah area following displacement due to heavy Israeli bombings. The IDF has also said that it knows about the large civilian presence in the area and that its action against the Hamas terrorists will be keeping this factor in mind.

At least 50 Palestinians killed by Israeli bombings on Khan Younis: Medical sources

Gaza, Jan 23 (IANS) At least 50 Palestinians have been killed and dozens of others wounded by Israeli bombings on shelter centres of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, Palestinian medical sources said.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said on Monday in a press statement that it had received "reports of deaths and injuries among the displaced as a result of the occupation's bombings of shelter centres".

"Israeli tanks approached Al-Amal Hospital, and we completely lost contact with our crews in Khan Younis as a result of the ground incursion," it added.

The organisation said that ambulances were unable to reach the injured in Khan Younis, because of Israeli forces' siege of its ambulance centre and "targetting anyone who tries to move around".

In addition, the Hamas-run government media office in Gaza said in a press statement that Israel had targetted five shelter centres in the city of Khan Younis, Xinhua news agency reported.

The statement noted that "the Israeli army targetted the displacement centres with direct bombardments, Quadcopter aircraft, drone aircraft, and artillery, which led to dozens of deaths and wounded".

Sri Lankan central bank keeps policy rates unchanged to control inflation

Colombo, Jan 23 (IANS) The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) has decided to maintain the Standing Deposit Facility Rate and the Standing Lending Facility Rate at their current levels of 9 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, to control inflation at the targeted level of 5 per cent over the medium term, while enabling the economy to reach its potential, its statement said on Tuesday.

The decision was taken on Monday following a comprehensive assessment



of domestic & international macroeconomic developments in order, the central bank said in a statement. The board took note of the effects of the

recent developments in taxation and supply-side factors that are likely to pose upside pressures on inflation in the near term.

However, the board

viewed that the impact of these developments would not materially change the medium term inflation outlook, according to the central bank, it said.

The Sri Lankan economy recorded an expansion in the third quarter of 2023, following six consecutive quarters of economic contraction, said the central bank.

Sri Lanka increased its interest rates significantly in 2022 to deal with rising inflation. The rates have been reduced several times in 2023.

Germany braces for 6-day rail strike amid wage negotiations

Berlin, Jan 23 (IANS) Despite an improved wage offer, train drivers in Germany announced another strike action on Monday. It will be the longest strike in recent months, lasting six days from Wednesday.

Rail operator Deutsche Bahn expects "massive disruptions" during this strike as the planned emergency service "only ensures a very limited train service".

In order to bring train drivers back to the negotiating table, Deutsche Bahn further improved its wage offer on Friday. This includes two pay rises this year and next year of 4.8 per cent and 5 per cent respectively.

US, Britain launch airstrikes against Houthi camps in Yemen

Sanaa, Jan 23 (IANS) The US-British coalition struck Houthi camps in Yemen's capital and other provinces at midnight, the media reported on Tuesday.

The strikes targetted the al-Hafa camp in eastern Sanaa and the al-Daylami air base in the north. They also hit sites in Rada, a city in the central province of al-Bayda, and Maqbanah area in the southwestern province of Taiz, the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV said without giving details.

Residents said the explosions were powerful and their sounds could be heard across the city, Xinhua news agency reported. Meanwhile, US media reported that the US and Britain carried out strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen late Monday, the eighth round of attacks on the rebels' camps in just over 10 days.

The strikes came hours after the Houthis said they launched a missile attack at a US military ship in the Gulf of Aden on Monday and claimed a direct hit. The US side did not comment on the alleged attack.

The US-Britain maritime coalition in the Red Sea has carried out several airstrikes on Houthi camps in various northern provinces of Yemen. The coalition said these actions are aimed at preventing the Houthi group from launching missile and drone attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea shipping lane. The Houthi group vowed to continue targetting ships linked to Israel in the Red Sea until Israel ends its war and blockade on Gaza, a Palestinian territory. Last week, the US re-designated the Houthi group as a global terrorist organisation and said the move would not affect food and medicine supplies.

Storm Isha causes mass power cuts, travel disruption in UK

London, Jan 23 (IANS) Tens of thousands of homes were left in blackouts and trains were cancelled on Monday as Storm Isha brought gusts and heavy rainfall across the UK. An unusual wind warning for almost the entire country issued by the UK's Met Office ahead of the storm is still in force and expected to last until Wednesday, Xinhua news agency reported.

According to the National Meteorological Service, strong gusts of 99 miles per hour (159 km per hour) were recorded at Brizlee Wood, Northumberland. About 45,000 people in Northern Ireland, along with thousands more in England

New York-bound flight cancelled after passenger spots missing screws on plane's wing



London, Jan 23 (IANS) Moments before take-off, a New-York bound Virgin Atlantic flight from Manchester was cancelled after an alert passenger spotted missing bolts on plane's wing, the media reported.

The incident occurred on January 15, when Phil Hardy, 41, who was onboard the flight at Manchester Airport in the UK, noticed four missing fasteners and informed the cabin crew.

Engineers were promptly called out to carry out maintenance checks on the Airbus A330 aircraft before its scheduled takeoff to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, New York Post reported quoting a Virgin Atlantic representative.

In a video shared on social media, an engineer can be seen climbing on to the plane's wing and fixing the issue.

