



12 Cong rebel MLAs threaten to boycott budget session

Want new face in cabinet, leave for Delhi to meet high command

CM leave for Delhi to discuss seat sharing

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Ranchi, February 17: Internal tensions within the Congress party came to the surface on Saturday a day after the cabinet expansion of the ChampaiSoren government when its legislators in Jharkhand threatened to boycott the upcoming Budget sessions if serving Ministers from their party were not replaced with new faces.

On Friday, eight MLAs were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers; three of them - RameshwarOraon, Banna Gupta and BadalPatralekh - were from the Congress. One Congress MLA, AlamgirAlam, had already taken oath with the Chief



Minister on February 2. Miffed over the issue, the 12 rebel Congress MLAs gathered at a private hotel in Ranchi to discuss further strategies. The MLAs present at the hotel were Irfan Ansari, Umashankar Akela, Deepika Pandey Singh, Anup Singh, Sona Ram Sinku, Bhushan Bada, Rajesh Kachchap and Amba Prasad.

Irfan Ansari said that the right feedback was not being given to the Central

leadership. "Our few leaders are mis-leading the Central leadership and not giving the right feedback on the ground due to which there is strong resentment among the legislators. Jharkhand Congress in-charge Ghulam Ahmad Mir yesterday gave us assurance that new faces would be inducted in the Cabinet but it did not happen. It is not my demand but every Congress worker wants [the change]

because the party is suffering due to their working style. If JMM can change their Ministers, why not the Congress party," asked Ansari.

"We are 12 MLAs and we all have decided not to participate in the upcoming Budget session unless the four Congress Ministers are not replaced with new faces," he added.

Expressing anger over the issue, Mr.Akela said, "LokSabha election is

around the corner and our leader Rahul Gandhi is already doing padayatra across India. In Jharkhand, there are 14 LokSabha seats and we are bothered about how many seats we will be able to win. If these four Ministers continue, we will not be able to win a single seat in Jharkhand. Their performance as Ministers is very poor. They should be immediately replaced with new faces."

Mahagama MLA Mr. Deepika Pandey Singh said that the 12 of them had given it in writing that they wanted the four Ministers replaced. The Jharkhand MuktiMorcha (JMM)-led alliance in the State has 47 MLAs - 29 from JMM, 17 from Congress and one from RashtriyaJanata Dal (RJD).

The BJP has 26 legislators and the AJSU Party has three. The NCP and CPI (ML) have one lawmaker

each, apart from two Independents. There is also a nominated member from the Anglo Indian community. Nine of the Congress MLAs left for New Delhi to register a formal complaint before the Central leadership. Chief Minister Champai Soren and Jharkhand Congress Chief Rajesh Thakur on Saturday reached New Delhi to meet party president MallikarjunKharge on Sunday to discuss seat-sharing for the LokSabha polls. Congress state chief Rajesh Thakur said that the issues flagged by the 12 Congress legislators are being looked into. "They have expressed their feelings to me and I shall bring this to the notice of the party central leadership. The decision by the central leadership will be accepted by all. We are hopeful of resolving it very soon," he added.

Kamal Nath to join BJP? Son Nakul drops 'Congress' from social media bio

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS): Amid rumours of senior Congress leader and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath switching to BJP, his son NakulNath has dropped 'Congress' from his bio on social media. With the recent move, speculations have intensified that his son is likely to jump the ship as well. Kamal Nath arrived in Delhi on Saturday and while talking to the media said "not to get excited". "If there would be any such thing, I would inform you first," said Nath on being asked about the rumours of joining BJP. Reportedly, Kamal Nath is set to meet the BJP leadership in Delhi. Over the last few days, Nath had been on a tour of his bastion Chhindwara, from where he had been an MP for nine terms. His son had also won the seat in the 2019 polls. Meanwhile, Congress leader and former CM Digvijaya Singh rubbished the rumours. "A person who started his political journey and stood with the Nehru-Gandhi family when Indira Gandhi was sent to jail by the Janata Party, do you think such a person will ever leave Congress and the Gandhi family?" said Singh.

Gulzar, Jagadguru Rambhadracharya to get 58th Jnanpith Award

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) The country's highest literary honour, the Jnanpith Award for 2023, is being conferred upon famous Urdu lyricist Gulzar and eminent Sanskrit writer JagadguruRambhadracharya. The Jnanpith Award Selection Committee on Saturday announced that the 58th Jnanpith Award for 2023 was being given to two eminent writers, JagadguruRambhadracharya for Sanskrit and Gulzar for Urdu respectively. The literary and research organisation established in 1944, BharatiyaJnanpith told IANS that the decision was taken in a meeting of the selection committee chaired by Jnanpith awardee and noted litterateur Pratibha Ray.

India's newest weather satellite INSAT-3DS launched successfully



Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh), Feb 17 (IANS) India successfully put into orbit its third generation meteorological/weather satellite INSAT-3DS on Saturday evening in a copybook style. The 2,274 kg INSAT-3DS was carried by Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) rocket code-named as GSLV-F14. The INSAT-3DS is India's third generation meteorological satellite and is fully funded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences. It is designed for enhanced meteorological observations and monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting and disaster warning. The satellite has a life span of 10 years. INSAT-3DS augments the Meteorological services along with the presently operational INSAT-3D and INSAT-3DR in-orbit satellites, said Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). At around 5.35 p.m., the three staged GSLV rocket standing 51.7 metre tall and weighing 420 tonnes rose up into the skies from the second launch pad here.

Four mutilated bodies including one of child found on rail tracks near Chaibasa

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17 : In a tragic incident in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district, four individuals were brutally murdered in Tunguwas Tola of Nurda village, accused of witchcraft. The victims included a woman, two children aged eight months and one and a half years, and a man. The bodies were callously thrown on the tracks between Kendposi and Talaburu railway stations, shocking local residents who discovered them on a Saturday morning.

Upon police arrival, initial suspicions of suicide were dispelled when the woman's brother-in-law identified the victims. The bodies, found in a mutilated condition due to a passing train, were tied in sacks

Police suspect killings on suspicion of witchcraft

before being discarded on the tracks. The identity of one male victim remains unknown. This heinous crime highlights the grave consequences of baseless accusations related to witchcraft, shedding light on the urgent need for awareness and intervention to prevent such tragedies in the future. The victims, suspected to be from a single family, included a 28-year-old woman, a 30-year-old man, a one-year-old baby boy, and a two-and-a-half-year-old baby girl.

The bodies of the children were found together, while the bodies of the adults were discovered separately, approximately two kilometers apart. The cause of death remains uncertain,



with authorities yet to determine whether it was a case of multiple suicides, an accident, or a gruesome mass murder.

Train services were abruptly halted upon the discovery of the bodies, causing disruptions until they were removed. Both local police and railway

authorities swiftly responded to the scene, transporting the bodies to the Chakradharpur sub-divisional hospital for post-mortem examinations.

Senior divisional commercial manager, Gajraj Singh, confirmed the resumption of train services following the removal of

the bodies. The incident, which occurred around 2:30 am, has prompted a joint investigation by railway police and local law enforcement to unravel the details of this harrowing incident.

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"We responded immediately to the scene after being alerted by a train driver. The bodies have been shifted to the Chakradharpur sub-divisional hospital for post-mortem examination," said the railway police.

Senior divisional commercial manager confirmed the resumption of train services following the removal of the bodies. "Train movement on the third line was affected due to the four bodies lying on the track. But now the train movement through the line has been resumed," said Singh. The incident, occurring around 2:30 am, has prompted a joint investigation by railway police and local law enforcement to unravel the details of this harrowing incident. (w-pb)

Jamshedpur MP honored with Sansad Maharatna Award

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: On Saturday, Jamshedpur Member of Parliament (MP) Bidyut Baran Mahato was bestowed with the Sansad Maharatna Award in New Delhi. The award ceremony, held at Maharashtra Sadan, included the presentation of the corset, citation, and insignia to MP Mahato. The award was conferred in recognition of his outstanding work in the 17th Lok Sabha over five consecutive years. Expressing his joy after receiving the award, MP Mahato stated



that he has endeavored to fulfill the trust placed in him by the public. He emphasized his role as the voice of the people of the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha constituency, raising and addressing various issues

on the parliamentary platform. MP Mahato dedicated the award to the constituents of Jamshedpur Lok Sabha, considering it a reflection of their love and affection. The Sansad Maharatna Award is an

annual recognition presented by the Sansad Ratna Award Committee, established by the Prime Point Foundation for the past 14 years. The award acknowledges outstanding parliamentarians for their significant contributions and active participation in parliamentary work. The committee, chaired by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal and co-chaired by former Chief Election Commissioner T S Krishnamurthy, selected MPs based on evaluations of their work from various

sources. Besides MP Bidyut Baran Mahato, other awardees included NK Premachandran (RSP) from Kerala, Adhir Ranjan Choudhary (Congress) from West Bengal, and Dr Hina Gavit (BJP) from Maharashtra. Notable dignitaries honored at the event were National Backward Classes Commission Chairman Hansraj Ahir, Telangana Governor Dr Chameli Sai Sundar Rajan, Minister of State for Home Ajay Kumar Mishra, and retired Supreme Court Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul. (w/nm)

Implement ordinance to give legal guarantee for MSP: Farmers

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS): Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher on Saturday demanded that the Centre should bring an ordinance on giving a legal guarantee to MSP, a key demand of farmers currently camping at the Shambhu and the Khanauri points of the Punjab-Haryana border.

The demand comes a day before the fourth round of talks between farm leaders and Union ministers over their various demands. "If it (Centre) brings out an ordinance, it can bring it overnight, if it wants to. If the government wants a resolution of the farmers' protest, then it should bring an ordinance with immediate effect that it will enact a law on MSP, then discussions can proceed further," Pandher told reporters at the Shambhu border. As far as the modalities are concerned, Pandher said any ordinance has a six-month validity. On the issue of farm debt waiver, Pandher said the government is saying that the loan amount has to be assessed. The government can collect data from banks in this regard, he said adding, "It is a question of will power."

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'Dangal' actor Suhani Bhatnagar dies at 19

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS): Suhani Bhatnagar, who played young Babita Kumari Phogat in Aamir Khan's 'Dangal', died on February 16 in Delhi. She was 19. The actor reportedly developed a side effect from medication after suffering a fracture in the leg. Her death was confirmed by Aamir Khan's production house. A note posted by them on Instagram can be read, "We are deeply saddened to hear about our Suhani passing away. Our heartfelt condolences to her mother Poojaji, and the entire family. Such a talented young girl, such a team player, Dangal would have been incomplete without Suhani." The note ended with, "Suhani, you will always remain a star in our hearts May you rest in peace (sic)." <



New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS): Prime Minister NarendraModi on Saturday asked BJP members to build the party's LokSabha poll campaign around the government's development and pro-poor welfare initiatives besides the measures to enhance the country's global standing, asserting that winning 370 seats will be a true tribute to its key ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Addressing a meeting of the BJP's national office-bearers



before the start of its convention, he said every party worker should focus on polling booths in the next 100 days, the period by

which the upcoming LokSabha polls are likely to be over, and ensure at least 370 more votes for the party at every polling station

than in 2019. Briefing reporters on Modi's speech, BJP general secretary VinodTawde said the prime minister told the meeting

that the opposition will engage in "tutu-main main" (petty squabbling), unwarranted and divisive issues but they must not be distracted and remain focussed on its development agenda. Modi said, "370 is not merely a number for the BJP. It symbolises a profound sentiment. Mookerjee made the ultimate sacrifice for the abrogation of Article 370 to preserve our nation's unity and integrity. As a true tribute to him, the BJP should secure

victory in 370 seats." The Modi government had scrapped Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, in August 2019 soon after returning to power for a second time. The LokSabha has 543 seats, and the BJP had won 282 and 303 of them in 2014 and 2019 respectively. Modi has set a target for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance to win over 400 seats.

Seven years imprisonment in POCSO case

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Chaibasa, Feb 17: In a significant legal development, justice has been served in Goikera Police Station Case No. 19/2022, dated 17.06.2022, where Narendra Dutta of Goikera was accused under IPC Section 354A(i)(iii) and POCSO Sections 10 and 12 for molesting a minor girl. After a meticulous investigation conducted by Chaibasa police, the accused, Narendra Dutta, was apprehended and subsequently sent to judicial custody. A thorough collection of scientific evidence ensued, leading to the submission of a comprehensive charge sheet in the Honorable Court. During the trial of the case, POCSO Case No. 37/2022, the Additional Sessions Judge-I, West Singhbhum, at Chaibasa Court, pronounced the verdict against Narendra Dutta. He has been convicted under Section 10 of the POCSO Act and sentenced to seven years of imprisonment, along with a fine of Rs 50,000. Additionally, he faces three years of imprisonment and a fine of Rs 40,000 under Section 12 of the same act. (w/nm)

Three years imprisonment with fines under Arms Act

Chaibasa, Feb 17: In a significant legal development, the Jhinkpani Police Station Case No. 17/2022, dated 14.07.2022, involving accused Harish Gope, P. Kalakar Gope, and P. Tai under Section 25(1-B)a/26 of the Arms Act, has concluded. The case, registered at Manjhari Police Station in District P. Singhbhum, Chaibasa, pertained to the possession of illegal weapons. The incident unfolded on the morning of 4.07.2022, around 7:40 am, when police, conducting routine checks, intercepted an individual riding a Pulsar motorcycle on the main road leading to Jhinkpani. Upon signaling the rider, identified as Harish Gope, to stop, he attempted to evade the police, leading to a chase. After a successful interception, a thorough search revealed the illegal possession of weapons. Harish Gope was promptly arrested by Chaibasa Police, taken into judicial custody, and a comprehensive charge sheet was submitted to the Honorable Chief Judicial Magistrate of West Singhbhum, Chaibasa. In the course of the trial, Harish Gope was convicted under Section 25(1-B)a of the Arms Act, receiving a three-year imprisonment term and a fine of Rs 5000. Additionally, he faces a further three years of imprisonment and a fine of Rs 5000 under Section 26(1) of the same act. (w/nm)

Somay Gagrai remembered on death anniversary



Seraikela, Feb 17: The death anniversary of the late Somay Gagrai, labor leader and former Congress District President, was observed with reverence at Badabambo Chowk in the Kharsawan block area. Siddharth Honhaga, the head of Khuntapani block and GBKSS, graced the occasion on the martyrdom day. A heartfelt tribute was paid to late Gagrai by garlanding his statue, joined by his family members. A two-minute silence was observed to honor his soul. In recognition of Gagrai's family, the block chief presented body clothes to his wife Pagela Gagrai, daughter and former chief Sunita Gagrai, Sadhu Charan Gagrai, brother-in-law Mangal Singh Hansda, and organizer Pran Melgandi. The event saw the presence of representatives from political parties, social organizations, and villagers, including Ramesh Bodra, Vineet Bodra, Balram Kesari, Ajay Pradhan, and Shiva Hembram. (w/nm)

Fast food shop reduced to ashes



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Seraikela, Feb 17: A fast-food shop named Jeevan Jodi, located in the Kuchai Chowk complex, was engulfed in flames on Saturday, resulting in the complete destruction of the establishment due to a gas cylinder pipe leakage. The incident occurred between 2 to 3 pm while the shop was preparing food. The gas cylinder pipe leakage triggered a sudden fire, quickly spreading throughout the entire shop. The intense blaze led to a substantial loss of approximately Rs 30 to 40 thousand. Unfortunately, the lack of a water facility in the vicinity hindered efforts to contain the fire, resulting in the shop being burnt to ashes. The absence of a fire fighting vehicle in Kuchai added to the challenge, requiring the local residents to join forces in an attempt to control the flames by manually carrying water. The timely intervention of the people prevented a major disaster, as the fire had the potential to spread to nearby houses. Upon receiving news of the fire, Kuchai police station in-charge Sakaldev Singh and ASI Kumud Rana promptly reached the site to assess the situation. (w/nm)

School children lead rally for Road Safety awareness in Mango

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In a commendable initiative to promote road safety, school children from local schools and madrasas organized an awareness rally in Azadnagar, Mango, on Saturday. The event was jointly conducted by the Human Welfare Trust and Young India. Chief guests at the rally included Traffic DSP Sanjay Kumar Singh, Azadnagar police station incharge Rakesh Kumar Singh, Mango traffic police station incharge Bandhan Bhagat, and representatives from the organizing entities. The rally commenced



from Azadnagar police station and proceeded to MO Academy, where the organization extended a warm welcome to the guests with bouquets. The rally concluded at Vivekananda School, involving children displaying posters on road safety, conveying important messages related to traffic regulations. DSP Traffic Sanjay Kumar Singh, present at the event, highlighted the purpose of the rally, emphasizing the



need to raise awareness in the community. He underscored the alarming number of deaths resulting from road accidents in the district, primarily attributed to the non-use of helmets by two-wheeler riders. Singh emphasized that while the administration is actively working to prevent road accidents, community participation is crucial. The rally served as a means to educate and sensitize the public about the importance of adhering

to road safety measures. Mukhtar Alam, Secretary of the Human Welfare Trust, expressed the significance of the effort in creating awareness to mitigate road accidents. Acknowledging the high toll of lives lost in such incidents, he stressed the pivotal role awareness plays in reducing road accidents. The program witnessed the active participation of children from schools and madrasas in Azadnagar, along with the presence of Asif Akhtar, Shahid Parvez, Moinuddin Ansari, Dr. Nidhi Srivastava, Aftab Alam, Tahir Hussain, and the entire school management. (w/nm)

Saraswati Mata idol immersion celebration at Vinay's IAS Academy



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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: The spirited idol immersion ceremony of Saraswati Mata at Vinay's IAS Academy in Jamshedpur, situated in Aam Bagan Sakchi, was joyously completed today. Around 300 old and new students

joined forces to organize a vibrant procession for the idol immersion at 1 pm. The celebration included energetic traditional and devotional songs, with girls showcasing lively dances during the immersion. The immersion procession, commencing from Aam Bagan, concluded at

Mango Ghat near Jubilee Park. Post-immersion, Prasad was distributed to all students and teachers, followed by a communal lunch, fostering a sense of camaraderie and celebration. Various members of the institute, including Vinay Singh, the director of

Vinay's IAS Academy, and teachers, actively participated in the event. Vinay Singh expressed gratitude and announced that a felicitation ceremony would be organized later to recognize and appreciate efficient management and exceptional dance presentations. Looking ahead, Vinay's IAS Academy plans to celebrate its Silver Jubilee in 2025, promising an even grander ceremony with a larger idol and a splendid pandal. The 11 feet Saraswati Mata idol brought to Vinay's IAS Academy this year anticipates the forthcoming jubilant festivities. (w/nm)

Block level workshop on Sexual and Reproductive Health



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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: A block level workshop was conducted at the Potka Auditorium, organized by the social organization Youth Unity for Voluntary Action (Yuva). The workshop aimed to engage Panchayat representatives in discussions about safeguarding rights related to sexual and reproductive health and facilitating access to these facilities for girls, women, and specially-abled individuals.

During the workshop, resource person Apama Vajpayee elaborated on the importance of sexual health, encompassing physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being related to sexuality. She emphasized that maintaining sexual health requires respecting and protecting the sexual rights of all individuals. Sexual and reproductive rights include the right to access informed, safe, effective, affordable, and health care services of one's choice. Ensuring equality and freedom to make decisions without discrimination, violence, or coercion is crucial for individuals to maintain their dignity.

Rajni Mahakud, the in-charge of the Community Health Center Potka, highlighted the collective responsibility at every level to contribute to staying healthy and liberating families and society from exploitation. Panchayat representatives and stakeholders from 15 Panchayats actively participated in the workshop, demonstrating a commitment to community well-being. (w/nm)

Husband seeks police help to trace missing wife

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In a touching appeal, Vikas Kumar Behera, a resident near Lal Building on Jawaharnagar Road No. 4 in the Mango police station area, has reported the disappearance of his wife, Vijay Lakshmi Behera, to the Mango police station. Vikas, who works as a contract laborer, returned home from work to find his wife missing. According to information gathered from neighbors, Vijay Lakshmi had informed them that she was going to her brother's house and requested them to hand over the house keys to her husband when he returned. However, inquiries at her brother's house revealed that she had not arrived there.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **VERSHA BAJAJ** W/o Ankur Bajaj, D/o Mr. Saroj Kumar Agarwal and Mrs. Ranjana Agarwal, presently residing at H. No. 34, Goltmuri Market, P.O./P.S. - Goltmuri, Jamshedpur - 831003, Dist. East Singhbhum, State of Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:
1. That before marriage I was known by **VERSHA AGARWAL** and residing with my parents at 351, Railway Station, Kokpara Narsinghar, P.S. - Dhalbhumgarh, East Singhbhum - 832302.
2. That after marriage with Mr. Ankur Bajaj I have adopted the surname of my husband **BAJAJ** i.e. Versha Bajaj.
3. That **VERSHA BAJAJ** and **VERSHA AGARWAL** is one and the same lady i.e. myself only.
4. That after marriage I am living with my husband at H. No. 34, Goltmuri Market, P.O./P.S. - Goltmuri, Jamshedpur - 831003.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts and produce the same before the concerning authority.
ADVOCATE

Acharya Vivek explains importance of Bhagwat Katha

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: The Shri Hari Govind Seva Samiti, a socio religious organization, commenced its eighth seven-day Bhagwat Gyan Saptah Katha with fervor and devotion. The event, inaugurated on Saturday morning at Neetibagh Colony near DAV School, witnessed the ceremonial installation of Kalash and worship of Bhagwat. Under the reverent guidance of Acharya



Balvyas Pandit Vivek Maharaj from Chitrakoot, the recitation of the Bhagwat Mahatma and Manglacharan commenced at one o'clock in the

afternoon. Acharya Vivek Maharaj, from the Vyaspeeth, explained the significance of Bhagwat Katha, stating that it eliminated the fear of death from one's mind, as exemplified by Parikshi's fearlessness upon listening to it. The Acharya emphasized, "Bhagwat Katha isn't merely a story but a profound medium for learning the art of living, even rare for the gods themselves. Its power in granting freedom from the

sins of many births, it teaches the essence of human life and inspires individuals to tread the path of righteousness." Highlighting the transformative impact of Bhagwat Katha, Acharya Vivek proclaimed that listeners would find success in attaining Thakurji and shedding the bonds of attachment and illusion from previous births. The atmosphere resonated with devotion as 'Radhe-Radhe' echoed throughout the venue.

