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## BJP Misses Absolute Majority

### NDA's hat-trick, INDIA blocs Modi magic

### This is victory of world's biggest democracy: PM Modi

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS): In a closely contested Lok Sabha election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was set to return for a third term, though his BJP-led NDA coalition fell short of expectations in the face of a surprisingly strong showing by the opposition INDIA bloc. Despite aiming for over 400 seats, the NDA was hovering around 290 seats, hamstrung by an underwhelming performance in the bellwether state of Uttar Pradesh. A revitalised INDIA bloc was ahead on 235 seats. The BJP, which had set a target of 370 seats, is leading on 243 seats, falling short of the majority mark of 272 and significantly below exit poll forecasts. The Congress is on track to win over 95 seats, a substantial increase from its 2019 tally of 52 seats. Others, including regional outfits and Independents, were ahead in 18 seats.



the INDIA bloc's gain, with around 41 per cent vote share. BJP stronghold Uttar Pradesh was headed for an upset. The INDIA bloc was ahead in 44 of the 80 seats up for grabs, while the ruling BJP was trailing with leads in 35 seats. Allies Congress and Samajwadi Party were leading on eight and 36 seats, respectively. West Bengal was seeing a neck-and-neck fight between the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the BJP in early trends, but the Mamata Banerjee-led party pulled ahead on 28 seats, beating exit poll predictions of a saffron sweep. The BJP, meanwhile, was leading on 12 seats. The INDIA

NDA 293/543		I.N.D.I.A. 231/543	
BJP	239	Congress	100
JDU	12	RJD	4
SHIV SENA	7	SP	37
LJP(RV)	5	TMC	29
AJSU	1	AAP	3
TDP	16	DMK	22

bloc was gaining ground in Maharashtra, with leads in 30 parliamentary constituencies of the total 48. The ruling coalition, which comprises the BJP,

EknathShinde's Shiv Sena and AjitPawar-led NCP, was ahead on 17 seats, falling significantly short of its target of bagging 45-plus seats.

Exit polls have predicted a mostly unanimous outcome that PM Modi is poised for a historic third term and, that too, with an

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS): A third term for Prime Minister Narendra Modi appears certain with the NDA hovering around the 300 mark. But the day belongs to the resurgent Opposition, which performed way over the modest expectations raised by exit polls. Addressing the nation from the BJP's HQ in Delhi after it became apparent the party will form the new government - albeit with much-needed support from NDA partners - Prime Minister NarendraModithanked voters and said, "Today's victory (is) a victory of world's biggest democracy."

As Modi arrived at the headquarters, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP national president JP Nadda garlanded him. The PM took to the stage amid slogans like 'Modi-Modi', 'Jai Shri

Ram' filling the air.

He touched upon the historical significance of NDA government's consecutive third term. "It is for the first time since 1962, a govt will return for a third term."

Listing out the positives for the BJP in this elections, Modi pointed that NDA has won in all the simultaneous Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh, AP, Odisha, Sikkim, while the Congress lost all. "In Kerala, the BJP has won a seat. Our workers in Kerala have sacrificed a lot ... they have served for many generations, and their wait of many generations has now led to success," he said. "In Telangana, our numbers have doubled. In Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, our party has seen a clean sweep," he said.

### Jharkhand LS Election Result

Lok Sabha Seat	Winner Name of Candidate	Party	Loser Name of Candidate	Party
Ranchi	Sanjay Seth	BJP	Yashaswini Sahay	Congress
Chatra	Kalicharan Singh	BJP	KN Tripathi	Congress
Dhanbad	Dullu Mahto	BJP	Anupama Singh	Congress
Giridih	C. P. Choudhary	AJSU	Mathura Mahto	JMM
Dumka	Nalin Soren	JMM	Sita Soren	BJP
Godda	Nishikant Dubey	BJP	Pradeep Yadav	Congress
Hazaribagh	Manish Jaiswal	BJP	Jai Prakash	Congress
Jamshedpur	Bidyut Baran Mahto	BJP	Samir Mohanty	JMM
Khunti	Kalicharan Munda	Congress	Arjun Munda	BJP
Koderma	Annapurna Devi	BJP	Vinod Singh	CPI
Lohardaga	Sukhdev Bhagat	Congress	Sameer Oraon	BJP
Palamu	B. D. Ram	BJP	Mamta Bhuinya	RJD
Rajmahal	Vijay Hansda	JMM	Tala Marandi	BJP
Singhbhum	Joba Manjhi	JMM	Geeta Koda	BJP

unassailable majority. However, the INDIA bloc, comprising 40 opposition parties, remains confident that it can secure a majority.

**Hot Seats :** In a shocker, Union Minister Smriti Irani conceded defeat in Amethi, which she snatched from Rahul Gandhi in the 2019 polls.

Trends at 6 pm showed Irani got 3,70,754 votes, but Congress candidate Kishori Lal was ahead of her by over 1,65,926 votes.

### PM Modi scores hat-trick from Varanasi, wins by 1,52,513 votes

Varanasi (UP), June 4 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has won the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat for a third time. The Prime Minister defeated his rival -- Ajay Rai of Congress with over 1.5 lakh votes. PM Modi polled 6,12,970 votes, according to the Election Commission data. Bahujan Samaj Party's Ather Jamal Lari, finished third and remained nearly 5.8 lakh votes behind the Prime Minister. Ajay Rai -- who has contested and lost each of the past three general elections from Varanasi, claimed that his victory lay in the results. In 2019, there were a total of six candidates in the fray against PM Modi from Varanasi, which was his launchpad to the national political scene in 2014. PM Modi bagged 63.6 per cent of the votes, and after him, the second-highest vote-getter was Shalini Yadav of the Samajwadi Party. In 2014, PM Modi got 56.37 per cent of the votes and his winning margin was 3.72 lakh.

### Union Minister Arjun Munda loses Khunti seat by 149,000 votes

Ranchi, June 4: Union Tribal Affairs and Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda lost the Khunti Lok Sabha seat to Congress's Kalicharan Munda by 1.49 lakh votes, officials said. Arjun Munda, a three-time chief minister, had defeated Kalicharan Munda by 1,445 votes in 2019. Arjun Munda congratulated Kalicharan for victory and said people have given mandate to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to form government for the third time. Kalicharan Munda gave the credit of his victory to party workers, partners of INDIA bloc and people of his constituency. "People of Khunti have given a befitting reply to NDA. A big responsibility is now on my shoulder. I will make every effort to live up to the expectations of people here," he said. Arjun Munda, the 56-year-old tribal leader, had also won a by-election for Lok Sabha seat from Jamshedpur and held the post of BJP's national general secretary.



### Kalpana Soren wins Gandey by-poll

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Ranchi, June 4: Wife of jailed former chief minister Hemant Soren, Kalpana Soren has won the Gandey by-election. After winning the election, she has taken the blessings of her mother-in-law Rupri Soren.

Along with this, other family members have also blessed her. At this time there is a festive atmosphere in her house. Earlier, state minister Mithilesh Thakur has also



congratulated her on the victory. Kalpana Soren has got 26484 votes more. Incidentally, during the entire Lok Sabha

elections, Kalpana has emerged as the biggest star campaigner. Kalpana Soren was engaged in election campaign since the announcement of Lok Sabha elections 2024. She had continuously campaigned among the public. On this seat, there was a contest between INDIA bloc candidate Kalpana Soren and Dilip Verma from BJP. Kalpana Soren won by 26483 votes, defeated Dilip Verma of BJP.

### CM Champai thanks people for win in 5 seats

Mail News Service

Ranchi, June 4: The results of the Lok Sabha elections are almost clear. Five candidates of INDIA bloc have won in Jharkhand. Jharkhand chief minister Champai Soren has thanked the people on social media handle. He has written "Thank you Jharkhand, after this election campaign started with just one MP, you have shown faith in us by electing 5 MPs and 1 MLA of INDIA bloc, we are grateful to you for that." The CM has further written "Congratulations to all the winning candidates and thanks to every voter. The way you all have blessed the candidates of INDIA bloc, ignoring false allegations, propaganda machinery spreading rumors and all conspiracies, is important for us. With the support of all of you, this campaign for the development of Jharkhand and service to the common people here will continue uninterrupted."

### Rahul's landslide win in Wayanad and Raebareli

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Congress leader Rahul Gandhi registered a decisive victory in Wayanad and Raebareli constituencies. Gandhi won both Lok Sabha seats with a margin of over 3 lakh votes. In Wayanad, the Congress leader, who is also the sitting MP, beat his nearest CPI rival, veteran leader Annie Raja, with 3,64,422 votes, according to the Election Commission of India.

K Surendran, the BJP candidate and the party chief in Kerala, came at distant third with 1.41 lakh votes.

### BJP ends crashes Naveen Patnaik's dream to be longest-serving CM

Bhubaneswar, June 4 (IANS): The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Odisha is on track to achieve a historic victory, leading the trends in both Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the state, surpassing the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) led by current Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

As per the latest trends, the BJP is leading in 17 out of the 21 Lok Sabha seats in the state and 70 of the 147 Assembly seats, with one Assembly seat already won.

Meanwhile, the BJD is ahead in three Lok Sabha seats and 58 Assembly seats.

With these numbers, the BJP is nearing the majority mark in the Odisha Assembly polls. To secure a majority in the Legislative



Assembly in the state, a party needs 74 seats. This is particularly significant as the BJP has never been in power in the state before.

Both Lok Sabha and Assembly elections were conducted simultaneously in Odisha over four phases from May 13 to June 1.

Odisha, with its 21 Lok Sabha seats, includes constituencies reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates. In the 2019 elections, the BJD, under Naveen Patnaik's leadership, won 12 seats, while the BJP secured eight, and the Indian National Congress (INC) managed just one seat.

In the 2019 Odisha Assembly elections, the BJD won 112 seats, while the BJP secured 23 seats. The Congress had won nine seats in the 2019 Assembly polls.

The BJD has been in power in Odisha since March 2000. Naveen Patnaik has served as the Chief Minister of the state for the fifth consecutive term. If the Patnaik-led BJD wins this election, then this will confirm his sixth term as CM.

**NDA celebrates historic third term win in Jamshedpur**



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**Jamshedpur, June 4:** In a festive atmosphere, Bharat Singh, a member of the BJP State Working Committee and a noted social worker, distributed sweets at his office in Sakchi, Jamshedpur, to mark the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) landmark victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This triumph marks the third consecutive term for the NDA at the centre, a feat celebrated as a historic moment in India's electoral history. Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato's win contributed to the NDA's impressive performance. Despite the opposition's efforts to sway public opinion, the electorate reaffirmed their trust in the NDA, allowing it to secure a significant mandate. The celebration was attended by notable figures including Shakti Singh, SP, and other prominent members of the community, reflecting the widespread support for the NDA's governance and policies.

**Bunty congratulates Bidyut Baran Mahto**



**Jamshedpur, June 4:** In a significant win for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Bidyut Baran Mahto has clinched the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha seat, marking his third consecutive victory in this constituency. Kulwant Singh Bunty, a former member of the Khadi Board and a member of the BJP State Working Committee, extended hearty congratulations to Mahto on his remarkable achievement. Emphasizing the victory as a testament to the overall development, Bunty highlighted that Mahto's success was backed by people across all castes, religions, and societal segments.

The triumph is attributed to the rigorous campaigning by BJP workers and the strategic electoral meetings conducted by Prime Minister Modi in Ghatsila, which rallied support for Mahto. This victory not only signifies Mahto's personal hat-trick but also reflects the collective effort and dedication of the BJP cadre. The electorate's decision to favor Mahto has been interpreted as an endorsement of the BJP's policies and governance, further paving the way for Prime Minister Modi's third term in office. The national sentiment appears to resonate with the BJP's vision, as evidenced by the overwhelming support from the populace, ensuring a robust mandate for the NDA coalition.

**Kali Sharma hails Bidyut Baran Mahato's hat-trick win**

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** In a remarkable display of political endurance, Bidyut Baran Mahato of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has clinched a hat-trick win from the Jamshedpur constituency. This triumph marks the third consecutive victory for Mahato and heralds the formation of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government at the Centre once again. Krishna Sharma Kali, the BJYM Jharkhand state media in-charge, extended hearty congratulations to Mahato, lauding the win as commendable. The victory has been attributed to the unwavering support from all castes, religions, and societies in the region, reflecting a broad base of trust and confidence in the BJP. Despite the opposition's concerted efforts, the electorate has reaffirmed their faith in the NDA, allowing it to make history. The district's voters and party workers have been acknowledged for their role in this significant political milestone.



**Rajkumar Singh congratulates Bidyut Mahto for hat-trick win**



**Jamshedpur, June 4:** In a remarkable political achievement, Bidyut Baran Mahto has secured a third consecutive victory from the Jamshedpur constituency, instilling a sense of pride among the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers. Rajkumar Singh, the State Vice President of Kisan Morcha and former Vice President of the District Council, extended his hearty congratulations to Mahto on this historic win. Singh highlighted the concerted efforts of the BJP workers in the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha constituency, whose dedication played a crucial role in Mahto's success. This triumph coincides with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's own hat-trick in office, amplifying the celebratory atmosphere among the party faithful and the residents of Jamshedpur. The dual victories are seen as a testament to the BJP's growing influence and the effective leadership within the party ranks. (w/nkm)

09-Jamshedpur Lok Sabha Seat			
Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	Name of Party	Total Number of Votes Received
1.	Pranav Kumar Mahto	Bahujan Samaj Party	6090
2.	Bidyut Baran Mahto	Bharatiya Janata Party	719891
3.	Samir Kumar Mohanty	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha	459997
4.	Angad Mahto	Amra Bangali Party	4898
5.	Arun Kumar Sharma	Bharatiya Azad Sena	1797
6.	Ashok Kumar	People's Party of India (Democratic)	2038
7.	Doman Chandra Bhakat	Bhaagidari Party (P)	1343
8.	Dharmu Tudu	Ambedkarite Party of India	3274
9.	Manoj Gupta	LokhitAdhikar Party	2355
10.	Mahesh Kumar	Right to Recall Party	1952
11.	Sheikh Akhruddin	Bahujan Maha Party	2099
12.	Sanka Mahto	SUCI (Communist)	3137
13.	Sukumar Soren	Bharat Adivasi Party	3860
14.	Arun Mahto	Independent	7337
15.	Anand Mukhi	Independent	6346
16.	Indradev Prasad	Independent	8463
17.	G. Jairam Das	Independent	1927
18.	Jitendra Singh	Independent	3159
19.	Jujhar Soren	Independent	4262
20.	Gyan Sagar Prasad	Independent	1043
21.	Parvati Kisku	Independent	972
22.	Bablu Prasad Dangji	Independent	1144
23.	Vishwanath Mahato	Independent	5226
24.	Sadhu Charan Pal	Independent	2291
25.	Saurabh Vishnu	Independent	2234
26.	NOTA		7105

**Bidyut's victory signifies progress: Pramod**

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** Pramod Mishra, Media Incharge of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Baridih Mandal, expressed his joy and congratulated BJP candidate Bidyut Baran Mahto on securing victory for the third consecutive time. Mishra emphasized that this win represents not only the people of Jamshedpur but also. He confidently stated that the NDA govt, led by Prime Minister Modi, will once again take charge of the country—an unprecedented moment. Mishra extended heartfelt gratitude to the voters for their trust. Additionally, he conveyed congratulations and thanks to Prime Minister Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, National President of the BJP, J. P. Nadda, and the central leadership for their role in this victory.

**BJP will struggle to form govt alone: Sudhir Kumar 'Pappu'**

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**Jamshedpur, June 4:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has encountered a significant setback in the recent Lok Sabha elections, failing to secure enough seats to form a government independently. Analysts suggest Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strenuous campaigning, including his own challenging victory in Banaras, did not translate into the desired electoral outcome for the BJP.



Socialist thinker and advocate Sudhir Kumar Pappu remarked on the party's performance, highlighting the losses of key figures like Union Minister Arjun Munda in Jharkhand and Geeta Koda, wife of former Chief Minister Madhu Koda, in the Singhbhum parliamentary constituency. Additionally, BJP candidates faced defeats in crucial constituencies such as Ayodhya and Amethi.

With only 242 seats secured, far from a majority, the BJP is now seeking alliances with other parties to consolidate power. Reports suggest efforts are underway to form a coalition government with the support of leaders like Nitish Kumar, Chandrababu Naidu, and Naveen Patnaik, potentially through the All India Alliance.

While BJP candidate Bidyut Baran Mahto managed to retain his seat in Jamshedpur, the party suffered significant setbacks in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Observers note that despite Modi's efforts, the electoral mandate does not appear to favor the BJP.

Pappu speculated that Modi's attempts to manipulate the situation to form a government may not yield the desired results, indicating potential challenges ahead for the ruling party. (w/nkm)

**Congress celebrates victory of INDI Alliance candidates**

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**Seraikela, June 4:** In a jubilant display of celebration, the Congress Party distributed a whopping 51 kg of laddus to passersby and common people at Akashvani Chowk. The occasion marked the impressive victory of INDI Alliance's joint candidates, Joba Manjhi and Kalicharan Munda. Ambuj Kumar, the Executive District President of the District Congress Committee Seraikela -



Kharsawan, led the festivities. He extended congratulations to Kalicharan Munda, Joba Manjhi, and Sukhdev Bhagat for their historic win. Notable attendees included State Congress General Secretary Ajay Singh, District Congress Incharge Sanjeev Srivastava, Suresh Dhari, City President Rahul Yadav, Kunal Roy, Mukesh Srivastava, former City President Abdeshe Singh, Prakash Mandal, Munna Singh, Arun Pandey, Gopal Singh, Dara Singh, Dharmendra Pandey, Krishna Yadav, Sandeep Gop, Khurshid Alam, and Deepak Mahato, along with dozens of Congress workers and officials. (w/nkm)

**Dashrath Gagrai congratulates Kali Charan Munda on victory**

Mail News Service

**Seraikela, June 4:** Dashrath Gagrai, the JMM MLA from Kharsawan, met the newly elected MP from Khunti, Kali Charan Munda, and extended warm congratulations on his victory. Gagrai expressed heartfelt gratitude to the people of the entire Khunti Lok Sabha constituency, including

Kharsawan Vidhan Sabha, for their support of India Alliance candidate Kali Charan Munda. He emphasized that this victory would pave the way for comprehensive development in both Kharsawan and the Khunti Lok Sabha constituency. Together, they are committed to fulfilling all the promises made to the public. Minister Rameshwar



Oraon, MLA Naman Vikas Kongadi, Vikas Munda, and other dignitaries were present during this momentous occasion. (w/nkm)

**DLSA provides relief from sweltering heat**

**Jamshedpur, June 3:** Amidst the scorching heat, the District Level Services Authority (DLSA), following the directives of Jhalsa, extended a helping hand to alleviate the discomfort of the people. Led by DLSA Secretary Rajendra Prasad, the initiative aimed to serve humanity by distributing cold water and ORS packets to hundreds of individuals across various locations in Jamshedpur. On Monday, mobile vans were deployed to distribute cold water and ORS packets at key



areas including Sai Baba Mandir at Kadma Uliyan, Shastri Nagar, Sakchi roundabout, and Mango Chowk. Additionally, traffic police personnel were also provided with

cold water bottles and ORS packets to help them cope with the heat while on duty. The noble endeavor witnessed the active participation of DLSA Secretary Rajendra Prasad, as well as PLV Nagendra Kumar, Sunil Pandey, Ashish Prajapati, Sanjay Tiwari, Sadanand Mahato, Sanjit Das, and DLSA workers such as Sanjay Singh and Ravi Murmu. Their collective effort in distributing relief items showcased the spirit of compassion and solidarity in times of need. (w/nkm)

**Nation trust in Rahul's leadership: Thakur**

**Ranchi, June 4:** Jharkhand Congress president Rajesh Thakur said that the country has trusted the promises and guarantees given by Rahul Gandhi during Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. Thakur further said, the way Rahul Gandhi had listened to the problems of the people through Bharat Jodo Yatra and Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, the people have expressed faith in the Nyay Patra that he had given by collecting it, the guarantees that he had given. Thakur further said, BJP has also not been able to touch the magic figure. They too will form the government somehow. BJP camp leaders have started calling.