Though Hardly was repeatedly assured by the airline staff that there was no safety issue, he was panicked as the incident comes days after one of the doors of an Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 9 MAX blew open mid-air.

Canada sets two-year cap on international student permits

Toronto, Jan 23 (IANS) The Canadian government has announced a two-year cap on new study permits for international students, which is expected to result in approximately 3,60,000 approved study permits this year - a 35 per cent reduction from 2023.

Asserting that international students enrich their communities, Immigration Minister Marc Miller made the announcement on Monday as the government faced backlash after their growing influx in recent years exacerbated the country's housing crisis.

"I announced a two-year cap on new study permits starting in 2024. This is expected to result in approx 360,000 approved study permits this year, and will be allocated to provinces and territories to distribute among their DLLs (Designated learning institutions)," Miller wrote on X. The development came as the number of international students in Canada crossed one million mark, with Indians leading the pack, accounting for 215,190 out of the 579,075 permits issued till November 2023.

Singapore's top 3 ministers accused of graft in 2023 -- all of Indian-origin

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Lauded as the least corrupt country in Asia, Singapore saw three Indian-origin Ministers face graft charges in the year 2023 alone -- the same year an economist of Indian descent took over the reins of the city-state as its ninth President.

While two of them -- Vivian Balakrishnan and K. Shanmugam were cleared of all charges as the year drew to a close, S. Iswaran's pre-trial conference is scheduled for March 1, and he is presently out on bail of SG\$800,000.

The trio belongs to the ruling People's Action Party (PAP), which has been in power since 1959 and holds a sizeable majority in the

country's Parliament.

With the next election due in November 2025, political experts say that the graft allegations could hit PAP's support base in a country that is ranked the fifth-least corrupt country in Transparency International's latest Corruption Perceptions Index. Over the years, the government has justified seven-figure ministerial paychecks to keep out corruption.

According to a Bloomberg report, the country's public officers are among the world's best-paid, with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong earning a total compensation of about S\$2.2 million (\$1.7 million) per annum.



The country witnessed its last corruption case in the year 1986, which saw Teh Cheang Wan, a national development minister, being probed for allegedly accepting kickbacks.

The case of Balakrishnan and Shanmugam Home Affairs and Law Minister Shanmugam and Foreign Minister

Balakrishnan were accused of corruption relating to the rental of their colonial-era bungalows in the city-state.

The 26 and 31 Ridout Road are two 100-year-old bungalows in the Ridout Park area that have been rented to the two Ministers.

In May last year, opposition Reform Party Chief Kenneth Jeyaretnam

questioned if the two Ministers were "paying less than the fair market value" for their rental of the two-state properties. It was debated in the Parliament in July, following a Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) investigation and a review by senior Minister Teo Chee Hean.

The CPIB said in its report that it did not find any wrongdoing on the part of Shanmugam and Balakrishnan, while Teo's review found that processes had been followed.

Even as they were cleared, Lee Hsien Yang, the brother of Singapore's Prime Minister, wrote posts on Facebook in July accusing them of corruption

over the rental of their bungalows. Yang accused the ministers of acting for personal gains by having the Singapore Land Authority (SLA) give them preferential treatment by illegally felling trees without approval, and also having SLA pay for renovations to the bungalows.

The ministers sued Yang, currently in self-exile overseas, for defamation with the judgment being granted in their favour.

The case of 'innocent' Iswaran As per a New York Times report, Transport Minister S. Iswaran was among the 4G, or fourth generation, leaders who were considered with Prime Minister Lee hoping.

Health

Chronic childhood ear infections can delay language development



New York, Jan 23 (IANS) Ear infections, a common childhood experience, can potentially impair hearing with fluid building up behind the eardrum and lead to delay in language development, warns a new study.

New research from the University of Florida scientists reveals that when ear infections become chronic, this repeated, temporary hearing loss can lead to deficits in auditory processing and language development in children, years later. They suggested parents take these infections seriously.

"Ear infections are so common that we tend to dismiss them as having no long-term effect. We should take all ear infections seriously," said Susan Nittrouer, lead researcher and Professor of speech, language, and hearing sciences in the College of Public Health and Health Professions at the varsity.

"Parents should be aware that their child may have some middle ear fluid without it being painful and work with their doctor to monitor their child closely," she added.

In the study published in the International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology, the team studied the auditory processing and language development of 117 children from ages 5 to 10 years, both with and without a history of chronic ear infections in early childhood.

On average, children with several ear infections before three years of age had smaller vocabularies and a harder time matching similar sounding words than children with few or no ear infections.

They also had difficulty detecting changes in sounds, a sign of problems in their brain's auditory processing centres.

One takeaway, Nittrouer says, is for parents, physicians, and speech pathologists to continue monitoring children long after the last preschool earache fades away. Some language deficits may only reveal themselves in later grades.

"As children go through school, the language they're required to use becomes more complex," said Nittrouer.

Treating ear infections early can help prevent the fluid buildup that hurts language development, according to Nittrouer.

If ear infections are common and fluid does build up, tubes placed temporarily in the eardrum can help drain the fluid and restore hearing, which should lead to less risk of delay in the development of the central auditory pathways and fewer problems acquiring language.

'HanuMan' director Prasanth Varma announces 'Jai Hanuman'

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Director Prasanth Varma, who is receiving a lot of positive response to his recently released superhero film 'HanuMan', has kept his promise as he has announced the commencement of preparations for his upcoming film, 'Jai Hanuman', the next film in the franchise.