11 NTTF students land jobs in Bangalore IT Company

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In a remarkable achievement for NTTF's R D TATA Technical Center in Goltmuri, 11 students have secured coveted positions in a leading IT development company headquartered in Bangalore, with operations in Jamshedpur. The rigorous campus placement process included two rounds of written tests and interviews, emphasizing the assessment of candidates' technical acumen. The successful candidates, all in their final year at NTTF, exhibited outstanding performance



across various departments and were selected by the esteemed IT company. Each student has secured a competitive package of Rs 3 lakh per annum, marking a significant milestone for both the students and the institute. The placements span diverse departments,

showcasing the versatility and competence of the NTTF students. In the Project Department, Harsh Raj and Rajkumar Kashyap, both from the Diploma in Mechatronics Engineering, secured positions. Additionally, Subrata Pradhan, Pooja Bhalothia, and Daisy from

the Diploma in Electrical Engineering also found success in the Project Department. Supriya and Sania Sharma from the Diploma in Tool and Die Engineering earned positions in the Design Department, while Jaiprakash, Ankit Kumar Ayush, Saurav Das, and

Aman Kumar secured roles in the Tooling Department. The entire institute, including instructors and Principal Preeta John, expresses immense pride in the students' hard work and success. The dedicated efforts of placement officers Neha and Mithila Mahato, as well as the support from trainers including Ramesh Rai, Hires, Manjar, Deepak Ojha, Deepak Sarkar, and Sharmistha, have been integral to this achievement. Administrative Officer Varun Kumar congratulates the students, offering best wishes for their promising future careers. (w/nm)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHAKINA KHAN**, W/O SALIM KHAN, by faith Muslim by Nationality Indian, Resident of 137 Cross Road NO-8, Road No-17, Hussani Mahila, Zakir Nager, Azadnager, Jamshedpur-832110, District: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-
1. That I am citizen of India.
2. That the medical documents have been lost from custody and it could not be traced out inspite of my best efforts.
3. That I swear this affidavit to confirm above facts and to same is produce before authority concern.
4. That, in the said "All other education certificates" records my name has been w mentioned as "**SAHAKINA**" after marriage my name change to "**SHAKINA KHAN**" and both names are same and one person, indicated Me alone.
ADVOCATE



On Saturday, February 17 in Ranchi, women marched with holy water in urns during the Kalash Yatra that concluded at the Shiv-Parvati Mandir.

Nakul Nath removes 'INC' from his bio, rumours about joining BJP gain momentum

Bhopal, Feb 17 (IANS) Congress MP Nakul Nath, son of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, removed 'INC' from his social media bio, giving further momentum to the rumours that he is going to join the BJP. Furthermore, Nakul Nath, the lone Congress MP from Madhya Pradesh, who was supposed to continue his meeting with party workers in his family bastion Chhindwara from February 14 to 18, stopped the meeting and left for Delhi along with his father. All these sequences gave rise to the speculation that Kamal Nath, considered close to the Nehru-Gandhi family, is likely to end his decades long association with the grand old party ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. On February 10, IANS had reported that a rift between Kamal Nath and former AICC president Rahul Gandhi erupted following the party's loss in the assembly election in November last year. Sources had then also claimed that a deal between Kamal Nath and the BJP that was "derailed" due to some reasons, was "brought back" on track again with several top leaders from the BJP having supported the same.

Congress to hold National Unity Conference in B'loru on Feb 24-25

Bengaluru, Feb 17 (IANS) Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Saturday that a two-day National Unity Conference will be held in Bengaluru on February 24-25. Addressing a press conference at the Vidhana Soudha on Saturday, Siddaramaiah said that two conferences -- on Indian Constitution and National Unity - have been organised on February 24 and 25 to create awareness on striving for social justice and opportunities. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution in a meaningful way, the Karnataka government is holding Constitution awareness campaigns in 31 districts across the state from January 26, which will conclude on February 23.

29 injured as temporary structure near JLN stadium collapses in Delhi

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) Twenty-nine people were injured after a temporary structure, being installed for a wedding ceremony, at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru stadium collapsed on Saturday morning, police said. Sharing the details, Director of Delhi Fire Service, Atul Garg, said that a call was received at 11:21 a.m. about the collapse of a temporary structure in JLN stadium. "On spot, a temporary tent structure at gate no-2 had collapsed and three fire tenders were rushed to the spot," said Garg. Deputy Commissioner of Police (South), Ankit Chauhan, said that one pandal for marriage under preparation at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium at gate no. 2 had fallen and a call regarding the incident was received around 11:15 a.m. "Total 29 people were injured, of which 18 were sent to AIIMS while 11 to Safdarjung hospital for treatment. As of now, no causality has been reported. Police, fire department personnel and ambulances are there on the spot for other rescue efforts," said the DCP.

Why shouldn't we allocate

1% budget to Muslims: Shivakumar on 'appeasement' allegations

Bengaluru, Feb 17 (IANS) Reacting to the appeasement charges, the Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday asked why can't government not allocate even 1 per cent budget to Muslims. "In 3.71 lakh crore budget, only Rs 3,000 crore have been allocated to Muslims for the schools and development. Shouldn't we allocate even 1 per cent to Muslims?" Shivakumar told media persons. He said that BJP has a habit of making everything a political issue. Karnataka government has allocated Rs 200 crore for the development of Christian community and Rs 100 crore for the protection and development of Waqf properties and has also made slew of announcements of release of grants to them. On BJP and JD (S) planning to field a strong candidate against his brother, Shivakumar said that he is confident that people will not vote for their candidate. "I had contested against former PM Deve Gowda in 1985 and 1990 elections. I have contested against H.D. Kumaraswamy also. When BJP and JD (S) had fielded Kumaraswamy's wife Anita against me, I had won with a margin of 1.31 lakh votes," he said.

LS polls: ECI chooses police Nodal Officer in Bengal rejecting first choices of Govt

Kolkata, Feb 17 (IANS) In a major departure from established norms, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has chosen the Nodal Officer of police for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, instead of assigning that responsibility to the Additional Director General (Law & Order), in West Bengal. Anand Kumar, who is currently the Additional Director General (Legal) of state police, has been appointed as the Nodal Officer, after rejecting the first choice of the state government on this count. Veterans in the state government with long experience of conducting elections say that this is a deviation from the long-followed practice of the state police Additional Director General (Law & Order) playing the role of the Nodal Officer of police for any election in West Bengal.

Row over Rahul's Kashi temple visit: Cong says opportunity denied for photo-up, administration rejects claim

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday visited the famous Kashi Temple in Varanasi -- Lok Sabha constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi -- and offered prayers to Lord Vishwanath. Later in the day, he also held a roadshow in the town, as a mark of show of strength.

Rahul's visit to the holy town has sparked off controversy over the 'failure' of temple administration to furnish pictures of his paying obeisance to Lord Shiva. Blaming the state government, Congress accused it of 'blocking' Rahul's 'shivbhakti'. However, the state government has rubbished the charges as 'blatant lie'. Congress, via its X handle, hurled a barrage of



allegations against the temple administration as well as state government and termed it a plot to deny Congress leader, an opportunity to get photos clicked at the sanctum sanctorum. The party said that the temple authorities denied opportunity to our cameraman to click pictures of Rahul offering prayers at the temple, at the

India's strong ties with Western nations getting better by the day: Jaishankar

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) India has an extremely strong relationship with Western countries which is getting better by the day, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said at the ongoing 60th Munich Security Conference on Saturday. The minister was speaking at a panel discussion on 'Growing the Pie: Seizing Shared Opportunities', which he attended along with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock. Responding to a question by Financial Times' Roula Khalaf on the rise of BRICS as a challenge to the West, the minister said that it is important to make a distinction between "being



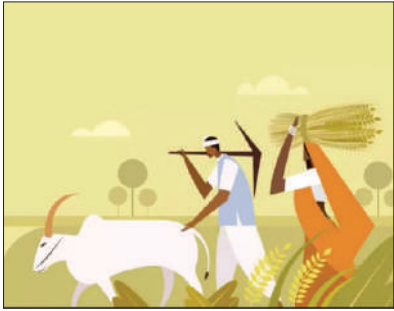
non-West and anti-West" in today's times. "I think it's important today to make a distinction between being non-West and anti-West. I would certainly characterise India as a country, which is non-West... which has an extremely strong relationship with Western

countries getting better by the day," Jaishankar said. Calling BRICS a "very interesting group", Jaishankar said, "It is geographically as disparate as it can be. Yet, it is bound by the fact that these discussions we've had over a decade-and-a-half have been very useful for all of

us." Carrying forward the discussion, Blinken said that the relationship between India and the United States "is the strongest it has ever been". "What we don't need to do and what we're not doing is trying to somehow design the world to rigid blocks... The relationship between our countries, I would argue, is the strongest it has ever been," Blinken said. "(It) Makes no difference that India happens to be a leading member of BRICS, we are leading member of the G7... We have a multiplicity of things that we're doing together every single day in different ways of organising ourselves," the Secretary of State added.

Govt doubles FCI's authorised capital to Rs 21,000 cr in big boost to farm sector

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) The Government has announced an increase in the authorized capital of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from Rs 10,000 crore to Rs 21,000 crore in a major step to bolster the agricultural sector and benefit farmers.



The FCI plays a key role in the country's food security system, including the procurement of foodgrains at Minimum Support Price (MSP), maintenance of strategic food grain stocks, distribution to state governments and Union Territories (UTs), and stabilisation of food grain prices in the market. The more than two-time increase in the authorised capital is a significant step towards enhancing the operational capabilities of FCI in fulfilling its mandate effectively, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said on Saturday. To match the gap of fund requirement, FCI resorts to cash credit, short term loans, ways & means advances. An increase of authorised capital and further infusion will reduce the interest burden, reducing the economic cost and ultimately bring down the subsidy of the government as well.

Sandeshkhali impact: Two senior cops transferred by West Bengal Govt

Kolkata, Feb 17 (IANS) Two senior cops were transferred by the West Bengal Government on Saturday in wake of the continuing tension at Sandeshkhali in 24 Parganas District, under whose jurisdiction the troubled zone comes. The area has been rocked by protests by women alleging sexual assault by local Trinamool Congress leaders and inaction by the police. Senior IPS officer Supratim Sarkar, who was earlier the Additional Director General (Traffic),

has replaced Siddhinath Gupta as the Additional Director General (South Bengal). Similarly, the current Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Barasat Range, Sumit Kumar has been transferred as DIG (Security). Kumar has been replaced by Bhaskar Mukhopadhyay, who was earlier the DIG of Malda Range. State government insiders said that the transfers are extremely significant in the backdrop of the expected visit of the full Bench of the Election Commission of India (ECI)



in the first week of March to take stock of the situation for the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Government sources said since Sandeshkhali has already come to the notice of the commission, in all

probability it would have asked the government to transfer these senior cops in due course. So before receiving any such order from the ECI probably the state administration thought it prudent to transfer the two officers, they said. Meanwhile, on Saturday, amid widespread criticism and pressure from different sources, the state police finally registered cases under clauses of rape and attempt to murder, against two Trinamool Congress leaders Uttam Sardar and Shibu Hazra. While Sardar is already

in police custody, Hazra is absconding like his political mentor Sheikh Shahjahan, the mastermind behind the attack on ED and CAPF personnel at Sandeshkhali on January 5. Sources said that cases had been registered against Hazra and Sardar based on an in-camera statement given by a victim from Sandeshkhali. To recall, the protesting women at Sandeshkhali last week burnt down a poultry farm and a farmhouse owned by Hazra. He has been absconding since then.

'Naughty Boy' GSLV rocket now smart, disciplined & mature: ISRO

Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh), Feb 17 (IANS) The successful orbiting of India's third generation weather satellite INSAT-3DS in a copybook style on Saturday has enhanced the confidence about the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) rocket for the next prestigious launch, said officials of Indian space agency. The GSLV rocket (formerly GSLV-MkII) had earned the nickname 'naughty boy' during its initial days for its

inconsistent performance. "The confidence on the GSLV rocket is now high," S. Somanath, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said. He said the next space mission for the GSLV rocket will be the launch of Indo-US collaboration earth observation satellite NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR). On Saturday, the 'naughty boy' came to a lot of praise from the ISRO officials starting from Somanath.

Didn't report child cruelty by goons as we don't trust police: Sandeshkhali mother tells WBCPCR

Kolkata, Feb 17 (IANS) A woman in Sandeshkhali whose child was snatched and flung by masked goons in police uniform, told the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) and the media on Saturday, that she didn't go to the police for help after the incident as she doesn't trust the local cops. The WBCPCR woke up a week after the incident only after the District Magistrate got a notice from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), on Friday about the horrific incident in

violence-hit Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district. As the members of the WBCPCR reached Sandeshkhali on Saturday morning, the mother of the child described the horrific experience that she underwent on the night of February 10, when goons came to their residence, snatched the child from her arms and flung her away. The child's mother said although those who came to their residence on that night were in police uniform, some of them were wearing slippers instead of shoes worn by the police.

If I were to join BJP, I will inform media first, says Kamal Nath

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) Amid speculation that he may switch to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Kamal Nath on Saturday told the media that if he were to take a decision in this regard, he will inform the media first. Rumours have been doing the rounds that Kamal Nath and his son, Nakul Nath, may soon join BJP.

"Why are you all getting excited? It is not about denying. I will inform you all if there is something like that," Kamal Nath said. Earlier in the day, Congress leader Digvijaya Singh reacted to speculations over Kamal Nath joining the BJP. "I spoke to Kamal Nath on Friday, he was in Chhindwara. A person who started his political journey and stood with the Nehru-Gandhi family when Indira Gandhi was sent to jail, do



you think he will ever leave Congress and the Gandhi

family?" Congress MP Nakul Nath removed 'INC' from his social media bio, giving further momentum to the rumours that he is going to join the BJP. Furthermore, Nakul Nath, the lone Congress MP from Madhya Pradesh, who was supposed to continue his meeting with party workers in his family bastion Chhindwara from February 14 to 18, stopped the meeting and left for Delhi along with his father.

All these sequences gave rise to the speculation that Kamal Nath, considered close to the Nehru-Gandhi family, is likely to end his decades long association with the grand old party ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. On February 10, IANS had reported that a rift between Kamal Nath and former AICC president Rahul Gandhi erupted following the party's loss in the assembly election in November last year.

Workshop on Green Hydrogen Economy enlightens SCCI members

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: A workshop on the future global green hydrogen economy was recently organized at Singhbhum Chamber in collaboration with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation. Industry experts delivered lectures on industrial development, the impact of green hydrogen energy on everyday life, and provided detailed insights through presentations on the initiatives by the Central Government and Jharkhand Government. Chamber Vice President Puneet Kanwatia shared this information.

During the inaugural address, President Vijay Anand Moonka highlighted the significance of green hydrogen energy in



contemporary times, emphasizing its usefulness. He noted that this workshop was possibly the first of its kind organized in the Chamber building.

President Moonka mentioned the MOU signed on August 25, 2023, between the Industries Department of the Government of Jharkhand and TGESPL, a joint venture of Tata Motors and Tata

Cummins, for establishing the country's first hydrogen fuel plant in Jamshedpur. The Chamber representatives were present and participated in the signing. Rajiv Ralhan, Partner and Leader of Clean Energy at Price Water House Coopers India, provided a comprehensive overview of green hydrogen energy's importance in the future during the workshop.

Dr. Sachin Kumar, Director of Industry Building and Cooling at Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, discussed the strategic partnership of Jharkhand and the initiation of the Hydrogen Economy Program in the state.

Ajit Kothari, Chief of Sustainability and Decarbonization Project at Tata Steel, shared insights into Tata

Steel's efforts to reduce carbon emissions through the utilization of green hydrogen in steel production. Naveen Srivastava, General Manager of Bokaro Steel Plant, also shared experiences in this regard.

Manish Soni, Director at Price Water House Coopers India, provided a detailed explanation of the various activities under the Hydrogen Economy Programme through a power presentation.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks from Secretary Industries Vinod Sharma.

Various Chamber representatives and industry professionals attended the event, exploring the potential of green hydrogen in shaping the region's economic and industrial landscape. (w/nm)

Tata Steel's Jharia Division commissions Paste Filling Pilot Plant

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: Filling unapproachable coal voids poses a significant challenge for coal miners, leading to safety concerns in and around underground collieries. Currently, there is no efficient technology available to address this issue.

Tata Steel's Jharia Division recently commissioned a Paste Filling Pilot Plant with a capacity of 10 M3/h to fill these voids using self-levelling flowable paste made from fly ash, cement, and additives.

The Plant was inaugurated by D B SundaraRamam, Vice President, Raw Materials, Tata Steel, in the presence of Sanjay Rajoria, General Manager, Jharia Division, Tata Steel, and Dr.Prashant, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-CIMFR, on February 15, 2024, at Digwadhi Colliery, Jharia, Jharkhand. This marks the first in India where Tata Steel is exploring this technology for coal mine void backfilling.

Unlike the current sand slurry backfilling method that leads to borehole chocking, segregation, and heaping issues during filling of unapproachable coal voids, the paste filling technology achieves higher efficiency through its self-levelling and controlled spreading of cemented fly ash paste. The paste of different composition and flow properties will be pumped into the empty voids below the railway line at Digwadhi Colliery. The success of this trial will pave the way for the development of mobile setups to fill voids of more than 1 km in length at the current site, and potential applications at production and mine fire sites.

This technology not only offers an environmentally friendly alternative to river sand for mine backfilling but also aims to enhance safety in unapproachable voids beneath railway lines, highways, and permanent structures, situated above underground collieries. Developed through collaboration between Tata Steel, CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR-CIMFR), and IIT-Kharagpur, the technology shows promising prospects for future applications. (W-mb)



Preparations underway for National Lok Adalat

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Feb 17: In line with the directives from NALSA New Delhi and Jhalsa Ranchi, a National Lok Adalat is scheduled to take place on March 9 at the Civil Court Seraikela, organized by the District Legal Services Authority. To ensure its success, a crucial meeting was convened by District Legal Services Authority Chairman cum Principal District and Sessions Judge Vijay Kumar with officials and insurance advocates.

Principal District and

Sessions Judge Vijay Kumar urged everyone present to exert maximum efforts in handling a significant number of cases during the National Lok Adalat. The objective is to facilitate broader access to justice for a larger segment of the population.

DFO Aditya Narayan, SDO Parul Singh, DTO Shankaracharya Samad, Excise Superintendent Bimla Lakra, Traffic Inspector Rajesh Kumar, Labor Superintendent Avinash Thakur, along with insurance advocate DK Yadav, were among the



participants in the meeting. The Principal District and Sessions Judge directed DFO Seraikela to identify and execute as many cases as possible.

Instructions were given to SDO Seraikela regarding

the settlement of cases such as 107/144/133, and the SDO assured that all concerned COs would be given appropriate instructions.

DTO and Traffic Inspector were also tasked

with settling as many cases as feasible. The Excise Superintendent was instructed to handle twenty percent more cases than the previous National Lok Adalat held on December 9.

The Labor Superintendent reported identifying approximately 50 cases for further action and execution.

Addressing insurance lawyers, the Principal District and Sessions Judge emphasized the establishment of a separate bench for Motor Accident Claim Tribunal (MACT) cases.

representing insurance companies like Lombard, TATA AIG, etc., were encouraged to adopt a flexible approach towards those seeking to compound cases and work towards settling a maximum number of cases.

All attendees pledged their full efforts to ensure the success of the National Lok Adalat on March 9, aiming to provide accessible justice to a larger population. The meeting was attended by Anamika Kisku, the Secretary of District Legal Services Authority. (w/nm)

Akhand Sri Sri Harinam Sankirtan from Feb 21



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Seraikela, Feb 17: In collaboration with the Sri Sri Hari Sankirtan Samiti, Pandara, a five-day Akhand Sri Sri Harinam Sankirtan is set to take place from February 21 in Seraikela. The event, organized at the Hari temple in the village on the auspicious occasion of Magh Purnima, will commence with Gandhadhivas on February 21. The Akhand Sri Sri Harinam Sankirtan will be inaugurated with Namarambh on February 22.

Distinguished participants in the event include the Sri Sri Gaurango Mahaprabhu Mahila Sankirtan Sampraday from Rajpara, West Bengal; Sri Radhakrishna Mahila Sampraday from Bhaudi Road, Chandrakona; Mahamantra Naam Sankirtan Party from Ghuntiadih; and Sri Radhe-Radhe Harinam Dal. The event will be hosted by Ghasiram Mahato and Manoj Kumar Mahato of Sri Sri Hari Sankirtan Mandal Pandara.

The Akhand Sri Sri Harinam Sankirtan will culminate with Dadhi Dhulot on February 25, marking the end of the spiritual and musical celebration. (w/nm)

Underpass planned to safeguard elephants from trains



Chakulia, Feb 17: The movement of elephants has seen a significant rise in the Chakulia forest area over the past few years. Responding to reports of elephant herds frequently venturing out of the forest and crossing railway tracks, a joint team comprising members from the Wildlife Institute of India, railway officials, and forest department officials visited the elephant corridor site on Friday. The inspection focused on the elephant movement point between Kahani Mohali Hot and Kokapara station on the Jharkhand border.

Jahidul Hussain, a member of the Wildlife Institute of India, mentioned that they have a map indicating the points where elephants cross the railway track. The team, including department officials, conducted a detailed inspection to determine suitable locations for constructing an underpass or overpass to ensure safe elephant crossings. A report will be submitted to senior officials based on the findings. The inspection team included Railway RPF OC Ghatsila JC Das, AOM Kharagpur Sunil Kumar, KDTI Ghatsila SK Singh, PWI DBM Rahul Kumar, forest department in-charge forester Kalyan Mahato, and forest guard Viplav Kumar. (w/nm)

DRUCC member proposes railway network expansion

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Seraikela, Feb 17: In the 5th meeting of the Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) of Railway Division Chakradharpur, Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, DRUCC member and former Vice President of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, presented a set of seven proposals, including the eagerly awaited demand to connect the district headquarters, Seraikela, with the railway network.

