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-  **18 वर्ष से कम आयु** को मादक/नरीले पदार्थ की बिक्री नहीं करें।
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Former CM Hemant Soren's cousin passes away due to kidney ailment

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: A cloud of sorrow has descended over the Chandil block of the adjoining Seraikela-Kharsawan district following the death of Anup Tuddu, cousin of former Chief Minister Hemant Soren. Tuddu, 50, succumbed to a severe kidney ailment late Sunday evening. Anup Tuddu had been undergoing dialysis for the past couple of years due to an acute kidney problem. He fell gravely ill at his home in Chakulia village in Chandil on Sunday evening. His family rushed him to Brahmanand Superspeciality Hospital in Mango, where doctors declared him dead. The last rites for Anup Tuddu will be conducted at his ancestral home in Chakulia village. Basant Soren, Hemant Soren's elder brother, has already arrived in Chakulia, with Kalpana Soren scheduled to arrive there in the afternoon. Despite doctors' strong recommendations for a kidney transplant, Anup Tuddu chose not to proceed with the surgery. Instead, he remained actively involved in agricultural activities, maintaining the vigor of a healthy individual. Tragically, Anup Tuddu's elder brother, Kishore Tuddu, passed away from the same kidney ailment three years ago, and his eldest brother, Kapoor Bagi, is currently battling the same disease. The loss of Anup Tuddu has left a significant void in the community, and his family and friends are mourning the passing of a beloved individual. His dedication to agriculture and his resilience in the face of a debilitating illness are remembered fondly by those who knew him. (w/pb)

Mega legal camp scheduled on June 30

Gamharia, June 25: A mega legal camp is set to take place on June 30 in the premises of the Gamharia block cum zonal office, organized under the aegis of the District Administration Legal Services (DALS). BDO Praveen Kumar provided details about the event, highlighting that it aims to address and resolve various issues faced by the local population. BDO Praveen Kumar emphasized that the camp will feature the presence of several judicial magistrates who will be available to provide free legal advice on a range of matters. This initiative is designed to offer immediate solutions to legal problems and grievances presented by the attendees. Additionally, the camp will serve as a platform for beneficiaries to access and benefit from various government schemes. BDO Kumar has urged the residents of the block to attend the camp and take full advantage of the services being offered. (w/nkm)

Land mafia active in Gamharia claims RJD Youth President

Gamharia, June 25: Allegations have surfaced regarding the presence and activities of land mafia and middlemen gangs within the Gamharia block and zonal office. These groups are reportedly conspiring to demoralize the zonal workers and tarnish the reputation of the state's grand alliance government, according to a statement by Udit Yadav, the Youth RJD district president. In his statement, Yadav asserted that the coalition government comprising the RJD, JMM, and Congress, led by Champai Soren, has been performing commendably in implementing various schemes. He claimed that individuals with BJP affiliations are feeling threatened by the coalition's success and are resorting to spreading false and fabricated allegations against the government and its honest officials to defame them. Yadav emphasized that the Mahagathbandhan government will not be intimidated by such tactics and remains steadfast in its commitment to serving the poor and the needy with full vigor. Meanwhile, Manoj Paswan, the state secretary of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ran Vilas), has also raised concerns about the active middlemen in the block cum zonal office. Paswan has urged the District Commissioner to identify and take action against these intermediaries, who are accused of obstructing common people's access to officials and exploiting the innocent public. Both leaders' statements highlight a pressing issue within the administrative operations in Gamharia, calling for immediate attention and resolution to ensure transparent and efficient governance. (w/nkm)

Ganesh Mahali criticizes Congress over historical emergency imposition

Seraikela, June 25: BJP's ST Morcha state treasurer, Ganesh Mahali, has strongly criticized the Congress party, accusing it of undermining democracy and the constitution during the imposition of the Emergency in 1975. Mahali's comments were directed at Congress members who claim that the current state of democracy and the constitution is at risk. In a recent statement, Mahali recalled the period of the Emergency, which he described as the darkest chapter of independent India. He highlighted that during this time, many national leaders were forcibly imprisoned, and basic democratic rights were suspended. "Congressmen who argue that democracy and the constitution are in danger today should first reflect on their history," said Mahali. "The very individuals who undermined democracy by imposing the Emergency are now claiming to protect it. This hypocrisy should be evident to all, and the members of the Indian alliance parties should feel ashamed." (w/nkm)

RMC urged to address water logging issues

Ranchi, June 25: Abhishek Shukla, leading a delegation from Yuva AJSU, met with Mr. Amit Kumar, the City Administrator of Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) today, highlighting the recurring issue of waterlogging in Ranchi during the monsoon season. Submitting a memorandum, Abhishek Shukla emphasized the severe challenges faced by residents across the 55 wards under Ranchi Municipal Corporation due to waterlogging. He attributed the problem to irregular cleaning of city drains and the poor condition of the drainage system, stressing that these issues pose daily risks of accidents. "In light of these challenges, we urge the Municipal Corporation to undertake urgent cleaning and repair of all city drains," stated Abhishek Shukla. He warned of potential protests and demonstrations by Yuva AJSU members if swift action is not taken to alleviate these problems affecting city residents. Responding to the concerns,

District-level TLM Fair held in Chaibasa

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, June 25: Under the Nipun Samagam - 2024 program, a district-level Teaching Learning Material (TLM) fair was organized in the premises of the District School Plus Two School. All blocks of the district participated, showcasing attractive and innovative TLMs designed to enhance educational experiences for students. The fair was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary, who served as the chief guest, along with special guests DDC Sandeep Kumar Meena and District Sports Officer Rupa Rani Tirkey, who ceremoniously lit the lamp. The guests toured the exhibits and praised the teachers and head teachers for their creative efforts in making the TLMs,



which are crucial for helping children understand their studies more effectively. They also provided several suggestions for further improvement. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Chaudhary emphasized the importance of TLM in enhancing the quality of education, increasing the literacy rate, and reducing the dropout rate in the district. He stressed that the focus should not only be on improving statistical figures but also on using teaching materials effectively

to help children grow into responsible citizens. The TLM competition saw Tantnagar secure the first place, Noamundi the second, and Sadar block the third at the overall level. Additionally, teams from Hatgamharia, Chakradharpur, Anandpur, and Manoharpur blocks were recognized for their work on special subjects. The selected TLMs will be showcased at the state-level Nipun Sammelan from July 4th to 6th. (w/nkm)

Massive anti-drug campaign sweeps West Singhbhum district

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, June 25: In a concerted effort to combat drug abuse, West Singhbhum district has launched a sweeping campaign from June 19 to June 26. Led by the district administration, the campaign aims to raise awareness among citizens about the hazards of drug use and promote a drug-free community.