'HanuMan', which stars Teja Sajja, Amritha Aiyer, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, and Vinay Rai, has registered phenomenal success.

The film tells the story of a village simpleton who acquires superpowers from lord Hanuman and



uses them to fight evil.

The film, which has been made on a modest budget, has so far minted Rs 139.55 crore in India as per industry tracker Sacnilk.

The film was released in multiple languages across the globe.

The director took to his X to share the news of the new film with his followers.

He tweeted, "With gratitude for the immense love and support showered upon #HanuMan from audiences across the globe, I stand at the threshold of a new journey by making a promise to myself. #JaiHanuman Pre-

Production Begins on the auspicious day of #RamMandirPranPrathist ha."

Earlier, talking to IANS, Prasanth said: "My strength is the knowledge about our culture. So I thought we should bring a story of a superhero out of our culture and then the idea of 'HanuMan' came. So that's why I decided to give him the character of Lord Hanuman."

As the preparations for 'Jai Hanuman' kick off, Prasanth continues to captivate audiences with his unique storytelling, blending mythology with contemporary cinema.

Saif reveals the advice Rani Mukerji gave him on dating Kareena Kapoor

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Actor Saif Ali Khan has spoken about one piece of advice that Rani Mukerji gave him when she got to know about him dating Kareena Kapoor Khan.

Saif and Kareena were asked about their love life in the final episode of 'Now Bingeing' by Tata Play Binge.

Saif said: "Rani is really amazing, I enjoy being friends with her now, more than ever before. But she said this thing, we were shooting I remember, and she was away from the love of her life and she was like 'Lets just shoot non-stop really fast and finish this and let's not take a day off' and she also told me 'Oh you're going out with Kareena I'm so happy.'"

"I'll give you some advice, just think of it as two heroes in the house. I kind of got what she meant, but now more than ever I go back to that advice sometimes. Because it is, it's two people who are equal, who are contributing to the sanity and the sanctity of the home." He added: "When one is working the other one is doing that with the children."

Continuing on the same thought, he said: "But I understand it, it was really good advice, it was brilliant advice and it's a complicated thing what she was saying because she was talking about gender, roles and whether you feel -- 'is it okay for my wife to be out of the house working so much while I'm doing this.'" "And what she meant was of course it is! Just give her the respect of equality, is what she was talking about." In the episode, Saif and Kareena got candid and spill the tea about their relationship, choosing off beat projects, working life as parents, the media's interest in their children.



Musk's X fixes bug that labelled legit posts as 'sensitive media'

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Elon Musk-run X on Monday said it has fixed a bug that caused the platform to incorrectly label numerous posts as 'Sensitive Media'.

According to the company, the vulnerability in its system flagged several genuine accounts.

"A bug in our system caused X to incorrectly label numerous posts as Sensitive Media," the company posted.

"We've fixed the underlying issue and are now working to remove labels from impacted posts, it added. Musk also said that an "X spam/scam bot accidentally flagged many legitimate accounts" which was being fixed by the company. A follower reacted, saying that Musk can also fix the problem with the porn bots.

"Porn accounts should be flagged and there should be some kind of system where as a user, you can have in your settings to allow/not allow these flagged accounts to follow.

'Yaars' Akshay, Tiger go all guns blazing in new 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' poster

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) In the new poster of their upcoming film 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan', Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff look every-inch serious to save the world as they fire a machine gun amid an action-packed background.

In the poster, Tiger and Akshay are flaunting their muscles and standing back-to-back like having two faces of a coin and firing bullets at bad guys.

In the background, missiles and choppers can be seen.

Akshay captioned the poster: "When it comes to saving the world, tere piche tera yaar khada hai!"

Tiger shared the same poster and the caption.

The teaser drops on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The film is directed by Ali Abbas Zafar and releasing in April on EID.



Mrunal Thakur feels grateful as her fans recreate her 'Hi Nanna' look

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Actress Mrunal Thakur's 'Hi Nanna' style has become a social media trend as many fans have recreated her look from the film, which also stars Nani.

Sporting an array of stunning looks, Mrunal's traditional avatar in minimal cotton and linen sarees, adorned with a nose pin and bindi, has particularly caught the attention of fans.

The black saree ensemble has become a social media sensation, with enthusiasts recreating the look through numerous reels.

Acknowledging the overwhelming response, Mrunal



expressed her gratitude to fans and said: "I am truly thankful for the love and affection showered upon me by my fans. It is their unwavering support that makes me feel beautiful on screen."

"I am committed to spreading more love through my work and will continue to connect with my fans in meaningful ways."

'Hi Nanna' is a Telugu-language romantic drama film directed by Shouryuv, who made a directorial debut in Telugu cinema with this movie.

The film also features Kiara Khanna, Priyadarshi Pulikonda, Angad Bedi, Jayaram and Viraj Ashwin in supporting roles.