During the meeting, Chaudhary sought updates on the proposal to connect the home to 8 Padmashri



awardees and Seraikela district headquarters with the rail network. DRM Chakradharpur responded, indicating that the proposal is currently under process, and efforts are being made to advance it. Chaudhary's proposals also encompassed

measures to enhance the convenience of railway passengers. He suggested extending Howrah Steel Exp. & Barbil Puri Exp. to Chaibasa for two days a week. Additionally, he proposed running some trains under the division on

the lines of passenger trains like Tata Barbil, Tata Itwari, etc. In response to the ongoing fare amendment process for express trains, Chaudhary recommended operating reservation centers, including those in Seraikela and Chaibasa, in

two shifts for passenger convenience.

To alleviate the load at Tatanagar station, Chaudhary proposed the construction of a Passenger Yard (PIT) in the area, with the aim of rescheduling some trains originating from

Tatanagar to run from Chaibasa. He also suggested selecting a site near Mahalimurup or Birbans under the Gatishakti Cargo Terminal (GCT). Additionally, he proposed stopping trains like Hatia-Howrah, Tata-Godda, Tata-Asansol, Tata-Danapur, New Delhi-Puri Purushottam Express, etc., at Kandra station.

Furthermore, Chaudhary advocated for improving cleanliness and lighting at all stations under the division, emphasizing the importance of enhancing passenger experience across the railway network. (w/nm)

BPO engages women's groups to promote Nav Bharat Literacy Programme

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Feb 17: To boost awareness and participation in the Nav Bharat Literacy Program, a meeting was organized by the Block Program Officer (BPO) Mansoor Alam. The gathering, held in Manjhi Tola village of Sini and chaired by Mansoor Alam, included members from Chandni Mahila Group, Roshni Mahila Group, and Khushboo Mahila Group, under the guidance of Seraikela Block Program Officer Ravikant Bhakat.

The meeting delved into discussions on the publicity and awareness strategies for the Nav Bharat Literacy Program, addressing the specific needs and concerns of the women's groups.

Participants were informed that individuals above 15 years of age, with limited literacy or lacking educational certificates, could enroll in the program through the online portal.



The program, facilitated by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), offers the opportunity to improve education through biannual examinations at local centers.

Recognizing the significance of education, all members expressed their commitment to actively participate in the program and involve

their family members. The attendees included Dharmendra Pradhan, Sanju Mahato, Rahindra Mahato, Tumpa Khatoon, Shahida Khatoon, Yasmin Praveen, Afsana Khatoon, Lajina Khatoon, Shehzadi, Mehroon Khatoon, Salma Biwi, Shamima Khatoon, Anju Nisha, Shakeela Bano, and others. (w/nm)

SNSVM students and teachers take pledge against drug abuse

Mail News Service

Ghatshila, Feb 17: In a Friday prayer meeting at the school ground, students and teachers of Sant Nandal Smriti Vidya Mandir School took a pledge not to consume drugs and to actively create awareness about drug abuse. The oath was administered by the school's vice-captain, Aarohi Pandey. The primary objective is to instill the sentiment of 'say yes to life and no to drugs' among today's youth, promoting healthy living, and educating them about the physical, social, and emotional problems caused by drug abuse. Present at the event were school administrator Shobha Ganeriwal, school manager Dr. Prasenjit Karmakar, Principal Neelkamal Sinha, Teacher In-Charge Anup Kumar Patnaik, Educational In-Charge S. R. Dutta, Saswati Rai Patnaik, and all teachers and students. (w/nm)



DC drives awareness in online meeting with stakeholders

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In an online meeting, Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal engaged with various stakeholders, including Self-Help Group (SHG) representatives, Public Distribution System (PDS) dealers, Sevikas, Booth Level Officers (BLOs), Mukhiyas, Sahiyakas, Jal Sahiyas, and operators of Pragma Centers in the district.

Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar was also present during the virtual gathering, where key directives were

issued concerning the upcoming Chief Minister State Old Age Pension Scheme Camp and the ongoing Filariasis Eradication Campaign.

Mittal emphasized the importance of spreading awareness to ensure 100% benefit for eligible beneficiaries during the Chief Minister State Old Age Pension Scheme Camp scheduled from 20th to 22nd February. Notably, the scheme has been extended to women aged 50-60 years, as well as individuals belonging to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) categories.



Panchayat-wise camps will be organized across all blocks from 20/02/2024 to 22/02/2024, preceded by a comprehensive campaign for wide publicity from 14th to 19th February.

The Deputy Commissioner underscored the need for public participation in the ongoing Filariasis Eradication Campaign, urging stakeholders to increase

awareness. The campaign, running from February 10 to February 25, aims to distribute DEC and Albendazole medicines to combat filariasis. Mittal directed Anganwadi workers and health department assistants to ensure the maximum number of people receive the prescribed medicines. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of administering medicines under their supervision.

Mittal urged all stakeholders to collaborate effectively to achieve the goals of the Chief Minister State Old Age Pension Scheme and the Filariasis

Eradication Campaign, fostering a collective effort towards community welfare. Besides, under the Filariasis Eradication Campaign, DEC and Albendazole medicines are being distributed by health workers in all the blocks of the district from February 10 to February 25.

Anganwadi workers and health department assistants should ensure that a maximum number of people are given this medicine. Also, whatever medicine is administered to the people, it should be done under their supervision only. (W-pb)

Grand Celebration of 35th Sri-Sri Shyam Mahotsav



Jamshedpur, Feb 17: Preparations are in full swing for the grand celebration of the 35th Sri-Sri Shyam Mahotsav at the Sakchi Shiv Mandir organized by Sri Shyam Parivar in Jamshedpur. Scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th, the festivities promise a vibrant display of devotion and cultural fervor.

The event will kick off with a procession, starting at 2 pm from the Sakchi Shiv Temple, featuring 1100 devotees carrying the sacred flag of Shyam through various routes before concluding at the temple. The ceremonial lighting of Baba Shyam's lamp will take place at 8:30 pm, led by Chief host Ramakrishna Chaudhary and family.

In a press conference held at Sakchi Bazaar Shiv Mandir, Umesh Shah of

Shyam Parivar and President Bablu Agarwal announced the lineup of performers for the event. Renowned Bhajan singer Reshmi Sharma from Samastipur, along with the duo Shubham-Rupam from Kolkata and local devotional vocalist Mahavir Aggarwal, will render entrancing songs in Baba's Darbar. The musical events will commence from 9 pm onwards.

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Gamharia, Feb 17: The Department of English at XITE College organized a comprehensive session on Research Methodology focused on Humanities. Sudipa Mukherjee, Assistant Professor from the Department of English at Netaji Subhas University, served as the resource person for the event. Attendees included students from the Department of English at XITE College, along with distinguished guests: Dr. (Fr.) Mukti Clarence, Dr. Swati Singh, Prof. Stuti Rag, Prof. Anjali Jha and Prof. Akinchan Xaxa. The session, held from 9:30 am to 11:30 am,



aimed to equip participants with essential tools and techniques for conducting research in the humanities. Ms. Mukherjee provided a comprehensive overview of research methodologies pertinent to the field, emphasizing their relevance and application in humanities research. Key

topics covered included literature review methodologies, qualitative and quantitative data collection methods, analysis techniques tailored to humanities research, and ethical considerations unique to the discipline. Through engaging presentations and

interactive discussions, participants gained valuable insights into the nuances of conducting research in the humanities. The session fostered a collaborative environment where attendees had the opportunity to exchange ideas, ask questions, and share their experiences.

Mukherjee's expertise coupled with the active participation of attendees enriched the learning experience, enabling a deeper understanding of research methodologies specific to humanities disciplines.

In conclusion, the Research Methodology session on Humanities at XITE College provided a platform for students and faculty to enhance their research skills and broaden their intellectual horizons. Such initiatives underscore the college's commitment to promoting academic excellence and fostering a culture of scholarly inquiry within the humanities domain. (W-pb)

Somay Gagrai remembered on his death anniversary

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, Feb 17: The death anniversary of the late Somay Gagrai, former Congress District President, was solemnly observed at Congress Bhawan, Chaibasa on Saturday. Attendees paid heartfelt tributes to his portrait, offering flowers and observing a two-minute silence to honor his memory. Members of the Congress party reminisced about Somay Gagrai's gentle nature and his unwavering commitment to the promotion of the Congress, reflecting his full devotion and dedication.

Highlighting the significant contributions made by Somay Gagrai during his tenure as the President of



District Congress Committee, Singhbhum, party members expressed their gratitude for his enduring impact on the party. The legacy of Somay Gagrai, characterized by his commitment to the Congress cause, continues to be a source of inspiration for the party.

Among those present at the commemorative event were Congress

District President Chandrashekhar Das, OBC Cell President Ranjit Yadav, District General Secretary Trishanu Rai, District Spokesperson Jitendra Nath Ojha, Lakhan Balmuchhu, Roop Singh Bari, Pradeep Biruli, Daka Munduiya, Gopal Badiuli, D'Alda, Shridhar Biruli, Vighno Raj Das, Moran Singh Biruli, Sushil Das, and others. (w/nm)

Young Indians pen MoU with XITE College

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: CII Young Indians (Yi) has formally entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with XITE College Gamharia, marking a collaborative effort to offer students opportunities for engagement in various activities and initiatives. The primary goal is to establish a platform where college students can not only conceptualize but also contribute to realizing the vision of a developed nation.



Under the Yuva platform, Yi members actively involve students in diverse initiatives that they conceptualize, plan, and execute. This MoU is

anticipated to strengthen the Industry-Institute Partnership, fostering a mutually beneficial relationship. As part of the agreement, Yi will extend

opportunities for XITE students to actively participate in activities and initiatives of their own conception. Additionally, students will have the chance to engage in Yi Chapter events, both in Jamshedpur and other cities.

The MoU was officially signed by Dr. (Fr.) Mukti Clarence, Vice Principal of XITE College Gamharia, and Harsh Agarwal, Chair, along with Saurav Agarwal, Co-Chair, of the YUVA Vertical within the Young Indians, Jamshedpur Chapter. (W-pb)

Chaibasa Chamber delegation pays courtesy call on new DC

Mail News Service



Chaibasa, Feb 17: A delegation from the Chaibasa Chamber of Commerce and Industries, led by Chamber President Madhusudan Agarwal, extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of the district, Kuldeep Chaudhary, during a courtesy visit on Saturday.

The delegation greeted the Deputy Commissioner with a flower bouquet, expressing their eagerness to collaborate for the betterment of Chaibasa city.

During the meeting, the delegation engaged in detailed discussions with the Deputy Commissioner regarding the legal framework and various issues affecting the city and district. The conversation

focused on fostering coordination between the administration and the general public to address and resolve these concerns effectively.

Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary assured the Chaibasa Chamber that the district administration would promptly address any problems and work towards finding suitable solutions.

The delegation comprised Nitin Prakash, Kolhan Regional Vice President of the Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries and outgoing President of Chaibasa Chamber, along with President Madhusudan Agarwal, Vice President Vikas Goyal, Joint Secretary Haji Vakil Khan, and Treasurer Rajeev Khirwal. (w/nm)

AJPTA welcomes new DC

Chaibasa, Feb 17: Today, a delegation from the All Jharkhand Primary Teachers Association (AJPTA), Singhbhum, extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner, Kuldeep Chaudhary, in the district by presenting a bouquet. During the meeting, the delegation expressed their commitment to collaborating for the development of education and addressing any concerns related to teachers. Deputy Commissioner Chaudhary assured the delegation of his readiness to meet at any time to discuss matters pertaining to education and teacher-related issues. Upendra Singh, Chairman, along with Asim Kumar Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Nelson Nagesia, and Anurag Verma were present as representatives of the association in this cordial meeting. (w/nm)

Mahasabha congratulates Malkhan Singh

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: On Saturday, former MLA Malkhan Singh was warmly felicitated and congratulated by the All India Kshatriya Mahasabha under the leadership of Dr. MS Singh Manas, National General Secretary, on the occasion of his joining the BJP. The felicitation ceremony witnessed the presence of notable personalities, including former Vice President of Tata Workers Union Bhagwan Singh, State General Secretary of Kshatriya Mahasabha Samaresh Singh, Bijay Singh, Devanshu, Ravi Raju, Santosh, Santosh Singh, Ramesh Raju, and others. (w/nm)

जिला परिषद कार्यालय पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।

शुद्धि पत्र

एतत् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अति अल्पकालिन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं० 08/2023-24 (PR No 318383) के अन्तर्गत निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि दिनांक 17.02.2024 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 2:00 बजे अपराह्न तक एवं निविदा खोलने की तिथि 17.02.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न में निर्धारित किया गया था। जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से स्थगित करते हुए पुनः उक्त निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि 22.02.2024 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 2:00 बजे अपराह्न तक एवं निविदा खोलने की तिथि 22.02.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न में निर्धारित किया जाता है। बाकी सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।

जिला अभियंता
जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम,
PR 319351 (Panchayati Raj) 23-24 (D)
जमशेदपुर।

जिला दण्डाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ (विधि शाखा)

श्री लम्बोदर महतो बनाम M/S SIDHI VINAYAK METCOM LTD :: आम सूचना ::			
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि श्री लम्बोदर महतो पिता-लक्ष्मण महतो गाँव-रुगड़ी, पो-चौका, थाना-चौका, जिला-सरायकेला-खरसावाँ के द्वारा मौजा-रुगड़ी थाना नं०-171 के अन्तर्गत			
खाता सं०	प्लॉट सं०	रकबा	
13	242	0.18डी०	
13	243	0.18डी०	
61	237	15.84डी०	
		कुल 51.84 एकड़	
भूमि को M/S SIDHI VINAYAK METCOM LTD को उद्योग की स्थापना हेतु बचना चाहते हैं।			
अतः यदि किसी को उल्लेखित भूमि हस्तान्तरण में कोई आपत्ति हो तो हो तो दिनांक-19.03.2024 को 12:30 बजे अपराह्न तक उपायुक्त, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ के न्यायालय में लिखित/मौखिक आपत्ति पत्र दाखिल करना सुनिश्चित करें। निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात् किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति पर कोई विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।			
मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय के मुहर से दिनांक 16.02.2024 को सूचना निर्गत किया गया।			
न्यायालय के आदेश से उप समाहर्ता, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।			
PR 319362 (Law) 23-24 (D)			

झारखण्ड राज्य ग्रामीण पथ विकास प्राधिकरण (JSRRDA)
एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धुर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड

अल्पकालीन ई-पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (4th Call)
PR No. 314106 Dated 22.12.2023

अल्पकालीन ई-पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 329/2023-24
मुख्य अभियंता, जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची द्वारा निम्नविवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

दिनांक :- 17.02.2024

क्र० सं०	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	प्रखण्ड का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि		कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
				अंक में (लाख में)	अक्षर में (रुपये में)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	JH-M-CHB-05/2023-24	कुमारडुंगी	1 धनसारी से बड़मिता तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 2.500 कि०मी०)	1398.877	तेरह करोड़ अड़ानवे लाख सतासी हजार सात सौ रु० मात्र	15 महीना
		कुमारडुंगी	2 धिड़ियागोट से बाईसाई तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 3.950 कि०मी०)			
		कुमारडुंगी	3 सैलबिज से लोखिमपोसी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 2.330 कि०मी०)			
		कुमारडुंगी	4 अंधारी से नायक टोला तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 3.050 कि०मी०)			
		कुमारडुंगी	5 हिरागो से काशीडीह तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 2.500 कि०मी०)			
		कुमारडुंगी	6 कुषमुण्डा से करसाकोला भाया कुलाबुरु तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 7.300 कि०मी०)			

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:-20.02.2024

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 26.02.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।

4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-27.02.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची, एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धुर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड।

6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०-
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

मुख्य अभियंता
जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची।

PR 319388 (Rural Work Department) 23-24 (D)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, SERAIKELLA Short-e-Procurement Notice Short-e-Tender Reference No – 40/WRD/MID/SERAIKELLA/F2/2023-24. (S.C.A)	
1	Name of Work :- Construction of 1700" P.C.C. Road in Gram Panchayat Urmal Tola Goriyakocha from Football Ground to Budhu Soy's Land Under Block- Chandil.
2	Estimated cost of Work (In INR) :- Rs. 33,61,500.00 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred only).
3	Initial Bid Security (In Rs.) :- Rs. 67,500.00 (Rupees Sixty Seven Thousand five Hundred only)
4	Initial Bid Security in the shape of :- To be deposited online as per S.O.P uploaded.
5	Cost of Bidding Document :- Rs. 5000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand) only. To be paid online as per S.O.P uploaded.
6	Time of completion :- 06 (Six) Months.
7	Date of publication of tender on website :- 27.02.2024 from 2.00 P.M
8	Start Date of Bidding :- 27.02.2024 from 2.00 P.M
9	Last date & Time for online bidding :- 04.03.2024 up to 3.00 P.M
10	Last date & time for upload of Bid security and other documents in online form :- 04.03.2024 up to 3.00 P.M Through e-Tender Portal www.jharkhandtender.gov.in (As per SOP Issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department , Govt of Jharkhand vide letter no-120 Dated 03.10.2023)
11	Date & time for opening of Tender Bid :- 06.03.2024 at 12.30 P.M in the office of Executive Engineer , Minor Irrigation Division Seraikeella .
12	Name & Address of inviting Tender :- Executive Engineer , Minor Irrigation Division Seraikeella.
13	Contact no. of Procurement officer :- 9801286765
14	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell :- 9801286765
Note :- Bid Document के Initial Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) एवं Tender Fee/ Cost of Bidding Document के प्रावधान JAP-IT विभाग के द्वारांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के प्रावधान के हदतक स्वतः संशोधित समझे जायेंगे।	
Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division, Seraikeella.	
PR 319381 Water Resource(23-24)D	

झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चाईबासा। ई० अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रित सूचना।				
ई०-पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 03/R/1/2023-24/RWD/EE/CHAIBASA दिनांक : 17/02/2024				
कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चाईबासा द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।				
क्र०सं०	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	RWD/CHAIBASA/05/2023-24	ग्राम बिकुली से रंभागसाई तक पथ निर्माण कार्य लम्बाई 3.22कि०मी।	30208200	तीन करोड़ दो लाख आठ हजार दो सौ रु० मात्र
2	RWD/CHAIBASA/06/2023-24	रोबांध क्रशर चौक बुरुबालजोडी से कुलापुर्दु भाया बुरुहातु पुल तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। लम्बाई 2.75कि०मी०	30161100	तीन करोड़ एक लाख इकसठ हजार एक सौ रु० मात्र
1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 21.02.2024 2. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 28.02.2024 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक। 3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 29.02.2024 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे। 4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रपुर्ण पत्र मूल रूप में प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा। 5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चाईबासा, राजस्थान भवन के समीप, टुंगरी रोड चाईबासा- 833201 6. ई निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०- 06582- 359406 विरत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।				
PR 319318 West Singhbhum(23-24)D				

समेकित जनजातीय विकास अभिकरण(I.T.D.A) पूर्वी सिंहभूम (जमशेदपुर)

नामांकन संबंधी सूचना, वर्ष- 2024-25

पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिला अंतर्गत अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अल्पसंख्यक एवं पिछड़ा वर्ग कल्याण विभाग द्वारा संचालित अनुसूचित जनजाति आवासीय विद्यालयों में शैक्षणिक वर्ष 2024-25 में रिक्रित के अनुसार वर्ग प्रथम में नामांकन हेतु इच्छुक छात्र/छात्राओं से विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन दिनांक 15.03.2024 तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। आवेदन पत्र संबंधित विद्यालय में जमा किये जाएंगे।

पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिला अंतर्गत संचालित विद्यालय :-

- अनुसूचित जनजाति आवासीय बालक उच्च विद्यालय, उपर पावड़ा, घाटशिला।
- अनुसूचित जनजाति आवासीय बालक उच्च विद्यालय, सबरनगर, पोतका।
- अनुसूचित जनजाति आवासीय बालक मध्य विद्यालय, सिंहपुरा, गुड्डाबन्दा।
- अनुसूचित जनजाति आवासीय बालक प्राथमिक विद्यालय, अंधारिया, चाकुलिया(एन०जी०ओ० द्वारा संचालित)।
- अनुसूचित जनजाति आवासीय बालक प्राथमिक विद्यालय, बूसरा, पटमदा(एन०जी०ओ० द्वारा संचालित)।

नियम व शर्तें :-

- वर्ग प्रथम में आवेदन पत्र प्रत्येक कार्य दिवस के दिन 10 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक संबंधित विद्यालयों में प्राप्त किये जायेंगे।
- अनुसूचित जनजाति के विद्यालय में नामांकन के लिए आदिम जनजाति के छात्र/छात्राओं जैसे -बिरहोर, बिरजिया, कोरा, पहाड़िया, सौरिया, पहाड़िया, अस्त्र, हिल खड़िया, सबरनगर, पोतका।
- यदि उक्त कोटि की आरक्षित सीटों के लिए छात्र-छात्राएँ उपलब्ध नहीं होते हैं, तो नियमानुसार भेदा सूची से ही अनुसूचित जनजाति के अन्य उपजातियों के बच्चों का नामांकन आरक्षित सीटों के विरुद्ध करेंगे।
- अवेदन पत्र के साथ छात्र/छात्राओं को जन्म प्रमाण पत्र, आधार कार्ड, जाति प्रमाण पत्र, आवासीय प्रमाण पत्र, बी०पी० एल०/आय प्रमाण पत्र की छायाप्रति संलग्न करना होगा।
- वर्ग प्रथम में नामांकन हेतु मौखिक जाँच परीक्षा ली जाएगी। दिनांक 20.03.2024 को वर्ग प्रथम में नामांकन हेतु मौखिक परीक्षा संबंधित विद्यालय में प्रातः 11:00 बजे से होगा।
- नामांकन हेतु चयनित छात्र/छात्राओं की सूची संबंधित विद्यालय के पट्ट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।
- नामांकन के समय चयनित छात्र/छात्राओं को जन्म प्रमाण पत्र, आधार कार्ड, जाति प्रमाण पत्र, आवासीय प्रमाण पत्र, बी०पी०एल०/आय प्रमाण पत्र मूल रूप में प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- नगरी रेखा के नीचे आय वाले परिवार के बच्चों का ही नामांकन किया जाएगा। अतएव नामांकन की पात्रता बी०पी०एल० सूची में अंकित नाम के आधार पर ही नामांकन की पात्रता निर्धारित की जाएगी।
- जन्म दिनांक 01.05.2024 से 15.05.2024 तक किया जाएगा।
- जिन छात्र/छात्राओं के माता-पिता सरकारी सेवा में कार्यरत हैं, उनके बच्चों का नामांकन स्वीकार नहीं किया जाएगा। इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र आवेदक के माता-पिता/अभिभावक द्वारा आवेदन पत्र के साथ जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। असत्य एवं फर्जी घोषणा पत्र देने वाले माता-पिता/अभिभावक के विरुद्ध नियमानुसार आवश्यक कानूनी कारवाय की जाएगी।

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What's in a name

There may or may not be any meaning to a name or title attached to a category. A case in point is the case of changes appended to the names of awards presented during the 17th National Film Awards- 2022 under different categories. May be, such moves were debatable but politicising events and awards are processes of raising storm in a teacup. These decisions have been taken as per the suggestions of a committee formed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The Best Feature Film Award was presented as Indira Gandhi Award while the Best Feature Film Award on national integration was presented as Nargis Dutt Award. But the names of these awards in their respective categories have been changed.