Throughout today, the Information and Public Relations Office has



intensified efforts across urban and rural areas of the district. Utilizing a mobile LED vehicle and organizing

street plays, the campaign seeks to engage and educate residents about the detrimental effects of substance abuse. The mobile LED vehicle traverses various localities, broadcasting visual messages and announcements to maximize outreach. Simultaneously, street plays are staged to deliver impactful narratives that discourage drug consumption and encourage community support in the fight against substance abuse. (w/nkm)

Liquor and money stolen from two liquor shops in Ghatshila

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Thieves stole bottles of expensive liquor along with Rs 4.45 lakh cash from two IMFL shops near the old railway gate in Gopalpur under Ghatshila police station area and the main market of Maubhandar OP area.

The employees informed the police in the morning when they found the locks of the two shops broken. On reaching the crime scenes, the police found that the thieves had stolen the locker in which the shopkeepers kept the money but they could not find out how many cartons of liquor bottles were taken away. It was found that the thieves stole about Rs 3 lakh 10 thousand worth two days' sales from Ghatshila and Rs 1 lakh 35 thousand from the locker in the Maubhandar outlet. Considering the seriousness of the matter, the police have collected CCTV footage from nearby areas. On receiving the information, SDPO Ajit Kumar Kujur and police station in-charge Madhusudan De reached the liquor shops.

The police spoke to the employees and confiscated their mobile phones as well. According to the police, the collusion of the employees cannot be ruled out. However, not much has been discovered yet.

The thieves must have planned thoroughly to carry out the thefts as Maubhandar TOP and the residence of the SDPO were not even a kilometer away from the shops. (w-rd)

Complete education for welfare of country launched

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Adarsh Seva Sansthan, in collaboration with CRY (Child Rights and You), has initiated a nationwide campaign titled #PooriPadhaiDeshKiBhaal with the goal of ensuring education for every girl child up to Class 12. The campaign was officially flagged off in Jharkhand on Monday, marking the beginning of a seven-week initiative aimed at raising awareness and transforming societal perceptions towards girls' education. The launch event witnessed active participation from approximately 160 individuals, including Anganwadi workers, school teachers, Sahaya members, Mahila Mandal representatives, teenagers, and adolescents from the Sonari-Kadma



slums. The program commenced with a compelling street play performed by children from Ranjanan Nagar, Kadma, centered around the theme of girls' education.

The play, titled 'Education is necessary for everyone,' effectively conveyed the importance of education for girls. Anjali Bose, a senior social worker in Jharkhand, addressed

the gathering, imparting her blessings and encouragement to the children to pursue their studies diligently. Vikas Srivastava, a journalist and General Secretary of the Press Club of Jamshedpur, motivated the girls to complete their education and expressed his best wishes for the nationwide #PooriPadhai campaign, emphasizing its role in the country's welfare. (w/nkm)

JTET candidates demand combined release of Assistant Acharya results

Mail News Service

Seraikela, June 25: JTET pass candidates have voiced their opposition to Chief Minister Champai Soren's decision to release the results of the Primary and Upper Primary categories separately for the Assistant Acharya examination. The appointment process for 26,001 assistant teachers in government primary schools across Jharkhand is currently underway through the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC). Examinations have been conducted in several phases, with more phases yet to come. On



Monday, Chief Minister Soren announced that the results for the Primary level would be released by August 15 and for the Upper Primary level by September 5. This decision has been opposed

by the Para Teacher-Non Para JTET Successful Candidates Association, Jharkhand Pradesh. During a press conference on Tuesday, the state president of the association, Kunal Das, expressed concerns about the staggered release of results. He highlighted that many candidates are eligible for both categories and are appearing in both exams. If the Primary level appointments are made first, candidates who qualify for both levels will initially join the Primary level. Subsequently, if they are selected for the Upper Primary level, they will resign from their Primary positions, leading to unnecessary

vacancies in the Primary seats. Das emphasized that this situation would not only leave Primary seats vacant but also deprive many Primary candidates of opportunities. He urged the government and JSSC to reconsider this decision seriously. The association plans to meet with the Chief Minister soon to discuss the issue in detail and advocate for the simultaneous release of results for both categories. Their primary goal is to ensure the majority of young natives of Jharkhand secure these teaching positions. The association is committed to making every effort to achieve this aim. (w/nkm)

Dumaria Bazar Bus Stand waiting room becomes garbage dump

Jamshedpur, June 25: The passenger waiting room at the Dumaria Bazar main bus stand has fallen into severe disrepair, with large pieces of the roof falling off, posing a risk of injury to passengers. Dumaria Bazar, a bustling commercial hub in the block, is frequented by officials and public representatives who travel the main road passing through it daily. Despite this regular traffic, the waiting room and its adjacent toilet facilities have been neglected. The toilet at the bus stand has become a garbage dump, contravening the Swachh Bharat Mission's cleanliness goals. The waiting room, filled with garbage, emits a foul odor, making it unusable for passengers. Additionally, the damaged water tower has created a drinking water shortage, adding to the inconvenience faced by commuters.

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER
Tender Notice No.: TM-GRC-IP-EXCH-74-2024, Dated: 24.06.2024, ASTE/TM, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 for & on behalf of President of India invites Tender for the following work: Description of work: Replacement of IP Exchange at South Eastern Railway HQ, Garden Reach. Advertised Value: ₹ 1,77,39,055.04. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,38,700. Cost of Tender Document: Nil. Date of Closing of Tender: 06.08.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Completion period: 6 months. Detailed Tender Notice is also available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. (PR-307)

Free eye checkup and operation camp in August

Mail News Service

Chakradharpur, June 25: A free eye checkup and cataract operation camp is scheduled to take place at Chakradharpur Subdivision Hospital in the second week of August. This initiative is being jointly organized by the Tata Steel Foundation and Shankar Netralaya. On Tuesday, key stakeholders, including Manish Singh, Project Coordinator from Shankar Netralaya; Dr. Anshuman Sharma, the in-charge Medical Officer of the Subdivision Hospital; Sadanand Hota, President of Sumita Hota Foundation; and Ward Councillor Dinesh Jena, conducted an inspection of the hospital premises.



The inspection covered the operation setup, meeting facilities for doctors and patients, and registration facilities. The camp will offer free eye checkups and cataract operations without requiring an Ayushman card or Aadhar card. This initiative aims to assist those unable

to afford eye care, particularly benefiting the poor in remote areas. Organizers encourage local residents to take advantage of this opportunity. Extensive publicity efforts will be made in surrounding villages to ensure a successful turnout. Employees of Shankar Netralaya and the Subdivision Hospital, including Kumar Vivek, were also present during the inspection. (w/nkm)

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Om Birla vs K. Suresh: Lok Sabha set for first Speaker election in decades

NDA has 293 MPs while INDIA bloc has 233

New Delhi, Jun 25 : The Lok Sabha will witness a rare election for the Speaker's post - the first since 1976 - as Congress member Kodikunnil Suresh has been made the opposition candidate against NDA nominee Om Birla.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh failed to give an assurance on the opposition party's claim to the Deputy Speaker's post.

