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INDI Alliance leaders address election rallies in Chaibasa and Gumla

Tribals have the foremost entitlement to water, forest, and land: Rahul Gandhi

Annual deposit of Rs 1 Lakh in women's bank accounts

Chaibasa/Gumla, May 7: In a bold electoral promise, Rahul Gandhi, while criticizing the Prime Minister, announced that the Congress party, if elected to power, would deposit Rs 1 lakh annually into the bank accounts of women. Gandhi lambasted the central government for allegedly plunging millions into poverty, emphasizing the urgent need to uplift the disadvantaged sections of society. Highlighting the proposed initiative, Gandhi asserted that previous governments had failed to address poverty effectively. He claimed that the BJP administration had favored billionaires over the welfare of ordinary citizens. In stark contrast, Gandhi pledged that under a Congress government, millions of women across the country would receive substantial financial assistance. (w/nkm)



Tribal CM was falsely accused and jailed

Chaibasa/Gumla, May 7: During a scathing critique of the BJP government, Rahul Gandhi, the former Congress national president, condemned the labeling of tribals as forest dwellers, asserting that it amounted to an insult. Gandhi emphasized that being a tribal entitles one to the primary rights over water, forests, and land, rejecting the derogatory terminology used by some.

Further, Gandhi highlighted the plight of a tribal Chief Minister who he claimed was falsely implicated in a case and subsequently incarcerated. Promising justice, Gandhi asserted that if an India coalition government were to be established, historic initiatives would be undertaken. Notably, Gandhi pledged to secure the release of Hemant Soren, the purportedly unjustly detained Chief Minister. (w/nkm)

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Chaibasa/Gumla, May 7: Former Congress national president and MP, Rahul Gandhi, launched scathing attacks on the BJP government during election rallies held in Chaibasa and Gumla on Tuesday. Accusing Narendra Modi of being anti-tribal, Gandhi emphasized the primary entitlement of tribals to water, forest, and land, asserting that the BJP unfairly labels them as forest dwellers while capitalists encroach upon their territories. In his address at the Chaibasa rally, Gandhi urged support for JMM candidate Joba Majhi, while in Gumla, he rallied for Congress candidates Sukhdev Bhagat and Kali Charan Munda from Lohardaga and Khuti respectively, urging voters to ensure their victory by a significant margin. Expressing confidence in securing all 14 seats in Jharkhand, Gandhi criticized the Prime Minister for exacerbating poverty and accused the BJP of conspiring to privatize railways, alleging their allegiance to capitalists. Gandhi highlighted the BJP government's reluctance to uphold the rights of tribals, Dalits, and backward communities, emphasizing their inherent rights to resources. He warned against attempts to dismantle the Constitution, stressing its role in guaranteeing fundamental rights such as education, healthcare, and employment. Asserting the commitment of the India Alliance to protect these rights, Gandhi praised the efforts of the Champai Soren-led coalition government in Jharkhand. Furthermore, Gandhi criticized Modi for allegedly disrespecting President Draupadi Murmu by not inviting her to the consecration of the Ram temple. Disputing the BJP's claims of tribal welfare, Gandhi condemned the perceived disregard for the President's dignity during key events. (w/nkm)

Over 62 per cent turnout in Phase 3 of LS polls, maximum in Assam



New Delhi, May 7(IANS): The polling for Phase 3 of the Lok Sabha elections concluded on Tuesday with a voter turnout of approximately 62.21 per cent, according to the Election Commission data. While Assam recorded the maximum voter turnout of 75.83 per cent, Maharashtra witnessed the lowest voter turnout of 56.37 per cent. While the voting remained largely peaceful across 11 states and Union Territories with sporadic incidents of violence recorded in West Bengal. In Phase 3, voting took place on 93 seats in Assam (4), Bihar (5), Chhattisgarh (7), Goa (2), Gujarat (26), Karnataka (14), Madhya Pradesh (8),Maharashtra (11), Uttar Pradesh (10), West Bengal (4), Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (2). PM Modi voted at the polling booth at Nishan Public School in Ranip locality of Ahmedabad city soon after the polling began at 7 am. He greeted the large number of people that had gathered outside the polling station and also shared a light-hearted moment with a child in the crowd. Amid the ongoing heatwave, he advised people to "drink more water" as "it will be good for your health and will also give you energy".

Voting Is A Great Gift: PM Modi As He Votes In Phase 3 Of Lok Sabha Polls: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated the Election Commission for conducting the first two phases of Lok Sabha polls with hardly any violence and asked the people to come out in large numbers to vote. PM Modi also said the way the Indian elections are being conducted could be a learning process for other democracies, and it has been the subject of case study for many universities.

ED raids builder's home in crackdown on financial irregularities

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Jamshedpur, May 7: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted a raid on the residence of a builder situated on Gaushala Nala Road in Jugsalai, Jamshedpur. The operation took place on Tuesday evening, with ED officials visiting the builder's house for an unspecified duration before departing. Sources indicate that ED officials have subsequently expanded their investigation to Adityapur in connection with this case. The builder in question has previously been under ED scrutiny, with notable raids conducted in the past year. Last year's raid at the residence of a PS servant of state minister Alamgir Alam yielded significant sums of money. Additionally, the builder's name has been linked to various high-profile cases, including that of former DC Chhavi Ranjan.

This recent raid is part of a broader crackdown on financial irregularities in the region. Previous operations have targeted individuals such as builder Shyam Singh, known for his involvement in land business activities in Seraikela Kharsawan district. Further, raids were also conducted at Begun Tower in the Contractors Area.

Notably, in 2019, the premises of engineer Virendra Kumar Ram were subject to ED scrutiny, including two residences in Mango and a government residence in Circuit House. (w/nkm)



Electrical goods shop, Kunal Enterprises, at Dalda Line in Sakchi engulfed in flames after a short-circuit, leaving all items charred before fire brigade arrival.

Babulal for CBI probe into CS confidential letter among cash

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Ranchi, May 7: BJP state president Babulal Marandi has written a letter to Chief Minister Champai Soren mentioning that a copy of the letter written by the ED office to the former chief Chief Secretary during the ED raid is a serious matter. He has asked for registering an FIR on this without any delay and recommend CBI probe.

"Otherwise it will be believed that you remained silent in this serious matter of corruption and kept watching all this misdeeds. The people of Jharkhand will also ask you this question," the letter states. It mentions that letter is written by the Enforcement Directorate, Ranchi to the Chief Secretary, Jharkhand on 8 May 2023 and on the next day on 9 May, the Chief Secretary orders action to the Secretary of the Rural Affairs Department. It is surprising that the Secretary showed no interest in taking action in this sensitive matter.

HEC Plant GM held hostage for 10 hours, rescued by police



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Ranchi, May 7: In Ranchi, a tense standoff unfolded on Tuesday as members of the HEC Mazdoor Bachao Jan Sangharsh Samiti held HMBP Plant GM Sanjay Sinha hostage in his chamber for approximately 10 hours. Sinha, who was detained from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm, was eventually rescued by the intervention of the police administration. Reports indicate that HEC management alerted the authorities about the situation, prompting the arrival of Hatia DSP, Dhurwa police station in-charge, and Jagarnathpur police station in-charge to assess the circumstances. The labor organization cited grievances including overdue salary payments spanning 20 months, issues regarding the renewal tender of supply employees, and access restrictions for supply personnel within the plant. Following the incident, the GM has requested a dialogue involving the police administration and the labor organization, scheduled for May 9. The meeting, set for the evening of May 9, is expected to feature the participation of the Director Personnel, representatives from the police administration, and members of the labor organizations.

Notable figures from the labor organization present during the standoff included Bhawan Singh, Harendra Prasad, Manoj Pathak, and Pramod Kumar. The incident underscores ongoing tensions surrounding labor disputes in the region, highlighting the need for constructive dialogue and resolution. (w/nkm)

Giridih : 1 jawan killed, several injured as bus overturns

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Giridih, May 7: On Tuesday afternoon, near Jhari Pul Ghaghra College in Bagodar police station area, a bus filled with IRB jawans lost balance and crashed. In which a soldier died on the spot. About ten soldiers have been injured. The deceased jawan has been identified as Vikas Bhagat. The IRB jawans were going from Giridih to Garhwa, during which the bus became unbalanced and met with an accident. The bus coming to Bagodar along GT Road Dumri. Then, while trying to save a bike, the driver of the bus lost balance and the bus climbed into the divider and due to bursting of the front tyre, the bus overturned. After this incident, a crowd of people gathered and the injured soldiers were taken to Bagodar Trauma Center for treatment with the help of local people and Bagodar Police and four seriously injured jawans were referred to Dhanbad SNMMCH for better treatment.

Jharkhand Minister's secretary collected commission for 'influential people': ED

Ranchi, May 7 (IANS): Jharkhand Minister Alamgir Alam's secretary collected commission on tenders on behalf of "some influential people", the Enforcement Directorate told a court here on Tuesday, also claiming that officials of his rural development department, from "top to bottom", were involved in an alleged illegal cash payment nexus.

The central agency on Monday arrested Sanjeev Kumar Lal, 52, and his domestic help Jahangir Alam, 42, following searches that led to the seizure Rs 32.20 crore cash from a flat in the Jharkhand capital where the latter was residing.

Lal, the secretary of rural development minister and Congress leader Alamgir Alam, and Jahangir Alam were produced before the special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court of Prabhat Kumar Sharma here. The court sent them to six days of ED custody. The seizure was made by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as part of a money laundering investigation linked to the rural development department.

The total seizure of cash by the ED in the case has been recorded at around Rs 36.75 crore as the agency seized about Rs 3 crore from another location that included Rs 10.05 lakh from Lal's place. Rs 1.50 crore was also seized from a contractor's premises on Tuesday. Alamgir Alam, 70, has distanced himself from the activities of Lal. Talking to reporters here on Monday the minister said Lal had earlier served with other ministers of the state government too.

During the BJP's poll campaign in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his speeches has also mentioned about the cash seizure. Opposition parties have, however, claimed that the ED action was an assault against its leaders.

In its remand papers submitted in court to seek the custody of Lal and Jahangir Alam for interrogation, the ED said,"It is ascertained that Sanjeev Lal takes care of the collection of commission on behalf of some influential persons and plays a pivotal role in managing the tenders and collection of commission from engineers, also the said percentage of commission is distributed in a mechanised manner to higher-ups of the government." Names of "senior bureaucrats and politicians" have emerged in the case and this is being investigated, the agency said. "It is submitted that several officials, from top to bottom, of the rural development department are involved in this nexus and huge payments were usually received in cash which were later laundered which needs to be unearthed," the ED said.

ED gets 7-day remand of Minister's PS in cash haul case

Ranchi, May 7: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) team, after arresting Minister Alamgir Alam's personal secretary Sanjeev Lal and his domestic help Jahangir late on Monday night, presented them at the Special PMLA the court on Tuesday. The agency has sought ten days' remand from the Ranchi PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) special court to interrogate Sanjeev Lal and Jahangir. After which the court approved remand for seven days. ED had started raids on the locations of Minister Alamgir Alam's personal secretary Sanjeev Lal and many other people on Monday. During this period, ED had recovered Rs 35.23 crore cash from the house of Sanjeev Lal's domestic help Jahangir. Three crore rupees were recovered from the house of Munna Singh, a builder close to Sanjeev Lal. On the second day on Tuesday morning, ED officials have again raided Ranchi. According to the information, the raid took place at Raju Singh's residence in Shyamali Gali Doranda, Singhmod, ITI Bus Stand and Ratu, from where the Enforcement Directorate (ED) recovered cash amounting to more than Rs 1 crore.



ED raid reveals tender scam, nexus of bureaucrats-contractors

Ranchi, May 7: Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation so far has revealed that all the money recovered on Monday is from the tender scam and the role of many senior IAS officers in this money laundering case related to the tender scam is also under question. ED claims that officers from top to bottom are involved in this entire episode and they have full protection from politicians also. ED has said in the remand petition to the court that many officers from top to bottom of the rural development department are involved in this nexus. The commission money was usually taken in cash, which had to be laundered by going through various processes. According to the information received by ED so far, minister Alamgir Alam's Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Sanjeev Lal used to take commission for influential persons and along with managing the tenders, also played an important role in the commission transactions from the engineers of the department. The suspended Chief Engineer, who is in jail on charges of money laundering, has also admitted that in the year 2022, Sanjeev Lal has taken crores of rupees as commission. ED has taken Sanjeev Lal and Jahangir on remand so that the role of other senior government officials and other people who are involved in this game of earning crores of rupees through commission can be ascertained.

Forest department seizes three JCBs for illegal soil cutting



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Gamharia, May 7: In a swift operation on Tuesday, May 7, the Forest Department's team took decisive action, seizing three JCBs from Saldih, located under the Gamharia block. The move came after reports surfaced of unauthorized soil cutting from Forest Department land, without requisite permissions. According to official sources, the operators of the three JCB machines were engaged in filling work along the roadside of a construction project, encroaching upon forest land. Upon receiving this information, Forest Officers promptly intervened, seizing all three JCBs. The confiscated JCBs, identified as JH10AV 8365 and JH22D6170, have been secured at the Kandra Forest Rest House complex. Notably, one of the seized JCBs lacks a registration number. Legal proceedings are underway as the Forest Department pursues appropriate action against the perpetrators involved in the illegal activity. (w/nkm)

Auto hits cyclist, overturns



Gamharia, May 7: A significant collision occurred on Tuesday, May 7, between an auto driver, identified by the auto number JH05DB4419, and a cyclist near the Bharat Petroleum petrol pump on the main road within the Chhota Gamhariya Panchayat area. Eyewitnesses recounted the intensity of the collision, which resulted in the auto overturning on impact. Prompt assistance from locals facilitated the stabilization of the overturned auto. Upon witnessing the incident, the Deputy Commissioner of Seraikela, who happened to be passing by, swiftly intervened. He immediately transported the injured auto driver, identified as Sonu Singh from Road No. 12 area of Jagannathpur, to a nearby private hospital in his own vehicle. Medical examination revealed severe injuries sustained by the auto driver, including wounds to the head, shoulders, hands, and face. Necessary medical procedures, including stitches for head injuries, were promptly administered. As of the latest update, the injured driver, Sonu Singh, continues to receive treatment at the private hospital, while authorities are likely to investigate the circumstances surrounding the collision. (w/nkm)

Community support enables gall bladder surgery for female poet



Gamharia, May 7: In a heartening display of community solidarity, the Shri Shanidev Bhakta Mandali stepped forward to financially support the gall bladder surgery of female poet Bhagat, a 59-year-old resident of Jamalpur, Satvahini. Bhagat, who had been left by her husband years ago, was struggling to make ends meet by working as a clerk. Her plight worsened due to unbearable pain caused by gall bladder stones, and her treatment had to be halted due to financial constraints. Despite seeking help from various villagers, Bhagat found herself without aid until Lakhi Kant Mahato took notice of her situation. Mahato, in collaboration with troupe member Deepak Mahato, issued an appeal for assistance. Responding to the call, troupe members rallied together and arranged for Bhagat's surgery to remove the gall bladder stones, which incurred an expenditure of approximately 43 thousand rupees. Following the successful operation, the troupe members settled the hospital bill and ensured Bhagat's safe return home. The collective effort of individuals such as Troupe Patron Debabrata Ghosh, Secretary Ujjwal Ghosh, Mantu Singh Modak, Lakhi Kant Mahato, Deepak Mahato, Gaurangau Dhar, Manik Gorai, Dev Prakash Gorai, and Ashish Banerjee exemplifies the power of community support in extending compassion and assistance to those in need. (w/nkm)

Police Inspector removed following assault on BJP candidate Geeta Koda



Gamharia, May 7: District Superintendent of Police Manish Toppo has swiftly taken action by removing Police Inspector Vinod Kumar Murmu from his position as the in-charge of Kandra police station, effective immediately. This decision comes in the aftermath of the recent incident involving the siege and assault on Singhbhum BJP candidate Geeta Koda and her supporters in Mohanpur village of Gamharia. Following the assault incident during the election campaign on April 14, BJP candidate Geeta Koda filed a complaint with the Election Commission against the Superintendent of Police and the in-charges of Gamharia and Kandra police stations. As a response to the complaint and in compliance with the Election Commission's directives, Ranchi Zonal Inspector General Akhilesh Jha conducted an investigation into the matter in Mohanpur village. Taking prompt action based on the investigation findings, Superintendent of Police Manish Toppo decided to remove Vinod Murmu from his position as the in-charge of Kandra police station. However, as of now, no replacement police inspector has been appointed to the position. (w/nkm)

Congress workers switch allegiance to BJP

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Chaibasa, May 7: In a significant development today, several office bearers from the district and city units of the Congress Party in Chaibasa decided to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Their decision was influenced by their admiration for the public welfare initiatives spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. State General Secretary MP Pradeep Verma, along with State Minister Saroj Singh and Lok Sabha Convener Geeta Balmuchhu, extended a warm welcome to the new BJP members, adorning them with garlands and expressing gratitude for their decision to join the party. Addressing the gathering, Pradeep Verma conveyed his greetings and emphasized the strengthened position of the BJP with the addition of experienced members from the Congress. He assured them of respect and opportunities within the party and rallied their support for Geeta Koda's candidacy from the Singhbhum Lok Sabha seat. Echoing the sentiment, the new BJP members enthusiastically pledged their allegiance with chants of "Bharatiya Janata Party Zindabad," "Narendra Modi Zindabad," and "Geeta Koda Zindabad, Bharat Mata ki Jai." Among those who joined the BJP were prominent Congress figures including District Secretary Santosh Sinha, District Executive Member Rakesh Singh, Chaibasa City President Ajay Kumar, and City Vice President Sanju Sao, among others. The event witnessed the presence of Mahila Morcha District President Durgavati Boipai, media in-charge Hemant Kumar Keshari, and a host of other enthusiastic workers, signaling a significant shift in political allegiance within the region. (w/nkm)

SER achieves remarkable freight loading performance

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Jamshedpur, May 7: Continuing its impressive streak, the South Eastern Railway (SER) has showcased outstanding freight loading performance yet again. In April 2024, the railway loaded 17.07 million tonnes of originating freight, marking a notable increase from the 16.64 million tonnes loaded in April 2023, thereby registering a growth of 2.52%. The upward trajectory in freight loading mirrors SER's record-breaking achievement of 211.60 million tonnes in the previous fiscal year (2023-24), a trend that has seamlessly carried over into the first month of the current financial year. April 2024 also saw a significant boost in originating freight revenue, with a remarkable 5.47% increase compared to the same period last year. The revenue generated from originating freight loading in April 2024 amounted to Rs. 1547.73 crore, as opposed to Rs. 1467.45 crore in April 2023. Key contributors to SER's freight loading success in April 2024 include the transportation of 4.38 million tonnes of coal, reflecting a substantial 5.80% increase from the corresponding month of the previous fiscal year. Additionally, other major commodities handled during the period included iron ore, pig iron & finished steel, cement, food grains, fertilizers, among others. (w/nkm)

BJP inaugurates election offices in Seraikela and Rajnagar East Blocks

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Seraikela, May 7: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) inaugurated its election offices in Seraikela block and Rajnagar East block, covering the Seraikela assembly constituency within the Singhbhum Lok Sabha constituency. The inauguration ceremony saw the participation of Subodh Kumar Guddu, the district organization in-charge, and BJP leader Ganesh Mahali, who jointly cut the ribbon to mark the occasion. Expressing their views, the leaders highlighted the prevailing enthusiasm among the general public for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure, which has been receiving a positive response. The inauguration event was attended by numerous senior party workers, including BJP Block President Manoj Mahato, Mukund Das, Rajnagar Block President Khirod Mahato, Bhim Mandal, Kuber Sarangi, and former MLA Anantram Tudu. (w/nkm)

Lions Clubs organize car/bike rally for voter awareness

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Chaibasa, May 7: In a proactive initiative aimed at promoting voter awareness, Lions Club Chaibasa and Lions Club Chaibasa Lavanya organized a spirited car and bike rally, commencing from Post Office Chowk. Over 25 cars and 15 bikes/scooters, with enthusiastic members, actively participated in the rally.

The event garnered further significance with the presence of esteemed guests, including District Public Relations Officer Isha Khandelwal and District Sports Officer Rupa Rani Tirkey. Their support underscored the importance of civic engagement and voter participation. Following the rally, members and volunteers distributed informative posters related to voter awareness among participants and local shopkeepers. This concerted effort aimed to empower citizens with knowledge and encourage active participation in the democratic process. (w/nkm)

Kalpana Soren appeals for votes, assures release of Hemant Soren

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Chaibasa, May 7: Kalpana Soren, spouse of former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, addressed senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in support of Joba Majhi in Chaibasa on Tuesday.