As things stand now the cash amount for the Dada Saheb Phalke Award and those in other categories have been enhanced and a new set of awards are being introduced. Director's Best First Film Award has been changed from Indira Gandhi Award to Director's Best First Film Award. The cash award in this category which used to be shared by the producer and director will now be given to the director.

The Nargis Dutt Award will now be known as the Best Feature Film Award for propagating national, social and environmental values. Of course, there is every possibility of the government being blamed for its wont to tinkle with political and politicians' names given to awards and recognitions by the Congress Party. But, thinking without taking sides, giving political names to awards somehow, does not seem debatable. An award is an award that is a commendation to one's creativity.

An Indira Gandhi Award for best dispensation of responsibilities by parliamentarians or other politicians may also be considered as a viable recognition. Nargis Dutt was one of the finest actresses and along with her thespian actor husband Sunil Dutt owed allegiance to the Congress Party.

A national film award in the name of Nargis Dutt is worth its salt but removal of her name along with that of Indira Gandhi was initiated perhaps, to quell the tremors of socio-political controversies. It was more an act of balance; removal of Indira Gandhi's name may have been a political play and to keep at bay political grouse, Nargis Dutt's name too was axed to offset and balance opposition tirades.

In fact, the purpose and categories of awards should be clear and uninhibited. Ruling political parties should clearly swerve away from injecting politics or implanting the names of politicians amidst the world of creative arts. The honour, prestige and importance of awards are built on the edifice of impartiality and honesty and not on the category or name of the award. After all, what's in a name?

From The Editorial Desk

Mumbai connection: First grand Hindu temple in UAE built by Parsi group

By Quaid Najmi

The grand Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi, UAE that was inaugurated on Wednesday by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has a strong Mumbai connection as it was built by a Parsi group.

The Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Sanstha (BAPS) Swaminarayan Sanstha's temple, the first Hindu temple made of stone in the Middle-East was built by the Shapoorji Pallonji Group of Mumbai. The BAPS Hindu Temple belongs to one of the branches of the famous Swaminarayan Sampradaya founded by Sahajanand Swami (1781-1830), around 117-years ago in south Gujarat, with over 5 crore followers worldwide.

The BAPS temple is billed as an architectural marvel, towering loftily over the golden sandy landscape, with seven spires symbolising the seven emirates of the UAE. It is sprawled over 27 acres of desert land on the outskirts of Abu Dhabi, on a plot generously donated by UAE's President, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The temple is open to people of all faiths and serves as a testament to India's culture, its ancient skills in architecture and sculpture. It has been built in strict accordance with



age-old Indian texts and derives its inspiration from a lotus motif.

"We are deeply honoured to work with the BAPS and create this incredible monument that combines art, harmony and faith, and besides being a celebration of cultural diversity, it's a testament to our engineering expertise," said Shapoorji Pallonji Group Chairman, Shapoorji P Mistry.

"Our dream of a Hindu mandir in Abu Dhabi has now become a reality. The Shapoorji Pallonji Group played a pivotal role in partnering with us to create this lotus in the desert, and bringing to life our vision of this spiritual oasis for global harmony," said BAPS Director, Pranav Desai. The BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha also has several other temples in India and

volunteers intricately carved the stones in Rajasthan, for the BAPS temple, and these were then taken to Abu Dhabi and put together like a giant jigsaw puzzle. For this project, Shapoorji Pallonji successfully integrated modern technology such as security, lighting systems and air-conditioning with the traditional requirements of ancient Indian architecture.

Established in 1865, the 159-year-old Shapoorji Pallonji Group has other landmarks to its credit including the Sultan's Palace in Muscat (Oman), the Atal Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh, the Kartavya Path in New Delhi, Port Blair Airport, and Mumbai's first auditorium, the Shanmukhananda Hall, and it has also produced India's all-time classic masterpiece film, 'Mughal-E-Azam' (1960). The 117-year-old BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is headed by Shastriji Maharaj Yagnapurushdasji Swami. It is an offshoot of the Swaminarayan Sect, with two establishments Vadtal Gadi, near Vadodara, (for south India) headed by Vadtal Peethadhipati Acharya Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharaj, and the Kalupur Gadi near Ahmedabad (for north India), headed by Kalupur Peetadhipathi Acharya Shri Kaushalendraprasadji Maharaj.

Ram Mandir euphoria catapults BJP in K'taka as Cong battles internal strife

By M.K. Ashoka

The Karnataka BJP, once humiliated for being in disarray, has managed to bounce back in the state amidst the euphoria created by the inauguration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

Post the Ayodhya event, shedding its defensive approach, the state BJP unit delivered a formidable blow to the Congress by successfully pulling former CM Jagadish Shettar back into its fold ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.



Every town, village, and city, including the IT capital Bengaluru, was inundated with saffron flags, posters, buntings, and cutouts of Lord Ram before and after January 22.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) reached out to every doorstep with 'Mantrakshate' (sacred grains of rice from Ayodhya) and posters of Lord Ram. Karnataka, known as the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, the greatest devotee of Lord Ram, saw every village organizing special worship in every temple.

Even Congress leaders concede that the euphoria swept everyone's hearts, challenging the image that the Congress government managed to build through the implementation of guarantee schemes.

After the arrival of Jagadish Shettar, former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai claimed that many leaders from the Congress would join the BJP soon. He said that it was only the beginning, as there would be a 'Ghar Vapsi' of not only BJP leaders but also important Congress leaders. "The Congress would likely divide into factions."

Sources in the BJP explained

that the party's state President B.Y. Vijayendra and Parliamentary Board Member B.S. Yediyurappa have been given a free hand to strengthen the party.

According to Yediyurappa, the BJP is working towards winning more than 25 out of the total 28 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Leader of Opposition, R. Ashoka says that there would be a 'Congress choro' trend in Karnataka in the coming days. "The Congress leaders used to claim that BJP leaders joined them. Now, they will be gagged. They do not have leadership, and that is why the Congress is trying to pull our leaders," he adds.

The ruling Congress party seems to be losing momentum. Events such as the "naked parade" of a Dalit woman in Belagavi district, the gangrape of a Muslim woman by moral policing vigilantes in Haveri district, and communal clashes in Shivamogga and other places have raised serious questions on the ruling party.

Infighting in the Congress is also escalating, with Minister of

Cooperation K.N. Rajanna and Minister for Home G. Parameshwara raising a banner of revolt against the party high command over appointments to boards and corporations. Minister Rajanna has even that he is "not a slave".

Unable to take action as both identify with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's camp and hail from oppressed classes, Deputy Chief Minister and party's state President Shivakumar has pointed fingers at the high command.

Fearing backlash, Siddaramaiah chanted the 'Jai Shri Ram' slogan during a programme on January 22 and claimed that the slogan did not belong to any particular party or person. The Chief Minister allowed tilak to be applied to his forehead and flaunted it throughout the programme.

The move surprised many as Siddaramaiah had been criticized for not showing reverence to Hindu rituals at temples. "The slogan 'Jai Shri Ram' is the slogan of the whole society.

Some think the slogan is their property. The slogan is about showing reverence to Shri Ram,

which is to be echoed by everyone," Siddaramaiah said, asking the crowd to chant the 'Jai Shri Ram' slogan.

Political analyst Basavaraj Soolibhavi tells IANS that it's not only through the Ram Mandir that the BJP is trying to create its wave. "The BJP has been pursuing politics of religion and using the religious feelings for its gain continuously. Ram Mandir is one of the party's agendas."

"It won't stop here. The inauguration of Ram Mandir has created a frenzied mood among devotees and followers. It might lead to incidents of attacking symbols of other religions.

The attack on Dharwad's Idgah Maidan tower is one such incident.

The BJP has systematically reached out to the bottom of the society through the Ram Mandir inauguration in Ayodhya," he adds.

Soolibhavi says the Congress party has never tried to shed its image and pursue active politics. Most of the time, it came to power due to the anti-incumbency factor and negativity surrounding other parties. "It is not able to come to power by winning over people with its principles, agendas, and ideologies."

"Though guarantee schemes are implemented by the Karnataka Congress, 'Modi's guarantee' by the Prime Minister is popularized more among people. Every department of the Central government is involved in systematically disseminating the welfare programmes. The chances of winning 15 to 20 seats in Lok Sabha elections out of 28 seats are looking bleak for Congress. There is an equal fight now in the state," he concludes.

New book reveals how Sonia Gandhi riled a grieving Jagan and lost Andhra

By Daanish Bin Nabi

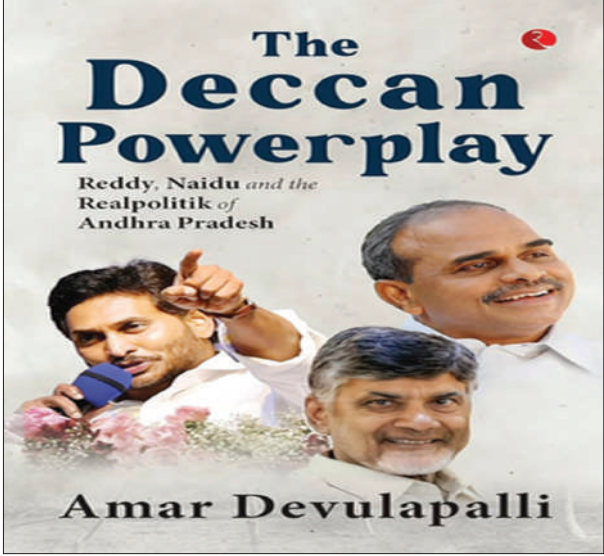
A new book by seasoned journalist Amar Devulapalli has detailed how Sonia Gandhi messed up in Andhra Pradesh and pushed Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy -- the state's incumbent Chief Minister - to sever ties with the Congress and form his own party, thereby denying the 'grand old party' the citadel that gave it the maximum number of Lok Sabha seats than any other state in 2004 and 2009.

In 'Decan Powerplay' (Rupa Publication), Devulapalli writes that soon after the tragic death of Jagan's father, Congress strongman and the state's former chief minister, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR), in a helicopter crash, at least 737 men and women committed suicide in shock over the death.

"Jagan wanted to take out an Odarpu Yatra across the state to honour the memory of his father and share the grief of families who had admired the late leader. But Sonia did not accord the permission to the yatra despite several requests," Devulapalli notes.

He writes that this led to Jagan leaving the Congress once and for all and floating his own political party, the YSRCP.

The state Congress leadership was uneasy with the idea of Jagan touring the state and consolidating his grip over the legacy of YSR.



"Despite these misgivings, Jagan remained with the party and appealed to the leadership for the yatra's permission and for six months -- October 2009 to April 2010 -- he tried to convince the party high command that he had the best interests of the party in his heart," Devulapalli writes.

Finally, unwilling to hold back any longer, Jagan did start the Odarpu Yatra on April 9, 2010, with the purpose of consoling the families of the 737 men and women who had taken their own lives grieving for their leader. The names of these 737 individuals are inscribed on a plaque at Idupulapaya, a village in Kadapa district, the home ground of the Reddys.

The author writes that the Congress High Command chose to see this as an act of defiance. Yet, Jagan was

undeterred, maintaining that the Odarpu Yatra was his way of honouring the people of his state.

To reassure the Congress leadership that this was not an act of rebellion by Jagan, his mother Y.S. Vijayamma and sister Sharmila, who's now his political rival in the Congress, requested an appointment with Sonia Gandhi to explain the purpose behind the Odarpu Yatra.

"Finally, Jagan was given an appointment with Sonia Gandhi in June-end of 2010. He met her along with his mother Vijayamma and his sister. It was a 40-minute meeting at Sonia Gandhi's 10 Janpath residence in New Delhi. Jagan tried his best to assure Sonia about the non-political nature of his meetings with the kin of the people who died of shock following his father's tragic death," Devulapalli writes.

From Jaya to Senthil Balaji, TN politicians who paid the price of corruption

By Arun Lakshman

Tamil Nadu can boast of several development milestones, but it is also weighed down by the millstone of big-ticket corruption that continues to rock the state.

The two Dravidian parties -- Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) have been accused of fostering corruption and protecting corrupt leaders. Tamil Nadu has been seeing power alternating every five years between the DMK and AIADMK, but there was a marked change in 2016 when after a five-year stint in power from 2011 to 2016, the AIADMK retained power and continued till 2021, thanks to the disoriented DMK.

The latest senior politician to be accused of corruption in the state is the DMK minister without portfolio, V. Senthil Balaji, who has been in prison since June 2023 when he was arrested by the Enforcement

Directorate (ED) in a cash-for-jobs scam in which several job aspirants were allegedly duped by the minister and his associates, including his brother Asok Kumar.

The ED registered a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002 and the minister was sent to Puzhal central prison in Chennai. However immediately after the arrest, Senthil Balaji complained of chest pain and on medical investigation at a government hospital in Chennai, it was found that he had three blocks in his coronary artery.

The minister was later operated upon at a private hospital and is now back in prison. His bail application was rejected for a 17th time by the Principal Sessions court of Chennai and now he is cooling his heels in the Puzhal prison.

It may be noted that the powerful Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, late J. Jayalalithaa who was a six-term Chief Minister of the state, was mired in corruption charges.

She was accused of misusing



her office during her first tenure from 1991-1996 to amass properties worth Rs 364 crore and depositing the amount in her proxy accounts.

She was accused of amassing landed properties worth crores of rupees including farm houses, tracts of land and bungalows. The former Chief Minister was also charged for buying a tea estate in the Nilgiris, jewellery worth crores of rupees, posh cars and investments in several industries. A special court of Chennai on September 27, 2014 found Jayalalithaa and her close associates guilty and she was to resign from Chief Minister's

post of Tamil Nadu.

However on May 11, 2015 Jayalalithaa was acquitted of all charges by the Madras High Court. The Supreme Court on February 15, 2017 upheld the verdict of the special court and convicted all. Not to be left behind, DMK has its own share of corrupt politicians with the Maran brothers -- Dayanidhi Maran and Kalanithi Maran, the cousins of Chief Minister MK Stalin were charge sheeted by the CBI in an illegal telephone exchange case.

The illegal telephone exchange case dates back to when Dayanidhi Maran was

Union telecom minister during the first UPA government from 2004 to 2007. The CBI accused Dayanidhi of misusing his office and installing a private telephone exchange at his Gopalapuram residence in Chennai as well as in his boat club during the period from 2004 to 2006. The CBI accused the former Union minister of installing 764 high speed telecommunication lines at his residence to facilitate the illegal uplink of the Sun TV network.

The CBI has accused the Maran brothers of bringing a loss of Rs 1.76 crores to the exchequer through the illegal telecom connections for the benefit of Sun TV network.

The 2G spectrum scam rocked Tamil Nadu politics and Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, daughter of Kalaigarnar Karunanidhi, who is presently a Member of Parliament from Thoothukudi constituency, was charge sheeted by the CBI for having colluded with then Telecom minister and Union Minister, A. Raja to transfer an amount of around Rs 2 billion to

the coffers of Kalaigarnar TV.

She was also charged with tax evasion by the Income Tax department in Chennai. Kanimozhi was booked under criminal conspiracy (Section 120-B), cheating (Section 420) and forgery (Sections 468 and 471) and was booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Kanimozhi was arrested by the CBI on May 20, 2011 and granted bail on November 28, 2011 after 188 days of custody.

Former Union telecom Minister and DMK leader A. Raja was also charge sheeted by the CBI for criminal conspiracy, cheating and forgery and booked by the CBI under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Raja was arrested by the CBI on February 2, 2011 and granted bail on May 15, 2012.

The BJP state president, K. Annamalai has already released DMK files and pointed the figure of accusation against the first family of the DMK. He has charged that Stalin's son and Tamil Nadu minister for Sports development and Youth Affairs, Udayanidhi Stalin and his

brother-in-law Sabareesan had amassed wealth to the tune of Rs 30,000 crore and called for an investigation by the Central agencies.

Annamalai also released DMK files II and DMK files III in which he alleged that the senior DMK ministers have indulged in looting money to the tune of thousands of crores.

Tamil super star Vijay who has launched his new political party, Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) and one of the main planks that he had announced was his fight against corruption. He publicly said that he would not compromise on corruption and one of the main focus of the party was to eradicate the culture of corruption from the state of Tamil Nadu.

C. Rajeev, Director, Centre for Policy and Development Studies, while speaking to IANS said, "The DMK and AIADMK have both been involved in corruption and there has to be a new political formulation in the state that can stand up against corruption and the menace it has brought to the Tamil society.

3rd Test: Mohammed Siraj, Yashasvi Jaiswal's exploits help India take firm control over

Rajkot, Feb 17 (IANS) Yashasvi Jaiswal notched up the second century of the ongoing series while Shubman Gill supported him with an unbeaten fifty to help India extend their lead to 322 runs and take a strong grip in the third Test against England at the Niranjan Shah Stadium here on Saturday.

Ravichandran Ashwin's overnight withdrawal from the match because of a family medical emergency meant India were one frontline bowler short ahead of Day Three. But others stepped up, with Mohammed Siraj taking 4-84, especially fuelled by a strong spell after lunch.

Kuldeep Yadav impressed in the morning with his pace, turn and variations to take two scalps while Ravindra Jadeja also picked two

wickets and Jasprit Bumrah triggered the collapse by taking out Joe Root as England lost eight wickets for just 95 runs, giving India a 126-run lead and momentum in the match, which wasn't a realistic possibility in the morning.

In their second innings, Jaiswal showed restraint before attacking England's bowlers to make 104, hitting nine fours and five sixes. He retired hurt shortly before stumps due to back spasms, putting a pause on his 155-run stand with Gill. On the other hand, Gill also cashed on the tiring England bowlers by batting at his own pace while hitting six fours and two sixes to remain 65 not out at stumps, with Kuldeep Yadav giving him company on three not out, as India reached 196/2 in 51 overs.



The start of Day Three saw England collect a brace of boundaries before Bumrah got India the breakthrough as Root dragged a reverse ramp straight to second slip, as his nightmarish tour continued.

One brought two as Kuldeep trapped Jonny Bairstow LBW for an eight-ball duck by a

delivery which gripped and turned sharply. Bairstow went for the review, but the decision was unchanged.

Ben Duckett wasn't looking comfortable but did enough to get past 150. From the other end, Stokes struggled against Bumrah and the varying turn Kuldeep got. Stokes tried to counter-attack when he lofted, flicked and drove

with ease to get boundaries. But Duckett, who was struggling with wider lines of Kuldeep and couldn't get boundaries nonchalantly, reached out for a short and wide ball which he cut straight to cover, ending his knock at 153 off 151 balls. Foakes survived a big lbw shout off Kuldeep, even as Stokes slog-swept him for four till lunch came.

Post lunch, Jadeja struck as Stokes went for the slog-sweep, but didn't time it well and was caught by Bumrah running in from long-on. One brought two as Foakes tried to whip a slower ball from Siraj which stopped on him and took the edge to mid-on.

Siraj then cleaned up Rehan Ahmed with an immaculate yorker hitting the base of the off-stump, while Jadeja had Tom Hartley stumped easily by

debutant keeper Dhruv Jurel. Siraj ended England's innings by rattling James Anderson's off-stump to pick his best Test figures at home.

Rohit Sharma began India's second innings by taking two boundaries from James Anderson's first over, while a sedate Jaiswal survived an lbw call off Tom Hartley. Sharma tried to sweep Root but was beaten in the air to be trapped LBW. England took the review and got the not-out decision from umpire Joel Wilson reversed in their favour, as Rohit walked back to the pavilion.

Gill got going by lofting Root over mid-wicket for four, while Jaiswal ended the session driving the part-time spinner past extra cover for a boundary to end a steady session for India.

At the start of the final session, Jaiswal and Gill were content with tiring out England's bowlers.

But the change of gears happened in the 27th over, as Jaiswal moved from 35 off 73 balls to 49 off 76 balls, pulling and smashing Anderson for six and two fours. He then smacked Hartley over long-on for two sixes, the first of which fetched him his fifty.

Jaiswal's onslaught continued when he punched and swept Root for boundaries, followed by lofting Rehan Ahmed for six. The highlight, though, was Jaiswal reverse-sweeping Ahmed for back-to-back fours. He then cut through cover-point for four to raise his third Test century, with him making 65 runs off his next 49 balls.