While elections to the Speaker's post were common before Independence, the position of the presiding officer of the Lok Sabha has witnessed contests only thrice in Independent India - in 1952, 1967 and 1976. In 1952, Congress

member G V Mavalankar was elected as the Lok Sabha Speaker. Mavalankar polled 394 votes against opponent Shantaram More, who managed to garner 55 votes.

In 1967, Tenneti Viswanath contested the election for Lok Sabha Speaker against Congress nominee Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy. Reddy was elected as the Speaker having polled 278 votes against Viswanath's 207.

In the fifth Lok Sabha, the duration of the fifth session was extended by an year following the imposition of Emergency by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975. The then Speaker G S Dhillon had resigned on December 1, 1975.



Congress leader Baliram Bhagat was elected the Lok Sabha Speaker on January 5, 1976. Gandhi had moved the motion to elect Bhagat as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, while Prasannabhai Mehta of the Congress (O) had moved the motion to elect Jana Sangh leader Jagannathrao Joshi to the post. Bhagat polled 344 votes against

Joshi's 58. In 1998, the then Congress leader Sharad Pawar had moved a motion to elect P A Sangma as the Speaker, which was negated. After the rejection of Pawar's motion, the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee moved a motion to choose TDP member G M C Balayogi as the Lok Sabha Speaker. The

BJP gets 4-MP boost from Southern Party

New Delhi, June 25 : Ex-Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR Congress Party will support BJP MP Om Birla in Wednesday's election for the Lok Sabha Speaker's post.

The YSRCP - thumped by arch-rivals TDP in the general election - has only four MPs in the Lower House. The party swept the southern state in the 2019 poll, winning 22 of 25 seats, but a repeat this year proved impossible; Chandrababu Naidu's TDP, which also won the Assembly election, picked up 16 seats and its allies - the BJP and actor Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party - won five between them.

motion moved by Vajpayee was adopted.

Since Independence, only M A Ayyangar, G S Dhillon, Balram Jakhar and G M C Balayogi have retained the coveted posts in the subsequent Lok Sabhas.

Jakhar was the Speaker of the seventh and the eighth Lok Sabhas and holds the distinction of

being the only presiding officer to complete two full terms.

Balayogi was chosen as the Speaker of the 12th Lok Sabha, which had a tenure of 19 months. He was also chosen as the Speaker of the 13th Lok Sabha on October 22, 1999, till his death in a chopper crash on March 3, 2002.

Afghanistan storm into maiden T20 World Cup semi-finals

Australia knocked out



Kingstown, June 25: Afghanistan qualified for the semifinals of the T20 World Cup after beating Bangladesh by eight runs in the rain-hit final Super 8 game in Kingstown.

In a must-win match which saw frequent rain interruptions, Afghanistan scored 115 for 5 in their 20 overs and then returned to bowl out Bangladesh for 107 in 17.5 overs. The match was truncated to 19-overs-a-side due to inclement weather and Bangladesh was given a revised target of 114.

The result knocked out former champions Australia, whose slim hopes were hinging on Bangladesh winning this game. Afghanistan will take on South Africa in the semifinals on June 27.

After the Afghans opted to bat on winning the toss, Rahamanullah Gurbaz top-scored with a 55-ball 43 but Rishab Hossain (3/26) snapped three wickets to restrict Afghanistan to 115 for 5. In reply, Litton Das scored an unbeaten 49-ball 54 but couldn't take the team home.

Cong in-charge, Kalpana meet Hemant in jail

Ranchi, June 25: Former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren, lodged in Birsa Munda Central Jail at Hotwar in Ranchi, was met by his wife Kalpana Soren and state Congress in-charge Ghulam Ahmed Mir on Tuesday.

It is believed that during this time the strategy for the assembly elections in Jharkhand and cabinet expansion were discussed. It is said that ministers will soon be appointed to two vacant berths in the cabinet of Champai Soren government. Congress in-charge Ghulam Ahmed Mir said that in the meeting with Hemant Soren, many issues were discussed in detail. When asked about the cabinet expansion in the state, he said that chief minister Champai Soren can take steps in this regard soon. He said that our alliance

has started preparing for the assembly elections. On this subject, top Congress leaders have discussed with the prominent leaders of the state unit in Delhi on Monday. If sources are to be believed, apart from newly elected MLA of Ganey assembly constituency Kalpana Soren, one MLA from the Congress quota can be given a place in the cabinet. The discussion of cabinet expansion is going on since Alampi Alam, who was a minister from the Congress quota in the government, went to jail and resigned from the post of minister. Among the MLAs from the Congress quota whose names have emerged as contenders for the post of minister in his place, Jamtara MLA Irfan Ansari and Mahagama MLA Deepika Pandey Singh are prominent.

Trial court didn't apply its mind: HC stays Kejriwal's bail

New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) Delhi High Court on Tuesday, in its final verdict on the Enforcement Directorate's plea, stayed a trial court order granting bail to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Justice Sudhir Jain said that the documents and arguments were not appreciated by the trial court.

On June 20, a Delhi court granted bail to the Chief Minister in connection with a money laundering case related to the now-scraped excise policy.

Following this, the ED moved the high court which stayed the order till its pronouncement of the final order.

Now, Justice Jain in his final order said that the trial court vacation bench did not apply its mind to the material and it ought to give equal opportunity to the ED to argue bail application.

He said that other arguments will be considered by the roster bench.

Owaisi's controversial slogans during oath in Parliament deleted

New Delhi, June 25: AIMIM president Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi's controversial slogans after taking oath as a member of the 18th Lok Sabha on Tuesday has been expunged from Parliament records.

As the treasury benches created an uproar, Radha Mohan Singh, who was in the Chair at the time, assured the members that anything apart from the oath would not go on record. Pro tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab said all slogans used by the newly elected MPs during the oath-taking ceremony would not be taken on record and stand expunged. Owaisi, who was sworn in as a member of the Lok Sabha for the fifth time, later said in a post on X that he would continue to raise issues of India's marginalised with sincerity.

After taking oath as a member of the 18th Lok Sabha on Tuesday, similar to the Jat regiment, Bihar Regiment, Punjab Regiment, Sikh Regiment and Madras Regiment the Chief Minister expressed his desire for the establishment of a Tribal Regiment in the Indian Army. He stated that formation of a Tribal Regiment would provide a distinct identity to tribals across the country including within the Army.