**Newly elected Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MLA from Gandey Assembly By - Poll and wife of Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Kalpana Soren flash victory sign and seek blessings from her mother in law Rupri Soren and family members after winning Gandey Assembly By-Poll in Ranchi, Jharkhand on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Navdeep Kaur, S/o Inderjit Singh, by nationality Indian, Resident of H. No.-92, Punjabi Colony, Road No.-2, Birsanagar, Near Shiv Mandir, Gamharia, Dist.-Seraikela-Kharsawan, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows: 1. That my previous name is Navdeep Kaur Lail, now I have change my name as Navdeep Kaur which is mentioned in my all documents and papers. 2. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts to be true and genuine. Advocate

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Manish Sharma, Son of Ramashankar Sharma, resident of Carriage Colony, Baba Kuti, P.O. Tatanagar, Dist.-East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831002, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows: 1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth. 2. That my name Manish Kumar Sharma is written in my Matric marksheet vide Sl. No.-0224864. 3. That my name Manish Sharma is written in my Aadhar card vide No.-4205 4465 7971 and PAN card vide No.-CISPS2204Q. 4. That both name Manish Kumar Sharma and Manish Sharma is same and one person i.e. myself. 5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts and produce the same before the authority concerned. Advocate

**Gajendra Singh Shekhawat wins third consecutive term from Jodhpur**

Jaipur, June 4 (IANS) Union Jalshakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Tuesday secured a third term from Jodhpur by defeating his nearest rival Karan Singh Uchiyada by a margin of 1,14,750 votes. Shekhawat gave credit for his victory to the party workers and said that his endeavour is to make the country developed, prosperous and powerful under the leadership of PM Modi. Shekhawat won a landslide victory from Jodhpur in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections as well. "The kind of pseudo and false environment that was created and the kind of false allegations that were made, all those lies were shattered," Shekhawat said. He said that the palace of lies has fallen like a pack of cards. "All of us are striving to make the country developed, prosperous, and powerful under the leadership of PM Modi. Whoever will become an obstacle in the resolve to make India developed, powerful, and prosperous will be destroyed by the grace of Lord Shri Ram and we will emerge victorious," he said.

**Tejasvi Surya wins Bengaluru South with 2.77 lakh votes**

Bengaluru, June 4 (IANS) BJP National Yuva Morcha President Tejasvi Surya has registered a thumping victory from the Bengaluru South Parliamentary segment against the Congress candidate Sowmya Reddy. Surya secured 7.50 lakh votes and emerged victorious with a margin of 2.77 lakh votes. Sowmya Reddy secured 4.73 lakh votes. Bengaluru South is considered as a safe BJP pocket and the BJP has never lost from here since 1991. Former Union Minister Late Ananth Kumar represented the seat from 1996 to 2014. Sowmya Reddy is the daughter of Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy and it was expected that she would give a tough fight to the BJP.

**Son-in-law avenges AICC President Kharge's 2019 defeat in Karnataka**

Bengaluru, June 4 (IANS) Radhakrishna, son-in-law of the AICC President has avenged Mallikarjun Kharge's defeat in the 2019 General Election by emerging victorious from Kalaburagi Lok Sabha seat in Karnataka. He defeated BJP candidate, Dr. Umesh G Jadhav by a margin of 27,205 votes. Radhakrishna polled 6,52,321 votes against Jadhav who got 6,25,116 votes. Kalaburagi was one of the high-profile constituencies in the state. Kharge's son, Minister for RDPR, IT and BT Priyank Kharge stayed at the constituency throughout and strategised for the victory of Radhakrishna. The victory was important for the Kharge family to maintain its stature at the national level. Jadhav was known as a giant killer as he had defeated Kharge in the 2019 General Election. Radhakrishna has the reputation of being a humble and approachable person. He took care of all affairs of Mallikarjun Kharge in Karnataka.

**Karnataka's youngest Congress candidate defeats MoS Bhagwant Khuba**

Bengaluru, July 4 (IANS) In one of the biggest surprises, the youngest candidate from the Congress, Sagar Khandre, in Karnataka has defeated the senior BJP leader and Union Minister for State (MoS) for Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagwanth Khuba from Bidar Parliamentary segment in Karnataka. Sagar Khandre (26) has defeated Khuba with a handsome margin of 1.28 lakh (1,28,875) votes. Khuba polled 5.37 lakh votes against Sagar who got 6.66 lakh votes. Khuba faced stiff internal opposition before the announcement of the ticket by the BJP. Sagar is the son of Minister for Forests Eshwar Khandre.

**Ex-CM Bommai declared winner by 43,513 votes from Karnataka's Haveri**

Bengaluru, June 4 (IANS) Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has been declared the winner from the Haveri Lok Sabha seat in Karnataka by 43,513 votes. Bommai defeated the Congress' Anandswamy Gaddadevarmath who secured 6.62 lakh votes. Bommai's victory is expected to give a big boost to his political career as he was chosen by the high command to contest from this seat. Sources said that the national leadership is impressed with his abilities to defend the government on the floor of the House. At present Bommai represents Shiggaon Assembly constituency. After the declaration of his victory, Bommai maintained that introspection was needed on the performance of the BJP in the state.

**Mysuru-Kodagu: Yaduveer emerges winner by 1.39 lakh votes in maiden attempt**

Bengaluru, June 4 (IANS) The scion of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family who contested the Lok Sabha election on a BJP ticket from the Mysuru-Kodagu segment has emerged victorious on his maiden attempt. Yaduveer Wadiyar has secured 7.95 lakh votes and defeated the nearest rival the Congress candidate M Lakshmana by 1.39 lakh votes. Lakshmana is the close associate of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Yaduveer's victory has assumed importance as Mysuru District is the native place of CM Siddaramaiah. CM Siddaramaiah strategised by bringing up the issue of the BJP denying a ticket to sitting MP Pratap Simha, a Vokkaliga. Though the Congress vehemently campaigned and attacked the BJP, the party leaders were given standing instructions not to talk disrespectfully about Yaduveer, considering the respect the former royal family commands in the region.

**Meghalaya's ruling NPP loses in both LS seats; Agatha Sangma trounced in family bastion**

Shillong, June 4 (IANS) Meghalaya's ruling National People's Party (NPP) faced a major setback as it lost in both Lok Sabha seats in the state, with Chief Minister Conrad Sangma's sister Agatha Sangma losing from the family bastion of Tura. Congress candidate Saleng A. Sangma defeated Agatha Sangma -- who was the sitting MP from Tura Lok Sabha seat. Saleng Sangma defeated Agatha Sangma by a margin of more than 1.5 lakh votes. The Congress candidate secured 3,83,919 votes, while Agatha Sangma managed 2,28,678 votes. Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress' candidate, Zenith M. Sangma, came a distant third with 48,709 votes.

**TN: CISF constable shoots himself dead at Coimbatore airport**

Chennai, June 4 (IANS) A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) constable shot himself dead at the Coimbatore International Airport on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Sahardar from Andhra Pradesh. Sahardar, who was on duty at the passenger exit point, had gone to the washroom where he shot himself dead using an AK-47 rifle. On hearing the gunshot, other security staff rushed to the washroom and found Sahardar lying in a pool of blood. He was immediately rushed to the Coimbatore Medical College hospital but was declared brought dead. Peelumud police have registered a case.

**BJP wins both LS seats in Arunachal, Union Minister Rijiju wins 4th term**

Itanagar, June 4 (IANS) Union Minister and BJP candidate Kiren Rijiju and his party's sitting MP Tapir Gao won both the Arunachal Pradesh Lok Sabha seats.



In the prestigious Arunachal West seat, Union Minister Rijiju, who secured 2,05,417 votes, defeated state Congress President and party nominee Nabam Tuki by a margin of 1,00,738 votes. Rijiju (53) was elected from Arunachal West Lok Sabha constituency for the fourth terms - 2004, 2014, 2019 and 2024.

Sitting BJP MP Tapir Gao, who got 1,45,581 votes, won the Arunachal East seat by a margin of 30,421 votes against his Congress opponent Bosiram Siram, who is the state Congress Vice

President and former union minister. Gao was elected to the Lok Sabha for the third time. Earlier he was elected to the Lok Sabha in 2004 and 2019.

During the initial vote count, Gao was trailing. In the Arunachal West parliamentary seat, eight candidates including Union Minister Kiren Rijiju contested the elections while six

candidates fought the electoral battle in the Arunachal East seat.

The elections for two Lok Sabha constituencies along with 50 Assembly seats were held in the first phase of elections on April 19 with 133 candidates contesting for 50 of the total 60 Assembly seats and 14 candidates for the two Lok Sabha seats.

**BJP wins big in Kamal Nath's bastion Chhindwara**

Bhopal, June 4 (IANS) Celebrations have begun in the Madhya Pradesh unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as the party is set to sweep all the 29 Lok Sabha seats in the state.



However, what is more important for the BJP is that it has wrested Chhindwara from the Congress, the only seat in MP the BJP could not win since 1997.

In Chhindwara, BJP's Vivek 'Bunty' Sahu has won by over 1.3 lakh votes against his nearest rival and sitting Congress MP Nakul Nath, the son of party veteran Kamal Nath. A low-profile BJP leader, Sahu had unsuccessfully contested his first elections against Kamal Nath in the Assembly bypoll from Chhindwara in 2019.

The BJP had fielded him again against Kamal Nath in the Assembly elections held in

November last year, but he lost again.

However, despite two consecutive defeats, the BJP reposed faith in him to take on the Kamal Nath family from Chhindwara by fielding him against Nakul Nath.

Sahu got an edge after Kamal Nath's close aide Deepak Saxena left the Congress and joined the BJP a few days before voting was held in Chhindwara.

Chhindwara has been the bastion of Kamal

Nath since 1980. The family won as many as 13 elections from the seat since then (11 Lok Sabha and 3 Assembly polls).

Kamal Nath represented Chhindwara for a record nine times, while his wife Alka Nath won this seat in 1996.

The Jan Sangh's Sundarlal Patwa (ex-CM) had won Chhindwara in 1997, which was the only win for the BJP from this seat, before Sahu helped the party wrest the seat from the Congress.

**BJP wins both Tripura LS seats: Ex-CM Biplab Deb raises party's victory margin**

Agartala, June 4 (IANS) The ruling BJP won both the Lok Sabha seats in Tripura for the second-consecutive time.

BJP candidate and former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, who secured a record 8,81,341 votes, won the Tripura West Lok Sabha seat, defeating state Congress President and party nominee Ashish Kumar Saha by a margin of 6,11,578 votes. Deb, currently a Rajya Sabha member and former Chief Minister (2018-2022), was for the first time elected to the Lower House of



Parliament. BJP nominee Kriti Devi Debarman, who bagged 7,77,447 votes, won the Tripura East parliamentary seat defeating CPI(M) nominee

Rajendra Reang by a margin of 4,86,819 votes. Kriti Devi Debarman is the elder sister of Tripura Motha Party (TMP) supreme Pradyot Bikram

Manikya Debarman. Nine candidates each contested for the politically-important Tripura West parliamentary seat and the Tripura East Lok Sabha seat, reserved for tribals.

Saha and Reang were the nominees of the INDIA bloc.

In the 2019 elections, the BJP nominee and Union Minister Pratima Bhowmik and teacher-turned-politician Rebati Tripura won the Tripura West and Tripura East seats respectively.

The BJP this time dropped both Bhowmik and Tripura.

**Will form govt in Goa within two days if INDIA bloc comes to power: LoP Alemao**

Panaji, June 4 (IANS) Goa Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Yuri Alemao on Tuesday said that if the INDIA bloc forms the government at the Centre then Congress will also form a government in the state within two days.

"BJP has failed in policies and today's verdict is a slap on their face. We are confident that the INDIA bloc will form a government. If this happens, then only within two days, Congress will also form the government in Goa," the LoP said. Speaking of the decisive margin in

South Goa, he said that they (Congress) had to fight against the money and muscle power of the BJP.

"This is also a slap on defectors. We fought against 15 MLAs (BJP and its supporters), money and muscle power. BJP used government machinery and also tried to divide people, but they have shown them the door," Alemao said.

He said that by electing Congress candidate Capt. Viriato Fernandes from South Goa, people have shown that we can't be divided on religious lines.

**After Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti also concedes defeat**

Srinagar, June 4 (IANS) After former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah conceded defeat in the Lok Sabha elections on Tuesday, another ex-CM, Mehbooba Mufti also accepted defeat in J&K.

While Omar Abdullah conceded defeat to Engineer Rashid of Awami Itihad Party (AIP), Mehbooba Mufti was trailing National Conference (NC) candidate, Mian Altaf Ahmad by a margin of over two lakh votes.

Mehbooba Mufti said on her X-post, "Respecting the verdict of the people I thank my PDP workers & leaders for their hard work & support despite all the odds. My deepest gratitude to the people who voted for me. Winning & losing is part of the game & wont deter us from our path."

**Allies bring disappointment to BJP in UP**

Lucknow, June 4 (IANS) The allies of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh have brought major disappointment to the party with their lacklustre performance in the Lok Sabha elections.

The candidate of the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP), which contested the Ghosi seat on its own symbol, was trailing behind Samajwadi Party candidate Rajiv Rai by over 1.6 lakh votes.

SBSP President Om Prakash Rajbhar had repeatedly claimed that the Rajbhar community votes were at his command and that he could swing them whichever way he wanted. His son Arvind Rajbhar was the candidate and this even led to a split in the SBSP last week.

The Nishad Party also proved to be a



letdown for the BJP in UP. Nishad Party President Sanjay Nishad's son Parveen

Nishad contested the Sant Kabir Nagar seat on the BJP symbol and is trailing by over 90,000 votes. Sanjay Nishad had claimed that he wielded influence over 27 Lok Sabha seats in the state. His son had won the seat in 2019 on the BJP symbol.

Another BJP ally in Uttar Pradesh, the Apna Dal-Sonela is also facing trouble. While Union Minister and party chief Anupriya Patel managed to establish a comfortable lead over her nearest rival in Mirzapur, the other Apna Dal candidate in Robertsganj, Rinki Kol, has been trailing behind Chhotelal of the SP.

A senior BJP functionary said: "Yes the performance of our allies has not been up to the mark and it is clear that they did not make a proper self-assessment before contesting."

**'Govt must now focus on tackling emerging infectious diseases, NCDs'**



New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) While India has made significant progress in the healthcare sector, tackling emerging infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases must be among its top priorities, said a leading infectious disease expert on Tuesday.

Talking to IANS, Dr Ishwar Gilada, Secretary General People's Health Organisation-India said that the healthcare sector in the country has made "good progress", especially in maternal and child health and

tuberculosis. "The infant mortality rate, under five, and maternal mortality rates have come down sizeable," he added.

Yet the most important thing is "primary healthcare infrastructure", which needs to be improved with "better manpower and access to medicines".

"A lot of infectious diseases are emerging. We also have issues related to HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria in the country", that need to be tackled, said Dr Gilada, who also heads the Organised Medicine Academic Guild (OMAG).

He noted that the average lifespan of Indians increased to almost 71 years for males and 73 years for females from 34 years in 1947. However, "we are still short of 10 years if we want to compare ourselves with the richer countries and bigger countries".

Further, Dr Gilada also highlighted the rise in lifestyle-related non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like hypertension, diabetes, obesity; and tobacco problems that increase the risk of cancers. He also called for "having equity in care", to boost healthcare for people from lower socioeconomic status.

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This has reference to the Charge-sheet letter Ref. no - ER/CE/CF - 306996/037, dated 25.09.2023 issued to you, but you did not submit the reply to the charge sheet. You were subsequently intimated regarding the date, place and time of the enquiry vide the below mentioned letters sent to you vide registered post.