Gill took on Root by

lofting over long-off for six and then pulled Mark Wood for another maximum to get his fifty as well in 98 balls. After being troubled by back spasms twice, Jaiswal had to retire hurt.

Gill continued to flay boundaries even as Rajat Patidar pulled straight to mid-wicket and fell for a 10-ball duck. Despite that, India managed to make 152 runs in the final session on day three and have taken a firm grip on this Test, with England left in a dire situation to save the match. Brief scores: India 445 & 196/2 in 51 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 104, Shubman Gill 65 not out; Tom Hartley 1-42, Joe Root 1-48) lead England 319 all out in 71.1 overs (Ben Duckett 153, Ben Stokes 41; Mohammed Siraj 4-84, Ravindra Jadeja 2-51) by 322 runs

PKL 10: Players' bonding helped us reach Playoffs, says Haryana Steelers head coach Manpreet Singh

Panchkula (Haryana), Feb 17 (IANS) The Haryana Steelers clinched the sixth and final spot in the Season 10 Playoffs in the Pro Kabaddi League and head coach Manpreet Singh credited the players' bonding on the mat for their achievement. The Steelers booked their spot in the Playoffs by defeating the Patna Pirates 39-32 on Friday night. The Haryana Steelers joined Puneri Paltan, Jaipur Pink Panthers, Dabang Delhi K.C., Patna Pirates and Gujarat Giants in the Playoffs in front of their home fans in Panchkula. Speaking about qualifying for the business end of the tournament, Manpreet Singh said, "We are very happy to book a Playoffs spot during our home leg. And it's also great to start the Panchkula leg with a victory. I was thinking before the season that it's important for the players to have a strong bond on the mat, which has happened during the season." When asked about his impact on the side, the head coach said, "I am like a big brother to the players. All the players are really good. The youngsters have learnt a lot this season and have taught me many things as well. And the younger players have bonded well with the seniors in the side."

AICF Polls: Rs 11 lakh difference between Returning Officers' fees raises eyebrows

Chennai, Feb 17 (IANS) A glaring difference in the fees to be paid to the two Returning Officers -- both retired high court judges -- appointed for conducting the office-bearers' elections for the All India Chess Federation (AICF) is being raised by the chess administrators. While one Returning Officer was appointed by the Delhi High Court, the other was appointed by AICF President Sanjay Kapoor. The Delhi High Court, by an order dated 6.12.2023, had appointed Justice (Retd) G.S. Sistani as the second Returning Officer and fixed a fee of Rs 5,00,000. The court had also ordered that the AICF elections should be held in Delhi, and not in Kanpur where Kapoor lives.

In November 2023, Kapoor appointed Allahabad High Court's retired Justice Rang Nath Pandey as the Returning Officer at a fee of Rs 16,00,000. Incidentally, the AICF had paid Rs 5,00,000 as the Returning Officer's fee to former Justice (Retd) of Punjab and Haryana High Court, K. Kannan, for conducting the AICF elections in 2021. Queried about the Rs 11,00,000 increase in the Returning Officer's fee as compared to what was paid by the AICF during the last office-bearers' elections and the one fixed by the Delhi High Court this time, Kapoor brusquely told IANS: "Don't create a controversy," and disconnected the call. "Any expenditure over Rs 10 lakh has to be approved by the AICF Executive Council. Kapoor had issued the appointment order to Justice Pandey on 29.11.2023. After that a couple of General Body meetings of the AICF were held. But this issue was not discussed at any of the meetings," Naresh Sharma, AICF Treasurer, told IANS. "I had told Kapoor the fee agreed is too high, to which he had replied, 'I am empowered to do so'," Sharma said.

Sachin Tendulkar visits bat factory in J&K

Srinagar, Feb 17 (IANS) Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar on Saturday visited a cricket bat manufacturing factory in J&K's Awantipora town. Accompanied by wife Anjali and daughter Sara, Sachin visited the MJ cricket bat manufacture factory in the Chersoo area of Awantipora in Anantnag district. The factory is owned by two brothers -- Manzoor Ahmad and Javaid Ahmad, who belong to the Chersoo area. Sachin showed special interest in the manufacturing process of the famed Kashmir willow bats. The bats are reputed to be of high quality which are known for their toughness, durability and robustness.

Ravi Ashwin can come anytime during this Test Match and bowl straightaway: Dinesh Karthik

Rajkot, Feb 17 (IANS) Former India cricketer turned commentator Dinesh Karthik has confirmed that Ravichandran Ashwin can join the India team anytime and can bowl as per the cricketing rules in the third Test match against England.

Ashwin, who joined the 500-wickets club in Test cricket on Friday after taking the wicket of England opener Zak Crawley, immediately left Rajkot for his hometown Chennai to attend to a medical emergency in his family.

Though it seems doubtful at this point, Karthik did disclose that match authorities have informed the Indian team management that Ashwin can bowl "anytime" if he returns for the Test match.

"Ravi Ashwin can come anytime during this Test Match and bowl straightaway. The umpires have given Ashwin that favor," said Karthik on air.

As per the regulations, a player stepping off the field must wait for an equivalent period before resuming play. However, Ashwin's case, deemed unique by the umpires, warranted a departure from the conventional.

Football training empowers girls to break gender bias barriers

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In a bid to combat child marriage and empower girls in Potka block, a unique initiative was undertaken by the social organization Youth Unity for Voluntary Action (YUVA). Girls from Chhota Sigdi village of Heselbil Panchayat participated in football coaching sessions held at Chhota Sigdi Football Ground, organized under the auspices of the Girls Football Foundation (GFF) program.



challenge patriarchal norms that often restricted their freedom and opportunities.

The program aimed to raise awareness about gender discrimination prevalent in families and society and empower girls to assert their rights. By engaging in sports like football, girls gained confidence, broke free from the shackles of societal constraints, and

forged a distinct identity for themselves.

The success of the program was attributed to the efforts of YUVA activists including Jyoti Hembram, Rila Sardar, Kiran Sardar, Ratan Paul, and Chandra Kala Munda.

YUVA coach Seema Bhumij observed, "Football is a powerful tool for social change. It can help to break down gender stereotypes and empower

girls to reach their full potential."

One of the participants in the football coaching camp who was excited, stated, "I am so glad that I had the opportunity to participate in this program. I have learned so much about football and about myself. I am more confident and assertive now, and I am more likely to speak out against gender discrimination." (w/gsd)

Maharashtra win IDCA 3rd Test National Cricket Championship for Deaf 2024



New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) The Maharashtra deaf cricket team defeated the Madhya Pradesh deaf cricket team with a lead of 45 runs to win the IDCA 3rd Test National Cricket Championship Trophy for Deaf 2024 at Essex Farms Cricket Club, Chhawla, Delhi on Saturday.

The winning team was presented with the trophy and the winning amount of Rs. 1,00,000, while the runner-up was awarded with a consolation prize of Rs. 50,000.

The best individual sportsmen in various categories including, batting, bowling, fielding, and super sixes were also felicitated for their commendable performance.

The six-day championship kicked off on February 12, with a face-off between Jammu & Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh. Four teams from Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir participated in this tournament. The tournament was organised by IDCA in association with the Serum Institute of India (a part of Cyrus Poonawalla Group). The winning team was felicitated by the chief guest, Dr. Sushil Singh, President, Centre for CSR | BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry; and Vice President, Police Families Welfare Society, Delhi Police in the closing ceremony held at Essex Farms Cricket Club, Chhawla, Delhi on Saturday.

AIAC: Jyothi breaks national record with a gold medal

Tehran, Feb 17 (IANS) Jyothi Yarraji broke her national record in 60m hurdles to win the gold medal at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2024 on Saturday. Yarraji soared to victory, clocking an astonishing 8.12 seconds in the final.

Jyothi Yarraji has now broken the 60-meter hurdles national record six times. Jyothi set a national record last year when she ran a time of 8.20 seconds, then beat it four more times to finish in 8.13 seconds. Jyothi beat her heat earlier in the day, recording 8.22 seconds. Jyothi, who won a silver medal in the last edition bettered her medal by winning a gold.

Earlier, Harmilan Bains too seized the gold medal in the 1500m final, crossing the finish line with a time of 4:29.55. Her stellar performance set the tone for India's dominance on the track.

India has already outperformed last year, when only Jyothi Yarraji came back with a gold medal, with two gold on the first day.



Ranchi Test Match: Minimum ticket price Rs 250

Ticket selling at stadium counters from Feb 20

Ranchi, Feb 17: Excitement is building to a crescendo for the forthcoming Test Match set to unfold between India and England from February 23 to 27, 2024, at the prestigious JSCA International Cricket Stadium. With preparations in full swing, the cricketing extravaganza is anticipated to captivate fans and enthusiasts.

As the teams gear up for an intense battle on the field, cricket aficionados are cordially invited to witness the unfolding excitement firsthand. The opportunity to secure seats for this thrilling match has opened, with online ticket sales commencing on February 16, available on the Paytm App and insider.in. The ticket is price between Rs 250 and Rs 2500 as announced by Jharkhand State Cricket Association.



For the convenience of fans, tickets purchased online can be physically collected from the box office at the West Gate of the Stadium starting from February 20, 2024, at 9:30 AM onwards. It's imperative to note that possessing a physical ticket is mandatory for entry into the stadium on match days. The online ticketing option provides a secure and user-friendly platform for fans to make their purchases, allowing one person to acquire a maximum of 6 tickets.

Moreover, a photo identity card of the ticket purchaser is essential when collecting tickets from the counters.

Online Ticketing Details:
Online Platforms: Insider.in and Paytm app
Payment Options: Credit/Debit Cards, Net Banking, UPI

In addition to online sales, offline tickets will be available at the box office from February 20 to 22, with four operational counters. During the match days from February 23 to 27, only one counter at the West Gate will be operational for ticket purchases, limiting each person to a maximum of 6 tickets.

Box Office Ticketing Details:
Date and Time of Ticket Sale: February 20, 2024, to February 27, 2024, 9:30 AM to 1 PM and 2 PM to 4:30 PM. (W-mb)

Jharkhand shines at 44th National Master Athletic Championship 2024

Mail News Service

Pune, Feb 17: The third day of the five-day 44th National Master Athletic Championship witnessed a remarkable performance by athletes representing Jharkhand at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Stadium. Sanjeev Kumar Tomar, the General Secretary of the Master Athletic Association of Jharkhand and an international master athlete, excelled in the discus throw event for the 55 plus age group, clinching the gold medal with a throw of 42 meters. Tomar's success added to his earlier wins in the championship, where he bagged gold in hammer



throw and silver in shot putt. In the 45 plus age group, female athlete Savitri Savaiya contributed to Jharkhand's medal tally by winning the silver medal in the javelin throw event.

Master athletes present extended their congratulations to the Jharkhand contingent.

Expressing his elation at the conclusion of the competition, Sanjeev Kumar Tomar, credited the team's collective effort for their outstanding performance. Under his leadership, the Jharkhand team has bagged a total of 10 medals - five gold, three silver, and two bronze, marking a significant triumph for the state. (w/gsd)

95% of Indian parents concerned about child's screen addiction

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANSLife) In today's digital age, parenting presents an unprecedented set of challenges. With children growing up in a world saturated with online content, the line between constructive engagement and harmful addiction has become increasingly blurred.

Baatu Tech, the pioneer in Smart Parenting Solutions in India, announced the results of a recent survey that shed light on the alarming concerns of Indian parents regarding screen addiction, gaming, and adult content consumption among children.

The survey conducted among 3000 participants revealed that an overwhelming 95% of Indian parents are deeply concerned about screen addiction, while 80 percent and 70 percent expressed worries regarding gaming addiction and adult content consumption, respectively.

Numerous research from the past have indicated that excessive screen time can negatively impact children's physical and mental health, hinder cognitive development, and impede social interactions. One area of particular concern is the rising trend of gaming addiction among children. According to a study published in the Journal of Behavioral Addictions, approximately 3-4% of children worldwide experience problematic gaming behaviours.

This addiction can lead to a variety of detrimental effects, such as poor academic performance, disrupted sleep patterns, and decreased physical activity. Moreover, prolonged exposure to violent or aggressive game content has been linked to increased aggression and



desensitization to real-life violence.

Parents and educators must be aware of the signs of gaming addiction and take proactive measures to ensure a healthy balance between gaming and other activities in children's lives. By promoting alternative forms of engagement and setting clear boundaries, we can help children develop a well-rounded approach to technology and prevent the negative consequences of excessive gaming.

"Baatu Tech understands the concerns of Indian parents and is committed to addressing the pressing issue of screen addiction and inappropriate content consumption among children," said Sandeep Kumar, Founder and Managing Director of Baatu Tech. "We believe that parenting in the digital age requires constant vigilance, open and honest communication, and a well-informed approach. Our Smart Parenting Solutions empower parents to foster digital literacy while safeguarding their children's well-being."

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A Winter Honeymoon Paradise!



New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANSLife) There's something enchanting about romancing your partner in the lap of nature during the winter season. Imagine being surrounded by the breathtaking views of the majestic snow-capped PirPanjal range from the warmth and comfort of your wood-panelled room! Skyview by Empyrean, a cosy mountain harbour located in Jammu's Sanget-Patnitop area, is where you get to experience some romantic moments with the love of your life!

Indoor Romance

The property offers a total of 15 premium rooms and luxury suites that offer views of the mountains and the Skyview Gondola. From the wood-panelled Gondola View Luxury Rooms inspired by the natural environment of the region, you can soak in the picturesque setting of Sanget Valley. The Mountain View suites and rooms offer magnificent views of the Himalayas over lush green forests, epitomising luxury, comfort and warmth - just the right ingredients for you to brew that romance. Whether you're sharing a cup of 'chai' in your private balcony watching flaming sunrises and sunsets, or partaking in deep conversation by the roaring fireplace, there is a corner on the property to match the mood.

Firing Up The Taste-Buds

Food and romance are known to have a deep connection, what with some of the most romantic relationships starting with a meal together! At Skyview's Banana Leaf restaurant, love blooms and how! This luxurious dining space features a variety of global and regional cuisines prepared with love by a team headed by Skyview's highly-decorated Executive Chef, who creates an immersive culinary experience that will leave you smacking your lips in satisfaction! From Chinese to Continental to mouth-watering desserts, there is a delicacy that will uplift the palate of every kind of food connoisseur. For a quick bite, newly-married couples can head over to Skyview Café for a taste of their famous sizzlers. For those who want to just chill and stay in, room service is just a call away.

Bonding Over Adventure

For adventurous honeymooning couples who love to spend time outdoors during winter, there are a plethora of exciting activities to pump up the adrenalin rush and create the perfect setting for bonding. Other than taking long romantic walks exploring the 22-acre mountain harbour in all its glory, couples can also sign up for scenic gondola rides to Patnitop and back, mountain biking, archery, ATV, ziplining or even hop on to the magic carpet ride!

Riding Into The Sunset On A Gondola

Environmentally-aware honeymooners will be delighted to learn that Skyview by Empyrean is India's first Sustainable Tourism Destination, certified by The Responsible Tourism Society of India. Furthermore, the sustainable ride on the highest CEN-Certified Ropeway in Asia (in terms of ground clearance) is the stuff dreams are made of! Enroute you are treated with unfiltered aerial views of pristine mountain ranges, lush forests and clear blue skies that will uplift your spirits! The fact that this ropeway is not only net zero, it significantly minimizes traffic, air, and noise pollution, makes the experience all the more natural!

Patnitop Calling

The property offers easy accessibility to Patnitop, an enchanting hill station that is just 10 minutes away. An ideal destination for honeymooners, Patnitop offers a range of attractions for couples. For those seeking blessings for their new life as a married couple, the SudhMahadev temple and the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi temple are close by. Boating at Mansarlake or spending quality time at Natha Top either paragliding, skiing or taking a walk amidst nature are also very popular among tourists.

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5 captivating visual storytelling trends

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANSLife) Visual storytelling is always changing, continually expanding and diversifying how it uses and applies the medium. Particularly, millennials face a substantial learning curve as they strive not only to adapt but also to anticipate what may prove effective in the future of visual storytelling. There are five prominent visual storytelling trends that I foresee being instrumental in aiding millennials to disseminate their narratives to a broader audience.

Creating a Cinematic Experience

Catering to an expansive audience with a limited attention span poses a challenge for content creators. The integration of cinematic shooting and post-production styles into a vertical format is anticipated to be a pivotal focus in 2024 for content creation on platforms such as Instagram, Facebook Reels, and TikTok. This approach has the potential to deliver aesthetically pleasing content, resulting in an increased retention rate for the average consumer.

Connecting with a Social Cause

Establishing a connection between a brand and a social cause is deemed imperative for resonating with the collective emotions of content consumers. This method will be extensively employed to "build a community for a cause," providing brands and individuals with an opportunity to advocate social issues and raise awareness effectively.

Creating an ASMR Experience

The trend of feel-based content experiences is expected to gain substantial traction in 2024. The artistry, craftsmanship, and technology employed in shooting and editing such videos will be in high demand. Once users engage with such content, the likelihood of them returning to experience it again significantly increases, marking it as a noteworthy trend to watch.

Creating a mini-series

The emergence of Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms has transformed the consumption of content into a routine engagement with episodic narratives. Crafting diverse stories that maintain the central character's interactions with their surroundings and network of relationships renders the content more relatable than instances presented in isolation. This trend not only enhances brand retention but also ensures prolonged engagement over an extended period.

Showcasing the process

Audiences are typically fascinated by the intricacies involved in crafting compelling content. The trend of storytelling that immerses the viewer in the creation process, providing a firsthand experience, is expected to gain prominence in 2024. This approach not only establishes belief in the final output but also fosters a connection with the creative process, ultimately building trust in the brand.

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Transforming cloud 22 at Atlantis The Royal, Ounass and Dolce &Gabbana announce a collaboration



New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANSLife) The epicenter and spiritual core of Atlantis The Royal, Cloud 22 is an iconic sky pool with sweeping views over The Palm Islands, the Arabian Sea and Dubai's captivating skyline.

In collaboration with Ounass, Dolce&Gabbana presents an Italian-inspired experience at Cloud 22, that evokes a story of love and hospitality, of devotion to beauty, and the art of living the everyday life.

Dolce & Gabbana employs its iconic blue maiolica print to adorn Cloud 22, seamlessly weaving the fashion house's creativity into the venue's inherent sophistication.

Guests are assured of an extraordinary encounter, where Dolce&Gabbana's renowned fashion elements blend with Cloud 22's elegant ambience. Meticulously crafted furnishings, embellished with the iconic blue maiolica print, and the incorporation of natural materials will contribute to an ambience that is not only luxurious but also irresistibly inviting.

With lively music and a sophisticated ambience, guests can indulge in a special Dolce&Gabbana menu featuring a handpicked selection of dishes including bruschetta with Oscietra caviar, Gillaudeau oysters drizzled with Amalfi lemon and balsamico sauce, and steak tartare perfected with truffle.

Soaring 96 meters above The Palm and spanning 90 meters in length, Cloud 22 features an endless infinity pool, floating beds, 11 luxury cabanas with private plunge pools as well as a two-storey VVIP cabana complete with its own floating infinity pool.

Visitors can also immerse themselves in the world of Ounass at a pop-up store located on the Galleria Level of Atlantis The Royal, where guests can not only discover exceptional pieces from the Dolce & Gabbana collections - including iconic prints such as Blue Majolica and Psychedelic Cart, together with the Crystal Mesh Collection - but also live Ounass' unrivalled shopping experience.

This exclusive journey at Ounass and Dolce&Gabbana at Cloud 22 starts from AED 450 per person and welcomes guests from 10:00am to 7:00pm daily. 21+.To find out more or to make a reservation log onto www.atlantis.com/dubai/dining/cloud22 or call +04 462700.

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Tier 1, 2, and 3 dater's share how to tell if it's love

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANSLife) While dating is becoming increasingly easy, daters still often find themselves at the crossroads between genuine connections and fleeting moments of loneliness. Dating app, QuackQuack's consumer research analysis, got daters from Tier 1, 2, and 3 cities talking about the differences between genuine love and a temporary escape from boredom. 45 percent of these respondents think there are some tell-tale signs like indulging in long-term plans and the willingness for emotional investment.

A total of 10,000 individuals participated in this online survey, and they came from varied backgrounds, with the majority working professionals, business owners, and a portion of students. These participants comprised GenZ ranging between 20 to 26 and Millennials between 27 and 35.

QuackQuack's Founder and CEO, Ravi Mittal, said, "Genuine connections require introspection, and our study pushed our users to introspect and come up with the best possible solutions to tell love from being in love with the idea of love. We are close to 30M users and have noticed many individuals getting enough matches but not results. We believe it is solely because more users are connecting



out of sheer boredom or loneliness instead of compatibility."

Consistency of Interaction

When it comes to figuring out if your match is genuinely attracted to you or if the attention you are getting is directly proportional to how lonely they are on that particular day, the consistency of interaction can help figure out the reality. 37 percent of Tier 2 daters between 27 and 35 highlighted that if your match reaches out to you sporadically, and the interaction lasts longer on days and barely a minute the other, it might indicate that they are seeking temporary companionship rather than a sincere connection.

Emotional Fulfilment

Understanding your intentions

can be trickier than understanding your matches, said 29 percent of male daters from Tier 1 cities. When unsure whether your feelings are genuine or are merely feeling alone, try measuring how emotionally fulfilled you feel after an interaction with the person. If it brings joy, satisfaction, and a sense of completeness, it's likely rooted in love. The respondents also included that if it gives only temporary relief and sometimes even leaves you feeling emptier, the connection is likely built on the foundation of loneliness. Introspection is the only way to make out the real motive of your connection, exclaimed these men.

Long-Term Perspective

People in love tend to view their

relationship with a long-term perspective, as explained by 45 percent of women from Tier 2 and 3 cities. Discussions about future plans, shared goals, and commitment indicate a deeper connection. But a connection stemming from boredom does not have a clear vision for the future. Couples might plan a week ahead, but never a month.