She expressed her determination that Hemant Soren would be released from jail. Accusing the central government of using government institutions to target the opposition, she urged the public to respond by casting their votes to INDIA bloc candidate. **Bhokta criticizes central government, BJP candidate at election meeting** Satyanand Bhokta initiated proceedings with a critical address, denouncing the central government's alleged failure to fulfill promises made to Jharkhand. Bhokta claimed that despite assurances, the Government of India hadn't initiated any projects for the state. He also commented on the BJP candidate, suggesting that had Geeta Koda dedicated five years to her work, she wouldnot have left the Congress. Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren also spoke on the occasion, as did Congress state leaders including state in-charge Ghulam Ahmed Mir, state presidentRajesh Thakur, Health Minister Banna Gupta, former Rajya Sabha MP Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu, Sonaram Sinku, Sukhram Oraon, Deepak Birua, Joba Majhi, and Singhbhum seat in-charge Vijay Khan. All alliance MLAs were present. (w/gsd)

CM Champai Soren urges support for Alliance candidates, combat dictatorship



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Chaibasa/Gumla, May 7: Chief Minister Champai Soren, addressing public meetings in Chaibasa and Gumla on Tuesday, appealed to the electorate to vote for India Alliance candidates in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections to safeguard democracy and combat dictatorship. Soren urged support for JMM candidate Joba Majhi in Chaibasa, Congress candidate Sukhdev Bhagat in Lohardaga, and Congress candidate Kali Charan Munda in Khunti, emphasizing the significance of their victories for upholding the Constitution and democracy. He criticized the Central Government for allegedly prioritizing the interests of businessmen and neglecting the welfare of tribal, indigenous, backward, Dalit, and impoverished communities. Attacking the BJP over the Sarna Dharma Code and alleged anti-tribal policies, Soren highlighted the need to preserve tribal identity and history. He accused the BJP of neglecting education and welfare initiatives, focusing solely on mineral exploitation and capitalist interests. Soren enunciated the importance of defeating the BJP in the forthcoming elections, citing alleged falsehoods propagated since 2014 and urging voters not to waste the opportunity to bring about change. He called for the removal of the current government, criticizing its purported neglect of farmers and failure to address tribal concerns. The Chief Minister stressed the role of the alliance in fighting against dictatorship and preserving democracy, referring to the incarceration of Hemant Soren as emblematic of oppressive governance. He urged strong opposition to ensure the welfare and progress of Jharkhand's people (w/gsd)

BJP leader Vikas Singh donates wheelchairs to needy residents

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Jamshedpur, May 7: In a heartwarming gesture, BJP leader Vikas Singh provided much-needed assistance to two residents of Mango Daiguttu who were unable to walk. Gupteshwar Prasad Verma and Naveen Gupta, both facing mobility challenges, received wheelchairs from Vikas Singh, allowing them to move around their locality with greater ease. Vikas Singh's compassionate act came after his recent visit to Daiguttu, during which he became aware of the local issues faced by residents. Upon learning about the ill health of Gupteshwar Prasad Verma and Naveen Gupta, who reside on the same street, Vikas Singh personally visited their homes to address their difficulties.

Speaking to the recipients, Vikas Singh emphasized that they were like family to him during this challenging time. He stressed the importance of standing together and contributing to the well-being of fellow community members. Vikas Singh handed over the wheelchairs to Gupteshwar Prasad Verma and Naveen Gupta, expressing his heartfelt wishes for their speedy recovery.

The emotional moment was witnessed by family members and other locals present in the vicinity, including Chhote Lal Singh, Manoj Kumar, Amit Kumar, Girish Singh, Rajendra Ram, Shiv Kumar, Hrithik Singh, Rahul Gupta, Awadhesh Singh, Rohit Gupta, and Ram Singh Kushwaha. (w/nkm)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SANGITA KUMAR** W/o **Shri Mithilesh Kumar**, D/o **Ram Chandra Ram**, resident of Flat No. 5/5, Oregon, Aastha Hi-tech City, Sonari, P.O/P.S-Sonari, in town Jamshedpur-831011, Dist, East Singhbhum, State of Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :

1. That before marriage I was know by "SANGITA RAM" which is mentioned in my all relevant documents such as Educational certificates.
2. That after marriage with **Mr. Mithilesh Kumar** I have adopted the surname of my husband **"KUMAR"** such as **SANGITA KUMAR**.
3. That Sangita Kumar and Sangita Ram is one and the same lady i.e. myself only.
4. That I swear this affidavit to declare and showing my present and adopted name as **"SANGITA KUMAR"** in your official documents for all purpose and intents.

Advocate

Accident

Jamshedpur, May 7: In a distressing incident on Tuesday, a speeding bike rider lost control and collided with the divider on NH 18 four-lane, near Kapagoda village in the Ghatshila police station area. The impact caused the rider, identified as Rajiv Acharya from Mahulia village in the Galudih police station area, to fall by the roadside, sustaining severe injuries.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JYOTI BAI SAHU** Spouse of W/o Army No. 15218765A NK **LAXMI KANT SAHU** resident of 220 FD Regiment Sonari, Army Camp, Jamshedpur. Have change my name from **JYOTI BAI SAHU** to **JYOTI SAHU** Vide affidavit dated 02-05-24 before Jamshedpur Courtat Jamshedpur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GURMIT KAUR** Spouse of W/o JN No. 295767Y NB/SUB **JASPAL SINGH** resident of 220 FD Regiment, Sonari Army Camp, P.O. & P.S. Sonari, Town Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand. Have changed my name from **GURMIT KAUR** to **GURMEET KAUR** Vide affidavit dated 02-05-24 before civil court at Jamshedpur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BIMLA SAHU** Spouse of M/o Army No. 15218765A, NK **LAXMI KANT SAHU** resident of 220 FD Regiment, Army Camp, Sonari Jamshedpur have change my name from **BIMLA SAHU** to **VIMLA SAHU** Vide affidavit dated 02-05-24 before Jamshedpur Court at Jamshedpur.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Rozy Amir** W/o **Amir Sohrab**, R/o 223, 19th Cross, Zakir Nagar (E), Azad Nagar, Mango Town Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand - 832110, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :

1. That I am an Indian Citizen since birth, and I am residing at above noted address.
2. That my new name is **'Rozy Amir'.**
3. That my old name is **'Rozy'**.
4. That **'Rozy Amir'** and **'Rozy'** both name is same and one person i.e. myself. Hence this affidavit.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts to be true and correct.

Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit vide Affidavit No. 7534 dated 07.05.2024, I, **Sindhu Tomy**, W/o Chirayath Konikkara Jose Tomy, R/o 12, B Block, Road No. - 2, Tuiladungri, Near G. F. Flat, P.O. - Golmuri, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831003 declare that my actual and correct name is **Sindhu Tomy** and my husband correct name is **Chirayath Konikkara Jose Tomy** according to my Aadhaar Card bearing No. (7647 8590 8464). That my wrongly name **Sindhu Tomi** and my husband wrongly name is **Chirayath Konikkara Jose Tomi** has been recorded in my Passport bearing passport No. (U5513490) place of issue Ranchi, Date of expiry 09/03/2031. That **Sindhu Tomy** and **Sindhu Tomi** both name is same and one person i.e. myself. That **Chirayath Konikkara Jose Tomy** and **Chirayath Konikkara Jose Tomi** both name is same and one person i.e. my husband.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RACHIT RAJ**, son of **Rajiv Kumar Singh**, by faith Hindu, by Nationality Indian, Resident of H. No. 4. Aastha Balram Road, Anil Sur Path, Uliyan, Near Vijya Heritage, Kadma, Jamshedpur (Aadhar No. **2419 8138 7410**) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as followe:-

1. That I am an Indian citigen by birth.
2. That my father's full and correct name is **RAJIV KUMAR SINGH** which is correctly mentioned in my birth certificate and other documents.
3. That but due to inadvertance in my Pass certificate of Indian School Certificate (Class-XII) vide No. **BN 30041303** and other relevant educational documents name of my father has been mentioned as **RAJIV SINGH**.
4. That said names **RAJIV SINGH** and **RAJIV KUMAR SINGH** represent one and the same person i. e. my aforesaid father.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm above statements and to produce before authority concerned for correction of name of my father as **RAJIV KUMAR SINGH**. If found any statement false or incorrect I will be responsible.

Advocate

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BALWANT SINGH SORELA** S/o **BANWARI LAL SORELA** Army No. 15151466M RANK-HAV (DMT). Presently residing at 220 F.D. Regiment Army Camp P.O. & P.S. Sonari, Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831011 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare & state on oath as follows:

1. That "My DAUGHTER **BRAUSHARI"** Name has changed from **"RAJSHARI"** to **RAJSHREE".** That her date of birth is 25-01-2011 (Twenty Fifth January Two Thousand Eleven) as per her AADHAR-I. CARD No. 8366 5450 3117.
2. That I am producing this affidavit for the purpose of Evidence on behalf of my said 'DAUGHTER'S Name.
3. That both names **"RAJSHARI"** & **"RAJSHREE"** pertain to one and the name person i.e. my said daughter herself.
4. That my said daughter shall at all times hereafter in all her records, deeds & writing and in all proceding with transactions, private as well as under all occasions whatsoever my said daughter be knownas only **"RAJSHREE"**.
5. That what is stated above is true & correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Nothing material has been concealed there from.

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Congress MP Rahul Gandhi along with Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren, JMM Leader Kalpana Soren, Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee President Rajesh Thakur, Jharkhand Congress In-charge Ghulam Ahmad Mir and others addressed an election campaign rally at Chaibasa on Tuesday, May 7 in favour of JMM candidate Joba Majhi for the Singhbhum Lok Sabha seat contest.

DoT blocks 20 mobile handsets for misuse in cyber crime, financial fraud



New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), which comes under the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology on Tuesday said that it disconnected several mobile numbers and blocked 20 mobile handsets for misuse in cybercrime and financial fraud. In a post on X, the department wrote several mobile numbers are disconnected, and "20 associated mobile handsets have been blocked for misuse in cybercrime/Financial Fraud". This comes after a Bengaluru-based entrepreneur Aditi Chopra shared about a complex financial scam on X.

She almost fell victim to a well-planned fraud that simply uses cleverly constructed SMS to generate confusion and, ultimately, steal money. Tagging her post, the DoT asked people to immediately report suspected fraud to Chakshu (a platform for reporting fraud calls and texts) if they observe such incidents. In March, the telecom department issued an advisory to citizens about calls impersonating DoT, threatening people to disconnect their mobile numbers.

Excise policy case: Delhi court extends BRS leader K Kavitha's judicial custody in ED, CBI cases

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) A Delhi court on Tuesday extended Bharat RashtraSamithi (BRS) leader K. Kavitha's judicial custody in connection with the money laundering cases being probed by the CBI and the ED related to the alleged excise policy scam.

Special Judge KaveriBaweja of the Rouse Avenue Court extended Kavitha's custody till May 20 in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) case and till May 14 in the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) case.

She also extended co-accused Chanpreet Singh's judicial custody in the case, The ED had sought the extension of their custody. On Monday, the same court denied regular bail to Kavitha in the case noting the gravity and seriousness of the offence, the nature of the allegations against her, and the offences invoked in the case. It noted that the investigation is in a very crucial stage on certain key aspects, including the involvement of public servants and private persons and



ascertaining the flow of ill-gotten money (proceeds of crime).

It noted that prima facie, Kavitha, the daughter of BRS chief and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, appears to be the key conspirator of the criminal conspiracy hatched for the purpose of collection and payment of upfront money to the AamAadmi Party through the co-accused for getting favourable provisions in the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. "Her role in demanding upfront money and the alleged payment thereof for favourable provisions in the excise policy has also been highlighted in the course of the arguments," the court said. The CBI had submitted that though Kavitha is not named in the FIR, her role in the case emerged during the investigation, from the statements of witnesses and approvers, WhatsApp chats, and documents recovered during the probe pertaining to a money transaction in the guise of a land deal.

"The said documents/materials are stated to reveal the role of the accused/applicant as one of the key conspirators in the case," the CBI had argued while opposing the bail plea. It also maintained that being a prominent politician and an influential person, Kavitha is likely to influence the witnesses and tamper with the evidence if released on bail, and may hamper the ongoing probe.

Congress leader's death: TN Police question MLA Ruby Manoharan

Chennai, May 7 (IANS) A special investigation team of Tamil Nadu Police is questioning senior Congress leader and MLA, Ruby Manoharan in a case related to the mysterious death of Tirunelveli East District Congress president, KPK JeyakumarDhanasingh. Ruby Manoharan, an MLA from Nanguneri, is being questioned at a private building in Thoothukudi, according to police sources. Jeyakumar's half-charred body was found in his 10-acre sprawling farmland with arms and feet tied with cable wires. The deceased Congress leader was missing since May 2 and his son Jebrin had filed a missing complaint in the local Uravi police station. Police during the investigation found Jeyakumar's body in a charred state from his farmland on May 4. The farmland where his dead body was found was adjacent to Jeyakumar's house in KarisuthuPudur Village in Tirunelveli district. According to police sources, Jeyakumar had reportedly written a letter to Tirunelveli Superintendent of Police, N. Silambarasan that he feared for his life and requested police protection. Jeyakumar, according to the information, had revealed to the SP that he was facing threats to his life and that some strangers were seen near his house. As per reports, he also mentioned the name of the senior Congress leader who owed him money. Sources in Tirunelveli police told IANS that Jeyakumar was upset with Ruby Manoharan regarding some money that the latter owed him.

Minor kidnapped, gang-raped by seven in Lucknow

Lucknow, May 7 (IANS) A minor girl was allegedly held hostage and gang-raped by seven persons in the Uttar Pradesh capital.

An FIR was registered on Tuesday against five named and two unnamed persons on the complaint of the victim's mother. According to reports, the 16-year-old girl was kidnapped by the accused on May 3. She was made to drink intoxicants and held hostage in a garage for two days during which she was gang-raped.

The accused named in the FIR include Himanshu, Sahil, Sameer, Wahid, Anil and two unnamed persons.

The garage where the minor was kept belongs to one SadanLala of Thakurganj.

Delhi Police bust drug trafficking syndicate

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) With the arrest of three persons, the Special Cell of Delhi Police has claimed to have busted a drug trafficking syndicate involved in supplying the psychotropic substance 'Alprazolam' in different parts of the country, an official said.

A police officer said three persons have been arrested in this connection and 4.7 kg Alprazolam valued at over Rs 1 crore was also recovered.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Rachit Kumar (22), a resident of Uttarakhand; NamitChaudhary (34), a resident of Uttar Pradesh, and VangaRajender (49), a resident of Telangana.

According to the police, the accused had even set up an illegal manufacturing unit for Alprazolam in Gajraula in Uttar Pradesh.

Alprazolam was supplied through courier after concealing it inside a silver polythene to avoid detection by X-ray machines at courier companies and airports.

The police said that in the first week of February this year, an input regarding an inter-state narcotic drug cartel involved in the smuggling of psychotropic substances was received.

"During the investigation, members of this cartel were identified,



and their activities were kept under surveillance," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) AmitKaushik.

The DCP further said that on April 25, the police team intercepted a suspicious parcel sent by the members of this cartel at a warehouse of a courier company in Delhi's IGI Airport. "On opening the parcel, 2 kg of psychotropic substance packed in two packets of silver-coloured plastic polythene, covered from all sides by the two or three hard card boxes layers to avoid detection from X-ray machine was found," said the DCP. During the investigation, a raid was conducted in Haridwar and the person who booked the alleged parcel was identified as Rachit, and he was arrested.

"At his instance, a packet containing 1 kg Alprazolam (disclosed by accused Rachit) was recovered from his house," said the DCP.

On the instance of Rachit, Namit, who supplied the seized contraband to him, was also arrested in Haridwar.

"Two packets containing a total 1.71 kg Alprazolam (disclosed by accused Namit) were recovered from his house at Bijnor," said the DCP. During a further probe, the receiver of the seized parcel was identified as VangaRajender, and he was also arrested.

"In pursuant to the disclosure by Namit, a search warrant of a factory situated at Gajraula in Uttar Pradesh was obtained from a court. The search of the factory was conducted in the presence of police and officials of the drugs department of Amroha and a huge quantity of 1,570 kg (1,170 kg salt and 400 litres of chemicals) raw material used for manufacturing Alprazolam was recovered," said the DCP.

"This factory was running illegally and equipped with all equipment used for manufacturing Alprazolam. The factory has been sealed.

Man fatally stabbed near polling station in Osmanabad

Osmanabad (Maharashtra), May 7 (IANS) In a shocker, a man was allegedly stabbed to death while another was injured in a brawl that erupted on Tuesday near a polling station in Patsangvi village during the voting for LokSabha polls, the police said.

According to officials, in the charged political atmosphere of voting day, a verbal war broke out between two opposing groups near two polling booths at the ZillaParishad polling station in the village at Bhoomtaluka, around 11.45 a.m., sparking panic in the vicinity.

The incident, purportedly triggered over bringing in voters and supporters to the polling booths, led to heated arguments and soon degenerated into a full-fledged brawl between the two groups.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Sr. DEE (G), Chakradharpur, South Eastern Railway acting for & on behalf of President of India, invites E-tenders against open tender. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **E-Tender Notice No.: 05-EL-WT-2024-25, Date: 04.05.2024. Name of work:** Associated Electrical (G) works in connection with the Provision of 03 nos. Lift (01 no. at Tata & 02 nos. at Chakradharpur) under "Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan". **Tender Value:** ₹ 19,96,477.87. **EMD:** ₹ 39,900. **Tender Document Cost:** Nil. **Date of Closing/Opening:** 31.05.2024 at 15.00 hrs. The Tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III digital signature certificate & must be registered under IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **(PR-120)**

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Woman caught taking photos of EVM to show as evidence to leader: Goa Forward Party's Sardesai

Panaji, May 7 (IANS) Goa Forward Party President and MLA, VijaiSardesai on Tuesday alleged that one woman was caught clicking pictures of the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) after casting her vote on Tuesday and she confessed that she had done so at the behest of a BJP leader who had promised her a favour in return.

VijaiSardesai said that the woman voter belonged to his Fatorda constituency and was caught clicking pictures of the EVM to submit as evidence to the BJP leader.

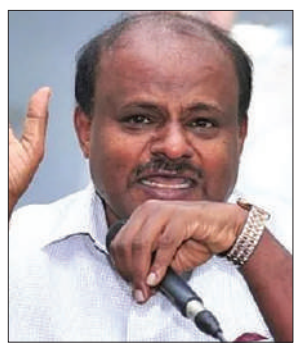
He said that though the woman was taken to the police station for further action, she was allowed to go home after local BJP leaders pressurised the cops. "Be alert. The BJP has been caught rigging out of fear of defeat. A woman voter in Fatorda constituency has been caught clicking pictures of the voting machine to submit as evidence to a BJP leader for favours," Sardesai said.

Army's Western Command conducts 'Gagan Strike' exercise in Punjab melding armour and air assets

Chandigarh, May 7 (IANS) The Kharga Corps, under the aegis of the Indian Army's Western Command, has completed Gagan Strike-II, a three-day joint exercise conducted at multiple locations in Punjab to refine processes and validate the employment of attack helicopters in support of mechanised operations in developed terrain, a defence statement said on Tuesday. Western Command chief, Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, along with Kharga Corps commander, Lt Gen Rahul R. Singh, complimented all ranks of the Kharga Corps, Army Aviation, and the Indian Air Force for their professional excellence and synergy of effort in the conduct of integrated operations, the statement said. The exercise, incorporating Apache and ALH-WSI helicopters, unarmed aerial vehicles, and the Army's Special Forces, was aimed at validating and exercising various force multipliers in support of the ground offensive by the Strike Corps, along with live firing by helicopters as demanded by mechanised forces during offensive manoeuvres.

K'taka sex scandal: Cong govt circulated 25K pen drives through police, claims Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru, May 5 (IANS) Former Karnataka Chief Minister and JD-S state President H.D. Kumaraswamy alleged on Tuesday that the Congress government circulated pen drives containing videos of women being sexually assaulted allegedly by his nephew and the sitting party MP from Hassan, PrajwalRevanna, through police officers in the middle of the LokSabha elections in



the state.

Prajwal Revanna, who is on the run, is the grandson of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda. Speaking to the media on Tuesday, Kumaraswamy claimed that on April 21, the distribution of pen drives was not confined to just the Hassan LokSabha constituency, as they were systematically circulated in the Mandya and Bengaluru Rural LokSabha seats. Kumaraswamy also claimed that more than 25,000 pen drives were circulated through police officers to defeat the JD-S candidates in the ongoing LokSabha elections.

While Kumaraswamy is the NDA candidate from Mandya, C.N. Manjunath, the son-in-law of H.D. DeveGowda, is contesting from the Bengaluru Rural seat on a BJP ticket against D.K. Suresh of the Congress, the younger brother of Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar.

CM Stalin felicitates only trans woman to clear Class 12 board exams in TN

Chennai, May 7(IANS) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday felicitated Nivetha (20), the only trans woman to appear for and clear the Class 12 board examination in the state.

The Chief Minister felicitated Nivetha at his chamber in the presence of Minister for School Education, Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, and Chief Secretary, Shiv Das Meena.

A total of 7,60,606 students appeared for the Class 12 board examination in the state this year.

Speaking to mediapersons, Nivetha said she also appeared for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) or NEET on May 5 and is confident of clearing the test. The trans woman also said that the Chief Minister has promised to extend all help for her education, adding that she came so far due to the support of her grandmothers - Shambavi and Anushee. The Chief Minister also felicitated M..Chinnadurai, a victim of caste-related violence in



Tirunelveli district in 2023, who cleared the Class 12 board exams this year.

Chinnadurai, an SC student, was attacked with sharp-edged weapons by three intermediate caste students in August 2023 in his hometown Nanguneri after he refused to buy cigarettes for them. The issue became a major subject of discussion in Tamil Nadu, forcing the Chief Minister to intervene and shift Chinnadurai and his family members from the village.

Chinnadurai, who secured 496 out of 600 marks in the board exams in the commerce stream, told mediapersons that he wants to become a chartered accountant.

When asked about the attack on him in 2023, Chinnadurai said that such incidents should not be repeated as he urged everyone to remain united.