1. ER/CE/CF - 306996/309 dated 10.10.2023 [ Date of Enquiry 18.10.2023 ]
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3. ER/CE/CF - 306996/404 dated 17.11.2023 [ Date of Enquiry 29.11.2023 ]
4. ER/CE/CF - 306996/459 dated 03.01.2024 [ Date of Enquiry 12.01.2024 ]
5. ER/CE/CF - 306996/484 dated 05.02.2024 [ Date of Enquiry 12.02.2024 ]
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(Enquiry Officer)

### Temporary stoppage of trains at Pundang extended until June 11

Mail News Service

**Kolkata, June 4:** The railway authorities have announced the continuation of a one-minute temporary stoppage at Pundang station for several trains until 11th June 2024. This measure is in place to accommodate attendees of the Ananda Marga Dharma Maha Sammelan. The trains that will observe this temporary stoppage include the 13303 Dhanbad-Ranchi Intercity Express, 13304 Ranchi-Dhanbad Intercity Express, 13403 Ranchi-Bhagalpur Vananchal Express, 13404 Bhagalpur-Ranchi Vananchal Express, 15027 Hatia-Gorakhpur Maurya Express, and 15028 Gorakhpur-Hatia Maurya Express. Additionally, the 18105 Rourkela-Jaynagar Express, 18106 Jaynagar-Rourkela Express, 18627 Howrah-Ranchi Express, 18628 Ranchi-Howrah Express, 18619 Ranchi-Dumka Express, 18620 Dumka-Ranchi Express, and the 03595 Bokaro Steel City-Asansol MEMU Special will also observe this stoppage. Passengers traveling to or from Pundang station can now benefit from this temporary arrangement, ensuring smoother transit for those attending the religious gathering. (w/nkm)



### Restoration of train services announced

**Kolkata, June 4:** The railways have announced the restoration of several trains that were previously cancelled, short terminated, short originated, or rescheduled. Effective from 5th June 2024, these trains will now run as per their original schedule. The trains resuming their scheduled operations include the 18109/18110 Tatanagar-Itwari-Tatanagar Express, 08167/08168 Rourkela-Jharsuguda-Rourkela MEMU Special, 18113/18114 Tatanagar-Bilaspur-Tatanagar Express, and the 18125/18126 Rourkela-Puri-Rourkela Express. Additionally, the 18107/18108 Rourkela-Jagdalpur-Rourkela Intercity Express, 18175/18176 Hatia-Jharsuguda-Hatia MEMU, 18117/18118 Rourkela-Gunupur-Rourkela Rajya Rani Express, and the 12262 Howrah-CSMT Mumbai Duronto will also run as scheduled. Other trains resuming service are the 12871 Howrah-Titlagarh Ispat Express, 22862 Kantabanji-Howrah Ispat Express, 13288 Rajendranagar-Durg Express (from 4th June 2024), and 13287 Durg-Rajendranagar Express. Furthermore, the 18452 Puri-Hatia Tapaswini Express (from 4th June 2024), 18451 Hatia-Puri Tapaswini Express, 20835/20836 Puri-Rourkela-Puri Vande Bharat Express, 15027 Sambalpur-Gorakhpur Maurya Express, and 15028 Gorakhpur-Sambalpur Maurya Express (from 4th June 2024) will operate as per their original schedule.

## Water crisis grips Saharjudi Village: Residents resort to draining pit for water

Mail News Service

**Jaduguda, June 4:** Saharjudi village in Potka block is grappling with a severe water crisis, affecting around 30 tribal families residing in the Pradhan Tola. The village's half a dozen hand pumps, including the water tower, are dysfunctional, leaving residents with limited options for accessing water. The situation has forced villagers to dig a pit in a nearby flowing drain to fulfill their basic water needs, from drinking to bathing and washing clothes.

The village's remote location, situated 15 km away from Jaduguda, exacerbates the problem, with no immediate assistance available. Previously, villagers relied on the hand pumps



or water tower for their water needs, but the neglect of maintenance and repair has rendered them useless. Despite efforts to repair the water tower, it remains defunct since 2022, adding to the villagers' woes. The lack

of government intervention post-Naxalism has contributed to the deteriorating water infrastructure, with no officials addressing the villagers' concerns. As a result, residents have

resorted to makeshift solutions, such as drawing water from pits in drains or relying on defunct hand pumps scattered across the village. The sorry state of the water tower installation, marred by



corruption and subsequent abandonment, reflects the systemic issues plaguing the region's water management. Villagers like Shivcharan Sardar express disappointment over the neglect, recalling a time when authorities were responsive to their needs. In addition to Saharjudi,

neighboring hamlets like Jobhi Kocha also face similar water woes, relying on defunct hand pumps or limited water sources for survival. The sight of broken hand pumps in front of villagers' houses serves as a stark reminder of the neglect and apathy towards addressing the water crisis in the region.

## New hospital at MGMCH to offer advanced heart and cancer treatment

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** A state-of-the-art hospital, equipped with advanced facilities including treatment for heart and cancer ailments, is nearing completion at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) Medical College, located at Dimna Chowk. The hospital, set to revolutionize healthcare services in the city, is currently under construction and is expected to commence operations by November. The inspection of the ongoing construction was conducted by Dr. SK Singh, Education Director of the Health Department, who arrived from Ranchi to oversee the progress.

### Construction delayed: Only 75% of work completed despite June deadline

Dr. Singh meticulously assessed the construction site, issuing instructions to rectify any identified shortcomings to ensure the hospital's readiness for upcoming inspections. Following the inspection, a meeting was convened with MGM Principal Dr. KN Singh, Superintendent Dr. Ravindra Kumar, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Nakul Prasad Chaudhary, and department heads to discuss further plans and preparations. Dr. Singh highlighted the impending visit of the Principal Secretary of the

Health Department on June 10, emphasizing the importance of thorough preparations and the presence of officials to address any inquiries during the inspection. While significant progress has been made in the construction, Dr. SK Singh noted that approximately 25 percent of the work remains pending, primarily focusing on the completion of electrical and water supply systems. The college management has expedited the tender process for water supply to ensure timely

completion of essential infrastructure. The new hospital, spanning seven floors, will feature separate sections for emergency services, outpatient departments (OPD), and wards. Notable features include a dedicated welcome area, centralized air conditioning throughout the facility, and a total of 623 beds, including a 123-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Additionally, the hospital will house 21 operational departments, providing comprehensive medical services, including specialized treatment for heart and cancer conditions, catering to the diverse healthcare needs of the community. (w/nkm)

### Parked vehicles cause injuries on Gamharia Service Road



**Gamharia, June 4:** In a troubling development, pedestrians near the Gamharia police station face daily risks due to collisions with heavy vehicles parked along the service road. Despite repeated incidents, no action has been taken to address this hazard. Recently, the service road remained congested for an extended period due to these parked vehicles. Gram Pradhan Konda Besra has urgently called upon the district administration to clear the road by promptly removing the obstructing vehicles. Some companies are reportedly using the service road as a makeshift service center, exacerbating the situation. The safety of pedestrians hangs in the balance, and Gram Pradhan Besra has threatened agitation if swift action is not taken.

## Bidyut Mahato clinches historic hat trick victory in Jamshedpur LS Elections



By Rohit Shukla

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** Bidyut Baran Mahato has made a historic mark in the political history of Jamshedpur by winning the Lok Sabha seat for the third consecutive time. This unprecedented achievement is a testament to Mahato's enduring popularity and effectiveness as a leader. From the day he filed his nomination, Mahato exuded confidence about his victory, believing firmly in the support of his constituents. His confidence was well-placed, as evidenced by his substantial vote bank and the dedicated efforts of his party workers. Mahato's victory is not just a personal triumph but a significant win for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as well. In his victory speech, he expressed optimism that the BJP would see similar successes in other states. Despite a

robust campaign by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) under the experienced leadership of Samir Mohanty, they failed to garner enough voter confidence to challenge Mahato's stronghold. This victory underscores Mahato's effective leadership and the successful campaign strategies crafted by his party. Mahato's consistent wins have solidified his status as a beloved leader in his constituency, making him a valuable asset to the BJP. His victories in the 2014, 2019, and now the 2024 Lok Sabha elections demonstrate his ability to consistently satisfy and mobilize his voter base. Celebrating his victory, Mahato is now preparing for his swearing-in ceremony, further cementing his place in Jamshedpur's political landscape. Bidyut Baran Mahato filed his nomination for the third time from the Jamshedpur Constituency on 30th April 2024, accompanied by prominent figures such as the Minister of Tribal Affairs and the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers, Arjun Munda. When asked about his confidence in winning, Mahato confidently predicted his hat trick victory, which has now come to fruition.

Mahato, a dedicated member of the BJP, first won the Lok Sabha election in 2014, followed by another victory in 2019. His opponent in the 2024 election, Sameer Mohanty of the JMM, had previously joined the BJP before returning to the JMM and winning the Baharagora Vidhan Sabha Constituency of East Singhbhum in 2019. Despite Mohanty's efforts and his previous electoral success, he could not unseat Mahato in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

## Narayana Jamshedpur students excel in NEET Exam



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** The students of 'Narayana IIT/NEET Academy, Jamshedpur', a renowned engineering and medical coaching institute located in Sakchi, have once again



showcased exceptional performance in the NEET (UG)-2024 examination. Led by Shyam Bhusan, Director of Narayana's Jamshedpur Center, the institute's students have demonstrated brilliance in both the JEE (Main) and NEET competitive

exams. Shyam Bhusan proudly announced the outstanding achievements of the Narayana Jamshedpur students in the NEET exam. Notable performers include Nishant Kumar (669 score), Sairam Shamim (623 score), Nabhi Mansoor (618 score), and Nishant Kumar (614 score), among others. The institute's success stories continue to unfold, with ongoing tallying indicating the likelihood of more students achieving success. Expressing his wishes for the bright future of the successful students,

Director Shyam Bhusan affirmed that Narayana's students are poised to excel in the upcoming JEE (Advanced) - 2024 results, potentially securing top ranks in the city. Director Shyam Bhusan highlighted the institute's commitment to holistic student development, including weekly tests organized at the all-India level. These tests enable students to assess their performance nationally, fostering healthy competition and motivating students to excel not only within their class but also at a broader level. (w/nkm)

## MMC initiates big drain cleaning drive ahead of Monsoon

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** Responding to the impending monsoon season, the Mango Municipal Corporation (MMC) has commenced the cleaning of significant drains across various areas of the city. Under the guidance of the Additional Municipal Commissioner, a concerted effort has been launched to ensure the thorough cleaning of major drains before the onset of heavy rains.

Emphasizing the urgency of the task, the Additional Municipal Commissioner has directed officials to expedite the cleaning process, aiming for



comprehensive cleanliness across all major drainage systems within the municipal jurisdiction. Today marked the beginning of

cleaning operations for four major drains, signalling the municipality's proactive approach to mitigate potential

flooding and waterlogging issues during the monsoon.

Instructing officials and workers from the Mango Municipal Corporation to oversee the cleaning efforts meticulously, special attention has been given to the deployment of an adequate workforce to expedite the cleaning process effectively. With a focus on both major and minor drains, authorities have underscored the importance of comprehensive cleaning measures to ensure optimal drainage capacity and minimize the risk of water-related disruptions during the forthcoming monsoon season. (w/nkm)

### Fire breaks out in industrial area, causes panic



**Gamharia, June 4:** In a concerning incident, miscreants set fire to a heap of garbage containing mobile phones adjacent to the boundary wall of a closed zinc company near the IOC (Indian Oil Corporation) facility in the Large Sector of the industrial area. The fire, which intensified due to a sudden storm on Tuesday evening, has not been brought under control despite several hours of efforts. Smoke from the blaze has spread to nearby villages, leaving residents in a state of panic. Authorities are working to contain the fire and prevent further damage. (w/nkm)

## Tata Motors Workers Union agrees on fresh elections for vacant seats

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** In a routine committee meeting of the Tata Motors Workers Union, chaired by President Gurmeet Singh Tote and led by General Secretary RK Singh, consensus was reached to conduct fresh elections for two vacant seats. The meeting, held on Monday, addressed various issues concerning the workforce, highlighting recent achievements and ongoing concerns. Members of the committee raised area-specific problems, expressing satisfaction over the revival of the Multi Skill Scheme after a six-year hiatus. The successful implementation of quality



uniforms and the installation of new TMT machines in the hospital were also commended, reflecting a positive impact on worker satisfaction. General Secretary RK Singh reiterated the union's

commitment to addressing employee grievances and pledged to resolve them through appropriate channels. He emphasized the union's dedication to supporting apprenticeship initiatives, ensuring opportunities for those who have completed training programs but are yet to secure employment. Acknowledging the retirement of two committee

members, PK Mohanty and Chalpat Ray, Singh proposed initiating the electoral process to fill the vacant positions, in accordance with the registered constitution. The proposal received unanimous approval from the attendees. President Gurmeet Singh Tote assured continuous efforts in addressing the concerns raised by the workforce and expressed optimism in electing capable representatives for the vacant seats. The meeting concluded with Hardeep Singh Saini delivering a vote of thanks, and Prakash Vishwakarma overseeing the proceedings. (w/nkm)

### Police investigate 18 quack doctors in Kolhan for alleged links with Naxalites

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 4: In a significant development, authorities have launched an investigation into 18 quack doctors suspected of aiding Naxalite activities in Kolhan.

The names of these individuals have surfaced in police inquiries, prompting intensified scrutiny into their alleged connections with extremist groups.

Several suspects have already been questioned by the police, with ongoing efforts to summon and interrogate others identified in the investigation. Detailed information, including names and activities, has been forwarded to the



Superintendents of Police (SP) in each district for further action, following a comprehensive report from the intelligence department. The report highlights the involvement of certain quack doctors in providing medical assistance to Naxalites, including administering treatment and dispensing medication. Additionally, these individuals reportedly

train Naxalite members in basic medical procedures to address injuries and illnesses within the group. Interrogations of captured Maoist squad members revealed the reliance on quack doctors for initial medical aid among Naxalites, particularly in instances of injury or illness. Notably, the majority of the implicated individuals are situated in West Singhbhum, with seven of them identified as regular visitors to Naxal squads. These individuals, often practicing medicine in rural areas and from their homes, are under heightened scrutiny for their alleged involvement in supporting Naxalite activities. (w/nkm)

### 624 Agniveers take oath to serve the nation at PRC Ramgarh Cantt

Ramgarh, June 4: Today in a historical event today at The Punjab Regimental Centre (PRC), Ramgarh Cantonment, passing out parade was conducted for 624 Agniveers Recruits of Agniveer batch - 03, who successfully completed their 31 weeks of training. Finally they Crossed the symbolic last step (Antim Pag) in slow march to the tune of Military Band, the Agniveers are Combat ready for front line duties. The parade was reviewed by Brig Sanjay Chandra Kandpal, Commandant, The Punjab Regimental Centre and attended by PRC Officers, Junior commissioned Officers & Other Ranks. He also presented the medals to the best recruits. These young soldiers will now get deployed into various Units of the Regiment to serve the Nation.



### Dhalbhumgarh Airport stuck in administrative limbo

Jamshedpur, June 4: Despite persistent efforts, the Dhalbhumgarh airport project faces ongoing hurdles, ranging from environmental concerns to land disputes. The delay, now spanning four years, has prompted inquiries in Parliament, yet no resolution has been reached. Recent revelations from a Right to Information inquiry conducted by Shashank Shekhar shed light on the core of the issue: the proposal for Dhalbhumgarh has not even reached the Central Forest and Environment Ministry for necessary clearances. Once environmental approval is obtained, a significant portion of the deadlock is expected to dissipate.

The impasse has largely revolved around concerns regarding environmental clearances and the existence of an elephant corridor. Despite attempts to address these issues, including a directive to conduct a fresh Gram Sabha, progress remains elusive due to a bureaucratic quagmire between the Gram Sabha and the state government. Encouragingly, the recent removal of

land-related hurdles has injected some optimism into the project. The Principal Chief Forest Conservator of Jharkhand has given the green light for airport construction and forwarded the file to the Forest Environment and Climate Change Department.

The airport, once operational, is poised to significantly enhance air travel accessibility for residents of Jamshedpur, located approximately 55 km away. Additionally, it will cater to passengers from Bengal-Odisha regions, alleviating the need for them to travel to Ranchi or Kolkata for air travel. Despite initial optimism following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Jharkhand government and the Airport Authority of India in 2019, challenges related to land acquisition and environmental concerns have hindered progress. However, with concerted efforts and administrative cooperation, it is hoped that the long-awaited Dhalbhumgarh airport will soon become a reality, bridging the gap in regional air connectivity. (w/nkm)

### DLSA provides relief from sweltering heat

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 4: Amidst the scorching heat, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), following the directives of Jhalsa, extended a helping hand to alleviate the discomfort of the people. Led by DLSA Secretary Rajendra Prasad, the initiative aimed to serve humanity by distributing cold water and ORS packets to hundreds of individuals across various locations in Jamshedpur.



On Monday, mobile vans were deployed to distribute cold water and ORS packets at key areas including Sai Baba Mandir at Kadma Uliyan,

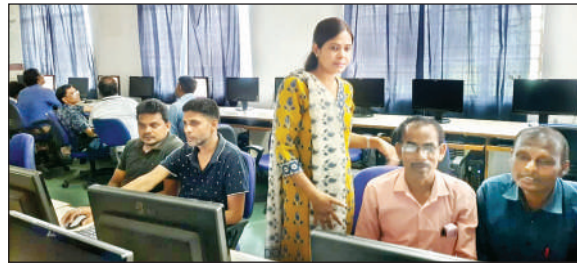
Shastri Nagar, Sakchi roundabout, and Mango Chowk. Additionally, traffic police personnel were also provided with cold water bottles and ORS

packets to help them cope with the heat while on duty. The noble endeavor witnessed the active participation of DLSA Secretary Rajendra Prasad, as well as PLV Nagendra Kumar, Sunil Pandey, Ashish Prajapati, Sanjay Tiwari, Sadanand Mahato, Sanjit Das, and DLSA workers such as Sanjay Singh and Ravi Murmu. Their collective effort in distributing relief items showcased the spirit of compassion and solidarity in times of need. (w/nkm)

### Computer training workshop commences at RVSCET

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 4: A week-long computer training program has kicked off at the esteemed RVS College of Engineering and Technology, Jamshedpur. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the college's Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Kumar Tiwari. This training workshop aims to equip the college's non-teaching staff with essential computer skills such as MS Word, MS Power Point, MS Excel,



and Soft Skills. Addressing all participants, Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Kumar Tiwari emphasized the importance of possessing basic computer knowledge in today's professional world. He stressed that such skills

are crucial for ensuring the smooth functioning of the office operations. Prof. Sadan Basar, Prof. Anita Giri, and Prof. Deepak Kumar Tiwari have been entrusted with the responsibility of conducting this program.

Certificates will be awarded to all participants upon the program's conclusion. Expressing his views on the program, Shatrughan Singh, the institute's treasurer, highlighted the potential efficiency enhancement resulting from such training workshops. Under the guidance of the college's Administrative Dean, Prof. Krishna Murari, and Academic Dean, Dr. Sharatchandra Mahato, this program is poised to benefit the college staff significantly. (w/nkm)

### Chaibasa Railway Station set for revitalization

Chaibasa, June 4: The Chaibasa railway station, serving as the headquarters of Kolhan, is poised for a significant transformation as it is included in the prestigious Amrit Bharat Station Scheme by Indian Railways. As part of this initiative, extensive redevelopment plans are underway to enhance the infrastructure and amenities at the station.

Commencing with the demolition of railway quarters to make way for beautification and improvement of the approach road, the rejuvenation project will encompass the construction of a new station building, ticket center, platform, waiting hall, toilet facilities, and water booths. Additionally, a foot overbridge will be erected to facilitate seamless movement of passengers across platforms. To streamline passenger services, electronic train, coach, and reservation display boards will be installed, reducing the need for inquiries and enhancing convenience for travelers. Moreover, the introduction of restaurants on wheels will augment catering facilities at the station, complementing existing stalls.