Introspection

31 percent of daters between 25 and 35 claimed that introspection is the only way to realize if you are falling for someone or if you are bored with your routine life and looking for excitement. They mentioned a few things to ask yourself or look into when in doubt-think if you are still on the lookout for a relationship, think how you'd feel if the person you believe you like wasn't there in your life, imagine if you can be with this person for the next five years, imagine a life with them and think if you know anything beyond the surface level about this individual. One more thing to consider is if you often find yourself thinking about them in between other activities or do you only remember them when you are alone.

These participants asserted that a few hours of introspection is enough to figure out your true motive.

Ishara International Puppet Theatre Festival to be held in Feb in Delhi and Chandigarh

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANSLife) TheIshara International Puppet Theatre Festival's 20th edition is scheduled to run from February 16 to 25 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi and Tagore Theatre in Chandigarh.

Produced by Teamwork Arts, it is supported by the Ishara Puppet Theatre Trust.

In addition to Indian artists, this edition will feature performers from Brazil, Spain, Korea, Turkey, the US, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Russia. Both verbal and non-verbal performances will be part of the festival.

At the festival, France will present 'Wings And Roots' by Fanny Tissot-Giordanna/CompagnieArketal from National Theatre, Nice.

The musical menagerie Air Giants by PiaFraus will be directed by BetoAndretta from Brazil.

From the US, 'The Kurt Hunter Marionettes' will be presenting a performance entitled 'Penguin In My Pocket', directed by Laura Wilhelm. Russia's most famous puppet character will be brought back to life with a celebration of 400 years of tradition. Petrushka, performed by Novosibirsk Regional Puppet Theatre and directed by SvyatoslavPankov.

'Hiss & Arr' is a non-verbal performance from Taiwan, presented by 'Puppet On The Workbench' and directed by Mong-

Han Liang/Chia-Hao Chen.

Sevincer Puppet Theatre from Turkey will showcase 'Mucit' (Inventor), directed by YalcinGonenc.

From Sri Lanka, the 'Traditional String Puppet Show', performed by Mango Friends Puppet Society, and directed by IndikaGamani will be presented.

The Culture Art Bakery FFWANG from Korea will present 'Hong Donggi&Isimi', directed by HwangSeokyoung.

TrapusterosTeatro from Brazil will present Mamulengo De La Mancha, directed by IzabelaBrochado.

The Ishara Puppet Theatre Group will present 'Be Yourself', directed by Dadi D. Pudumjee -- an adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's 'The Ugly Duckling'.

Dadi D. Pudumjee, Festival Director and founder of 'The Ishara Puppet Theatre Trust', said that the 20th edition will prove to be a milestone as countries from across the globe will be part of the edition.

Sanjoy K. Roy, Managing Director, of Teamwork Arts and Producer of the festival, said, "Ishara has changed the way people view the art and theatre of puppetry and puppet-making. Countless artistes and artisans have benefitted from the festival over the years, which has brought together some of the most outstanding productions from across the world."

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Israel's fighting in Gaza may continue during Ramadan: Minister

Jerusalem, Feb 17 (IANS) Israel's Wartime Cabinet Minister Benny Gantz has warned that fighting in the Gaza Strip will continue during Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting, if Israeli hostages are not released."Either the hostages will be returned, or we will extend the fighting to Rafah," he said in a video statement. Ramadan 2024 is expected to begin on or around March 11.Israel will keep in touch with Egypt and other countries and evacuate residents in Rafah before launching ground operations into the southernmost city in Gaza, Xinhua news agency reported, citing Gantz."There will not be a ceasefire of even one day until the hostages are returned" and Israeli goals are achieved, he added.

Ukraine orders withdrawal of troops from Avdiivka town

Kiev, Feb 17 (IANS) Ukrainian Armed Forces commander-in-chief Oleksandr Syrsky on Saturday said that the country has ordered withdrawal of troops from Avdiivka town.In a post on social media, Syrsky said: "To avoid encirclement and preserve the lives and health of servicemen, I decided to withdraw our units from the city and move to defence on more favorable lines."The measure is being taken to stabilise the situation and maintain their positions in the area, he said, Xinhua news agency reported.He also emphasised that the lives of military personnel are of utmost importance to Ukraine.Earlier this week, local media reported that Russian forces advanced in Avdiivka, an industrial town in the Donetsk region, after fierce fighting with Ukrainian troops.

Jailed ex-Thai PM Thaksin to be released on Feb 18

Bangkok, Feb 17 (IANS) Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavasin on Saturday said that former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is set to be released on February 18. Thaksin, 74, is among the 930 inmates approved for parole this month, the Justice Department said, Xinhua news agency reported.He is eligible for parole as he is over 70 years old and suffers from serious illness.Thaksin, who ended his exile of over 15 years and returned to Thailand in August 2023, was soon detained and sentenced to an eight-year prison sentence on several charges.However, he was soon transferred from a Bangkok prison to a hospital due to health concerns and has remained in hospital since. Last September, Thai King Maha Vajiralongkorn reduced Thaksin's prison term to one year following his request for a royal pardon.Thaksin served as the Southeast Asian country's prime minister from 2001 to 2006 and had been in self-exile abroad since 2008.

27 poll workers died throughout Indonesia's 2024 election

Jakarta, Feb 17 (IANS) A total of 27 poll workers died throughout Indonesia's 2024 general election, according to the health ministry on Friday.The ministry's spokesperson Siti Nadia Tarmizi said they died before, during, and after the vote, based on reports the ministry received from February 10 to 15."The main cause is heart attacks, the number of cases reached nine," stated Tarmizi.Other causes are vehicle accidents (4), septic shock (2), acute respiratory distress syndrome (1), and hypertension (1), while 10 are in the process of being confirmed, Xinhua news agency reported.Central Java is the province with the highest number of deaths of poll workers, seven cases, followed by East Java and West Java with five cases each.

Indonesia's general elections on Wednesday involved more than 204 million voters through 823,220 stations with more than 5.74 million poll workers, according to the General Election Commission.Cases of poll workers who died in the 2019 general elections reached 894. To prevent deaths, the government has implemented health screening and requires a maximum age limit of 55 for poll workers.

Rawalpindi Commissioner resigns in protest against rigging in Pakistan polls

Rawalpindi, Feb 17 (IANS) Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chhatta on Saturday resigned from his post in protest against electoral irregularities, local media reported.Chatta made the announcement in a press conference at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.He admitted that "rigging" took place in Rawalpindi Division and took responsibility for it, Geo News reported."We convert the losers into winners with 50,000 votes margin. I did injustice to the people of Rawalpindi Division," he claimed and surrendered himself before the police, Geo News reported."I apologise to the returning officers of my division," he said, adding that his subordinates were crying about what they were directed to do.Chattah claimed that even today the election staff are affixing fake stamps on the ballot papers."We wronged the country [...] I should be executed in Rawalpindi's Kachehri Chowk", he lamented, Geo News reported.Stressing that he was under pressure from social media and overseas Pakistanis, the official revealed that he even attempted suicide this morning.

British-Indian jailed for life over murder committed 30 years ago

London, Feb 17 (IANS) A 51-year-old Indian-origin man, who murdered a mother of two children 30 years ago, has been sentenced to life after new DNA techniques used on a single hair left at the scene proved he was the killer. Sandip Patel, who stabbed 39-year-old Marina Koppel more than 140 times in a flat in Westminster on August 8, 1994, was convicted of murder and sentenced at the Old Bailey court, the BBC reported on Friday.Patel, who was a 21-year-old student at the time of the murder, became a suspect in 2022 after investigators found a hair strand stuck in a ring worn by Koppel.While sentencing Patel, Justice Cavanagh said "aggravating factors included the use of and attempted disposal of a knife, the gratuitous and sustained violence, the vulnerability of Koppel, and a lack of remorse", the news outlet reported."The terror and pain that you inflicted on Koppel is difficult to imagine. You deprived [her] of many more years of life. No sentence that I pass can compensate the family of Mrs Koppel for their loss," he added.

Jaishankar discusses bilateral ties with Canadian counterpart in Munich

Munich, Feb 17 (IANS) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met his Canadian counterpart Melanie Joly on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference on Friday and discussed bilateral ties.

The discussions came amid an ongoing diplomatic row between the two nations with Canada accusing India of killing Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey last year and the latter denying the charge as "absurd" and "motivated". "Our conversation understandably focused on the present state of our bilateral ties. Was also useful to exchange views on the global situation," Jaishankar wrote on X.

Recently, Canada named India as a "foreign threat" that could potentially interfere in their elections,



months after they accused New Delhi of playing a role in Nijjar's killing.

India categorically denied the allegation and asserted that the "core issue" with Canada is the space it gives to separatists, terrorists, and anti-India elements on its soil.

Earlier, the External Affairs Minister met his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock and

held a "wide-ranging conversation on global challenges and the pathway ahead".The two leaders also reviewed preparations for the next India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations meeting. He also met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on the sidelines of the conference to discuss maritime security in the Red Sea.

Vladimir Putin's foes, critics often met with violent deaths

London, Feb 17 (IANS) Russian President Vladimir Putin's foes and critics have often met with violent deaths at the very peak of their conflicts with the Kremlin leader during his nearly quarter-century in power, a media report said.

Alexei Navalny's death, which many foreign leaders and supporters say is murder, came after he was banished to an Arctic Circle prison, where he was regularly thrown in a punishment cell, exposed to the elements and significantly malnourished.

Putin's other foes have been targeted in diverse ways: shootings, poisonings and even a plane crash. Many of the deaths are never solved and remain listed as accidents and suicides, leaving open the question of just how many of his enemies Putin has



dispatched with over the years, The Guardian reported.A number of former members of the Russian intelligence services who defected to the west have been targeted in poisonings since 2000.Putin's dark methods first came to international attention during the case of Alexander Litvinenko, a former member of the FSB security services who had become an opponent of Putin and died of polonium-210 poisoning in London in 2006. His killers, who both had links to the intelligence services, were accused of lacing his

tea with a radioactive element, The Guardian reported.The former head of the Wagner paramilitary group Yevgeny Prigozhin was on poor terms with Putin when he arrived in Moscow in August last year. He was there for talks with Putin after an aborted mutiny that saw his mercenaries seize the city of Rostov and march toward Moscow.He appeared to have negotiated a truce with the Kremlin, agreeing to evacuate his troops to Belarus and focus on the group's activities outside Ukraine. But an explosion aboard his Embraer Legacy 600 business jet sent the plane spiralling to the ground, killing Prigozhin, the field commander Dmitry Utkin and eight others on board, The Guardian reported.

Labour protests in China increase rapidly amid economic slowdown

Washington, Feb 17 (IANS) Labour protests in China have increased rapidly since August of last year, according to rights groups, especially in the lead-up to the Lunar New Year, which began late last week, a media report said.Labour protests more than tripled in the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, according to data collected by New York-based international rights group Freedom House's China Dissent Monitor, which tracks protests in China, VOA reported.Analysts say this unrest is linked to poor working conditions and China's ongoing economic difficulties, the report said.The China Dissent Monitor recorded 777 labour protests in China between September and December 2023, compared to 245 in the same period of 2022.Independent data from the Hong Kong-based China Labour Bulletin, which promotes Chinese workers' rights, recorded an additional 183 protests between January



1 and February 3, 2024, including 40 in Guangdong province alone, VOA reported. Kevin Slaten, who leads the China Dissent Monitor, said worker protests are often linked to wage disputes and occupational safety.Li Qiang, Founder and Executive Director of New York-based China Labour Watch, which advocates for the Chinese labour movement, said that in addition to China's economic slowdown, an "implosion" in the real-estate sector and reduced manufacturing was also a factor, VOA reported.

New York judge in civil fraud case fines Trump \$350 M, depleting available cash in election year

New York, Feb 17 (IANS) A local judge has dealt a blow to Donald Trump's purse and ego, hitting him with a massive fine of over \$350 million, depleting available cash in an election year and barring the billionaire real estate developer from doing business in New York State for three years.

State Supreme Court Justice Arthur Engoron imposed the penalties on Friday on the leading candidate for the Republican Party's presidential nomination after having found him guilty of fraud in a civil case brought by the state's Attorney General, Letitia James, a Democrat.

She said that the fine and the interests on it amount to \$450 million and will continue to increase until the fine is paid.

Engoron said that the conduct of Trump and his



associate in the case "borders on the pathological" because of their lack of remorse.

Trump hit back posting on the social media Truth Social that the ruling was "an illegal, unAmerican judgment against me, my family, and my tremendous business."State Attorney General's position is an elected office and James, a Democrat, called the verdict "a tremendous victory for this state, this nation, and for everyone who believes that we all must play by the same rules - even former Presidents."

A day earlier, in another blow to Trump, a New York

Supreme Court ordered Trump's trial in criminal fraud trial to start on March 25, in the middle of the campaign and in the week before the primaries - intraparty elections to select the Republican Party's presidential nominee - in New York and four other states with 17 more to go.In that case he is accused of criminally falsifying business records to cover up hush money paid to a porn star to silence her claims she had an affair with Trump.With his assets amounting to billions tied up in real estate, the huge fine and the interests could wipe out Trump's available cash as he campaigns for the party nomination, which he has virtually been assured of, and prepares to battle the Democratic Party's presumptive nominee President Joe Biden in less than nine months.

Iran man kills 12 relatives in shooting spree

Tehran, Feb 17 (IANS) A 30-year-old man gunned down 12 of his relatives Saturday in a remote rural area in southeast Iran, the deadliest shooting reported in decades.

Head of the justice department of the province of Kerman, Ebrahim Hamidi, told the semiofficial ISNA news agency the gunman opened fire on his father, brother and other relatives early morning in a village because of family disputes.

The report, which did not identify the assailant, stated he used a Kalashnikov assault rifle.

Local media report on occasional shootings, but this attack has had the highest death toll in Iran, where citizens are only legally allowed hunting rifles, common in rural areas.

In 2022, an employee, who was dismissed from a state-owned financial conglomerate, opened fire at his former workplace, killing three people and injuring another five before killing himself in the country's west. In 2016, a 26-year-old man shot 10 relatives in a rural area in the south of Iran.

In recent years, violence has spiked in the country suffering from deteriorating economic conditions coupled with crushing American sanctions that helped spark soaring inflation and increasing unemployment.



Iran, Saudi Arabia vow to expand cooperation, criticize Israel

Tehran, Feb 17 (IANS) Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and his Saudi counterpart Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud held a phone conversation, during which they vowed to expand bilateral cooperation and jointly slammed Israel over the situation in the Gaza Strip.The Iranian Foreign Minister criticized the Israeli "crimes" against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, as well as Israel's "threats" and actions against Rafah, Gaza's southernmost city, which shelters

more than 1.3 million displaced Palestinians, Xinhua news agency reported."We do not consider war as a solution, but if the issue is not immediately resolved politically, the negative consequences of Israel's continued genocide on the security and stability of the region will be inevitable," Amir-Abdollahian said, stressing the necessity for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to hold an emergency meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss the ongoing situation in Gaza.

झारखण्ड सरकार अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अल्पसंख्यक एवं पिछड़ा वर्ग कल्याण विभाग (उप निदेशक कल्याण कार्यालय, सिंहभूम (कोल्हान) प्रमंडल,चाईबासा)

प्रवेश परीक्षा / नामांकन संबंधी सूचना

शैक्षणिक सत्र —2024–2025

कोल्हान प्रमंडल, अन्तर्गत अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अल्पसंख्यक एवं पिछड़ा वर्ग कल्याण विभाग द्वारा संचालित निम्न एकलव्य मॉडल आवासीय उच्च विद्यालय, आश्रम उच्च विद्यालय, को-एजुकेशन उच्च विद्यालय, अनुसूचित जन-जाति, आवासीय विद्यालय, में वर्ष 2024–2025 के रिकित के अनुसार वर्ग षष्ठम, सप्तम एवं अष्टम (वर्ष 6,7,8) में नामांकन हेतु इच्छुक छात्र / छात्राओं से विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन पत्र दिनांक-07.03.2024 तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

कोल्हान प्रमंडल अन्तर्गत संचालित विद्यालय				कक्षा वाररिक्तियों		
क्रम सं०	जिला	विद्यालय का नाम		कक्षा 6	कक्षा 7	कक्षा 8
1	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम	अ०ज०जाति आवासीय बालिका उच्च विद्यालय, चाईबासा		00	23	00
2	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम	अ०ज०जाति आवासीय बालक उच्च विद्यालय कुन्दगुद, बंदगाँव, चाईबासा		04	25	06
3	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम	एकलव्य मॉडल आवासीय बालिका विद्यालय तोपसिखे, छुंउपनी, चाईबासा		60	09	01
4	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम	आश्रम आवासीय बालक विद्यालय,विष्णुपुर झींकानी,चाईबासा		40	06	01
5	सरायकेला-खरसावाँ	अ०ज०जाति आवासीय बालक उच्च विद्यालय, संजय सरायकेला		02	30	06
6	सरायकेला-खरसावाँ	आश्रम आवासीय बालक विद्यालय कुआँ, सरायकेला		40	05	00
7	पूर्वी सिंहभूम	अ०ज०जाति आवासीय बालक उच्च विद्यालय, घाटसिला, पूर्वी सिंहभूम		00	33	00
8	पूर्वी सिंहभूम	अ०ज०जाति आवासीय बालक उच्च विद्यालय, धरनगर, पूर्वी सिंहभूम		03	22	03
9	पूर्वी सिंहभूम	आश्रम आवासीय बालिका विद्यालय गुडबंघा, पूर्वी सिंहभूम		40	17	07

1.वर्ग 06, 07 एवं 08 में नामांकन हेतु आवेदन प्रपत्र संबंधित जिला कल्याण कार्यालय, संबंधित प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी का कार्यालय एवं संबंधित विद्यालय से प्रत्येक कार्य दिवस में प्रातः 10.00 से अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक निःशुल्क वितरण किया जायेगा।

2.अनुसूचित जन जाति की सभी उपजातियों के लिए संचालित आवासीय विद्यालयों में आदिम जनजातियों के लिए नामांकन में 25 प्रतिशत स्थान सुरक्षित रहेगा। यदि उक्त कोटि की आरक्षित सीटों के लिए छात्र / छात्राएँ उपलब्ध नहीं होते हैं तो प्रमंडलीय उप निदेशक, कल्याण का अनुमोदन लेकर मेधा सूची से ही अ०ज०जाति की अन्य उपजातियों के बच्चों / बच्चियों का नामांकन आरक्षित सीट के विरुद्ध किया जायेगा।

3.एकलव्य मॉडल आवासीय उच्च विद्यालय एवं आश्रम उच्च आवासीय विद्यालयों की आरक्षण श्रेणी:—

क्रम संख्या	आरक्षण श्रेणी	आरक्षण (प्रतिषष्ठ में)
1	अनुसूचित जन जाति	80
2	PVTG समुदाय	5
3	DNT/NT/SNT	5
4	a) Children who have lost their parents to LWE*/Insurgencies/covid. b) children of widows. c) Children of Divyang parent. d) Others e.g Land donor, orphan child etc.	10
	कुल	100

4. Note:-(A). *It includes citizens victim of LWE and Police/Paramilitary/ Armed Forces personnel who have lost their lives fighting LWE.

(B). 5% i.e 3 seats out of 60 reserved for differently abled children. These seats shall be carved out @ 2 seats from ST and 1 from others

5.वर्ग 06, 07 एवं 08 में नामांकन हेतु लिखित जॉच परीक्षा ली जाएगी, जिसके लिए छात्रों को क्रमशः 05, 06 एवं 07 वर्ग उत्तीर्ण होना आवश्यक है।

6. नामांकन हेतु चयनित छात्र / छात्राओं की सूची विद्यालय एवं जिला कल्याण पदाधिकारी के सूचना पट पर प्रकाशित की जायेगी।

7. नामांकन हेतु आवेदन पत्र जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि- 07.03.2024 निर्धारित है।

8. वर्ग 06, 07, एवं 08 में नामांकन हेतु जॉच परीक्षा दिनांक-17.03.2024 को संबंधित जिला के उपायुक्त / जिला कल्याण पदाधिकारी के द्वारा निर्धारित केन्द्र पर प्रातः 11:00 बजे 2:00 बजे अपराह्न तक होगी।

9. नामांकन के समय चयनित छात्र / छात्राओं को आधार कार्ड, जाति प्रमाण पत्र, आवासीय प्रमाण पत्र एवं बी० पी०एल० या आय प्रमाण पत्र मूल रूप में प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा।

10. गरीबी रेखा से नीचे आय वाले परिवार के बच्चों को ही नामांकित किया जायेगा इसके लिये बी० पी० एल० की सूची में नाम / आय प्रमाण पत्र के आधार पर नामांकन की पात्रता निर्धारित की जायेगी।

11. जिन छात्र / छात्राओं के माता पिता सरकारी सेवा में कार्यरत है, उनके बच्चों का नामांकन हेतु आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा। इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र आवेदक के माता पिता / अभिभावक के द्वारा आवेदन पत्र के साथ जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। असत्य / फर्जी घोषणा देने वाले अभिभावक के विरुद्ध आवश्यक कानुनी कारवाई की जायेगी।

13. चयनित छात्र / छात्राओं को दिनांक 15.04.2024 तक नामांकन कराना अनिवार्य होगा। प्रतीक्षा सूची से नामांकन 25.04.2024 तक किया जायेगा।

14.वर्ग 06, 07 एवं 08 में नामांकन हेतु प्रवेश परीक्षा में सम्मिलित होने वाले छात्र / छात्राओं को सरकारी मान्यता प्राप्त विद्यालय जहाँ वे अध्यनरत है, के प्रधानाध्यापक उनके नामांकन आवेदन पत्र में अंकित छात्र / छात्रा का नाम जन्म तिथि वर्ग 05, 06, एवं 07 में अध्यनरत / उत्तीर्ण होने के तथ्यों को अपने विद्यालय की मुहर एवं अपना पूर्ण हस्ताक्षर से अभिप्रमाणित करते हुए आवेदन पत्र अद्यसारित करेंगे।

15.आवेदक को बी० पी० एल० परिवार के होने का प्रमाण पत्र या आय प्रमाण पत्र अपने आवेदन पत्र में जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा।

16.प्रवेश पत्र संबंधित जिला कल्याण कार्यालय से जिला कल्याण पदाधिकारी के हस्ताक्षर से निर्गत किया जायेगा। 17. परीक्षा का विषय हिन्दी, गणित, विज्ञान, अंग्रेजी एवं समाजिक विज्ञान होगा जो बहुविकल्पीय (objective) होगा।

18. नामांकित होने वाले सभी छात्र / छात्राओं को सरकार के द्वारा भोजन, पठन पाठन सामग्री, चिकित्सा सुविधा एवं अन्य सारी सुविधाएँ निःशुल्क दी जाती हैं।

19. सिलेबस में वर्ग 6,7 एवं 8 में नामांकन हेतु क्रमशः 5, 6 एवं 7 वर्ग स्तर का प्रश्न पुछा जायेगा।

20. परीक्षाफल प्रकाशन तक रिकित्यों की संख्या में घट बढ़ भी हो सकता है।

21.आवेदक को झारखण्ड राज्य का मूल निवासी होना अनिवार्य है।

22.सरकार द्वारा प्राप्त निर्देश के आलोक में परीक्षा तिथि में परिवर्तन हो सकता है।

23.