RAF 106th Battalion launches "Meri Life" cleanliness drive and mental health workshop

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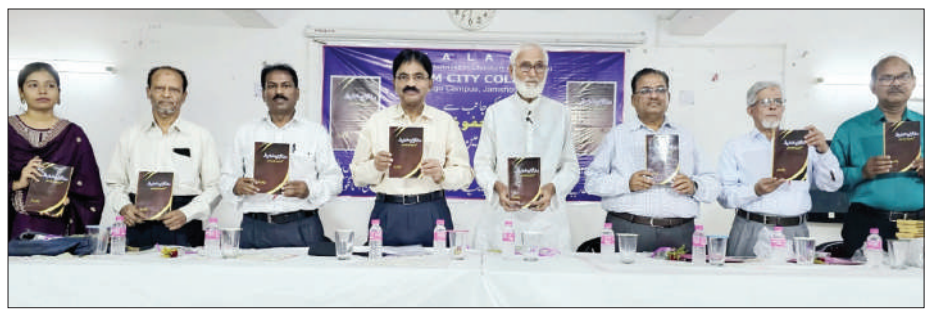


Jamshedpur, May 7: In an effort to address environmental concerns and prioritize mental well-being, the RAF 106th Battalion in Jamshedpur recently initiated a comprehensive program dubbed "Meri Life". This monthly endeavor, in accordance with directives from higher authorities, saw personnel from the battalion coming together for a cleanliness campaign within the camp premises. Under the "Meri Life" initiative, a significant emphasis was placed on fostering social awareness and collective participation to tackle prevalent challenges.

The cleanup drive not only aimed at enhancing the hygiene standards of the camp area but also served as a platform to promote environmental consciousness among the personnel. Additionally, the battalion organized a specialized workshop focused on the mental health of its soldiers. Led by Anushree Bhargava, an Art Therapist, Visual Artist, and Author holding a Master's degree from MIT Pune, the workshop provided invaluable insights and strategies for maintaining psychological well-being and happiness. (w/nkm)

Syed Mahfooz Alam's book "Makalaat-e-Mahfooz" launched at Karim City College

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Jamshedpur, May 7: The literary and cultural organization, Forum for Activities in Literature, Art, and Culture (FALK), at Karim City College (Mango Campus) hosted the grand unveiling ceremony of Syed Mahfooz Alam's latest literary masterpiece, "Makalaat-e-Mahfooz". The event, held in the college's multipurpose hall, witnessed a distinguished gathering, with Syed Shamim Ahmed Madani, Trustee of Kabir Welfare Trust, and Dr. Mohammad Zakaria, Secretary of Karim City College and Education Director of Karims Trust, gracing the occasion as the chief guests. The ceremony, elegantly moderated by Prof. Gauhar Aziz, featured insights into the book's content, described as a compilation of review and critical articles previously published from Kolkata. Esteemed Hindi-Urdu storyteller, Dr. Akhtar Azad, and special guest Ashraf Ahmed Jafri from Kolkata, delivered stirring reviews of the book, highlighting its literary significance. Addressing the audience, the chief guest praised Syed Mahfooz Alam's unwavering dedication to Urdu literature, hailing him as a stalwart servant of the language whose contributions remain unparalleled. The event culminated with Mahjabeen Siddiqui, Secretary of FALK, extending heartfelt gratitude to all attendees. Notable figures present included Dr. Safiullah Ansari, Dr. Iftikhar Nabi, Prof. Hoda, Prof. Seema Jabeen, acclaimed storyteller Anwar Imam, Dr. Afsar Kazmi, and Prof. Ahmed Badr, alongside a multitude of literature enthusiasts, all of whom added to the event's vibrancy and significance. (w/nkm)

Voter awareness campaign at Jamshedpur's Aastha Space Town

Jamshedpur, May 7: In a proactive move to encourage civic participation, the Mango Municipal Corporation orchestrated a vibrant voter awareness campaign today within the bounds of Aastha Space Town. Directed by the District Appropriate and Additional Municipal Commissioner, the campaign has ignited fervor across the Municipal Corporation area in anticipation of the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

The bustling streets of Aastha Space Town Dimna Road served as the focal point for today's activities, where a slew of prominent figures from the community engaged in the drive.

Mobile stickers and car decals adorned vehicles, amplifying the message of electoral responsibility. Residents enthusiastically pledged their commitment to exercise their voting rights come May 25th, underscoring the community's dedication to democratic engagement.

Moreover, the campaign extended its reach to areas like Baliguma and Jawahar Nagar, with women from self-help groups taking the lead in disseminating crucial information to bolster voter turnout. Among those spearheading this civic initiative.

Special Lok Adalat of MACT set for June 8

Seraikela, May 7: Following directives from Jhalsa Ranchi and under the guidance of District Legal Services Authority Chairman cum Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramashankar Singh, a special Lok Adalat of MACT is scheduled for June 8th. In preparation for this event, a meeting was convened by the Principal District and Sessions Judge with advocates on Monday. It was emphasized that MACT cases.

MLA Saryu Roy leads 'Sampark, Samasya aur Samadhan' campaign in Birsanagar

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Jamshedpur, May 7: Saryu Roy, the MLA representing Jamshedpur East, embarked on a proactive outreach initiative on Monday, visiting various areas within Birsanagar Zone No. 3B Block. Engaging in a comprehensive 'Sampark, Samasya aur Samadhan' campaign, Roy personally interacted with residents to identify and address community concerns. One pressing issue highlighted during these interactions was the frequent power outages experienced during the summer months. Responding promptly, Roy liaised with the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Electricity Department, advocating for the replacement of the existing 100 KB transformer with a more robust 200 KB transformer to mitigate power disruptions.

Additionally, recognizing the challenges faced by commuters due to inadequate bridge infrastructure, discussions were initiated regarding the construction of new bridges in the area.

Furthermore, plans were proposed for the installation of a guardwall along a major drain to alleviate potential flooding risks. Accompanying MLA Roy during this endeavor were several dignitaries and local representatives, including his personal secretary Sudhir Singh, District Minister Vikash Gupta, Yuva Morcha President Amit Sharma, ST Morcha President Prakash Koya, as well as community leaders Shankar Karmakar, Kashinath Pradhan, Sikher Rao, Saraswati Khamri, Ajay Kumar, Rahul Sinha, Sanjay Kalindi, Moni Nag, and Reshma Soy. (w/nkm)

BJP District Vice President accuses State CM of misleading tribals

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Chaibasa, May 7: Sukalal Kunkal, the District Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, has leveled serious allegations against the Chief Minister of the state, accusing him of deceiving innocent tribals with false promises in a bid to secure votes. In a scathing statement, Kunkal asserted that the people of Kolhan are well aware of the truth regarding the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's lack of accomplishments over the past five years. Kunkal further echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sentiment, claiming that the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and the Congress party are engaged in a race to plunder the state, indulging in corruption and scams at the expense of Jharkhand's welfare. He criticized these parties for allegedly orchestrating the illegal capture of forest land and neglecting the interests of the tribal community. Highlighting the BJP's contributions to tribal welfare, Kunkal emphasized the party's establishment of a separate ministry for tribal development, appointment of a tribal woman as President, and recognition of Lord Birsa Munda's birth anniversary as Tribal Pride Day. He lauded initiatives such as providing free food rations, housing, clean drinking water, and annual honorariums to tribal farmers. Addressing concerns about education, Kunkal commended Modi's efforts to establish quality educational institutions like Eklabya Vidyalayas.

He condemned the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's alleged exploitation of tribal aspirations by making false promises regarding the regularization of para-teachers without delivering tangible results. Accusing the Congress party of rampant corruption, Kunkal alleged that its members were engaged in embezzlement schemes while hypocritically claiming to champion tribal welfare.

He urged them to address their own corruption issues before purporting to advocate for tribal interests. Kunkal reaffirmed the Bharatiya Janata Party's commitment to the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas" (Together with All, Trust of All), portraying it as the true advocate for the welfare of all sections of society, including tribals. (w/nkm)

Plight of Gurubari Sabar exposes harsh reality amidst government efforts

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Jamshedpur, May 7: Despite substantial government expenditure aimed at safeguarding the endangered Sabar tribe, the distressing living conditions of Gurubari Sabar and her family paint a starkly different picture. Residing near Kaira Waterfall, also known as Kela Waterfall, adjacent to Kundrukocha village of Narada Panchayat under Potka Block 02, Gurubari Sabar faces dire circumstances, struggling to procure even basic necessities. Gurubari Sabar, along with her family, sustains themselves by selling wild fruits or timber from the forest, yet their primary challenge remains access to clean drinking water.

Forced to rely on the contaminated water from the Chuan (shallow bore-well) for quenching their thirst, she confronts the harsh reality of deprivation amidst the lush forest surroundings. Compounding their plight, the absence of electricity and proper roads exacerbates their living conditions.

Without the means to access essential amenities, Gurubari and her family find themselves compelled to inhabit a dilapidated shelter with a makeshift roof, barely sustained by the meager pension she receives. The lack of electricity infrastructure till Kaira Waterfall confines several Sabar families, including Gurubari's, to endure primitive living conditions in the Dhibri era.

Village leaders, including Budheshwar Sardar, Uday Sardar, and Gopinath Sardar, have fervently advocated for the provision of electricity and forest lease in the village. Their plea echoes the urgent need to alleviate the suffering of Gurubari Sabar's homeless family, ensuring access to water, electricity, and dignified living conditions akin to the envisioned Birsa house. (w/nkm)

Case filed for spreading false propaganda via fake social media profiles

Jamshedpur, May 7: The Bistupur Cyber Police Station has registered a case following allegations of false propaganda spread through fake WhatsApp and Facebook accounts. Harjeet Singh, also known as Chintu Singh, a resident of Punjabi Line East Plant Basti in Burmamines, filed an FIR against unknown individuals for malicious activities. The incident, which occurred in March, involves the dissemination of defamatory content aimed at tarnishing Singh's reputation.

According to Singh, he is an active member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the founder of the Hindu organization, Sanatan Utsav Samiti. He actively participates in various social and religious endeavors. Singh became aware of the false propaganda when a colleague alerted him to the circulation of posts portraying an unknown woman on WhatsApp and fake Facebook accounts. These posts accused Singh of heinous crimes such as rape and exploitation of women, thereby besmirching his character and integrity. In response to these allegations, Singh lodged a complaint with the authorities, prompting the initiation of an investigation by the Bistupur Cyber Police Station. The case underscores the pernicious effects of spreading misinformation and the importance of vigilance in combating such deceptive practices in the digital age. (w/nkm)

Karni Sena to lead Shaurya Yatra on Maharana Pratap Jayanti

Jamshedpur, May 7: The Kshatriya Karni Sena, under the guidance of esteemed leaders from the Kshatriya community, convened a meeting at a hotel in Dimna to outline a significant program commemorating the birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap on May 9th. During the gathering, it was unanimously decided that a grand Shaurya Yatra would be conducted from Bodhi Maidan in Sakchi to Maharana Pratap Chowk in honor of the revered Maharana Pratap Jayanti. Additionally, on the eve of Maharana Pratap Jayanti, scheduled for May 8th, a spectacular fireworks display will illuminate the skies at Maharana Pratap Chowk, accompanied by a ceremonial Deepotsav to celebrate the memory of Maharana Pratap. This event is expected to draw hundreds of participants from the Kshatriya community, symbolizing their collective reverence for Maharana Pratap ji. Presided over by State President Vinay Singh, the program aims to pay homage to the legendary figure of Maharana Pratap, reflecting the unwavering valor and spirit of the Kshatriya lineage. Hari Singh Rajput, in a press release, extended an invitation to the public, inviting them to partake in this auspicious occasion and honor the legacy of Maharana Pratap with dignity and pride. (w/nkm)

Nepotism, appeasement, corruption marks INDIA bloc: Sudesh

Chandraprakash files nomination for Giridih LS

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Ranchi/Giridih, May 7: NDA alliance is dedicated to the country. Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas is the mantra of NDA. On the basis of this mantra, we are seeking public blessings from the public said Ajsu chief Sudesh Mahato.

"On the other hand, INDIA alliance is identified with corruption, nepotism and appeasement," said Mahato at a rally in Banddih High School grounds after the nomination of NDA's AJSU candidate Chandra Prakash Chaudhary from Giridih Lok Sabha constituency. "People are showing more enthusiasm than in the year 2019. This enthusiasm, love and faith will become the basis of our victory. The government of Jharkhand has crossed all limits of corruption. Another pile of black money is exposing their misdeeds in four and a half years," said Mahato.

Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and Bihar BJP state president Samrat Chaudhary said that in the last ten years, unprecedented development work has been done under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

"Today we are the fifth economy in the world. It is Modi's guarantee to send every corrupt person who loots the poor to jail. The Central Government has worked to improve the standard of living of every section of the society through its public welfare schemes. The only objective of Lalu Yadav in Bihar and Shibu Soren in Jharkhand is the welfare of their families," said Chaudhary.

Babulal Marandi said that JMM-Congress are against Jharkhand, Jharkhandis and development. During its tenure of four and a half years, this government has looted the state. This is a government that loots land, stones, coal and sand. The people of the country including the state will once again make Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who cares about the villages and the poor, the Prime Minister. Chandra Prakash Chaudhary said that the turnout of people participating in today's program has made it clear that the people of Giridih Lok Sabha have decided to once again give their trust and support to the NDA.

BJP's Election Office Inaugurated in Bhalubasa

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Jamshedpur, May 7: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has opened its election office in Sitaramdera mandal, located within the East Assembly of the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha constituency. The inauguration ceremony took place at Hotel Mishti Inn on Bhalubasa Main Road, with Bidyut Baran Mahato, the sitting MP and candidate for Jamshedpur, formally inaugurating the office. The event saw the presence of key party leaders including Eastern Assembly in-charge Devendra Singh, Convener Mithilesh Singh Yadav, former District President Gunjan Yadav, and Mandal President Suresh Sharma. Following the inauguration, MP Bidyut Mahato held a meeting with party workers to strategize for the upcoming elections. The workers expressed their dedication to ensuring a resounding victory for Bidyut Mahato across all polling booths in the division. Addressing the gathering, MP Bidyut Mahato emphasized the importance of opening election offices across divisions within the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha constituency. He highlighted that these offices will not only boost the election campaign but also aid in devising winning strategies for the party. Situated in the heart of Sitaramdera area, the office will serve as a platform for workers, supporters, and the public to voice their opinions easily. Mahato also stressed on accelerating the public relations campaign by involving seasoned party workers. (w/nkm)

Loot model of JMM-Cong confirmed, says BJP after Rs 35 cr found in ED raid

Ranchi, May 7 (IANS) After the emergence of a video showcasing stacks of currency notes at the residence of a Jharkhand Minister's PA's house help during the raid, the BharatiyaJanata Party (BJP), said it was a glaring instance of corruption within the INDIA bloc.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) was on Monday conducting raids at various places in the state and recovered Rs 35 crore from the house of a man who works as a house help at the residence of Rural Development Minister Alamgir's personal assistant (PA), Sanjeev Kumar. The raid has sparked heated controversy. The emergence of video footage showcasing stacks of currency notes during the raid quickly went viral on social media platforms, intensifying public scrutiny and political backlash.

BabulalMarandi, the president of the Jharkhand BJP and a former Chief Minister, shared the incriminating video and said, "The loot model that the Prime Minister was talking about just two days ago regarding the JMM-Congress, has now been confirmed by this money, "



Marandi said that while the Congress dreams of making its prince the Prime Minister with these stolen funds, they have robbed the rights of the poor, Dalits, Adivasis, and the marginalised.

"From DheerajSahu to AlamgirAlam and from Pankaj Mishra to Puja Singhal, the seizure of endless black money from their addresses has exposed the organised plunder carried out by the state government over the past 5 years," he wrote on X.

"Think about it, if Rs 35 crore in cash can be found with the servant of a minister's PA in Jharkhand, then how much more of the hard-earned money of the poor have other ministers looted and hidden with their servants? We feel that KalpanaSorenji will now stop shedding crocodile tears and saying what is HemantSoren's crime," he further stated.

"There is a strong possibility of influencing the general elections by misusing all this money. @ECISVEEP Immediately raid the hideouts of all the highly corrupt ministers of the state to stop the misuse of black money in elections and take strict action," the post added.

Two-day Rajyoga Workshop concludes at Brahma Kumaris

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Jamshedpur, May 7: The Brahma Kumaris, at the Universal Peace Palace Retreat Center at Marine Drive in Sonari, concluded a two-day Rajyoga meditation workshop. The workshop, led by Brahma Kumari Anju Didi, a senior Rajyogini from the Kolhapur divisional area, aimed to address the pressing need for peace in today's world. Highlighting the significance of the workshop, Anju Didi emphasized the importance of spreading happiness, peace, joy, love, knowledge, purity, and power to all corners of the globe through Rajyoga meditation. Addressing the gathering, BK Dr. Piyush Ranjan, Senior Resident Physiologist from Dumka, stressed the importance of maintaining a proper daily routine and establishing harmony with Mother Nature. He underlined the role of pure food in maintaining mental peace, citing the adage that a pure mind stemmed from pure food. Dr. Ranjan advocated the practice of Rajyoga meditation to cultivate positivity in life, noting the transformative impact it has had on the lives of countless individuals associated with Brahma Kumaris. The event saw participation of approximately 350 persons from various service centers, with workshops covering a diverse range of topics. Dr. Ranjan encouraged participants to explore the opportunity to learn Rajyoga meditation free of charge at their nearest Brahma Kumaris center. (w/gsd)

JMM suspends rebel MLA Chamra Linda over independent candidacy



Ranchi, May 7: In a decisive move, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (Shraddh) has suspended rebel MLA Chamra Linda from the party, along with stripping him of all party responsibilities. The announcement came through a letter issued by party General Secretary Vinod Pandey. The letter cited Linda's decision to contest the Lok Sabha elections independently from the Lohardaga constituency, going against the alliance formed by the party. Consequently, as per the directives of Central Committee Chairman Shibu Soren, Linda has been relieved of all party roles and suspended from party membership. Despite being given an opportunity by the party to reconsider his independent candidacy until the withdrawal date of nominations, Linda persisted with his decision, prompting the party to take disciplinary action against him. Chamra Linda's candidacy as an independent candidate from the Lohardaga parliamentary seat stands, albeit now without the backing of the JMM. (w/nkm)

Community leaders advocate for local management of minor minerals

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Seraikela, May 7: In a concerted effort to address community concerns regarding the utilization and administration of minor minerals, Budhu Singh Munda, Principal President of Hadat Traditional Gram Sabha of Ichagarh Block, along with Manoj Singh Munda, Executive President of Saparoom Gram Sabha of Kukdu Block, and Pitamber Singh Manki, Village Head of Sapada Gram Sabha, have jointly submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner. The memorandum advocates for the utilization and management of minor minerals under the purview of the Jharkhand Panchayat Provisions (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Rules-2022. Quoting various legal provisions, the memorandum highlights the identification of mineral-rich areas within the district, as well as the recording of such minerals in the District Statistical Reports (DSR). It emphasizes the significance of community involvement in the management of sand ghats, proposing the establishment of a monitoring council comprising district public representatives. Under this proposed framework, the traditional heads of all Gram Sabhas within Panchayats Tiruldih, Sodo, and Gaurangkocha would oversee the management of sand ghats within their respective jurisdictions. Human labor would be prioritized in these endeavors, with adherence to all provisions of the Mines Act 1952 ensured by the monitoring council. Furthermore, the memorandum calls for the transfer of seized sand stocks to the District People's Representatives Monitoring Council for management in the public interest and for the implementation of government schemes. It also requests the jurisdiction of sand ghats currently managed by JSMDC in Sodo Panchayat to be transferred to the District Lok Jan Pratinidhi Parishad within the next 15 years. Additionally, District Council member Savita Mardi has submitted a separate memorandum, emphasizing the importance of proper guidance for the Monitoring Council and urging instructions to be issued to the District Mining Task Force. (w/nkm)

22 KPS Kadma students score above 90% in ICSE exam

Yashdeep Sidhu tops School in ISC science, scores 94.8%

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Jamshedpur, May 7: Kerala Public School Kadma announced the exceptional achievements of its students in both the ISC (Indian School Certificate) and ICSE (Indian Certificate of Secondary Education) examinations for the year 2024. With diligence, determination, and unwavering commitment, these students have demonstrated their academic prowess and set a remarkable example for their peers.

In the ISC examinations, a total of 162 students appeared, showcasing their proficiency across various streams. In Pure Science Yashdeep Sidhu claimed the top spot with an impressive score of 94.8%, closely followed by Aryan Meshram at 94.5% and Piyush Bansal at 94%.

Noteworthy mention goes to Moupriya Sarkar, Ayushi Ojha, Prantik Paul, Renesha Goswami, and Riddhima Singh, all achieving remarkable scores above 90%. In Bio Science Niharika Harpal emerged as the topper in the Bio Science stream with a score of 92%, followed by Shruti Jha at 87% and Aayush Jha at 84.75%.

In Commerce A Vishal secured the top position in Commerce with a commendable score of 92.8%, accompanied by Jasmine Ahuja at 88.8% and Sharda Sharat at 87.8%.

In Arts Rani Murmu led the Arts stream with a score of 93.5%, followed by Twinkle Das at 90.5% and Anjali Mahato at 82%. Altogether 12 students scored 90% & above in ISC exam. Meanwhile, in the ICSE examinations, students showcased their brilliance with outstanding performances across Science and Commerce streams with 22 students scoring above 90 %. In Science Snehasis Mohanty claimed the top position with an outstanding score of 96.2%, followed by Ananya Guhathakurta at 95.4% and Saket Mishra at 95%. Ankit Raj, Archit Kumar Sahoo, and M. Jivitesh Kumar were among the top performers with scores above 94%.

In Commerce Afshan Zaheen showcased exceptional proficiency in Commerce, securing the top position with a score of 93.2%.Sharmila Mukherjee, Principal of Kerala Public School Kadma, congratulated all the students who excelled in the ISC and ICSE examinations. She commended their hard work, dedication, and perseverance in achieving such outstanding results.

