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Jharkhand HC asks state govt to furnish details of land mafia in Ranchi

Ranchi, Apr 12 (IANS): The Jharkhand High Court on Friday sought information from the government regarding cases filed against the land mafia in the state capital during a hearing on a public interest litigation.

Acting Chief Justice and Justice Navneet Kumar directed the state to provide details on the actions taken against those who forcefully grab land from innocent people.

The PIL was initiated suomotu after land grabbers



breached the boundary wall of former Supreme Court Justice MY Eqbal in the

state capital. Miscreants had broken the boundary wall of Late Justice Eqbal

on June 25, 2023, officials said.

Additional advocate general Ashutosh Anand said 273 land mafias were identified between 2021 and 2023, with investigations against 214 people completed and charge-sheets submitted.

Police have issued notices under the Code of Criminal Procedure against 50 people who are said to be involved in land grabbing, Anand informed the court.

The court instructed the

state to provide specific information on the number of identified land mafias out on bail and the status of pending trials against them. The government counsel mentioned that 27 people are under surveillance, and 28 names are listed in the 'gunda register'.

The bench ordered the government to submit a detailed affidavit containing the latest data on pending cases related to land grabbing, with the next hearing scheduled for April 24.

Kalpana releases manifesto for Apr 21 Nyaya Ulgulan rally

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 12: Kalpana Soren, wife of jailed former chief minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren has released the agenda for the proposed NyayaUlgulan rally on April 21 at Prabhat Tara Ground in Ranchi. The agenda of Nyaya Ulgulan Maharally as released in Hemant Soren's social media account states that it will be against dictatorship, donation thieves, electoral bond loot, against those who loot water, forest and land, against tribal opponents, Dalit opponents, backward opponents, minority opponents. The rally also denounces selling of government assets to private entities, against unemployment, against inflation. It is noteworthy that recently a meeting of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha was



organized at the residence of Kalpana Soren in Kanke. Two important decisions were approved in this meeting. The first of these was to approve the candidature of Kalpana Soren in the by-election to be held on Gandey assembly seat and the second was to organize the Nyaya Ulgulan rally at Prabhat Tara Maidan in Ranchi. Invitations have been sent to the leaders of the constituent parties of INDIA bloc across the country to participate in this rally proposed. The rally would see participation of leaders like Rahul Gandhi, Tejashwi Yadav, AAP leaders Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal, NCP leader Supriya Sule and Uddhav Thackeray have been called. The rally organized at Prabhat Tara Maidan in Ranchi is being considered a part of this series.

4 ultras arrested from Gumla, weapons seized

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Ranchi, April 12: Jharkhand's Gumla Police has arrested four TPC militants. Weapons including gun, bullet and mobile have been recovered from them. Recently, they had beaten up the workers engaged in the construction work of the bridge being built on the North Koel river of Gumla and kept them hostage. Leaving the form, a levy of Rs 25 lakh was demanded. The police took it seriously and formed a team and arrested them. Those arrested include Keshwar Lohra (36 years), resident of Chorkakhand of Gurdari police station, Heera Oraon (36 years), resident of Sugitoli of Gumla police station, Naika Oraon alias Chhotu (24 years), resident of Duko of Ghaghra police station, and Lakhiram Oraon (35 years) have been arrested by the police. Police have recovered four 315 bore rifles, 86 8 mm bullets, two magazines, two pistols and three mobile phones from these militants.

Gumla Police had also formed SIT under the leadership of SDPO Gumla Suresh Prasad Yadav to arrest the terrorists. After this, the police raided and arrested these four militants. These four militants were earlier in CPI Maoist. Later these people went to JJMP. Here, a few months ago these people joined TPC organization.

JP Enos faction to field candidates

Ranchi, April 12: Jharkhand Party of EnosEkka has announced the names of candidates from three Lok Sabha seats. Rajkumar Kushwaha has been made the candidate from Hazaribagh. Darshan Ganjhu from Chatra and Chitrasen Sunku has been made the candidate from Chaibasa. The party has also announced that it will contest elections in six seats. These include Chaibasa, Lohardaga, Hazaribagh, Chatra, Khunti Rajmahal seats. Jharkhand Party executive president Ashok Bhagat and party president EnosEkka were present at the press conference.

RJD leader joins BJP

Ranchi, April 12: Jharkhand state RJD general secretary Hardev Sahu joined BJP. A meeting was organized at the party office on Friday. Dozens of people, including Hardev Sahu, took membership of BJP in the party meeting in the presence of state BJP president Babulal Marandi and incumbent Ranchi Lok Sabha MP Sanjay Seth. After joining the party, Hardev Sahu said that he joined the party after being influenced by the ideology of BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Basant meets Hemant Soren in jail

Ranchi, April 12: Jharkhand Cabinet Minister Basant Soren, younger brother of former chief minister Hemant Soren, visited Hotwar jail to meet his brother.

This meeting is considered important in many ways. Lok Sabha elections are very near, hence many meanings can be derived from this meeting. Last time when Basant Soren met Hemant Soren, candidates were announced for two seats. Basant Soren is very close to his elder brother Hemant Soren. Basant Soren often gets emotional while giving a speech on stage by taking the name of his elder brother who was arrested by ED on January 31 after his resignation as chief minister.

India's industrial production accelerates to 5.7pc in Feb

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The growth rate of India's industrial output accelerated to 5.7 per cent in February after having slowed to 3.8 per cent in January, data released by the Ministry of Statistics on Friday showed. The manufacturing sector, which provides jobs to young engineers and graduates passing out of the country's universities, posted a 5 per cent growth rate during the month.

The mining sector production shot up by 8 per cent in February while electricity generation grew by 7.5 per cent.



J&K will get statehood soon, dare Cong to bring back Article 370: Modi

‘Cong leaders turned their backs when it came to changing Ram Lalla's tent’

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday dared Congress or any other political party to bring back Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. Modi said statehood will be granted to Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a poll rally in Kashmir's Udhampur, Modi said Assembly elections will be held soon in the state. "Jammu and Kashmir will get the status of statehood, You will be able to share your dreams with your MLA and your ministers," he said.

The prime minister said he demolished the wall of Article 370 and buried it in the ground. Modi dared the Opposition to restore Article 370. "For the sake of power, they had built a wall of Article 370 in



Jammu and Kashmir. Due to your blessings, Modi demolished the wall of Article 370. I have also buried the debris of that wall in the ground," he said. Modi added People's Democratic Party, National Conference and Congress want to take back J&K to the old days. "I challenge any political party in India, especially Congress, to announce that they will

bring back Article 370. This country won't even look at them," he said. Modi charged, "Here political party means of the family, by the family and for the family." Raking up Ayodhya Ram Mandir, the prime minister charged Congress leaders lived in bungalows and they turned their backs when it came to changing the tent of Ram Lalla. "Congress says Ram

PM slams Opposition leaders for eating non-veg during Sawan, calls it Mughal mentality

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday slammed opposition leaders for allegedly consuming mutton during the holy month of Sawan. He said their actions displayed their "Mughal mentality". Without naming anyone, he slammed leaders of Congress and the INDIA bloc and said, "These people are cooking mutton after visiting a criminal's house in Sawan. They make videos to mock the people of the country."

The Prime Minister was referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visiting former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Yadav in 2023. At Yadav's house in Delhi, the two leaders cooked Bihar's special

"Champan mutton". Further, the Prime Minister's remark comes days after RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav posted a video of him eating fish in a helicopter. The BJP slammed him for eating meat during Navratri. PM Modi, while slamming the Opposition leaders on Friday, compared them to the Mughals and said, "When the Mughals attacked here, they were not satisfied with defeating the ruling king, unless they broke the temples and destroyed the places of worship. They found enjoyment in that. In the same way, by showing the video in the month of Sawan, they want to provoke the people of the country with the Mughal mentality."

Mandir is an election issue for the BJP. I want to say that Ram Mandir was never an election issue, nor it will

ever become an election issue. The struggle for Ram temple was going on even before the birth of the BJP.

When foreign invaders destroyed our temples, the people of India fought to save their religious places.

K Kavitha sent to 3-day CBI custody in excise policy case



New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) A Delhi court on Friday sent Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLC K. Kavitha, to Central Bureau of

Investigation's (CBI) custody for three days, till April 15, in a case related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

Special Judge

Kaveri Baweja of Rouse Avenue Court pronounced the order after hearing both parties at length.

The CBI, which arrested Kavitha from the Tihar Jail on Thursday and produced her before a Delhi court on Friday, had sought five days custody on the grounds that witness statements, retrieved WhatsApp chats, and financial transaction documents related to a land deal have implicated her as a major conspirator in a

scheme to pay Rs 100 crore to the AAP through accused Vijay Nair and others, in exchange for favourable provisions in Delhi's 2021-22 Excise Policy.

The CBI has said that investigations revealed that a liquor businessman from south India met Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on March 16, 2021, at the Delhi Secretariat to seek support for business under the new Excise Policy for 2021-22.

India advises against travel to Iran, Israel as Middle East tensions spike

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS): The Ministry of External Affairs on Friday issued a notification asking Indians to avoid travelling to Iran and Israel till further notice. This comes amid reports that Iran will likely launch a direct attack on Israel within the next 48 hours. The ministry also asked Indians who are currently residing in Iran or Israel to contact the Indian embassies there and register themselves.

"They are also requested to observe utmost precautions about their safety and restrict their movements to the minimum," the ministry added. The Indian embassy in Israel also asked Indian nationals in the country to "avoid unnecessary travel, remain calm and follow safety guidelines issued by the local authorities". The ministry's advisory came on a day when The Wall Street Journal, citing a person who had been briefed by the Iranian leadership, reported that Iran would likely launch a direct attack on Israel within the next 48 hours.

Rameshwaram Cafe blast: NIA gets 3-day transit remand of two accused

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The Bengaluru Rameshwaram Cafe blast accused, arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) team on Friday, was given a three-day transit remand. The two prime accused—Mussavir Hussain Shazib and Abdul

Matheen Ahmed Taahaa—in the blast case arrested from West Bengal will be transported to Bengaluru during the transit remand period. A special public prosecutor representing NIA told ANI that the Special NIA court has granted a three-day transit remand to produce

them before the NIA court in Bengaluru. "There was a long seizure list containing laptops, mobile phones, sim cards and other digital devices in connection with the case. The rest of the investigation will be taking place from Bengaluru," he added. Medical tests of the



two accused nabbed by the

team were conducted at a

state-run hospital before they were produced in the special court. They were taken to Bankshall court for transit remand. Purba Medinipur SP Soumyadip Bhattacharya said the duo was arrested in a joint operation by the NIA and West Bengal Police.

Retail inflation eases to 5-month low of 4.85 pc in March

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Retail inflation declined to a five-month low of 4.85 per cent in March mainly due to cooling food prices, inching towards the Reserve Bank's target of 4 per cent, according to official data released on Friday. The CPI based retail inflation was 5.09 per cent in February and 5.66 per cent in March 2023.

Oppn demanding caste-based survey to divide society: Nadda

Bhopal, April 12 (IANS) BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda on Friday said the INDI alliance is demanding a caste-based survey, but its real agenda is to divide the people in the name of caste and creed.

The BJP president said the opposition has nothing to say to the people of this country and therefore, they came up with the idea of caste-based survey.

"BJP wasn't against the caste-based survey in the country, instead



we stand with the proposal, but their (opposition's) purpose is to divide the people, which the BJP won't allow ever," he said.

Addressing a public rally in Chhindwara Lok Sabha constituency, the BJP chief said Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised on GYAN.

Elaborating further, he said G stands for 'gareeb' (poor), Y for 'yuva' (youth), A stands for 'annadatta' (farmer) and N for 'nari-shakti' (women empowerment).

"Before 2014, India's politics used to be based on caste, colour, region and religion, which has changed.

Politics of appeasement will no longer stand in the country. Congress has always played politics of appeasement, now they are exposed and they have nothing to say to the people," he claimed.

He appealed to the citizens of Chhindwara to elect BJP's Vivek Banti Shahu as their Lok Sabha MP, to make an end to "parivarvad".

Voter awareness rally held in Chaibasa



Mail News Service

Chaibasa, April 12: A proactive voter awareness rally was conducted today at various polling centers including numbers 33, 166, 38, 34, 36, 23, 47, 61, 31, 72, 35, 165, 58, 54, 60, 63, and 64 in the Goikera block. The rally, organized by the diligent Block Level Officers (BLOs), supervisors, members of Self Help Groups (SHGs), and Sevika-Sahayika, aimed to encourage voter participation and emphasize the importance of casting ballots on the election day, May 13. During the rally, dedicated Didis from the Self Help Groups and Sevika-Sahayika, along with enthusiastic voters, urged citizens to exercise their right to vote and highlighted the significance of each vote in upholding democracy. Voters were briefed about the voting schedule and the imperative need for their active participation on the election day. To reinforce the message, informative posters related to voting were distributed among the participants, ensuring that the importance of democratic participation resonated across the community. The rally served as a powerful reminder for all citizens to fulfill their civic duty and contribute to the democratic process by casting their votes on May 13. (w/nkm)

Gyan Chand Jain Inter School Cricket Competition from April 21



Chaibasa, April 12: The eagerly awaited 13th Gyan Chand Jain Inter School Cricket Competition, hosted by the West Singhbhum District Cricket Association and generously sponsored by industrialist Mr. Padam Kumar Jain, is scheduled to commence from April 21 at the prestigious Birsa Munda Cricket Stadium ground. Asim Kumar Singh, the General Secretary of the West Singhbhum District Cricket Association, announced this exciting development. This year's competition promises thrilling cricket action, with all matches played in the fast-paced 20-20 format using red balls on turf wickets. In the previous edition, nine schools from West Singhbhum district participated, with Indira Gandhi Shiksha Niketan of Chakradharpur emerging victorious and St. Xavier's English School, Chaibasa, securing the runner-up position. Asim Kumar Singh revealed that twelve school teams will compete in this edition, divided into three groups for the preliminary rounds. The matches within each group will follow an open league format. Following the group stage, the top team from each group will advance to the Super Division. The three qualifying teams will then engage in a series of league matches, culminating in a final showdown between the top two teams. (w/nkm)

Vijay Kumar emphasizes global recognition of Seraikela Chhau



Seraikela, April 12: Principal District and Sessions Judge Vijay Kumar highlighted the global recognition of Seraikela Chhau, stating that it was no longer dependent on identity. Speaking at the inauguration of the State Chaitra Festival Chhau Mahotsav, Kumar emphasized the importance of providing adequate security to international learners of Chhau in Seraikela, enabling them to spread the culture of this dance form upon their return to their respective countries. The festival, jointly organized by the District Administration and the Rajkiya Chhau Nritya Kala Kendra, Seraikela, commenced with a colorful inauguration ceremony at Birsa Munda Stadium. Principal District and Sessions Judge Vijay Kumar, along with Additional Sessions Judge Kumar Kranti Prasad and Kharsawan Raja Gopal Narayan Singhdev, formally inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp. The festivities began with a puja on stage, followed by captivating performances including Gutipuo, Nagpuri, Singua Chhau, Odissi, Mayurbhanj Chhau, DhapGudka, tribal dance, Purulia Chhau, Manbhum Chhau, and Jhumar by artists from various regions. The event witnessed a massive turnout of spectators, with each performance receiving enthusiastic applause, captivating the audience throughout the Mahotsav. (w/gsd)

17 Gamharia school heads directed to collect books or face salary delay

Gamharia, April 12: Headmasters and in-charge headmasters of 17 schools in Gamharia One and Two have been instructed to provide explanations through the Block Education Extension Officer for their failure to collect books provided by the state government to government schools. They have been mandated to collect the books by Saturday without fail. BEEO Subrata Mahato clarified that the books were made available to the Block Resource Center (BRC) by the state project on October 10, 2023. Despite repeated seminars urging the concerned schools to collect the books, these instructions have not been adhered to seriously. Mahato emphasized the seriousness of the matter, stating that failure to collect the books by April 13 will result in the postponement of salary/honorarium payments for the month of April.

It is imperative for the schools to comply with the directive to ensure smooth administrative processes and facilitate the provision of necessary resources to enhance educational activities. (w/nkm)

Peace Committee meeting organized at Gamharia Police Station

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Gamharia, April 12: In preparation for the upcoming Ram Navami festival, a peace committee meeting was convened at the Gamharia police station on Friday. Chaired by SDPO Santosh Kumar Mishra, the meeting aimed to ensure a peaceful and harmonious celebration while adhering to the Model Code of Conduct. During the session, SDPO Mishra urged for a coordinated and peaceful conduct of the Ram Navami procession, emphasizing the importance of mutual cooperation. BDO Praveen Kumar echoed this sentiment, stressing the need for religious rituals to remain devoid of any political influence. Several



decisions were reached during the meeting, including arrangements for lighting, deployment of volunteers, and the establishment of gram-jaggery pandals along the procession route. Additionally, measures such as banning heavy vehicles, deploying magistrates and police

personnel, and keeping service roads clear were agreed upon.

In adherence to safety protocols, it was decided to conclude the immersion procession by 10 pm and prohibit the use of DJ music and inflammatory songs. Furthermore, a strict ban on displaying weapons, such as tube lights, spears, and

swords, during the procession was enforced by police station in-charge Raju. The meeting was attended by a multitude of community leaders, including Block Twenty Point President Chhayakant Gorai, along with numerous dignitaries and representatives from various Akharas. (w/nkm)

SNSVM students excel at IDE Bootcamp in Kolkata

Mail News Service

Ghatshila, April 12: Students of Sant Nandal Smriti Vidya Mandir (SNSVM), Sayonika Mahato of class 10 and BimanKumbhkar of class 9, participated in the 'Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp' held at Techno International Batanagar in Kolkata. Accompanied by their senior teacher, Sumita Bhattacharya, the students showcased their talents at



the event. The IDE Bootcamp, organized by the Innovation Cell of the Department of School Education and Literacy,

aimed to foster innovation and entrepreneurship among students and educators. Held at 18 locations across 14 states,

the bootcamp provided valuable insights and learning opportunities. Sayonika Mahato, BimanKumbhkar, and Sumita Bhattacharya were honored with certificates and mementos for their participation. School Principal, Neelkamal Sinha, commended the students during the prayer meeting on Friday, acknowledging their significant contribution, and wished them success in their future endeavors. (w/gsd)

Call for Sikh youth to embrace Khalsa form

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Jamshedpur, April 12: Harvinder Singh Jamshedpuri, a young Sikh preacher in Jamshedpur, has voiced his concern regarding Sikh youth who have trimmed their hair and adopted caps instead of the traditional Dastar. On the occasion of Khalsa Creation Day, he appeals to them to discard the cap, maintain their hair, and wear the Dastar to return to the Khalsa form. In a message directed at Sikh youth ahead of the Baisakhi festival, Harvinder Singh Jamshedpuri emphasizes the significance of preserving Sikh identity. He acknowledges that some youth believe they uphold Sikh values despite cutting their hair, but reminds them of the sacrifices made by countless martyrs for the Sikh faith. He asserts that Sikh values should not only be internalized but also reflected



externally. Jamshedpuri stresses that embodying both qualities and form is essential to becoming a Khalsa.

He urges today's youth to adhere to the teachings of the Guru and serve the Guru Ghar (Sikh place of worship). Referencing Guru Gobind Singh Ji's sacrifice of his four sons, he highlights the Guru's desire to see his Sikhs embody the form of his Sahibzadas (sons). Therefore, he calls upon today's youth to contemplate their path and decide their identity. To further spread this message, Harvinder Singh Jamshedpuri plans to deliver lectures at the Jamshedpuri Sitaramdera Gurdwara Sahib from 11 am to 12 pm and at the Gaurishankar Road Gurdwara Sahib from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm on Saturday, coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Baisakhi. (w/nkm)

Parent orientation program at DAV Public School, Bistupur

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Jamshedpur, April 12: DAV Public School, Bistupur, organized a parent orientation program for class 12 students, aimed at informing parents about important issues related to their children appearing for class 12 board exams.



The event provided parents with an opportunity to learn about the school's activities and build a rapport with teachers, recognizing the school as a second home for their children. Mousumi Bhattacharjee, a senior faculty member and coordinator for senior secondary classes, provided parents with essential details to guide their children through this crucial year. She outlined ways in which parents can support their children in managing stress and motivating them to excel academically. Bhattacharjee also emphasized the

importance of nurturing children with love and care to lay the foundation for a successful future.

She offered insights into the subjects, activities, course content, and assessment breakdown for the academic year.

Following Bhattacharjee's presentation, S K Samanta, Senior PGT, enlightened parents about DAV National Sports, certified and recognized by the Ministry of Sports. Samanta discussed the school's rules and regulations, stressing the

importance of instilling professional etiquettes in students and providing tips to enhance their skills and careers.

Pragya Singh, Principal cum ARO of DAV Public Schools, Jharkhand Zone E, addressed the gathering and expressed concerns about the societal pressure influencing students' academic choices.