Kangana's political period drama 'Emergency' to release on June 14

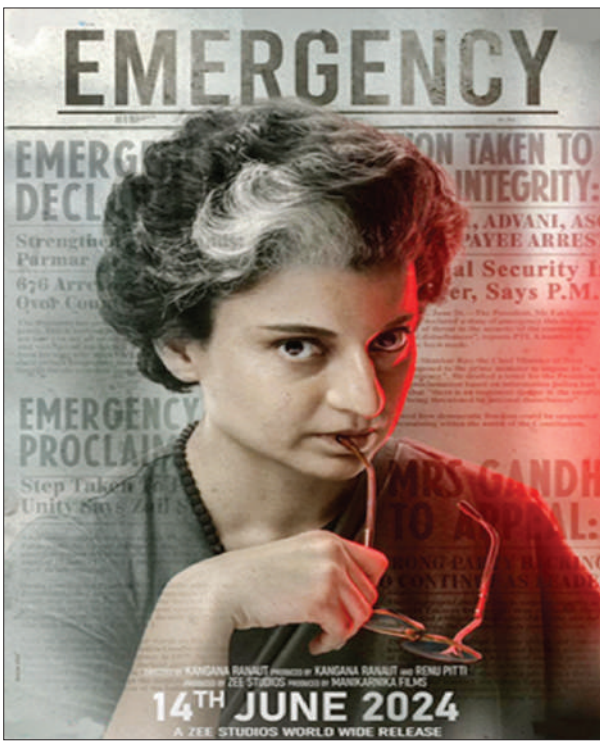
Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Actress-filmmaker Kangana Ranaut's political period drama 'Emergency' will finally hit the screens on June 14.

Sharing her thoughts on the film, Kangana said: "Emergency is my most ambitious project and second directorial post - Manikarnika, we have the best of Indian and international talent come together for this big budget, grand period drama."

'Emergency', which stars Kangana as former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, had been delayed several times.

In October 2023, Kangana announced that the political drama had been postponed to 2024 due to the 'jam-packed' second quarter of 2023.

Produced by Zee Studios and Manikarnika Films,



'Emergency' is a mega budget depiction of the most controversial spectacle in the history of Indian Democracy. Standing at the core of this is one of the most sensational leaders of all time the first woman Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Written, directed and produced by Kangana, the film's release date was announced on social media by the actress through a poster which features her as the Late Prime Minister on the front page of a newspaper. 'Emergency' also features Anupam Kher, Mahima Chaudhary, Milind Soman, Shreyas Talpade, Vishak Nair and the late Satish Kaushik in pivotal roles. Produced by Zee Studios and Manikarnika Films, the film's music is orchestrated

Vicky Kaushal: 'Sam Bahadur' is not just a film, but a shared journey

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal, who plays the character of Sam Manekshaw in the biographical war drama film 'Sam Bahadur' said it is not just a film, but a shared journey.

The film is based on the life of India's first Field Marshal, Sam Manekshaw. Directed by Meghna Gulzar, the war biopic chronicles the extraordinary life of Sam Manekshaw, from his early days of being the chief of army staff to his well-deserved retirement, exploring the milestones and triumphs of his illustrious journey.

Talking about the same, the 'Uri' fame actor

expressed: "Portraying the character of Sam Manekshaw has been an incredible journey filled with great pride and honour. Stepping into the shoes of such a brave and celebrated personality comes with immense responsibility, and I am grateful for the love and support that fans have showered upon the character during its theatrical release."

"The film's digital premiere on ZEE5 will help the story reach a wider audience hence, I am proud to present Sam Bahadur on the 75th Republic Day as a tribute to the undying spirit of our nation. It's not just a film; it's a shared journey with



the audience, and I hope they find inspiration in this remarkable story," added Vicky.

'Sam Bahadur' explores the highs and lows in Sam Manekshaw's illustrious career and his journey to becoming the first Indian

Army Officer to be promoted to the rank of Field Marshal.

Director Meghna Gulzar said: "Creating this

biographical drama film has been a life-changing experience for me, and I consider it to be a blessing. The story of Sam Bahadur will serve as a great inspiration for all who witness it."

"From the very beginning, I knew Vicky Kaushal was the perfect fit for the role, seamlessly slipping into the character with unparalleled authenticity and dedication. I firmly believe that ideals and role models are timeless, and if someone has lived a life of truth, righteousness, and integrity, that can never go out of style or time," added Meghna.

This biopic sheds light on Manekshaw's

unparalleled contributions, showcasing his valour, strategic brilliance, and unwavering dedication to the nation.

The film also delves into the intricate dynamics of military and political relations, adding depth to the narrative and providing a comprehensive understanding of Sam Manekshaw's impactful contributions to the nation.

Manish Kalra, chief business officer, ZEE5 shared: "This film is a compelling tribute to a true hero. Our collaboration with Ronnie Screwvala Productions has been exceptional, and it has helped us offer back-to-back patriotic films like Tejas and Sam Bahadur."

Groww app faces technical issue, users ask for compensation

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Several users of online financial services platform Groww on Tuesday experienced an hour-long outage, leaving them unable to login and some even asked for compensation. While some of them demanded compensation, Groww posted on X that it was resolving a technical issue.

"We apologise for the inconvenience. Our team is addressing a technical issue and working to resolve it promptly," the Bengaluru-based fintech startup said.

"Your patience is highly appreciated, and we'll be back to normal operations shortly.

Apple releases iOS 17.3 with Stolen Device Protection feature

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Apple has released iOS 17.3 -- the third major update to the iOS 17 operating system that initially came out in September 2023. With this update, the tech giant has added the Stolen Device Protection feature to supported devices. This feature will limit access to private information just in case someone manages to obtain both your iPhone and your passcode.