Prabhat Kumar reelected President in District Bar Association Polls

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Seraikela, May 7: Amidst a day filled with bustling activities, the District Bar Association conducted its elections in a peaceful and transparent manner on Tuesday. From the early hours of the morning, advocates cast their votes, leading to the subsequent counting of ballots in the afternoon. The results, announced late in the evening by Chief Electoral Officer Ajit Kumar Das and Assistant Electoral Officers Pranab Singhdev and Deendayal Mishra, revealed Prabhat Kumar's victory as President of the District Bar Association for the third consecutive term. He secured 105 votes, triumphing over his closest contender Subodh Chandra Hazra by a margin of 32 votes. His closest competitor, Subodh Chandra Hazra, received 73 votes, while three votes were not cast in this category. For the position of Vice President, Kedarnath Aggarwal emerged victorious with 93 votes, edging past Om Prakash who received 86 votes. Similarly, in the General Secretary category, Devashish Astrologer secured victory with 90 votes, followed by Arun Kumar Singh with 42 votes, Raj Kumar Sahu with 33 votes, and Nirmal Kumar Acharya with 14 votes. One vote was declared invalid, and one remained uncast. In the Joint Secretary Administration role, Jalesh Kabi claimed victory with 86 votes, defeating Bhim Singh Kudada who received 72 votes, and Ambika Charan Pani with 23 votes.

The Joint Secretary Library position was clinched by Tapan Kumar Malakar, who secured 92 votes, while Devranjan Astrologer received 86 votes, and three votes were not cast. Lakhinder Nayak emerged victorious as Treasurer with 77 votes, surpassing Nike Hembrum who received 65 votes, and Abhishek Kumar with 38 votes. One vote remained uncast in this category. Finally, for the SST Treasure position, Durga Charan Jonko secured victory with 95 votes, while Prakash Jyotishi received 81 votes. Five votes were not cast. The voting took place at the old bar building, with a total of 181 out of 203 eligible advocates exercising their right to vote.

Following the announcement of results, advocates exchanged congratulations and celebrated their victories with camaraderie, reflecting the spirit of the legal community. (w/nkm)

Saryu Roy notes drainage and road construction issues in Birsanagar



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Jamshedpur, May 7: Jamshedpur East Assembly MLA Saryu Roy, during his inspection visit to Birsanagar, noted the drainage problems persisting in the localityand emphasized the need for effective solution. While interacting with the local residents, he heard complaints of water logging especially during the monsoons. Assuring Birsanagar residents of action, he assured to propose the implementation of the Integrated Drain Development Scheme once the election code of conduct period concluded. He walked around various localities on foot and engaged in discussions with the local residents about their persisting problems. Roynoted the deteriorating condition of roads in Birsanagar and observed the ongoing repair work and future construction plans post the code of conduct period. He was warmly greeted by residents and he expressed his commitment to transforming Birsanagar into a model colony, not just in Jamshedpur but across Jharkhand. During his visit, Roy also inspected the progress of the construction of residences under the PMAY schemeHe was critical about the slow pace of work and the quality of construction material and stressed that drainage aspects should be considered during the construction of the houses. Accompanying Saryu Roy during his Birsanagar tour were Sudhir Singh, his personal secretary, BJM District Minister Vikas Gupta and local residents. (w/gsd)

DLSA Secretary visits Old Age Home

Seraikela, May 7: Tausif Meraj, the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), paid a visit to the Senior Citizens Home Old Age Home in Sahebganj, Seraikela. During his visit, Meraj interacted with the elderly residents residing in the old age home, inquiring about their well-being and living conditions. Meraj diligently gathered information from the senior citizens regarding the quality of food, availability of water, and overall living arrangements provided to them in the old age home.

DC chairs meeting for voter slip distribution in Gamharia Block

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Seraikela, May 7: In a bid to ensure maximum voter participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha General Election-2024, a meeting was convened by District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla at the Auto Cluster Auditorium in Gamharia. The meeting, attended by Block Level Officers (BLOs) and BLO supervisors of the Gamharia/Adityapur area, focused on reviewing the distribution of voter list slips. Deputy Commissioner Shukla emphasized the importance of distributing the slips effectively and instructed all concerned parties to ensure 100 percent distribution by May 8, 2024. In areas where the distribution percentage was observed to be low, collaborative efforts with the office of Municipal Corporation Adityapur and the relevant Assistant Electoral Registration Officer were proposed to expedite the process. Addressing the attendees, Deputy Commissioner Shukla emphasized the significance of distributing voter information slips solely to eligible voters or their family members. He urged the utilization of local workers and senior citizens to facilitate the distribution process, particularly in urban areas, and to provide essential election-related information to motivate voters. Concluding the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Shukla administered the Voter's Pledge to all officials, BLOs, and BLO supervisors present, emphasizing the importance of exercising their franchise without bias and encouraging others to do the same. An appeal was made to uphold the principles of democracy and ensure maximum voter turnout in the upcoming elections. (w/nkm)

27 candidates in fray for Ranchi LS seat after scrutiny, 6 nominations cancelled

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Ranchi, May 7: The scrutiny process for the Ranchi parliamentary constituency concluded on Tuesday with the examination of nomination papers of all 33 candidates. Led by Returning Officer Rahul Kumar Sinha, the scrutiny took place at room number 207, Collectorate Block-A, amidst the presence of candidates and their proposers. Following meticulous scrutiny, the nominations of 27 candidates vying for seats in the Ranchi Lok Sabha constituency have been confirmed as accurate. Among the verified candidates are Mintu Paswan representing the Socialist Unity Center of India (Communist), Ramhari Gope from the Ambedkarite Party of India, and Arshad Ayub, running as an Independent candidate. The list encompasses a diverse spectrum of political affiliations, including Pankaj Kumar Ravi of the People's Party of India (Democratic), Sanjay Seth of the Bharatiya Janata Party, and Harinath Sahu of the Lok Adhikar Party. Other contenders include Anjani Pandey of the Tribal Kisan Mazdoor Party, Dhananjay Kumar Bhagat representing the Mera Adhikar Rashtriya Dal, and Manoranjan Bhattacharya as an Independent nominee. Additionally, Manoj Kumar stands for the Bahujan Samaj Party, while Nipu Singh represents the Rashtriya Jan Sangharsh Swaraj Party. The list also features Dharmendra Tiwari of the Bharatiya Jantantra Morcha, Birendra Nath Manjhi from the Abua Jharkhand Party, and Devendra Nath Mahato as an Independent candidate. Praveen Kachhap represents the Sampoorna Bharat Kranti Party, with Kameshwar Prasad Saav as another Independent contestant. Furthermore, Sarveshwari Sahu represents the Ekal Sanatan Bharat Dal, Soma Singh the Jai Mahabharat Party, and Yashaswini Sahay the Indian National Congress. Shyam Bihari Prajapati represents the Partnership Party, while Vinod Oraon stands for the Bahujan Mukti Party. Also included are Ranjana Giri of the Republican Party of India (A), Prabin Chandra Mahato as an Independent nominee, Ainul Ansari, Santosh Kumar Jaiswal, and Koleshwar Mahato, all running as Independents. However, errors were found in the nomination papers of six candidates, leading to the rejection of their nominations. Among those affected are Sandeep Oraon and Sanjay Kumar Mahato, both standing as Independent candidates. Amarendra Kumar's nomination representing the Jharkhand Jankranti Morcha was also rejected, alongside Premnath Badaik and Manju Devi, who were running independently. Sushil Kumar's candidacy, representing the Swaraj Ekta Party, was also invalidated. These errors have led to the disqualification of these candidates from the forthcoming elections, depriving them of the opportunity to contest in the Ranchi Lok Sabha constituency. Candidates have until 3 pm on May 9th to withdraw their nominations. Following this, election symbols will be allotted to the remaining candidates starting from 4 pm onwards. (w/nkm)

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जिला दण्डाधिकारी एवं उपायुक्त का कार्यालय

पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर (जिला निर्वाचन शाखा)

आम सूचना

एतद् द्वारा पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिला के आम जनता/मतदाताओं को सूचित करना है कि लोकसभा आम निर्वाचन 2024 के परिप्रेक्ष्य में 9–जमशेदपुर लोकासभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के स्वच्छ, निष्पक्ष एवं शांतिपूर्ण ढंग से निर्वाचन सम्पन्न कराने हेतु भारत निर्वाचन आयोग, नई दिल्ली के द्वारा, सामान्य प्रेक्षक (General Observer), पुलिस प्रेक्षक (Police Observer) तथा व्यय प्रेक्षक (Expenditure Observer) नियुक्त किया गया है, जिसका विवरणी निम्न प्रकार है :–

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Sri Killu Siva Kumar Naidu, IAS	44-Baharagora 45-Ghatshila (ST) 46-Potka (ST) 47-Jugsalai (SC) 48-Jamshedpur East 49-Jamshedpur West	9431748099	Room No.-3, Circuit House, CH Area, Bistupur, Jamshedpur	11am to 12pm
Sri Jalindar D. Supekar, IPS	44-Baharagora 45-Ghatshila (ST) 46-Potka (ST) 47-Jugsalai (SC) 48-Jamshedpur East 49-Jamshedpur West	9304670762	Room No.-1, Circuit House, CH Area, Bistupur, Jamshedpur	11am to 12pm
Sri S.P.G Mudaliar, IRS	44-Baharagora 45-Ghatshila (ST) 46-Potka (ST)	9431903880	Room No.-2, Circuit House, CH Area, Bistupur, Jamshedpur	11am to 12pm
Sri Ish Gupta, IRS	47-Jugsalai (SC) 48-Jamshedpur East 49-Jamshedpur West	9431910441	Room No.-4, Circuit House, CH Area, Bistupur, Jamshedpur	11am to 12pm

अतः 9–जमशेदपुर लोकसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रान्तर्गत निर्वाचन के संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना/शिकायत उक्त मोबाईल नम्बर पर दिया जा सकता हैं।

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Safeguarding employee benefits

In the realm of employment, gratuity, pension, and outstanding salary upon retirement are not mere rewards; they represent the hard-earned profits accumulated through years of dedicated service. These benefits are akin to property, reflective of an employee's consistent and loyal contributions over an extended period. It is imperative to recognize that these entitlements are not arbitrary handouts but rather the rightful accumulation of an individual's labor.

Article 300 A of the Constitution safeguards employees' rights by stipulating that the government or organization cannot arbitrarily deprive them of their accrued benefits. Even in cases where there are pending departmental or criminal actions, due legal process must be followed before withholding gratuity or pension. The recent order by the Allahabad High Court underscores the importance of adhering to legal procedures in matters concerning employees' entitlements.

The court's decision to cancel the order halting the payment of gratuity and outstanding salary to a retired market inspector of the State Agricultural Produce Market Council, Kanpur, sets a crucial precedent. By emphasizing that gratuity cannot be withheld, even in the presence of outstanding dues or allegations of misconduct, the court reaffirms the principle of justice and fairness in employment matters.

Furthermore, the court's ruling highlights the importance of conducting thorough investigations and adhering to due process before taking any punitive actions against employees. In the absence of concrete evidence or convictions, it is unjustifiable to withhold employees' entitled benefits. Allegations alone should not serve as grounds for depriving individuals of their hard-earned rewards.

The case serves as a reminder to employers and government entities alike to uphold the rights and dignity of employees, even in the face of administrative or legal challenges. It underscores the need for transparency, accountability, and adherence to legal norms in dealing with employment-related matters.

Ultimately, the court's decision provides a sense of relief and reassurance to employees, reaffirming their rights to gratuity and pension as sacrosanct elements of their employment tenure. It underscores the principle that justice must prevail, and individuals should not be unfairly penalized or deprived of their rightful entitlements without due process and substantiated evidence..

From the Editorial Desk

Will Chandrababu Naidu's winning streak continue in Andhra's Kuppam?

By Mohammed Shafeeq



While Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President N. Chandrababu Naidu has his eyes set on another term in power, the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) in Andhra Pradesh is going all out to defeat him in Kuppam in his home district Chittoor. As part of its slogan 'why not 175', the YSRCP has been focusing on Kuppam, which is represented by the former chief minister since 1989.

Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has been trying to undermine his arch-rival in Kuppam since 2014 and he stepped up the efforts after coming to power in 2019. The same year he upgraded Kuppam town from Nagar Panchayat to Grade-III municipality.

Jagan's efforts yielded results as YSRCP won Kuppam municipality and all rural local bodies in the 2021 local body elections. For the first time in three decades, the TDP lost all local bodies in Chandrababu Naidu's home constituency.

It was following this win that the ruling party came up with the 'why not 175' slogan to win all Assembly seats in the 2024 polls.

After YSRCP's sweep in local body elections, Jagan Mohan Reddy visited Kuppam in 2022. Since then the party made consistent efforts to undermine Naidu's supremacy on his home turf. YSRCP's Chittoor strongman and minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy led the attempts by launching various welfare programmes in Kuppam on a mission mode. Ramachandra Reddy's son and MP P. V. Midhun Reddy personally oversaw the implementation of the schemes

Jagan visited Kuppam again early this year to inaugurate several developmental projects and also released water to Kuppam town through the recently constructed branch canal from the HandriNeevaSujalaSravanthi reservoir. The YSRCP claimed that this met a long-pending demand of the people of Kuppam which Naidu did meet despite being in power.

The Chief Minister accused Naidu of completely neglecting his own constituency, which he had been representing for the last three and a half decades. "He has lost his eligibility to be your MLA," he said. Naidu, however, claimed that 87 per cent of works on the Kuppam canal were completed during his regime itself and asked why it took five long years for Jagan to complete the remaining works.

At the same public meeting, Jagan introduced KRJ Bharat as the YSRCP candidate from Kuppam. He appealed to people to elect the OBC candidate as their representative.

Jagan went on to promise a ministerial position for Bharat and assured the people that the government would launch further development and welfare initiatives in the Kuppam constituency. Bharat is the son of retired IAS officer K. Chandramouli, who had contested as a YSRCP candidate from the same constituency in 2014 and 2019. Chandramouli gave a tough fight to Naidu in 2019. The TDP chief, however, managed to retain the seat with a majority of 30,722 votes. In the 2014 election, Naidu's margin of victory over Chandramouli was 47,121 votes.

After Chandramouli's death in 2020, YSRCP made his son Bharat the party in charge of the constituency.

The drop in victory margin since 2009 and YSRCP's special focus on Kuppam forced Naidu to put in place a counter-strategy.

The TDP chief started frequently visiting the constituency to reinforce his connect with the people. He promised to transform Kuppam into a model town. Naidu announced the creation of a special cluster, spread across 100 acres, for granite sculptors. He also unveiled plans to ensure the welfare and development of various sections.

The former chief minister also promised an outer ring road and a four-lane road to Bengaluru to improve connectivity and infrastructure in Kuppam.

Naidu's wife N. Bhuvaneswari also visited the constituency last month to file a nomination on his behalf. On April 20, she celebrated Naidu's 74th birthday with party leaders and interacted with voters from various sections.

A new Cold War with a difference

By D.C. Pathak



The Middle East is in a situation of flux because of the recent exchange of drone and missile attacks between Iran and Israel, an important visit to Pakistan made by the Iranian President following these events, and the fallout of Israel-Hamas conflict that produced pro-Palestinian demonstrations in the US and elsewhere in the Muslim world.

This is opening up the question as to what impact are the religious divides in the region making on the ideologically delineated Cold War that was already on the horizon involving the US-led West on one hand and the China-Russia axis, on the other.

The old political rivalry between the two strong players in the region, Israel and Iran, took a violent turn when Israel -- opposed to the rule of Bashar Al Assad, the Alawite President of Syria -- made a missile attack on Damascus on April 1 in which Iran's diplomatic mission was hit and seven officers of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp were killed.

Iran retaliated on April 13 by firing missiles at Israel that were mostly shot down by the Iron Dome Defence system of the latter and a few days later on April 18 Israel responded by making a drone attack on Isfahan that reportedly did not cause any significant casualties.

There was an element of restraint on both sides which stemmed from a combination of factors -- Iran weighing in the US support for Israel and Israel sensing the limitations on American backing put by the international criticism of the loss of civilian lives in Gaza at the hands of Israeli Defence Forces.

In fact, in the Joe Biden administration, the White House was contemplating measures to balance its support to Israel with an effort to counter any Islamophobic trends that the Israel-Hamas conflict could produce following the October 7 'terror' attack of Hamas on Israel. The US is also at the same time, having to deal with pro-Palestinian demonstrations held in the country, particularly on the university campuses there.

Iran and Pakistan, the two neighbouring Islamic countries -- though inherently prone to the repercussions of the historical Shia-Sunni divide, have maintained a cautious line of peaceful relationship that could even overcome the incidents of exchange of missile attacks between them in January this year.

The Sunni Islamic radical outfit Jaish Al Adl based in Baluchistan intruded into the adjoining Sistan area of Iran whereupon Iran fired missiles on the outfit's base in Baluchistan -- inviting in return, a retaliatory military strike from Pakistan that seemed somewhat symbolic.

In the background of the Israel-Hamas conflict, Iran was getting politically drawn to the China-Russia combine -- it had already extended military help to Russia by way of supply of drones to the latter during the Ukraine-Russia 'war'.

Pakistan on its part, has historically been opposed to the creation of a Zionist state and maintains no diplomatic relations with Israel even today.

Pakistan has a strong strategic alliance with China but has managed to be on the right side of the US after playing the role of a mediator in the talks between the Taliban and the US at Doha that resulted in the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan and the reinstallation of the Taliban Emirate at Kabul in 2021.

Pakistan is also a key member of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) and has been extremely close to Saudi Arabia, the Chairman of this block of 57 Islamic countries.

Sunni radicals consider the US and the Shiites as their enemies and would abhor the idea of Pakistan getting close to the US. Pakistan, however, has struck an equation with radical outfits like the Taliban, Al Qaeda and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) which are inimical to the US, Saudi Arabia and the Ayatollah regime of Iran, alike.

For Iran, friendship with Pakistan is strategically gainful for maintaining its hold in the Middle East against its main rival Israel -- it is aware that left to itself Pakistan did not harbour any faith-based antipathy towards Iran.

The three-day visit of Iranian President EbrahimRaisi to Islamabad from April 22 in the context of the Israel-Hamas conflict -- particularly after the exchange of missile attacks between Iran and Israel -- is of great significance not only for the Middle East but also for the wider geopolitics that is marked by a clear drift towards a new Cold War between the US-led West and the China-Russia axis.

It is interesting how this political polarisation at the global level is getting bolstered by the religion-based alignments within the Muslim world in general and the Middle East in particular.

Iranian President clearly wanted Pakistan's support in its confrontation with Israel even as both Iran and Pakistan were aware of the US opposition to any trade pacts between them.

The prolonged military action of Israel in Gaza has revived the fundamental antagonism between the Zionist state and Islamic Palestine.

The anti-US character of Shia fundamentalism and the pro-Assad stand of Iran in Syria have pushed Iran closer to Russia and China.

It is interesting, however, that radicalisation in the Islamic world is a cause for concern for both the US and Russia.

The US hopefully would have learnt the lesson that for political convenience in the past -- in the context of the American banking on Pakistan for dealing with post-Soviet Afghanistan -- it had made a strange attempt to draw a distinction between 'good terrorists' and 'bad terrorists' which had only added to the threat of faith-based terror from radicalised forces facing the world.

The US had tried to distinguish between Islamic radical outfits that considered it as their prime enemy and the terrorist groups reared and directed by Pak ISI for use in cross-border terrorism against India but it perhaps realised in the course of time that Pakistan was in fact also giving shelter to Taliban, Al Qaeda and ISIS on its soil.

President Biden's White House is now concerned over the fallout of Israeli action in Gaza that had killed more than 30000 civilians in Palestine -- pro-Muslim demonstrations in the US and outside might be weakening the US position in the Middle East and conferring a certain advantage to Russia and China there.

The US has to understand that multi-prong measures were needed to isolate the 'radicalised' forces by convincing the Islamic world that recourse to Jehad was not needed for solving any political issues. This is a challenge requiring the US and India to closely work together.

The injection of religion into international politics and the advent of faith-based violence in many theatres are posing a great danger to the democratic world order.

The identification of Israel with the US has accentuated the hostility of radical Sunni forces and the Shiite fundamentalists both, against the former. The position of pro-US Arab countries like Saudi Arabia and Egypt could get weakened if the military action of Israel in Gaza was further escalated leading to the destruction of civilian lives there.

India has taken an independent stand both in the Ukraine-Russia military confrontation and the Israel-Hamas conflict, favouring peaceful negotiations that would show an understanding of the security concerns of both Ukraine and Russia and in the case of Palestine uphold a two-state solution.

In the Middle East, advocates of Jehad pushed 'revivalism' to the point of stirring up the historical memory of Kharijites and have carried Shia-Sunni strife to a new level. They should be shunned and those who convincingly worked to establish Islam as a peaceful religion in the region, given discreet support.

While India would stand for all of that, its concern is that Pakistan would independently promote a narrative in the name of peace that there should be a resumption of Indo-Pak talks.

India has to take due notice of the fact that during the visit of Pak Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to meet Saudi ruler Prince Mohammad bin Salman, their joint statement issued at Mecca on April 7 last, stressed the importance of dialogue between Pakistan and India to resolve their outstanding issues especially the J&K dispute 'to ensure peace and stability in the region'.

Also, on the recent visit of Iran's President to Islamabad, a more elaborate joint statement issued on the occasion expressed that there was a need to resolve the issue of Kashmir through dialogue and peaceful means "based on the will of the people of that region and in accordance with international law".

India should have no difficulty in reminding the world that Pakistan continued to harbour terrorists who attacked India, on its soil and reiterating that 'talks and terrorism could not go together'.

It can be seen, however, that Pakistan always tried to get traction in the Islamic world by projecting Kashmir as a Muslim issue.

India's foreign policy of opting for bilateral or even multilateral friendships that were mutually beneficial for both security and economic development and that served the cause of world peace fits in well in the current geopolitics where ideological and religion-based divisions were producing new alignments and uncertainties.

The natural friendship between the US and India -- the two largest democracies, has to be kept on a strong footing particularly because of the complete convergence the two countries had on the threat from China.