She highlighted the trend of enrolling students in coaching classes based on societal expectations rather than considering individual capabilities, leading to lower academic performance. Singh emphasized the need to prioritize education quality over promotion quotas and urged for a reevaluation of teaching methods and evaluation criteria. The orientation program aimed to educate parents on guiding their children effectively and fostered collaboration between parents and the school. (w/nkm)

CM Champai Soren to lead booth level dialogues in Adityapur and Gamharia

Mail News Service

Gamharia, April 12: Chief Minister Champai Soren is scheduled to partake in three significant programs focused on booth level dialogues in both urban and rural areas, slated for tomorrow, Saturday. The events, organized in



Adityapur and Gamharia, are pivotal as the JMM gears up its organizational efforts from the grassroots to assembly levels, especially in anticipation of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The itinerary for the day begins with a session at Dolphin Hotel in Chhota Gamharia, focusing on booth level dialogues within the Gamharia block of Seraikela assembly constituency. The Chief Minister is set to depart from Ranchi at 10 am, reaching Dolphin Hotel by 12:05 pm, where he will engage with workers for approximately 1 hour and 25 minutes. Following this, at 1:35 pm, Chief Minister Soren will move to Avenue Hotel on Gamharia Main Road, interacting with booth presidents and members from wards one to ten of Adityapur Nagar. He will share insights and strategies for electoral success, staying for around 1 hour and 5 minutes. The day's engagements will culminate with a booth level dialogue at Novanta Hotel, Adityapur, starting at 2:55 pm. Here, the Chief Minister will meet with workers from ward number 11 to 35, before concluding his activities and departing for his ancestral residence in Jillinggoda at 7:30 pm. Preparations for the Chief Minister's visit are in full swing, with Municipal President Deepak Mandal overseeing arrangements for the booth level dialogues in the Municipal Corporation area. Passes have been distributed to city area workers, with a plea to arrive punctually and occupy their designated seats. While passes are not issued for the Panchayat area, preparations under the supervision of Block President Jagdish Mahato and Avinash Soren are being finalized, underscoring the enthusiasm among party workers for the Chief Minister's visit. (w/nkm)

Phoolkant Jha criticizes Prashant Kishor's remarks on Rahul Gandhi

Gamharia, April 12: In a sharp response to political strategist Prashant Kishor's recent statement suggesting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's potential exit from politics, senior party leader Phoolkant Jha has vehemently dismissed Kishor's remarks. Jha asserted that Rahul Gandhi does not require guidance from individuals like Kishor, whom he labeled as sycophant. He accused Kishor of attempting to bolster his own standing across various states, including intellectually rich regions like Bihar, instead of focusing on genuine political issues. Drawing attention to Kishor's tenure as a personal advisor to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Jha insinuated that Kishor's appointment was driven more by sentiment than competence, leading to subsequent disgrace. He criticized Kishor's purported efforts to portray Rahul Gandhi in a favorable light, suggesting that Kishor had forgotten Gandhi's extensive political experience as a four-time Member of Parliament and his significant contributions to concepts of sacrifice, brotherhood, and dedication on a global scale. (w/nkm)

Awareness campaign conducted at Jaspur-Dugdha Railway Gate by Sini RPF



Gamharia, April 12: Under the guidance of Sini RPF in-charge Amal Ghosh, an awareness campaign was held at the Jaspur-Dugdha railway gate in Gamharia on Friday. The initiative aimed to educate the public on crucial safety measures, including refraining from pelting stones at moving trains, preventing human trafficking, ensuring women's safety, and promoting the use of the toll-free number 139 for immediate assistance. Ghosh emphasized the importance of adhering to safety protocols, urging individuals not to attempt crossing railway lines when gates are closed.

Given the increased speed of trains, he cautioned against walking alongside railway tracks, stressing the need for vigilance to avert accidents. Ghosh also urged the community to promptly report any suspicious activities near railway premises, emphasizing the role of alertness in preventing untoward incidents. (w/nkm)

Provenance 4.0 Techno-Cultural Fest launches at RVS Engineering College

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Jamshedpur, April 12: The esteemed RVS College of Engineering and Technology hosted the grand inauguration of the Provenance 4.0 Techno-Cultural Fest, heralding three days of vibrant activities and celebrations. Notably, students from RVS and various colleges across Jamshedpur have enthusiastically joined in the fest's festivities. The inauguration ceremony commenced with the esteemed presence of the chief guest, College President Binda Singh, who ceremoniously lit the lamp, marking the official commencement of the



event. Joining him on stage were College Secretary Bharat Singh, Treasurer Shatrughan Singh, Executive Member Shakti Singh, Principal Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari, and other dignitaries. Professor Sushant Mohanty and

Professor Thakur Pranav Kumar Gautam, the Conveners of Provenance, extended warm greetings to the esteemed guests by presenting floral bouquets. In his welcoming address, Principal Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari provided insights

into the fest's schedule and the diverse range of events lined up for participants. Treasurer Shatrughan Singh extended heartfelt congratulations on the inauguration of the event, underscoring its significance. Secretary

Bharat Singh emphasized the college's commitment to holistic development, emphasizing the importance of nurturing talents beyond academic excellence.

He highlighted the platform Provenance provides for students to showcase their diverse skills and talents, thereby fostering a sense of identity and achievement. The program commenced with Saraswati Vandana, led by Dr. Subrato Mahato and presented by Rashmi Kumari and Payal Manna, followed by Ganesh Vandana performed by Dhushree and Rakhi Kumari, setting a spiritually uplifting tone for the festivities ahead. (w/nkm)

AFFIDAVIT

I, Chandana Das, W/o Late Somendranath Das, resident of H.No. 137, Kharangajhar, Near Samudaik Vikash Maidan, P.O. and P.S. Telco, Town Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, State of Jharkhand, PIN - 831004, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:
1. That my minor son's name is mentioned as 'Piyush Das' in his all educational certificates of CBSE Examination, 2022.
2. That my said son is also known in the name of 'Kaushik Das' and as such his name is mentioned as 'Kaushik Das' in his UID / Aadhar Card bearing No. 5599 2790 7918.
3. That 'Piyush Das' and 'Kaushik Das' is one and the identical person, who is my said minor son.
4. That I swear this affidavit to confirm above fact as true and correct for all intents and purposes.

SD/- Advocate

Young girl found dead at construction site in Goa, police probing

Panaji, April 12 (IANS) A young girl died in suspicious circumstances at a construction site in Vasco town in South Goa and the matter is being investigated, police said on Friday. Superintendent of Police, South, Sunita Sawant, after visiting the site, told media persons that police have started the investigation and summoned workers working there. "We received information from a hospital at 3 a.m. (Friday), stating a five-and-a-half-year-old girl child was brought and she had passed away. We have started the investigation and the body has been sent for post-mortem probe," the SP said. According to police, they will be able to ascertain the cause of death only after the post-mortem report is received.

Cong complains to ECI, accuses Gujarat Speaker of campaigning for BJP

Gandhinagar, April 12 (IANS) The Gujarat Congress Committee has lodged a formal complaint with the Election Commission of India against Shankar Chaudhary, Speaker of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly, for allegedly violating the Model Code of Conduct. Manish Doshi, spokesperson for the Committee, submitted the complaint to the ECI along with video evidence to support the allegations. The controversy stems from activities that allegedly took place after the Lok Sabha elections were announced on March 17, activating the Model Code of Conduct across India. Manish Doshi said, "According to Parliamentary Systems and Procedures Part-I, Chapter-9, upon appointment, the Speaker must detach from any political affiliations and remain completely impartial in political matters." Despite these stipulations, "Chaudhary is accused of engaging in political campaigning."

TDP complains to ECI about 'tapping' of its gen secy Nara Lokesh's phone

Amaravati, April 12 (IANS) The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has complained to the Election Commission of India about alleged tapping of phone of its general secretary Nara Lokesh. The party alleged that some police officers at the instance of the state government were tapping the phone of Lokesh. Former Rajya Sabha member K. Ravindra Kumar on Friday wrote a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner in this regard. The CEC was told that Lokesh received alerts from i-phone, informing that his phone was tapped using Pegasus software by unknown agencies. He had also received the alerts last month. The TDP leader wrote that time and again they represented that DGP Rajendranath Reddy and intelligence chief PSR Anjaneyulu had become "lackeys" of YSRCP and were resorting to "unethical and unlawful acts to jeopardise" the prospects of NDA alliance partners in the ensuing election to Andhra Pradesh Assembly and Lok Sabha.



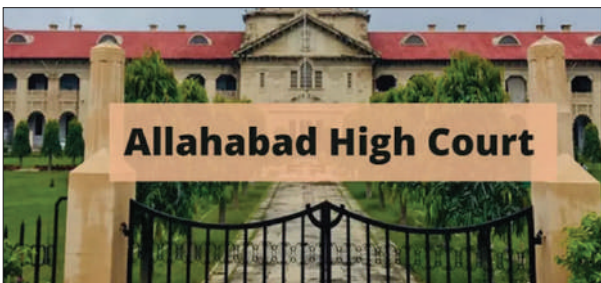
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Bengaluru cafe blast case: CM Mamata gives credit to Bengal Police for arrest of accused

Kolkata, April 12 (IANS) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on Friday, gave full credit to the state police for the arrest of two accused in the Bengaluru cafe blast case. Mussavir Hussain Shazib and Abdul Mateen Taha were arrested from Kanthi in the East Midnapore district by the NIA on Friday. "The two persons who have been arrested are not residents of West Bengal. They were just hiding here. We traced them within two hours. Our cops arrested them," the Chief Minister said while addressing an election rally at Cooch Behar. Addressing the gathering, she also cautioned the state north Bengal development minister, Udayan Guha, who is also a party legislator from Cooch Behar district, to maintain his cool during the election period. "I will advise Udayan to be cool. Nisith Pramaik will try to drag you into unnecessary problems and conduct the polling in his favour taking advantage of that. You should never allow that. Keep yourself well-prepared in advance. Mainly peace in the area," the Chief Minister said. Nisith Pramanik is the sitting BJP Lok Sabha member from Cooch Behar constituency who has been re-nominated by his party from the seat.

The Chief Minister also said that while there might be some understanding at the national level through the opposition INDIA bloc, in West Bengal, BJP, Congress and CPI(M) are equal opponents of Trinamool Congress.

In absence of rules, no show-cause notice can be given to retired employees : Allahabad HC



Prayagraj, April 12 (IANS) The Allahabad High Court has held that in the absence of any rule or regulation in Uttar Pradesh Cooperative Society Employees Service Regulation, 1975 and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Sahkari Bhumi Vikas Bank Employees Service Rules, 1976, neither a show cause notice can be issued nor departmental proceedings can be initiated against an employee after his retirement. While quashing the proceedings against the retired employee, Justice Neeraj Tiwari held that "in lack of provisions in rules and regulations, after retirement, no show cause notice or departmental proceeding can be initiated against any employee." The Court further held that once the show cause notice has been issued and no action has been taken by the authorities for a long-time, a fresh show cause notice for the same cause of action cannot be issued at very belated stage. The petitioner was working as an Assistant Field Officer in Uttar Pradesh Sahkari Gram Vikas Bank Ltd. at Bhogaon Branch, Mainpuri till his superannuation in 2013.

NaMo AI on NaMo App: A unique chatbot that will answer everything on PM Modi, govt schemes & achievements

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Reflecting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tech-savvy approach, NaMo App, his personal App has introduced a unique feature based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for dissemination of information on the Centre's flagship schemes and how that has brought transformation on the ground.

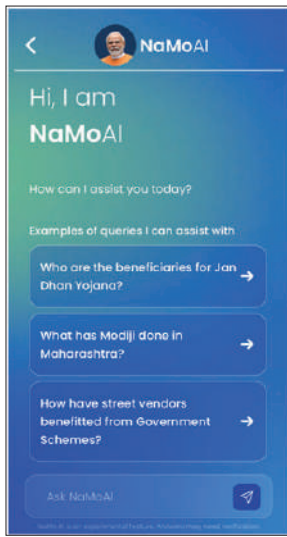
NaMo AI, a one-of-its-kind feature will also share information on PM Modi as well as the government's achievements via AI-

powered chatbot tools. The AI feature facilitates users to ask any question about PM Modi and get a 'summary' within seconds.'

When one asks questions like, "What has PM Modi done for HarGharJal", the App sheds light on the scheme and provides insights on the same.

Another question like 'How popular PM Modi is', also fetches an interesting response.

Taking use of AI technology, the NaMo AI replies: "Prime Minister



Narendra Modi has emerged as the most popular leader globally, surpassing leaders like US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in popularity. PM Modi received nearly 78 per cent approval ratings. This indicates his high level of popularity both in India and abroad. PM Modi's popularity can be attributed to several factors" and so on.

When asked, "How many awards has PM Modi been honoured

with?" the AI chatbot gives information on honours and accolades that the Prime Minister has won for his work in politics and governance.

Notably, the AI tool can also be of great use to voters during upcoming elections as pivotal information regarding the Prime Minister's constituency and development words could be fetched via the chatbot.

NaMo AI is probably for the first time to have been employed by any Prime Minister for

building 'greater public connect'. However, it is advisable to verify and cross-check the data with official websites and portals for accuracy.

NaMo AI can be accessed on both desktop and mobile devices via the Narendra Modi website or the mobile version of the Narendra Modi App.

With NaMo AI, users can share their questions and get responses in PDF format. And, the best part of the App is that users can use this on the go and access it anywhere.

Delhi court seeks ED, CBI reply on Manish Sisodia's interim bail plea

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) A Delhi court on Friday sought response of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on the interim bail plea of Aam Aadmi Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Sisodia has sought interim bail to campaign for his party for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Special judge Kaveri Baweja of Rouse Avenue Court has listed the matter for next hearing on April 20. Judge Baweja had, on



Wednesday, said that she will hear, on April 15, Sisodia's bail application in the excise policy-related money laundering case.

The court had heard

arguments from Sisodia's counsel, who opposed the submissions made by the ED, saying that the probe agency was reiterating arguments previously

presented before both the Delhi court and the Supreme Court.

The AAP leader's judicial custody was extended till April 18 in the case. Last time, the ED had contended that Sisodia and the other accused persons were delaying the trial in the case. Last week, Sisodia's bail application was filed by his counsel alleging delay in completing the investigation in the case. Sisodia's counsel Mohit Mathur had argued there has been no evidence linking his client to the alleged bribe money.

Witness statements, chats, financial transaction documents show Kavitha key conspirator: CBI

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) After the CBI on Thursday arrested Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) MLC, K Kavitha, in the alleged excise policy scam, it produced the jailed leader before a Delhi court on Friday. Kavitha, who is in judicial custody till April 23 in the money laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam being probed by the ED, was arrested from Jail No-6 in Tihar at 12:50 p.m. on Thursday. On Friday, the CBI sought Kavitha's five-day custody on the grounds that witness statements, retrieved WhatsApp chats, and financial transaction documents related to a land deal have implicated her as a major conspirator in a scheme to pay Rs. 100 crore to the AAP through accused Vijay Nair and others, in exchange for favourable provisions in Delhi's 2021-22 Excise Policy.

The CBI has said that investigation revealed that a liquor businessman of South India met with Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on March 16, 2021, at the Delhi Secretariat to seek support for business under the new Excise Policy for 2021-22. CM Kejriwal allegedly assured support and said that Kavitha would contact him about funding the AAP.

Over 20K CAPF, state force to oversee LS poll security in Tripura

Agartala, April 12 (IANS) A record number of over 20,000 security personnel comprising Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and state force personnel have been deployed in Tripura for the elections to two Lok Sabha constituencies and the by-poll in one Assembly seat in the state, officials said here on Friday.

A top police officer said that with the direction of the Election Commission

(EC), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has already sent 84 companies (around 8,000 personnel) of CAPF comprising the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), which have already been deployed in all the eight districts of the state.

He said that besides the CAPF over 10,000 Tripura State Rifles (TSR) and a few thousand state police personnel are also being



deployed for the elections scheduled on April 19 and

April 26.

"The security forces are conducting area domination, confidence building measures patrolling to ensure normal law and order situation so that free, fair and violence free elections can be held," an official told IANS.

Tripura Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Puneet Agarwal said that earlier this week a "Mission Violence Free Election 2024" was launched in

Tripura to ensure a 100 per cent violence-free election.

Agarwal said that ahead of the elections to the state's two Lok Sabha seats, 2,500 flag marches and area domination patrolling were conducted by the CAPF and the state forces since last month.

He said that various law enforcement agencies have seized various contraband items including drugs worth Rs 9 crore during the last month.

Punjab CM to meet Kejriwal in Tihar Jail on April 15: Prison sources

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will meet AAP National Convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in Tihar Jail on April 15, prison sources said on Friday. The decision was taken on Friday at an advance security liaison meeting, which started at around 11 a.m. and continued till late afternoon involving the Additional DGP, Punjab,



Delhi Police, and Tihar administration officials. The sources said the Punjab CM

will meet Kejriwal -- who is in judicial custody for his alleged involvement in the

excise policy case -- in the prison between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on April 15. "No special arrangement has been made for the meeting, which will be held as per the jail manual. Today's meeting was held to discuss the security arrangements to be made for the Punjab CM," said a source, adding that this is a mandatory practice as per the jail manual before any CM visits the prison to meet an inmate.

SP announces two more Lok Sabha candidates in UP

Lucknow, April 12 (IANS) The Samajwadi Party on Friday announced two more Lok Sabha candidates in Uttar Pradesh, for the Kaushambhi and Kushinagar seats.

The party has named Pushpendra Saroj for the Kaushambhi seat and Ajay Pratap Singh for the Kushinagar seat. Former MLC Swami Prasad Maurya had expressed his desire to contest the Kushinagar seat and was hopeful of getting support from the INDIA bloc. By announcing a candidate for this seat, the Samajwadi Party has sent a clear message to Maurya.



14 NTHA cadets honoured with certificates on Convocation Day TSAF Sport Climbing Academy hosts inaugural Annual Day

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Naval Tata Hockey Academy (NTHA), Jamshedpur and TSAF Sport Climbing Academy celebrated their inaugural Convocation and Annual Day with great fervour at the BOC Lawns of Beldih Golf Course in Jamshedpur on Friday.

The event served as a proud culmination of a year filled with enriching activities and was a momentous occasion to recognize the outstanding achievements of the cadets. A total of 14 cadets from NTHA and 4 from TSAF Sport Climbing Academy were honoured with Convocation certificates, marking a significant milestone in their journey of excellence and dedication to their respective sports disciplines.

Throughout the year, cadets from various Tata sports academies participated in a range of engaging activities aimed at



fostering camaraderie and holistic development. These activities included Cooking without Fire, Fun Games, Beach Volleyball, Dimma Cleaning Drive, Rangoli Competition, Nutrition Quiz and Games, Rafting & Team Building Games, and Kho Kho. To infuse a sense of healthy competition and teamwork, all cadets were



grouped into five houses: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, and Orange. The Orange House emerged as the winner, showcasing exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship, while the Green House secured the runner-up position.

During the ceremony, Pradeep from NTHA and Anisha Verma from TSAF Sport Climbing Academy shared their inspiring experiences, highlighting the transformative power of sports in shaping character and instilling values.

As a token of appreciation for

their dedication and hard work, each graduating cadet was awarded a memento and certificate, symbolizing their remarkable achievements.

Chief Guest Chanakya Chaudhary, Vice President Corporate Services, Tata Steel, expressed delight at the growth and success of the academies, noting how they continue to expand their reach and excel in various sports disciplines. The Convocation and Annual Day served as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the sports academies towards

nurturing talent and promoting excellence in sports.

The cadets passing out of TSAF Sport Climbing Academy are: Aman Verma, Anisha Verma, Suraj Singh Thakur and Talim Ansari.

The cadets passing out of the Naval Tata Hockey Academy are: Abdul Qadir, Bhimsen Kisku, Daniyal Soy, Devnish Soy, Dilbar Barla, Jaymasih Tuti, Junul Puri, Ladura Hassa Pury, Manohar Munda, Niyaren Champiya, Pardeep, Royan Soy Murum, Sem Munda and Simon Bodra. (Wmb)

Chaitra Festival Chadak Puja: Vrindavani Ghat revered as symbol of Treta Yuga



Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 12: Seraikela resonated with spiritual fervor as the tradition of Chadak Puja during the Chaitra festival unfolded with the arrival of Vrindavani Ghat late on Wednesday evening. In adherence to the age-old Ghat Pat tradition, devotees congregated at Majna Ghat, where sacred water from Vrindavani Ghat was ceremoniously collected amidst rituals. Accompanied by the chanting of Ramayana and reverberating cries of "Jai Shri Ram," the procession embarked towards Vrindavani Ghat, adorned with vibrant festivities.

Ghatwalis, embodying the spirit of Hanuman and his monkey army, exuberantly showcased joyous reenactments, reminiscent of the Vrindavani episode from the Ramayana. According to legend, in the sacred narrative of the Ramayana, Hanuman's triumphant return to Lord Shri Ram after discovering Mother Sita and incinerating Lanka is celebrated with jubilation, symbolizing the victory of righteousness over evil. As the procession arrived at Vrindavani Ghat, devotees emerged from their homes to partake in the auspicious occasion, offering their reverence to the holy waters. Vrindavani Ghat found its consecrated abode in the courtyard of the ancient Shivalaya, nestled within the Night Daily Market, perpetuating the timeless traditions and spiritual heritage of the Treta Yug. (w/nkm)

Meeting held in Jojo Kudma Village to discuss annual Chhau dance celebration



Seraikela, April 12: In a bid to organize the annual Chhau dance event, a meeting was convened by the Chhau Nritya Kala Mandir Jojo Kudma Committee in Jojo Kudma village, under Telaidih Panchayat of Kharsawan block. The gathering, chaired by committee chairman Budhram Jamuda, saw discussions regarding the arrangements for the upcoming event scheduled for April 14th every year. Chairman Budhram Jamuda outlined the program, highlighting that various Chhau dances would be showcased by both the Pitakalang Chhau troupe and the Jojo Kudma Chhau troupe.