With Chaibasa station witnessing a daily influx of approximately one and a half to two thousand passengers, the Chakradharpur division is considering the provision of stoppages for additional trains at the station. Responding to growing demands,

### Rising cybercrime menace: Prakharpn app helps nab 542 offenders

By Shefali Kumari

Jamshedpur, June 4: As India grapples with a surge in cyber hacking incidents, Jharkhand finds itself at the forefront of combating this evolving threat landscape.

Cybercrime, encompassing a broad spectrum of illicit activities conducted through digital devices and networks, has witnessed a concerning uptick in recent times.

Various forms of cyber malfeasance, including hacking, malware attacks, identity theft, social engineering, and software piracy, are proliferating, posing significant challenges to law

enforcement agencies nationwide.

The Jharkhand Police, leveraging technological advancements, has made significant strides in apprehending cyber criminals across the state.

Through the innovative Prakharpn app developed by CID DG Anurag Gupta, authorities have successfully tracked down and arrested a staggering total of 542 offenders across 14 districts.

This coordinated crackdown has led to the registration of 118 cases against the apprehended criminals, marking a substantial victory in the fight against cybercrime. Notably, law enforcement



agencies have confiscated 1913 SIM cards and 1266 mobile phones from the arrested individuals,

crucial tools utilized in perpetrating fraudulent activities. Deoghar district emerges as a hotspot for

cybercrime apprehensions, with 206 offenders nabbed, followed closely by Giridih District Police with 142 arrests. Jamtara Police, securing the third position, has apprehended 86 cybercriminals, underscoring the widespread nature of digital criminal activity in the region.

The Prakharpn app, a brainchild of CID DG Anurag Gupta, serves as a vital tool in tracking cyber offenders based on the mobile numbers associated with fraudulent activities. This innovative solution equips law enforcement agencies with actionable intelligence, enabling

them to swiftly apprehend cyber criminals and safeguard digital security.

In light of escalating cyber threats, individuals are encouraged to report incidents of online financial fraud promptly.

The National Cybercrime Helpline number 1930 provides a dedicated platform for lodging complaints, ensuring timely intervention and mitigation of cyber threats. By leveraging technology and collaborative efforts, Jharkhand remains steadfast in its resolve to combat cybercrime and ensure a secure digital environment for its citizens. (w/nkm)

### Free plant distribution to promote environmental conservation

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 4: In a noble endeavor to promote environmental conservation and mitigate the impact of climate change, Anand Marg has embarked on a mission to distribute free plants in the rural areas of Civil Defense and Chhattisgarhi Jankalyan Samiti and Gadra. A total of 200 plants of Triphala, including Amla, Baheda, and Haritaki (Harad), were distributed as part of this initiative. Triphala,

meaning "three fruits," holds significant medicinal and environmental value.

Anand Marg has organized a seven-day free tree distribution week from May 30 to June 5, with distribution taking place every day from 6:00 to 8:00 am. This annual event, held in anticipation of Environment Day on June 5, aims to raise awareness about the importance of tree plantation and environmental sustainability. Emphasizing the cru-



cial role of forests, Sunil Anand, while distributing plants, highlighted the benefits of planting trees, including their capacity to emit oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide, dust, and harmful metals, as well as their role in reducing temperatures and replenishing groundwater levels.

Anand Marg, through its Universal Relief Team Global and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Plants Jamshedpur, is distributing a diverse range of plants, including sal, teak, gamar, acacia,

mango, jackfruit, and jamun, among others. Each person is encouraged to plant more than five plants according to their preferences.

Sunil Anand reiterated that every individual's contribution to planting trees is crucial for safeguarding the environment and ensuring a sustainable future. By distributing free saplings, Anand Marg is making a commendable effort to bridge the gap in nature for the welfare of humanity. (w/nkm)

### Fire in Golmuri, prompt response prevents major damage

Jamshedpur, June 4: As scorching temperatures persist, incidents of fire are becoming increasingly common in Jamshedpur. The latest incident occurred on Monday, where the indoor unit of an air conditioner in Golmuri Lohar Line suddenly ignited, causing temporary chaos. The fire broke out at the residence of Ramashankar Sharma around 1:45 pm. Prompt action was taken as local residents immediately notified the fire department upon witnessing the blaze. Firefighters swiftly arrived at the scene and successfully extinguished the fire. Mohammad Ansari from the fire department confirmed that the fire was brought under control upon their arrival, minimizing the extent of damage.

Fortunately, there were no reported injuries, and the fire was contained to the AC unit, which was completely consumed by the flames. Preliminary investigations point to a short circuit as the cause of the fire.

### JBNL GM highlights Police inadequacy in curbing electricity theft

Jamshedpur, June 4: The General Manager of Jharkhand Biji Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL), Shrawan Kumar, lamented the significant challenge posed by electricity theft, resulting in the wastage of 1200 MW of electricity monthly. Addressing journalists on Sunday, Kumar emphasized the critical role of timely police intervention in curbing this rampant theft, which has necessitated the purchase of an additional 1000 MW of electricity.

Kumar stressed the potential effectiveness of establishing electricity police stations in every district, as stipulated by the Electricity Act 2003. However, despite the corporation's efforts, approximately 35 to 40 percent of line loss persists monthly due to theft. This situation, Kumar highlighted, demands urgent attention, yet the corporation finds itself unable to effectively address the issue. Furthermore, the General Manager of the Jamshedpur Area Board, Shrawan Kumar, expressed frustration over the lack of timely support from the police administration in combating electricity theft. He noted that a considerable portion of the theft occurs at night through hooking.

### World Environment Day: Spotlights urgent need for land restoration and climate action

Jamshedpur, June 4: The world's most pressing crisis is rising global temperatures. If no urgent remedy is found, the survival of all living species, including humans, is in jeopardy. Climate change is causing more severe problems such as excessive rainfall, drought, floods, unseasonal and unexpected rains, cyclones, storms, forest fires, landslides, melting ice in glaciers, rising sea level, among others.

The main subject for this year's World Environment Day, which

takes place on June 5, is 'Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Prevention'. Many countries, including India, are suffering from the problem of land degradation because of inadequate environmental protection and a lack of sensitivity to maintaining land fertility.

The soil is eroding because of widespread tree cutting, overexploitation of groundwater, and chemical cultivation. This is also causing desertification.

United Nations Secretary-General



Antonio Guterres emphasized that mankind is dependent on land, but that owing to pollution, climate turmoil, and biodiversity loss around the planet, healthy land is turning into deserts and living ecosystems into

dead zones. This must be addressed in conjunction with other environmental initiatives.

More than three billion people worldwide are affected by land degradation. Even the drinking water supply is

also being damaged. A country with a large population, such as India, needs healthier land and greater biodiversity. The Indian government is making efforts in this respect, but our collective engagement is required.

Promoting coarse grains that use less water and fertilizer and are more nutritious is a critical goal.

Many countries are making progress in the field of clean energy, including India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared at the Glasgow Climate Conference that our government is dedicated to achieving

zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by 2070. Increased renewable energy production will also reduce reliance on fossil fuels, which cause significant environmental damage during mining, distribution, energy generation, and consumption.

Just as we rely on nature for renewable energy, we should likewise prioritize rainwater conservation efforts. To save the environment, individuals and communities must work together at all levels, from local to global.

## Rising cancer rates among youth

The increasing number of young people suffering from cancer in our country is alarming. Despite notable improvements in income levels, nutrition, and living standards over the past few decades, cancer remains a persistent and deadly threat. The widespread adoption of unhealthy food choices and lifestyles has contributed to a surge in both common and complex diseases, including cancer. Recent reports indicate that 20 percent of cancer patients are under the age of forty, highlighting a disturbing trend in our young population.

This data underscores the critical need for greater awareness and preventative measures against cancer. While it is encouraging to see studies shedding light on this issue, it is equally important to address the underlying factors contributing to the rise in cancer cases among the youth. Currently, head and neck cancers are increasingly prevalent among young individuals. The aggressive nature of cancer means that without timely detection and treatment, the disease can quickly become life-threatening.

Preventing cancer involves a multi-faceted approach that includes lifestyle modifications, vaccinations, and regular screenings. Unfortunately, a significant portion of the population remains unaware of these preventative measures. This lack of awareness often leads to delayed diagnoses, which significantly increases the risk of cancer progressing to an advanced stage. The situation is particularly disheartening considering that just a few decades ago, cancer was relatively rare. Today, it is not uncommon to hear about someone close to us being diagnosed with or succumbing to this disease.

In conclusion, the rising incidence of cancer among the youth is a pressing issue that demands immediate attention. Improving public awareness about healthy lifestyles, the importance of early detection, and the availability of vaccinations can help mitigate the spread of this deadly disease. It is imperative that we take concerted action to educate and protect our young population from the growing threat of cancer, ensuring a healthier future for all.

From the Editorial Desk

## IPL-India's league benefiting foreigners for years! 'They earn, learn, and then beat us,' feel fans

The Indian Premier League (IPL) has significantly influenced the 'gentleman's game' by revolutionising playing styles, improving the financial stature of players, and heightening the level of fan engagement. These are times when parents want their kids to focus more on IPL and getting into Team India is secondary for them since the financials are taken care of by the cash-rich league.

The name, fame, and power that IPL provides are nowhere in the world, in terms of cricket. But has the IPL boom helped India gain a tight grip on the shortest format of the game on the international stage?

As per the record, the answer is no!

Since the inception of the IPL in 2008, India have not been able to secure a T20 World Cup title, their last victory in the tournament being in 2007. Despite the league's prominence, India have



only reached the final once, in 2014, highlighting a gap between domestic league success and international T20I wins.

Now there are two things to describe it -- according to cricket pundits -- one is selectors never took any tough decision to build a new team for the shortest format. Secondly, foreign players earned and learned Indian cricket so well that in ICC tournaments, they knew the strengths and weaknesses of Indian players!

England and Australia, in particular, have strategically integrated IPL experiences into their national teams, creating well-rounded and adaptable squads. Their players have improved their skills and familiarised themselves with the Indian conditions and playing styles, giving them a competitive edge in global tournaments.

While the IPL has revolutionized cricket in many ways and provided substantial benefits to players worldwide, it has not translated into consistent international success for India in the T20 format. The league's

benefits seem to be more pronounced for foreign players, who have leveraged their IPL experiences to enhance their performances in ICC tournaments.

"They come, earn, learn, and then beat India. The IPL has actually helped others in all these years," says a Delhi-based cricket coach.

The ICC T20 World Cup is just a few days away and the "experts" are "not one hundred percent confident" with India's chances in the mega sporting spectacle.

Even a former BCCI official, on condition of anonymity, told IANS that India's squad for the World Cup is not up to the mark considering the speed and demand of this format.

"We need cricketers who can score 50 off 20 balls not 100 off 70 balls. Whether someone likes it or not, but this format demands such a strike rate. I know there are people or fans who can

argue on this but we have seen how this format is changing and we need to plan for the future. IPL benefited the Indian team or not, I can't comment on it, but selectors should have taken some major calls to build the team. 'Haro to haro, but alag se sochneki jarurathai. Like what Dhoni did in 2007," the ex-official emphasised.

There are instances when India lost a major tournament and several former cricketers blamed IPL (fatigue) for it. And there are several foreign cricketers, who credited IPL for their success in international tournaments.

So, all those on the winning side are on record, one can't argue on that matter. But yes, some raw talent has emerged thanks to IPL and may get a chance in the Indian team shortly. But only if selectors take some tough calls. As it is said -- "A sportsperson is not bigger than the sport".

## 2024 done, narrative set for 2029 LS elections



Bu Deepika Bhan

Why does it seem that 2024 is a preparation for 2029? Long before the election campaigning had started for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, it was a foregone conclusion that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would remain in office after June 4.

Whether it was the common man or any political analyst or even the leaders themselves, the prediction was very clear. The only question was whether the NDA would achieve the 400-plus target. The Opposition INDIA bloc also knew that 2024 would not be easy. Their internal tussles and overbearing stalwarts further weighed upon their alliance. Although the bloc had a common banner, each partner mostly worked separately, except on a few occasions

in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. They did not have a common agenda and their strategy was more about knee-jerk reactions. Their sole common agenda was attacking PM Modi.

For the BJP, the 400 plus has been a target that involves overcoming challenges in those places where it has been non-existent. In an interview, PM Modi mentioned that the target was set to improve upon the previous one, much like a parent setting a higher percentage goal for a child. To achieve the higher target, the BJP's hard work areas included states in the South and East, where its vote share has been almost negligible. The BJP aims to register a presence in newer areas which can be worked upon towards achieving the 2029 goal and beyond it. The vote share increase in states like Tamil Nadu and Kerala will set a path for the party to enter the number game confidently in 2029.

PM Modi, in fact, has already set a target for his party and the country also, which is not just 2029 but 2047. He has revealed that work on the ambitious 2047 Viksit Bharat project



has been ongoing for the last two years.

Why the PM has gone even beyond 2029 and set 2047 as the target is because the country will be celebrating 100 years of Independence in that year. His aim is to make the BJP the natural choice for the people and keep on repeating and improving electoral performance in each and every election.

While PM Modi is clear about the agenda, his party stands solidly behind him. The party leadership at the same time has also been focussing on young leaders. By giving them big responsibilities the party is clear in its agenda of building next-gen leaders. Whether it's Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, Madhya Pradesh CM

Mohan Yadav, or Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma, the party has been ready to experiment. This is something which connects with the country's youthful population. As the BJP continues to work on its future prospects, the Congress has been working on the agenda of consolidating its vote bank. In the 2024 elections, it openly wooed the Muslim community by making specific references in its manifesto and played caste politics to divide Hindus.

The Muslim community has been largely fragmented in the past elections, voting as per the local and regional equations. In this election, the community's vote seems to be consolidating and can impact some areas. The Muslims constitute

14 per cent of the total population and comprise at least 20 per cent in 86 of 543 Lok Sabha seats. It is this 20 per cent that is being targeted by the Congress. From talking about extending reservations to the Muslims and frequently writing about the situation in Palestine and Gaza, the Congress wants to be seen as the empathiser.

The 2024 Lok Sabha election also saw Congress leader Rahul Gandhi going very aggressive about caste politics, including census. Never has the grand old party indulged in caste politics so openly as is being done by Rahul Gandhi. His grandmother Indira Gandhi and his father Rajiv Gandhi always stayed away from this kind of politics. But perhaps the party strategists thought that playing caste politics could checkmate PM Modi's Hindu appeal.

During election rallies this time, Rahul Gandhi said that he will remove the Supreme Court-mandated 50 per cent cap on caste-based reservation and increase quota benefits for people from OBCs, Dalit, backward and tribal communities.

## Global firms must tap local display manufacturing opportunities in India

India is set for a significant leap in local manufacturing of displays which presents a golden opportunity for global companies seeking to diversify their display supply chains beyond certain geographies, industry leaders said on Tuesday.

The Indian market's demand potential for displays is likely to rise to \$60 billion by 2025.

The domestic display manufacturing industry is projected to grow at a booming 29.5 per cent CAGR due to the expected surge in the local manufacturing of mobile phones, TVs and IT hardware products.

"We have an excellent 50 per cent capex support on pari-passu (equal footing) basis as offered by the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), further supplemented by the state governments, but we have not been able to break ground beyond display assembly," said Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA). Display has a major 15-20 per cent position in the Bill of Material (BoM) which is close to the other logic, memory and other semiconductors.

"It's a matter of great concern," said Mohindroo. Despite being the world's third-largest consumer of display products (accounting for 7 per cent of global revenue), the nation currently has insignificant domestic production.

"This presents a unique opportunity for international companies seeking to diversify their display supply chains



beyond certain geographies, thereby complementing the domestic demand and also export from India," the industry leaders mentioned. For a robust display manufacturing ecosystem in the country, the AMOLED Research Center (ARC) has been set up at IIT-Madras that aims to develop next-generation AMOLED displays for smartphones, tablets, watches and wearables.

The National Centre of Excellence is funded by MeitY, DRDO and Tata Sons.

At the 'SID Display Week' in the US last week, S Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, addressed the forum virtually and highlighted fiscal support of 50 per cent capex support on pari-passu basis by the government to set up display fabs in the country.

Hari Doshi, Secretary, Society of Information Display (SID) and CEO of Omniply Technologies, spoke about a conducive policy framework in India for international investors in the domain of display manufacturing ecosystem.

"These targeted efforts aim to cultivate tangible investment opportunities and propel India to the forefront of display technology development," said Mohindroo.

## Bharat's security prowess unsettles West-centric global security dynamics

By Rahul Pawa

Over the past year, India has found itself at the epicentre of Western allegations, coupled with old friend camaraderie with Pakistani generals accusing Indian officials of undermining the sovereignties of nations by purportedly engaging in the termination of terrorists in Canada, the US, and Pakistan.

This intimidating interest in alleged Indian clandestine security operations, raises pivotal questions about the underlying motives and the broader global dynamics at play.

Concurrently, it signals India's ascendancy in the realm of global security as a revitalised and influential force, unsettling the traditional West-centric world order.

In an era where the global threat landscape is increasingly complex, global and interconnected, India's extraordinary criminal justice measures to neutralise terrorists over the past decade -

such as the September 29, 2016 surgical strike on terror launchpads across the Line of Control in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and the 2019 airstrike on the Jaish-e-Mohammed training camp in Balakot, Pakistan - are particularly significant.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, these operations had shed the "outdated and reluctant" image of Indian security agencies of the past, showcasing new India's capability and resolve.

The operations were conducted with a notable degree of professionalism, responsibility and transparency, as the Indian PM informed his Pakistani counterpart before disclosing them to the world.

These actions not only announced Bharat's arrival as a formidable security force, but also challenged the traditional West-centric world order.

Recent Western allegations, devoid of substantive evidence as seen in opinion-heavy



reporting of 'The Guardian' claiming India's role in tens of terrorist terminations in Pakistan, a covert unseen Five Eyes network intelligence report regarding the killing of Canadian terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and subsequent local vote-bank influence as evidenced in Canada, along with the case involving the alleged attempted assassination of Gurpatwant Singh

Pannun, the US-based face of the proscribed terrorist entity Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), appear to be part of a broader strategy aimed at exerting collective pressure and undermining India's assertive stance against terrorism.

India which has long been a victim of cross-border terrorism orchestrated by Pakistan and its extensive global terror network, which

includes Canadian and American terrorists.

Canadian terrorists like Talwinder Singh Parmar of Babbar Khalsa masterminded the 1985 bombing of Air India Flight 182, claiming 329 innocent lives.