The US proclivity to uphold the cause of Pakistan as a potential ally makes it incumbent for India to reach a deep understanding with Russia and the Central Asian Republics on the danger of 'radicalisation' that was getting a fillip because of the duplicitous role of Pakistan in sustaining the Islamic radical outfits on its soil.

India has to independently counter the threat of minority separatism encouraged by anti-India lobbies and safeguard its internal security.

India is doing well in pursuing technological advancement for economic development as well as defence and this should continue to be the raison d'être of its bilateral friendships. All this goes with an assertive role that India as a world power must play on issues of global peace and human advancement. It should also be upfront about countering any outside interference in the domestic matters of democratic India.

(The writer is a former Director of the Intelligence Bureau. Views are personal)

Pak's misstep in stirring controversy with India's election speeches

By Deepika Bhan

As LokSabha elections in India progress, it is not surprising to see Pakistan nose around. Like a quarrelsome neighbour, the country is whining about the election speeches being made in India by various political leaders.

Pakistan is going to various forums crying over the political speeches being made in India, particularly by the ruling BJP leaders. A section of its leaders is attacking Prime Minister NarendraModi, showering praises on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, and talking about the CAA, Ram Temple in Ayodhya, etc.

These leaders seem to be more excited about the election in the neighbourhood than worry about their own democratic institutions and processes which were exposed during the electoral exercise in February.

Unable to maintain the sanctity of its own democratic institutions, Pakistan is trying to raise and project political speeches and debates in India as policy statements on various platforms.

Recently, Pakistan raised concerns regarding a particular election speech at the UN. During a UNGA session on 'Culture of Peace', Pak envoy to the UN, MunirAkram, cited a US media report. The report referenced Prime Minister NarendraModi's election speech, wherein he stated that the 'new India' is capable of entering enemy territory and striking. India slammed Pakistan at the UN meeting, saying that it is Pakistan that harbours the "most dubious track record" in all aspects.

Pakistan not only is manipulating the election speeches of various Indian leaders on international forums, but some of its leaders are openly coming out in support of the Congress and opposing PM Modi.

ChaudharyFawadHussain, Pakistan's former Information Minister and a close aide of Imran Khan, wants Rahul Gandhi to be the winner. Recently, he posted on his X handle a video showing Rahul Gandhi attacking PM Modi with the comment "Rahul on fire." Hussian also said: "Pakistanis should support Rahul Gandhi because Modi's policies do not suit Pakistan."

Taking a dig at the Pakistani leader's support for Rahul Gandhi, PM Modi was quick to lash out, and said in an election rally: "Congress was dying here and Pakistan was crying," and the "partnership between the two has been completely exposed."

The former Pakistan Minister is not the only Pakistani leader to openly express a preference for Rahul Gandhi, there are others, including experts and media outlets, who are eagerly pitching for Congress.

The voices emanating from Pakistan have intensified the attacks and counter-attacks in the electoral battle between BJP and Congress. BJP's IT cell head AmitMalviya posted: "From a manifesto that has imprints of the Muslim League to a ringing endorsement from across the border, Congress's dalliance with Pakistan can't get more obvious."

The Congress may be finding itself on a sticky wicket on the issue of support from a section of Pakistani leaders. The party, however, has neither distanced itself nor said elections are internal matters and Pakistan need not interfere.

It is not the first time that Congress has been accused of dalliance with Pakistan. In 2015, a former minister in the Congress government, Mani Shankar Aiyar, during a panel discussion with a Pakistani anchor said that PM Modi has to be removed. "The first and the foremost thing is to remove Modi. Only then can the talks move forward. We have to wait for four more years… Bring us back to power and remove them..."

Again, very recently Aiyar took potshots at the Modi government during an event in Lahore. He said: "We have the courage to conduct surgical strikes against you, but we don't have the courage to sit across the table and talk."

The neighbour with a long history of anti-India state policy, will never want a strong and stable government in India. So, when Pakistani leaders root for Rahul Gandhi, PM Modi's statements come out as a clarion call for people to see through the designs.

As India moves on to the next phase of elections and the battle becomes intense, the neighbour's curiosity is only going to grow. Pakistan's democracy is a failure and they should focus inward, but then, the owner's pride is always the neighbour's envy.

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It's always fun and I enjoy batting with Shafali: Smriti Mandhana



New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) India opener Smriti Mandhana believes that having a good opening partnership with Shafali Verma is fun and it has improved their performance during the last two and half years as they now know how to complement each other.

It all began in 2019 when Mandhana and Verma were paired as openers in T20Is. With each match, they decoded the nuances of each other's game, learning to complement strengths and cover weaknesses. The result? A staggering 2079 runs in 66 T20Is--the most successful opening pair for Indian women in the shortest format.

Their partnership didn't stop there. In 2021, they ventured into the realm of ODI cricket as openers, and in just 19 games, have amassed 767 runs, with an average of 34.86 and are on course to become the country's most successful opening pair in this format as well. In the ongoing T20I series against Bangladesh, Mandhana and Verma showcased their prowess once again, adding 118 runs in just four matches. Reflecting on their journey, Mandhana expressed joy in their mutual growth and understanding. "I am really happy and it's always fun to bat with Shafali. I think in the last two-and-a-half years we have got a better understanding of which bowlers she would target and which bowler I can and how do we go about batting together," Mandhana told T-Sports. "I think in the last two-and-a-half years there is a better understanding in terms of knowing which role to play. Sometimes she also plays the second fiddle when I go and most of the time she goes and I try to give her strike," she said. "I think that understanding has come and it's just going to grow, and we start to understand each other better we will be able to give a better platform for India to launch especially going into the World Cup and I really hope we both can again" she said. Mandhana highlighted the importance of their partnership ahead of the ICC T20 World Cup, emphasising their role in providing a solid platform for India's batting lineup. "After a good WPL I really wanted to come here and all of us bonding together, so I am really, really happy with the way (things are going). I think the bowlers have bowled and the fielding has been a little up and down and the batting has been really good so really happy. We have come here with a plan for World Cup preparation," she said. Beyond their on-field exploits, Mandhana acknowledged the significance of tournaments like the Women's Premier League (WPL) in nurturing talent and strengthening India's bench strength. India women's team leads the five-match T2OI series against Bangladesh 4-0 and will play the fifth and final match on Thursday.

Stimac announces second list of 15 probables for training camp ahead of FIFA WC Qualifiers



New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Ahead of the must-win FIFA World Cup 2026 Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2 matches against Kuwait and Qatar, Indian senior men's team head coach Igor Stimac has announced the second list of 15 probables for the training camp in Bhubaneshwar.

The first list consisted of 26 players all of whom will be reporting for the camp on May 10.

The second list comprises 15 players from Mumbai City FC and Mohun Bagan SG, the two finalists of the Indian Super League and will be reporting for the camp on May 15, giving the players enough rest before turning up for national duty.

The 41 players that have been selected for the national team's camp will be preparing for the opportunity to take on Kuwait on June 6 at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata before heading to Qatar to face the table toppers on June 1.

India are currently second in the table and will have to pull up their socks in the final two games of this round otherwise an early disappointment may be looming for the Blue Tigers with both Afghanistan and Kuwait still very much in the hunt.

The top two teams will qualify for the next round of the qualifiers.

The second list of 15 probables for the Bhubaneswar camp (training from May 15):

Goalkeepers: Phurba Tempa Lachenpa, Vishal Kaith

Defenders: Akash Mishra, Anwar Ali, Mehtab Singh, Rahul Bheke, Subhasish Bose

Midfielders: Anirudh Thapa, Deepak Tangri, Lalengmawia Ralte, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Liston Colaco, Sahal Abdul Samad Forwards: Manvir Singh, Vikram Partap Singh. The first list of 26 probables for the Bhubaneswar camp (training from May 10):

Goalkeepers: Amrinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu.

Defenders: Amey Ganesh Ranawade, Jay Gupta, Lalchungnunga, Muhammad Hammad, Narender, Nikhil Poojary, Roshan Singh Naorem.

Midfielders: Brandon Fernandes, Edmund Lalrindika, Imran Khan, Isak Vanlalruatfela, Jeakson Singh Thounaojam, Mahesh Singh Naorem, Mohammad Yasir, Nandhakumar Sekar, Rahul Kannoly Praveen, Suresh Singh Wangjam, Vibin Mohanan.

Forwards: David Lalhlansanga, Jithin Madathil Subran, Lalrinzuala, Parthib Sundar Gogoi, Rahim Ali, Sunil Chhetri.

Nikhil Chaudhary to join Hobart Hurricanes after being acquitted in rape case



New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) India-born cricketer Nikhil Chaudhary is likely to return to play for Hobart Hurricanes in the Big Bash League (BBL) after being found not guilty of raping a 20-year-old woman in a car in Townsville in 2021. Chaudhary, 27, stood trial in the District Court in Townsville, charged with one count of rape, and was declared not guilty by the jury. However, Cricket Tasmania on Tuesday confirmed to local reporters that they were not informed of the charge or court action. Cricket Tasmania's high-performance general manager Salliann Beams told reporters that the legal process is still going on about Chaudhary and said he would likely play the upcoming season. "(There are) some legalities through that process," reported ABC Sports. "It's not so much the incident because we know that nothing happened, legally not guilty and everything. "It's just the disclosure of information. We want to know where we sit on that because we were completely in the dark." Beams said it was disappointing that Chaudhary didn't inform Cricket Tasmania about the charges or court proceedings.

Champions League: Real face a stern home test from Bayern in semis second leg



Madrid, May 7 (IANS) The iconic Champions League anthem is set to ring out in the Santiago Bernabeu as Real Madrid host FC Bayern Munich in the second leg of the semifinals of the tournament.

The Champions League has always been one of the toughest challenges in football and yet, the Los Blancos have consistently made it their playground over the course of the past few decades. The first leg at the Allianz Arena in Munich was the perfect battle between two of the biggest clubs in Europe as the game ended in a 2-2 draw despite Bayern having the upper hand on the night.

Real Madrid have a huge European football heritage and boast a trophy cabinet, unlike anything the footballing world has ever seen.

Fabled veterans in the team the likes of Toni Kroos, Dani Carvajal and Luka Modric are on the hunt for their sixth individual CL medal which would be an achievement unlike any other.

However, FC Bayern Munich have also made a name for themselves in Europe and are as formidable an opponent as you could face. The two teams have met each other 27 times in the tournament with Madrid winning 12 compared to Munich's 11 with four games ending in draws.

Injuries have plagued Bayern Munich severely throughout the course of the season which was also a major reason why the Bavarians will not be lifting the Bundesliga trophy at the end of the season after winning 11 consecutively.

Eric Dier and Raphael Guerrero were forced off against Stuttgart on the weekend which adds to the already growing injury list that Thomas Tuchel's side possesses with Sacha Boey, Bouna Sarr and Kingsley Coman all injured. Real Madrid would be hoping for the return of Aurelien Tchouameni to the squad after limping out of training last week which is their only major concern. Ahead of the highly awaited encounter Real Madrid manager, Carlo Ancelotti was accompanied by the club's longtime loyal servant, Dani Carvajal. The duo addressed the press and acknowledged the huge challenge they will face on Thursday (Friday as per IST). "I always have great confidence because we are Real Madrid. I have the best squad; the team has done very well this season. The fans have been amazing and today it is a moment to enjoy, tomorrow is a moment to be focused," said the 64-year-old in the pre-match press conference.

"Five Champions Leagues and 412 games for Real Madrid? Well, I am very proud to play so many games for this club. We are focused, we know the importance of the match. Hopefully, we can qualify for the final," said Dani Carvajal in the press conference.

Top tier clubs request Brazilian Football Federation to postpone matches due to flood

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Following the devastating rains that resulted in the flooding of the state of Rio Grande Do Sul, top-tier clubs in the likes of Internacional, Gremio and Juventude have requested the Brazilian Football Federation to postpone their games for the next 20 days as they are all based out of the flooded state. Alongside their appeal, the clubs have been actively trying to do their bit in the devastating incident. According to Brazil state agency, 'Agencia Brasil', 85 people died and 339 injured with 134 missing. More than 201,000 people are displaced with 153,824 homeless and 47,676 in public shelters. A statement from the Gaucho Football Federation, which represents Internacional, Gremio and Juventude at the CBF, read "Considering the environmental, structural and humanitarian conditions, the Gaucho Football Federation - FGF informs that it sent a letter to the Brazilian Football Confederation - CBF , this Monday (6), requesting the postponement of the Gaucho teams' games in national championships, such as clients and visitors, for the next 20 days . In total, 390 municipalities are in a state of public calamity, in accordance with State Government Decree 57,603.

"The three clubs have started donation drives and opened up their stadiums to those in need of shelter in such difficult times. Gremio was one such club that opened its doors for those in need before having to evacuate due to a "lack of infrastructure."

IPL 2024: 'It's only a matter of time before Rohit finds his form again', believes Clarke

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Former Australia cricketer Michael Clarke shared his thoughts on Rohit Sharma's form in the IPL 2024 and opined that it's only a matter of one inning that he will find his form again. Rohit started well in this season of IPL and scored 297 in his first seven innings but only managed to score 34 in his next five innings, overall in 12 innings he scored 330 runs with a mere average of 30. The only consolation inning that came from the Indian skipper bat was a century against Chennai Super Kings (105 off 63 balls) that too in a losing cause. It was his second century in the history of IPL that came after more than 12 years. "With someone like Rohit, it's only a matter of time before he finds his form again. How many times do you see that exact ball go for six though? It happened to SKY. The exact same ball, exact same shot, except these went for six, Rohit gets out. Rohit, being the wise judge of his own performances, will undoubtedly be disappointed, especially considering his strong start," said Clarke on Star Sports. However, Clarke also believed that it might be a feeling of fatigue for Rohit and advocated for a break. "In my view, he



might be feeling a bit fatigued as well. A break to freshen up could do wonders for him, but as the Indian captain and a key player for Mumbai Indians, you're not getting a break. So he's going to have to find form. He doesn't seem to be struggling with his timing; it's just a matter of getting out."

Want to see Rohit Sharma with a World Cup trophy: Yuvraj Singh

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) The ICC men's T2O World Cup ambassador and former India star all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has backed skipper Rohit Sharma to end India's ICC trophy drought, that stretches back to the 2011 Men's Cricket World Cup, at the upcoming T20I showpiece in the USA and the West Indies, commencing from June 1. After multiple failures in the major ICC tournaments, such as heartbreaking losses in the semifinal of the ICC men's T20 World Cup in 2022, the finals of the World Test Championship in 2023 and the World Cup in 2023, the focus now shifts to the 2024 T20 World Cup to showcase the potential on the global stage. After spending time with Rohit and seeing his incredible exploits, Yuvraj has a firsthand understanding of the commitment, talent, and fortitude that have elevated the devastating hitter to the top of Indian cricket. "(Rohit's presence is going to be) very crucial. I think we need a really good captain, a sensible captain who takes decisions well under pressure. And he's the one to take them. He was the captain when we lost in the (World Cup) 50-over final (in 2023). He has won five IPL trophies as a captain. I think we need somebody like him to captain India," Yuvraj told the ICC.

Yuvraj was in the team when Rohit made his India debut against Ireland in 2007, it was at the fall of Yuvraj's wicket that he first appeared in international cricket. The 42-year-old recollected his first impression of Rohit, who joined the Indian squad at the early age of 17 and lavished the captain of India with compliments, highlighting his leadership, camaraderie, and humility both on and off the field. "Very poor English," Yuvraj said jokingly. "Very funny guy. From the streets of Borivali (in Mumbai), we always tease him. But a great guy at heart. The more success he's had, he has never changed as a person. That's the beauty of Rohit Sharma.

"Fun-loving, always having fun with the guys, A great leader on the park and one of my closest friends from cricket. I really want to see Rohit Sharma with a World Cup trophy and a World Cup medal. He really deserves it," added Yuvraj.

India are placed in Group A alongside arch-rivals Pakistan, Ireland, Canada and co-hosts USA.

Rohit-led side will begin their campaign on June 5 against Ireland at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York.

'I needed to play till the end', says SKY after match-winning ton against SRH

Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Suryakumar Yadav has said it was the need of the hour for him to bat the way he did, playing traditional shots at the start before unleashing trademark 360-degree batting to help Mumbai Indians (MI) to a seven-wicket victory against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the IPL 2024 match at the Wankhede Stadium here.

Suryakumar hammered a 51-ball unbeaten 102 and raised a 143-run partnership with Tilak Varma (37 off 32 balls) as MI reached 174/3 in 17.2 overs after skipper Hardik Pandya (3-31) and Piyush Chawla had combined well to restrict SRH to 173/8 in 20 overs.

Mumbai were in trouble at 31/3, losing Ishan Kishan, Rohit Sharma and Naman Dhir cheaply. But



Suryakumar started cautiously initially but later uncorked some sensational shots to guide the hosts to a memorable victory.

"I feel it was the need of the hour for me to win. Three wickets were down and I needed to play till the end. Knew that dew was heavy and I had to bat till the seam came off. Traditional shots came from the Mumbai school of arts," said Suryakumar, who was adjudged Player of the Match for his mesmerising knock.

About unleashing the shots towards the end of the innings, SKY said he waited for the seam to go off the ball and the dew to take its full effect before going after the bowling. "I knew what to do when the ball was seaming and then brought out all the shots that I practiced. I feel the intent would've been the same. As overs would've passed it'd been easier, and I'd have gone big but like how I did today," he said.

Though he was seen limping and grimacing during his knock, the top T20 batter in the world said it was only because of tiredness as he was on the field for a long time. Suryakumar had missed the first few matches of the IPL season because he had suffered an injury during the South Africa series in December 2023 and had later undergone surgery for a sports hernia in Germany.

"I've been doing this after a very long time. After 14th December this is the first time I fielded for 20 overs and batted for 18. I was only feeling tired. But I'm alright," said Suryakumar.

Indian cricket fans would be praying that he would continue to bat in the same vein in the next few months as India will go into the T20 World Cup soon after the IPL and Suryakumar will have to play a crucial role for the team if India had to go all the way in the mega event.

A delicate balance of prevention and early intervention can prevent cardiovascular disease

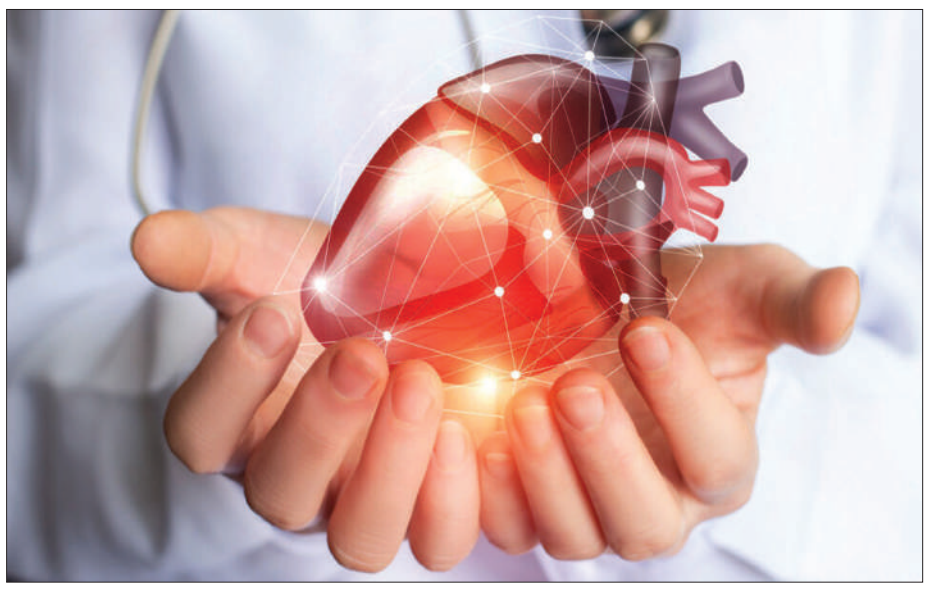
New Delhi, May 7 (IANSlife) Cardiovascular disease continues to be a major global health concern, with heart attacks and strokes ranking as leading causes of death worldwide. However, these conditions are not inevitable. Individuals can take proactive steps toward safeguarding their heart health with conscious lifestyle adjustments and medical interventions. Dr.NiranjanHiremath, Senior Consultant Cardiac and Aortic Surgeon at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, said, "Heart health is a delicate balance of prevention and early intervention. Small, consistent lifestyle changes can drastically reduce risk over time."

Checkout the 12 essential heart health tips by Dr.Hiremath:

Adopt a balanced diet: A healthy diet is fundamental to maintaining a healthy heart. Aim for a balanced intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Avoid saturated fats, trans fats, and excessive sugars, which can contribute to obesity, high cholesterol, and other cardiovascular risks.

Exercise regularly: Regular physical activity is vital for a healthy heart. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week. Activities such as brisk walking, jogging, cycling, or swimming can boost cardiovascular fitness, strengthen the heart muscle, and improve circulation. Even light activities like gardening or taking the stairs can contribute to heart health by burning calories and reducing cholesterol levels.

Manage stress effectively: Chronic stress has been shown to contribute to heart disease by raising blood pressure, causing unhealthy behaviours like overeating or smoking, and increasing inflammation in the body. Developing stress management techniques such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, or yoga can help to relax the mind and body. Engaging



in hobbies or activities that bring joy, such as reading, painting, or spending time in nature, can also help mitigate stress levels.

Monitor your blood pressure: High blood pressure, or hypertension, is often called a "silent killer" because it may not present symptoms but significantly increases the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regularly monitoring blood pressure at home or with a healthcare professional can help identify any issues early on. If necessary, medications and lifestyle changes such as a low-sodium diet, regular exercise, and stress management can help maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Get regular check-ups: Routine medical check-ups are essential for catching potential heart issues early. Regular cholesterol screenings, ECGs, and other tests can help monitor cardiovascular health and identify issues before they escalate. Early detection allows for timely intervention, reducing the risk of more severe complications.