Lieutenant General Ramchandra Tiwari proposed the formation of the Ecological Territorial Army in Jharkhand to focus on the environmental conservation. Upon receiving a formal proposal from the Army, Chief Minister Soren assured full cooperation from the state. Ecological Territorial Army that

Jharkhand to launch healthcare scheme for people deprived of Ayushman Bharat benefits

Ranchi, Jun 25: The Jharkhand government will soon roll out a healthcare scheme for those people who have been deprived of the benefits of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat, an official said on Tuesday.

The government is also working on a scheme to provide LPG cylinders to the poor at affordable prices, he said.

Under the state's healthcare scheme, cover up to Rs 15 lakh will be given to each family, he

added.

Chief Minister Champai Soren directed the officials

to complete all the

procedures so that the

schemes could be rolled

out as soon as possible, the

official said.

Soren gave the

directions while reviewing

the works of the Health,

Medical Education and

Family Welfare

Department, and Food,

Public Distribution and

Consumer Affairs

Department.

He said the conditions

regular attendance of

health workers must be

ensured.

He also emphasised

increasing the intake

capacity in all government

nursing colleges in the

state.

"The students who are

studying in these nursing

institutions should get the

benefit of the scholarship

scheme. Along with this,

ensure arrangements for

better placement of these

students," he directed the

officials concerned.

The CM directed the

officers of the Food,

Public Distribution and

Consumer Affairs

Department to determine

the criteria for the

selection of beneficiaries

of the LPG subsidy

scheme as soon as

possible.

"This is a very

important scheme, which

aims to provide gas

cylinders to poor and

deprived families at

affordable rates," Soren said.

Jharkhand will go to the

polls later this year.

Rahul Gandhi to be Leader Of Opposition In Lok Sabha

New Delhi, June 25: Taking the fight to the ruling BJP-led NDA, Rahul Gandhi has accepted a decision by the Congress Working Committee and will take up the mantle of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

The decision comes hours before the first big battle of the 18th Lok Sabha, between a resurgent opposition and a diminished ruling coalition, over the post of Speaker.

Minister Hemant Soren at Birsa Munda Central Jail in Ranchi. Mir said that detailed discussions were held with the party high command in Delhi on Monday regarding the Jharkhand assembly elections.

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gave suggestions to the Jharkhand leaders to strengthen the organization in the state and

win maximum seats for the party in the upcoming assembly elections.

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party. So, currently Congress

has 33 seats and we have

started preparations on them."

He said that the number of seats

Congress will contest will be

decided by the final seat

sharing agreement. Mir had

come to meet former Chief

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CM advocates separate Tribal Regiment in the Army



Opportunity for Tribals in Army Recruitment

The Chief Minister highlighted that the tribal youth from Jharkhand had been serving in the Indian Army for many years. He urged the army to provide more opportunities for the tribal youth to take

them ahead. Lieutenant General Ramchandra Tiwari assured the Chief Minister that the army, through its local GOC, would offer training and other support to prepare tribals for army recruitment.

Organising the Durand Cup

In organising the Durand Cup Football tournament, Lieutenant General Ramchandra Tiwari expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for the State Government's support. He mentioned that the Durand Cup, also known as the Presidents Cup, is Asia's oldest and the world's second oldest football tournament.

With significant support from the state government this year Jamshedpur will host the tournament. CM's additional Chief Secretary Avinash Kumar, Lieutenant General Rajendra Puri, the CM's Secretary Arwa Rajkamal, Major General Paramvir Singh Dagar, Colonel V.S. Aadkar and Major General MP Singh were present in the meeting.

14 candidates shortlisted in employment camp at District Employment Office

Mail News Service

Seraikela, June 25: A successful job camp was conducted at the District Employment Office cum Model Career Center, Seraikela-Kharsawan, resulting in the shortlisting of 14 candidates for various positions in Seraikela, Jamshedpur, and Chaibasa. District Employment Officer Alok Kumar Topno informed that candidates were interviewed by officials from JITM Skills Private Limited, Yuva Shakti Foundation, and the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for roles including NAPS and NATS Trainee, Rural Career Agent, and Mobilizer.

The recruitment process adhered to the Employment of Local Candidates in the Private Sector of Jharkhand State Act-2021 and Rules-2022. Topno emphasized the regular organization of employment camps and fairs by the District Employment Office cum Model Career Center, Seraikela-Kharsawan. He announced a forthcoming employment fair on July 8th, where 12-15 employers from various sectors will participate, offering opportunities in esteemed institutions across the district. Topno encouraged all job seekers in the district to participate in these events, highlighting that the process is entirely free. The recruitment camp was attended by District Employment Office staff, including YP MCC Ravi Prakash Singh, and HR managers from participating employers. (w/nkm)

International Olympic Day celebrations commence in Seraikela

Seraikela, June 25: The International Olympic Day celebrations kicked off at Birsa Munda Stadium in Seraikela under the auspices of the District Olympic Association. The event was inaugurated by former Vice-President of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, who also flagged off the cross-country race as the chief guest. The occasion saw the participation of representatives from various sports associations, including Arvind Kumar from the Handball Association, Vishnu Narayan Singh from the Lawn Ball Association, Ganesh Choubey, Karamu Mandal from the Net Ball Association, Ganesh Kalindi, and sports enthusiasts Kamal Kumar Sardar, Lakan Sardar, among others. In the girls' category of the cross-country race, Kuna Kisku secured the first position, followed by Santosh Nayak in second place, Maloti Tudu in third, Rupali Sardar in fourth, and Anjali Chaki in fifth.

They were honored with trophies by the chief guest Manoj Kumar Chaudhary and representatives of various sports associations. In the boys' category, Nara Hessa clinched the top spot, followed by Pradeep Sardar in second, Rasat Topno in third, Sunit Hembram in fourth, and Harish Donga in fifth. District Olympic Association Secretary Sikandar Mahato provided details about the celebrations, mentioning that similar events are being held worldwide on June 23. The Seraikela-Kharsawan District Olympic Association has organized cross-country races in the district headquarters, a bicycle race in Ichagarh block, and a football match in Kharsawan block, with all participants set to receive honors. (w/nkm)

Congress protests NEET Exam irregularities, burns effigy of Union Education Minister

Seraikela, June 25: The District Congress Committee, under the leadership of acting District President Ambuj Kumar, staged a protest at Sher-e-Punjab Chowk Adityapur by burning an effigy of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The protest demanded a CBI inquiry into alleged irregularities in the NEET medical examination and called for its cancellation. Addressing the gathering, Ambuj Kumar asserted that the Congress party is committed to securing justice for the students affected by the alleged malpractices in the medical examination. He pledged that the Congress will continue its struggle relentlessly until the students receive justice. Ambuj Kumar further demanded the immediate dismissal of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and the Chairman of the Examination Board by the Modi government. Sanjeev Srivastava, District Congress Committee in-charge, attended the protest as the chief guest. He emphasized that the Congress party stands firmly for the students' rights and will vigorously pursue the matter. Alleging involvement of senior BJP leaders and the Education Minister in the exam irregularities, Srivastava called for a thorough high-level investigation into the matter. (w/nkm)