Similarly, American terrorists like David Coleman Headley and his Canadian accomplice Tahawwur Rana played pivotal roles in the dastardly 2008 Mumbai

attacks by Lashkar-e-Taiba, resulting in 175 deaths and over 300 injuries.

More recent attacks, such as the 2016 Uri assault by Pakistan-backed Jaish-e-Mohammed, which killed 19 Indian soldiers and injured 30, and the 2019 Pulwama suicide bombing by Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba, which took the lives of over 40 Indian police personnel, underscore the persistent threat India faces.

In this context, India's measures acknowledged criminal justice measures like those listed above to protect itself are not only moral and lawful but also a national security imperative. However, the coordinated Western and Pakistani allegations involving unravellings like Nijjar's assassination in Canada, an attempted assassination of Pannun, and tens of terrorist killings in Pakistan appear more fixed on challenging the newfound capabilities of India's security apparatus under Prime

Minister Modi. This stance appears discordant with traditional security superpowers that often perceive national security as their exclusive domain.

Most importantly, India's strategic partnerships with various nations, including those in the West, are built on mutual respect and shared interests. These alliances are grounded in a mutual commitment to promoting global stability, economic development, and security.

However, for these relationships to thrive and be truly effective, they must be free from unwarranted accusations and intimidation that can undermine trust and cooperation.

Unsubstantiated allegations and politicised narratives not only strain diplomatic ties but also detract from the collaborative efforts needed to combat terrorism effectively.

By fostering an environment of mutual trust and respect, Western nations and India can work together to

dismantle terrorist networks, prevent radicalisation and enhance global security.

In conclusion, it is imperative that Western nations avoid actions that could be perceived as coercive or dismissive of India's security concerns. Instead, they should prioritize engagement that is based on equality, respect, and a shared commitment to eradicating terrorism.

By doing so, they not only reinforce their alliances with India but also bolster the collective ability to address and overcome the multifaceted challenges posed by terrorism in the 21st century.

It is time for the international community to support India's efforts to create a secure and stable world, acknowledging that a strong and secure Bharat is beneficial for global peace and prosperity.

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### MG Gloster Storm Series launched in India

Gurugram, June 4 :MG (Morris Garages), a British automobile brand with a 100-year-old legacy, has introduced the new MG Gloster in DESERTSTORM and SNOWSTORM series in India. The new MG Gloster STORM series is meticulously designed and offers more luxurious and bold looks. The new MG Gloster DESERT STORM comes with a Deep Golden exterior inspired by the elements of BLACKSTORM, and the SNOWSTORM comes in a Dual-Tone Pearl White and Black exterior that will surely command attention wherever it goes. The new Gloster DESERTSTORM comes in striking contrasts of a Deep Golden exterior punctuated by bold black highlights right from the commanding black grille to the black alloy wheels with red callipers. Dark-themed ORVMs, Red Isle LED Headlamps and Highlands Mist LED tail lamps add a touch of mystery, while the all-black door handles, DLO (Daylight Opening) garnish, roof rails, spoiler and fender garnish complete the ensemble, making every drive a statement of style and performance. The new Gloster DESERTSTORM's black-themed interior is intended to elevate driving experiences. From the upholstery to the trims, every element embodies a vibrant and premium ambient. In addition, the black steering wheel with white stitching adds a subtle yet distinctive touch to the appeal of the vehicle.

### Before dry day, Tamil Nadu's TASMAC registered Rs 200 crore business on Monday

Chennai, June 4 (IANS) The Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Ltd (TASMAC), a company owned by the Tamil Nadu government which has a monopoly over wholesale and retail vending of alcoholic beverages in the state, registered a Rs 200 crore liquor business in a single day on Monday, according to a statement issued by the corporation.

The liquor shops in Tamil Nadu were closed on Tuesday due to the counting of votes. There are 5000 liquor shops in the state under TASMAC and every day the business touches Rs 80 crore to Rs 100 crore. However on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the business used to touch Rs 120 crore to Rs 130 crore.

TASMAC sources told IANS that on a regular Monday, the sale would have touched Rs 100 crore but on June 3 the sales doubled and touched Rs 200 crore. This was due to the fact that Tuesday is a dry day on account of counting of votes.

### Govt seeks stakeholders' views on draft Central Excise Bill

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on Tuesday invited suggestions on the draft Central Excise Bill, 2024, from stakeholders by June 26 as part of the pre-legislative consultation process. The Bill aims to enact a comprehensive modern central excise law with an emphasis on promoting ease of doing business and repealing old and redundant provisions. The Bill comprises twelve chapters, 114 sections and two schedules. Once enacted into law, the Bill will replace the Central Excise Act, 1944. As a part of the pre-legislative consultative process, the draft Central Excise Bill, 2024 has been uploaded on the website of CBIC [https://www.cbic.gov.in] for inviting suggestions from stakeholders in a fixed format within 21 days.

### Microsoft faces complaints in EU over violating children's data privacy

London, June 4 (IANS) Privacy rights organisation noyb on Tuesday lodged two complaints with Austria's data protection authority against tech giant Microsoft for allegedly violating children's data protection rights.

The non-profit organisation said that Microsoft's '365 Education' services violate children's data protection rights. When pupils wanted to exercise their General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) rights, Microsoft said schools were the "controller" for their data. "However, the schools have no control over the systems," said noyb. Microsoft, alleged the complaint, is trying to contractually dump most of its legal responsibilities under the GDPR on schools that provide Microsoft 365 Education services to their pupils or students. "This means, for example, that access requests to Microsoft go unanswered - while schools have no realistic way of complying with such requests because they don't hold the necessary data," the non-profit mentioned. Maartje de Graaf, data protection lawyer at noyb, said that this take-it-or-leave-it approach by software vendors such as Microsoft is shifting all GDPR responsibilities to schools. "Microsoft holds all the key information about data processing in its software, but is pointing the finger at schools when it comes to exercising rights. Schools have no way of complying with the transparency and information obligations," de Graaf said. Microsoft provides such "vague information" that even a qualified lawyer can't fully understand how the company processes personal data in Microsoft 365 Education. "It is almost impossible for children or their parents to uncover the extent of Microsoft's data collection," said de Graaf.

### MediaTek joins Arm Total Design to accelerate AI innovation

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Chipmaker MediaTek on Tuesday announced that it has joined Arm Total Design, an ecosystem that aims to accelerate and simplify the development of products based on Arm Neoverse Compute Subsystems (CSS). Arm Neoverse CSS is designed to meet the performance and efficiency needs of AI applications in the data centre, infrastructure systems, telecommunications, and beyond. "We will be working closely with Arm as we expand our footprint into data centres, utilising our expertise in hybrid computing, AI, SerDes and chiplets, and advance packaging technologies to accelerate AI innovation from the edge to the cloud," Vince Hu, Corporate Vice President at MediaTek, said in a statement. By leveraging Neoverse CSS, MediaTek's industry-leading SoC integration design capability can deliver differentiated solutions and expedite time to market, the company said.

### Microsoft, KT to jointly develop AI, cloud technologies

Seoul, June 4 (IANS) KT Corp, a South Korean telecom company, said on Tuesday it will join hands with US technology giant Microsoft to develop the local artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing industries. Under the partnership, the two companies will jointly conduct AI and cloud research projects, KT officials said, reports Yonhap news agency. "We will do our best to set a milestone in South Korea's digital innovation and swiftly respond to changes in the market through a comprehensive collaboration with Microsoft," KT CEO Kim Young-shub said. Meanwhile, Hitachi and Microsoft announced a projected multibillion-dollar collaboration over the next three years that will accelerate social innovation with generative AI.

# Investors lose Rs 30 lakh crore in single day in biggest market fall in 4 years

Mumbai, June 4 (IANS) Jitters of counting day led the Indian indices to experience their biggest fall in the last four years on Tuesday with the investors losing nearly Rs 30 lakh crore in a single season. As the counting for the Lok Sabha polls entered the final phase, Sensex closed 4,389 points down, or 5.74 per cent, at 72,079, while Nifty shed 1,379 points, or 5.93 per cent, to close at 21,884 on Tuesday. Nifty Bank

suffered a loss of over 4,051 points, or 7.95 per cent, to close at 46,928.

Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), Hero MotoCorp, Britannia, Nestle, and Divis Labs were among the top gainers on Nifty, while ONGC, Coal India, and SBI suffered the most.

Except for FMCG stocks which outperformed on a poor day for investors, all other sectoral indices traded in deep red, with realty, telecom, metal, oil & gas, power, and PSU



bank down more than 10 per cent each. The BSE midcap and

smallcap indices were down 7-8 per cent. Experts said that the

## India's foodgrain production rises by 211 lakh metric tonnes in 2023-24

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) The country's total foodgrain production is estimated at 3288.52 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) for 2023-24 which is 211.00 LMT higher than the average foodgrain production of the last 5 years (2018-19 to 2022-23) of 3077.52 LMT, according to the third advance estimates released by the Ministry of Agriculture on Tuesday.

However, the estimate is slightly lower than foodgrain production of 2022-23 as some crops were impacted by an erratic monsoon in 2023-24.

However, the fact that the total production was higher than the five-year average reflects the resilience of the Indian



agriculture sector, according to experts.

The total rice production in 2023-24 is estimated at 1367.00 LMT as compared to 1357.55 LMT in 2022-23, showing an increase of 9.45 LMT while the production of wheat is estimated at 1129.25 LMT which is higher by 23.71 LMT compared to the corresponding figure of the previous year, the

estimates showed.

The production of Shree Anna (millets) is estimated at 174.08 LMT showing a marginal increase of 0.87 LMT over 2022-23.

The production of Nutri/Coarse Cereals is estimated at 547.34 LMT which is higher by 46.24 LMT compared to the average Nutri/ Coarse Cereals production.

The production of

pulses went up during the year with the production of Tur estimated at 33.85 LMT which is marginally higher by 0.73 LMT than the production of 33.12 LMT in 2022-23. The production of lentils is estimated at 17.54 LMT which is higher by 1.95 LMT than the previous year's production of 15.59 LMT. The production of Soybean is estimated at 130.54 LMT and the production of Rapeseed & Mustard is estimated at 131.61 LMT which is higher by 5.18 LMT compared to last year's production.

The production of cotton is estimated at 325.22 Lakh Bales (of 170 Kg each) and the production of sugarcane is estimated at 4425.22 LMT, the figures showed.

## Adani One, ICI Bank launch India's 1st credit cards with airport-linked benefits

Ahmedabad, June 4 (IANS) Marking its maiden venture in the financial sector, Adani One on Monday introduced India's first co-branded credit cards with ICI Bank, along with airport-linked benefits in collaboration with Visa. The cards offer an array of benefits, including welcome benefits like free air tickets and airport privileges like premium lounge access, Pranaam Meet & Greet Service, porter, valet and premium car parking. The Adani One ICI Bank Signature Credit Card carries an annual fee of Rs 5,000 with joining benefits worth Rs 9,000, while the Adani One ICI Bank Platinum Credit Card has an annual fee of Rs 750 with joining benefits worth Rs 5,000.

"This unique partnership with ICI Bank and Visa will set a new benchmark in customer experience and



showcase our commitment to innovation and excellence," said Jeet Adani, Director of Adani Group. The Adani One ICI Bank Credit Cards are a window to a seamless digital ecosystem. "By leveraging the Adani One platform, which integrates physical B2C businesses into the digital world, users will experience unparalleled convenience and accessibility," Jeet Adani added. The cards offer up to 7 per cent Adani Reward Points on spends across the Adani Group consumer ecosystem like Adani One app, where one can book flights, hotels,

trains, buses, and cabs; Adani-managed airports; Adani CNG pumps; Adani Electricity bills, and Trainman, an online train booking platform. Notably, the rewards are uncapped.

"The launch of the co-branded credit cards, in association with Adani One and Visa, is in line with this philosophy," said Rakesh Jha, Executive Director, ICI Bank. Through this launch, "we intend to offer our customers rewards and benefits across the Adani Group's consumer ecosystem, and strengthen the Bank's credit card portfolio," he added.

## Govt approves Rs 128cr for CPGRAMS version 8.0 with upgraded tech platform

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) The government has approved an allocation of Rs 128 crore for CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) version 8.0 with an upgraded technology platform to be implemented over the next two years, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) said on Tuesday.

The IBM Center for Government, US invited DARPG on June 3 to make a presentation to the representatives of the US Government, as well as stakeholders who work with the IBM Center via video conferencing.

During the presentation, the government announced this allocation. Dan Chenok, Executive Director of IBM Centre



for the Business of Government, conducted the interaction, in which several commendations were received from US government officials.

The key highlights of the presentation included the acknowledgement of technology's potential to bridge the gap between citizens and government, empowering citizens, and optimising transparency and accountability.

The intelligent grievance monitoring dashboard and the tree dashboard, which were

developed using artificial intelligence (AI)/ machine learning (ML) practices, were also presented to enable the handling of disaggregated data sets, enabling evidence-based policy-making and data-driven policy interventions.

During the presentation, the DARPG also mentioned that India has succeeded in the redressal of over 1.5 lakh grievances per month and has mapped 1.02 lakh grievance officers on the CPGRAMS portal.

## India's coal sector PSUs transform 50,000 hectares of barren land into green forests

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) India's coal and lignite Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have succeeded in transforming approximately 50,000 hectares of barren land in and around coal mining regions into green forests that have the potential to absorb 2.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide a year, according to a report released by the Coal Ministry on Tuesday.

The report released to mark World Environment Day on June 5, states that the achievement "includes biological reclamation of de-coaled land covering around 29,592 hectares (Ha), additional plantation efforts like avenue plantation within mine leaseholds accounting for roughly 12,673 Ha and plantation activities outside mine leaseholds covering about 7,735 Ha. The initiative is expected to further

contribute to the augmentation of India's green cover, thereby aiding in the fulfilment of India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) target of achieving a carbon absorption capacity of 2.5 to 3.0 billion tonnes by the year 2030. As the year marks the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), focus of World Environment Day, 2024 is on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience, under the slogan "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration". The theme emphasises the importance of sustainable land management and the need to rehabilitate degraded lands to ensure a sustainable future for all.

The Coal Ministry report highlights that the public sector undertakings have undertaken extensive



afforestation and ecological restoration projects, transforming barren landscapes into thriving green areas. Such initiatives not only combat desertification and enhance drought resilience but also contribute to carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation.

Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Amrit Lal Meena said the report would garner significant attention and be leveraged

to augment green cover through the adoption of innovative techniques, such as seed ball plantation, seed casting via drones and Miyawaki plantation, within coal mines by other entities. It aims to outline the initiatives undertaken by the coal sector to increase green cover in coal regions through reclamation efforts. The report emphasises the consistent endeavours made by Coal/Lignite

PSUs to mitigate the environmental impact of coal mining through ongoing reclamation and afforestation efforts. The report presents greening initiatives carried out in both closed and active coal mines, alongside a blueprint for a more sustainable and eco-friendly future.

The data provided has undergone validation through Remote Sensing Studies and on-site ground-truthing surveys

at selected locations. This report stands as the initial comprehensive documentation of baseline data regarding greening efforts by Coal/Lignite PSUs, setting a standard for forthcoming scientific investigations. Additionally, a roadmap has been outlined for future plantation initiatives planned until the fiscal year 2029-2030, taking into consideration the necessary advancements in effective land reclamation and the sustainable utilisation of mining-degraded lands.

Coal/Lignite PSUs are implementing scientific reclamation techniques for mined-out lands according to technical and biological schedules outlined in mining plans. Additionally, they are pioneering community-oriented land uses such as restored forests, eco-parks, eco-tourism sites.

## Looking for an Indian husband: Russian influencer's unique proposal sends internet into frenzy

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Dinara, a social media influencer from Moscow, garnered significant online attention following her recent visit to an Indian shopping mall. Dinara held a poster at the mall expressing her interest in finding a potential Indian spouse.

The influencer posed next to a male mannequin holding a poster that read, "Looking for an Indian husband (unmarried)." The poster also had the QR code of her Instagram profile printed on the paper.



Captioning, "Help me find the ONE", the influencer shared the reel on Instagram. The video has collected 7.8 million views on

Instagram with over 85,000 likes and more than 8,000 comments. Indian men quickly rushed to the comments section and wrote, "Marry Me."

In fact, a user even asked Dinara for her birth date and timing to match the Kundli's. A user joked, "My uncle ready 75 old are you ok."

Another user commented, "I'm ready, will you marry me?" "Are Are I'm ready," the third user wrote.

A user hilariously asked, "Find one for me too."

Social media users even tagged their friends in the viral reel and suggested a suitable groom.

Dinara in her Instagram stories shared why she is looking for an Indian husband and what qualities are expected in the suitable groom. She said, "Several years back I started learning about Indian culture, I got Indian friends, and I have been to India many times. For qualities, the person should value the families and hope we share the same values in terms of travelling."

## Low-dose aspirin may lower inflammation caused by sleep loss

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Low-dose acetylsalicylic acid, also known as aspirin, may reduce inflammation among people suffering from sleep loss, according to a new study on Monday.



The findings, to be presented at the ongoing SLEEP 2024 annual meeting in Texas, US, show that preemptive administration of low-dose aspirin during sleep loss reduced pro-inflammatory responses. "Specifically, aspirin reduced interleukin-6 expression and COX-1/COX-2 double-positive cells in lipopolysaccharide-stimulated monocytes, as well as C-reactive protein serum levels," said researchers from Harvard Medical School.

Larissa Engert, from the School's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre, said that the study investigated whether the

inflammatory consequences of sleep restriction be pharmacologically reduced. "We used a non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drug because it has been shown to affect specific

inflammatory pathways, which were previously shown to be dysregulated by experimental sleep restriction or sleep disturbances," Engert, a lead author, added. The team collected data from 46 healthy adults in a randomised placebo-controlled crossover trial with three scenarios: sleep restriction/aspirin, sleep restriction/ placebo, and control sleep/placebo in both hospital and homestay. According to Engert, the aspirin-induced reduction of inflammatory pathway activity in sleep-restricted participants was paralleled by decreased wake after sleep onset.

## X user advises to throw Mamaearth products in dustbin, co-founder reacts



New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Reacting to an X user who advised people to throw Mamaearth products in the dustbin, co-founder Ghazal Alagh on Monday said that she would love to address if there was a problem as the products come with her "personal guarantee".

X user Aditi (@Sassy\_Soul\_) who has over 80,000 followers, shared a picture of the products and wrote, "If you see these products anywhere, immediately pick them up, throw them

in the dustbin, and run away". To which Ghazal responded, saying, "Just sorry you woke up with a lot of hate. I hope you feel better soon. I would have loved to address if there was a problem. But I couldn't find any apart from you hopping onto a Twitter trend and finding a picture of the products".