Quit smoking: Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, damaging blood vessels, raising blood pressure, and contributing to atherosclerosis. Quitting smoking is one of the most effective steps one can take to improve heart health. Seek support from smoking cessation programs, counselling, or medication to aid in breaking the habit.

Limit alcohol consumption: Excessive alcohol consumption can raise blood pressure, increase triglyceride levels, and contribute to heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men. Opting for non-alcoholic beverages, moderating consumption, or seeking support from health professionals can help reduce alcohol-related cardiovascular risks.

Maintain a healthy weight: Obesity is a significant risk factor for cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Maintaining a healthy weight through a balanced diet and regular exercise can significantly reduce these risks. For sustainable weight management, avoid crash diets and seek guidance from healthcare professionals or nutritionists to develop a plan tailored to your needs.

Sleep well: Lack of sleep has been linked to various health issues, including heart disease. Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep per night. Developing a consistent sleep routine, avoiding electronic devices before bed, and creating a relaxing bedtime environment can help improve sleep quality.

Stay hydrated: Dehydration can thicken the blood, increasing the risk of blood clots and heart strain.

Ensure adequate hydration throughout the day, especially in hot weather or during exercise.

The recommended daily intake varies depending on individual needs, but generally, adults should aim for 8-10 cups of water per day. Proper hydration helps maintain cardiovascular function and overall health.

Control cholesterol levels: High cholesterol contributes to plaque build-up in the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regular cholesterol screenings can help monitor levels and catch any issues early. A diet rich in fiber and low in saturated fats, alongside regular exercise and medication, if necessary, can help maintain healthy cholesterol levels. Consult your healthcare professional for personalized advice on managing cholesterol.

Manage diabetes: Diabetes can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease by damaging blood vessels and nerves. Managing diabetes through diet, exercise, and medication can help reduce these risks. Regular monitoring of blood sugar levels and consulting a healthcare professional for comprehensive diabetes management is crucial for overall health.

Taking proactive steps to care for your heart can drastically reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Dr.NiranjanHiremath reiterates, "Preventive measures and lifestyle modifications play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy heart. It's important to take charge of your health before it takes charge of you."

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Shilpa says she loves wearing sarees, does pranayam before walking the runway

Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Bollywood actress ShilpaShetty professed her love for sarees and shared that she always takes out time to do pranayama before walking the runway.

Shilpa turned muse for the collection Etasha by designer Asha and strutted the ramp on the song 'TuJhoom'.

The actress, a mother of two, looked stunning in a metallic gold saree with ruffles in the border, paired with an embellished high-neck backless blouse.

She completed her look with blown-out hair, kohled eyes, and brown lips.

After her walk, Shilpa said: "I am wearing the Etasha collection by Asha Jain. I love what I am wearing. It is very comfortable. I love wearing sarees. I think it is fitting to choose an outfit like this when you are going out and to stand out and still be comfortable."

The designer said that Shilpa was her inspiration while creating the show-stopping ensemble.

"She was the only one on our mind when we were designing the saree. She had to be the muse for my collection. She's done complete justice to the saree," said the designer.

Asked about her thoughts before sauntering on the runway, she said: "Ramp pejaane se ek minute phele main pranayamkartihun. Yoga se sab hoga."



Priyanka Chahar Choudhary doesn't wear make-up: 'Only put it on when working'



Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Actress Priyanka Chahar Choudhary shared that she only wears make-up when she's working; otherwise, in her daily life, she prefers to go all natural.

"I don't wear make-up. I only put make-up on when I am working," Priyanka told IANS.

The actress, who gained the spotlight as Tejjo Singh Virk from the show 'Udaariyaan', revealed that whether she's at the airport, mall, or market, she opts for a makeup-free look.

However, she does have one go-to beauty hack.

"I just do one thing: I apply some lipstick and then use it on my cheek, forehead, and eyelids. So, it looks like blush, contour, and lipstick. The whole make-up is done like that," she added.

Talking about her daily wear, Priyanka said: "Normally, I wear western clothes, which are very comfortable for me. I also like kurtis again; they are very comfortable."

"I like both Indian and western wear depending on the occasion," said the actress, who walked the runway as a showstopper at the Bombay Times Fashion Week.

Asked about her fashion statement, she said: "Comfy clothes are my fashion statement. Baggy comfy clothes and street style.

Sonam Bajwa turns into 'royal Punjabi bride' as she walks the runway in lehenga

Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Actress SonamBajwa channelled her inner Punjabi bride as she sauntered the ramp, looking regal in a lehenga designed by NavneetSidhu.

Sonam appeared to be dipped in gold, wearing a peach-shaded, layered Zardozilehenga with scalloped borders heavily embellished with the metallic shade. She draped a peach-hued chunni over her head and complemented her attire with a choker necklace and nude makeup.

Talking about her collection, designer Navneet said: "The collection is entirely vintage. It took eight months to create. It embodies vintage and heritage elements and has all Zardozi handwork."

She said that only Sonam could do justice to her creation, stating, "I am very happy it is my first show."

Sonam, who is known for her work in Punjabi films such as 'Carry OnJatta', 'HonslaRakh', and 'GuddiyanPatole', among others, expressed her admiration for the outfit.

"It is a heritage outfit. I think in Punjab, brides mostly dress like this. I don't know how many hours went into making this outfit. It makes me feel beautiful and regal."



Endless days of sunshine, laughter and perfect pour

New Delhi, May 7 (IANSlife) Savour the sun-kissed moments of summer with our handpicked selection of sensational cocktail recipes. Whether you're lounging by the poolside with your beloved or hosting a lively gathering with cherished friends, each sip is designed to evoke the essence of the season and create unforgettable memories.

From Refreshing mixes to tropical delights, Diageo India's cocktails promise a journey to paradise and a burst of flavour, let the following cocktails be the highlight of your summer soirées. Here's to endless days of sunshine, laughter, and the perfect pour!

Malt & Malta

Ingredients:

60 ml Johnnie Walker Blonde

20 ml Malta orange Marmalade

20 ml Fresh lime juice

Few mint leaves

Garnish: Orange peel on the rim of the glass with the spring of mint interested in it

Method: Shake all the ingredients well

Glassware: Nick & Nora

Iced Tea My Way!

Ingredients:

50ml Johnnie Walker Black Label

150 ml Carbonated Peach tea brew

Garnish: Fresh Orange Wedge

Method: In a high ball, build up all the ingredients over a few ice cubes

Salter Melon Spiritz

Ingredients:

60 ml Black & White

20ml Melon Syrup

15ml Fresh Lime Juice

2gm Salt

120ml Soda Water



Garnish: Muskmelon Slice

Method: In a high ball, build up all the ingredients over a few ice cubes

Glassware: Wine Glass

Oak Upwing

Ingredients:

50ml Black Dog

30ml Cold brew coffee

10 ml Vanilla syrup

Garnish: Vanilla Wafer

Method: Shake all the ingredients well

Glassware: Coup

Berry Ginger Dash

Ingredients:

8 pieces Fresh Mulberry

15ml Fresh lime juice

25ml Honey Syrup

10ml Fresh Ginger juice

60ml Soda water

60 ml Gingerale

Garnish: Mint springs, fresh mulberries

Method: Add mulberries to the glass and muddle them. Then add the rest of the ingredients and ice cubes and then add crushed ice to build the cocktail

Glassware: Mule Mug

Beat The Heat

Ingredients:

50 ml Gordons

150 ml Italian Lemonade

Garnish: Italian Lemon Wedges

Method: In a high ball, build up all the ingredients over a few ice cubes.

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Huge euphoria among voters due to unprecedented development in 10 years of BJP govt: Assam CM

Guwahati, May 7 (IANS) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday asserted that there was huge euphoria among first-time voters and elderly people in the ongoing Lok Sabha election due to the development work of the BJP government in the past 10 years.He said, "I have seen enough excitement for the polls among first-time voters and senior citizens this time. This is due to unprecedented development in the last one decade under BJP's regime."The Chief Minister cast his vote with his wife Riniki Bhuyan Sarma and daughter Sukanya Sarma at a polling centre in Kamrup district.CM Sarma thanked people for coming out in large numbers to vote despite inclement weather in the state.He mentioned that the three-phase election in Assam was very peaceful and not a single untoward incident happened since the poll dates were announced."The peaceful election in the state signified that Assam has been on the path of development," the Chief Minister said.He will start campaigning for the BJP in other states from Thursday.CM Sarma said, "Elections are to be held in crucial states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh etc. in the next four phases. Every state has its own political dynamics which should be taken care of."The Assam Chief Minister will campaign for the party candidates in Odisha, West Bengal and other states from May 9 onwards.

Congress fields two-time MP Ghubaya from Ferozepur that saw PM Modi's security breach

Chandigarh, May 7 (IANS) The Congress on Tuesday cleared the nomination of two-time Member of Parliament, Sher Singh Ghubaya, as the party candidate from the Ferozepur parliamentary constituency.The BJP is yet to announce its candidate for this seat that reported a security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ferozepur.With Ghubaya's announcement, the party has announced its candidates in all 13 parliamentary constituencies in the state.State ruling AAP has fielded its Muktsar legislator Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar from the Ferozepur seat, while the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has given the ticket to Nardev Singh Bobby Mann, a son of former MP Zora Singh Mann.Ghubaya won the 2009 and 2014 Lok Sabha elections on the Akali Dal ticket. He joined the Congress in 2019.He had represented the Jalalabad assembly seat in the Vidhan Sabha as well when he was with the Akali Dal.In 2019, the Akali Dal contested 10 of the 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab in alliance with the BJP in 2019.Akali Dal's Sukhbir Badal won with 1,98,850 votes in 2019, defeating Ghubaya from the Ferozepur seat.

INDIA bloc backs terrorism, behaves contrary to Lord Ram's ideals: UP CM

Lucknow, May 7 (IANS) In a blistering attack on the opposition parties on Tuesday, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the Congress, the Samajwadi Party and the entire INDIA bloc are anti-Hindu, anti-Ram and back terrorism.Addressing the media at his official residence, the chief minister also criticised the statements made by SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav and RJD chief Lalu Prasad.He remarked, "These are the people who open fire at Ram devotees, question the existence of Lord Ram and challenge his divine power. Expecting them to honour India's faith, national heroes, and show reverence for the esteemed freedom fighters who played pivotal roles in our independence struggle, is futile."He further mentioned that whether it is Congress, Samajwadi Party, DMK, RJD, or the National Conference, all have opposed the Ram temple in Ayodhya."They are against Hindus and the Sanatan faith. They are the ones that nurture the policy of appeasement. These supporters of terrorism behave contrary to the ideals of Lord Ram," he said."People associated with the Congress and the INDIA bloc have tried from the beginning to stall the verdict from the Court in the case of Ram Temple in Ayodhya. These people used to act as barriers and create obstacles. When the case went to the Supreme Court, these people ensured that nothing happened for 7-8 years. However, when the NDA government was formed under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi at the Centre, and then in Uttar Pradesh, the case was expedited," he added.

SIT officers acting like agents of Siddaramaiah & Shivakumar, says Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru, May 7 (IANS) Former Chief Minister and JD(S) state President H.D. Kumaraswamy on Tuesday accused the Congress government of not carrying out a transparent probe in the obscene video scandal involving sitting MP Prajwal Revanna.Addressing a press conference here, Kumaraswamy said, "The Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Congress government has become, the Siddaramaiah Investigation Team and Shivakumar Investigation Team.""The officers of SIT are acting like agents of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DyCM D.K. Shivakumar. H.D. Revanna has been fixed in the kidnap case of a victim of a sex scandal allegedly involving Prajwal Revanna. DyCM Shivakumar, who has played a role in the distribution of pen drive containing alleged sex videos should be sacked from the cabinet," he demanded."There is a role and conspiracy of Shivakumar in this case. I will not leave the matter here. If CM Siddaramaiah has any morality, Shivakumar should be dropped from the cabinet," Kumaraswamy stressed."The complaint was prepared in Bengaluru and it was sent to Holenarasipur town and then filed in the police station," he alleged."I am not talking in favour of Prajwal Revanna. The case has been lodged under non-bailable sections against him. Another case was lodged on the second day. The complaint was given that the victim was raped after threatening with a gun. Who created stories for the media? What is the direction of the Supreme Court in cases such as this? The case is being utilized to cause damage to targeted persons. It is claimed that the episode took place in 2022. Why were you silent then?" Kumaraswamy questioned the state government.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi casts vote, calls for maximum voting

Hubballi, May 7 (IANS) Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday cast his vote at a polling booth in Chinmayi Vidyalaya in Bhavaninagar locality in Hubballi city and appealed to people to vote in maximum numbers.

Talking to the media after exercising his right to franchise, the Union Minister said that voting day is considered the sacred festival in a democracy.

"To build the nation and achieve overall development, everyone should come out and vote. Everyone should also ensure that voting is done to the optimum level. They should encourage their families and neighbours to vote," he said.

Pralhad Joshi's wife Jyothi Joshi, brother Govind Joshi and daughter Arpita Joshi also exercised their right to franchise.

Former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar cast his vote at the polling booth in Belagavi city. He was accompanied by sitting BJP MP from Belagavi Mangala Angadi and his daughter-in-law Shraddha Angadi and others.

Your one vote will make India third largest economy, says PM Modi in Madhya Pradesh



Bhopal, May 7 (IANS) A few hours after he cast his vote in Ahmedabad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday, urged people of Madhya Pradesh to exercise their franchise in large numbers as that could "shape the future of India."

Addressing a public rally in Khargone, PM Modi emphasised the significance of the ongoing elections as voting in the third phase is underway in 12 states and Union Territories in the country, including nine parliamentary constituencies in Madhya Pradesh.

"Your one vote in this election will make India the third largest economy, increase your earnings, enhance job opportunities for youth, and make a strong India," said Prime Minister Modi.

He continued: "Your one vote enhanced India's influence in the world, removed Article 370 after 70 years, helped in building the Ram temple in Ayodhya, made a tribal daughter the President, ensured reservation rights for women, and sent corrupt individuals to jail. Your one vote secured the future of youth, created immense opportunities, and lifted 25 crore people out of poverty."

All these decisions, said PM Modi, were made possible because of the support that he and his party received in 2014 and 2019 to take the country forward.

"I understand that it is quite hot but I also came here after doing my duty as a citizen of the country. I appeal to everyone to exercise their franchise to strengthen democracy," he said.

After Khargone, PM Modi will be addressing another rally in Dhar. Voting in Dhar and Khargone, along with six other seats that also include Indore and Ujjain, is scheduled to take place during the fourth round of elections on May 13.

India's elections a remarkable showcase of diversity & unity: Pranav Adani



Ahmedabad, May 7 (IANS) Pranav Adani, Managing Director (Agro, Oil & Gas) and Director of Adani Enterprises, on Tuesday cast his vote along with his family members, saying that India's elections are a remarkable showcase of diversity and unity, where "every vote counts".

In a post on X (social media platform), Pranav Adani said that he has fulfilled his constitutional duty and now, "it is your turn".

"India's elections aren't just the world's largest. They are a remarkable showcase of diversity and unity, where every vote counts," he wrote.

"I just voted, fulfilling my constitutional duty. Now it's your turn! Make your voice heard. Cast your vote," Pranav Adani added.

Earlier in the day, Gautam Adani, Founder and Chairman of Adani Group, cast his vote in Gujarat, along with his family members, during the third phase of the 18th Lok Sabha elections.

"Proud to have voted with my family today. Voting is a right, a privilege, and a responsibility we all share as citizens of this great nation," Gautam Adani posted on X.

"Every vote is a powerful voice in our democracy. Cast your vote for shaping the future of India. Jai Hind," Gautam Adani added.

Voting across 25 Lok Sabha constituencies in Gujarat began on Tuesday.

Litmus test for BJP's first candidate on party symbol since 1996 from Patiala

Patiala (Punjab), May 7 (IANS) Four-time Congress MP from the grand old party's bastion Patiala, and former Minister of State for External Affairs, Preneet Kaur, who is contesting for the first time on a BJP ticket from this seat, is caught in a multi-cornered contest for the June 1 parliamentary polls in Punjab.

Preneet Kaur is campaigning, with a focus largely on urban areas that fall in the nine Assembly constituencies of the AAP-ruled state.

In rural areas, like all the other 12 nominees of the BJP, Preneet Kaur is facing the wrath of farmers over their unmet demands by the government at the Centre.

Sitting MP Preneet Kaur, who is the wife of two-time Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, has been pitted against Congress candidate and noted cardiologist Dr Dharamvira Gandhi, who is seven years younger than 79-year-old Kaur.

Incidentally, Dr Dharamvira Gandhi defeated Preneet Kaur in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls when he was contesting on an AAP ticket.

While this time the AAP has fielded Health Minister,



Balbir Singh, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has reposed faith in two-time Legislator and realtor NK Sharma, the first Hindu face of the party from the Sikh-dominated seat.Singh and Sharma are political greenhorns where parliamentary polls are concerned.

Interestingly, both the BJP and AAP candidates have switched sides in these polls.

Preneet Kaur is the BJP's first candidate on the party symbol from this seat since the Akali Dal snapped its nearly three-decade-long ties and pulled out of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in September 2020.The divorce between the long-standing alliance partners happened after sharp differences emerged over the three controversial farm laws, now repealed.

On earlier occasions, this seat had been contested by SAD candidates as part of the seat-sharing arrangement with the BJP since 1996.

In 2014, Congress candidate Dr Gandhi emerged victorious as the AAP candidate. He quit the AAP in 2016 and floated the Nawan Punjab Party and in the 2019 polls, he finished third.

Preneet Kaur, who was suspended from the Congress last year for anti-party activities, represented this seat four times as the Congress MP. Impressed with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies like the Viksit Bharat Programme, she joined the saffron party like her husband Capt Singh, a veteran of many political and military battles.

Mamata Banerjee alleges intimidation of minority voters in UP

Kolkata, May 7 (IANS) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on Tuesday afternoon alleged that several minority community voters in Uttar Pradesh were beaten up and not allowed to cast their votes.

"I just now received the message. The minority voters in Uttar Pradesh are being intimidated and not allowed to cast their votes. My question is will the Election Commission of India not take any action against this? What is happening with the Model Code of Conduct?" the Chief Minister said.She was addressing an election rally on Tuesday afternoon at Purulia Lok Sabha constituency in support of the Trinamool Congress candidate from there, Santiram Mahato.Speaking on the occasion, she also alleged that the BJP and CPI(M) were conspiring together not just to cancel existing school jobs but also to give fresh appointments for several posts.

"I am ready to give appointments on 10 lakh posts. But I am unable to progress on these lines because of the joint conspiracy of the BJP and CPI(M). They are blocking fresh appointments by filing cases," Mamata Banerjee claimed.

Public representatives must safeguard interests of Assamese: Samujjal Bhattacharya

Guwahati, May 7 (IANS) Samujjal Bhattacharya, the Chief Advisor of All Assam Students's Union (AASU), on Tuesday, said that the public representatives must safeguard the interests of original inhabitants of the state.

"This is the festival of democracy and it is heartening to see that people have come out to vote despite inclement weather in the city. The public representatives must safeguard the interests of original inhabitants of the state," Bhattacharya said after he cast his vote in the Guwahati Lok Sabha constituency.

The senior leader of the prominent student body in Assam said that people are king in democracy.

"Citizens should exercise their voting rights in large numbers because they are the king and the decision-makers," he said.

Following the delimitation exercise in the state, the boundaries of assembly and parliamentary constituencies were redrawn.The number of assembly seats was increased in the Guwahati city after the delimitation exercise.

Campaigning reaches its peak ahead of May 13 LS polls in Telangana

Hyderabad, May 7 (IANS) With just five days left before the state's 17 Lok Sabha seats go to the polls on May 13, campaigning in Telangana has reached its peak in what appears to be a three-cornered contest this time.

The top leaders of all three major political parties in the state -- the ruling Congress, the main opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) -- are crisscrossing the state, addressing public meetings, rallies, and holding road shows to woo the electorate.

Amid the sweltering heat, the leaders are making all-out efforts to win the support of the voters with multiple promises.

The candidates are also travelling to the villages in their respective constituencies, conducting door-to-door canvassing.

The Congress is looking to repeat the performance of the Assembly elections held in 2023 when it won 64 of the state's 119 seats to dislodge the BRS led by K. Chandrashekar Rao from power.

The BRS, still reeling under the defeat in the Assembly polls and shaken by the exodus of several key leaders during the last five months, is making every effort to bounce back, while the BJP is confident of improving on its impressive performance in the state polls when it improved its tally to eight from just one in 2018.

The leaders of all three parties are busy hurling allegations and throwing challenges at each other. Interestingly, every party is accusing the other two of having a secret understanding.

While Congress and BRS are targeting BJP for what they call 'spreading hatred in the name of religion', the latter is accusing both the parties of practising appeasement politics.

Highlighting the implementation of some guarantees promised during the Assembly polls, Congress is seeking votes to fulfil the remaining promises. Its leaders are exhorting Telangana voters to contribute maximum seats from the state to help the Congress and the INDIA bloc to form the government at the Centre.

Meanwhile, both BJP and BRS are targeting Congress for 'failing' to implement its guarantees, reminding the party leaders of their promise that all six guarantees will be implemented within 100 days.

Leading the BRS campaign is party President and former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, popular as KCR.

He is undertaking a bus yatra and addressing roadshows every day, drawing large crowds.

KCR's son and BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao and nephew and key party leader T. Harish Rao are also addressing public meetings and holding roadshows across constituencies.

The leaders are projecting the BRS as the



only party that can safeguard the interests of Telangana.