क्रम संख्या	कक्षा	न्यूनतम उम्र सीमा (नामांकन वर्ष के 31 मार्च को)	अधिकतम उम्र सीमा (नामांकन वर्ष के 31 मार्च को)
1	कक्षा 6	10 वर्ष	13 वर्ष
2	कक्षा 7	11 वर्ष	14 वर्ष
3	कक्षा 8	12 वर्ष	15 वर्ष

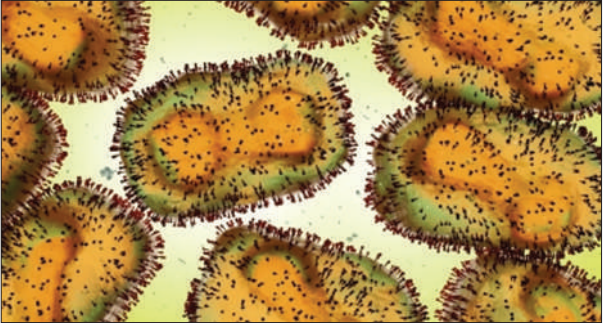
24. इस विज्ञापन को किसी भी समय रद्द करने का अधिकार कल्याण विभाग / अधोहस्ताक्षरी को होगा।

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Study decodes how mpox virus infiltrates brain cells



Toronto, Feb 17 (IANS) Mpox (Monkeypox) virus may be infiltrating cells responsible for normal brain functioning causing neurological symptoms in people affected by the virus, finds a study.

Mpox virus is transmitted primarily through close physical contact and causes a disease with symptoms similar to smallpox, although less severe.

In May of 2022, the virus saw a major outbreak, spreading to more than 100 countries and causing over 86,900 infections across the world. Between January 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023, a total of 92,783 laboratory-confirmed cases of mpox, including 171 deaths, have been reported to the World Health Organization (WHO) from 116 countries.

Researchers from the University of Alberta used laboratory experiments to infect human brain cells with the mpox virus.

In a newly published research in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the team found mpox virus infiltrated the astrocytes -- a type of cell responsible for normal brain function -- triggering an extreme immune response.

"Astrocytes are the most abundant neural cells in the brain," said first author Hajar Miranzadeh Mahabadi, a postdoctoral fellow in medicine from the varsity.

"We found that monkeypox virus can efficiently infect these cells and can induce a kind of brain cell death we call pyroptosis."

The virus is transmitted by skin or sexual contact or respiratory droplets, and this outbreak has mainly affected men who have sex with men.

Common symptoms include a rash, fever and aching muscles, but neurological symptoms such as headache, mental confusion and seizures have increasingly been observed, suggesting inflammation of brain tissue.

"The extent of monkeypox virus cases, particularly those associated with neurological complications, highlighted the urgent need to understand the potential effect of monkeypox virus in the central nervous system," Mahabadi said, noting this is the first study to examine brain cells exposed to mpox virus.

The research team identified a potential avenue for treatment when they were able to reduce cell death in mpox virus-infected cells by treating them with dimethyl fumarate, a compound approved in Europe for psoriasis and used to treat multiple sclerosis in the United States and Canada. The researchers noted there are now two antiviral treatments approved for mpox disease and there is also a vaccine available in Canada for preventing disease in vulnerable populations.

NTR Jr, Saif-starrer 'Devara Part 1' to release on Oct 10

Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) The upcoming film 'Devara Part 1' which stars 'RRR' sensation NTR Jr, Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan and actress Janhvi Kapoor, has locked its release date.

The film, helmed by Koratala Siva, is set to release on October 10, 2024 in cinemas. The film also marks the Telugu debut of Janhvi Kapoor.

On Friday, NTR Jr took to his X, erstwhile Twitter, and shared the release date of the film along with a new poster from the movie. He wrote in the caption, "#Devara Part 1 releasing on 10.10.24".

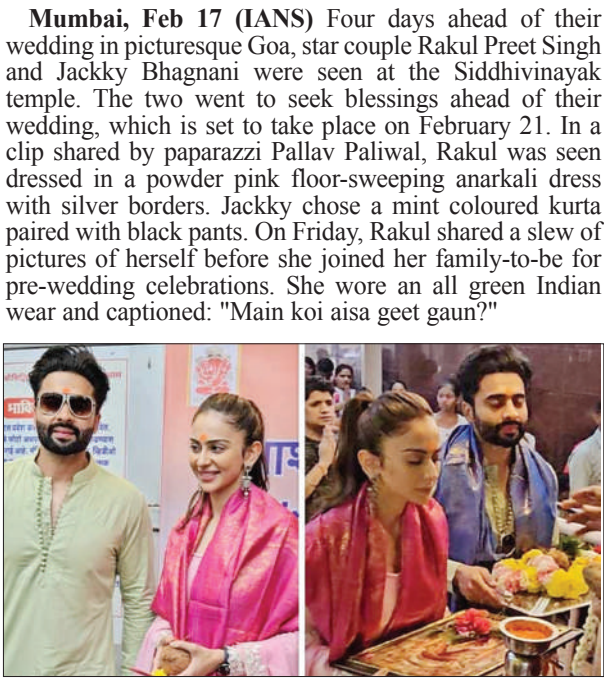
The poster features him in an intense fight



sequence with the backdrop of a huge mountain adorned with signs of Lord Shiva. 'Devara' will unfold in two parts. The magnum opus is produced by Yuvasudha Arts and NTR Arts, and presented by Nandamuri Kalyan Ram.

The film's music is orchestrated by Anirudh Ravichander, and the cinematography is handled by R Rathnavelu.

Rakul, Jackky seek blessings at Siddhivinayak temple ahead of wedding



Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) Four days ahead of their wedding in picturesque Goa, star couple Rakul Preet Singh and Jackky Bhagnani were seen at the Siddhivinayak temple. The two went to seek blessings ahead of their wedding, which is set to take place on February 21. In a clip shared by paparazzi Pallav Paliwal, Rakul was seen dressed in a powder pink floor-sweeping anarkali dress with silver borders. Jackky chose a mint coloured kurta paired with black pants. On Friday, Rakul shared a slew of pictures of herself before she joined her family-to-be for pre-wedding celebrations. She wore an all green Indian wear and captioned: "Main koi aisa geet gaun?"

Vicky Kaushal works out with arm sling, says 'recovery mode on'

Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) Bollywood star Vicky Kaushal has pushed the envelope for fitness by working out wearing an arm sling.

The actor then revealed that the recovery mode is on.

Vicky shared a video on Instagram, where he is seen doing crunches with a weight on his back. His arm seems to be fractured as it has an arm sling.

"When we cant run... We Walk... We don't stop," he captioned the clip, where he is seen finding it difficult to complete the set with one arm, yet he does it.

The next is a video, where he is seen in a closed glass cabin and has "110 degree, recovery mode on."

Vicky injured himself on the sets of his upcoming film 'Chhava', which also stars Rashmika Mandanna.

Directed by Laxman Utekar, 'Chhava', the film is a period drama, where Vicky will be seen playing Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

'Chhava' marks the second collaboration between Utekar and Vicky. The two have previously worked in 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke'.



Big B posts AI version of himself to celebrate 55 years in 'wondrous' Hindi cinema

Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has completed a "wondrous" 55 years in the world of Hindi cinema and to celebrate it he has given himself an AI spin.

It was in 1969, when the cine icon stepped into the world of showbiz with 'Saat Hindustani' and since then he has captivated the audience with his impeccable performances on screen.

Amitabh took to X (formerly Twitter), where he dropped two AI images of himself.

The first picture has a camera lens in place of his spectacle lens. The second photo has a colourful camera reel like streamers with faces and eyes made on it.

"T 4924 - 55 years in the wondrous world of Cinema... and AI, gives me its interpretation... a presentation by Ef B... self made," Big B wrote on



Twitter.

Even though he started his acting career with 'Saat Hindustani', Big B had first began his journey as a voice narrator in 'Bhuvan Shome' starring Utpal Dutt in 1969 by Minal Sen.

The octogenarian in the 1970s gained the spotlight with films such as 'Anand', 'Zanjeer', 'Roti Kapada Aur Makaan', 'Deewaar' and 'Sholay'. He was even given

the tag of the 'angry young man'.

Then in the 80s, he attained more stardom with his work in films such as 'Amar Akbar Anthony', 'Don', 'Namak Halaal', 'Coolie', 'Sharaabi', 'Abhimaan', 'Majboor', 'Mili', 'Chupke Chupke', 'Kabhi Kabhie', 'Silsila', 'Shahenshah' and 'Agneepath'.

In the 2000s, he was seen

in blockbusters such as 'Baghban', 'Mohabbatein', 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham...', 'Sarkar', 'Pink' and 'Piku'.

The star has even worked in Hollywood film 'The Great Gatsby' in 2013.

Amitabh is now gearing up for the release of the sci-fi thriller 'Kalki 2898 AD', which also has Kamal Haasan, Prabhas and Deepika Padukone.

Anil Kapoor says 'The Night Manager' has become a milestone in his career

Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) As his show 'The Night Manager' has clocked one since its release, veteran star Anil Kapoor called the series a milestone in his career.

Anil took to Instagram on Saturday, where he shared a string of behind-the-scenes pictures from the crime thriller series, which serves as a remake of the British television series of the same name based on John Le Carre's eponymous novel.

For the caption, Anil wrote: "Dear Fans, Team, and Admirers of 'The Night Manager', As we mark the one-year anniversary of our cherished show, 'The Night Manager', my heart brims with gratitude and emotion."

He shared that the journey has been "nothing short of extraordinary, and its success resonates deeply" within him.

Anil added: "The outpouring of love and



unwavering support from each of you has been nothing short of awe-inspiring. Your passion has propelled 'The Night Manager' beyond mere OTT; it has become a milestone in my career, a testament to the power of

storytelling."

The 67-year-old star then went on to praise the team behind-the-scenes working on the project.

"To the remarkable team behind the scenes, your tireless dedication and pursuit of excellence have

been the cornerstone of our success. Together, we've crafted something truly special, something that will endure in the hearts of viewers for years to come. Here's to 'The Night Manager'! Thank you for the love!" he concluded.

Legals matter get a humorous twist in 'Maamla Legal Hai' trailer

Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) The trailer of the upcoming streaming series 'Maamla Legal Hai' was unveiled on Friday.

The show, which stars Ravi Kishan, Naila Grewal, Anant V. Joshi and Nidhi Bisht in key roles, is a courtroom comedy.

The trailer gives a peek into the chaotic world of the fictional Patparganj District Court where a team of lawyers handles some bizarre cases with a humorous twist to the narrative.

It also shows lawyers presenting weird arguments like "five people, together, cannot loot someone because it's a case of dacoity and not loot".

Then there's a parrot who has been put on trial due to his foul language. The lawyers also throw some unexpected courtroom punchlines with their quick



wit and unconventional tactics.

Talking about the show, Ravi Kishan said, "This is my first time I'm playing a lawyer and I can't tell you how much fun it was. Working with Sameer, Rahul and Saurabh was a delight, their vision truly inspired me. When they first narrated the show to me, I couldn't say no, simply because I could visualise these characters and their shenanigans."

He added, "After 'Khakee', this is my second project with Netflix, and I love how they challenge every actor with diverse roles. I hope the audience enjoys watching 'Maamla Legal Hai' as much as we enjoyed making it."

Produced by Poshman Pictures with showrunner Sameer Saxena at the helm, the show is directed by Rahul Pandey. It will premiere on Netflix on March 1.

Shilpa Shetty on the 90s era: 'Things were far-fetched, actresses were glamorous'

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) Actress Shilpa Shetty has said that films in the 90s were looked at as a medium to "escape from reality" and things were far-fetched; hence, the actresses were glamorous because one "didn't want to see drab stuff."

Shilpa has been ruling the roost since her debut in 1993 with 'Baazigar'. Since then, she has made her mark in many 90s and 2000s films. And with Rohit Shetty's 'Indian Police Force', the actress made her series debut on a streaming platform in 2024. Talking about filmmakers now taking women seriously as compared to the 90s,

Shilpa told IANS: "Times have changed and with time, content has changed. Films are nothing but a reflection of the fabric of our society. Back in the day I think films were looked at as a medium to kind of escape from reality."

"So, things were far-fetched, actresses were glamorous because you didn't want to see drab stuff," she added. The actress said that there was a contrast between art and commercial cinema back then.

"And there was a clear dichotomy between art films and commercial cinema. Today, I feel lines are blurred," she said.

Shilpa added: "People



are constantly concentrating on great content. We are living in a society which is more egalitarian. Hence, you reflect on what women of today are in your movies and in your content."

Shilpa made no bones when she said that one needs to move with time.

"That's why you maybe having a Shefali Shah helming the role of a strong protagonist in a Delhi Crime or a Vidya Balan in a Shakuntala or even Tara Shetty in IPF. You have to move with time." "I cannot compare any decade to the next. Or the one comes after this. Who knows what is going to come next," she concluded.

India's wearable market rises 34% in 2023 to 134mn units

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) India's wearable device market registered 34 per cent growth in 2023 to a record 134.2 million units, a new report said on Friday.

According to the International Data Corporation (IDC), the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2023 (October-December) saw 28.4 million units, growing 12.7 per cent (year-over-year).

Smartwatch shipments increased by 73.7 per cent (year-over-year), totalling 53.4 million. Within wearables, its share increased to 39.8 from 30.7 per cent in 2022.

Festive season sales and heavy discounts led to a 38.7 per cent drop in ASPs (average selling price) from \$42.5 to \$26.1. The share of advanced smartwatches shrank from 4.5 to 2.1 per cent to 1.1 million units.

"Affordability, low product penetration and a plethora of options led to a surge in demand for smartwatches. However, the growing popularity of non-branded watches is impacting the incumbents, offering cheap alternatives of popular models, and are even bundled with multiple watch straps," said Anand Priya Singh, Market Analyst, Wearable Devices, IDC India. All three major manufacturers, boAt, Noise and Fire-Boltz, were able to secure their respective places in the overall wearable market through diverse product portfolios and continuous innovation, but at lower ASPs, the report said. The earwear category registered a modest 16.9 per cent (year-over-year), growth, reaching 80.4 million units.

TKM introduces first Awesome New Car Delivery Solution

Mumbai/Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In line with its commitment to ‘customer-first approach’ and creating awesome buying experience through value added services, Toyota Kirloskar MotorPvt. Ltd. today announced the introduction of its 'Awesome New Car Delivery Solution', an initiative to be implemented by TKM’s authorised dealers as a part of their sales process. The new initiative aims at extending vehicle logistic services till delivery touchpoints by eliminating possible drive down of new cars by theDealer staff to thedelivery location. As anindustry first, the new initiative will enable Toyota Dealers to transport new vehicles from dealer stockyards to their sales outlets on a flat-bed truck. With the launch of the Phase I of this program, customers from 26 states with 130 dealerships,will enjoy this trustworthy and delightful car buying experience at Toyota dealerships. Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Sabari Manohar- Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, ' The introduction of the 'Awesome New Car Delivery Solution' initiativeto be executed by our Dealers exemplifies our unwavering commitment to excellence. Offering movement of new cars from dealer stockyards to dealer showrooms through a carrier service, at no additional cost to the customers, will not only bring peace of mind but will also establish a uniform purchasing experience across all locations by effectively minimizing transit-related issues.

FPI selling stands at Rs 29,519 crore for this year

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) The spike in US bond yields triggered by the higher-than-expected consumer price inflation led to sustained selling by FPIs in the cash market, says V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services.In February through 16th, FPIs had sold equity worth Rs 6112 crores through the exchange. But buying through 'the primary market and others' reduces the net sell figure for February through 16th to Rs 3775 crores. For the year 2024, the total FPI selling stands at Rs 29519 crores, he said.The trend of FPI selling is likely to continue so long as the US bond yields remain elevated. The sustained FPI buying in debt which started early this year also continues. FPIs bought debt for Rs 16559 crores in February through 16th taking the total buy figure for debt for 2024 to Rs 36395 crores.This trend is also likely to continue, he said.The selling by FPIs in equity would have been much higher in response to the rising US bond yields. But FPIs have been consistently losing the tug of war with DIIs and, therefore, they are a bit reluctant to press aggressive selling. They will have to buy the same stocks later which they have been selling when conditions are favourable for buying, he added.

Oil prices not rising despite Middle East tensions as demand wanes

New York, Feb 17 (IANS) When Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, the price of oil jumped to over \$100 a barrel. But despite the threat of an escalation of tensions in the Middle East and attacks on Red Sea shipping, oil markets have yet to see such moves this time around, media reported.Oil prices spiked last month following US-led strikes on Houthis targets in Yemen in response to repeated attacks on commercial ships in the Red Sea. Crude prices have been volatile as Wall Street assesses the path for interest rates, the US dollar and geopolitical strife, CNN reported.Still, they remain well off their 2022 highs. West Texas Intermediate crude futures, the US benchmark for oil, settled at \$77.59 a barrel on Thursday, while international benchmark Brent crude futures settled at \$82.86 a barrel.One factor that could be keeping the cap on oil prices is waning demand. A new monthly report from the International Energy Agency released on Thursday forecasts that growth in global demand will slow to 1.2 million barrels per day in 2024 from 2.3 million bpd in 2023. That comes after demand growth fell to 1.8 million bpd during the fourth quarter of 2023 from 2.8 millions bpd the prior quarter, CNN reported."Global oil demand growth is losing momentum," said the agency in its February report. "The expansive post-pandemic growth phase in global oil demand has largely run its course", CNN reported.For some economies, however, that period of growth was lackluster. China's economy was supposed to have a blockbuster recovery in 2023 after shuttering during the Covid pandemic. Instead, a property crisis, weak spending and high youth unemployment have caused it to stall out, and some economists believe the country could face decades of stagnation.

OpenAI can't register GPT as trademark, rules US patent office

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) In a setback for Microsoft-backed OpenAI, the US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) has refused to allow the Sam Altman-run company to register the word GPT (generative pre-trained transformer) as a trademark.OpenAI argued in its application with the US PTO that GPT is not a "descriptive word" because consumers will not immediately understand what the underlying wording "generative pre-trained transformer" means."The trademark examining attorney is not convinced. The Internet evidence demonstrates the extensive and pervasive use in the software industry of the acronym 'GPT' in connection with software that features similar AI technology with ask and answer functions based on pre-trained data sets," the US PTO wrote in its decision.The fact that consumers may not know the underlying words of the acronym "does not alter the fact that relevant purchasers are adapted to recognising that the term 'GPT' is commonly used in connection with software to identify a particular type of software that features this AI ask and answer technology".As generative AI use surged last year, several AI companies added GPT to their product names.However, GPT became popular after OpenAI launched the AI model ChatGPT that takes user prompts to answer in a way humans do.The company started calling its custom chatbots GPTs and has just released its text-to-video generation model called Sora.

Sky One joins bidding war with SpiceJet CMD & Busy Bee Airways for GoFirst

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) Sky One, an aviation company headquartered in Sharjah -- besides Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet, and Busy Bee Airways Private Limited -- has also submitted the bid for cash-strapped GoFirst on Friday.A SpiceJet airline official said that the bid has been submitted by Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh, in his personal capacity, along with Busy Bee Airways Private Limited.Sky One Chairman Jaideep Mirchandani confirmed the bid submission for GoFirst airline."We have submitted the bid for Go First and look forward to the next stage. Given our vast aviation experience across the globe, we are confident about the acquisition," said Mirchandani.

Finance Ministry holds high-level meeting to expedite recovery of debt

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) A high-level meeting chaired by the Secretary of the Finance Ministry's Department of Financial Services, Vivek Joshi, on Saturday discussed steps to expedite the recovery of debt and enhance the efficiency of debt recovery tribunals. The meeting was attended by Chairpersons of Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunals (DRATs) and Presiding Officers of Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs). Senior officers from Public and Private Sectors Banks; Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Indian Bank Association (IBA);



and senior officers from the Ministry of Finance and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) also attended the meeting. The main issues discussed during the meeting included: * DRTs and DRATs to take all possible steps to reduce pendency at various stages through strict monitoring.

* Several suggestions regarding changes and amendments in Debts Recovery Tribunal Regulations, SARFAESI Act and RDB Act discussed to make the process of recovery more efficient. * Banks to conduct periodical review of the performance of empanelled Advocates and rationalise the assignment of cases to

the empanelled advocates taking into account their performance. * Leveraging the under development e-Auction platform for listing and auction of properties of banks and financial institutions under the provisions of various Acts-SARFAESI Act, 2002, RDB Act, 1993 and IBC, 2016. * Banks and Financial Institutions to reconcile cases which are pending in DRTs and DRATs but have already been settled. * Banks to ensure presence of their officers at all the hearings of their respective cases before judicial forums.