Vice President Sukra Mahato announced that the event's inauguration is slated for Sunday, April 14th, commencing at 10 pm. The meeting was attended by several prominent members of the community, including Sushil Gagrai, Nikesh Singhdev, Lakshmi Narayan Singhdev, Murari Mahato, Priya Mahali, Govardhan Mahato, Ghasiram Mahali, Naresh Gagrai, Lakhindra Mahali, Vijay Mahato, Turam Gagrai, and others. (w/nkm)

Marwari women conclude Gangaur rituals after 15 days of fasting



Seraikela, April 12: Seraikela witnessed the traditional celebration of Gangaur Puja with deep reverence as married women from the Marwari community, especially the newlyweds, immersed themselves in the festivities. Over the past 15 days, particularly the newly married women, diligently observed the Gangaur fast, dedicating themselves to the worship of Lord Shiva and Mother Parvati. On Thursday, the culmination of the festival saw the immersion of Gangaur amidst the joyful play of colors and Abeer Gulal. Women prayed fervently for the longevity of their husbands, embodying the divine bond between Lord Shiva and Mother Parvati, while seeking blessings for the peace and prosperity of their families. Sumit Chaudhary, a member of the community, highlighted the widespread celebration of the traditional Gangaur festival among Marwari communities across regions. Upholding their cultural heritage, they commemorate Gangaur with meticulous rituals, believing that the annual worship brings happiness, prosperity, and auspiciousness to their households. (w/nkm)

Ramnavmi Committee meeting held at Shri Shri Shiv Hanuman Temple 'Uday Singh Akhara'

Jamshedpur, April 12: In a significant development, a meeting convened in the backdrop of Ramnavmi celebrations took place today, April 11, 2024, at the temple premises of Shri Shri Shiv Hanuman Temple "Uday Singh Akhara" in Neetibagh Colony, Bhuiaandih, Jamshedpur. The meeting saw the presence of notable dignitaries including Pramod Tiwari, Patron of Jamshedpur Central Ramnavmi Committee, Arun Singh, Chairman, Nitin Dwivedi, Executive President, Vijay Tiwari, Vice President along with Dharmendra and Gulzar Singh, Secretary. The President of Uday Singh Akhara

Committee, Vivek Singh, extended honors to the members of the Jamshedpur Central Ram Navami Committee by draping them with Angavastra. Additionally, a memorandum was presented, discussing crucial matters such as the Akhara's license and the proposed Ramnavami immersion route. During the deliberations, it was decided unanimously by the Akhara committee to ensure the timely and grand conduct of the Ramnavmi puja immersion, emphasizing a peaceful atmosphere for the festivities. Key members of the Akhara Committee in attendance included Deepak Majumdar, Mohit Singh.

Awareness campaign drives voter participation

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 12: Under the directive of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla, a series of SVEEP programs are underway in Seraikela district to bolster voter turnout. In alignment with this initiative, a voter awareness campaign was organized on Thursday, spearheaded by members of the housing society in the Municipal Corporation area of Adityapur.

The rally aimed at enhancing voter engagement for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024 and fostering awareness among constituents. Participants were encouraged to actively partake in the electoral process through the Systematic Voters'



Education and Electoral Participation Program (SVEEP). Detailed insights were provided regarding the Voter Helpline App and the electoral system, empowering citizens with essential knowledge to exercise their voting rights effectively.

Furthermore, emphasis was placed on disseminating information about the voter helpline number, 1950, and ensuring voter registration in the

electoral roll. Individuals not listed in the voter register were advised to fill Form 6 through the Booth Level Officer (BLO) or via the Voter Help Line App, underscoring the importance of every citizen exercising their franchise. Participants pledged to uphold their commitment to democratic participation, recognizing voting as a cornerstone of the democratic process. The campaign also sought to

mobilize residents to proactively raise awareness within their households and communities, fostering a culture of informed civic engagement.

Through concerted efforts, the campaign endeavors to bolster voter turnout and cultivate a sense of civic responsibility among constituents, ensuring robust participation in the democratic process. (w/nkm)

TMH introduces e-shuttle service for patients

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Jamshedpur, April 11: Tata Main Hospital (TMH), operated by Tata Steel, has introduced a new e-shuttle service to enhance convenience for patients and their families within the hospital premises.

The e-shuttle service allows individuals to travel between different buildings and locations within the TMH campus using battery-operated vehicles, with a nominal fee of Rs 10 per ride.

The e-shuttle vehicles will transport patients and their family members to various key locations



within TMH, including the old building entrance, labour room, burn care unit, JGMH (new building), CCU, and OPD main gate. This initiative aims to alleviate the inconvenience

faced by individuals who previously had to park their vehicles outside the hospital premises and walk a considerable distance to access hospital services. Previously, patients and

visitors had to navigate long distances on foot, causing discomfort and inconvenience.

With the introduction of the e-shuttle service, patients and their families can now access facility more conveniently and comfortably.

The service will operate from 10 am to 7:30 pm, with a lunch break from 2 pm to 3 pm. The e-shuttle service will start from April 12, and passengers can directly settle bill with service provider. No separate billing will be provided for this service, ensuring a seamless and hassle-free experience for hospital visitors.

Officials to crack down on violations of Model Code of Conduct

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: In anticipation of the Lok Sabha elections 2024, Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar and Project Director ITDA Dipankar Chaudhary conducted a comprehensive review of election preparations for constituencies 47 Jugsalai, 48 Jamshedpur East, and 49 Jamshedpur West. The review, facilitated through virtual means, emphasized the critical need for free, fair, and transparent elections. One of the key focal points of the discussion was the effective handling of complaints received through the Cvigil app. Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar stressed the



importance of promptly addressing these complaints and ensuring their full execution within the designated timeframe.

He unequivocally stated that negligence in handling such complaints would not be tolerated, with strict action to be taken against responsible officers. Additionally, any decision to drop a complaint must be accompanied by a clear explanation to maintain the integrity of the electoral process. Furthermore, the meeting underscored the

imperative of upholding the Model Code of Conduct. Kumar directed officials to proactively investigate any potential violations, rather than waiting for complaints to be filed through Cvigil. Notably, he instructed the Field Support Teams (FSTs) to take proactive measures, including monitoring public representatives' presence in various settings and ensuring compliance with advertisement regulations.

In line with these directives, officials were instructed to rigorously scrutinize hoardings, posters, and banners for proper authorization. Failure to obtain prior permission for such materials would be considered a violation of the Model Code of Conduct, warranting

appropriate action. Moreover, a robust vehicle checking campaign was proposed, targeting inter-state and inter-district checkpoints to deter illegal transportation of money, drugs, liquor, or other illicit items. The presence of key officials, including ADM Law and Order Ananth Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Rohit Sinha, and SDM Dhalbhum Parul Singh, in the virtual meeting signified the collective commitment to ensuring electoral integrity. As the nation gears up for the Lok Sabha elections, these measures underscore the authorities' unwavering commitment to upholding democratic principles and safeguarding the sanctity of the electoral process. (W/pb)

Sikh Youths hang 'Nishan Sahib' on orders of Akal Takht

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: In commemoration of the 325th Khalsa Creation Day on April 13, 2024, members of the Central Sikh Youth Sabha took to guarding houses and hanging the Nishan Sahib, under the directive of Panj Singh Sahibano, from Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

Today, Sikh youth residing in Burmamines East Plant Basti initiated the installation of Nishan Sahib in the houses of Sabha advisors Sardar Sukhdev Singh and Devendra Singh. Additionally, Nishan Sahib



was hoisted in the houses of several Sikh families in the area. Sardar Amrik Singh, the head of the Sabha, emphasized the importance of every Sikh having the Chardikala of the sect represented on their homes. He urged all Sikhs to swing

the Nishan Sahib proudly.

Executive President of the Sabha, Inderjit Singh, urged members of the Youth Sabha to coordinate with the Sangat to procure and install Nishan Sahibs at their respective homes. Today's efforts were led by

President Sardar Amrik Singh, Executive Chairman Inderjit Singh, Advisor Sukhdev Singh, Secretary Rajveer Bhatia, Vice Chairman Gurbachan Singh Raju, and other members including Gurpreet Singh Prince, Surendra Singh Shind, Sukhdeep Singh, Maninder Singh, Yuvraj Singh, Sukhdev Singh, and Jaskaran Singh.

This initiative not only serves to honor the significance of the Khalsa Creation Day but also strengthens the sense of unity and identity among Sikh communities. (W/pb)

Exploitation of tribals alleged in CNT land fraud case

Mail News Service

Gamharia, April 12: A distressing case of alleged exploitation and abuse of tribals has surfaced under tribal jurisdiction, revolving around the fraudulent acquisition of CNT land valued at Rs 3.31 crore situated in Adityapur Ward No. 7. Prakash Sardar, hailing from Dugdha in Gamharia block, has lodged a formal complaint with the Adityapur police station and SP, seeking justice in this matter. In his written complaint, Prakash Sardar reveals that his ancestral land in Adityapur Ward No. 7 was unlawfully procured by the directors of Shree Bhunila Venkatesh Equipment Private Limited Company.

They purportedly obtained his father's thumb impression under false pretenses, claiming an exaggerated sum of Rs. 3.31 crore based on a fraudulent report from the then CO. Shockingly, the land was initially purchased for a mere Rs. 1.60 lakh. When his father, Nunu Sardar, demanded rightful compensation, he faced verbal abuse and derogatory remarks targeting his caste. Tragically, Nunu Sardar succumbed to the mental stress inflicted by these circumstances in 2022. Despite lodging an FIR (337/22) against the company director at the Adityapur police station, no action was taken, compelling Prakash to seek recourse through legal channels.

However, his efforts were met with continued abuse and discrimination whenever he approached the company for restitution. Prakash has initiated legal proceedings against the company owners, urging authorities to intervene and rectify the injustice. In response, company director Jai Kumar has refuted the allegations, labeling them as unfounded. He asserts that the matter is sub judice in the High Court, disclosing that a land deal worth Rs. 22 lakh was executed with Nunu Sardar, and the agreed amount has been duly disbursed. (w/nkm)

Water vending machine operator fined Rs 5,000 for overcharging

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: A water vending machine operator at platform number one of Tatanagar station has been fined Rs 5,000 for charging excess money from passengers. The operator, identified as Abhishek Singhal, was caught during a surprise check conducted by the station's Additional Railway Manager (ARM) on Wednesday. The surprise check was prompted by a complaint received by the station duty staff regarding the operator charging Rs 2 more for water, including bottles. During the inspection, the ARM discovered that the machine operator was charging passengers Rs 10 instead of the standard Rs 8 for water, including the bottle.

As a result, the ARM promptly ordered the Commerce Department to levy a fine of Rs 5,000 on the operator. Railway authorities have initiated a campaign to curb overcharging at Tatanagar station, which has been ongoing for four days. To address passenger grievances related to overcharging, the Railway Catering and Commerce Department has established two helpline numbers and placed posters near all stalls, restaurants, and vending machines. These measures enable passengers to report instances of overcharging promptly. Additionally, railway supervisors are conducting surprise inspections at the station to deter overcharging practices. Despite these efforts, instances of overcharging, such as the one detected in the water vending machine, continue to be addressed. (w/nkm)

XLRI Jamshedpur ranked among world's top 250 MBA institutes

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: In the latest release of the QS World University Rankings for the year 2024 by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), XLRI Jamshedpur has secured a prestigious position among the top 250 global MBA institutes. This recognition underscores XLRI's esteemed status in the realm of management education worldwide. XLRI Jamshedpur has not only achieved commendable global recognition but has also demonstrated excellence in specific categories within the QS World University Rankings. In the Masters in Management category, XLRI has secured a notable position between 141 and 150, further solidifying its reputation for delivering high-quality management education. Additionally, in the subject category of Business and Management Studies, XLRI has secured a ranking between 351 and 400.

The QS World University Rankings, an annual evaluation conducted by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), assesses the performance and quality of universities on a global scale. XLRI's inclusion among the world's top MBA institutes is a testament to its academic excellence, research impact, employer reputation, and overall contribution to the field of management education. Stanford Graduate School of Business (US) leads the rankings, followed closely by Pennan (Raton) Institute and Harvard Business School.

XLRI's commendable position between 201 to 250 reflects its dedication to academic excellence and innovation in management education. Expressing joy and pride at this significant achievement, XLRI has attributed its success to factors such as academic reputation, research quality, employer recognition, and citation impact. (w/nkm)



Traditional Choitro Porob Festival to enthrall audiences

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 12: The Seraikela Chhau Artist Association is set to enchant audiences with the traditional Choitro Porob - 2024 festivities, to be held at the grounds in front of Jail Road Bajrangbali Temple. The event will commence with the ceremonial inauguration, featuring the revered Akhara Mada, conducted on Thursday night, where the sacred Asar crafted from traditional clay and cow dung will be worshipped. Bhola Mahanti, President of the Association, shared details of the event, highlighting the formal inauguration of the stage on April 13th at 9:00 pm, under the auspices of the Association's Patron, Manoj Kumar Choudhary.



The occasion will witness the felicitation of Chhau leaders, adorned with traditional body cloths, followed by an enthralling array of performances. Throughout the night, audiences will be treated to a mesmerizing showcase of

Seraikela-style dances, including ancient traditional renditions by esteemed Chhau artists.

The performances will encompass a diverse range of themes, including Aarti, Radha-Krishna, Har-Parvati, Mayur, Sailor, Dhiwar, Sagar, Chandrabhaga, Garuda Basuki, Ratri, Varsha, and Durga.

The event was graced by the presence of key figures such as Association Secretary Sudeep Kabi, Guru Manoranjan Sahu, Guru Rajat Patnaik, Guru Ashish Kar, and several accomplished artists including Kameshwar Bhol, Kashinath Kar, Rajesh Gope, Sunil Dubey, and others. Eminent artists such as Pradeep Basa, Paras Nath Pathal, Patu Singh, and many more joined the festivities, adding to the vibrant atmosphere of the event. (w/nkm)

Asht Prahar Radha Govind Akhand Hari Naam Sankirtan concludes



Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 12: The Asht Prahar Radha Govind Akhand Hari Naam Sankirtan, held in Tumung, Rajnagar block, concluded with a magnificent Dhulat ceremony and traditional farewell to Mahant. Commencing on Wednesday with Gandha Diwas, the Sankirtan continued till Friday in an atmosphere of devotion and piety. Led by various Sankirtan parties including Sri-Sri Ma Mansa Harinaam Mahila Sampraday, the event saw continuous invocation of Radha Govind's name for 24 hours on Thursday. Devotees from Bankura, Odisha, and Jharkhand participated, praying for the happiness and prosperity of families and the region. (w/gsd)

MLA's daughter Sneha participates in Baha Parv celebrations



Chandil, April 12: The Baha Mahotsav was celebrated with grandeur on Thursday at Dishom Jahergarh near Chandil Roundabout, drawing a large crowd. Naik Baba led the ritual, adorning men's ears and women's foreheads with Sakhua flowers, invoking prayers for peace and prosperity in the area. Devotees reverently partook of Khichdi as Prasad after bowing at Jahergarh. Devotees wore traditional dresses. They danced to the musical beats of several traditional percussion instruments. Traditionally attired Sneha Mahato, daughter of MLA Savita Mahato, enthralled participants with her energetic dance in traditional tribal attire, especially to the rhythm of Mandar. Sneha also participated in the Sarhul festivities at Khudiyadih and Gangudih. (w/gsd)

HMSI promotes road safety awareness

Ranchi, April 12: In Ranchi, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) recently spearheaded a highly successful road safety awareness campaign, leaving a lasting impact on over 2500 school students and staff members. The campaign, held at the premises of Army Public School, focused on educating children about the importance of road safety. Emphasizing the significance of early education on road safety, HMSI ensured active participation from students and staff members alike. The company firmly believes in integrating road safety principles into the educational curriculum of schools and colleges. By instilling these values at a young age, HMSI aims to empower the new generation with the knowledge and skills necessary for responsible road usage. As part of the road safety awareness campaign, various engaging and interactive activities were organized. These included road safety games, theoretical sessions on safe road practices, slow bicycle riding exercises, as well as training sessions on road signs and proper riding posture. (w/nkm)

Labels related to voter awareness to be put on food packets

Ramgarh, April 12: Under the upcoming Lok Sabha General Election 2024, the voting date for 14 Lok Sabha constituencies is fixed as 20 May 2024. District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner, Ramgarh, Chandan Kumar has given necessary guidelines to the Voter Awareness Cell to organize various programs in a creative manner and other works to be done to ensure clean, fair and 100% voting in Ramgarh district and to make voters aware about exercising their franchise during the upcoming Lok Sabha general elections. Taking a new initiative in this sequence, during the area visit for organizing voter awareness programs, Deputy Election Officer Ravindra Kumar Gupta and Nodal Officer Voter Awareness Cell cum District Social Welfare Officer Kanak Tirkey, in coordination with the operators in various food establishments under Ramgarh city, appealed to put labels related to voter awareness and the date of voting for 14 Lok Sabha constituencies 20 May 2024 on the packets sold by the food establishments. Voter Awareness Cell, in coordination with the operators of food establishments of Ramgarh district, is also working to make people aware about exercising their franchise during the upcoming Lok Sabha General Election 2024 by the food establishments.

South Eastern Railway introduces summer special train services

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Kolkata, April 12: In an effort to accommodate a variety of travel preferences and provide passengers with an array of convenient options for journey planning, the South Eastern Railway (SER) has launched a series of summer special train services scheduled to run from April 14 to June 25. These special train services have been introduced to cater to the diverse needs of travelers during the summer season. Among the different trains included in this initiative are:

Shalimar-Malatipatpur Special: Starting April 14, 2024, the Shalimar-Malatipatpur Special train service will offer passengers a convenient mode of transportation between Shalimar and Malatipatpur. This special service will operate with a capacity of 1076 berths/seats, ensuring ample availability for travelers. Operating bi-weekly, this train provides flexibility for passengers planning their journeys during this period.

Malatipatpur-Shalimar Special: In conjunction with the

Shalimar-Malatipatpur Special, the Malatipatpur-Shalimar Special train will commence its services on April 15, 2024. This return journey option caters to travelers returning from Malatipatpur to Shalimar. With 1076 berths/seats available, passengers can expect a comfortable and hassle-free journey. Similar to its counterpart, this service operates bi-weekly, offering passengers flexibility in their travel plans.

Santragachi-Digha Special: For those seeking to explore the scenic route between Santragachi and Digha, the Special train service starting from April 13, 2024, presents an ideal option. With a total capacity of 576 berths/seats, this train ensures a cozy and enjoyable journey for passengers. Operating on a weekly basis, travelers can plan their trips conveniently during this period.

Digha-Santragachi Special: To cater to the return journey from Digha to Santragachi, the Digha-Santragachi Special train will also commence its services on April 13, 2024. Offering 576 berths/seats, this train ensures a comfortable and

convenient travel experience for passengers. Operating weekly, this service provides flexibility for travelers returning from Digha to Santragachi.

Secunderabad-Santragachi Special: Commencing its journey on April 19, 2024, the Secunderabad-Santragachi Special train service will provide passengers with a reliable option to travel between Secunderabad and Santragachi. With a capacity of 1050 berths/seats, this train ensures ample availability for passengers. Operating weekly, travelers can plan their trips conveniently during this period.

Santragachi-Secunderabad Special: Operating in tandem with the Secunderabad-Santragachi Special, the Santragachi-Secunderabad Special train will depart on April 20, 2024, providing passengers with a return journey option. With 1050 berths/seats available, travelers can expect a comfortable and hassle-free trip. Similar to its counterpart, this service operates weekly, offering flexibility for travelers.

Secunderabad-Shalimar Special: Starting April 15, 2024, the Secunderabad-Shalimar Special train service offers passengers a convenient mode of transportation between Secunderabad and Shalimar. With 1050 berths/seats available, passengers can expect a comfortable and hassle-free journey. Operating weekly, this service provides flexibility for passengers planning their journeys during this period.