Like in the previous elections, K.T. Rama Rao's campaign is focused in and around Hyderabad, covering constituencies like Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Malkajgiri, and Chevella.

It was the BJP that first launched the campaign with Vijay Sankalp Yatras in February, much before the announcement of the election schedule, taking to people the various schemes launched and implemented by the Modi government during the last 10 years.

The BJP has roped in the entire battery of top leadership for the campaign. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who held a few public meetings even before the announcement of the poll schedule, addressed a rally in Zaheerabad on April 30, and is scheduled to address more election rallies in the state on May 8 and May 10.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has also visited Telangana a couple of times, addressing roadshows in Hyderabad in support of party candidate Madhavi Latha. He also addressed three public meetings in Adilabad, Nizamabad, and Malkajgiri Lok Sabha constituencies on May 5.

This was followed by BJP President J.P. Nadda's public meetings on May 6 in Peddapalli and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri. He also held a roadshow in Malkajgiri last week.

Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Anurag Singh Thakur, Piyush Goel, Kiran Rijiju, Hardeep Singh Puri, S. Jaishankar, and the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Goa also participated in nomination rallies of BJP candidates. Some of them also addressed public meetings and held roadshows.

Tamil Nadu BJP chief Annamalai, Bangalore South BJP MP Tejaswai Surya, and former Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan were also roped in to campaign for the BJP candidates, while Union Minister and state BJP President G. Kishan Reddy is mainly focusing on the campaign in his constituency Secunderabad.

The BJP leaders are training guns on the Congress and BRS for their alleged corruption and appeasement politics, with Prime Minister Modi accusing the Congress government of collecting 'RR' tax in Telangana, alleging that it is sending part of the black money to the Congress leadership in Delhi.

The BJP leaders are also hitting out at Congress over the reservation issue, slamming Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for allegedly circulating a doctored video of Amit Shah.

In an apparent attempt at polarisation, the BJP leaders are raking up sensitive issues of Muslim reservation, Ram Temple, and the celebration of Hyderabad Liberation Day.

Revanth Reddy, who is also the President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), is leading the ruling party's campaign, addressing 3-4 public meetings every day.

Accusing the BJP of not fulfilling the commitments made to Telangana, Revanth Reddy has come up with an innovative way to take a jibe at the BJP over the 'raw deal' metered out to Telangana.

At every public meeting, he displays a replica of 'Gadidaga Guddu' (donkey's egg) to allege that this is what the Modi government has given to Telangana in the past 10 years.

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi have also addressed a couple of meetings each as part of the campaign, and are slated to address a few more meetings in the coming days.

Meanwhile, the delay in announcing candidates by the Congress in constituencies like Khammam and Karimnagar seems to have impacted the party's campaign.

The campaigning in Hyderabad is different from the other constituencies, as the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslilmeen (AIMIM) is leaving no stone unturned to continue its domination though the BJP is trying hard to make a dent with aggressive canvassing.

Asaduddin Owaisi, who is seeking re-election for the fifth consecutive term, is leading the AIMIM's campaign by reaching out to the voters with his daily padayatras.

In 2019, BRS bagged nine seats, BJP captured four seats, Congress won three seats, while the AIMIM retained its lone seat in Hyderabad.

World Health Day

Study shows rotavirus vaccinations safe for babies in NICU



New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Administering the rotavirus vaccine to babies in the neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) is safe and does not cause any outbreaks of the disease, according to a new study.

Rotaviruses are majorly responsible for diarrhoeal disease among infants and young children. The vaccine, which contains a weakened form of the virus to produce a stronger immune response, is administered via drops.

Researchers from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, US noted that preterm infants, usually kept in the NICU, are at higher risk of the highly contagious but preventable virus, yet few receive the vaccine over transmission fears. To understand, the team conducted an analysis of 3,448 weekly stool samples from 774 patients between January 2021 and January 2022.

They found that "99.3 per cent of non-vaccinated patients exposed to vaccinated patients did not test positive for the disease. Non-vaccinated patients that contracted rotavirus had no symptoms after 14 days."

"Our yearlong, prospective study done in collaboration with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that the benefits of vaccinating NICU patients against rotavirus outweigh the risks," said Kathleen Gibbs, MD, the study's lead neonatologist from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"In-patient vaccination allows protection of a vulnerable population against a common, preventable cause of severe diarrhoeal illness," she added.

The findings are important because many NICUs avoid vaccinating against rotavirus due to a theoretical risk of transmission, yet some infants are too old to receive the vaccine once discharged from the NICU. According to the CDC guidelines, the first dose must be administered before 15 weeks of age. The study findings will be presented at the ongoing Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2024 Meeting, being held in Toronto, Canada.

Janhvi Kapoor shimmers in golden outfit and flaunts tiara to add to the oomph

Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Actress Janhvi Kapoor, who has recently started shooting for her upcoming film 'Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari' on Monday dropped mesmerising glimpses of her new photoshoot, looking like a goddess. Taking to Instagram, Janhvi, who has 24.1 million followers, shared a string of pictures wearing a golden outfit posing against a golden backdrop.

For the makeup, she went all glam -- brown glossy lips, with a hint of golden glitters on it, golden eyeshadow and heavily blushed cheeks.

Her hair is styled in soft curls and accessorised the look with a golden tiara and matching earrings. The post is captioned: "In the garden of Eden". A fan commented: "Beauty on duty", and another wrote: "queen". A fan said: "My kinda golden hour". Meanwhile, in 'Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari', Janhvi is reuniting with Varun Dhawan after their last outing 'Bawaal'. She also has a romantic sports drama 'Mr. & Mrs. Mahi' alongside Rajkummar Rao, an action thriller 'Ulajh', starring Gulshan Devaiah, Roshan Mathew and Rajesh Tailang.



Riteish, Genelia cast their votes in Latur, urge people to 'vote for your future'



Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Actor Riteish Deshmukh and his wife Genelia took to Instagram after they cast their vote in Latur, Maharashtra, to urge fellow citizens to come out and exercise their democratic right.

Riteish, dressed in a white churidar and sky blue kurta, had a simple message: "We have voted. Have you?" Genelia, who wore a light yellow chiffon sari with a silver border, wrote: "Vote for you. Vote for your future. Vote for your country."

Latur is the Assembly constituency that Riteish's late father, Vilasrao Deshmukh, who was Maharashtra's chief minister and a Union minister as well, represented in the years he was active in state politics.

In Genelia's post, Riteish and she are seen sitting along with his mother, Vaishali Deshmukh, under a picture of a beaming Vilasrao Deshmukh.

The contest for the Latur parliamentary seat, for which the Deshmukhs cast their vote, is between the sitting MP Sudhakar Tukaram Shrangare from the NDA and the INDIA bloc's nominee, Kalge Shivaji Bandappa.

Riteish, who was last seen in the successful Marathi movie, 'Ved', will appear next in 'Housefull 5' with Akshay Kumar and Abhishek Bachchan.

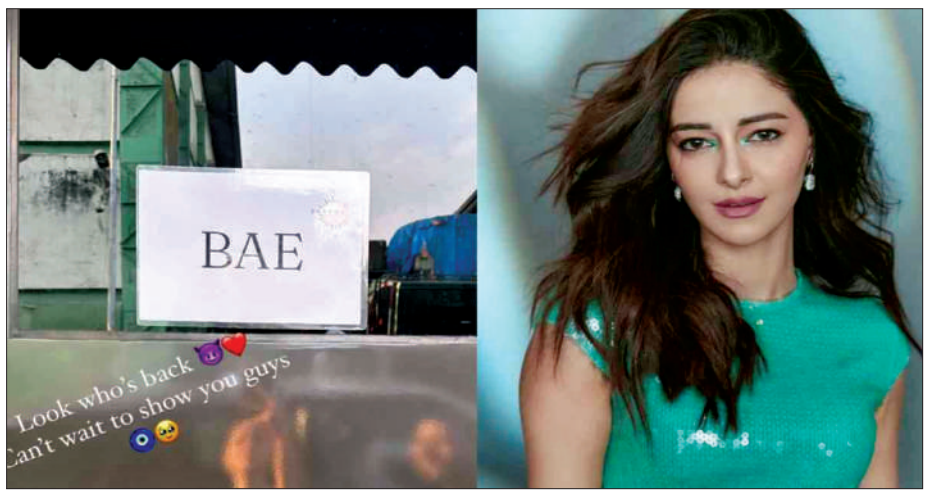
Musk invites billionaire investor Warren Buffett to invest in Tesla

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Elon Musk, on Monday, invited billionaire investor Warren Buffett to come and invest in Tesla, which is facing tough times amid global slowdown in EV sales.

Replying to an X user who posted that Berkshire Hathaway owner should sell all his shares in Apple and buy Tesla instead, the electric car company owner responded that it is an "obvious move" for him.

"He (Buffett) should take a position in Tesla. It's an obvious move," posted the X owner.

Ananya Panday is back on 'Call Me Bae' set: 'Can't wait to show you guys'



Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Ananya Panday on Tuesday shared a sneak peek into her next project, 'Call Me Bae', as she is back for the shoot of the upcoming streaming series. Taking to Instagram stories, Ananya shared a glimpse of her vanity van with "BAE" written on it.

The actress shared the picture with the caption: "Look who's back... Can't wait to show you guys," followed by a red heart emoji. The show follows the story of a billionaire fashionista, Bae (portrayed by Ananya), who is disowned by her ultra-rich family due to a salacious scandal. Left to fend for herself for the first time, she overcomes stereotypes, confronts prejudices, and explores her true self on this journey. A Dharmatic Entertainment production with Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta, and Somen Mishra serving as executive producers, 'Call Me Bae' is directed by Collin D'Cunha.

Vijay Raaz explores 'vulnerabilities' of his 'strong cop' role in 'Murder in Mahim'

Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Actor Vijay Raaz, who is all geared up to portray Jende in the upcoming psychological thriller 'Murder in Mahim', shared that it was fun to explore various shades of his character -- both humane and aggressive sides.

Vijay, who was last seen in the web series 'Showtime', opened up on his character, stating: "Characters lie in the scripts. But it is the artist's job to interpret, define, and redefine each character, pushing it to another limit. It was fun to explore his various shades; be it his humane side during the investigations or his aggressive side in his interpersonal relationship. He is indeed a cop who is strong but also has his vulnerabilities."

The social commentary series explores the chilling murder mystery and the underbelly of Mumbai, shedding light on the reconciliation of a lost friendship between Peter (played by Ashutosh Rana) and Jende (portrayed by Vijay).

Adapted from a critically acclaimed book by author Jerry Pinto, the gripping series is helmed by Raj Acharya and created by Tipping Point Films. It also stars talented actors Shivani Raghuvanshi and Shivaji Satam in pivotal roles.

'Murder in Mahim' is set to release on May 10 on JioCinema Premium.



'Wonder Woman 3' director Patty Jenkins reveals the Gal Gadot-starrer isn't likely to happen



Los Angeles, May 7 (IANS) Filmmaker Patty Jenkins has shared an update on 'Wonder Woman 3', and said that the Gal Gadot-starrer will most likely never happen.

When questioned about the status of the third instalment of 'Wonder Woman', Jenkins said: "Yeah, for the time being, but probably easily forever."

The director appeared on Max's Talking Pictures Podcast, where she shared all the details, reports deadline.com.

Asked if another director would take on the film, Jenkins said: "No, they're not interested in doing any 'Wonder Woman' for the time being."

"So, when I left Star Wars to do 'Wonder Woman 3', and I started working on that, we talked about, 'Well, maybe I'll come back to Star Wars after 'Wonder Woman 3', so we started a deal for that to happen," she said.

"When 'Wonder Woman 3' then went away, Lucasfilm and I were like, 'Oh, we've got to finish this deal.' We finished the deal right as the strike was beginning, so I now owe a draft of Star Wars. So we will see what happens there. Who knows?"

Jenkins said that Lucasfilm has "a hard job in front of them of what's the first movie they're going to do."

"They have other directors who have been working, but I am now back on doing Rogue Squadron. We'll see what happens. We need to get it to where we're both super happy with it," she added.

The filmmaker said she would "absolutely" be happy to direct a film in the 'Star Wars' universe as she finds "something so beautiful in this world."

"If I can do something beautiful and do something that serves that audience, I would love to do it," she added.

Nargis Fakhri wants to live in the woods, says nature heals us

Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Actress Nargis Fakhri desires to live in the woods, as she says there is nothing better than spending days in nature.

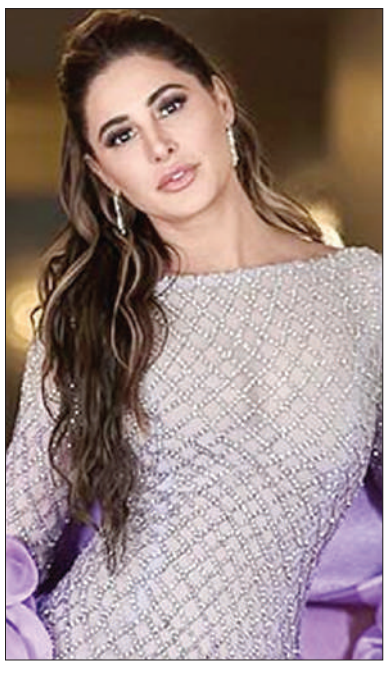
Nargis took to her Instagram stories and shared a video of her trekking through the woods.

Without sharing details about her whereabouts, Nargis wrote: "I want to live in the woods, there is nothing better than waking up to this and spending your days in nature. I feel so grateful and blessed, nature heals us."

Talking about her work, Nargis, who made her Bollywood debut in 2011 with the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer 'Rockstar', was last seen in the Hindi comedy film 'Shiv Shastri Balboa' starring Anupam Kher and Neena Gupta.

The actress will next be seen in the Telugu period action adventure film 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu Part 1 - Sword vs Spirit' starring Pawan Kalyan and Bobby Deol.

The film is reportedly set in the Mughal Era.





From Deepika-Ranveer to Priyanka, celebs who've amped up temple visit style

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Finding the right outfit for a temple visit is not an easy task as we find it for other occasions. Balancing religiosity with style can present a unique challenge, so here's a complete guide to the temple outfit ideas of your favourite celebrities for you to exude grace and elegance effortlessly.

Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh

The celebrated Bollywood power couple is known for their impeccable fashion sense. When the star of 'Bajirao Mastani', renowned for his eclectic style, and his beloved wife, the actress who's set to star in the upcoming film 'Singham Again', visited the Lord Venkateswara temple on their first wedding anniversary, fans couldn't help but admire their style statement.

Shilpa Shetty

Known for her dedication to fitness, Shilpa Shetty is frequently seen visiting temples -- Mumbai's Siddhi Vinayak Temple is a regular haunt -- and even when she's at home, she maintains her deep-rooted belief by performing pooja rituals. While keeping up with fashion trends is significant, comfort is equally essential. Take cues from Shilpa's iconic Laxmi Puja style with her elegantly adorned two-piece kurta set, perfect for your next temple visit.

Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma

Beyond their individual achievements, the star cricketer and his actress wife are renowned for their deep-rooted spiritual convictions. During Ganesh Chaturthi's festivities last year, Virat was dressed in a white kurta-pyjama, while Anushka elegantly draped herself in a saree of a golden hue. A perfect ethnic outfit style inspiration to pin for a temple visit.

Priyanka Chopra

Our desi girl who has won the hearts of millions at home and abroad looked beautiful draped in a stunning yellow sheer saree at Ayodhya's Ram Mandir. The actress, who visited the temple with husband Nick Jonas and daughter Malti Marie, was truly a delight for her fans. This real-life image serves as a perfect guide for those seeking inspiration for a **subtle saree look.**

Sara Ali Khan

The dazzling Gen-Z star keeps celebrating not just for her acting prowess, but also her profound devotion to her beliefs. Donning a traditional rich pink three-piece salwar kurta and dupatta ensemble, she gracefully engages in rituals. To ensure an uninterrupted ceremony during your next temple visit, consider mirroring her style.

More high-level exits at Paytm, company says part of restructuring exercise

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Ajay Vikram Singh, Chief Business Officer (CBO) of the UPI and User Growth vertical, and Bipin Kaul, CBO, Offline Payments have stepped down from digital payments major Paytm, as senior-level exits continue at the company amid "ongoing restructuring".Paytm said, in a statement, that it is committed to ensuring sustained growth across key business verticals as "we are going through a restructuring initiative that signals a reinvigorated approach under Paytm's CEO"."These changes are part of our approach to strengthen Paytm's next line of leaders," the company added.Last week, One97 Communications Ltd (OCL), which owns Paytm, announced plans to expand its leadership team to build a large and profitable payment and financial services distribution business."These robust leaders will work directly with the CEO and other senior management leaders fostering innovation and strengthening the group structure for sustainability and regulatory compliance," said the digital payments company.According to the company, Bhavesh Gupta, President and Chief Operating Officer, has taken a career break due to "personal reasons", and will be transitioning to an advisory role.The digital payments major also saw leadership transitions within its wealth subsidiary where Rakesh Singh has been appointed as the new CEO of Paytm Money Ltd (PML and Varun Sridhar, former head of Paytm Money Ltd, now leads as CEO at Paytm Services Pvt Ltd (PSPL)."As and when we have further updates, we will continue to engage with concerned stakeholders," said Paytm.

Domestic indices close in the red amid profit booking

Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) The domestic indices closed in the red on Tuesday amid massive profit booking.

At close on Tuesday, the Sensex was down 383.69 points, or 0.52 per cent, at 73,511.85, while the Nifty fell 140.20 points, or 0.62 per cent to settle at 22,302.50.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said that despite positive global cues, the domestic markets continued to consolidate. They are witnessing profit booking due to various factors, including a low turnout in the ongoing elections and premium valuations, he said.Analysts said that a spike in volatility accompanied profit booking.Hrishikesh Yedve, AVP, Technical and Derivatives Research, at Asit C. Mehta Investment Intermediates, said the domestic indices opened higher on Tuesday, aided by favourable global clues. However, after some initial jitters, the market saw massive profit booking, with the Volatility Index (India VIX) jumping by about 6 per cent."Later in the day, the volatility decreased as the Nifty closed at 22,302. Technically, the index created a bearish engulfing candle last week, indicating weakness," he said.Analysts said the fall below crucial technical levels suggests that the Nifty's trend has weakened.Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities, said, "Technically, the trend has weakened as the Nifty fell below the 21-day exponential moving average (EMA).

Truecaller's net sales up 8 pc in India with over 234 million daily active users

New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Leading caller identification app Truecaller on Tuesday reported an 8 per cent increase in net sales in India in the first quarter (Q1) of the calendar year, saying that the country accounted for 74.2 per cent of the total net sales.India continues to remain one of the biggest markets for Truecaller as the region accounted for growth across three revenue streams - Truecaller for Business, Premium subscriptions and Ads, the company said in a statement.Net sales in India reached 316.8 million Swedish Krona (SEK) in the first quarter (Q1 FY24), compared to SEK 292.2 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.Globally, the average number of active users (MAU) increased by 39 million to approximately 383.4 million, "out of which 272.6 million monthly active users are in India alone," the company informed.

Dixon Technologies' unit partners Nokia to manufacture telecom products



New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) Homegrown Dixon Technologies' subsidiary on Monday entered into an agreement with global telecommunications company Nokia for the development and manufacturing of telecom products.

The company's subsidiary -- Dixon Electro Appliances Private Limited (DEAPL) -- has partnered with Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, which is a developer and supplier of sophisticated communications equipment & terminals, accessories and connectivity solutions, the company said in an exchange filing.

"This association will give a strong impetus to India's manufacturing competitiveness. There is tremendous scope and potential in the Telecom product market and it's gratifying that Nokia has partnered with Dixon for its Telecom products segment," Atul B. Lall, VC & MD, Dixon Technologies, said in a statement.

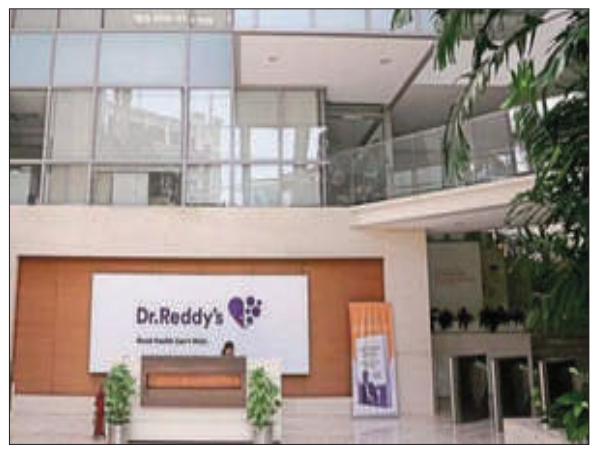
"We are sure that with their vision and stringent industry-leading processes, combined with our expertise in manufacturing, Nokia's customers are going to have an enriching experience," he added.

The manufacturing of the devices will take place at DEAPL's Noida facility in Uttar Pradesh, the company stated.

Dixon Technologies manufactures products for the consumer durables, lighting, and mobile phone markets in India.

Their product portfolio includes -- consumer electronics like LED TVs, home appliances like washing machines, lighting products like LED bulbs and tube lights & downlighters, mobile phones, and more.

Dr Reddy's Laboratories clocks 36 pc surge in Q4 net profit



Mumbai, May 7 (IANS) Dr Reddy's Laboratories on Tuesday reported a 36 per cent jump in net profit at Rs 1,307 crore for the Jan-March quarter of 2023-24 compared to the corresponding figure of Rs 960 crore in the same period of the previous year.

The Hyderabad-based pharma major posted a 12 per cent increase in total revenue at Rs 7083 crore, compared to Rs 6,297 crore in the fourth quarter of the previous year.Dr Reddy's board declared a final dividend of Rs 40 per share (800 per cent) of Rs 5 each for the financial year 2023-24, the company said in a stock exchange filing.