The co-founder also mentioned that she is just a DM away and if any of her "consumers have feedback or issues with any Mamaearth product,

I will get back to them". Later, Aditi addressed her concerns with the company's products in a separate post, calling them ineffective.

"You guys can't handle honest reviews. You are being defensive here, but I'm glad that you are ready to address the issue. This is not just my experience alone, if you check people have said the same thing. Their experience has been the same," Aditi wrote.

Since being shared, the post has been viewed over 1 million times.

## 71 pc Indian workers from MNCs saw age-related bias in job ads for their roles

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) About 71 per cent of Indian employees from MNCs (multinational corporations) headquartered in the country noticed age-related bias in job advertisements for their roles, compared to 57 per cent from other organisation types, a new report showed on Monday.

According to recruitment agency Randstad India, about 40 per cent of the surveyed workforce have either experienced or witnessed ageism at work.

"Ageism is one of the most overlooked unconscious biases made at the workplace across levels. Overcoming ageism requires a conscious effort to recognise and challenge stereotypes to create an environment where experience and fresh



perspectives are equally valued," said Viswanath PS, MD & CEO, Randstad India.

The report surveyed about 1,000 Indian workers.

As per the report, younger age groups experienced more age discrimination than older age groups. About 42 per cent of women reported experiencing or

witnessing ageism, compared to 37 per cent of men.

Employees from MNCs headquartered in India reported higher instances of ageism, with 41 per

cent saying they faced age-related biases, while for MNCs headquartered outside of India, 29 per cent agreed there was age-related bias in their workplace.

"Today, a lot of skilling and training programs tend to focus on younger employees. However, it is equally important to develop such programmes for the older generation to expose them to new ways of working and changes in technology and business," said Meena Ganesh, Chairperson and Co-founder of Portea Medical.

In addition, the report highlighted the unique challenges faced by different demographic groups, such as those with caring responsibilities, physical or mental impairments, and diverse sexual orientations, who report higher incidences of ageism.

## Low on memory, attention? Blame vitamin B12 deficiency, hyperthyroidism

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) People feeling problems with memory, attention, focus, and concentration may be having vitamin B12 deficiency as well as hyperthyroidism, said health experts on Monday.

According to a recent study, published in Frontiers in Endocrinology, nearly one in four patients with either hypothyroidism or subclinical hypothyroidism suffer from a vitamin B12 deficiency.

"Hypothyroidism and B12 deficiency both can cause acceleration of the degenerative or age-related processes," Dr M.



Wali, Senior Consultant, Department of Medicine, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, told IANS.

"Hypothyroidism is commonly associated with vitamin B12 deficiency. If left

untreated, hypothyroidism can also contribute to cognitive impairment," said Dr Sudhir Kumar, from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad, in a post on X.com.

The experts called on both vegetarians and non-vegetarians to monitor their B12 as well as thyroid levels.

Dr Wali said that most of the patients these days have vitamin B12 deficiency.

"Hyperthyroidism can also cause vitamin B12 deficiency, sometimes because of increased utilisation, and therefore the process of nerve conduction and transmission of the nerve

impulses gets delayed. "These processes can be accelerated among patients more than 55 years of age," the doctor said.

Dr Wali called for enhancing the vitamin B12 testing in patients older than 55 years, and if it is deficient take medications "under supervision". "Keep your thyroid normal, and test every three months," he advised.

"People presenting with memory and other cognitive difficulties without any obvious cause should be screened for vitamin B12 deficiency and hypothyroidism," added Dr Sudhir.

## Making health insurance accessible and affordable with monthly premiums

By Nilesh Agarwal

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Are you someone who is looking to choose the right health insurance plan but is hesitant about the premium prices? Well, you're not alone! Finding the right health insurance plan can be overwhelming as navigating costs can be quite tricky.

No wonder, only one out of three individuals in India have health insurance coverage, including both government and private health insurance schemes. But what if you were to discover that paying for health insurance premiums can now be as simple as your monthly OTT or grocery subscriptions?

Health insurance, an expense or an investment? Health insurance in India has always been viewed as an upfront financial burden rather

than a safety net to protect one's financial interests. While the average per capita income in India is around Rs 16,000 per month, health insurance plan premiums, when payable annually, amount to nearly 30 per cent (assuming Rs 5,000 as premium) of a month's salary which makes it difficult to pay in one go.

A Public Health Foundation of India report also paints a stark picture, estimating that a staggering 55 million Indians are pushed back into poverty every year due to such costs. This scenario underscores the growing urgency for a safety net and for users to understand that health insurance is no longer a luxury but a vital tool to safeguard their financial future.

Monthly premium plans are light on the pocket and help users meet their wellness needs

After recognising this need to increase accessibility and affordability for insurance products across income segments, PhonePe launched a first-of-its-kind, monthly subscription for insurance premium payments with flexible payment options starting from Rs 500 to Rs 3,000 per month.

This feature makes health insurance as easy as paying for one's recurring monthly household bills rather than getting into the burden of yearly lump sum payments. It is also easy on your pocket, convenient to pay, and truly resonates with our core ideology of -- Insurance Your Way!

Monthly premium payment plans can help in expanding the options available to users in the health insurance category, especially the modern Indian consumer.

This innovation was



driven by our deep understanding of the end consumers and the fact that smaller monthly payments help ease the financial burden for them while empowering and enabling them to opt for extensive insurance coverage, without having to stretch their finances.

The transparency in selecting the appropriate

coverage is reflected in the ATS (Average Transaction Size) with a growing number of users opting for comprehensive protection.

In fact, since this launch, PhonePe has seen many customers (particularly those purchasing health insurance for the first time) opt for monthly payment options,

especially from tier 2 cities and beyond. Further, they are also opting for higher coverage and more features because the monthly component makes plans more affordable.

Currently, while other monthly payment options are available to customers, it is only feasible through loans or credit cards.

However, the challenge with this is that it's only limited to those with a decent credit history and/or access to credit cards.

At PhonePe, our monthly payments offering provides better accessibility to health insurance as it does not require additional financial obligations or credit checks, ensuring widespread inclusivity and cost-effectiveness.

This further goes to show that budget-friendly & customised health insurance can not only eliminate disparities but also empower everyone to have equitable access to healthcare services, regardless of their income and demographic status.

In conclusion, it is about time that substantial changes are made across the industry in order to make insurance truly accessible to all. This would essentially be in

line with the IRDAI's vision of 'Insurance for all by 2047'. Hence, the need of the hour is to remove any barriers that may cause reluctance amongst users to opt for insurance protection or make health coverage a hard sell for them.

An innovative approach coupled with tailor-made offerings and customer-friendly solutions will help bridge the insurance gap in India and thus lead to disruption in the digital insurance sector.

We believe that differentiated features like the monthly subscription model blended with PhonePe's distribution, user reliability, customer-centric approach and simple DIY journeys will help fortify insurance adoption and penetration in the country.

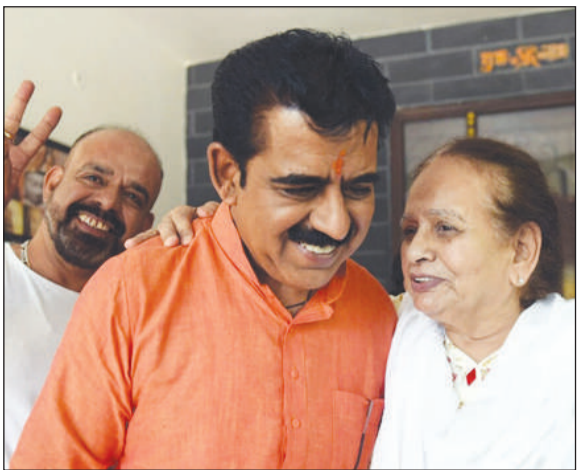
(Nilesh Agarwal is Head of Business, PhonePe Insurance Broking Services)

# BJP Indore candidate wins by 10.8 lakh votes, party calls it 'Highest Ever', Neta runner-up

**Bhopal, June 4 (IANS)** BJP's Shankar Lalwani on Tuesday won the Indore Lok Sabha seat by a margin of more than 10 lakh votes in a contest where the NOTA (none of the above) option also probably created a record. The NOTA option secured the runner up position with a record 218,674 votes.

Mr Lalwani, who is the sitting MP from Indore, received 12,26,751 votes and defeated his nearest rival, NOTA, by 10,08,077 votes. Bahujan Samaj Party's Sanjay stood in third place with 51,659 votes.

A BJP leader claimed that Mr Lalwani's victory margin is probably the "highest" in the country's



electoral history.

Mr Lalwani had made a successful poll debut in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Indore also saw as many as 2,18,674 voters choosing the NOTA option, which was

the second highest in this Madhya Pradesh Lok Sabha seat.

In Indore, the Congress faced a setback after its candidate Akshay Kanti Bam withdrew his nomination on April 29,

the last date for the withdrawal of nominations. He later joined the BJP.

The BJP has been winning the Indore seat since 1989. Before Mr Lalwani, Sumitra Mahajan, who served as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha from 2014 to 2019, won from Indore for eight consecutive terms.

Born on October 16 1961 in Indore, Shankar Lalwani won the 2019 Lok Sabha elections by a margin of 5.47 lakh votes.

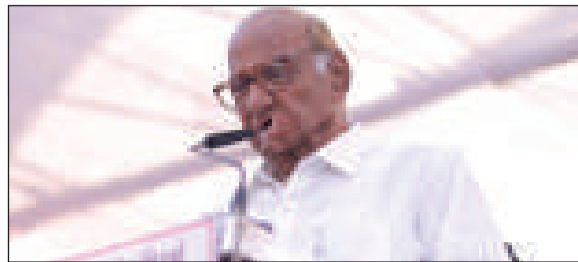
He has also served as a Councillor in the Indore Municipal Corporation from 1994 to 1999.

From 1999 to 2004, Mr Lalwani held the post of Chairman of Indore Municipal Corporation.

# Sharad Pawar says LS polls results 'harbinger of change'; INDIA bloc explores govt formation options

**Mumbai, June 4 (IANS)** Nationalist Congress Party (SP) President Sharad Pawar said that the Lok Sabha results being declared on Tuesday are "a harbinger of positive change" in the country, and the people have taught a lesson to the "BJP's politics of destroying parties".

The voters have given the country a new direction in Uttar Pradesh, and even restricted the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies 'satisfactorily' in the Hindi belt, which was the BJP's forte, he said, adding "though more needs to be done there". Pawar said that he is in touch with the (INDIA bloc) political parties to explore the government formation options, including with



Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Communist Party of India (Marxist) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury "I have not called up N. Chandrababu Naidu... whatever the outcome, after discussing it with colleagues in the other INDIA bloc, we shall share it publicly on Wednesday," said Pawar.

The NCP (SP) supremo cautioned that results trending for the 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra -- the ruling MahaYuti with

around 18 seats trailing behind the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)'s lead of 29, plus one Independent -- "the outcome will impact the state Assembly elections" due in October.

He said that the three allies -- Congress-NCP (SP)-Shiv Sena (UBT) -- have performed well with full unity in the state, and "the people have rejected the BJP's politics of breaking up parties".

"I had been saying this from the start. The people

have taught a lesson to the BJP's politics of destroying political parties. They have rejected the politics of 'mandir-masjid'. The masses have voted on issues like unemployment, inflation, farmers, and other basic concerns confronting them," said Pawar. He also noted that the results could further change as the counting enters the final stages in several LS constituencies in Maharashtra, and will be positive in several constituencies like Solapur, Baramati and others. Pawar's was the first major reaction to the LS results from the INDIA-MVA leadership, and later on Tuesday, other leaders like Thackeray, Congress state President Nana Patole, and others are likely to speak.

## Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje wins Bengaluru North

**Bengaluru, June 4 (IANS)** Union Minister for State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje on Tuesday won from Bengaluru North Constituency defeating his rival Congress candidate M. V. Rajeev Gowda with a huge margin of 2.59 lakh votes. The Union Minister polled 9.86 lakh votes against Gowda who secured 7.26 lakh votes. She had faced "go-back" agitation in the constituency as the BJP had denied a ticket to sitting party MP, former CM D. V. Sadananda Gowda. She had faced stiff resistance in the Udipi-Chikkamagaluru Parliamentary constituency from local leadership ahead of the Lok Sabha election. However, Shobha Karandlaje managed to get a ticket from the Bengaluru North seat. Shobha Karandlaje is the close associate of former CM B. S. Yediyurappa.

## Shivakumar's brother DK Suresh concedes defeat

**Bengaluru, June 4 (IANS)** Congress nominee for high-profile Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha seat D.K. Suresh has conceded his defeat against BJP candidate C.N. Manjunath, the son-in-law of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda. Suresh is the brother of Deputy Karnataka Chief Minister and senior Congress leader, D.K. Shivakumar. Speaking to reporters, Suresh said: "I will bow down to the people's mandate. They have given an opportunity to new leadership. I wish good luck to C.N. Manjunath and the people of the state. I will remain as the common man and continue the work as a party worker. I appeal to party workers not to lose confidence. I accept victory and defeat in the same spirit. I thank them for their struggle. I had full faith in winning. However, people have given (me) rest. There is no question of backtracking. My struggle is going to continue in the coming days." As per the latest data, C.N. Manjunath was leading by a margin of 2.17 lakh votes.

He got 9.42 lakh votes while D.K. Suresh managed to get 7.25 lakh votes.

## Omar Abdullah concedes defeat to Engineer Rashid in J&K's Baramulla

**Srinagar, June 4 (IANS)** National Conference leader and former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday conceded defeat to incarcerated former MLA, Engineer Rashid of the Awami Itihad Party (AIP) in the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat. After Engineer Rashid consolidated his lead to over 120,000 votes in what was seen as a major upset, Omar Abdullah, in a post on X, said: "I think it is time to accept the inevitable. Congratulations to Engineer Rashid for his victory in north Kashmir. I don't believe his victory will hasten his release from prison nor will the people of north Kashmir get the representation they have a right to but the voters have spoken and in a democracy that is all that matters".

Meanwhile, in the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat, NC candidate, Syed Ruhullah Mehdi is leading with more than 50,000 votes over his PDP rival, Waheed Para while in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency, NC's Mian Altaf Ahmad was ahead of PDP President and former Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti by over 200,000 votes.

## PM Modi should opt out of prime ministerial race: Ashok Gehlot

**Jaipur, June 4 (IANS)** Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday said that following the election result trends, Prime Minister Narendra Modi should opt out of the prime ministerial race, as BJP will not get a majority. "Now it has become clear that BJP will neither get 370 seats nor NDA will get 400 seats. BJP will not get a clear majority. In such a situation, PM Modi should withdraw his name from the Prime Minister race," the former Rajasthan Chief Minister said. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi completely focused the 2024 Lok Sabha elections campaign on himself. "In his campaign, he used phrases like 'Modi Ki Guarantee', 'Modi Sarkar' were raised more than the slogans on BJP. Even bypassing the MP candidates, the entire election was run in the name of Modi ki guarantee," he said. He said that issues like inflation, unemployment, and increasing tension in the society became secondary in the election for PM Modi and what was heard were slogans like 'Modi-Modi'.

"The Prime Minister had claimed in Parliament that under his leadership, BJP would cross 370 seats and NDA would cross 400 seats but that is not going to happen as per the result trends," the former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said.

## At over 1.8 lakh votes, Indore registers highest NOTA count ever

**Bhopal, June 4 (IANS)** While the BJP is leading in all the 29 Lok Sabha seats in Madhya Pradesh as per the trends coming out of the Election Commission of India (ECI) data on Tuesday, an interesting phenomenon is being observed in Indore where 1,82,766 voters opted for the NOTA (None of the Above) option (till 1.10 p.m.), setting a new record. While the BJP's Shankar Lalwani has taken a decisive lead of over 8 lakh votes in Indore, the second-highest votes so far have been counted in favour of NOTA. NOTA, or the option to express one's displeasure with every candidate in the fray, was introduced in most Indian elections since 2013.

# Chirag Paswan hails PM Modi, confirms attendance at Wednesday's crucial NDA meet

**New Delhi, June 4 (IANS)** Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) national president Chirag Paswan, who is leading by over 1,49,000 votes from the Hajipur Lok Sabha seat in Bihar, has confirmed that he will be attending a significant NDA meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Paswan's party is in decisive lead on all the five seats it contested from in the state, including Hajipur, Vaishali, Samastipur, Khagaria and Jamui.

"I and my party stand firmly in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I am sure his third term will take India to new heights. The Indian economy is moving forward at a tremendous pace and will soon be the third-largest in the world," the young leader



said in Hajipur as party workers began celebrating his triumph.

Carrying forward the political legacy of his late father Ram Vilas Paswan, the party president said that he has already received a call from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, congratulating him on the good show.

"Home Minister Shah also invited me to the NDA meeting in Delhi on Wednesday. I am eagerly

looking forward to seeing PM Modi lead the nation for the third time," said Paswan.

He also credited Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, Rashtriya Lok Morcha's Upendra Kushwaha and Hindustani Awam Morcha's Jitan Ram Manjhi for the grand alliance's success in the state.

"All five parties fought together and everyone deserves credit," said Paswan.

# We did not win by black magic: Kumaraswamy hits out at DyCM Shivakumar

**Bengaluru, June 4 (IANS)** Following landslide victories in Bengaluru Rural and Mandya Lok Sabha seats, former Chief Minister and State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy lashed out at DyCM D.K. Shivakumar, saying the victories were achieved through the hard work of party workers and not by performing black magic.

Addressing reporters here, Kumaraswamy said, "With blessings of people and hard work of BJP and JD(S) workers, the seat of Bengaluru Rural has been won and not because of the Bhairavi Yagna."

Shivakumar had indirectly alleged that Kumaraswamy indulged in conducting yagna against the Congress government and sacrificed animals in Kerala.



"We have not won after sacrificing buffalo, sheep or goat. The victory is achieved through the hard work of party workers. The Congress candidates have lost the election in the native places of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DyCM Shivakumar," he said. "The people have hugely blessed me in Mandya. The people have rejected the Congress party's attempt to wrestle the election with money power. Mandya is the place from where I derive

my strength. With the efforts of JD(S) and BJP workers, our candidate in Kolar has also won," he stated. Dr C.N. Manjunath, Kumaraswamy's close relative was fielded as BJP candidate from Bengaluru Rural against DyCM Shivakumar's brother D.K. Suresh.

Kumaraswamy won with a whopping margin of 2.84 lakh votes while Manjunath secured a lead of 2.68 lakh votes over Suresh.