Shalimar-Secunderabad Special: Operating in conjunction with the Secunderabad-Shalimar Special, the Shalimar-Secunderabad Special train will depart on April 16, 2024, providing travelers with a return journey option. With 1050 berths/seats available, passengers can enjoy a comfortable and convenient trip. Similar to its counterpart, this service operates weekly, offering flexibility for travelers. These detailed special train services cater to diverse travel needs, ensuring passengers have ample options to plan their journeys conveniently during the specified period. (w/nkm)

New team takes over baton of MYM Steel City Surabhi branch

Kavita assumes President's post, Pooja made Secretary

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: The Marwari Yuva Manch (MYM) Steel City Surabhi branch organized the oath-taking ceremony of the new committee for the term 2024-'25 and Margdarshak felicitation ceremony at Shri Agrasen Bhawan, Sakchi, on Friday evening. The event honored members for their outstanding contributions during the previous year, including the former 12 presidents of the organization. Kavita Agarwal who was elected unopposed as President, took oath of office along with her team to lead the branch for the new session 2024-'25. The ceremony, marked by the highlighting of new schemes, was



jointly anchored by Priyanka Chaudhary and Payal Agarwal. The MYM Steel City Surabhi branch ceremony witnessed the presence of chief guest and social worker Sudha Gupta, wife of Health Minister Banna Gupta, and special guests including Jharkhand Provincial Marwari Yuva

Manch President Arun Gupta, Kerala Samajam Model School Principal Nandini Shukla, senior media Dr. Renuka Choudhary, Omprakash Ringasia and Sarthak Agarwal. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the guests, signifying

auspicious beginnings. The guests lauded the previous year's accomplishments of the Surabhi branch and pledged full cooperation for future endeavors benefiting society and community. The ceremony also saw the participation of prominent members of the Marwari community, including

former Presidents and Secretaries of the Surabhi branch. **Adopted nine girls for education:** Alongside their swearing-in ceremony, the new team of Marwari Yuva Manch, Steel City Surbhi branch, has taken proactive steps towards community welfare. They have adopted

nine underprivileged girls for one year of education during Navratri, covering all expenses. Additionally, the team has pledged organ donation and plans to raise awareness through campaigns. Furthermore, initiatives for wildlife conservation include placing water containers on terraces, balconies, or outside homes to aid helpless animals and birds. Moreover, a yearly grant of Rs 7100 has been allocated for fodder and fertilizer for Sukhi Cow, and a discount coupon has been issued at Apex Hospital for the protection of the female fetus. The swearing-in ceremony concluded with the commitment of the Surabhi branch to social welfare and community development. (w/gsd)

Paras Hospital doctors to provide service at Ramgarh Kumar Polyclinic



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Ramgarh, April 12: Two new OPDs have been started by Paras Hospital Ranchi at Dr. Kumar Polyclinic in front of Kila Mandir on Shivaji Road in the city. Patient can consult neurosurgeon Dr. Manish Kumar Dheeraj for brain stroke, epilepsy, vertigo, slip disc, neuro infection, back pain, waist pain, headache and migraine brain and spine tumor. Along with this, people

suffering from diseases like breathing problems, cough, phlegm, blood in cough, frequent colds, throat problems, chest pain, joint pain, snoring and breathing problems while sleeping can consult Dr. Omkar Kumar Jha who is a chest specialist (pulmonologist). Managing Director of Doctor Kumar Polyclinic, Dr. Apoorva Sharma said that both these doctors will be available at Doctor Kumar Polyclinic on every second and fourth Friday

from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There were already many super specialists available in Dr. Kumar Polyclinic and with the arrival of these two, the people of Ramgarh will get a lot of convenience because the treatment for which they had to go to Ranchi, now arranged to make it available in Ramgarh itself. To get an appointment with the doctor, call the toll free number of Doctor Kumar Polyclinic 1800-890-9202 and take an appointment or get information related to OPD. On this occasion, Managing Director of Doctor Kumar Polyclinic Dr. Apoorva Sharma, General Physician Dr. Abhay Singh, Radiologist Dr. Rakesh Ranjan and the entire staff of Doctor Kumar Polyclinic including nurse Anshila, office staff Lakhi, Sandeep and Nikita were present.

Enhanced summer travel with special train services

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Kolkata, April 12: To accommodate the increased passenger demand during the summer season, several Summer Special Trains have been scheduled, offering convenient travel options for commuters. Here's a breakdown of the services:

Howrah - Yesvantpur - Howrah Summer Specials (02863/02864):

The Howrah - Yesvantpur Special (02863) will depart from Howrah every Thursday at 12:40 hrs, starting from April 18, 2024, until June 27, 2024. It will arrive at Yesvantpur at 00:15 hrs on the third day. In the return direction, the Yesvantpur - Howrah Special (02864) will depart from Yesvantpur every Saturday at 05:00 hrs, from April 20, 2024, to June 29, 2024, arriving at Howrah at 13:25 hrs the next day. These trains will make stoppages at Kharagpur and Baleshwar within the South Eastern Railway jurisdiction.

SMVT Bengaluru - Kharagpur - SMVT Bengaluru Summer Specials (06507/06508):

The SMVT Bengaluru - Kharagpur Special (06507) will depart from SMVT Bengaluru every Friday, from April 12,

2024, to May 17, 2024, at 15:50 hrs, reaching Kharagpur at 02:45 hrs on the third day. On the return journey, the Kharagpur - SMVT Bengaluru Special (06508) will depart from Kharagpur every Monday, from April 15, 2024, to May 20, 2024, at 14:00 hrs, arriving at SMVT Bengaluru at 19:50 hrs the next day. The train will stop at Baleshwar within the South Eastern Railway jurisdiction.

Kochuveli - Shalimar - Kochuveli Summer Specials (06081/06082):

The Kochuveli-Shalimar Special (06081) will depart from Kochuveli every Friday, from April 12, 2024, to May 31, 2024, at 16:20 hrs, reaching Shalimar at 13:40 hrs on the third day. The return journey, Shalimar-Kochuveli Special (06082), will depart from Shalimar every Monday, from April 15, 2024, to June 3, 2024, at 14:20 hrs, arriving at Kochuveli at 09:55 hrs on the third day. These trains will make stoppages at Baleshwar, Kharagpur, and Santragachi within the South Eastern Railway jurisdiction. These Summer Special Trains aim to provide passengers with additional travel options and facilitate a comfortable journey experience during the peak summer season. (w/nkm)

PATH commemorates Safdar Hashmi on Nukkad Natak Divas



Jamshedpur, April 12: People's Association for Theatre (PATH), on Friday, April 12, commemorated Rashtriya Nukkad Natak Divas (National Street Play Day) in tribute to the propagator of this performing format, Safdar Hashmi, with the presentation of 'Loktantra' with an eye on guiding the electorate to exercise its franchise during the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The play which was staged in front of the Press Club of Jamshedpur office at Sakchi, aimed to raise awareness among Jamshedpur's voters. The performance featured artistes Swaroop Khurshid Alam, Suman Saurabh Kumar, Mani Pradhan,

Rupesh Prasad, Rupesh Rai, Shyam Dev, Deepak Kumar, Vikas Karmakar, Ashutosh Kumar, Somen Pramanik, Shailendra Kumar, Rahul Kumar, Amitesh Kumar Singh, Gautam Dhibar, Vikas Kumar, Chhavi Das, Navya Shankar, Sushma Pramanik, Varsha Kumari, and Natasha Poddar. The play was directed by master craftsman Mohammad Nizam IPTA's Arpita Srivastava was present on the occasion. Rashtriya Nukkad Natak Divas (National Street Play Day) is celebrated annually on April 12 in honor of Safdar Hashmi, a pioneer in using street theater for social awareness, who was martyred while performing in 1989.

Development work to affect train services in Kolkata

Jamshedpur, April 12: In light of development projects in the South East Central Railway sections, several train services will be affected. Cancellation of Trains: 18109 Tatanagar-NSCB Itwari Express will not operate on 14.04.2024/18110 NSCB Itwari-Tatanagar Express will not run on 16.04.2024. 12860 Howrah-CSMT (Mumbai) Gitanjali Express stands cancelled on 14.04.2024/12859 CSMT (Mumbai)-Howrah Gitanjali Express will not run on 16.04.2024. Short Termination/Short Origination of Trains: 08862 Jharsuguda-Gondia Special, journeys starting on 15.04.2024 & 16.04.2024 will terminate at Bilaspur/08861 Gondia-Jharsuguda Special, journeys beginning on 15.04.2024 & 16.04.2024 will originate from Bilaspur.

26 members booked for MCC 'violation'

Ranchi, April 12: A total of 26 people of a tribal organisation were booked for "violating" the model code of conduct by allegedly taking out a tableau here in support of jailed former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren, police said on Friday. The tableau, depicting Soren behind bars with ED and CBI officials outside the jail, was reportedly taken out by members of the Kendriya Sama Samiti (KSS) during the 'Sarhul' festival on Thursday, they said. Soren was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on January 31 in connection with a money laundering case.

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लोकसभा आम निर्वाचन 2024 के आलोक में सरायकेला-खरसावाँ जिला में अवस्थित सभी शस्त्र अनुज्ञप्तिधारियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिनका शस्त्र अनुज्ञप्ति भारत गणराज्य अन्तर्गत केन्द्रशासित प्रदेश जम्मू-कश्मीर एवं पूर्वोत्तर के राज्यों से निर्गत किया गया है तथा शस्त्र का प्रयोग जिला सरायकेला-खरसावाँ क्षेत्र में किया जा रहा है, वे अपने शस्त्र को शस्त्र नियमावली 1962 के नियम 63 के तहत संबंधित थाना/वैध शस्त्र विक्रेता के पास दिनांक- 14.04.2024 तक निश्चित रूप से जमा कर देंगे। थाना प्रभारी एवं वैध शस्त्र विक्रेताओं को निदेश दिया जाता है कि शस्त्र के समुचित रख-रखाव की व्यवस्था करेंगे एवं अनुज्ञप्तिधारियों को पावती पत्र देना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। ससमय शस्त्र नही जमा करने की स्थिति में शस्त्र अधिनियम के सुसंगत प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत कार्रवाई सुनिश्चित की जायेगी।

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Addressing the menace of poisonous liquor

The widespread illegal trade of poisonous liquor in our country has resulted in numerous deaths, yet it remains largely unchecked. This alarming situation is a clear example of governmental incompetence, raising serious concerns about the effectiveness of both central and state governments. Despite being aware of the tragic consequences of toxic liquor, authorities have failed to take adequate measures to address this issue, leaving citizens vulnerable to harm.

Recently, the Supreme Court offered advice to both the Central and State Governments regarding the regulation of industrial alcohol. During the hearing of the industrial liquor case, Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud emphasized the need for states to have the power to regulate poisonous liquor to protect public health. The Supreme Court's intervention serves as a strong message to governments at all levels to prioritize the safety and well-being of their citizens.

The ongoing review by a nine-judge Constitution bench on the powers of the Center and states to regulate industrial alcohol is a crucial step towards addressing this pressing issue. It is imperative for governments to implement regulatory mechanisms to prevent the abuse and misuse of industrial alcohol, thereby reducing the consumption of poisonous liquor.

The role of the police in combating the trade of poisonous liquor also remains questionable, highlighting the need for improved enforcement measures. Governments cannot afford to shirk their responsibilities in this matter and must take decisive action to curb this dangerous trade.

The primary objective of the Supreme Court's advice is to protect citizens from the harmful effects of poisonous liquor. Central and state governments must work together to strengthen regulatory frameworks and enforce strict measures to ban the production and marketing of toxic liquor. This requires a concerted effort and strong willpower from all stakeholders involved.

In conclusion, addressing the illegal trade of poisonous liquor is a serious matter that demands urgent attention and decisive action from governments. By working collaboratively and implementing effective regulatory measures, we can prevent further tragedies and safeguard the health and well-being of our citizens.

From the Editorial Desk

Close fight likely in three-cornered contest at Maldaha-Uttar

Maldaha-Uttar, one of two p o s t - delimitation Lok Sabha constituencies in Malda District in West Bengal is heading for a close three-cornered contest involving the Congress, the BJP and the Trinamool Congress.

While the BJP has nominated its sitting Lok Sabha member, Khagen Murmu, the Congress' candidate is former party MLA from the district, Mostaque Alam.

On the other hand, the Trinamool Congress has fielded former Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Prasun Banerjee, who resigned from service as an Inspector General of Police just a few days before his name was announced as a ruling party candidate.

What is keeping the BJP and the Congress ahead in this race is the fact that both Murmu and Alam



have their roots in the M a l d a h a - U t t a r constituency.

Besides being the sitting BJP MP from Maldaha-Uttar constituency, Murmu had also been a former three-time CPI(M) legislator from Habibpur (ST), one of the seven Assembly constituencies under this particular Lok Sabha.

On the other hand, Alam is a two-time Congress legislator first from 2001-2006 and then from 2016 to 2021 from Harishchandrapur, another Assembly constituency under Maldaha-Uttar.

Holding the family lineage of the iconic Congress leader from the district and former Railway Minister, ABA Ghani Khan Choudhury, Noor got elected from Maldaha-Uttar as a Congress candidate for two consecutive terms in 2009 and 2014.

However, she joined the Trinamool Congress before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and the ruling party nominated her from Maldaha-Uttar, but she was defeated by BJP's Khagen Murmu by a margin of around 65,000 votes.

After the 2019 results were declared, the general observation by analysts was that the division in the minority votes between Trinamool Congress, the CPI(M) and the Congress against consolidation of Hindu votes in favour of the BJP in the four-cornered contest helped Murmu to get elected by a

comfortable margin.

While this time also the Hindu vote factor is there, the positive point for the Congress' Alam is that the spirit of unity between the Left Front and the Congress, who have a seat sharing arrangement in West Bengal, can be felt in right earnest.

The district CPI(M) leadership is fully involved in campaigning for the Congress candidate and this should translate in good results for Alam.

Maldaha-Uttar, or the entire Malda District to be precise, is globally acclaimed for the production of juicy and pulpy mangoes.

The 'Fazli' variety of mangoes produced there is in demand globally. In fact mango-production is considered to be the principal source of income for a large section of the population in Maldaha-Uttar with voter strength of over 14 lakh.

Geopolitics is impacted by faith-based conflicts

By D.C. Pathak

The world is in the midst of major developments - political, ideological and combative, attributable to the projection of religion in international politics.

The rise of Islamic radical forces symbolised by Taliban, Al Qaeda, ISIS, Boko Haram and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the fall out of the Israel-Hamas confrontation and the coming together of Iran, China and Russia in political opposition to the US, are setting the global trend of a constant shift towards geopolitics driven by faith-based conflicts.

To the extent this was linked to certain historical legacies, the trend could aggravate matters for the future by strengthening forces of 'revivalism'.

The need of the hour is to consolidate the democratic world order that shuns identity politics, practices the inherently secular mandate of 'one man one vote' and encourages human rights, universal values and economic advancement of all.

The hostility of Islamic radicals towards the US-led West, the intensification of Shia-Sunni conflict with the rise of fundamentalism in both these segments of the faith and the impact of internal divides in the Islamic world, on the emerging Cold War between the US on one side and the China-Russia axis on the other, are the major points of study and strategic analysis for making a long term assessment of India's national security as also this country's potential for contributing to global peace and world economy in the current scenario.

India has already been exposed for a long to cross-border terrorism in which Pakistan had used Islamic militant outfits under its control such as Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Toiba and Jaishe Mohammad, in Kashmir in particular but in other parts of India as well.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the US-led 'war on terror' launched in the wake of 9/11 - first in Afghanistan and then in Iraq, proved to be a protracted combat in a proxy mode during which Islamic radical forces managed to survive and spread their hold in the Muslim world. They have also derived an advantage from the alignments they were able to forge in the face of political and ideological divides that were cropping up between the US and its opponents at the global level.

While the Taliban-Al Qaeda combined ruling Afghanistan concentrated on the Afghan-Pakistan region, a powerful off-shoot of the former emerged as



Islamic State in the Iraq-Syria belt (ISIS) - on a note of competitive militancy. The latter - with its known animosity towards Shiism - is now becoming instrumental in pushing Iran ruled by Ayatollahs, towards the Russia-China axis that supported the regime of Syrian President, Bashar Al Assad-an Alawite.

In the 'war on terror', the US focused on eliminating the leaders of Islamic radicals like Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and ISIS's first leader Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi in 2011 and 2006 respectively but could not disrupt the process of induction of new militants through 'radicalisation' that exploited the social media in full measure.

By 2015, ISIS under the leadership of Abu Bakr Al Baghdadi, had captured large parts of Iraq and Syria and declared a Caliphate. A powerful regional wing of ISIS called ISIS-K has since been operating covering Afghanistan, Iran and Turkmenistan - the area historically known as Khorasan.

ISIS is in violent opposition to Shia Muslims - more strongly than Al Qaeda would be - and the two Sunni streams of Islamic radicals carry the historical legacy of the anti-West Wahhabi 'revolt' witnessed in the middle of the 19th century in Algeria, Arabia and India under the leadership of prominent Ulema like Al Tijani, Abdul Wahab and Shah Waliullah whose contention was that the political decline of Islam - after a thousand years of constant rise - was attributable to the deflection of the rulers from the path of pure Islam as it existed in the times of the 'Pious Caliphs'.

The 'revivalist' call of going back to that golden period also put focus on the episode of Kharijites rejecting Ali on the ground that the Fourth Caliph and

his partisans - the Shias - had started propagating that the Caliph -now called Imam - had inherited elements of 'divinity' and could even create new Hadis. Kharijites were the precursor of Sunnis who looked upon Shias as the practitioners of the worst form of 'Shirk'.

The puritanical stream of Salafis in Islam derives its name from Salaf or the Companions of the Prophet. Wahhabis however, are Salafis with a difference in as much as they consider the US-led West as their prime enemy and are represented by Islamic radicals of Taliban, Al Qaeda and ISIS. On the other hand, Saudi Arabia practices Salafism but is a close strategic ally of the US.

ISIS rooted in the Iraq-Syria region is far more ruthless in opposing the Shias in comparison to Al Qaeda. Osama bin Laden considered the Shiites as heretics but seldom targeted them for killing whereas beheading of Shiite religious persons became the hallmark of Al Zarqawi's leadership of ISIS.

ISIS' violent disposition towards Shiite Muslims is further aggravated by the fact that political rulers of Syria and Iraq were not only Baathists believing in secularism and socialism but they were also Alwaites - representing a sect of Shiism. They were thus doubly vulnerable as the targets of Islamic radicals.

ISIS-K received a filip from the stand of ISIS that Al Qaeda had become too engrossed in the struggle against the NATO forces in Afghanistan to give due attention to the Jihad movements in the Central Asian region.

ISIS-K was therefore meant also to counterbalance the threat of anti-Islamic influences wielded by Russia in the former Soviet states in Central Asia.

Incidentally in May 2019, ISIS declared that Balochistan and Kashmir were being included as new branches in the regional set-up of ISIS-K. ISIS has carried out multiple attacks on Shias in Afghanistan and Pakistan and after the Taliban took over Afghanistan in 2021 stepped up violence against Hazaras and other religious minorities there.

It may be mentioned that in 2016, the leader of ISIS-K - Wali Hafiz Sayeed Khan - reportedly described how Wilayat Khorasan was important in terms of its history of having conquered Secularists, Rafida (Shias), Murtads (Apostates), cow-worshipping Hindus and the atheist Chinese.

The current Israel-Hamas conflict unravels the linkages of the US, Iran and the Russia-China axis in the Middle East and the play of faith-based politics there. The most objective stand on this development can be credited to India which maintained that the October 7 attack of Hamas on Israel last year was an act of terrorism, called for a ceasefire and talks and upheld the right of Palestinians to have a homeland under the 2-state solution.

Hamas is a product of the 1987 Palestinian uprising whose roots were in the Palestinian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood. It is a Sunni Muslim organisation which significantly stated in 2017 that its struggle was against Zionists not Jews and that its chief 'cause' for conflict with Israel was the latter's atrocities in Gaza and the attack on the Al Aqsa mosque in East Jerusalem - the third holiest centre for Sunnis after Mecca and Medina.

It may be recalled that the Muslim Brotherhood established in Egypt and Syria in 1928 was against the secular, nationalist and pro-socialist regimes there and was appreciated by the US then.

Hamas as its offspring in Palestine however became radicalised with the passage of time with the result that the US got it declared a terrorist outfit in 1997.

In the wake of the Israel-Hamas conflict, Saudi Arabia - a friend of the US - does not approve of Hamas but has taken a stand much on the line of India's response that both sides should abstain from killing civilians.

Saudi Arabia is not opposed to the Abrahamic accord reached by UAE and Bahrain with Israel on the mediation of the US. What is even more important, the Israel-Hamas confrontation has seen Iran and Syria coming in support of Hamas in spite of the fact that Hamas is now like a Sunni radical organisation. The political alignment of these two countries against the US-Israel combine apparently outweighs other considerations.

The deadly attack by ISIS terrorists on March 22 night on a largely attended concert on the Moscow outskirts - barely 20 kilometres from the Kremlin - has exposed the world to the tentacles of faith-based terror and revealed the contours of political divides coinciding with religious conflicts to produce a new era of proxy wars.

A group of five gunmen in army fatigues entered the venue with automatic rifles and used incendiary bombs and grenades apart from resorting to indiscriminate firing, to leave 143 dead and more than 250 injured.

Newly re-elected President Vladimir Putin underplayed the intelligence failure of Russia and tried to be dismissive of the reports released by the US that it had shared advance Intelligence of the attack with Moscow. The US would have certainly put in its best efforts to infiltrate Al Qaeda and ISIS - its worst enemies.

SP's Iqra Hasan toils hard in UP's Kairana to save political legacy

By Amita Verma

She is young, good-looking, polite and speaks fluent English -- everything that is not typical of a politician from Uttar Pradesh. Iqra Hasan, 28, is a candidate with a difference.

She is contesting the Kairana seat in Shamli district on a Samajwadi Party ticket and is campaigning for almost 16 hours a day to save the political legacy of her family.

Her grandfather Akhtar Hasan was an MP in 1984, her father Munawwar Hasan was an MP from Kairana in 1996 and then her mother Tabassum Hasan held the seat twice in 2009 and 2018 (bypoll).

Her brother Nahid Hasan is SP MLA from the Kairana Assembly seat.

Though she was born into a political family, she got her first real taste of politics in 2022 when her brother Nahid Hasan was arrested and sent to jail just before the Assembly polls.

Iqra Hasan took over the responsibility of her brother's campaign and ensured his victory.

"I am not exactly a novice in politics. I have grown up in this atmosphere. I campaigned in 2014, contested zillapanchayat elections in 2015 and then again campaigned in 2017 (Assembly elections), 2018 (bypolls), 2019 (Lok Sabha) and 2022 for my brother. This is my seventh election but this is the first time that I am leading the election campaign," Hasan says.