At the operating level, EBITDA rose 14 per cent to Rs 1872 crore as against Rs 1631.2 crore last fiscal. EBITDA margin stood at 26.4 per cent as compared to 25.9 per cent.

According to market analysts, the success of the blockbuster cancer drug Revlimid played a key role in driving up the company's profit and revenue in the fourth quarter.

The company also said that Parag Agarwal will retire as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective from the close of working hours on July 31, 2024. M V Narasimham, the Deputy Chief Financial Officer of the Company is being elevated to the role of the Chief Financial Officer of the Company with effect from August 1, 2024.

Govt launches Meditech Stackathon to give big push to medical devices manufacturing



New Delhi, May 7 (IANS) The government on Tuesday launched the Meditech Stackathon 2024 in collaboration with apex business chamber CII to give a big push to the domestic manufacturing of medical devices and reduce dependence on imports.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Arunish Chawla, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceutical, said that India's MedTech industry holds immense potential, with projections estimating a growth rate of 28 per cent annually, reaching a size of USD 50 billion by 2030.

He said that currently, India is the 4th largest market for medical devices in Asia and among the top 20 globally. Net imports for 2022-23 stands at USD 4101 Million with an import coverage ratio of 0.45.

The Secretary said that the sector has witnessed a surge in imports, driven primarily by countries like the US, China, and Germany. However, India's robust policy ecosystem presents opportunities for export boosts and reducing import dependence through domestic manufacturing.

He said that the Stackathon would deliberate in eight focused groups namely Cancer Therapy, Imaging, Critical Care, Assistive Medical Devices, Body Implants, Surgical instruments and Hospital Equipment, Consumables & Disposables, and IVD Instruments and reagents, each tasked with specific objectives including segment-wise identification of important medical devices, assessment of import-export dynamics, examination of duty structures, and their implications across the entire value chain.

Dr Chawla emphasised the importance of policymakers, and industry coming together to draw up a sturdy policy stack for the growth of the medical devices industry in the country.

He highlighted the critical need to focus on quality to ensure that India becomes globally competitive.

Exports overtook imports in consumables and disposables during last year, he said while urging the industry to continue with the momentum in other pillars of medi-tech sector.

Collaboration among stakeholders is essential to address these challenges and enhance both the ease and cost of doing business in the sector. By fostering partnerships, boosting investment in research and innovation, and streamlining value chain processes, we can achieve our shared goal of accessible and affordable healthcare for all, he added.

Through the Stackathon, participants will delve into the complexities of different product segments within the medical devices industry to gain insights into their unique challenges and opportunities, analyse and map value chains across various segments of the medical devices industry to identify key stakeholders, processes, and dependencies, identify critical issues hindering the development of the medical devices industry, such as import dependence, regulatory hurdles, and technological gaps, Dr Chawla said in his address.

Preceding this workshop, group leads and members have undertaken extensive virtual discussions and preparatory work. The challenges persist in the sector, including cost competitiveness, quality assurance, and regulatory hurdles.

Himanshu Baid, Chairman, CII highlighted a shared vision of collaborative excellence, wherein stakeholders unite to drive tangible outcomes and propel the MedTech industry towards unparalleled growth.

TKM Introduces Innova Crysta GX+ as a New Standard Grade

Bangalore/ Jamshedpur, May 7 : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the introduction of new grade, GX+, in the Innova Crysta lineup. Inspired by the company's focus on customer centricity, the new grade boasts of enhanced features thus reflecting TKM's commitment to delivering excellence tailored to the customer preferences. Reinvigorating the Innova Crysta line-up, the newly introduced Innova Crysta GX+ grade is loaded with 14 additional features, harmoniously blending functional and aesthetic enhancements, elevating the overall driving experience. Key highlights of Innova Crysta GX+ include functional features such as rear camera, auto-fold mirrors, DVR, as well as aesthetic enhancements like diamond-cut alloys, wooden panels, and premium fabric seats. Offered in 7- and 8-seater options, the GX+ grade is available in five exciting colours i.e., Super White, Attitude Black Mica, Avant-Garde Bronze Metallic, Platinum White Pearl and Silver Metallic each adding a unique flair to the versatile palette of the vehicle.

Starting price at Rs. 21,39,000. (ex-showroom). Commenting on the new introduction, Mr. Sabari Manohar – Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, “Ever since its launch in 2005 Innova brand has earned an unshakable reputation of being the segment leader by setting industry benchmarks. Synonymous to quality and trust, Innova has served the diverse mobility needs of generations of Indians and continues to hold the same aspirational value. The newly introduced Innova Crysta GX+ grade complement our existing line-up of Innova Crysta. The newly introduced features are a leap forward in terms of offering more value through enhanced features and multi functionality. We are confident that the new introduction will continue appeal to a wider audience of customers thus reinforcing Innova’s legacy of being India’s most loved MPV.”

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Have 'irrefutable evidence' of India's involvement in recent targeted killings, claims Pakistan

Islamabad, May 7 (IANS) Director General (DG) of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Major General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhary, said on Tuesday that Pakistan has "irrefutable evidence" of India's involvement in the recent targeted killings of various individuals in the country.

"India's killing spree has spread to different countries now. From the killing of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in another country, India has been involved in killings of individuals in Pakistan," Chaudhary said while addressing media at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi.

"Pakistan has irrefutable evidence of India's involvement behind the killings," he added.

The Major General said that Pakistani intelligence agencies are aware of India's plans to divert the attention of people from its internal issues by showing aggression along the border, and also by forming an "anti-Pakistan" election narrative.

"We are very well aware and prepared for India's plan to opt for aggression at the Line of Control (LoC) and divert attention from its internal issues through an "anti-Pakistan" narrative during the elections," Chaudhary added.

He said that there have been at least 120 speculative, 15 air space, and 59 technical violations committed by India along the LoC in 2024 as of now.

The DG ISPR claimed that India's plan to suppress the opinion of people in Jammu and Kashmir during the ongoing Lok Sabha elections is also quite clear.

"Elections of five seats on five separate days are only aimed at suppressing the voice of Kashmiris and manipulating the poll outcome," he said.

Referring to Afghanistan and



the ongoing security situation in the country, DG ISPR issued a charge sheet against the Afghan Taliban-led government, claiming that more than 90 per cent of the terror attacks in the country are facilitated by Afghanistan.

"Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) is supported, facilitated, and harboured by Afghanistan. Afghan nationals have been carrying out terror attacks in Pakistan. We have killed and captured many terrorists who are Afghans and belong to different areas along the border, including Spin Boldak, Paktika, and other parts of Afghanistan," he said.

"The suicide bomber involved in the attacks on Chinese engineers in Besham, which resulted in the death of at least five Chinese nationals and one Pakistani national, was an Afghan national. The vehicle involved in the attack was also readied and filled with explosives in Afghanistan before being brought into Pakistan."The DG ISPR also said that Afghan nationals and "militants" of the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) -- Majeed Brigade were involved in the attacks that took place in Gwadar and other parts of Balochistan."It is well known that BLA is supported and facilitated by Afghanistan. Families of TTP and BLA are living in Afghanistan in large numbers. This is a fact that cannot be ignored," said DG ISPR.Referring to the recent threats made by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders against the military establishment of the country, including the Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, the DG ISPR said that there can be no talks with such groups, political forces, or individuals who threaten the country's integrity and security.

When asked about the rumours of some backdoor negotiations taking place between the military establishment and Imran Khan's PTI, Chaudhary added: "The only way forward for the culprits behind May 9 riots and attacks on military installations is to apologise. However, talks of political forces look better when they are with political parties."

Hamas calls for US, int'l pressure to stop escalation in Rafah

Gaza, May 7 (IANS) The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) on Tuesday called on the US administration and the international community to put pressure on Israel to stop the storming of the Rafah border crossing with Egypt.Hamas said in a statement that the attack is "a dangerous escalation against a civilian facility protected by international law, aiming to exacerbate the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, by closing it and preventing the flow of emergency relief aid through it to our besieged people".Hamas added that the escalation threatens the lives of hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians in Rafah and the entire Gaza Strip, Xinhua news agency reported.Israel's military said on Tuesday that it had taken control of the Gaza side of the Rafah crossing in an overnight attack.The crossing, which has served as a passage for humanitarian aid from Egypt to war-torn Gaza, was out of service.Earlier on Tuesday, Hamas' armed wing Al-Qassam Brigades said that their militants "attacked Israeli soldiers stationed around the Rafah crossing".

German far-right EU lawmaker's Brussels office raided in spying probe

Brussels, May 7 (IANS/DPA) Investigators in Brussels have searched the European Parliament office of far-right German legislator Maximilian Krah in connection with suspected espionage by his former assistant, Jian Guo, German prosecutors said on Tuesday.The German Police arrested Guo on suspicion of espionage on April 22.

Krah, a leading member of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party in Europe, fired Guo following the allegations that the parliamentary aid was spying for China.In a statement on X, Krah said: "Today, my ex-employee's office in Brussels was searched. This was to be expected after his arrest and is therefore not surprising. The only remarkable thing is that it took so long. Neither I nor any other employees are affected.

Two killed, 21 injured in knife attack at hospital in China

Beijing, May 7 (IANS/DPA) Two persons were killed while 21 others were injured in a knife attack at a hospital in China.The police in Zhenxiong County in Yunnan province said on Tuesday that a man from a local village carried out the attack with a knife shortly before noon (local time).No further information was available on the possible motive behind the attack or the identities of the victims.China's state news agency Xinhua had previously reported 10 victims without specifying the number of deceased and wounded persons.

Videos circulated on the Chinese social media platform Weibo showed the arrest of the suspected perpetrator.

Other pictures from the scene showed injured victims on the ground.

Work to form multi-polar world order will continue, says Putin after beginning fifth presidential term

Moscow, April 7 (IANS) Promising continuation of his efforts to form a "multipolar world order" and an "equal and indivisible security system", Vladimir Putin, who took office as President of Russia for the fifth time on Tuesday, said that Moscow remains open to strengthening good relations with all countries that see it as a "reliable and honest partner"."We do not refuse dialogue with Western states. The choice is theirs: do they intend to continue trying to restrain the development of Russia, continue the policy of aggression, continuous pressure on our country for years, or look for a path to cooperation and peace," he said after the ceremony held at St. Andrew's Hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace which marked the beginning his new six-year presidential term.The 71-year-old leader was quick to add that the conversation - including on issues of security and strategic stability - is possible "only on equal terms, respecting each other's interests" and "not from a position of strength"."Together with our partners in Eurasian integration and other sovereign development centres, we will continue to work to form a multipolar world order and an equal and indivisible security system," he added.The ceremony began with the ceremonial introduction of the State Flag of Russia, the Standard of the President, the Constitution of Russia and the Badge of the President of Russia.Elected with 87 per cent of the vote, Putin took the oath to the people of Russia following which Valery Zorkin, Chairman of the Constitutional Court, announced his assumption as President of the Russian Federation. Later, the Presidential Regiment was presented to Putin, who is also the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

S.Korean envoy to Russia attends Putin's inauguration ceremony: Seoul official

Seoul, May 7 (IANS) South Korean Ambassador to Russia, Lee Do-hoon, attended the inauguration ceremony of its leader Vladimir Putin, who began his fifth term as President on Tuesday (local time), Seoul officials said.

Lee's attendance at the event held at the Kremlin came in contrast to counterparts from South Korea's ally, the US, and many Western countries that boycotted the event over its war in Ukraine, Yonhap news agency reported.European Union nations were also divided over sending delegations to the inauguration, according to news reports.The decision was made after careful consideration of various pending bilateral issues and the need to manage bilateral relations with Moscow, a source said.The government also reportedly took into account its responsibility to protect the rights and interests of South Korean nationals and businesses in Russia.

Whether to send a presidential letter to Putin for his re-election victory is still under consideration, a Foreign Ministry official said.

Bilateral ties between Seoul and Moscow have chilled since South Korea joined a US-led move to impose sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.

Russia has described South Korea as one of the unfriendly nations, calling for the withdrawal of a string of economic sanctions Seoul has imposed on Moscow.

Russia revealed early last month that a South Korean missionary has been held in the Lefortovo detention facility in Moscow since late February on espionage charges, a claim denied by the Christian aid group he works for.

Two injured in firing incident at CH Area





Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 7: Chaos ensued near the Sai Temple in the upscale CH Area of Sonari Thana on Tuesday afternoon when a criminal opened fire, injuring two individuals. The victims, identified as Abhay Gope and Surya Hembram, were swiftly rushed to Tata Main Hospital for medical treatment, where they are currently admitted and receiving care. Law enforcement authorities sprang into action promptly, managing to apprehend the shooter shortly after the incident. The suspect, identified as Akaash Singh, also known as Batla, is now in police custody facing charges related to the indiscriminate firing. While the police have managed to detain the alleged shooter, they remain tight-lipped about the specifics of the case. Authorities declined to comment on the origins of both the victims and the assailant, the motive behind the attack, or any potential criminal history of the injured individuals. The Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters-II) confirmed the occurrence of the shooting incident but refrained from providing further details, citing an ongoing investigation. The location of the shooting holds significance as it serves as a vital intersection connecting Bistupur to Sonari via the affluent CH Area. The area witnesses heavy foot traffic and vehicular movement throughout the day, making the incident all the more alarming for residents and commuters alike. As investigations continue into the incident, the community remains on edge, awaiting further updates from law enforcement authorities regarding the circumstances surrounding the shooting. (W/pb)

SSP reviews security arrangements for LS elections

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 7: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kaushal Kishore, along with Rural SP Rishabh Garg, convened a review meeting at the Ghatshila SDPO office on Tuesday regarding security arrangements for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The meeting saw the participation of SDPOs, DSPs, and station in-charges from various police station areas.

During the meeting, SSP Kishore emphasized the importance of comprehensive security arrangements, extending from polling booths to Collectors' offices across the sub-division.

He made special stress on tight security measures on polling day and during the movement of polling personnel, with deployment of both paramilitary and district police forces. Highlighting the significance of former Naxal areas, Kishore underlined the need for elaborate security at polling stations in such regions. He urged citizens to cast their votes without fear, aiming for a 100 percent voter turnout in the district.

Those who participated in the review meeting included CDPO Ajit Kumar Kujur, Musabani DSP Sandeep Bhagat, and several station in-charges, including Madhusudan De, Upendra Kumar, Santosh Kumar, Rajendra Kumar Munda, Akhilesh Kumar, and Abhishek Kumar. (w/gsd)

Mega blood donation camp to mark World Red Cross Day

Jamshedpur, May 7: The Indian Red Cross Society, Jamshedpur, is gearing up for a Mega Blood Donation Camp on May 8, 2024, at Red Cross Bhawan, Sakchi, Jamshedpur, in honor of World Red Cross Day. Bijay Kumar Singh, Honorary Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, East Singhbhum Branch, shared details about the upcoming camp, stating that all logistics are in place for the event. Singh expressed optimism about a substantial turnout of blood donors, emphasizing the critical need to replenish the blood reserves at the Jamshedpur Blood Centre. He encouraged capable youth and regular blood donors to participate in this noble endeavor, highlighting the importance of their contributions to saving lives. (w/nkm)

Woman arrested with illegal liquor worth Rs One lakh

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 7: Police apprehended a woman, Pavani Oraon, in Dharamdih Tola of Ichada Panchayat under Jadugora police station for allegedly trading in illicit and spurious liquor from her residence. During the police raid led by PSIn-charge Abhishek Kumar, assistant sub-inspector Satyanarayan Kumar, lady constable Urmila Devi, and Havildar Sudhanshu Kumar Mahato, a substantial quantity of illicit liquor was seized. The haul included 184 cans of beer of various brands, 224 bottles of fake liquor also of different brands, and 8 liters of illegal country brew, with an estimated value of Rs 1 lakh. Senior Superintendent of Police Kaushal Kishore briefed journalists about the operation during a press conference held at the Ghatshila CDPO office on Tuesday. He emphasized the ongoing efforts to crack down on illegal activities, particularly ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Ghatshila SDPO, Musabani DSP and other police officials were present during the press conference.

HC revokes Bar Association expulsion, allows former members to contest elections



Jamshedpur, May 7: The High Court has overturned the decision to expel three former committee members from the Jamshedpur District Bar Association, granting them the opportunity to participate in the upcoming elections for the term 2024-2026. The Election Committee had initially barred these members, including former General Secretary Anil Kumar Tiwari, Rathindra Nath Das, and Treasurer Rajeev Saini, from contesting the forthcoming Bar el;ections. However, following a writ petition filed by the expelled candidates challenging the Election Committee's ruling, the High Court has ruled in their favor. Former General Secretary Anil Kumar Tiwari expressed gratitude for the court's decision, emphasizing their readiness to participate in the elections. Similarly, Rathindra Nath Das welcomed the court's verdict, stating that they have been rightfully granted the opportunity to contest. On Tuesday, after the High Court's decision, the supporters of Anil Tiwari, Rathindra Nath Das and Rajeev Saini garlanded the three advocates and distributed sweets on Tuesday (w/gsd)

Police seize Rs 35 Lakh worth marijuana, arrest one in Chakulia



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 7: The police seized 66.9 kg of marijuana(ganja) worth approximately Rs 35 lakh from the residence of Tikaram Soren in Bhondosol under the Chakulia police station in East Singhbhum district. Senior Superintendent of Police Kaushal Kishore provided this information during a press conference held on Tuesday. According to SSP Kishore, the police acted on a secret tip off indicating large-scale buying and selling of ganja in the Chakulia area. Acting swiftly, a police team led by CDPO Ajit Kumar Kujur conducted a raid on Monday night, leading to the seizure of 32 packets of ganja at Soren's residence. Tikaram Soren was apprehended in connection with the case, while efforts to locate three other suspects were underway. The SSP stated that the seized ganja was transported from Odisha to Chakulia, raising concerns over the scale of the illicit trade. The police are intensifying their investigation to uncover the supply chain of ganja in the region. Those present at the press conference included Rural SP Rishabh Garg, Ghatshila SDPO Ajit Kumar Kujur, and other police station in-charges. (w/gsd)

Teacher sentenced to 5 years RI for obscene acts with student

Jamshedpur, May 7: Ritesh Mahendru, also known as Bobby, a tuition teacher in New Baradwari Sitaramdera, has been found guilty of committing obscene acts with a student. The Special Court POCSO Judge Kawaljit Chopra sentenced him to five years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 10,000. The incident occurred on October 20, 2021, when the victim student went to study at Ritesh Mahendru's tuition center. According to the student's complaint, the teacher had made inappropriate advances, touching her inappropriately and even suggesting that she bring other girls for tuition. When the student's father learned about this, he confronted the teacher, leading to a scuffle during which the teacher was injured. The accused teacher has been convicted under Section 10 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Section 354 (molestation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). If the fine is not paid, the punishment will be extended by one and a half years, and the fine amount will be given to the victim. (w/nkm)

Husband sentenced to seven years imprisonment in dowry death case

Jamshedpur, May 7: Kunal Kumar, a resident of Sapna Complex, Kadma Ramnagar, has been sentenced to seven years of rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs 10,000 in a dowry death case by the court of ADJ-5 Manju Kumari on Tuesday. The court found him guilty under IPC section 304B (dowry death) and section 498A (torture), imposing a concurrent sentence of three years. Additionally, a fine of Rs 10,000 was imposed. The tragic incident stems from a love marriage between Kunal Kumar and Deepti Kumari, daughter of Bharat Lal, resident of Sonari Khuntadih, solemnized on November 10, 2017. Merely 18 days after their wedding, Deepti was found hanging at their residence on November 28, 2017. Following the devastating loss, Bharat Lal lodged an FIR for dowry death against his son-in-law Kunal and mother-in-law Lata Devi at Kadma police station. He alleged that after their marriage, Kunal and Deepti resided at house number 61 on Lohit Road, Kadma. Subsequently, due to conflicts with their mother-in-law, they relocated to their sister's residence in Ramnagar Sapna Complex. (w/nkm)

S.E.R. Bharat Scouts and Guides serve free water to passengers

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Jamshedpur, May 7: Amidst soaring temperatures, members of S.E. Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides in Chakradharpur Division have launched an initiative to alleviate the discomfort of travelers. Across railway stations including Tatanagar, Adityapur, Sini, Chakradharpur, and Jharsuguda, these volunteers are distributing free drinking water to passengers.

Recognizing the importance of hydration during the scorching summer months, this endeavor not only provides relief to that in need but also instills values of service and social responsibility among the youth involved. (w/gsd)

121 voters use Postal Ballot



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Jamshedpur, May 7: The commencement of postal ballot voting witnessed the active participation of 121 voters exercising their franchise across separate polling stations designated for voters deputed for election duties and essential services personnel, whose Lok Sabha constituency elections are scheduled for the fourth phase. At the SDO office in Dhalbhum, a total of 88 individuals cast their votes, with 47 voters hailing from the Palamu parliamentary constituency and 41 from the Lohardaga parliamentary constituency. Meanwhile, at the ITDA office polling station, 33 voters exercised their voting rights, including 31 voters from Singhbhum, 1 from Lohardaga, and 1 from Palamu parliamentary constituencies. The District Election Officer, Ananya Mittal, personally inspected both polling booths to oversee the arrangements and ensure smooth conduct of the voting process. During the inspection, necessary guidelines were provided to officials to enhance voter convenience, including provisions for wheelchairs, shelter construction, provision of drinking water, restroom facilities, and aesthetic enhancements to the polling booths. Mittal emphasized the importance of conducting free, fair, and transparent elections, reaffirming the district administration's commitment to prioritizing the electoral process. The voting process, spanning from May 6th to May 10th, is expected to proceed smoothly, with meticulous attention to detail and adherence to electoral protocols. As citizens exercise their democratic right, the district administration remains steadfast in its commitment to facilitating a conducive environment for fair and transparent elections. (W/pb)



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