This feature will require biometric authentication to do things like access passwords, turn off Lost Mode, make purchases in Safari, and more. "Stolen Device Protection adds a layer of security when your iPhone is away from familiar locations, such as home or work, and helps protect your accounts and personal information in case your iPhone is stolen," Apple wrote in a support document. Additionally, the update includes support for AirPlaying content directly to some hotel room TVs, as well as creating collaborative Apple Music playlists.

The new update (iOS 17.3) can be downloaded on eligible iPhones over the air by going to Settings > General > Software Update. The company has also released iOS 15.8.1 and iOS 16.7.5 for those running older versions of iOS. In addition, Apple announced that there are improvements for crash detection in all iPhone 14 and 15 models.

REC reports 13.6% rise in Q3 net profit at Rs 3,269 cr

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Public sector Maharatna financial company REC Ltd on Tuesday reported a 13.6 per cent year-on-year increase in net profit to Rs 3,269.3 crore for the October-December quarter of the current financial year. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 2,878 crore in the same quarter last year. REC also reported a net interest income (NII) of Rs 4,159 crore for the third quarter of 2023-24 which is 18 per cent higher than the corresponding figure of Rs 3,525 crore in the same quarter in the previous year. The finance corporation's asset quality also improved during the quarter with gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declining to 2.78 per cent of total loans, from 3.14 per cent in the preceding quarter.

The net NPA also improved to 0.82 per cent from 0.96 per cent in the June-September quarter.

Infogain appoints Dinesh Venugopal as new CEO

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Infogain, a Silicon Valley-headquartered leader in human-centred digital platforms and software engineering services, on Tuesday announced the appointment of Dinesh Venugopal as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective February 8. Venugopal will take over from Ayan Mukerji, who joined Infogain in 2018 as Chief Operating Officer before becoming Chief Executive Officer in 2021. "Leading Infogain has been an extraordinary journey, and I extend my gratitude to Apax and the Infogain Board for this incredible opportunity," Mukerji said in a statement. "Dinesh comes with a proven track record and is the perfect choice to steer Infogain into its next growth chapter," he added. Before Infogain, Venugopal was the CEO of PK, an experience engineering company, before its acquisition by Concentrix, where he became the President of Concentrix Catalyst. He also spent over a decade at Mphasis, serving in various roles, including President of Direct & Digital.

Axis Bank registers 3.7% rise in Q3 net profit at Rs 6,071 crore

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Private lender Axis Bank on Tuesday reported a 3.7 per cent increase in net profit at Rs 6,071 crore for the October-December quarter of the current financial year, against a net profit of Rs 5,853.07 crore in the same quarter last year. Axis Bank's net interest income (NII) grew 9 per cent year-on-year and 2 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QOQ) to Rs 12,532 crore. Its Net interest margin (NIM), which is the difference between the interest earned from lending and the interest paid on deposits, for the quarter stood at 4.01 per cent. The bank's gross NPAs fell to 1.58 per cent in the quarter from 1.73 per cent in the previous quarter. Its net NPAs, however, remained the same at 0.36 per cent in the quarter.

On a year-on-year basis, the gross NPAs were down 80 basis points from 2.38 per cent. The net NPAs were down 11 basis points from 0.47 per cent. At the end of the quarter, the bank's provisions stood at Rs 1,028.34 crore which was higher than the corresponding figure of Rs 814.56 crore in the preceding quarter.

NSE ranked 3rd globally in the equity segment for the fifth consecutive year

Kharagpur, Jan 23: NSE Group (National Stock Exchange of India and NSE International Exchange) has once again emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange group in calendar year 2023 by number of contracts traded based on statistics published by Futures Industry Association (FIA), a derivatives trade body. The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has ranked third globally in the equity segment for the fifth consecutive year in 2023, according to the World Federation of Exchanges' statistics.

The year has seen significant milestones, including the market capitalization of listed companies surpassing USD 4 trillion, SME listed companies reaching Rs 1,00,000 crore, and the Nifty 50 index reaching 20,000 levels for the first time. The number of unique registered investors on the exchange reached 8.5 crores. The NSE has seen a 10th consecutive year beginning 2014 to 2023 of growth in clients traded in its equity segment, with a record high turnover of Rs 167,942.47 crores on November 30, 2023, and Rs 381,623.12 crores on December 2, 2023. ShriSriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development officer, NSE said, "I take this opportunity to thank Government of India, Securities and Exchange Board of India, Reserve Bank of India, Trading members, Investors, and all other stakeholders for their continued support."

IPO-bound Swiggy likely to raise platform fee from Rs 5 to Rs 10: Report

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Online food delivery platform Swiggy is expected to double the platform fee on food orders from Rs 5 to Rs 10 in the coming month, a media report said on Tuesday.

With this move, the company looks to reduce losses ahead of the launch of its IPO (initial public offering), which will take later this year, reports Moneycontrol.

Swiggy has begun indicating a possible increase in platform fees on its app by targeting a "small group" of users. This comes after a similar action taken in April last year when the company introduced a nominal fee of Rs 2 for a few customers, which was later extended to all customers. Presently, the platform fee is set at Rs 5.

Sensex down 1,000 points on huge selloff

Mumbai, Jan 23 (IANS) Domestic equities opened positive on Tuesday, but soon drifted into the red after witnessing huge sell-off amid profit booking.