Mirana Toys, Avimee Herbal and Perfora win Amazon's Propel Accelerator Season 3



New Delhi/Ranchi : Amazon India today announced Mirana Toys, Avimee Herbal and Perfora as the winners of the third edition of Amazon Global Selling Propel Accelerator program. The winners of Season 3 received a combined \$100,000 in grants from Amazon. This program aims to provide Indian startups with resources and mentorship to expand their reach to become international brands. Mirana Toys, combines digital and physical play through app-controlled augmented reality games and offers a range of innovative smart toys. Avimee Herbal, founded by 85-year-old Radha Krishna Choudhary, is a hair care solution brand rooted in Ayurveda. Perfora focuses on elevating everyday oral care with clean ingredients and good design. It is India's first made-safe certified oral health brand and a member of the "1% for the planet" community.

Paytm shifts nodal account to Axis Bank: What does this mean?

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) In a bid to maintain seamless merchant settlements as before, financial services company Paytm has announced to shift its nodal account to Axis Bank, which was previously used with the Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL).In a regulatory filing with the stock exchanges, the company said the new arrangement has been executed by opening an escrow account with Axis bank to ensure merchant settlements continue without any hassle. The move came as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) instructed the termination of the nodal accounts of One 97 Communications Limited

(OCL) and Paytm Payment Services Ltd (PPSL), which were maintained by PPBL. The RBI terminated this because of "persistent non-compliances" and "continued material supervisory concerns" within the bank. PPSL, OCL's wholly-owned subsidiary, has been using the Axis Bank services since its inception. "The shift of the nodal account to Axis Bank (by opening an Escrow Account) will ensure seamless merchant settlements as before. We strive to continue to empower Indians, contributing significantly to the country's financial inclusion journey," a Paytm spokesperson said in a statement.As per the RBI



mandate, the intermediaries receiving online payments need to collect the money in a nodal account and payments to the seller happen from this account without delay. Nodal account is a special purpose account created for receiving funds

from participating banks and remitting to specific merchants, created as per the nodal account guidelines issued by the RBI. When it comes to an escrow account in India, it is a bank account with conditions on ownership of

funds. In simple terms, an escrow account's meaning is a safe house for assets while the transaction process is still ongoing. "In case there is a need to shift the escrow account from one bank to another, the same may be effected in a time-bound manner without unduly impacting the payment cycle to the merchants. The migration should be completed in the minimum possible time and with the prior approval of RBI," said the RBI. The balance in the escrow account should, at no time, be lower than the value of outstanding prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) and payments due to merchants. "The amount so maintained in the escrow

account shall be used only for making payments to the participating merchant establishments and other permitted payments," according to the RBI. For Paytm, a change in the nodal account is expected to allow merchants to continue accepting digital payments through the Paytm QR code or card machine. Paytm has over 30 crore users, with around 11 crore monthly transacting users. It also has a network of around 1 crore merchants actively accepting payments.The company has reassured its users that its mobile app, including the QR code, Soundbox and Card Machine will remain operational even after March 15.

India's fresh fruit exports surge 29 per cent, footprint spreads to 111 countries

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) Fresh fruits have emerged as a standout performer in India's agri export basket with a robust growth of 29 per cent in the nine-month period from April to Dec 2023, according to the latest data compiled by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). The market footprint of India's fresh fruits has now spread across 111 countries during this period compared to 102 destinations in the previous year as the commodity leads in the \$100 million plus category of exports.During April-November 2023, several key commodities witnessed substantial growth compared to the previous year, like, bananas: 63 per cent, and kesar and dasheri mango: 120 per cent and 140 per cent, respectively, Lentils (dried and shelled): 110 per cent, Fresh eggs: 160 per cent.During the period from April to December 2023, the export value of Basmati rice surged by 19 per cent, reaching USD 3.97 billion compared to USD 3.33 billion in the previous year. Simultaneously, the quantity of exports witnessed a notable growth of 11 per cent, increasing from 31.98 lakh metric tons to 35.43 lakh metric tons within the same timeframe.Basmati rice found its way to



the top markets, with Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the US, and the UAE emerging as the top five destinations for these exports. This robust performance underscores the enduring popularity and global demand for Basmati rice, further solidifying its position as a major agricultural product in India's export portfolio.The export of processed vegetables also surged by 24 per cent during this period followed by Miscellaneous processed items. Fresh Vegetables also saw a substantial growth compared to the corresponding period last year.In the period April-December, 2023 among the 23 Principal Commodities (PCs) in APEDA's export basket, 18 exhibited positive growth. Notably, 13 out of 15 large PCs, with exports exceeding USD 100 million in the previous year, experienced positive growth, with an average growth rate of 12 per cent, the figures show.

Shark Tank India 3: 'Orbo' AI seals deal of Rs 1 cr with Vineeta Singh

Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) Leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and augmented reality (AR), 'Orbo' which strives to transform the cosmetics industry, has sealed a deal of Rupees one crore with Vineeta Singh in the new episode of 'Shark Tank India' season 3. In an era where technology is seamlessly integrated into every aspect of our lives, beauty brands, products, and services have become conveniently accessible to all. With Beauty AI, powered by AI and AR, consumers can now indulge in real-time virtual try-ons without ever stepping foot outside their homes.Orbo offers a myriad of innovative solutions that redefine customer experience and engagement. Team Orbo, Manoj Shinde, Danish Jamil, and Abhit Sinha, stepped onto the stage of Shark Tank India 3, seeking Sharks' expertise to bring about a ground-breaking change in the shopping experience for brands and consumers alike. They asked sharks for Rs one crore for 0.75 per cent equity. Founded in 2019, Orbo emerged as the answer to personalised experiences and seamless integration in the cosmetics industry. With a diverse range of offerings, including makeup try-ons, deep skin

analysis, embedded hairstyle, hair colour augmentation, and foundation shade finder, the brand is synonymous with all things innovation. Its flagship technologies, Beauty GPT and Smart Beauty Mirror, further solidify Orbo's commitment to providing immersive beauty consultations, boasting an array of features tailored to meet the evolving needs of today's consumers. Interestingly, Shark Vineeta Singh, co-founder and CEO of Sugar Cosmetics, had previously met Manoj to evaluate Orbo's technology for integration into her website and application. Orbo AI sealed the deal with Vineeta at Rs one crore in exchange of one per cent equity. Talking about their experience, Manoj Shinde, CEO and founder of Orbo said: "Shark Tank India 3 wasn't just an episode for us at Orbo AI, it was a launchpad. More than securing investment, it ignited a global conversation about how AI can empower individuals to unveil their own unique beauty." "We're humbled by the outpouring of love and support that poured in from contacts across the globe, a testament to the show's incredible reach and ability to connect with audiences," he added.

Govt ropes in ONDC to bring fishermen on e-market platform

New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) With the aim of providing fishermen with an e-market platform, the Department of Fisheries will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) on February 19. The officials said that the MoU will be signed in the presence of Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala and Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying L Murugan at Krishi Bhawan in the national capital. "This essential step will provide a digital platform for fisherfolks, fish farmers producers organisation, entrepreneurs, SHGs, fishermen cooperatives and other relevant stakeholders in the fisheries sector to access wider markets, expanding their reach and potential customer base," the officials said. They said that the collaboration between Department of Fisheries and ONDC will facilitate the implementation of technology-driven solutions, improve efficiency, collectivisation and competitiveness of the small scale producers and marketers. "ONDC is a unique platform of e-marketing and will play a significant role in the fisheries sector to connect maximum FFPOs and other fishermen cooperatives,"



they said. The officials said that by providing a direct channel between producers and consumers, ONDC will support in reducing the reliance on intermediaries, leading to higher profits for fishers and lower prices for consumers. "This initiative will also provide a scale of economy to the marginal fishermen engaged in scattered business through a common digital platform for their

products," the officials said.

They said that the adoption of digital technical solutions will serve various benefits for fisheries industries like enhanced trust, reduced transaction costs, increased market reach, improved transparency, increased competitiveness, innovation, and employment generation. "In the long term, the ONDC network will facilitate seamless integration for harnessing the benefits of collectivisation

between producers, processors, and distributors within the fisheries sector, enabling efficient supply chain management, value chains and market access," the officials said. They said that this collaboration will facilitate capacity building and raise awareness through educational workshops for MSMEs, start-ups, SHGs, small and marginal fishermen, FFPOs, fishers, and market participants in the fisheries sector. "Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is incorporated as a Section 8 company, an initiative by DPIIT, Ministry of commerce and industry, aiming at promoting open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks," the officials said. They said that it has recorded more than 6.3 million transactions in the month of November 23 across 600+ cities. The sellers and service providers are spread across 500+ cities expanding the geographical coverage of the ONDC network. Presently, over 3000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) have registered to be a part of the ONDC through various network participants. Also, around 400 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), micro-entrepreneurs and social sector enterprises have been onboarded on the network.

Road accident claims Tata Motors employee's life

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In a tragic incident in the Bodam police station area near Jamshedpur, A 45-year-old man and Tata Motors employee, a resident of Govindpur, lost his life in a road accident. The victim, identified as Santosh Pandey, was reportedly returning from the Hathi Kheda temple with a friend when the incident occurred. According to Sona Mardana, the injured companion, they were hit by a speeding vehicle on the Bodam main road, near Chimti village. The impact proved fatal for Santosh Pandey, who succumbed to his injuries on the spot. Sona Mardana, injured in the accident, was promptly taken to MGM Hospital for medical attention. Upon receiving the information, local authorities and the police reached the accident site, where the body of Santosh Pandey was seized and sent for post-mortem. The incident underscores the importance of road safety and the need for vigilance to prevent such tragic accidents. (w/nm)



Outrage over offensive object in Hanuman Temple, protesters demand action

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: Outrage ensued in East Singhbhum as an objectionable object accompanied by a letter was discovered in the Narsingharh Hanuman Vatika temple complex within the Dhalbhumgarh police station area on the night of February 16. The shocking discovery was made by the temple priest upon his arrival in the morning. The incident quickly sparked commotion in the community.

The news of the offensive act spread rapidly, leading to the closure of markets and shops by people associated with Hindu organizations. Protests gained momentum as members of various Hindu organizations gathered at the temple premises. A procession was taken out, where slogans were raised, flags and banners were displayed, and markets and shops were closed in Narsingharh and Dhalbhumgarh.

The agitated crowd proceeded to the police station, demanding a thorough investigation into the matter and swift action against the culprits. The situation in Dhalbhumgarh remained tense, with continuous slogans outside the police station. The police assured the public of prompt action, vowing to register a case against the unidentified individuals and apprehend the perpetrators.

To maintain peace and order, additional police and Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel were deployed in the area under the supervision of Musabani DSP.

The police consider the incident the work of some anti-social elements and have initiated an investigation. They are confident that the case will be resolved, and actions will be taken against those responsible. As of now, the identity of the culprits remains unknown. (w/nm)



DC conducts surprise inspection of District Control Room

Guidelines issued for law and order during Saraswati Puja Idol immersion

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: Ananya Mittal, the District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner, conducted an unannounced inspection of the District Control Room situated at Sakchi police station premises. The surprise check aimed to assess law and order measures during the idol immersion procession of Saraswati Puja, utilizing CCTV cameras installed at key squares and intersections across the city.

During the inspection, the District Magistrate examined the monitoring of the immersion procession through the surveillance cameras and provided necessary instructions to the deployed officers and personnel. Emphasizing immediate action on information received in the control room, he directed the prompt communication of law and order-related information to the higher authorities.

In discussions with City SP Mukesh Lunayat and SDM Dhalbhum Piyush Sinha, the Deputy Commissioner gathered information about the ongoing immersion processions in various police station areas of the urban region. Additionally, he sought updates from the Central Control Room (CCR) regarding the statuses already immersed and those yet to be immersed, providing essential directives to officials on maintaining law and order during the process. (w/nm)



Diloo Vipin Parikh made Chairman of CII Jamshedpur

Tata Motors Plant Head Ravindra Kulkarni appointed Vice-Chairman

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: Diloo Vipin Parikh, Director of Vaidehi Motors Pvt. Ltd, has been appointed the Chairman of CII Jamshedpur Zonal Council. Ravindra Kulkarni, Plant Head, Tata Motors Jamshedpur has been made Vice-Chairman of the council. The appointments were made during the Annual General Meeting of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Zonal Council held at city hotel on Friday.

The leadership transition comes as DilooVipin Parikh takes over from the outgoing zonal chairman, TRF MD Umesh Kumar Singh. Chairman of CII Jharkhand State Council UjjalChakraborti, present at the meeting, emphasized the role of MSMEs in Jamshedpur's development, urging collaboration between industry stakeholders and the administration for mutual growth. The meeting witnessed the presence of key figures, including Vice Chairman of CII Jharkhand State Council Ranjot Singh, former CII Jharkhand State Presidents Tapas Sahu and KillolKamani, along with State and Zonal Council members.

Diloo Parikh hails from Jamshedpur. Born and brought up in Jamshedpur and associated with family business of automobile dealerships of Mercedes-Benz passenger cars and Tata Motors commercial vehicles. A Loyola alumnus, Parikh is affiliated with various organizations, including the Air Passengers Association of India (APAI) and the Dealer Advisory Committee. His accolades include excellence awards from Tata Motors, Economic Times Now, and CNBC TV 18. (W-mb)



DEO engages AEROs and Master Trainers for Voter Awareness Campaign

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: District Election Officer, Manish Kumar, led a meeting with Assistant Election Registration Officers (AEROs) and Master Trainers at the Collectorate auditorium, attended by officials including Sub-Divisional Officer Piyush Sinha, Deputy Election Officer Priyanka Singh, LRDC Gautam Kumar, and District Public Relations Officer Rohit Kumar.

During the meeting, the Election Officer emphasized the need to boost voter awareness and increase voter turnout in the upcoming elections. The AEROs and Master Trainers were given guidelines to conduct extensive voter awareness campaigns in schools. Regular activities like painting, quizzes, and other engaging initiatives were encouraged as part of the awareness campaign to educate prospective voters about the significance of voting. Instructing the AEROs to activate resources for successful sweep programs across the district, the Election Officer emphasized the importance of slogans, posters, and various activities in schools to enhance voter awareness. Furthermore, the officials were directed to establish election schools and election literacy clubs to inform and engage young voters, creating an action plan to educate the youth about the election process. The focus was on conducting voter awareness activities at the district level under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program.

Following the meeting, necessary preparations for the voter awareness program at Jam Street, scheduled at Ganesh Puja Ground in Kadma, were discussed, and directives were issued for the successful execution of the event. (w/nm)



Voters enlightened on EVM and VVPAT

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In a concerted effort to enhance voter awareness, the District Election Officer of East Singhbhum organized a training and awareness program on EVM (Electronic Voting Machine) and VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail) at Polling Stations 289 to 294 in Golmuri cum Jugsalai block on Saturday. The initiative, conducted through a mobile awareness vehicle, aimed to familiarize voters with the functioning and significance of EVM and VVPAT under the assembly constituency. BLO Supervisor Sanjay Kumar, alongside officials Durga Charan Soren, Vinod Kumar Munda, Urmila Polai, Munna Purta, and Sangi Surin, actively participated in the program. Supervisor Sanjay Kumar emphasized the positive impact of the awareness vehicle in increasing understanding among voters regarding EVM and VVPAT. This initiative plays a crucial role in ensuring that voters comprehend the process, providing transparency in the election system. The local community, including prominent figures like Bisambar Das, Lakshmi Das, Ravidas, Mamta Rani Patnaik, Kamla Das, Kumari Patnaik, Heera Hembram, Rakhi Soren, Shiv Shankar, Gauri Shankar, Rekha Rani Das, attended the event, reflecting the success of the program in fostering awareness and engagement among voters in the region. (w/nm)



Compensation assured for family of deceased in Tatanagar Loco Shed accident

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In a tragic incident at Tatanagar station's new loco shed, 45-year-old Shiv Shankar Bera, a resident of Nandigram, West Bengal, lost his life during engine shunting at 7:30 am on Friday. Following the incident, Shiv Shankar's family arrived in the city, and a meeting was convened with Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (DEE) Vinod Kumar on Saturday to discuss compensation for the bereaved family. In the meeting, the Railways assured the family of appropriate compensation, and upon this assurance, the family consented to the post-mortem of the deceased's body. Subsequently, the body was taken to Tata Motors Hospital mortuary for the post-mortem examination.

Senior DEE Vinod Kumar stated that since the incident occurred during duty, the Railways have provisions to provide employment and compensation to the dependents of the deceased. He assured that compensation would be disbursed to the family members at the earliest. Simultaneously, an investigative team has been formed to probe the incident, diligently carrying out its responsibilities. Shiv Shankar had recently joined the Railways, and on the day of the accident, he was involved in engine shunting. Unfortunately, he sustained injuries while signaling the loco pilot, leading to his demise. Colleagues promptly rushed him to the Railway Hospital, from where he was referred to Tata Motors Hospital for advanced treatment, but tragically, Shiv Shankar passed away en route. (w/nm)



Electrocution victim's death sparks protest for compensation and accountability

Gamharia, Feb 17: The death of Rajkumar Ram, who suffered severe injuries from an 11,000-volt high-tension wire on February 1 in Balrampur, has triggered protests from his family and villagers. Rajkumar Ram succumbed to his injuries on Friday night at Tata Main Hospital after prolonged treatment. Following his death, family members and villagers gathered at the NKS Power Sub Station in Chhota Gamhariya, demanding proper compensation and employment for the deceased's family. The villagers claimed that earlier, on February 4, they had protested at the sub-station, seeking financial assistance for Rajkumar Ram's medical expenses. The Electricity Department officials assured to cover the treatment expenses but allegedly failed to fulfill their commitment, preventing the injured man from seeking better treatment in a larger hospital. The lack of adequate medical care ultimately led to his demise. Upon receiving information about the protest, the Gamharia police station in-charge, Raju, arrived at the scene with his force to pacify the demonstrators. However, the villagers stood firm on their demands. The Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) and junior engineer from Adityapur Electricity Zone 2 later reached the location to engage in discussions with the protesters and the deceased's family. Rajkumar Ram was on the roof after its molding on February 1 when he suffered critical injuries from the high-tension electric wire passing through the roof. The incident resulted in severe damage to his ribs, back, and legs. Due to financial constraints, he could not undergo the necessary operation. Aarti Devi, the wife of the deceased, claimed that her husband had been requesting the Electricity Department for two and a half years to relocate the high-tension wire, but the officials allegedly paid no attention, leading to the tragic incident. (w/nm)



Mobile thief apprehended at Tatanagar station

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: The Railway Flying Squad successfully foiled the plans of a thief intending to commit theft within the premises of Tatanagar station. The team apprehended Ravi Kumar from Aurangabad at 3 am on Saturday while he was loitering on platforms 2-3 with the intent to commit theft. A search revealed that Ravi Kumar had four stolen mobile phones, three of which did not have SIM cards. The Flying Squad promptly arrested him and subsequently sent him to judicial custody. The Flying Squad, comprising Balbir Prasad, Head Constable Mahendra Pratap Yadav, Saroj Kumar, Constable Ravi Kumar, and Shivam Sisodia, were conducting patrols in the early hours of Saturday when they noticed a young man near the foot over bridge of platform 2-3. Suspecting his activities, the team apprehended him, leading to the recovery of four mobile phones during the search. Ravi Kumar, upon interrogation, disclosed that he hailed from Ramnagar in the Mufassil police station area of Aurangabad. He admitted to stealing two mobile phones at Ranchi station and was in Tatanagar station with the intention of stealing more. The estimated value of the recovered phones from Ravi is Rs 98 thousand. (w/nm)



Changes for convenience of Vande Bharat passengers

Jamshedpur, Feb 17: In response to concerns raised by passengers regarding the distance between the foot overbridge (FOB) and the platform, adjustments are being made for the Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat train at Tatanagar station. The eight-coach train will now undergo a change in its coach guidance system at platform number four. Passengers have been facing inconvenience due to the considerable distance they needed to cover to reach the coaches before the automatic gates closed. To address this issue, a joint inspection of the platform was conducted on Friday under the leadership of Station Superintendent OP Sharma, and included supervisors from operations, engineering, and commerce departments. As a solution, a plan has been devised to install a stop board near the foot overbridge on platform number four during the arrival of the down train.



Tata Steel's 'Ignitia' celebrates start-up solutions successful implementation

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Jamshedpur, Feb 17: Tata Steel organised the inaugural edition of 'Ignitia' - a start-up night, to celebrate the success of start-up engagement programme 'Innoventure' on February 16.

More than 300 people, including founders of over 20 start-ups and senior leadership from Tata Steel, participated in the start-up night 'Ignitia' held in Jamshedpur.

Tata Steel felicitated the outstanding projects undertaken by start-ups and various business units of the Company that supported and championed the cause of the start-up engagement. The event was marked by insightful discussions, productive exchanges, and joyous celebrations. Innoventure, now in its fifth year, is Tata Steel's flagship start-up engagement programme to enable collaboration with start-ups and external partners to address challenges in the steel value chain and other identified interest areas through technological interventions.

The thrust areas include decarbonisation, mining, surface engineering, advanced materials, operational excellence, waste energy recovery and water treatment, safety and sustainability. The Innoventure programme scouts and identifies relevant start-ups through its robust global network of partners like venture capital firms, academia, government organisations, and market intelligence platforms.

Dr Debashish Bhattacharjee, Vice President, Technology and R&D, Tata Steel, said: "The Innoventure ecosystem of Tata Steel, created over the last four years, is testament to India's emerging capabilities within start-ups in many different fields. Tata Steel hosted Ignitia, an event to recognise successful implementation of solutions provided by start-ups. The technologies included carbon capture, waste heat utilisation, robotics for defect detection and underwater drones. Ignitia celebrated the success of this ecosystem that thrives on the strength of the engagement between some of the brightest minds in the start-up world and our colleagues at Tata Steel. These are early days. We expect to expand the scope of our start-up collaboration in the future." (W-mb)