A History graduate from Lady Sri Ram College in Delhi, Iqra Hasan pursued law from the Faculty of Law at the Delhi University and went on to do her Master's in international law and politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), which is a part of the University of London. She came back to India in January 2021.

According to SP sources, Akhilesh Yadav chose Iqra Hasan to

contest the Lok Sabha elections because, through her, he wanted to reach out to the new generation, of educated Muslim youth.

For the past four decades, Kairana has been represented by two families - Munawwar Hasan and Hukum Singh. BJP stalwart, late Hukum Singh, won the seat four consecutive times since 1996 and later went on to represent the seat in Lok Sabha in 2014.

Since then, Nahid Hasan has twice successfully contested the Kairana Assembly seat, defeating BJP's Anil Kumar in 2014 bypolls and Hukum Singh's daughter Mriganka Singh in 2017.

Kairana hit the headlines in 2017 when the late Hukum Singh claimed that Hindus were migrating in large numbers from Kairana. The incident generated a huge controversy but later the BJP leader withdrew his allegation. "Migration was never an issue here in the elections though people outside Kairana still talk about it," says Iqra Hasan.

She has been campaigning door to door and holding small 'nukkadsabhas' in at least five to six villages daily. Iqra Hasan has been reaching out to these people with a message that the Hasan family has been with them in the past without any discrimination and would continue to serve them.

The SP candidate is being challenged by the sitting MP, Pradeep Choudhary, of BJP. Pradeep, who belongs to the Gurjar caste, won the election by defeating her mother and two-time MP SP candidate Tabassum Hasan in 2019.

His biggest advantage this time is that Rashtriya Lok Dal is now in alliance with BJP which gives him added Jat support.

RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary held a meeting on Tuesday in support of the BJP which drew huge crowds.

The BSP candidate is Sripal Rana, an ex-serviceman.



Jaipur Wax Museum unveils first look of Kohli's statue to come up on World Heritage Day

Jaipur, April 12 (IANS) The first look of the wax statue of ace India cricketer Virat Kohli, which will be installed at the Jaipur Wax Museum in Nahargarh on World Heritage Day (April 18), was unveiled on Friday. Anoop Srivastava, Founder-Director of the Jaipur Wax Museum, said there was a huge demand from tourists to install a statue of Virat Kohli in the museum for the past year. "Kids and young girls are crazy for Virat Kohli. So, a decision was taken that a wax figure of Kohli would be installed in the museum which already has statues of Sachin Tendulkar and Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Since Kohli is known for his aggressive playing style, we chose to give the statue a similar look," Srivastava said. The wax figure has been sculpted by Ganesh and Lakshmi, under the creative direction of Srivastava. The 5 feet & 9 inches tall statue weighs 35 kg, the costumes for which have been designed by fashion designer Bodh Singh.

'He is surely in a different league right now', Zaheer hails Bumrah

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Former India left-arm fast-bowler Zaheer Khan lauded Jasprit Bumrah for his superb spell of 5-21 being one of the key pillars in Mumbai Indians' seven-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru, saying the ace pacer is in a different league right now. It was a match at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday evening, when all bowlers were taken to the cleaners consistently on a sticky pitch, barring Bumrah, who is now the leading wicket-taker in IPL 2024. "He's been superb. He's in great rhythm. You see the execution of the yorkers, the slower ones, the bouncers. It shows how much time and energy he puts in, in terms of understanding what's the situation of the game, what conditions he is playing in, which batters he will bowl against and what are the best options. He is also realistic about how others are trying to analyse him. He surely is in a different league right now," said Zaheer to JioCinema, the official streaming partner of IPL 2024. Asked on how his association with MI has impacted his career, Bumrah said, "It's been very good. I came here as a 19-year-old and I didn't even expect to play Ranji Trophy. Yes, I was in the set-up, but then John Wright saw me, and I came here. And over the years, I've grown here and won five titles with the team. So, it's been a great journey so far. It has impacted me a lot because in early years, I had not seen these players before, and now I was playing with Sachin Tendulkar. My first captain in the IPL was Ricky Ponting, Mitchell Johnson was here, and 33 players were there.

Squash: Akanksha Salunkhe loses in RC Pro Series quarters

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Top seed Indian Akanksha Salunkhe suffered a 3-2 loss by Egyptian Jana Safy in the quarterfinals of the RC Pro Series squash, a USD 15,000 prize money PSA Challenger Tour event, in St Louis, US. The reigning National Games squash champion, Akanksha went down 11-8, 3-11, 11-9, 5-11, 3-11 in a close battle that went down to the wire after she won the opening and third games. The reigning National Games, who has received a bye in the opening round, defeated Madeleine Hylland of Norway 3-2 (13-15, 11-6, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6) in the second round to advance to the quarters.

NZ's Allen, Milne ruled out of Pakistan T20Is; Blundell and Foulkes called in

Auckland, April 12 (IANS) Top order batter Finn Allen and fast bowler Adam Milne have been ruled out of the New Zealand's T20 series against Pakistan with respective injuries. Allen suffered a back injury while Milne sustained an ankle injury while training ahead of team's departure. "The nature of their respective injuries meant they wouldn't be able to take part in any of the five-match series, due to start next week in Rawalpindi. Plans for their return to cricket will be confirmed in the coming weeks," New Cricket said in a statement. Wicketkeeper batter Tom Blundell and uncapped all-rounder Zak Foulkes have been called into the squad as replacements.

The 21-year-old Foulkes showcased his talent in the 2023-24 Super Smash season, claiming 14 wickets at an impressive average of 16.28 while representing Canterbury. Additionally, he exhibited his batting prowess with a strike-rate of 150. On the other hand, Blundell has previously played in seven T20Is.

Du Plessis admits RCB 'don't have as many weapons' in their bowling arsenal

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) After Mumbai Indians (MI) thrashed Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) by seven wickets in an IPL 2024 match, visiting captain Faf du Plessis conceded his side's struggles have been mainly due to their bowling department not having as many weapons to stem the run-flow of opposition batters.

At the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday night, after making 196/8 with the bat, RCB conceded 72 runs for no scalps in the powerplay, as MI chased down the total in 15.3 overs. "At the moment, it feels like, from a batting perspective we have to get and try and push for 220 to have a chance. From a bowling perspective, we don't have as many weapons.

"So, unfortunately, it comes down to the batters to make sure that we use our form and our confidence. The scores that we put on the board are probably going to be the only way we are going to get into the competition," said du Plessis after the match ended.

All RCB bowlers returned with an economy rate of above 10, with their most economical bowler being pacer Vijaykumar Vyshak, who had figures of 1-32 three overs at an economy rate of 10.7.

"From a bowling perspective, we have lacked a little bit of penetration (at the start) so we have to go out and find creative ways within our squad we can get a team two or three-down in the powerplay. Just so that you feel like your bowling innings can start on the front foot. It feels, for the last few games, that we are on the back foot after the first few overs," added du Plessis.

What also helped MI in their chase of 197 was the dew on offer in the second innings, helping Ishan Kishan and Rohit Sharma establish an explosive opening stand of 101 runs, which put RCB under tremendous pressure.

Haven't thought about retirement; hopefully India plays in 2025 WTC final, says Rohit Sharma

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) India skipper Rohit Sharma said he hasn't really thought about his retirement from the game, adding that he wishes to have a crack at playing the 2025 World Test Championship final after missing out on a chance to lift the 2023 Men's ODI World Cup title on home soil.

Rohit, 36, was a member of India's 2007 Men's T20 World Cup victory in South Africa and of 2013 Champions Trophy triumph in England. He and India were on the verge of lifting 2023 Men's ODI World Cup title at home, but a loss to Australia in the final at Ahmedabad ended those hopes. In the same year, India had to contend with being runners-up of the

WTC 2023 final to Australia at The Oval in London.

"I haven't really thought about it (retirement from the game). But, I don't know where life takes you. I am still playing well at this point in time - so I am thinking I am going to continue for a few more years and then, I don't know. I really want to win that World Cup and there is a World Test Championship final happening in Lord's in 2025, hopefully India makes it," said Rohit in an episode of 'Breakfast with Champions', which also had British singer Ed Sheeran.

Talking of 2023 ODI World Cup final heartbreak, where India's ten-match winning streak came to a rude end, Rohit said, "50-



over World Cup for me is the actual World Cup. We've grown up watching that 50-over World Cup. More importantly, it was happening in India in front of our home crowd. We played so well up until that final. When we won the semi-finals, I thought, okay now we're just a step away from it. We're doing all the

things right. "What is the one thing that can make us lose the World Cup? Honestly, not a single thing came to my mind. Because I thought we ticked all the boxes, we were playing good cricket. Confidence was there.

"We were all suppose to have one bad day and that I guess that was our bad day.

La Liga 2023-24: Atletico vs Girona kicks off super Saturday as league returns to action

Madrid, April 12 (IANS) Following a mini pause for the Copa del Rey final, the Spanish La Liga resumes this coming weekend, continuing with several hugely important direct duels in the race for spots in the Continental event.

The fact that Athletic Bilbao won the cup and are also sitting in the European qualification position means that seventh place in the standings would now grant access to next season's Conference League. As such, the battle to play continental football has become even wider and the Monday night duel between CA Osasuna and Valencia CF is all the more important.

Real Betis are one of the teams who are targeting that seventh place, and they host the opening fixture of the round when RC Celta



visit the Estadio Benito Villamarin on Friday night. Currently eighth and just two points off seventh, Los Veriblancos have a good chance of qualifying for Europe for a fourth season in a row, however, they have lost each of their past four matches and need to show a reaction.

It'll be an action-packed Saturday and the first game should be very entertaining, as fourth-placed Atletico de

Madrid take on third-placed Girona FC in the Spanish capital. These two teams produced one of the best games of the season so far when the Catalan side edged a 4-3 thriller in January, and this upcoming duel promises to be just as much fun and just as important in the Champions League race.

The action stays in the capital for a Madrid derby between Rayo Vallecano

and Getafe CF. New Rayo Vallecano coach Inigo Perez hasn't lost any of his three home games so far and will aim to keep that streak going at the atmospheric Estadio de Vallecas.

League leaders Real Madrid get into action next, paying a visit to an RCD Mallorca side looking to bounce back following its loss on penalties in last weekend's Copa del Rey final. Coach Javier Aguirre will have warned his squad that there is little time to mourn that defeat, given that the islanders aren't completely safe from the threat of relegation yet.

The team currently occupying the final relegation spot is Cadiz CF and the Los Amarillos will take on FC Barcelona in the Saturday night game of Matchday 31.

Indian men's hockey team goes down 1-3 against Australia in fourth match of test series

Perth, April 12 (IANS) The Indian men's hockey team continued to flounder, going down 1-3 against Australia in their fourth game of the five-match bilateral test series here, organised as preparation for the upcoming Paris Olympic Games. The Indian team went ahead in the 12th minute when captain Harmanpreet Singh netted a goal, but Australia came roaring back to score through Jeremy Hayward (19', 47') and Jack Welch (54') to secure victory.

Australia have won the first three matches with scores of 5-1, 4-2 and 2-1 as they continued their domination of India.

The Indian team started the match with a strong attacking approach. In the opening minute, Mandeep Singh left unmarked in the D area, unleashed a powerful shot towards the goal, only to be denied by Australia's goalkeeper, Andrew Charter.

The hosts, however, didn't lag in offensive play, earning two consecutive penalty corners which they couldn't convert.

Despite Australia's pressure, India managed to secure multiple penalty corners themselves. Just before the first quarter ended, Harmanpreet Singh (12') capitalised on one of these opportunities, firing the ball with precision and power into the net, granting India a 1-0 lead.

With an aim to bounce back in the game, Australia came out all guns blazing in the second quarter and also won two quick penalty corners, and they were able to capitalise on the second one when Jeremy Hayward (19') expertly placed the ball into the net.

Siraj needs rest, not only physical, mental as well, says Harbhajan Singh over pacer's poor form

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Former India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh believes Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) fast-bowler Mohammed Siraj needs both mental and physical rest following another nightmarish outing in IPL 2024 against Mumbai Indians.

In six matches, Siraj has taken just four wickets, with his average and economy rate standing at 57.25 and 10.40 respectively. Siraj shone in IPL 2023 with 10 scalps coming at an economy rate of 5.9 in Power-play.

But in IPL 2024, he has an economy rate of 12.3 in Power-play and has conceded 10 sixes in this phase of the game for RCB. "He should be given rest for a couple of reasons. He should think about what has been happening in the team. He is the same Siraj that we have seen taking wickets with the new ball whether it's in Test cricket, one-day cricket or even this



format in T20."

"He has been a champion bowler for team India, and even for RCB, he has done well. But I feel he's not doing what he is required to do, he requires rest, not only mentally but physically as well because he has been playing a lot of cricket. He's played four Tests against England, before that whatever series India was playing, he has already been a part of the team. And he bowls a lot of overs. So, for me, he looks a bit tired physically and

mentally." "And with this kind of hammering, it's difficult for any bowler to wake up the next day and feel alright. I also went through these situations where I got hammered by different batters, you have to give yourself a bit of time to relax, think about your game and work hard in the nets, work on your game and come back stronger like we have seen Siraj and I'm sure he'll come back stronger," said Harbhajan on 'Cricket Live' show on Star Sports.

Mary Kom steps down as Chef-de-Mission of Indian contingent for Paris Olympics

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Boxing legend and 2012 Olympic Games bronze medalist M C Mary Kom has stepped down as Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent for the Paris Olympic Games, citing personal reasons.

Mary Kom, appointed as the Chef de Mission of the Indian Contingent last month, wrote a letter to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Dr PT Usha, asking to be relieved from her position as Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent.

In her letter to the IOA President, Mary Kom said she was grateful to the Indian Olympic Association for placing its faith in her to serve as Chef de Mission in Paris 2024.

"I consider it an honour to serve my country in every way possible, and I was mentally prepared for it. However, I regret that I will not be able to uphold the prestigious responsibility and would like to resign, owing to personal reasons. It is embarrassing to retreat from a commitment, which I seldom do, but I am left with no choice," she wrote.

"I am there to cheer on my country and the athletes competing in this Olympic Games, with great expectations," the letter further read.

IOA chief acknowledged the receipt of a letter from MC Mary Kom, and said a



replacement would be named after appropriate consultations.

"We are sad that Olympic medal-winning boxer and Chairperson of the IOA Athletes Commission Mary Kom has stepped down citing personal reasons. We respect her decision and her privacy. I shall make the appropriate consultations and soon make an announcement about the replacement for Mary Kom," the IOA chief said.

Athletics: World's second fastest 10K woman runner Emmaculate Anyango to run in World 10K Bengaluru

Bengaluru, April 12 (IANS) Emmaculate Anyango Achol, the world's second fastest 10K woman runner, will headline the 16th edition of World 10K Bengaluru, scheduled for Sunday, (April 28). The World Athletics Gold Label Road Race has total prize money of USD 210,000 and features the world's most accomplished road and track and field athletes.

Among the star attractions, this year is Kenya's Anyango, who clocked an excellent 28:57 in Valencia, Spain, while finishing behind her teammate Agnes Ngetich, who posted a World Record 28:46 there. A silver medalist in the 2019 African Junior championships in 3000m, Anyango barely missed the Belgarde podium in this year's World cross-country championships, the organisers informed on Friday.

"I am very excited to be in Bengaluru for the first time for this incredible event, which has gained a worldwide reputation for being one of the best 10K races. I have heard so much about the events hosted in India and the running revolution they began



nearly two decades ago. I am very much looking forward to being there and doing my best. The field of runners in the women's category is quite strong this year and I love a good challenge," expressed Anyango.

Five of her countrymates will also take the women's starting line-up in Bengaluru, with timings faster than the event course record (30:35). Lilian Rengeruk Kasait (29:32), Faith Chepkoech (29:50), Loice Chemnung (29:57), Cintia Chepngeno (30:08), and Grace Nawowuna (30:27)

make their team formidable. Anyango's inclusion in this epic line-up draws attention to a power-packed elite women's race to the title.

Rengeruk and Chepngeno participated in the epic race in Valencia, while Chepkoech and Chemnung clocked their bests from Castellon and Paris. Nawowuna did it in Lille. Two Ethiopians, Aberash Minsewo, this year's Mumbai Marathon winner, and Lemlem Hailu, 2022 World Indoor 3000m champion, add further shine to the women's start lists.

Shedding light on male menopause

New Delhi, April 12 (IANSLife) Have you ever gained weight, had hot flushes, or been less sexually aroused? Has your partner also noticed any of these things? These are but a few symptoms of male menopause, a medical condition that is largely ignored. Women have a fixed ovarian reserve, which gradually decreases with time and leads to menopause, as is widely known. Although men do not go through menopause, the sudden drop in testosterone causes them to go through similar problems. Andropause, or simply male menopause, is the name used to describe it. As men age, they undergo a range of changes, including loss of muscle mass and greying hair. A prominent alteration observed in men is a reduction in their testosterone levels. "The topic is rarely investigated because there isn't much research on it, hormone withdrawal isn't as bad as it is in women, and you don't die from a decline in gonadal hormones. When males experience this, it's usually due to a combination of factors like stress at the job, the

stress in a marriage, the stress in life management, and lifestyle choices, in addition to the hormone decline," said Dr.Shobha Gupta, Medical Director and IVF Expert from Mother's Lap IVF Centre in New Delhi and Vrindavan. **What precisely is andropause?** Male menopause refers to the decline in testosterone levels in males. Dr.Shobha Gupta explains, "The male hormone testosterone naturally declines with age, however, diabetes can also cause this decline in production. A persistent decrease in testosterone levels is referred to as age-related low testosterone or late-onset hypogonadism. It is a more progressive menopause as opposed to the rapid onset of female menopause, which is characterized by the end of ovulation and a decrease in hormone production." **What are some of the symptoms and signs?** A few symptoms that could follow from this decline are fatigue, a low libido, and trouble focusing. In addition to this, there are also the following



indications and symptoms. Reduced mental clarity (bad attention, downbeat mood). Loss of energy and strength. Losing muscle, acquiring fat, and gaining weight. Moods that are depressed or lack fire and energy.Irritability. Aches and pains in the muscles (stiffness felt). Sweats or hot flushes Hands and feet that are cold Itching Sexual dysfunction Loss of height Why does andropause occur? Testosterone controls several important functions in men. For example, it regulates libido, muscle mass, and sperm production. Testosterone is essential for both bone health and blood production. It is produced in the adrenal glands and testes. As men age, their ability to produce sperm and their levels of testosterone tend to decrease. This leads to a condition called andropause. **When does a man go**

through andropause? The onset of andropause can happen around the age of 40, but it can also happen sooner and last until 70. "The andropause debate has gained greater momentum recently, although not all doctors and psychologists agree that men experience menopause because not all men experience it, and those who do usually don't talk about it. Similar to how women express their feelings, so do they," said Dr.Shobha Gupta. **Diagnosis and Therapy** In the absence of the aforementioned symptom, your doctor may ask for a blood test to measure your testosterone levels. If they are low, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) may be suggested. You can get guidance on changing your lifestyle, like increasing your physical activity and eating a better diet. Dr.Shobha Gupta recommends some handful tips for andropause to be made easier for your body and mind: **Eat healthfully:** a diet that is balanced in terms of the amount of fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, and dairy items consumed. **Get moving and normal health checkups:** Exercise regularly, focusing on muscular, flexibility, and aerobic activities. Get frequent health screenings, especially those for prostate, testicular, and cardiovascular cancer. **Hormones:** When you get older, check your hormone levels. Several significant hormones in a man's body start to diminish typically between the ages of 40 and 55. **Reduce stress:** Talking to your partner, friends, and family about your difficulties might help you relax and reduce tension. **Intimacy:** As you go through male menopause, you will come to see sex as a component of a meaningful relationship that also includes sharing, intimacy, friendship and getting enough sleep. Men's experiences of menopause vary greatly depending on their personalities. Unlike women's menopause, more research is needed to fully understand andropause, or male menopause, and determine what can be done to assist men throughout this time in their lives.

Lifestyle diseases wreaking havoc

New Delhi, April 12 (IANSLife) In an explosive revelation from GOQii's India Fit Report 2024 titled "Thriving at Any Age: The Blueprint for Healthy Longevity," a shocking 45 percent of India's population hovers dangerously close to being classified as Unhealthy. This alarming statistic underscores a nation on the cusp of a health emergency, juxtaposed with a glimmer of hope for a monumental shift towards collective wellness. The data, derived from over 6 million users, serves as a dramatic wake-up call, signalling an urgent need for transformative action in India's health and wellness trajectory. The data indicates a stark health divide, In 2023, a staggering 59 percent of women were categorised as unhealthy, contrasting with the 40 percent of men, unveiling a significant health outcome disparity with a particularly distressing spotlight on the wide health gap between genders. The report also showed that 16 percent of women fell into the obese category. The health gender gap transcends mere numbers; it urgently highlights the necessity for targeted health interventions tailored for women. This underscores a compelling need to actively work towards closing this unjust gap. "GOQii's 2023-24 India Fit Report unveils a critical juncture for our nation's health, with nearly half of our population teetering on the edge of a health catastrophe. This report serves as a dire warning, especially for the women of India, who are facing an escalating health crisis, evidenced by a 35 percent spike in stress levels. The pervasiveness of work-related anxiety and lifestyle diseases, with high blood pressure affecting 23



percent of our citizens, calls for an immediate, unified response. It's time we prioritize and implement comprehensive health interventions to safeguard our nation's future," says Vishal Gondal, Founder & CEO, of GOQii. "The ageing Indian population faces the most significant impact from lifestyle diseases, with seniors grappling predominantly with cognitive issues, high blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol. The report is a clarion call to action for sweeping changes in India's approach to health and longevity". **Indians continued to be plagued by stress** Adding to the grave health situation is the fact that Indians continued to be plagued by stress, affecting the physical and mental well-being of individuals across all walks of life. The study exposes a grim reality where 26 percent of Indians report being trapped in the throes of work-related stress, while financial instability plagues 17 percent of the population. An even more concerning trend is the sharp rise in stress levels among women, skyrocketing from 25 percent in 2021 to an alarming 35 percent in 2023.