# Chandrababu Naidu likely to take oath as Andhra Pradesh CM on June 9

**Amaravati, June 4 (IANS)** Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President N. Chandrababu Naidu is likely to take oath as the new chief minister of Andhra Pradesh on June 9, party sources said.

With the TDP-led alliance heading for a landslide victory with a clear lead in 158 out of 175 Assembly constituencies, Naidu is all set to take over once again reins of power in

Andhra Pradesh.

The 74-year-old will be taking oath as the chief minister for the fourth time. He had served as the chief minister of united Andhra Pradesh from 1995 to 2004.

The TDP chief also became the first chief minister of the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh following bifurcation in 2014.

Naidu, whose party suffered a humiliating



defeat at the hands of the YSR Congress Party in

2019, has bounced back five years later, riding the anti-establishment wave.

His alliance with the Jana Sena Party (JSP) of actor-politician Pawan Kalyan and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) appeared to have played the game changer.

With a clear lead in 131 segments, TDP has secured a huge majority on its own. Naidu himself was leading the Kuppam constituency, which he

has been representing since 1989.

Naidu's son and TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh was also ahead in the Mangalagiri constituency. Lokesh had suffered defeat from the same segment in previous elections.

The Naidu-led party was also leading in 16 out of 25 Lok Sabha constituencies. The tripartite alliance was ahead on 21 seats.

# BJP retains Vidisha as Shivraj Singh Chouhan wins again

**Bhopal, June 4 (IANS)** BJP veteran and four-time chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan won the Lok Sabha election from Madhya Pradesh's Vidisha with a margin of 8.20 lakh votes.

He defeated veteran Congress leader and two-time MP Pratap Bhanu Sharma. Notably, Pratap Bhanu Sharma of Congress won from Vidisha in two general elections -- 1980 and 1984. While the BJP has retained this high-profile

Vidisha Lok Sabha seat since 1989. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and another BJP stalwart Sushma Swaraj had represented this seat. Before becoming the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in 2005, Shivraj Singh Chouhan won four terms from Vidisha. After the BJP won the assembly election in November last year, the BJP replaced Chouhan with Mohan Yadav as Chief Minister. Subsequently, Chouhan

was fielded from Vidisha again and he won. After winning the election, Chouhan said, "I express my gratitude to the people of Vidisha for supporting the BJP. People of Madhya Pradesh and from the entire country have shown faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi." Chouhan further said he was happy to receive a massive mandate and promised that he would continue to serve the people of Vidisha.

# Kangana Ranaut expresses 'heartfelt gratitude' for Mandi voters

**Mandi, June 4 (IANS)** Actress Kangana Ranaut, who is the BJP candidate from the Mandi Lok Sabha seat in Himachal Pradesh, has expressed her "heartfelt gratitude" over her impending win at the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections. Kangana took to Instagram and shared a heartfelt note, saying that "the victory belongs to the people of Mandi."

The actress wrote: "Samast Mandiwasiyon ka is janadhar, is pyaar aur is vishwas ke liye dil se abhaa. Yeh jeet aap sabhi ki hai, yeh jeet Pradhan Mantri Narendra Modi ji ki aur BJP par vishwas ki, ye jeet hai sanatan ki, yeh jeet hai Mandi ke samman ki (Heartfelt gratitude to all the people of Mandi for this love and trust. This victory belongs to all of you. This is the victory of

trusting Prime Minister Modi and the BJP. This is the victory of Sanathan. This is the victory of Mandi." Veteran actor Anupam Kher congratulated Kangana for her impending win. The Election Commission of India website is yet to declare Kangana's win, her victory is almost certain. The actress is leading with 73,482 votes against Vikramaditya Singh, the Congress candidate. On Tuesday, Anupam took to his X and shared a video of Kangana with the song 'Jugni' from her National Award-winning film 'Queen' playing in the background.

The actor wrote: "Dearest @KanganaTeam !CONGRATULATIONS on your HUGE VICTORY! You are a #ROCKSTAR. Your journey is so so inspirational!"

# After Assembly poll double whammy, ex-CM Channi wins Jalandhar by 1.76 lakh votes

**Chandigarh, June 4 (IANS)** Former Punjab Chief Minister and Congress candidate Charanjit Singh Channi (60), who lost both the seats he contested in the February 2022 Assembly elections, scripted victory from the Jalandhar (reserved) Lok Sabha constituency on Saturday after defeating his nearest rival by 1,75,993 votes in a four-way battle involving three turncoats from the major political parties.

Channi was leading by a comfortable margin in the initial rounds against his nearest rival and sitting MP Sushil Rinku of the BJP, who switched sides twice in a year.

Pawan Kumar Tinu of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Mohinder Singh Kaypee of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) were among the candidates in the fray, both having switched loyalties in the run-up to the polls.

Santokh Singh



Chaudhary of the Congress won from Jalandhar in 2019, but in

the May 2023 by-elections necessitated by his sudden demise, his

wife Karamjit Kaur was defeated by Congress MLA-turned-AAP candidate Rinku, who won by a margin of 58,691 votes.

At that time, AAP wrested the Jalandhar seat from the Congress in the high-stake bypoll, ending the party's unbeaten run in the Dalit stronghold since 1999.

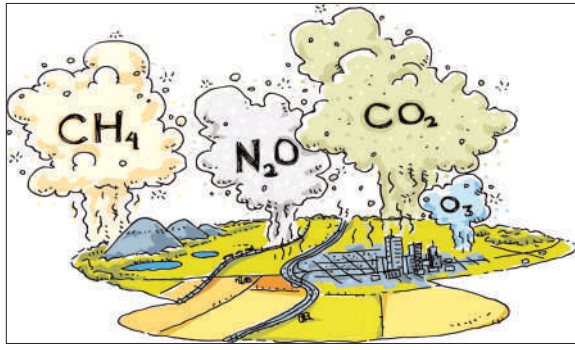
This time, the Congress reposed faith in three-time legislator Channi, the state's first Dalit Chief Minister, to woo the Dalit

votes that constitute 32 per cent population in the state, the country's largest.

Channi, a former handball player who led the party in the 2022 Assembly polls, entered politics at the age of 20. He replaced Amarinder Singh as the Chief Minister on September 19, 2021, as a stopgap arrangement before the state went to the polls. He was the first non-Jat Sikh CM in the state since 1977.

**Health**

**'Reducing methane, nitrous oxide key to curb rising temperatures in India'**



**New Delhi, June 4 (IANS)** While India has made a mark as a global leader in climate action, it must work towards reducing greenhouse gases like methane and nitrous oxide to curb rising temperatures, according to an environmental expert on Tuesday.

India, especially the northern states, has been witnessing a severe heatwave in recent days.

Methane is about 80 per cent more potent in trapping heat and carbon dioxide, making it a major contributor to the current heatwave.

Nitrous oxide also absorbs radiation and traps heat in the atmosphere, raising temperatures.

"We've all seen the recent heatwaves. We have to reduce those chemicals that are increasing temperatures, greenhouse gases, methane, for instance, or nitrous oxide," Hisham Mundol, Chief Advisor, Environmental Defense Fund, India (EDF), a global nonprofit environmental advocacy group, told IANS.

He added that the "science is clear, and the solutions exist".

Lauding India for being a "global leader on climate action", Hisham said "What the country represents for the planet is a steady hand on climate change. It's made important commitments and it's staying the course."

He praised steps taken by India such as committing to a renewable energy target of 50 per cent of all capacity for energy by 2030, equivalent to 500 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity; and also for reaching 190 gigawatts of renewable energy. The expert called for sustaining the momentum, and "to increase our renewable energy availability and use". Further, Hisham also called for accelerating action towards improving forest cover and biodiversity, as it is the single biggest carbon sink that's available on the planet.

**Sonakshi on heat wave: Unchecked human activity has led to irreversible damage**



**Mumbai, June 4 (IANS)** Actress Sonakshi Sinha said that intense heat waves across the nation are the direct consequence of human activity, and the damage cannot be reversed. The 'Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar' actress said that now is the time to act to reverse the change by prioritising education and raising awareness.

Sonakshi told IANS: "The recent heat wave and abrupt temperature spike serve as a stark reminder that global warming is undeniably real. In fact, we are experiencing what can only be described as global heating. This dire state of our planet is a consequence of human activity, and while the situation is severe, I believe it's not too late to make a positive change and protect our environment."

India is currently witnessing a surge in temperature in the majority of its parts. While the monsoon arrived in Kerala, it's yet to provide respite in other parts of the country, especially the north, where the mercury is touching 52 degrees Celsius.

The actress further mentioned that although we may not be able to reverse the damage entirely, we can certainly work to mitigate its effects.

"We must prioritise education and awareness about climate change among both children and adults." The actress also shared tips on how to battle the intense heat, as she told IANS: "Additionally, it's crucial to take care of ourselves during extreme heat. I stay hydrated and seek shade whenever possible, and I urge everyone to do the same."

"Let's take responsibility for our well-being, support each other, and commit to preserving our planet," she added.

**Celebrities spice up kitchen of Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment**

**Mumbai, June 4 (IANS)** In a fusion of celebrity charisma, culinary chaos, and comedic charm, the entire cast of the celebrity-led show, 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment', came together for a photo call here in Powai.

Those photographed together were Ankita Lokhande and Vicky Jain, Karan Kundrra, Arjun Bijlani, Jannat Zubair, Reem Sheikh, Krushna Abhishek and Kashmera Shah, Rahul Vaidya, Aly Goni, Nia Sharma, and Sudesh Lehri.

The show's premise is as deliciously entertaining



as it gets: six celebrity duos (including couples), each bringing their own unique dynamic, are pitted

against one another against the backdrop of a kitchen. With culinary skills ranging from amateur to non-existent and comedic timing honed to perfection, these personalities promise to serve up a feast for the senses to make the heat wave a little bearable.

Krushna Abhishek and Kashmera Shah are among the celebrity couples set to grace the show. Their banter and antics promise to keep audiences in stitches.

In a candid moment with the media, Krushna revealed, "Neither of us can cook. I cannot cook,

Kashmera can't cook. This is going to be fun." Their comedic chemistry promises to add an extra layer of spice to the mix, as they navigate the kitchen with equal parts of enthusiasm and ineptitude. But the laughter does not stop there. With each celebrity couple bringing their own flavour to the table, viewers can expect a culinary joy ride like no other. By turning the kitchen into a stage for laughter and entertainment, the show promises to serve up a refreshing take on the traditional cooking show format.

**Aayushi Bhawe took inspiration from Madhuri to play dancer**

**Mumbai, June 4 (IANS)** Actress Aayushi Bhawe, who portrays a dancer named Bindu in the upcoming supernatural thriller '10:29 Ki Aakhri Dastak', shared that the role is influenced by evergreen star Madhuri Dixit.

Speaking about the same, Aayushi said: "My character Bindu is actually a dancer, and she has a very cheerful, outspoken personality. When I was preparing to play her role, Madhuri Dixit was my first inspiration."

Her expressions and dance moves have always fascinated me, and playing a dancer gave me the opportunity to find inspiration in her."

**Yami Gautam, Aditya Dhar mark three years of marital bliss, share unseen pictures**

**Mumbai, June 4 (IANS)** Actress Yami Gautam and filmmaker Aditya Dhar on Tuesday celebrated three years of their marital bliss, by sharing unseen pictures, and showered love on each other.

Taking to Instagram, Yami shared an unseen picture from the promotion of her recently released political action thriller 'Article 370'.

In the snap, the actress can be seen wearing a pink floral dress, flaunting her baby bump. Aditya is sitting next to



her and smiling ear to ear. The post is captioned: "Happiest 3...And quite literally now... (baby e m o j i ) H a p p y anniversaryous." The director of 'Uri: The Surgical Strike' also took to his Instagram and

shared a series of photos, with a solo picture of Yami.

Another snap shows the lovebirds standing amid the picturesque backdrop of mountains.

The last click shows the duo posing in the premises of the National School of Drama.

Aditya penned a sweet note, which read: "Dearest Yami, You were, are, and always will be the most beautiful woman in the world for me! Happy anniversary my Love!"

Yami commented on

her hubby's post and wrote: "Lucky girl... I love you." Yami and Aditya tied the nuptial knot in June 2021. On May 20, they announced the arrival of their baby son Vedavid. Their child was born on the auspicious day of Akshay Tritiya. On the work front, Yami has 'Dhoom Dhaam' in the pipeline. The actress was last seen in her husband's production movie 'Article 370'. She has also earlier starred in Aditya's directorial 'Uri: The Surgical Strike'.

**'Udaariyaan' actress Twinkle Arora reveals how she approaches her roles**



**Mumbai, June 3 (IANS)** The 'Udaariyaan' fame actress Twinkle Arora has opened up on how she approaches a role, sharing that she makes sure to go through the script before she steps in front of the camera.

Twinkle said: "There can be days when you have fewer lines and days when you have lots and lots of lines. And I love those days when I have lots of lines. I've always been a child where I couldn't cram. I read the whole screenplay beforehand as that is very, very important to understand what the situation is and the scenes that I need to deliver."

"It helps me in handling the dialogues well. So, this has been my routine in 'Udaariyaan' too. Even now when I reach on set, I have a request to the AD to keep the script ready. I don't only read my scenes but I prefer reading the whole episode or the whole screenplay first thing in the morning while my hair and makeup are going on. And then before going to each scene, I take the scene-by-scene script and read it so that I'll be fluent in the scene. That's how I do it," said Twinkle.

She further said how every scene and every act needs different types of treatment while shooting.

"But I like longer shots, all in one take. I like the acts where it is taken in one go. Because it's fun to perform when you are in the flow. But sometimes we also need to do shorter scripts, which are also fun once you are in the rhythm," added Twinkle.

In the show 'Udaariyaan', Twinkle plays the role of Nehmat Kaur. The show has recently taken a 15-year leap and has marked the entry of Avinesh Rekhi, and Shreya Jain.

**Varun Dhawan, wife Natasha blessed with baby girl**

**Mumbai, June 3 (IANS)** Bollywood star Varun Dhawan and his wife Natasha Dalal have become proud parents to a baby girl. The news of the baby's arrival was confirmed by Varun's father David Dhawan on Monday night.

The director was seen coming out of the P. D. Hinduja Hospital in the Khar area of Mumbai. As the paparazzi congratulated the grandfather, he told them that the couple had been blessed with a baby girl. Earlier, Varun was seen at the hospital as he put on a



18 this year. He took to his Instagram and shared a monochromatic picture of himself kissing his wife's baby bump. He wrote in the caption, "We are pregnant. Need all your blessings and love".

duffle bag and was dressed in casuals.

Varun and Natasha tied the nuptial knot on January 24, 2021, in a close-knit ceremony after dating for a long time.

Varun shared the news about Natasha's pregnancy on February 18 this year. He took to his Instagram and shared a monochromatic picture of himself kissing his wife's baby bump. He wrote in the caption, "We are pregnant. Need all your blessings and love".

**Reva Kaurase loves the delicious food**

**Arjun Bijlani brings on 'Shiv Shakti' set**

**Mumbai, June 4 (IANS)** Actress Reva Kaurase, who portrays Rimjhim in the show 'Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya: Shiv Shakti', shared about a close bond with Arjun Bijlani and said the highlight of working with him is that he brings "delicious food on set".

"One of the highlights of working with Arjun is the delicious food he often brings to set. He generously shares homemade delicacies with the entire crew, and it has become something we all look forward to," Reva said. The actress said that from the moment they started



filming together, it was clear that Arjun is not only a talented actor but also a wonderful person. "Our bond on set has grown naturally, and it's been a fantastic experience sharing scenes with him," Reva shared. Praising Arjun's professionalism and dedication, she said: "Arjun brings a great deal of professionalism and dedication to his craft, which has been inspiring to witness firsthand." "He has a remarkable ability

to bring depth and authenticity to his characters, making every scene we perform together truly engaging. His passion for acting is evident, and it motivates everyone around him, including me, to give our best." Reva also spotlighted Arjun's positive influence off-screen. "Off-screen, Arjun has a wonderful sense of humour and a positive attitude that lightens the mood on set. We often find ourselves laughing and sharing fun moments between takes, which makes the work environment incredibly enjoyable."

**Mental health crisis grips Jharkhand**

By Huma Fatima

**Jamshedpur, June 4:** The escalating mental health challenges in India have cast a long shadow over regions like Jharkhand and its bustling city, Jamshedpur. Nationally, the situation is dire, with approximately 14% of the population requiring active mental health interventions. However, Jharkhand's predicament is even graver, boasting a staggering 11.1% of its populace grappling with mental health disorders, surpassing the national average of 10.6%. Despite this alarming statistic, a significant treatment gap persists, with 75% of individuals

in need not receiving essential care, as highlighted by the National Mental Health Survey 2016. In rural Jharkhand, the challenges are exacerbated by social stigma and a lack of awareness. Mental health patients, especially women, are often unfairly labeled as witches, leading to violence and ostracization. Nevertheless, organizations like Ekjut are spearheading efforts to combat these entrenched issues, offering vital services such as counseling, telepsychiatry treatment, and medications, gradually eroding harmful practices. The urban landscape in Jamshedpur presents its



own set of concerns, with a stark rise in suicide rates. From January to August 2023 alone, 143 cases were reported, underscoring the urgent need for effective mental health interventions.

round-the-clock helplines (9297777499/9297777500). These endeavors aim to offer immediate assistance and combat the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Health experts advocate for a multifaceted approach to addressing these challenges, emphasizing the importance of increasing awareness through regular programs, fully implementing the District Mental Health Program (DMHP) to ensure psychiatric services in every district, training Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) to identify mental health symptoms, establishing community support

groups, and expanding telepsychiatry services to remote areas. Tackling the mental health crisis in Jharkhand and Jamshedpur necessitates collaborative efforts encompassing governmental initiatives, community engagement, and individual contributions. By bolstering awareness, enhancing access to care, and fostering supportive environments, significant headway can be made in addressing the region's mental health woes. Ensuring accessible and stigma-free mental health services is paramount to nurturing a healthier future for the people of Jharkhand and Jamshedpur.

# T20 WC: Gavaskar bats for Rohit-Virat opening pair against Ireland

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Indian batting legend Sunil Gavaskar has backed skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli as the opening pair for Men in Blue's opening T20 World Cup clash against Ireland on Wednesday.