Nifty plunged 333 points (-1.5 per cent) to close at 21,239 levels, while Sensex fell 1,000 points (-1.47 per cent) to close at 70,370, said Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Retail Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services. Broader market witnessed a sharper fall with Midcap100/Smallcap100 down 3 per cent each. Pharma was the only sector which gained 1.7 per cent. Rest all sectors witnessed selling pressure with Media being the biggest loser at 13 per cent on the back of the Zee-Sony deal being called off, he said.

Nifty Realty too fell 5.3 per cent following weak results from Oberoi Realty. PSU Banks, Railways, and Power Utilities were some of the sectors which saw profit booking after witnessing sharp run-up in the recent past, he said.

Global sentiments turned cautious after the Fitch Group statement that South Asian economies would be most affected amid rising hostilities in the Red Sea due to Houthi attacks, and India's economic forecast faces a significant risk on account of a prolonged spell of disruptions.

Further, Bank of Japan followed China and kept interest rates unchanged. Now investors are awaiting US GDP data due late on Tuesday along with ECB rate decision due later this week, he said.

On the domestic front, this week is a truncated week with just three trading days. Given weak global cues and mixed set of earnings released so far, the market is likely to consolidate and may drop a little further till the next set of fresh positive triggers, Khemka said.



Zee on the brink of facing multiple legal proceedings

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Zee Entertainment Enterprises could see a hit from related penalty/legal proceedings due to its battle with Sony over the non-compete fee, ongoing legal proceedings by various creditors of the Essel Group (Axis Finance, IDBI Bank etc.), and dishonouring of contract with Disney, Elara Securities said in a report.

"Zee had signed a contract with Disney for sub franchise of sports rights (ICC tournaments) in linear TV. We had estimated related annual losses of Rs 15.2bn in FY25E and beyond, given hefty content cost, lower sports ad revenue and cricket content being available free on OTT," the report said.

Zee may now not fulfil this commitment (cash balance of mere Rs 6bn, versus potential contractual obligation of Rs 40bn per year) as it was entered into given its strategic-synergistic contiguity with the Zee-Sony merger.

Zee may see a sharp de-rating in P/E valuation of its broadcasting business to at least 10x one-year forward or lower, due to the unfinished merger, as: linear TV growth has converged sharply. Zee may not have any potential to scale-up OTT offering in a highly-fragmented market, lower profitability - EBITDA margin, ex-sports losses, could converge to 14 per cent and any further write-offs on the inventory side or matters pertaining to related parties' creditors or not honouring the sports contract with Disney (ICC tournaments - Z could have potentially paid half of the \$3bn value for TV rights).

Merger with Sony was the key valuation driver to move up in the past two years, the report said.



MakeMyTrip logs record quarterly gross bookings in Q3 FY24, net profit at \$24.2 mn

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Online travel company MakeMyTrip on Tuesday announced its highest-ever quarterly gross bookings in the third quarter (Q3) of FY24, with net profit reaching \$24.2 million, from 0.2 million in the same quarter in last fiscal year.

Gross bookings grew by 21.7 per cent (year-on-year) to \$2,088.3 million in Q3 FY24 from \$1,738.2 million in Q3 FY23.

EBITDA grew by 105.6 per cent (YoY) to \$29.4 million in Q3 FY24 compared to \$14.3 million in Q3 FY23, said the company in a statement.

"During this seasonally strong quarter, we witnessed robust demand for leisure travel across all domestic and international destinations leading to the highest-ever quarterly gross bookings, revenue, and profit for the Group," said Rajesh Magow, Group Chief Executive Officer, MakeMyTrip.



Byju's revenue reaches Rs 5,298 cr in FY22, losses surge to Rs 8,370 cr

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) The edtech major Byju's on Tuesday announced its audited FY22 financial results after much delay, registering operating revenue of Rs 5,014 crore while losses surged to Rs 8,370 crore in FY22 from Rs 4,599 crore in the earlier fiscal year. The company's total revenue was nearly Rs 5,298.4 crore in FY22 from Rs 2,428.3 crore in FY21, up almost 119 per cent in FY22, while losses increased a massive 80 per cent from the year-ago fiscal year. "We would like to thank our students for the growth we have seen in FY22. Our subscriber base has grown 125 per cent in the year from FY21," said Nitin Golani, Chief Financial Officer, Byju's.

"While we are happy that our total income has grown 2.2X, we are also aware of our underperforming businesses like Whitehat Jr and OSMO which contribute to 45 per cent of the losses," Golani said in a statement. The company said it has taken various measures to improve its operating financial conditions. "These businesses were scaled down significantly to cut losses in the subsequent years while other businesses continue to see growth," said Golani. Excluding White Hat Jr and Osmo, a Palo Alto-based education startup acquired by Byju's for \$120 million, the company saw three times growth in total income in FY22 vs FY21 and Ebitda improved from 163 per cent to 78 per cent, said the edtech firm.



IndiGo partners with Altered to achieve 98% water conservation on its flights



New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) IndiGo airline has partnered with Swedish innovation company Altered, to fit its fleet of aircraft with innovative nozzles that can help reduce on-board water consumption by up to 98 per cent.

"As part of the association between IndiGo and Altered, the airline's fleet of Airbus has been fitted with customised water saving nozzles. This innovative solution will lead to savings from fuel and water cost, along with significant reduction in carbon emissions. This is perhaps the first-of-its-kind application of water conservation solutions for the aviation sector. The modification will also help solve the challenge of water quantity in long flights," said the airline spokesperson.