The alarming rise in mental health concerns is closely connected to intense performance demands and high expectations common in numerous professional sectors. The ramifications of enduring such high stress are profound, adversely affecting not only individual mental and physical well-being but also diminishing workplace productivity and impairing personal relationships. Lifestyle diseases wreaking havoc: 23 percent of Indians suffer from high blood pressure In addition to stress, lifestyle diseases significantly impact Indians. According to the latest GOQii India Fit Report 23-24, such conditions remain a critical health concern, with high blood pressure affecting 23 percent of the population. The report indicates that there has been no respite from lifestyle illnesses. Over the last 3 years, they have been consistently there with Diabetes, High Cholesterol, High Blood Pressure and Thyroid being the four most common lifestyle problems among people in India. The World Health Organisation estimates that these lifestyle diseases are responsible for 80

percent of all deaths worldwide. They are the leading cause of death in the developed world, and the numbers are increasing. Poor lifestyle choices are the main reason for these lifestyle illnesses, which in turn result in the majority of these deaths. Lifestyle diseases impact people of all ages and from all walks of life. These conditions affect children, adults, and the elderly, however, they are most commonly linked with those in their later years. The senior age group suffers the most from lifestyle-related ailments. Blood pressure is the most common condition in this age group with almost 48 percent of the population having high blood pressure, followed by diabetes at 38 percent and cholesterol at 30 percent. This report is a clarion call for a sweeping transformation in India's approach to health and longevity. It's not just an analysis; it's a battle plan aimed at guiding the nation towards an era where optimum health and wellness are accessible to all citizens, transforming lofty ideals into tangible realities. Kicking off with the first chapter can only be described as a wake-up call, The "Secret to Longevity," the report shatters the illusion of complacency by confronting us with a stark reality: the secret to extending our lifespan and enhancing our quality of life lies in the seemingly mundane choices we make every day. This simple yet powerful truth has the potential to radically increase life expectancy across India. However, it brings to light the urgent challenges posed by our rapidly ageing society and the consequent strain on socioeconomic structures.

Ultimate summer escape to the gateway of the northeast

New Delhi, April 12 (IANSLife) As the temperatures rise, there's no better time to plan a getaway to one of these opulent resorts, where comfort meets sophistication. From tranquil valleys to riverside havens, each of these resorts at the 'Gateway to the Northeast' offers an oasis of relaxation amidst the bustling city life.



Join us as we explore the perfect destinations for your summer break in Guwahati, including the iconic Mayfair Spring Valley Resort and other establishments that promise to make your vacation truly unforgettable. **Kiranshree Grand, Guwahati** Kiranshree Grand stands as a beacon of luxury and sophistication in Guwahati, offering a refined retreat for discerning travellers. The hotel boasts opulent accommodations, ranging from elegant rooms to luxurious suites, each designed to provide the utmost comfort and style. Guests can indulge in culinary delights at the hotel's gourmet restaurants, where a team of expert chefs curates an exquisite dining experience. With its impeccable service and attention to detail, Kiranshree Grand promises an unforgettable summer escape in the heart of the city. **Mayfair Spring Valley Resort** Nestled amidst the serene valleys of Guwahati, Mayfair Spring Valley Resort epitomizes luxury and tranquillity. With its lavish accommodations ranging from deluxe rooms to secluded villas, every corner of this 5-star haven exudes opulence. Immerse yourself in a world of indulgence as you dine at the Bay Leaf Restaurant, offering delectable delights amidst breathtaking views of rolling hills. Whether you choose to unwind by the pool or explore the nearby attractions, Mayfair Spring Valley Resort promises an unforgettable summer escape. **Vivanta Guwahati**

Situated in the heart of the city, Vivanta Guwahati offers a blend of contemporary luxury and traditional hospitality. The spacious rooms and suites are designed to provide the utmost comfort, while the rooftop infinity pool offers a refreshing retreat from the summer heat. Indulge your taste buds at the hotel's signature restaurant, serving a curated selection of local and international cuisine. With its convenient location and impeccable service, Vivanta Guwahati is the perfect choice for a stylish summer getaway. **Radisson Blu Hotel Guwahati** Boasting a picturesque location on the banks of the Brahmaputra River, Radisson Blu Hotel Guwahati provides a tranquil oasis amidst the bustling city life. The elegantly appointed rooms offer stunning views of the river or the lush greenery surrounding the hotel. Guests can relax and rejuvenate at the rooftop pool or indulge in a pampering session at the spa. With its world-class amenities and warm hospitality, Radisson Blu Hotel Guwahati ensures a memorable summer retreat. **Novotel Guwahati GS Road** Offering a perfect blend of comfort and sophistication, Novotel Guwahati GS Road is an ideal choice for discerning travellers seeking a luxurious summer getaway. The spacious rooms feature modern amenities and stylish décor, providing a haven of relaxation after a day of exploration. Guests can savour exquisite cuisine at the hotel's all-day dining restaurant or unwind with a refreshing cocktail at the rooftop bar.

Chic code: Decoding the next-gen fusion of AI and fashion fabulosity

By Mamta Roy

New Delhi, April 12 (IANSLife) In recent years, the fashion industry has undergone a significant transformation, where technology is making waves and stealing the spotlight, with artificial intelligence (AI) at the epicenter of this transformation. This dynamic duo of fashion and AI is not just tweaking design processes and redefining our shopping experiences; it's also prompting some big questions about sustainability and ethics in the fashion industry. Think about predicting fashion trends, and you have AI. Take IBM's Watson Trend App, for example. This intelligently designed tool analyzes heaps of online data to predict what styles are going to be trendy. So, instead of designers relying solely on gut feelings, they can use AI insights to create collections that match what people are buzzing about. AI's impact on fashion design is nothing short of revolutionary. McKinsey's analysis suggests that within the next three to five years, generative AI has the potential to significantly boost

operating profits in the apparel, fashion, and luxury sectors. Conservatively estimated, this could mean an addition of \$150 billion, with the possibility of reaching up to \$275 billion. Furthermore, AI stepping into design processes has put creativity on autopilot. Whether it's crafting design twists or playing with patterns and textures, AI is stretching the limits. The upshot?Speedier, more efficient design workflows, enabling fashion houses to stay nimble in keeping up with changing tastes. **Revolutionizing the Shopping Experience** AI is on the verge of revolutionizing industries, already making a significant impact across all sectors. According to Statista, global artificial intelligence in the fashion market amounted to 270 million U.S. dollars in 2018 and is expected to reach 4.4 billion U.S. dollars by 2027. In the realm of online shopping, AI is revolutionizing personalization. It tailors your shopping journey based on preferences and behaviour, offering recommendations that boost engagement. Moreover,



AI-driven virtual try-on experiences bridge the gap between online and in-store shopping, allowing real-time product visualization. But AI goes even beyond personalization; acting as your digital stylist, analyzing past purchases and trends to curate outfits tailored to your taste. Platforms like Heuritech leverage AI to analyze social media images, helping brands like Louis Vuitton and Dior

anticipate trends and align production. **AI's Impact on Influencer Marketing** Influencer marketing has emerged as a cornerstone of marketing strategies for brands across all industries. With the rise of social media, consumers are increasingly turning to influencers for product recommendations and lifestyle inspiration. These digital tastemakers, with their large and

engaged followings, have the power to sway consumer behaviour and shape purchasing decisions. In the fashion sector, where trends change rapidly and consumer tastes are diverse, AI is playing a crucial role in optimizing influencer collaborations. By analyzing vast amounts of data, AI identifies the most relevant influencers for brands, based on audience demographics, engagement rates, and content

preferences. This targeted approach ensures that brands collaborate with influencers who resonate with their target audience, maximizing the impact of their marketing efforts. Additionally, AI-powered tools help track and measure the effectiveness of influencer campaigns, providing valuable insights for future strategies. **Sustainability and Ethical Considerations** The fashion industry ranks as the second most polluting sector, responsible for 8% of global carbon emissions and 20% of global wastewater, according to MDPI. In response to growing environmental worries, AI is becoming a crucial partner in promoting sustainability within the industry. AI algorithms can optimize supply chains, reduce waste, and aid in the creation of eco-friendly materials. By predicting demand more accurately, fashion brands can minimize overproduction and contribute to a more sustainable industry. As technology progresses, ethical concerns take center stage, especially in AI's role in fashion. Questions arise about

data privacy, labour ethics, and the perpetuation of biased beauty standards. Balancing innovation with ethical responsibility becomes crucial. Despite its transformative potential, integrating AI into fashion faces hurdles. Challenges include data security, algorithm biases, and the demand for skilled professionals to manage AI systems. **What Future Holds for the Duo** As AI advances, we're looking at a future where it plays a bigger role in making fashion more sustainable. With AI getting better and better, more companies might join in to tackle environmental issues and find new ways to be eco-friendly. This means we could see AI used more in designing clothes, running stores, and making fashion greener. The blend of tech and fashion, especially AI, is changing things in big ways. AI helps predict trends, makes shopping cooler, and pushes for greener practices. As fashion keeps up with these changes, it's important to be smart and ethical about how we use technology.

Our Constitution is like Gita, Quran, Ramayan & Bible, it can never be harmed: PM Modi

Jaipur, April 12 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated on Friday that the Consitution is like a holy scripture for every Indian that will never be harmed, as he accused the Congress of spreading lies in the name of the Constitution only to abuse him.

Addressing an election rally in Rajasthan's Barmer, PM Modi said, "No one can change or harm the Constitution. The Constitution is like Bhagavad Gita, Quran, Ramayan, or Bible for the people of the country, which can never be harmed."

Attacking the Congress for its claims that the BJP will 'tinker' with the Constitution if it returns to power at the Centre for a

third term, the Prime Minister said when the Congress was in power, it opposed the decision to celebrate Constitution Day.

"It was an insult to Babasaheb Ambedkar. The Congress is spreading lies in the name of the Constitution only to abuse me," PM Modi said.

He also said the Congress is back at playing its old tricks as the elections are near by lying about changing the Constitution in BJP's third term.

"The Congress did not accord Bharat Ratna to Ambedkar. The party made him lose the elections, and now it is lying in the name of the Constitution to abuse Modi," he said.

He also said the Congress' mindset is against the development of

the bordering villages.

"The border areas were deprived of development during the Congress rule. But our priority is the development of the bordering villages," PM Modi said.

He also accused the Congress of delaying the Barmer refinery work, saying it would have been inaugurated by now had the Congress not been in power.

"I would have inaugurated the Barmer Refinery during my second tenure had the Congress government not been in power in Rajasthan. However, I now guarantee that I will come here to inaugurate the refinery in my third tenure, which will open up employment opportunities for a large



number of people," he said.

Comparing Barmer with Kutch in Gujarat, the Prime Minister said, "Kutch had similar conditions. However, we worked hard there. Today, land rates in Mumbai are equal to the rates in Kutch. We will now work hard the way we did in Kutch to develop Barmer."

He also said that Barmer would have had an airport by now had there been no Congress government in the state.

Taking a dig at Congress' election manifesto, the Prime Minister said, "Their manifesto reflects an imprint of the Muslim League. It says they will destroy India's nuclear weapons. Can a country like India, whose neighbours on both sides

are armed with nuclear weapons, survive without them?"

"For whom the Congress is working? Do they want to make India powerless? Under whose pressure does this alliance want to destroy our nuclear weapons? I am trying to make India powerful, but the INDI alliance only wants to weaken the country," PM Modi said.

Stating that the entire India is saying '4 June, 400 Paar' and 'Phir Ek Bar, Modi Sarkar', the Prime Minister said that Barmer is the constituency of late BJP leader Jaswant Singh where people always told him to teach a lesson to India's enemies, and that is why ensuring the party's victory in Barmer is his responsibility.

PM Modi also said that the Congress ruled for more than six decades, yet it couldn't resolve a single issue comprehensively.

"Rajasthan has sacrificed a lot for India, but the Congress deprived the state of water for decades. Our government will prioritise drinking water through the Jal Jeevan Mission," PM Modi said.

He also said the BJP worships 'Shakti' but the 'Shehzada' (Rahul Gandhi) of the Congress wanted to destroy it by opposing the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of the Ram Temple (in Ayodhya) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

"It shows the Congress' tendency to disrespect India's vibrant culture," PM Modi said.

Goa: Families threaten to boycott election after their houses demolished

Panaji, April 12 (IANS) Occupants of around 22 houses in Sangolda village of North Goa have threatened to boycott Lok Sabha elections after a demolition squad began to raze their houses on Friday.Constructed on comunidade land, these people were fighting a legal battle to save their houses, however the High Court of Bombay at Goa had dismissed their petition. These locals have claimed that they have been staying here for the last 40 years.Tension prevailed in the area after the demolition squad arrived at the site in the morning, however locals could not deter them from carrying out demolition due to the presence of heavy police force.Speaking to IANS, BJP's Saligao MLA Kedar Naik said that he tried to help these 22 families at the government level, but could not save their houses."We had also given a proposal to the 'Attorney of Comunidade' to pay them twice the price for the piece of land to save the houses of these families. But they didn't agree to it. We had taken matter even to the Supreme Court, but we could not save these houses," Naik said.

Misa Bharti says media 'twisted' her statement on PM Modi

Patna, April 12 (IANS) RJD Rajya Sabha MP and Patliputra Lok Sabha candidate Misa Bharti, on Friday, blamed the media for 'twisting' her statement on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She further claimed that the media did not release her full statement.Misa Bharti on Thursday had said that if INDIA bloc forms a government at the Centre, then a lot of BJP leaders, along with PM Modi, will go to jail.Misa addressed media persons on Friday: "I said that the Supreme Court had made a remark on electoral bonds and termed it unconstitutional. If our government comes to power in the Centre, we will start an investigation into it and the culprits will be punished. My statement was twisted by the media."Addressing the election campaign in the Maner area under Patliputra Lok Sabha constituency on Thursday, Misa had said: "BJP leaders are taking action against the Opposition through ED and CBI but this is not an issue. He (PM Modi) is not raising issues like unemployment and price rise in the country."

LS polls 2024: Congress launches campaign song, amps up social media electioneering

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Stepping up its electioneering in the digital space, the Congress on Friday launched its campaign song on social media to draw the attention of netizens and garner their support on its key electoral issues, ahead of the Parliamentary elections 2024.

The campaign song was released by the official handle of the Congress on Friday and also shared by top leaders including Rahul, Priyanka Gandhi and party spokespersons.The 30-second video clip highlighting the plight of farmers tries to hard sell the point, 'how one vote can change their destiny'. The three demands highlighted in the video include - the MSP guarantee for crops, GST-free farming and loan waivers.The campaign song mentions the historic Rs 72,000 debt waiver for farmers by the UPA government (in 2008) and urges the farming community to raise voice for their rights.As the Congress reiterates "Haath Badlega Halaat," its campaign song sends across the message that farmers should cast their vote in favour of the party as this is their 'real voice' and it is the one that will fight for their rights.

Assam Congress chief to leave party after LS polls: BJP minister

Guwahati, April 12 (IANS) Assam Minister Pijush Hazarika has claimed that the state Congress President Bhupen Borah will leave the party soon after Lok Sabha polls conclude.He told press on Friday: "Bhupen Borah claimed that he would become the Chief Minister of Assam in 2026. But to become Chief Minister, one must win the Assembly election first as an MLA. Borah has lost many times in the elections. He knows very well that he would again face defeat on a Congress ticket."Hazarika further said that to form a government in Assam, one party must have at least 64 legislators and Congress is in no position to reach that magic figure in the state polls."Whether Congress can win 10 seats in the Assembly polls or not, is also uncertain. Bhupen Borah understands these facts very well and that is why he will leave the Congress party after the parliamentary election," he said.

Congress miffed as Shiv Sena (UBT) covets Mumbai North LS seat

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) In another twist, the Shiv Sena (UBT) is keen to contest the Mumbai North Lok Sabha constituency which has been allotted to Maha Vikas Aghadi ally Congress, party leaders said here on Friday.

SS (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut said that "if given, we are ready to fight Mumbai North" and expressed confidence that its candidate would win.Simultaneously, the prime contender, SS (UBT)'s local heavyweight Vinod Ghosalkar also aired his desire to contest Mumbai North and defeat the main rival, Bharatiya Janata Party's Union Minister Piyush Goyal."It is not a question of who is my opponent... the ground situation is that I have a strong base and the support of people in this constituency. People are also keen to see a SS (UBT) candidate in the fray as they have been shocked by my son's killing in February," Ghosalkar said.The Raut-Ghosalkar claims are likely to create fresh frictions between SS (UBT)-Congress which are openly at loggerheads over the Sangli Lok Sabha seat.

Amit Shah slams Congress chief Kharge over remarks on Article 370

Moradabad (UP), April 12 (IANS) Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday criticised Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge over his recent remarks on the abrogation of Article 370.

Speaking at a rally in Moradabad, HM Shah said: "Mallikarjun Kharge asks what people of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have to do with Kashmir. I want to tell them (the Congress) that every child of Moradabad is ready to give his life for Kashmir. For 70 years, Congress has nurtured Article 370 like its child."

The Union Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kashmir has been united with India forever.

Speaking at the rally, HM Shah said that the BJP flag will fly on all seats of Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha elections. The state has 80 Lok Sabha seats.



HM Shah also said that law and order was weak in the previous governments. He said that smugglers and goons had earlier ruled Uttar Pradesh.

"Everyone defeated the Samajwadi Party together. Today, during Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's rule, mafia and gangsters are migrating. After this, the development started here," HM Shah said.

He said that there was a time when Hindus were

migrating from Uttar Pradesh. He also gave the example of Kairana. "Today, goons are migrating instead of Hindus. Yogi Adityanath has worked to improve the law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh within seven years. Today, there is a rule of law in Uttar Pradesh. The mafia rule has ended," the senior BJP leader added.

HM Shah also said that airports are being built all over Uttar Pradesh.

Goons are hung upside down, given a chilli blast: UP CM Yogi in Saharanpur poll rally

Saharanpur (UP), April 12 (IANS) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath, while addressing an election rally in Saharanpur on Friday, hit out at the previous governments over the poor law and order situation in the state.

Yogi Adityanath said that his government was taking stern action against rioters in UP.

"Today, rioters are hung

upside down and given a blast of chilli powder," Yogi Adityanath said.

The chief minister mounted a scathing attack on the SP, Congress and BSP and said that these parties will be seen during elections only, and will disappear during times of crisis, therefore, people should use their vote very thoughtfully.

He targeted the Opposition for pursuing



appeasement politics and added, "Earlier UP governments used to kneel before one religion. Earlier,

there used to be migration from UP. There was anarchy in UP. All these things used to happen

during the time of the SP and Congress. In the New India, the responsibility of UP has increased in the same way as India's respect in the world has increased. Terrorism and Naxalism have ended in India."

Yogi Adityanath presented the model of a mafia-free and safe UP and warned criminals against posing a threat to society if they valued their lives.

"No one ever thought that

daughters and businessmen could venture out at night without worry. We ensure 'Ram Naam Satya (last rites)' for the danger posed to the safety of daughters and businessmen. We live our lives chanting Lord Ram's name. Without Ram, nothing is possible. But when someone poses a threat to the security of society, 'Ram Naam Satya' is also certain," Yogi Adityanath said.



Umesh Jadhav this time.

Addressing a mega rally in Kalaburagi after the nomination, the AICC President appealed to the voters to avenge his defeat in the 2019 General Election by voting for the Congress.

Deputy Chief Minister, DK Shivakumar and Minister for RDPR, IT/BT Priyank Kharge were present on the occasion.

Winning the Kalaburagi seat is crucial for Mallikarjun Kharge's family from this seat to maintain their stature in the state as well as in national politics.

Mallikarjun Kharge had lost the General Election in 2019 from this seat against the BJP candidate Umesh Jadhav. Radhakrishna Doddamani is facing

ensure the victory of Radhakrishna Doddamani", he stated.Kharge stated that this was not the election of Radhakrishna Doddamani or the Congress party but it was the election for saving the Constitution and democracy of India.

He also challenged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to show development by the BJP government in the region.

Congress top brass running away from contesting elections: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Bhopal, April 12 (IANS) Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday took a jibe at Congress, saying that its top brass is running away from contesting the Lok Sabha elections.Chouhan claimed that Sonia Gandhi has decided not to contest the election from Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh) fearing a loss in the Lok Sabha elections.



"Indira Gandhi represented Raebareli Lok Sabha seat for several years, but the Congress top leadership, including Sonia Gandhi, is running away from contesting the election from this seat," Chouhan said.