World Olympic Day celebrated with sports competitions

Seraikela, June 25: The District Administration and the Sports and Youth Affairs Department marked World Olympic Day by organizing a series of athletic events including wrestling, football, and karate across various stadiums. Athletes from the district, particularly those in the 14-year age group, showcased their talents in spirited competitions. In the karate competition, Puneet Raj secured the first position in the boys' category, while Mahakal Narayan Sijui claimed the second spot. Among the girls, Alona Kumbhakar and Vinisha Hembram secured the first and second positions respectively. District Sports Officer Amit Kumar felicitated the winners during a ceremony held at Arjuna Stadium Kharsawan, presenting them with certificates and symbols of achievement. District Karate Association Secretary Vishal Kumar Soy and Ganesh C Kalindi congratulated the victorious athletes and expressed gratitude to the District Administration, District Sports Officer Amit Kumar, District Sports Association Secretary Mohammad Dildar Ansari, Pinaki Ranjan, and Sikandar Mahato for their efforts in organizing the successful event. Various individuals including Man Singh Banra, Sangeeta Kalindi, Sukhmati Bodra, Naseem Ansari, Tanu Mukhi, Anupriya Gop, Sushma, Nikki Godsora, and Shobha were acknowledged for their significant contributions towards the event's success. (w/nkm)

Snake catcher rescues 4-foot poisonous Cobra

Seraikela, June 25: A tense situation arose in Mohitpur, Sini, when a 4-foot poisonous cobra snake was discovered inside the house of resident Amit Kumar Singh. Promptly alerted by locals, snake catcher Raja Barik from Seraikela arrived swiftly at the scene to handle the situation. After considerable effort, Raja Barik successfully rescued the cobra from the house, ensuring the safety of both the snake and the gathered villagers who had come to witness the event.

This comprehensive effort has been rolled out across various panchayats

within all blocks of the district. Locations include Seraikela block with events at Seraikela block headquarters and Ukri Mod Sini, Kharsawan block covering Talsahi Chowk and Tuniyabeda, Kuchai block focusing on Kuchai block headquarters and Kuchai Haat Bazaar, and Rajnagar block encompassing Neemdihi block headquarters and Milan Chowk, and Kukru block at Kukru

Garbage piles at crematorium cause distress among locals

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Chakradharpur, June 25: Residents near the Hindu cremation ground at Kudlibadi are facing significant inconvenience due to mounting piles of garbage, resulting in foul odours and health hazards. The situation has worsened with poisonous smoke emanating from fires lit to manage the accumulated waste, impacting mourners and local residents alike. Upon learning of the issue, Giriraj Seva Pramukh Umashankar Giri and his team visited the cremation ground to



assess the situation firsthand. They expressed concern over the conditions and demanded immediate cessation of garbage dumping at the

site. Additionally, they urged the Municipal Council's Executive Officer to redirect all waste disposal vehicles to



a new dumping yard within a week. Giriraj Sena has formally lodged a written complaint with the Municipal Council, highlighting the urgency of addressing the environmental and health risks posed by the current practice of dumping garbage at the cremation ground. The community seeks

prompt action to alleviate the distress caused by the foul smell and smoke affecting daily rituals and public health in the area. (w/nkm)

Rotary Ramgarh City gets Best President and Outstanding Secretary Award

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Ramgarh, June 25: The award function of Rotary District 3250 (Bihar and Jharkhand) for 2023-24 organized at Hotel The Cruise, Jamshedpur was organized in the hotel auditorium on Sunday, 23 June 2024, in which Ramgarh City's President Ravi Agarwal of the session 2023-24 in the Under 40 Club was honored with the Best President Award, which increased the prestige of Ramgarh. Rotary Ramgarh City President Ravi Agarwal of Ramgarh city was awarded Best President and Secretary Deepak Agarwal was awarded Outstanding Secretary by District Governor of Rotary Governor of Rotary Mandal, SP Bagadia.

In this honor ceremony, there are 112 clubs in Rotary International District 3250 for excellent work in various service sectors, in which Ramgarh City's President Ravi Agarwal of the session 2023-24 in the Under 40 Club was honored with the Best President Award, which increased the prestige of Ramgarh. Rotary Ramgarh City President Ravi Agarwal said that in the year 2023-24, Rotary City has received many awards in various service sectors.

A large number of Rotary members from

Jharkhand and Bihar of Rotary District 3250 were present in the felicitation ceremony.

Club President Ravi Agarwal expressed his gratitude to all the members. All the members expressed happiness on the club receiving the award for the second consecutive session.

It is worth noting that in the last year 2022-23 also, the current President of Rotary City, Harish Chaudhary also received the Best President Award. The Charter President of the club, Umesh Rajgarhia said that this award has

been received by the club for its remarkable contribution in various fields of service, medical field, environmental field, education field and human welfare. On the said occasion, upcoming President Anil Goyal, Suraj Agarwal, Vikas Agarwal, Rupesh Gupta, Varun Bagadia, Bharat Goyal, Kishan Bansal, Rohit Pansari, Swati Pansari, Suman Chaudhary, Adarsh ??Chaudhary, Sachin Agarwal, Raju Agarwal, Ayush Bajaj and all the members expressed their happiness and congratulated the club.

Awareness campaign against drugs conducted

Seraikela, June 25: Following the directives of District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla, an extensive awareness campaign against drug abuse has been underway in the district from June 19 to June 26, 2024. The District Public Relations Office has been actively engaged in educating the public across various panchayats through street plays, songs, and music, highlighting the detrimental effects of drug abuse on health, family, and society. The campaign aims to curb the misuse of illicit substances, enforce stringent legal measures against traffickers and users involved in drug trade, and raise awareness among adolescents and youth about the dangers associated with drug abuse. This initiative is part of a statewide awareness program initiated by the State Government, tailored to address local challenges and concerns. Various activities have been organized at the district, block, and panchayat levels to ensure the campaign's effectiveness, with coordinated efforts from multiple departments and agencies. (w/nkm)