"IndiGo is proud to partner with Altered to integrate this low effort but high impact solution for making our day-to-day operations more sustainable. As India's leading airline, we are committed to help address the scarcity of natural resources and the increasing impact of climate change," said Captain Ashim Mittra, Senior Vice President, Flight Operations, IndiGo.

"We understand the importance of sustainability for our future generations, and with this new initiative, we aim to conserve water and reduce carbon emissions in our operations," said Mittra.

Bharat Innovate Glass to invest Rs 1003 crore in TN to make cover glass for mobile phones

Chennai, Jan 23 (IANS) Bharat Innovate Glass Technologies Private Limited on Tuesday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tamil Nadu Government to set up a plant to make cover glass for mobile phones. Bharat Innovate Glass is a joint venture between OptiemusInfracore Ltd and the US-based Corning International Corporation, the inventors of strengthened glass 'Corning Gorilla' for portable devices.

According to OptiemusInfracore, Bharat Innovate Glass is its subsidiary. As per the MoU, Bharat Innovate Glass will set up the cover glass manufacturing plant at an outlay of about Rs. 1,003 crore in Kanchipuram District in Tamil Nadu.



Global VC investments sink in 2023, India still a bright spot: Report

New Delhi, Jan 23 (IANS) Global VC investment sank to \$344 billion across 37,808 deals in 2023 from \$531.4 billion across 51,894 deals in 2022 amid geopolitical, macro-economic and other challenges like high interest rates and inflation, a parched exit environment, and ongoing concerns related to startup valuations.

The Americas accounted for more than half of VC investment this year (\$183.6 billion), while the Asia-Pacific region attracted \$92.4 billion, and Europe \$62.3 billion, according to the KPMG Private Enterprise's 'Venture Pulse' report.

The fourth quarter (Q4) of 2023 was a particularly soft quarter for the VC market, with global investment falling to \$74.9 billion across 7,572 deals - the lowest levels since Q3 2016, respectively.

The Asia-Pacific region also saw quite a slump, with investment falling to \$18.8 billion in Q4 - the lowest level since Q1 2017, said the report.



markets at an all-time high, favourable demographics, strong GDP and a stable and active central government. However, the VC investments in the last few quarters have been muted as compared to quarters before," said Nitish Poddar, Partner and National Leader, Private Equity, KPMG in India.

"This is not an indication of slow-down but the post Covid-19 euphoria dying down where there was excess money supply in the system." With expected easing of interest rates, I am very confident that there will be a strong bounce back in the VC investments in the country," Poddar added. As VC investors globally continued to pressure their portfolio companies to reduce costs and enhance their focus on profitability, both VC investment and deal speed slowed significantly.

The one major light in an otherwise dim quarter was artificial intelligence (AI) where investments were incredibly frothy as investor interest accelerated.

"The Indian economy is quite strong -- capital

Special Ayodhya-Tatanagar Aastha Express train timetable released

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: Railways and IRCTC have announced a special Aastha train service for pilgrims eager to visit the newly built Lord Ram temple in Ayodhya. The Aastha special train will operate from Tatanagar to UP Darshan Nagar station, bringing joy to devotees in Jamshedpur and surrounding areas. Notably, similar special train services have also been introduced from Bokaro and Ranchi.

The timetable for this special train service between Ayodhya and Tatanagar has been officially released. The Tata-Darshan Nagar Express, facilitating the pilgrimage to Lord Ram's abode, is scheduled to depart from Tatanagar station on January 29th and February 19th. The return journey from Darshan Nagar to Tatanagar is set for January 31st and February 21st.

The train, equipped with 22 coaches, will make stops at various locations. Train number 08019 will depart from Tatanagar at 11:50 am, reaching Darshan Nagar at 3:20 am the following day. The return journey from Darshan Nagar will commence at 8 am, arriving at Tatanagar at 11 pm. Stops along the route include Chandil, Purulia, Rajabera, Bokaro Steel City, Koderma, Gaya, Sasaram, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, Varanasi, Jaunpur, and Akbarpur.

Reports suggest that the special train will consist of 20 sleeper class coaches, covering the 758 km distance in approximately 16 hours. The train will make scheduled stops at Chakradharpur, Purulia, Koderma, Gomoh, Bokaro, and Mughalsarai stations. IRCTC has ensured passenger amenities, including water supply.

Chill intensifies across Jamshedpur as north-westerly winds prevail

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Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In a notable weather development, the combination of clear skies and dry, crisp north-westerly winds has heightened the chill across Kolhan. In Jamshedpur, the minimum temperature recorded was 9 degrees Celsius, which is three notches below the seasonal average. Weather experts have indicated that moderate cold-wave conditions are currently prevailing in Bokaro and its adjoining areas. Chaibasa, situated in the West Singhbhum district, is also under the grip of cold wave conditions, recording a minimum temperature of 7.6 degrees Celsius, which is four notches below the normal range. Daltonganj,



the headquarters of Palamu, reported a minimum temperature of 6.5 degrees Celsius, registering three notches below the normal temperature. Similarly, Bokaro Steel City experienced a minimum temperature of 6.6 degrees Celsius, a noteworthy six notches below the seasonal average.