Sonia Gandhi represented Raebareli constituency for five terms between 2004 and 2019, while Indira Gandhi also won three elections (1967, 1971 and 1980) from this seat.Hitting further at the opposition,

the veteran BJP leader said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi lost one election from Amethi in 2019, and therefore, he too ran away from the field this time.While talking to media persons at BJP headquarters in Bhopal, Chouhan said that the BJP alone will win 370 seats and Narendra Modi will become the Prime Minister for the third time.

Farmers' strength made BJP take back farm laws: Akhilesh

Lucknow, April 12 (IANS) Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav on Friday said that the realisation of the strength of farmers had made the BJP government at the Centre scrap the three "black" farm laws.Launching his election campaign from Pilibhit, he said the people of Pilibhit have made up their minds to defeat the BJP and the ruling party is scared."The faces of BJP people turn 'peela' (yellow) on hearing the name of Pilibhit," he said.The SP President also attacked the BJP government over the issue of electoral bonds and demonetisation. "Tell me if this electoral bond and the demonetisation are not ways to turn black money into white. They have made all their black money into white," he alleged.The Samajwadi Party



has pitted Bhagwat Sharan Gangwar against Jitin Prasada of the BJP and Anis Ahmed of the BSP in this seat. Pilibhit, which has over 18 lakh voters, will go to polls in the first round of the seven-phase Lok Sabha elections on April 19.The Samajwadi Party, Congress and All India Trinamool Congress are contesting the polls in Uttar Pradesh as part of the INDIA alliance.

AAP, Congress have unholy alliance: Akali Dal

Chandigarh, April 12 (IANS) Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Parambans Romana on Friday asked Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to explain the underhand deal he had arrived at with Congress leader Sukhpal Khaira by agreeing not to prosecute him, even as he asserted the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Congress and the BJP were making unholy alliances to put up joint candidates against the Akali Dal.Romana said it

was shocking the state government had given an undertaking in the Supreme Court that it would not proceed with the trial against Khaira in the 2015 drugs case, even though the government had formed a Special Investigating Team (SIT) to reinvestigate the case and announced that incriminating evidence had been found against Khaira.

Asking the Chief Minister as to why he was defending an alleged "drug trafficker" in the Supreme Court,



Romana in a statement said "this is being done despite the fact that the chargesheet filed against Khaira in the drug case states that he had made 78 calls to drug trafficker Gurdev Singh and had also spent Rs 6.50 crore above his known sources of income". Asserting that all this was due to the INDIA bloc of which AAP was a part, the Akali Dal leader said: "Bhagwant Mann is on record to have praised Sonia Gandhi even more

than the Congress leaders with whom he shared the stage in Delhi recently."

He said it was a fact that AAP was in alliance with the Congress party in Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat."An official alliance could not be effected in Punjab but now the AAP government in Punjab has decided to help Sukhpal Khaira, who is desirous of contesting from Sangrur by stopping the trial in the drugs case in which he is accused."

World Health Day

Hospital sinks highest source of multidrug-resistant bacteria



New York, April 12 (IANS) The risk of spread of multidrug-resistant bacteria is highest in hospital sinks, said a study on Thursday.

The findings are based on a multispecies outbreak of superbug carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales (CPE) that occurred in a paediatric ward at the Toho University Omori Medical Center in Tokyo in 2017.

In the paper, published in the American Journal of Infection Control (AJIC), the team detailed that the first case of CPE was detected in a one-year-old boy hospitalised with cardiac disease in June 2016.

Nine months later in March 2017, a 15-year-old boy became the second to be infected with the deadly superbug. Subsequently, the outbreak spread to 19 paediatric patients. On investigation, 9 sinks were identified to be contaminated with CPE. Of these, 6 were from hospital rooms with CPE-positive patients, and 3 from a nurse centre, a waste room, and an ice machine.

Genomic analysis identified bacterial strains such as "Klebsiella varicola, Klebsiella quasipneumoniae, and Escherichia coli." Importantly, the CPE contamination continued, even after the team replaced all sinks in the paediatric ward with new ones that were thoroughly disinfected with hydrogen peroxide.

Further, DNA sequences showed that the resistance mechanism could have been passed from one bacterial species to another within the hospital, the team said.

"The discovery of the same bacterial species in sinks in adjoining rooms indicates that pathogen transmission may be possible from one sink to another via the drains and connected plumbing," the team said.

Preventive measures included recommending hand disinfection after using sinks, introducing disposable tools for cleaning sinks, prohibiting mouth-washing with sink water, enacting disinfection and drying procedures for any items exposed to sink water, and more.

The outbreak was finally controlled in October 2017.

"After months of intense infection control protocols, we were at last able to declare an end to this outbreak," said Sadako Yoshizawa, Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at Toho University.

"Our experience highlights the importance of focusing on sinks and other water-related areas in hospital wards, as these are critical for CPE transmission and therefore major fronts in the fight against antibiotic resistance," Yoshizawa added.

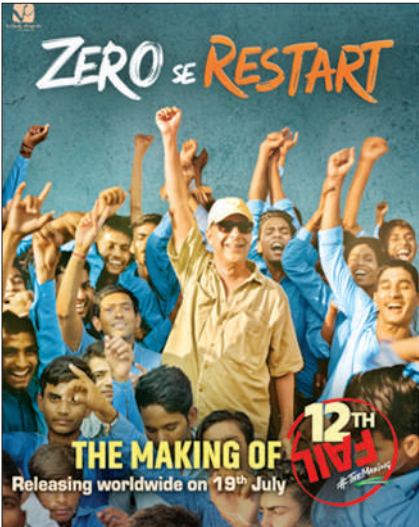
Vidhu Vinod Chopra flags off 'Zero Se Restart'; says 'not a lecture' on making movies

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Filmmaker Vidhu Vinod Chopra has announced his latest project under his banner titled 'Zero Se Restart', which will showcase the making of '12th Fail' and said that it is not a lecture on how to make movies, but a crazy and fun story of how it all actually happened.

Being developed by his team, this film delves into the behind-the-scenes journey of his recent blockbuster '12th Fail' starring Vikrant Massey and Medha Shankr.

"The film 'Zero Se Restart' narrates the journey of '12th Fail', right from its inception to all the hurdles that came in its way, from no one believing in the film to the team even being advised against a theatrical release," Chopra said.

"It's a tale of triumph against all skepticism and odds. This film is not a lecture on how to make movies, but a fun and crazy story of how it all actually happened. After '12th Fail' got so much love and support from the people, it only felt right that we share this story with them," he added.



Menstruation signifies femininity and fertility, not impurity, says Sara Ali Khan

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS)Life) Sara Ali Khan, a dazzling sensation among Gen Z, known not only for her Bollywood prowess but also for openly sharing her life journey is now the face of the feminine hygiene brand Sofy. In a light-hearted mood, Sara tells IANSLife during a conversation that some of her hits and favourite songs, such as Aankh Maare, Chaka Chak, and Ha Mei Galat, were shot during her menstrual cycle days. Read excerpt:

What are your thoughts about PMS? What is PMS for you?

Sara: Personally, it's the intense moodiness, bloating, and ice cream cravings. I experience pangs of sugar cravings, which are, of course, due to magnesium deficiency. You should try Paalak, which is not particularly tasty, but it helps.

What would you change about the way society treats menstruation? Is there a myth about periods that you believe should be debunked?

Sara: First and foremost, it is critical to understand that menstruation is not an indicator of impurity. I believe it represents the pinnacle of femininity and fertility. I am thrilled to be associated with a brand that not only understands the needs of young girls but also educates and empowers others.

Menstruation is the reason for everyone's existence.

Do you ever miss your workout?

Sara: I try not to miss my workout any day. I exercise daily, even when I am on

Akshay, Tiger-starrer 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' rakes in Rs 36 cr worldwide on Day 1

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Actors Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff's latest release has minted Rs 36.33 crore worldwide on Day 1 of its release.

According to a statement, the film, which is directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, had a collection of Rs 36.33 crore worldwide. Benefiting from the festive Eid holiday, the film has enjoyed a robust start, drawing moviegoers from all corners to witness its exhilarating narrative unfold.

'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' also stars Malayalam actor Prithviraj Sukumaran, who plays an antagonist in the movie.

The film also features Manushi Chhillar, Alaya F, and Sonakshi Sinha.

Vashu Bhagnani and Pooja Entertainment present 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' in association with AAZ Films.

Written and directed by Zafar, and produced by Vashu Bhagnani, D e e p s h i k h a Deshmukh, Jackky Bhagnani, Himanshu Kishan Mehra, and Ali Abbas Zafar.



Aayush Sharma shares how he became 'Ruslaan', shed body fat within 25 days



Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Aayush Sharma, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming film 'Ruslaan', has opened up on the journey behind his physical transformation in the film.

The actor's bare-bodied look in the film has been the talk of the town since its trailer release.

Aayush put himself through a punishing schedule to not only look the part but tenaciously pull off the stunts given to him.

Talking about his fitness regime, the actor said: "This is what happens when the director says we shoot the bare-body fight in 25 days. It's supposed to be in Azerbaijan, and we shoot at -6 degrees.

Abs, which are cinematically important in reality, are the muscles that can betray you very soon. It takes time to come, a slight oversight, and your tummy is back out. Though it's not healthy to constantly be in a six-pack condition, I try my best to stay in shape. Contrary to popular opinion, maintaining the shoot condition throughout the year is neither healthy nor advised."

Aayush shared that he had adapted to the diet, so I had started eating a lot of home food to shake things up. But when Karan narrated the action sequence, I was thrilled and excited, I knew this was going to be the best and most challenging sequence of 'Ruslaan'. Not only for me but also for the whole crew. Freezing climate and an uncontrolled shoot location. But the whole 'Ruslaan' team was excited to shoot this sequence."

The film also stars Sushrii Mishraa, Jagapathi Babu, and Vidya Malvade.

a shoulder injury, after which he started going easy with his workouts.

The actor further mentioned, "Body had adapted to the diet, so I had started eating a lot of home food to shake things up. But when Karan narrated the action sequence, I was thrilled and excited, I knew this was going to be the best and most challenging sequence of 'Ruslaan'. Not only for me but also for the whole crew. Freezing climate and an uncontrolled shoot location. But the whole 'Ruslaan' team was excited to shoot this sequence."

NTR Jr reaches Mumbai to shoot for Hrithik Roshan-starrer 'War 2'



Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) 'Man of Masses' NTR Jr arrived in Mumbai on Thursday for the shoot of the upcoming spy universe film 'War 2'.

Images on social media show NTR wearing a pastel-blue shirt and blue denims. He topped the look with a black baseball cap, sunglasses, and black sports shoes.

The actor who was last seen in 'RRR' looked intense in the pictures.

'War 2', which is the sixth film of the Yash Raj Films (YRF) spy universe, is directed by Ayan Mukerji. The film pits superstar Hrithik Roshan against

NTR Jr in a bloody showdown of epic proportions. It also stars Kiara Advani, while the music is given by Pritam.

The film is slated to release on August 14, 2025.

NTR Jr also has 'Devara: Part 1' in the pipeline featuring Saif Ali Khan and Janhvi Kapoor.

Parineeti on 'Amar Singh Chamkila' shoot: 'I had fun with all the parathas Imtiaz Ali fed me'

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Parineeti Chopra, who essays the role of Amarjot Kaur in 'Amar Singh Chamkila', has opened up on the fun she had while shooting for the movie under the guidance of director Imtiaz Ali. The team of 'Amar Singh Chamkila', Diljit Dosanjh, Parineeti, and Imtiaz, appeared on the stage of 'The Great Indian Kapil Show' (TGIKS) in the recent episode.

Talking about her experience portraying Amarjot's role, Parineeti shared: "Under Imtiaz's guidance, the amount of fun I have had shooting this film with all the parathas he has fed me, I don't think I will have so much fun doing any other film."

On her transformation for the role, the 35-year-old actress added: "There is no fun in looking like your own self in a biopic. I gained 15 kg immediately because I wanted to look like Amarjot. She performed at shows during her pregnancy, and I had to look the part."

The film charts the untold true story of Punjab's original rockstar of the masses, the highest record-selling artist of his time, Amar Singh Chamkila, often referred to as the 'Elvis Presley of Punjab'.

Shot in real locations, the film promises

to transport audience to the vibrant and rhythmic world of Punjab's folk music, right to the rustic Akhadaas (live music performances in villages) where Chamkila's voice would once roar.

Produced by Mohit Choudhary, Select Media Holdings LLP, Saregama, and Window Seat Films, it is streaming on Netflix.

'The Great Indian Kapil Show' airs at 8 p.m. on Netflix.



Nidhhi Agerwal opens up on her return to Hindi cinema after a hiatus

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Actress Nidhhi Agerwal is all set to dazzle in her bikini avatar for the first time in the upcoming OTT debut film 'Dunk - Once Bitten Twice Shy'.

The actress is now making a "triumphant return to Hindi cinema after a brief hiatus".

Produced by Prerna Arora, the movie also stars Tusshar Kapoor and Shivin Narang in prominent roles, along with Suchitra Krishnamoorthi and Vinay Pathak.

Talking about 'Dunk', Nidhhi, who was last seen in the Hindi film 'Munna Michael' in 2017, said: "Having established my presence across three diverse industries -- Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi -- I'm now making a triumphant return to Hindi cinema after a brief hiatus while simultaneously dominating the southern film scene."

The actress said that her plate is full of exciting projects.

"I'm currently immersed in the making of 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu', a captivating period film alongside the legendary Pawan Kalyan, and 'Raaja Saab', where I share the screen with the talented Prabhas, both of which I lead."

Nidhhi said: "Anticipation is high as both films are slated for release this year, promising to enthrall audiences across regions."

The actress said that amid all this, she stumbled upon a "script by Prerna that resonated deeply with me, igniting my eagerness to deliver an exceptional performance."

Nidhhi added: "With two heroes in the south and a promising script in hand, I am poised to rock the cinematic landscape."



my period, as it boosts my mood and helps with pain relief. I incorporate light cardio and yoga during my period days.

Do you prefer XL pads or antibacterial napkins?

Sara: I prefer both, which is why I carry the Sofy Anti-Bacterial extra-large pads in my bag, which provide spotless and comfortable periods. I prefer feminine hygiene brands that avoid the risk of leakage and are safe for health.

Any experience with unusual places where you had to change your pad or tampons?

Sara: I remember once we were travelling in Rajasthan for the shoot. So, I had to change my pad on the moving bus in the outskirts of Rajasthan. I usually carry an extra-large

anti-bacterial pad to ensure a comfortable experience during periods.

Have you ever used a creative excuse to get out of a situation because of a period?

Sara: I used to do that a lot in school during Hindi class, by using the excuse of cramps. I liked Hindi but didn't enjoy the class.

What advice would you give to women dealing with PCOD and PCOS?

Sara: Firstly, recognize the syndrome to make sure you are aware of the changes in the body, which may include weight loss and hair loss. Exercise regularly to minimize symptoms. Try to avoid binge eating and strive to live a healthier lifestyle. And, not to forget, remind yourself that the next day will be better.

Indian developers at forefront of creating innovations for the world: Qualcomm

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The developer community in India is at the forefront of creating innovative solutions which will continue to unlock growth opportunities not only for the country but also for the world, Savi Soin, President of Qualcomm India, said on Friday. The leading chip-maker will host its flagship developer conference in Hyderabad on April 17, which will see more than 150 developers, engineers and industry leaders discuss advancements in technologies. "India's growing STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) talent is at par with global standards with a lot of our professionals leading breakthrough advancements," Soin said. "As a leader in 5G and wireless communications, we are committed to being a trusted partner for India in its digital journey." The company is working closely with the ecosystem to develop India-relevant artificial intelligence (AI) and 5G use cases and applications. "The Hyderabad centre is at the helm of driving rigorous research and development (R&D) for Qualcomm in the country and is aligned with our larger vision of 'Make in India for the world'," said Shashi Reddy, VP of Engineering, Qualcomm India.

World's fastest charging electric 3-wheeler arrives in India

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) In a push towards the electric mobility dream, India on Friday saw the launch of a passenger electric three-wheeler that is touted as the world's fastest-charging EV within 15 minutes. Omega Seiki Mobility forged a partnership with Exponent Energy to launch the electric three-wheeler with rapid-charging capabilities. Priced at Rs 3,24,999, the 'OSM Stream City Qik' EV has the ability to charge from zero to 100 per cent in 15 minutes on Exponent's rapid charging network present in six cities, the company said in a statement. "By minimising downtime and maximising efficiency on the road, the Qik ensures that every journey translates into tangible financial gains for our drivers," said Uday Narang, Founder and Chairman of Omega Seiki Mobility.

The vehicle comes with a warranty of 2 lakh kms or five years, whichever comes first. Exponent Energy said in a statement that it will deploy 100 charging stations in Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru this year, while expanding its network in Chennai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata and Hyderabad.

BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover set to launch app for medical loans 'ZeroPe'

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) BharatPe co-founder and former MD Ashneer Grover is set to launch a new app called 'ZeroPe' that will provide loans for healthcare. According to the app's Google Play Store listing, ZeroPe is presently in the testing phase and has been developed by Third Unicorn, which was founded by Grover after his exit from BharatPe. The app will provide instant pre-approved medical loans of up to Rs 5 lakh to users to cover their medical expenses. The company has partnered with Delhi-based Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Mukut Finvest to provide instant loans. Users can only avail the service at partnered hospitals, according to the ZeroPe app website. To apply for a medical loan with ZeroPe, users will need to download the app, complete a quick application, and then they will receive instant loan approval. "ZeroPe ensures a straightforward process by directly paying the approved loan amount on behalf of the user to the chosen hospital," ZeroPe wrote on its website.

TCS posts 9 pc jump in Q4 net profit at Rs 12,434 crore, declares dividend of Rs 28 per share

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Leading IT software exporter Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday reported a 9 per cent increase in net profit at Rs 12,434 crore for the Jan-March quarter of 2023-24 up from Rs 11,392 crore in the same period of the previous year. The TCS board has approved a final dividend of Rs 28 per share. The revenue of the IT sector bellwether rose 3.5 per cent to Rs 61,237 crore during the quarter, according to the stock exchange filing by the company. The operating margin went up to 26 per cent from 25 per cent in the previous quarter. TCS posted a 6.8 per cent increase in revenue for the full financial year 2023-24 to Rs 240,893 crore while the net profit for the year was at Rs 46,585 crore. TCS also registered an all-time high in new deals for the fourth quarter at \$13.2 billion, while the value of the new deals won by the company for the full financial year also was a record \$42.7 billion. TCS Chief Executive Officer K



Krithivasan said: "We are very pleased to close Q4 and FY24 on a strong note with the highest ever order book and a 26 per cent operating margin, validating the robustness of our business model and execution excellence." "In an environment of global macro uncertainty, we are staying close to our customers and helping them execute their core priorities with TCS' portfolio of offerings, innovation capabilities and thought leadership," he added. The share price of TCS closed at Rs. 4003.80 per share on BSE, a 0.48 per cent increase over the previous day's close.

TRAI unveils recommendations to boost live testing of innovative tech like 6G, AI

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) In view of rapid developments in emerging technologies like 5G/6G, AI, virtual reality and others, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Friday released recommendations to encourage live testing of innovative tech and use cases in the country. The development came after the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) requested the TRAI regarding a regulatory sandbox framework for new services, technologies and business models in the digital communication sector. Regulatory Sandbox (RS) makes real-time but regulated access to telecom networks and customer resources which is not possible in



conventional methods of lab testing or pilots. Regulatory bodies in several countries have already established such sandbox frameworks. "Providing such a framework for live testing in India will encourage

more entrepreneurs to develop solutions for the digital communication industry of the country as well as the world," the Communications Ministry said in a statement. Indian companies or partnership firms, limited liability partnerships or a research institute that have done limited prior testing of their products, services and applications and meet all conditions mentioned in the framework can apply for regulatory sandbox testing. "As the RS testing will be carried out in live networks on a certain set of users, the framework has kept the security of networks and protection of customers in mind," the ministry emphasised.

Sensex plunges 793 points amid worries over delayed US rate cuts

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) The BSE Sensex plunged almost 800 points on Friday amid heavy selling in frontline stocks. While the Sensex closed 793 points, or 1.06 per cent, down at 74,244.90, the Nifty ended Friday with a significant loss of 234 points, or 1.03 per cent, at 22,519.40. Almost all sectoral indices ended in the red and the market breadth in the negative territory with 60 per cent of the stocks declining. Among the Sensex losers, Sun Pharma was down 4 per cent, while Maruti was down by more than 3 per cent. Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said the Indian markets consolidated amid worries over delayed US rate cuts, escalating Middle East tensions driving oil prices up, and subdued Q4 earnings projections. Investors are questioning the feasibility of the US Fed's anticipated three rate cuts this year, leading to underperformance in the emerging markets. Meanwhile, the European markets excelled as the ECB maintained policy rates but hinted at a potential rate cut soon, Nair said.



Indian aviation industry cleared for takeoff despite engine woes: ICRA report

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The Indian aviation industry is set to scale new heights. Despite facing supply chain challenges and engine failures, the industry is poised for significant growth in the coming years, according to a recent report by the ICRA Limited, a leading credit rating agency. "In FY2024, Go Airlines (India) Limited grounded half of its fleet due to faulty P&W engines, which led to the stalling of its

operations. InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo) had also grounded more than 70 aircraft due to the Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engine issues, as of February 2, 2024, including an issue from powder metal (used to manufacture certain engine parts) contamination with its P&W fleet," the report said. It is estimated that 24-26 per cent of the total fleet of the Indian airlines in operations was grounded by March 31.