Congress holds protest, burns effigy over NEET UG corruption

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Jamshedpur, June 25: The East Singhbhum District Congress Committee, led by District President Anand Bihari Dubey and under the direction of State Congress Committee President Rajesh Thakur, organized a significant demonstration and effigy burning event at Sakchi roundabout. Addressing the gathering, Anand Bihari Dubey denounced the BJP-led Central Government for plunging the future of India's students and youth into darkness. He accused the government of shielding systematic corruption in the NEET UG 2024 results and expressed confidence that the Supreme Court would intervene decisively, ensuring the culprits face justice. Dubey criticized the BJP for its indifference towards the concerns arising from the NEET UG results, which has eroded public and student trust. He emphasized that the Congress Party stands firm in safeguarding students' futures and vowed to persist in their movement against such corruption. The effigy burning ceremony symbolized the party's outrage and concern for the students' future amidst these challenging times. (w/nkm)

Surya Mandir Committee halts MLA funded work, administration forced to retreat

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Jamshedpur, June 25: The Surya Mandir Committee halted the work initiated by MLA Saryu Roy, funded through his legislative resources, in the Shankh Maidan near Sidhgora Surya Mandir in Jamshedpur. The committee closed the gate and refused to allow materials to enter, forcing the administrative team to return empty-handed. A significant uproar ensued as committee members and local residents opposed the actions of the administration, labeling it as anti-temple. The Surya Mandir Committee stated that a Yagna was already

in progress at the site and that various events were regularly held at Shankh Maidan.

They accused MLA Saryu Roy of attempting to install additional conches and chairs under the guise of beautification for political gain, which they argued would disrupt future events. On Monday, the JNAC team, accompa-

nied by a magistrate and police force, arrived to commence the work, only to be met with strong resistance from the temple committee members. Notable BJP leaders and committee members, including Bhupendra Singh, Pawan Agarwal, former Khadi Board member Kulwant Singh Bunti, former BJP president Dinesh Kumar, and former president Gunjan Yadav, arrived and began protesting. They blocked the vehicle and staged a sit-in, creating a commotion that ultimately forced the administration to retreat. The administrative officers had no choice but to leave without completing the intended work. (w/gsd)

DTPC decides on development of tourist destinations

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Seraikela, June 25: Under the chairmanship of Deputy Development Commissioner Prabhat Kumar Bardiar, a significant meeting of the District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC) was held at the District Collectorate auditorium.

The council focused on reviewing progress and making critical decisions regarding the development of various tourist centers within the district. During the meeting, Deputy Development

Commissioner Bardiar emphasized the importance of adhering to previous meeting guidelines and completing renovation projects at tourist sites promptly. District Sports Officer and Nodal Officer of the Tourism Department, Amit Kumar, reported on the categoriza-

tion of 25 proposed tourist places, with 10 prioritized under category D. The council resolved to resubmit the remaining sites for further development consideration.

Key decisions included approving schemes for beautification, cleanliness, and the repair of facilities

such as toilets and stairs. Additionally, plans were finalized for the installation of signage boards at heavily frequented tourist spots to enhance visitor experience.

A directive was issued by DDC Bardiar to establish tourism management committees through Gram Sabhas for sites classified under categories A, B, and C. The meeting was attended by various officials including trainee IAS officer Kumar Rajat, District Land Acquisition Officer from Chandil, and local public representatives. (w/nkm)

Shri Guru Purnima Mahotsav at Ghorabandha Sai Temple on July 21

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Jamshedpur, June 25: The 'Shri Guru Purnima Mahotsav' is set to be celebrated on 21st July, Sunday, at Shri Sainath Devasthanam, located in the Ghorabandha Telco Temple premises. The event, organized by the Sai Parivar Vishwa Seva Sanshan, will feature rituals that commence at 5:30 am and continue until 10 pm. The day will begin with the Kakad Aarti, followed by the Mangal Snan. The Shri Guru Purnima Puja will take place from 7 am to 12 noon, accompanied by the Havan. The Madhyan Aarti will be held at 12:30 pm, followed by the Mahaprasad at 1 pm. In the afternoon, there will be a Palki Yatra at 4 pm, with the Dhoop Aarti scheduled for 6:30 pm. The evening will feature the Divya Bhajan Sandhya at 7 pm, and the day will conclude with the Shej Aarti at 10 pm. These rituals will mirror those performed at the Shri Sai Baba Temple in Shirdi. To promote the event, the temple management has distributed invitation slips to devotees and shared details through social media. (w/nkm)

Districtwide awareness campaign against drug abuse gathers momentum

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Seraikela, June 25: In Seraikela district, an extensive awareness campaign against drug abuse is currently underway following directives from District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla. Spanning from June 19 to 26, 2024, the initiative, led by the District Public Relations Office, Seraikela-Kharsawan, employs diverse mediums such as street plays, songs, and music to educate local communities about the profound impact of drug abuse on health, families, and society.

This comprehensive effort has been rolled out across various panchayats

within all blocks of the district. Locations include Seraikela block with events at Seraikela block headquarters and Ukri Mod Sini, Kharsawan block covering Talsahi Chowk and Tuniyabeda, Kuchai block focusing on Kuchai block headquarters and Kuchai Haat Bazaar, and Rajnagar block encompassing Neemdihi block headquarters and Milan Chowk, and Kukru block at Kukru

block headquarters and Tiru Dih Panchayat.

Similarly, activities have taken place in Gamharia block at NIT Mod Adityapur and Kandra Bazaar, Chandil block at Railway Station Chandil and Kapali, Neemdihi block at Neemdihi block headquarters and Milan Chowk, and Rajnagar block

the guidance of Center's Secretary Mohammad Dildar Ansari and directed by mentor Pinaki Ranjan, these performances vividly depicted the consequences of drug abuse.

The presentations aimed to inspire students to refrain from drugs, culminating in a collective pledge by the school community under the leadership of Principal Gangaram Tiyu to uphold a drug-free environment.

This multi-faceted approach underscores the collaborative efforts of various government departments and agencies to achieve tangible results in the ongoing battle against drug abuse in Seraikela district. (w/nkm)

Recollecting Emergency Phase

It is strange that the Congress has its reservations on observing the recollections of Emergency especially when the party has stated that its prime objective is to uphold the values of the Constitution which they did on the first day of the new parliamentary session by holding aloft the copies of the Constitution and swaying them like flags. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi did the same thing during his general election rallies. If the Congress and its allies are so committed to saving the Constitution, why does it have reservations on observing the anniversary of the imposition of Emergency? Is it because it was Indira Gandhi who imposed Emergency on the nation? The imposition of Emergency not only vilified the democratic concept but also converted the entire country into an imprisonment camp.

If the opposition parties, especially the Congress, have even an iota of respect for the Constitution, they should, instead of 'flagging' the Constitution in Parliament, criticize the upholders of Emergency and the black phase that followed. The Congress should show its courage and point accusing fingers at its leaders who ushered in Emergency. If it cannot do so, it should also avoid criticizing those who fought against the Emergency. Congress President Kharge believes that instead of recollecting the Emergency period, the central government should turn its attention towards current issues. But the point is cannot both aspects of recollecting Emergency and looking into current affairs be executed simultaneously? Should not the mistakes of the past be remembered? Those who forget or overlook the mistakes of the past are bound to commit the same errors. It does not make sense to contend that the Emergency period should not be recounted as it is nearly fifty years since its imposition.