Recent statistics provided by the Indian Meteorological Department's (IMD) Ranchi Centre reveal a resurgence of Sub-10 chill, with most places recording temperatures below 10 degrees Celsius in the past 24 hours. The capital city, Ranchi, witnessed a minimum temperature of 7

degrees Celsius, marking a deviation of 2.8 notches below the normal temperature.

A consistent downward trend in minimum temperatures was observed across most locations. However, meteorologists predict a likely rise in minimum temperatures after the next 48 hours, providing a temporary relief from the intensified chill.

The Ranchi Met Centre has further forecasted light rains over isolated areas in southern Jharkhand tomorrow, adding an additional layer of weather dynamics to the current scenario. As Jharkhand continues to experience this winter chill, residents are advised to take necessary precautions to stay warm and healthy during these colder temperatures. (w-pb)

Amit Shah releases Research Paper on Cybercrime and Magical Wealth

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 23: In a ceremony organized by the Indian Society of Criminology (ISC) and the National Forensic Science University (NFSU), Central Home Minister Amit Shah officially released two books on Tuesday. Both books, published by the American publication house 'Bloomsbury,' focus on cyber criminology and include research papers related to Jharkhand's East Singhbhum district.

The event, held in the conference hall of the National Security Forces University (NSFU), was attended by dignitaries including Justice Arun Kumar Mishra (Chairman - National Human Rights Commission), Rishikesh Patel (Minister - Higher and Technical Education and Justice), Harsh Sanghavi (Home Minister, Gujarat), Priyanka Kanungo (Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights), and India's Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla.

Nidhi, a Ph.D. scholar at the Central University of Gujarat, is the author of one of the research papers featured in the



books. Her research paper on magical wealth is included in the American publication house's book 'Cyber Justice' under the section 'Identifying Fine Comrades Appearing of Counter Fighting Syndicates Involving Identified Theft Exploring Operation' and 'Bricks: Unveiling the Abyss - The Rise of Deep Fake Technology and Its Implementation for Cyber Crime.'

The official launch of the books took place not only at the Indian Society of Criminology and National Forensic Science University but also at the NFUS Auditorium in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in the presence of Central Home Minister Amit Shah, dignitaries from the National Human Rights Commission, and Gujarat's Home Minister.

Nidhi, who pursued her education at JGJG High School in Musabani, Jamshedpur, Women's College in Vanasthali, Rajasthan, and Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University in Ranchi, expressed her joy at the recognition of her research paper and the book's inauguration by Central Home Minister Amit Shah. (w/gsd)

Mega Job Fair 2024 in Kandhamal, 13,500 youths get job offers in single day

Mail News Service

Bhubaneswar/Jamshedpur, Jan 23: The Mega Job Fair 2024 was successfully conducted in Phulbani for the youth of the Kandhamal parliamentary constituency. This is for the second time that the Job Fair was organized by MP Kandhamal, Dr. Achyuta Samanta with the support of KIIT, in association with the district administration. Around 13,500 youths got job offers during the job fair held at Kandhamal stadium on 21st January. Of the 13,500 youths, 3,500 were selected by companies operating in Odisha. As many as 10,000 job aspirants were chosen by firms operating across the country. More than



20,000 youths from Kandhamal parliamentary constituency participated in the fair. Youths from 12 blocks of Kandhamal, three each of Boudh and Nayagarh, and two blocks of Ganjam district participated.

A record-breaking 120 companies from across Odisha and India participated in the job fair,

offering employment opportunities to over 20,000 youths from the Kandhamal parliamentary constituency. At least 40 companies from Odisha and over 80 firms and industrial houses from other states took part in the job fair. The salaries ranged from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 35,000. The candidates covered a broad educational spectrum, from standard

fifth to post-graduation, B. Tech, MBA, and Law graduates.

Bringing 120 companies to one of Odisha's smallest cities, ensuring hospitality and logistics, and managing the influx of 20,000 youths with transport and food arrangements were enormous tasks, all made possible by the support of the Kandhamal district



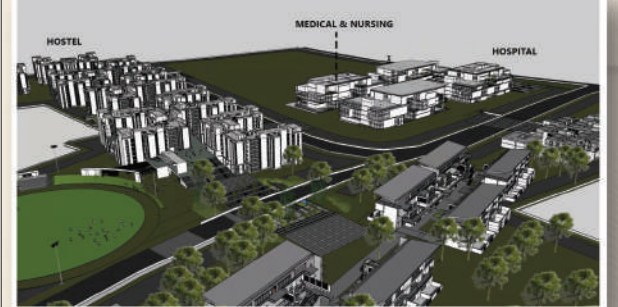
administration and KIIT's unyielding efforts, fulfilling the vision of Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha towards empowering youth of the state through education and employment, said Dr. Achyuta Samanta, MP, Kandhamal.

Dr. Samanta thanked the district administration for its support, the

representatives of the 120 companies who travelled to Phulbani, and especially Mr. Lalit Gandhi, President of Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture, for their invaluable contributions.

Among others, MLA, Baliguda and District Planning Board Chairman Chakramani Kanhar, MLA, Phulbani, Angad Kanhar,

Rodan Mallick, Chairman, Special Development Council, Kandhamal, Nandin iMallick, ZilaParisad President, Kandhamal, Collector AsishIswarPatil, SP Suvendu Patra and Purusottama Mahapatra, Dist. Skill Development-cum-Employment Officer were present on the occasion.



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