"Considering the bulk recall of the engines globally by P&W and other existing issues with the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)

engines, the testing by the P&W is likely to take longer at 250-300 days," the report said. "This will result in high operating expenses towards the cost of grounding, an increase in lease rentals due to an additional aircraft being taken on lease to offset the grounded capacity, rising lease rates and lower fuel efficiency (due to replacement with older aircraft taken on spot lease), which will adversely impact an airline's cost

structure," it added. However, healthy yields, high passenger load factor (PLF) and partial compensation available from OEM's engines would help absorb the impact to an extent. Meanwhile, the report also claimed that the capacity deployment for March 2024 was higher by 1.8 per cent over March 2023 (93,785 departures in March 2024 against 92,098 departures in March 2023).

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29 killed in Israeli airstrike on Gaza

Gaza, April 12 (IANS) At least 29 people were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a residential building here on Friday, Palestinian news and information agency WAFA reported. Dozens of people were injured in the airstrike, said the report, without giving further details, Xinhua news agency reported. The Israel Defense Forces said in a statement on Friday that the airforce has attacked more than 60 targets in the Gaza Strip during the past 24 hours. Decomposed bodies of



13 people have been recovered from the Al-Balad area and the Al-Amal neighborhood in Khan Yunis Governorate. Details are awaited In Israel's response to the October 7 Hamas attack, 33,545 people have been killed.

Israel vows 'appropriate response' if Iran attacks its territory

Jerusalem, April 12 (IANS) Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant has vowed an "appropriate response" if Iran attacks his country's territory. "A direct Iranian attack on Israeli territory will require an appropriate Israeli response against Iran," Gallant told US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin on Thursday during a phone conversation on preparations for a possible Iranian retaliatory attack, Xinhua news agency reported. During the conversation, Gallant detailed the Israeli preparations and emphasised that Israel "will not tolerate an Iranian attack on its territory". It was the second time the two officials had talked over the past week. The US Intelligence officials have assessed that Iran could launch a counter-attack soon in response to the killing of seven Iranians in an Israeli airstrike on



Iran's consulate in Syria on April 1. Earlier on Thursday, Commander of the US Central Command Michael Kurilla arrived in Israel for talks with Gallant and Herzi Halevi, the Chief of the General Staff of the Israel Defense Forces, to coordinate responses to a potential Iranian attack.

Teenager dies after stabbings near Australian school

Sydney, April 12 (IANS) A teenage boy has died and another is fighting for life in a hospital with critical injury after stabbings near an Australian school on Friday. The emergency services responded to the stabbings near a school on Power Street in Doonside, a suburb located approximately 35 km west of Sydney's central business district, Xinhua news agency reported. Before police officers arrived, two boys in their teens had presented themselves to the Blacktown Police Station with stab wounds. Both received treatment at the station. But one boy later died at the scene, while the other was transported to a hospital in a serious condition. Police have established multiple crime scenes, with investigations launched into the circumstances surrounding the incident. New South Wales Police Force confirmed in a statement that one person has been arrested and inquiries are ongoing.



Sudan conflict claims thousands of civilian lives, displaces millions in one year: UN

United Nations, April 12 (IANS) The UN Fact-Finding Mission in Sudan reports that nearly a year of fighting in the country has left thousands of civilians dead and millions more displaced, a UN spokesman said. "It said that fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) has killed thousands of civilians since it began in April last year," said Stephane Dujarric, Chief Spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, on Thursday. "Over six million people



have been displaced internally, while almost two million refugees have fled to neighbouring countries. Nearly 24 million people need aid," the spokesman added as quoted by Xinhua news agency report. April 15 marks the widespread conflict's first anniversary. Dujarric said France, Germany and the European Union will co-host a Humanitarian Conference for Sudan and its Neighbours in Paris on Monday. He added that Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Joyce Msuya, will attend alongside other UN officials and advocate for scaled-up resources to expand aid operations in Sudan and the region.

Msuya will also advocate for improved humanitarian access so that agencies can ensure the timely delivery of life-saving supplies to communities in need. The spokesman said the Secretary-General will have a video message for the conference. Sudan has been engulfed in violent clashes between the SAF and the RSF since April 15, 2023. The violence has killed thousands of civilians, displaced millions more, and destroyed much of the country's infrastructure, especially in the capital of Khartoum.

UN Security Council voices concern over killing of World Central Kitchen staff in Gaza

United Nations, April 12 (IANS) The UN Security Council has voiced grave concern over Israel's killing of seven aid workers of the World Central Kitchen in Gaza. A press statement said on Thursday that these horrific attacks brought the number of humanitarian personnel killed in Gaza during the ongoing conflict to at least 224, more than three times as many humanitarian aid workers killed in any single conflict recorded in a single year, Xinhua news agency reported. The council members stressed the need for accountability for all of these incidents and noted that Israel has announced the initial results of an investigation into the incident, stressing the need for a full, transparent and comprehensive investigation into the incident that is fully publicised. The council members also demanded that all parties to the conflict fully respect the protected status of humanitarian workers, facilities, and operations under international law, abide by humanitarian notification and deconfliction mechanisms, and immediately fix any deficiencies in these mechanisms.

Russian regions grapple with severe flooding amid rising water levels

Moscow, April 12 (IANS) At least 13,000 people have been evacuated in parts of Russia as of Thursday, as multiple regions continue to battle extreme floods amid rising water levels, local authorities said. In some of the worst flooding in decades due to a continuous rise in daily average temperatures, snowmelt and rivers thawing, Russia's western Siberia, the Volga region and the Central Federal District have been flooded. A state of emergency has been declared in the Orenburg, Kurgan and Tyumen regions, Xinhua news agency reported. In the worst-hit western Orenburg region, 7,800 people have been evacuated, according to the regional government, with water levels in the Ural river around the region breaking records last Thursday night.

Thermal power plant near Kiev destroyed in missile attack

Kiev, April 12 (IANS) The Trypilka thermal power plant (TPP) outside the Ukrainian capital has been completely destroyed in a Russian missile attack, the media reported, citing an official. Andriy Hota, Chairman of the supervisory board at the Ukrainian power plant Centrenerg, said on Thursday that a massive fire erupted in the plant's turbine room after the attack, Xinhua news agency reported. "All the workers who were on shift during the strike are alive," Hota said, adding that efforts to extinguish the fire were underway. Located 45 km south of Kiev, Trypilka TPP is the largest power generating facility in the Kiev region with an installed capacity of 1,800 MW.

Accident at UCIL Mines leaves 3 injured, admitted to TMH



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Three contract laborers, were seriously injured in a tragic accident on Friday, April 12, when their passenger vehicle overturned at the fifth level turning underground at the Narwa site of UCIL Mines in Jaduguda, near the district headquarters of East Singhbhum. The injured laborers, hailing from

Narwa site, received initial medical assistance at the scene before being transferred to Tata Main Hospital (TMH) in Jamshedpur via ambulance. One of the injured laborers is reported to be in critical condition. All three individuals are affiliated with Delta Company. The injured parties have been identified as Arun Hansda (45) from Karandih, located under the Parsudih

police station of Jamshedpur, Shekhar Singh (26) from Murgaguttu, and Ramdas Soren (44) from Badia under the jurisdiction of Musabani police station. However, the company management has yet to provide any official statement regarding the incident. According to reports, the accident occurred during the transportation of iron ore, extracted through underground blasting operations. Witnesses stated that the contract workers were ascending from below in a passenger vehicle when the vehicle's brakes failed at the fifth level. Consequently, the vehicle veered off course and overturned, trapping the driver beneath the steering wheel. The driver's condition is reported to be critical. (w/nkm)

Businessmen protest JNAC encroachment removal in Bistupur, police resort to baton charge



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: High tension prevailed as a team of Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) led by City Manager Ravi Bharti moved in to clear encroachments on the Diagonal Road in Bistupur. Trouble sparked when the JNAC team moved in to clear encroachment near Sonthalia Building including a staircase businessmen rose in protest and the accompanying police resorted to baton charge to quell the protest. Businessmen alleged misbehavior on the part of JNAC and police officials. The baton charge resulted in injuries to businessmen and many among them were arrested. The police used force to disperse the protesting businessmen. Many businessmen were detained during the altercation. Investigations

SCCI Condemns lathi charge on traders in Bistupur

Jamshedpur, April 12: The Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and industry (SCCI) has strongly denounced the violent lathi charge on traders of Bistupur Diagonal Road by JNAC officers and employees during an encroachment removal drive. President Vijay Anand Moonka demanded an immediate investigation into the incident and urged action against the responsible officers. Moonka emphasized that while the SCCI did not condone encroachment, the administration's approach should have been more considerate. He criticized the lack of prior notice to shopkeepers and called for a fair process before encroachment removal. SCCI officials, including General Secretary Manav Kedia, Vice President Anil Modi, Advocate Rajeev Agarwal, Puneet Kauntia, Abhishek Agarwal Goldie, Secretary Bharat Makani, Advocate Anshul Ringasia, Vinod Sharma, Suresh Sharma Lipu, and Treasurer Anil Ringasia, jointly condemned the recent lathi charge incident. They urged the administration to promptly identify and take action against the responsible officers. (w/gsd)

into the incident were going on while a gathering of concerned businessmen had convened at the Bistupur police station. Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee officer Arvind Tirkey said that in

morning, local businessmen were duly notified to clear their encroachments. However, upon the team's arrival in the evening, certain individuals amongst the business community

BJM leader demands justice

Jamshedpur, April 12: Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha leader, Sanjeev Acharya, has strongly condemned and expressed profound grief over the brutal lathi charge carried out by the JNAC (Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee), District Administration, and Tata Steel during today's protest by traders in Bistupur. He denounced the incident as an appalling regression to the oppressive tactics reminiscent of the British era. Alleging a conspiracy, Acharya asserted that peaceful protesters, including traders protesting against the removal of encroachments, were subjected to brutal lathi charges. Acharya called for the immediate dismissal of the guilty police personnel involved in the incident and demanded legal action against all senior officers of JNAC who were present during the protest. Stressing the need for accountability, he urged for the swift registration of cases against the responsible individuals. In response to the incident, Acharya announced that a delegation comprising businessmen from Bistupur would soon come forward to protest against the injustice. He emphasized the importance of unity among various chambers of commerce, including Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce, and Jamshedpur Chamber of Commerce, to collectively address the issue. Acharya urged businessmen to unite and meet senior officials of the district administration to demand immediate action against the culprits and ensure justice for the affected individuals. (w/nkm)

Traders to protest by wearing black badges: Mukesh Mittal

Jamshedpur, April 12: Mukesh Mittal, former Vice President of the Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industries, has strongly condemned lathi charge against businessmen, deeming it unacceptable. Mittal said we are planning to lodge a formal protest by meeting with the Deputy Commissioner. He asserted that if necessary, protests will be organized. Additionally, in a show of solidarity, businessmen have resolved to wear black badges starting from tomorrow. They have further threatened to initiate a strike if appropriate action is not taken against the responsible officials.

became unruly, resulting in an altercation. Turkey further stated that in response to the aggression faced by his team, mild force was utilized. Subsequently, several businessmen have been detained and turned over to law enforcement, with plans underway to file an FIR against them. (w/gsd)

Intense sun glare raises Jharkhand's temperature, Jamshedpur hits 35.4°C

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Jharkhand, including Kolhan, experienced intense sunshine on Friday, leading to a rapid rise in maximum temperatures across the region. Godda emerged as the hottest district, with the mercury soaring to 38.9 degrees Celsius. In Kolhan, Jamshedpur recorded a maximum temperature of 35.4 degrees Celsius, while West Singhbhum registered 32.5 degrees and Seraikela Kharsawan district marked 35.7 degrees. The Meteorological Department forecasts continued strong sunshine in Jharkhand, with a possibility of drizzles in select

districts until April 14. Daytime temperatures are expected to rise by three to four degrees Celsius. Regarding Saturday's weather, Meteorologist Dr. Abhishek Anand from the Weather Center in Ranchi issued an alert for thunderstorms and rain in several Jharkhand districts. Alongside, residents can anticipate enduring strong sunlight throughout the day. Rainfall is forecasted for Garhwa, Palamu, Chatra, Hazaribagh, Bokaro, Latehar, Lohardaga, Ranchi, Bokaro, Simdega, Khunti, West Singhbhum, East Singhbhum, and Seraikela-Kharsawan. Additionally, strong winds are expected during this period. (w/nkm)

Two arrested in Adityapur Bombing Case, SDPO provides details

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 12: In a significant development, the police have apprehended two suspects, identified as Motilal Bisoi from Beldih and Mantosh Mahato from Aditya Garden, Adityapur, in connection with the recent bomb attack on Adityapur residents Ajay Pratap Singh and Uttam Das alias Babu Das. The incident, believed to be fueled by longstanding animosity, involved other individuals besides the two arrested culprits. Law enforcement authorities are currently conducting raids to

apprehend the remaining suspects involved in the attack. Seraikela Sub-Divisional Police Officer Santosh Mishra provided these details during a press conference, shedding light on the investigation's progress. According to Mishra, the police received information about the bombing near the MTC building in the Adityapur police station area around 9:30 pm on April 9. Acting swiftly, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was formed under Mishra's leadership, sanctioned by the Superintendent of Police. Utilizing a combination of technical



and human intelligence, the SIT meticulously scrutinized the evidence, leading to the arrest of Motilal and Mantosh Mahato, both with prior criminal records. Notably, Motilal Bisoi, an

experienced bomb maker, was responsible for constructing the explosive device. The police recovered three mobile phones, the suspects' attire worn during the incident, and the DVR of the CCTV

camera installed at the scene. Motilal Bisoi's criminal history reveals involvement in five cases related to the Arms Act and bombings, all registered at the Adityapur police station. Mantosh Mahato

also has an Arms Act case against him in the same police station. The raiding team, comprising Adityapur police station in-charge Nitin Kumar Singh, Puani Vinod Kumar, Puani Santan Kumar Tiwari, Vipul Kumar, Ranjit Kumar Singh, Dilshan Birua, Santish Varmal, and constable Sandeep Dubey from the technical branch, played a pivotal role in the successful operation. SDPO Santosh Mishra affirmed that the investigation is ongoing, with plans to swiftly apprehend all individuals involved in the heinous act. (w/nkm)

Basco found guilty in Murder Case of four Tudu family members

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Basco Tudu, the accused in the murder case of four members of the Tudu family in Potka of East Singhbhum district, has been convicted by the court of ADJ-2 Abhash Verma. The victims identified as Thapa Tudu, Malti Tudu, Sonia Tudu, and Ramesh Tudu were murdered eight years ago on January 20, 2016. The court has scheduled a hearing on the sentencing for April 26. During the trial, evidence including the murder weapon, post-mortem reports indicating ante-bottom injuries, and testimonies of 13 witnesses, including the investigating officer, were presented.

Basco Tudu, who has been in jail since his arrest following the incident, participated in the court proceedings via video conferencing from Ghaghidih Central Jail. Basco Tudu was found guilty of killing Thapa Tudu with an axe while he was defecating outside his house, followed by the murders of Malti Tudu, Sonia Tudu, and Ramesh Tudu with a stick. Mohan Tudu, a member of the family, filed a named FIR against Basco Tudu at Potka police station, leading to his arrest and subsequent imprisonment. (w/gsd)

Ayushman Cards for all BPL patients admitted in MGM Hospital

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: A significant initiative has been launched at MGM Hospital, where Ayushman cards will be provided to all Below Poverty Line (BPL) patients upon admission, provided they possess an Aadhar card and Lal card. This directive from the state headquarters has set in motion a four-day process at MGM Hospital, with staff diligently engaged in issuing Ayushman cards to admitted patients. Upon registration, patients are queried about their possession of an Ayushman card. If unavailable, their Aadhar card and Lal card details are recorded in the hospital's register. Subsequently, hospital staff visit the wards to facilitate the completion of



Ayushman card forms, ensuring patients access to comprehensive medical benefits. Despite East Singhbhum district's population exceeding 27 lakh, only 9 lakh 75 thousand individuals have Ayushman cards. In response, authorities have mandated the expansion of Ayushman scheme enrollment. Ayushman cardholders are entitled to obtain medications externally if unavailable within the hospital. Dr. Ravindra

Kumar, Hospital Superintendent, emphasized the importance of Ayushman cards in providing patients with free access to tests and medications. The initiative is slated to extend to Sadar Hospital shortly. Dr. Jujhar Majhi, Civil Surgeon, affirmed plans to initiate Ayushman card issuance for patients in wards at Sadar Hospital and Ghatshila Sub-Divisional Hospital. Subsequently, Ayushman card issuance will occur at the community health center level, as directed by the state headquarters. The facility to obtain Ayushman cards is available across all district hospitals, with data collection currently underway. Work is scheduled to commence from Monday to expedite the process. (w/nkm)

Water crisis in Baghbada set to ease with installation of 70 new hand pumps

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: A comprehensive plan has been devised to address the prevailing water scarcity in the Baghbada area through the installation of new hand pumps. Following the conclusion of the election code of conduct, hand pumps are slated for installation across every panchayat. Approval has been secured from the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, marking a crucial step forward in resolving the water crisis. Under the leadership of the Chief, an

ambitious initiative has been launched to ensure the installation of a hand pump in each panchayat of Baghbada.

The Drinking Water Department has directed the Block Head to identify suitable locations and submit a report accordingly. Notably, the drilling depth for new hand pumps will be increased to 500 feet, a significant enhancement from the previous 200 feet, ensuring better access to groundwater. The initiative aims to alleviate the water woes of thousands of residents in the panchayat

area, especially considering the more than 150 hand pumps that have dried up. This issue, highlighted in Hindustan's April 3 publication, underscores the urgency of the situation. Currently, approximately 30,000 residents rely on tanker water supply, with tankers dispatched every fourth day to cater to their needs.

Panchayat Samiti member Sunil Gupta emphasized the importance of assessing groundwater levels prior to hand pump installation to ensure sustained water availability. Additionally, arrangements

for rising pumps will be made to prevent rapid depletion.

Executive Engineer Sunil Kumar of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department assured that funds have been allocated annually for hand pump installation during summers. With the election code of conduct soon to be lifted, the installation process will commence promptly, targeting areas where funds have been sanctioned. This concerted effort promises tangible relief for Baghbada's residents grappling with water scarcity. (w/nkm)

Jamshedpur District Bar Association elections rescheduled for May 10

Jamshedpur, April 12: The election date for the Jamshedpur District Bar Association has undergone a change. Initially scheduled for April 20, the voting will now take place on May 10. This adjustment was announced by election observers, Amar Singh and Dharmendra Narayan, citing unavoidable circumstances. According to the revised schedule, voting will be conducted from 8 am to 3 pm, with the counting of votes commencing at 6 pm. The election process will be overseen by Ram Subhag Singh, appointed as the election in-charge. Nomination forms will be available for purchase on April 15, 16, and 18, from 10 am to 12 noon. The scrutiny of submitted forms will occur on April 20, following which the list of candidates will be released on April 23. Candidates will have the opportunity to withdraw their names until April 24. The final list of candidates will then be published on April 25. To facilitate the smooth conduct of the elections, a three-member team, comprising Vinod Aggarwal, Virendra Singh, and Satish Chandra Baranwal, has been assembled. Additionally, a five-member observer team has been appointed, with members including JJM Raju, Manoj Singh, Sunil Singh, Ranjandhari Singh, and R Ramesh Rao. Notably, Ranjandhari Singh has been assigned the role of spokesperson for the team. (w/nkm)

Commissioner and DIG lead voter awareness campaign

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Jamshedpur, April 12: Commissioner of Kolhan, Hari Kumar Keshari, and DIG Kolhan, Manoj Ratan, spearheaded a voter awareness program in East Singhbhum district, emphasizing active participation in the democratic process. The initiative, organized by the Sweep Cell of the District Administration, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of administrative officers from neighboring districts and states. The event, held at the Collectorate premises, featured a series of engaging activities



aimed at encouraging citizens to exercise their voting rights on 25th May 2024. DCs, SSPs, SPs, and other administrative officers from districts such as Sundergarh, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar (Odisha), Purulia, West

Medinipur, Jhargram (West Bengal), and West Singhbhum, Seraikela-Kharsawan, Ranchi, Khunti, and Simdega (Jharkhand) joined the campaign. Highlights of the event included: Launch of Voter Awareness Materials:

Vehicle stickers and coffee mugs, prepared by the Sweep Cell of the district administration, were officially launched during the event. Interactive Activities: Participants engaged in various interactive activities,

including taking photographs at the vibrant rangoli and selfie points set up at the Collectorate premises. Voter Oath Recitation: Attendees reaffirmed their commitment to vote in the upcoming elections by reciting the voter oath. Signature Campaign and Balloon Release: The message of voting was further emphasized through a signature campaign and by releasing balloons into the sky.

Flagging off Voter Awareness Chariot: Commissioner Kolhan and DIG Kolhan flagged off the voter awareness chariot, which will traverse through

urban and rural areas, including villages, panchayats, blocks, and markets, to spread awareness in low voter turnout booths.

The meticulously organized event was led by Manish Kumar, Deputy Development Commissioner cum Senior Officer of the Sweep Cell. The voter awareness campaign aims to galvanize citizens and enhance voter turnout by disseminating crucial information and fostering a sense of civic responsibility. Through such initiatives, Kolhan Division seeks to strengthen the democratic fabric of the nation. (W/pb)