This, according to the Congress, is as good as believing that Indians should not think, speak of or recollect the partition of India. If the Congress and its allies are of the belief that holding aloft the Constitution and swaying it like a flag would wash out the recollection of Emergency, they are living in a fool's paradise. It is impossible to forget the ruthlessness unleashed on the opposition parties, the media and on the citizens' rights; the tampering of the Constitution and threats to the judiciary. It would be better that the Congress and other opposition parties, instead of 'flagging' the constitution on the floor of Parliament, should turn the pages of this Constitution and go through those contents to find out for themselves how attempts were made to tamper with its contents. It is nothing but an irony at best to believe that the Congress is hell-bent on saving the Constitution on the one hand and blaming Narendra Modi of unconstitutionally taking on the Prime Minister's mantle in gross violation of people's verdict.

From the Editorial Desk

Election statistics put BJP in advantageous position at Bagda in Bengal bypolls

Kolkata, June 24 (IANS) If the statistics of the last two major elections are of any significance, BJP is in an advantageous position in the forthcoming bypoll for Bagda Assembly constituency in West Bengal scheduled on July 10.

The bypoll at Bagda, in North 24 Parganas District, one of the seven Assembly constituencies under Bangaon Lok Sabha, is all set to be a four-cornered contest between BJP's Binay Kumar Biswas, Trinamool Congress' Madhuparna Thakur, the All India Forward Bloc's Gour Biswas and the Congress' Ashok Halder. Incidentally, Madhuparna Thakur is the niece of BJP's two-time Lok Sabha member from Bangaon and the Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping



and Waterways Shantanu Thakur. They hail from the Thakur family, which was the founding family of the Matua Mahasangha, the biggest association of the Backward Class Matua community who came as refugees to West Bengal from Bangladesh after Partition.

At Bagda, Matua voters have been the deciding factor in many elections.

Akhilesh Yadav to focus on non-Yadav OBCs for 2027 polls

Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav will make a conscious attempt to consolidate his votes among non-Yadav OBCs as part of his strategy for the 2027 UP assembly elections. The Samajwadi Party had fielded five family members from the Yadav family - Akhilesh from Kannauj, Dimple Yadav from Mainpuri, Dharmendra Yadav from Azamgarh, Akshay Yadav from Firozabad and Aditya Yadav from Budaun. All the five candidates won the Lok Sabha elections.

"Akhilesh did not field any other Yadav candidate because he wanted to



remove the tag of SP being a pro-Yadav party. He gave tickets to other OBCs and the move paid rich dividends with the party winning 37 seats. He wants to continue with the strategy," said a senior party spokesman.

It is this strategy that is preventing Akhilesh Yadav from naming his uncle

Shivpal Yadav as the Leader of the Opposition in his place. Shivpal is among the senior most MLAs and enjoys acceptability in the party ranks. The SP does not have a Muslim face who can replace Akhilesh as Leader of the Opposition since Mohd Azam Khan is still in jail. The party has

unsuccessfully contested as a Trinamool Congress candidate from Bangaon Lok Sabha.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls Das trailed from Bagda by a massive margin of 20,614 votes. So going by simple statistics the BJP is well ahead of its competitors. However, there are two factors that the BJP will have to keep in mind for

the bypoll for Bagda.

The first factor is the bloodline of the Trinamool Congress candidate. Considering the status of the Thakur family among the Matuas, Madhuparna Thakur will obviously try to take full advantage of it.

Second, in any bye-election, especially if it is for an Assembly constituency, the ruling party is always at an advantageous position unless there is a massive underlying anti-incumbency wave.

However, considering the history of poll-related violence, the Election Commission of India has decided to deploy 15 companies of the Central Armed Police Forces for Bagda, which is the maximum among all four Assembly constituencies going for polls on July 10.

32 Muslim MLAs but most of them lack the experience needed to work as the Leader of the Opposition. Party sources said that Akhilesh Yadav had already started working on candidate selection for the assembly polls and would be giving greater representation to Dalits since the party had benefitted from Dalit support in the recently concluded elections.

The party's biggest gamble paid off in Ayodhya (Faizabad) where it had fielded a Dalit leader Avadhesh Prasad who won the seat, defeating the BJP. SP's ticketing strategy is significantly being credited for leading the

INDIA bloc to a stunning victory. The party virtually swept the seats in Purvanchal where both non-Yadav OBCs and Dalits make a significant chunk of the electorate. SP also won seven reserved seats.

With Dalits also now ruling out the BSP as an option, a large segment of the community rallied behind the INDIA bloc. "Why should we waste our vote?" was the refrain among a lot of Dalits on the ground when asked about whether they would prefer the BSP. The result was that the BSP's vote share was reduced to a dismal two per cent and the INDIA bloc seems.

The joining of BRS MLA M. Sanjay Kumar into Congress has triggered differences within the ruling party in Telangana with senior leader T. Jeevan Reddy contemplating resignation from the Legislative Council.

The former minister is unhappy with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for admitting Sanjay Kumar, the MLA from Jagtial, into the party without even informing him. The senior leader was holding consultations with his followers on Monday to decide his future course of action.

In the November 2023 Assembly elections, Jeevan Reddy lost to Sanjay Kumar in Jagtial constituency in Nizamabad district. The Congress leader had lost to the same rival in 2018. Sanjay Kumar, who had lost to Jeevan Reddy from the same constituency in 2014, joined the Congress party on Sunday night.

The development came as a shock to Jeevan Reddy, who had already found fault with the Chief Minister for admitting senior BRS leader and former Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy into the party.

Jeevan Reddy had Saturday dubbed the entry of Srinivas Reddy, a MLA from Banswada, into the Congress party as political opportunism.

"It is an example of political opportunism. Any political party should fight and work according to its principles," Jeevan Reddy had said.

He also questioned the need for encouraging defections from other



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan on his way out!

Dr. Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao

The buzz in Kerala is when is the change of CM happening? Till the 2024 Lok Sabha election results are out Pinarayi Vijayan, the strong man of CPM, is credited with the back to back assembly elections eulogized as man who captured the rural Kerala in the local body elections for the communists.