Gavaskar named his playing 11 for India's opening encounter in the T20 showpiece at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York on June 5. Interestingly, the veteran batter dropped pacer Arshdeep Singh from his final 11 and backed all-rounder Shivam Dube to strengthen the batting department. "I don't really like selecting teams because you can never satisfy everybody there will always be somebody's favourite player who's not being pick but here is my effort to try and pick the 11 for the game against Ireland. Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to open the batting



along with Yashasvi Jaiswal at three Suryakumar Yadav at four Rishabh Pant at five and at number six, I would have Hardik Pandya," Gavaskar said on Star Sports. The former India captain picked Kuldeep Yadav as the sole spinner along with all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja. "Number seven would be Ravindra Jadeja, number eight mean not necessarily in that batting order Shivam Dube number nine Kuldeep Yadav number 10 Jasprit Bumrah and

number 11 will be MD Siraj," he added. Gavaskar's predicted playing XI against Ireland: Rohit Sharma (c), Virat Kohli, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Shivam Dube, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj. In the recently concluded IPL, Kohli finished as the highest run-getter while opening the batting for Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

# T20 World Cup: Farooqi takes five-for as Afghanistan crush Uganda by 125-runs

Georgetown (Guyana), June 4 (IANS) Fazalhaq Farooqi's five-wicket haul powered Afghanistan to a dominating 125-run win over debutants Uganda in the Group C match of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup on Tuesday (as per IST), here at Providence stadium.

Despite fightback from Uganda bowlers in the death overs, Afghanistan posted a strong total of 183/5 on the back of a brilliant opening stand of 154 runs between Ibrahim Zadran (70 off 46) and Rahmanullah Gurbaz (76 off 42). In defense of a huge total, Farooqi set the tone for the win with his scintillating bowling display, picking up 5-9 to bundle out Uganda for 58 in 16 overs and wrap up a massive win for his side. Brian Masaba won the



toss and elected to bowl first. Afghanistan's openers capitalised on favorable batting conditions and Uganda's fielding lapses. Gurbaz led initially, with Zadran joining him, hitting four boundaries in the sixth over. The duo continued to dominate, with Gurbaz reaching his maiden T20

World Cup fifty in the ninth over, featuring four sixes and two fours. Afghanistan crossed the 100-run mark by the 10th over, aided by an eventful 25-run over from Bilal Shah, which included five no-balls and five wides, propelling them past 150. Skipper Masaba eventually claimed

Uganda's first wicket, dismissing Ibrahim Zadran and breaking the 154-run opening stand. Experienced tweekers Alpesh Ramjani and Masaba then picked two more over the next couple of overs to clean up the Afghanistan top-order. Uganda bowlers got their act right in the

death, conceding 22 runs for merely three wickets in the final four overs.

Defending 183, Farooqi gave Afghanistan the perfect start dismissing Ronak Patel (4) and Roger Mukasa (0) off back-to-back deliveries. While he missed out on a hat-trick, with Riazat Ali Shah surviving by the barest of margins, Afghanistan had their third when Mujeeb Ur Rahman dismissed Simon Szezei for 4. When Naveen-ul-Haq the third bowler to be introduced in the game, picked two wickets in his first over, Uganda were in dire straits at 18/5. A brief stand between Riazat Ali and Robinson Obuya steadied the ship temporarily, but Farooqi returned to deliver further blows and strengthen Afghanistan's grasp on the game.

## Harbhajan Singh reveals reason behind Shikhar Dhawan's 'Jatt at Skype' nickname



New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) This week's guest on Shikhar Dhawan's debut talk show is none other than the legendary bowler of the Indian cricket team, Harbhajan Singh. The cricketer duo have been longtime friends and are closer than anyone could imagine.

This candid episode features the most memorable incidents from their time together in the Indian team and their cherished journey over the years. Harbhajan even recounts an incident, humorously dubbing Shikhar with his unique nickname, 'Jatt at Skype.'

"I remember the time in the West Indies when I saw a slim man walking around wearing Kurta Pajama and thought to myself, I have seen this man somewhere, and upon paying more attention, I noticed it was Shikhar Dhawan. He was roaming around like 'Majnoo' after his breakup, and that's when he got the nickname 'Jatt at Skype,' Shikhar is the best 'Ashik'; when he loves someone, he does it with all his heart," revealed Harbhajan.

"Actor tohteremaipehle se chipatha cricketer tohtugalti se ban gayatha. (You have always been an actor but you became a cricketer by mistake) I wish you the very best on this new venture and hope you have a fulfilled journey where you get to meet interesting people, bring inspiring stories to the fore, and entertain along the way," he added.

'DhawanKarengy' is the talk of the town after the astounding success of the first two episodes featuring Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar and the Indian cricket team's wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant, premiering on JioCinema Premium.

To witness the entertaining interaction between Harbhajan and Shikhar, tune in to 'DhawanKarengy', exclusively on JioCinema.

## Norway Chess: Praggnanandhaa defeats reigning world champion Liren in Armageddon, Vaishali loses

Stavanger (Norway), June 4 (IANS) Round 7 of the Norway Chess tournament witnessed gripping matches with tense moments that significantly impacted the standings as India's prodigy R Praggnanandhaa scored another upset by defeating world champion Ding Liren in the armageddon game and, Magnus Carlsen lost his armageddon game against Hikaru Nakamura on time. One of the highlights of the day was the match between Koneru Humpy and Vaishali R as Koneru Humpy scored the only classical victory of the day in both tournaments. With this loss, the former tournament leader Vaishali's winning chances have significantly decreased.

The world champion Ding Liren, who has been underperforming with four losses in a row, finally stopped the bleeding with a much-needed draw against India's Praggnanandhaa R. However, he missed a trick and lost the armageddon tie-breaker, with Pragg remaining on the third spot of the standings (11 points).

In the highly anticipated game between Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura, the classical game ended in a draw relatively quickly, as both sides avoided complicated positions. The armageddon tiebreak was one of the most intense games so far in the tournament, as Nakamura won when Carlsen's time ran out on the clock. This win brought Nakamura within half a point of



Carlsen, who is leading the tournament with 13 points. Fabiano Caruana sacrificing his knight against Alireza Firouzja almost backfired but managed to play a draw in classical chess before the latter gave no chances in the decider. In the Norway Chess women's tournament, the classical game between co-leaders Anna

Muzychuk and Ju Wenjun ended peacefully. However, it was Muzychuk who won the armageddon tiebreak to lead the standings with just half a point ahead of the world champion Wenjun. In another closely-fought game of the day, Lei Tingjie defeated Pia Cramling in the armageddon.

## GM Arjun Erigaisi breaks into world top-5 in live FIDE rating

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi's strong showing in the French Team Chess Championship 2024 has seen him reach the top-5 of FIDE Live Rating standings, making him the highest ranked Indian in live rating.

Arjun, with a ELO rating of 2769.7, has so far added 8.7 points to his tally and is only behind Magnus Carlsen of Norway, USA's Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana and Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia. He had briefly reached a career-high live rating of 2771.2 earlier this week and is the only Indian since Vishwanathan Anand to do so.

The 20-year-old, who is representing Metz Fischer Chess Club, has won four of the five matches he has played so far including victories over compatriot P Harikrishna and Germany's Vitaly Kunin. Two more rounds are remaining in the competition.

Arjun has been in fine form over the past few months, finishing second in the TePe Sigeman Chess Tournament and had finished joint-fifth in the Sharjah Masters Open Tournament.

He also won the Menorca Open crown in April by edging out GMs Kirill Alekseenko and Maksim Chigaev.

## T20 World Cup: Dravid confirms he is in his final assignment as India head coach

New York, June 3 (IANS) Rahul Dravid has confirmed that the ongoing Men's T20 World Cup will be his final assignment as India's head coach and has not reapplied for the role. Dravid's stint as India's head coach began after the 2021 Men's T20 World Cup in November and had come to an end with the 2023 Men's ODI World Cup at home. His tenure was then extended till this year's Men's T20 World Cup in the USA and the West Indies. On May 13, the BCCI officially invited applications for the next India men's head coach's post with May 27 set as the deadline. As per the job description, the new India men's head coach would be appointed for all three formats from July 2024 till December 2027. "Every game where I have coached India is very important. So for me, this is no different, just because it is going to be the last one I am in charge of. I loved the job and really enjoyed coaching India. It's truly a special job to do and enjoyed working with this team; a great bunch of boys to work with."

"But unfortunately, just looking at the stage where I see myself in life, I don't think I will be able to reapply. So, this will be my last one. But having said that, it won't be too different for me to be very honest and won't be treating it particularly different or significant."

## Esha finishes sixth in Munich World Cup

New Delhi, June 4 (IANS) Esha Singh finished sixth in the women's 25M Pistol at the on-going International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Munich as India's search for their first medal continued.

Esha shot 20 in the final, which was won by Camille Jedrzejewski of France over German Doreen Vennekamp after the two went through two shoot-offs to separate the winner.

The two were tied at 40 after the regulation 10-series of shots. Current finals world record holder Kim Yeji of Korea was third with 35.

This was India's second consecutive sixth place finish in a final in this tournament, after Ramita had finished the same in the women's 10M Air Rifle on Monday.



# Naval Tata Hockey Academy wins 1st Hockey Ranchi League

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Jamshedpur, May 6: The 1st Hockey Ranchi League Men and Women, 2024 kicked off with great fervour on April 20 and concluded on June 2 at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astro Turf Hockey Stadium, witnessing thrilling matches, exceptional hockey dexterity, and dedication of the players. Hosted in Ranchi, Jharkhand, 1st Hockey Ranchi League commemorated the spirit of hockey and also served as a platform to foster the growth of the hockey at both the grassroots and professional

levels. The league witnessed participation from numerous talented men's and women's teams across the state, each vying for supremacy on the turf. The men's league featured teams such as Hockey Gumla, NTHA Jamshedpur, CiniKhunti, Jadur Akhara, Khunti, Railway, Babu Club, Jharkhand 11 etc.

The first match of NTHA was played on April 21 against Team Jadur Akhara Khunti. Under the guidance of coaches, Team NTHA smashed Team Jadur Akhara by a score-line of 11-0. In the second clash against Team CINI,



our team secured a dominant victory, triumphing 8-0. Despite contending with scorching weather conditions, our 14-player squad exhibited outstanding performance. Naveen Kerketta, Pradeep, Tushar Parmar, and MD Jaed played with

impressive skills, scoring 3, 2, 2, and 1 goal(s) respectively. On May 12, team NTHA played their 3rd match and secured a commanding 9-0 victory against Team Hulhundu Brothers. Despite facing a ferocious opponent, Our Cadets delivered

an outstanding performance, leaving everyone in awe. Mangra, Dilbar, and Deepak each netted 2 goals, while Sukhnath, Simon, and Pradeep contributed with one goal apiece. The team's collective effort and determination on the field were evident

throughout the match, solidifying their position as a force. This impressive win set a strong foundation and instilled for future matches. As the league progressed, on May 19, our boys portrayed stellar teamwork and dexterity in the 4th Ranchi league match, defeating Team Jharkhand 11 with a 2-0 win. Cadet Simon Bodra scored both the goals. Thereafter on the 5th day NTHA Team secured a 2-0 win against Team Gumla in the 5th Match of the Hockey Ranchi League, Cadet Kunal Yadav nailed a penalty corner and Cadet Jaymashi Tuti added another Goal.

This win of Team NTHA paved the way to the semi-finals. In a match pulsating with emotions, our team emerged triumphant in the Semi-Final clash against Team Faguwa XI, scripting a memorable 6-0 win. Simon Bodra's goal from a penalty corner, followed by Deepak's double strikes and Sem Munda's goal from a penalty corner gave them a lead. As Adison and Dilbar's goals sealed a berth at the finals, sparking euphoria among the players. On June 2, the grand finale evening was attended by several distinguished guests, notably, Bholanath

Singh, President, Hockey Jharkhand and General Secretary of Hockey India, Vice-President, Asian Hockey Federation along with Mr. Gurmeet Singh Rao, Project Director, Naval Tata Hockey Academy. The atmosphere was electric as NTHA and Babu club battled it out for the coveted trophy. In the nail-biting final showdown, Naval Tata Hockey Academy team emerged victorious against Babu Club in the penalty shootout. The pressure of the penalty shootout tested the nerves, but NTHA held their composure, ultimately securing the Championship Title.

**Jharkhand LS Election Result**

Won	Lost
 Bidyut Baran Mahto	 Samir Mohanty
 Joba Manjhi	 Geeta Koda
 Kalicharan Munda	 Arjun Munda
 Kalicharan Singh	 KN Tripathi
 Dullu Mahto	 Anupama Singh
 Prakash Choudhary	 Mathura Mahto
 Nalin Soren	 Sita Soren

# Bidyut's victory sparks off celebrations, silence at JMM camp



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**Jamshedpur, June 4:** In a vibrant display of victory, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) supporters gathered in large numbers outside the Co-operative College counting center in Jamshedpur, celebrating the lead of their candidate, Bidyut Baran Mahto, by over one lakh votes. The atmosphere was electric with the beats of drums and the air filled with colors as the party workers, including the women's wing, rejoiced in the success. The BJP tent, set up near the counting center, became the epicenter of jubilation as chants of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' resonated from the early hours of the morning.

Party leaders and workers, including the BJP Metropolitan President Sudhanshu Ojha and former district president Devendra Singh, were present to witness the unfolding of the results. As each round of counting tilted in their favor, the celebrations escalated, with people dancing with flags and cutout pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The area resembled a bustling fair with numerous food and drink stalls catering to the large crowds gathered in anticipation of the results. Amidst the excitement,

## Bidyut Baran Mahto wins by 2,59,894 votes



**Jamshedpur, June 4:** BJP candidate Bidyut Baran Mahto won the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha seat for a third time. Bidyut defeated his rival Samir Mohanty of JMM by 2,59,894 votes. Bidyut Baran Mahto polled 7,19,891 votes, according to the Election Commission data.

vendors offered a variety of snacks and refreshments, ensuring that the security personnel could easily access breakfast and stay hydrated in the heat.

In stark contrast to the convivial mood, stringent security measures were in place to ensure the integrity of the counting process. Barricades restricted vehicle access near XLRI junction and the main gate of Co-operative College, with entry strictly limited

to pass holders. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) maintained a vigilant presence, with only individuals bearing Election Commission-issued passes permitted through the gates. Senior officials, including SSP Kishore Kaushal and City SP Mukesh Kumar Lunayat, were present on-site, overseeing the proceedings and ensuring that order was maintained throughout the event. (w/nkm)

## BJP Jamshedpur thanks voters for Bidyut's historic win



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**Jamshedpur, June 4:** The Bharatiya Janata Party's Jamshedpur Mahanagar unit has extended its heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Jamshedpur for their unwavering support, which has led to MP Bidyut Mahto's remarkable third consecutive electoral victory. Sudhanshu Ojha, the President of the Jamshedpur Mahanagar BJP, has lauded Bidyut Mahto for his dedication and service, attributing this triumph to the diligent efforts of the party workers and the generous blessings of the

Jamshedpur populace. Further, Ojha has praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under whom the NDA government has been formed, stating that Mahto's win is a testament to Modi's commitment to development and effective governance. He emphasized that the consistent hard work of the BJP cadre, coupled with the support of the community, has been instrumental in this success. Over the past decade, Ojha noted, India has witnessed significant development initiatives under Prime Minister Modi's guidance, including in Jamshedpur, reinforcing the nation's path towards becoming a developed country. The BJP remains dedicated to realizing Modi's vision of a self-sufficient and prosperous India by 2047. Ojha remarked that the Indian people stand united with the BJP-NDA in this national endeavor. Celebrating Bidyut Mahto's historic win, Ojha recognized him as one of the most industrious MPs, whose victory with a record number of votes marks a milestone for the constituents and activists of the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha seat. Ojha concluded by acknowledging Mahto's effective representation of the region's issues in the country's largest legislative house and his significant contributions to the development of the six assembly segments within the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha constituency. (w/nkm)

**Jharkhand LS Election Result**

Won	Lost
 Sanjay Seth	 Yashaswini Sahay
 Nishikant Dubey	 Pradeep Yadav
 Annapurna Devi	 Vinod Singh
 Sukhdev Bhagat	 Sameer Oraon
 BD Ram	 Mamta Bhuinya
 Vijay Hansda	 Tala Marandi
 Manish Jaiswal	 Jai Prakash

# Singbhum electorate embraces change: Joba Manjhi triumphs in parliamentary elections

## Geeta Koda concedes defeat



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**Chaibasa, June 4:** In a decisive shift of political currents, the Singhbhum constituency has witnessed the fall of Geeta Koda's stronghold and the rise of Joba

Manjhi, who has claimed victory in the recent parliamentary elections. The electorate's voice resonated through the ballot, heralding a win for the common citizen, as declared by Manjhi in her victory speech.

Amidst the unfolding drama of the election count, BJP's Geeta Koda conceded defeat, acknowledging the people's mandate with respect. Despite a vigorous campaign, Koda reflected on the need for introspection within her party to understand the causes of their electoral setback. She extended her gratitude towards the party workers for their unwavering support, even in the face of adversity and alleged harassment by the



opposition. The political narrative took a festive turn as the India Alliance supporters erupted in jubilation, with the counting venue becoming a tableau of dance, color, and fireworks, celebrating Manjhi's lead. With a

significant margin of over 160,000 votes after the 19th round, the remaining counts seemed a mere formality against the backdrop of Manjhi's substantial lead. Joba Manjhi, the candidate of the India Alliance, stood amidst her supporters,

expressing heartfelt thanks to the people of Singhbhum for their trust and support. She pledged to honor every commitment made during her campaign, reinforcing her victory as a testament to the collective will of the people. Manjhi also

## 10- Singhbhum (Chaibasa) Lok Sabha Seat

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	Name of Party	Total Number of Votes Received
1.	Geeta Koda	Bharatiya Janata Party	351762
2.	Joba Majhi	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha	520164
3.	Pardesi Lal Munda	Bahujan Samaj Party	8742
4.	Krishna Mardi	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (Ulgulan)	2615
5.	Chitrasen Sinku	Jharkhand Party-	3210
6.	Panmani Singh	SUCI (Communist)-	1801
7.	Bir Singh Devgam	Right to Recall Party-	1927
8.	Vishwa Vijay Madi	Ambedkar Right Party of India-	3070
9.	Sudha Rani Besra	People's Party of India (Democratic)-	2409
10.	Asha Kumari Runda	Independent Candidate-	2754
11.	Damodar Singh Hansda	Independent Candidate-	44292
12.	Durga Lal Murmu	Independent Candidate-	4924
13.	Madhav Chandra Kunkal	Independent Candidate-	19834
14.	Sangram Madi	Independent Candidate-	16111
15.	NOTA		23982

acknowledged the concerted efforts of the India Alliance leaders and the party's high command in steering her campaign towards this

momentous win. As the dust settles on the political battlefield of Singhbhum, the narrative of this election will be remembered as a

chapter of change, driven by the aspirations of its people and the promise of a new direction under the leadership of Joba Manjhi.