In that backdrop the LDF was so confident of capturing majority of Lok Sabha seats, but it ended with only one seat, the same number the BJP also one. It is not only the loss of Left which has hit Pinarayi but the more damage to his image was hit by the emphatic victory of BJP in Thrissur, but its overwhelming positive performance across the state with around 16% vote share. With his plan of marginalizing



some of the tested CPM leaders in the decision making, over preference of his son in law and his ministerial colleague Mohammad Rias and his daughter Veena's money making through suspicious activities, and his back door negotiations with the BJP government at Delhi to tide over the central investigating agencies progress in the involvement of people close to his family made him a sitting duck in the state level review meet of CPM. The style of functioning of Pinarayi was questioned in that meet, where the national general secretary of the party Seetaram Yechuri was present. Pinarayi was accused by the CPM seniors of abrasive behavior, rabid tongue, chiding the cadre in public for minor mistakes and bringing the family into the party, which is unheard in communist parties earlier, his

autocratic way of decision making and many more.

Till recently Pinarayi's word was final in the party and government but post results he is loner. Pinarayi failed to convince the party through his "election results are not anti-incumbency expression of voter" and "BJP mislead the voter through its nationalistic narrative". Perhaps the politburo of the CPM has also not bought Pinarayi line and chose to side with the other leaders. There could be more than one angle for that central leadership conclusion. CPM is a party which believes that politburo is supreme and that

was evident when Jyoti Basu, then CM of Bengal, was not allowed to take the PM post in late 1990s, despite the political coalition choosing him as prospective PM. After the loss of Bengal and Tripura, the only red citadel left to the Left is Kerala. That being the only state from where party coffers are getting filled, naturally the leader heading Kerala was given flexibility to act devoid of consultation with the party.

In fact there were many reports emanating from A.K. Gopalan Bhavan regarding the unhappy politburo and its compelled restraint on Pinarayi. The politburo waiting for a chance to tackle Pinarayi and that chance came after 8 years of his reign in 2024. The latest word from politburo is "Pinarayi can't act independently and party consultation, an old method, is to be followed" - in a way

fettering him.

As Pinarayi is at his political low he may have to willingly bear the shackles but accepting subjugation is not the character of him. He may wait for his opportunity to strike back but given the political climate in Kerala that time may not come that early. Pinarayi antagonized many numerically powerful communities. Through his 'appease Muslim' policy he angered both Hindu and Christian communities. The dissident CPM group accused Pinarayi of practice of 'pseudo-secularism' which gave BJP a foothold in Kerala. The Nair and Ezhava communities have shifted to BJP. The Christian clergy lead by Metropolitan of Syro Catholics through a jibe of 'kit politics' at Left and Pinarayi accused the Church heads as "uneducated and uninformed" and that was not taken lightly by Church goers.

The political outfit of Muslims, the IUML, accused Pinarayi of following "double edged tactics". IUML suspect that Pinarayi tried to divide the Muslim society by encouraging another Ulama group against Muslim League.

With so much negativity built for the party, Pinarayi Vijayan now is considered as a burden and he may be tolerated till the Wayanad Lok Sabha and two other assembly by-elections in the coming months. Irrespective of the outcome of those by-elections Pinarayi is sure to be eased out by CPM as they fear losing the last red bastion as Communist Party gears up its centenary celebration.

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From election to performance -- Understanding the role of Speaker in the Lok Sabha

With the 18th Lok Sabha holding its inaugural session from June 24 to July 3, the House is likely to elect its new Speaker on June 26.

Meanwhile, Bharatiya Janata Party MP Bhartruhari Mahtab has been appointed the 'pro-tem Speaker' of the Lok Sabha. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him in the presence of all the newly-elected members of the Lower House.

Mahtab will serve as the 'pro-tem Speaker' till June 26, when the new Speaker will be elected.

The rules for electing the Speaker are laid down in Article 93 of the Constitution. All the members of the Lok Sabha will choose the Speaker by casting their votes in a secret ballot.

The Speaker is elected by a majority, which



means more than half of the members present in the House have to vote for a candidate to become the Speaker.

Since Independence, all the Lok Sabha Speakers have been elected unopposed.

The election of the Deputy Speaker also follows the same rules,

except the date is fixed by the newly-elected Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker's post has been retained by the Opposition since 1991.

However, this time, it might go to one of the BJP-led NDA allies, the TDP or the JD(U).

Role of the Speaker:

* Represents the authority of the entire Lok Sabha while ensuring that it operates as per the rules of the Parliament and democracy.

* Presides over the sessions, maintaining discipline and decorum, deciding who speaks, and the order of proceedings.

* Licenses Money Bills and can make decisions on other finance-related bills.

* Must be transparent and fair, regardless of their political party.

applying the rules of the procedure of the Lok Sabha.

* Has the power to discipline (imposing penalties or sanctions or sometimes removing from the position) members of the House over inappropriate behaviour.

* Ensures fair participation in the House proceedings and protects the rights of the members.

* Participates in discussions but only votes if there is a tie.

* Adjourns or suspends the meeting if enough MPs are not present.

* Verifies important bills and handles joint meetings between the upper and the lower houses of the Parliament.

* Licenses Money Bills and can make decisions on other finance-related bills.

* Must be transparent and fair, regardless of their political party.

Indian stock market at all-time high, bank stocks lead sharp rally

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Driven by the financial sector, the Indian stock market saw a sharp rally to close at an all-time high on Tuesday, with the Bank Nifty index breaking above the resistance of 52,000 for the first time.

The domestic market experienced a financial sector-driven rally on Tuesday, primarily led by private banks, with the Nifty Bank reaching a new high and the Sensex surpassing 78,000.

Sensex closed at 78,053 points, or 712 points up, while Nifty reached 53,721, or 183 points up.

Axle Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Tech Mahindra and L&T were top gainers on the Sensex.

According to market watchers, the Bank Nifty is trading in a strong uptrend with higher highs and higher lows intact on



the daily chart. "The support now stands at 52,000, and intraday dips should be viewed as a buying opportunity for targets of 53,000/53,500," said Kunal Shah from LKP Securities.

According to market experts, profit booking was evident in sectors such as realty, power, metals and midcaps. Amid moderate consolidations and sector rotations, the market is moving upwards

due to expectations from the upcoming budget.

Additionally, the progress of the monsoon is being watched for insights into the consumption outlook, said experts.

The rupee traded higher by 0.03 at 83.45 against the dollar, showing slight gains as capital markets remained positive with support from the banking and financial sectors and fund flows into these areas.

India's manufacturing sector to reach \$1.66 trillion by FY34 with GDP share at 21 pc

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Driven by the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, the country's manufacturing sector is projected to expand threefold, reaching a market size of \$1.66 trillion from the current \$459 billion (FY24), a report showed on Tuesday.

This growth surpasses the average increase of \$175 billion experienced over the last decade.

The manufacturing sector's contribution to the GDP is anticipated to rise from 14 per cent in FY24 to 21 per cent by FY34, bolstered by lower logistics costs and



improved infrastructure, according to the report by DSP Mutual Fund.

Investments in infrastructure are set to climb from 33 per cent of GDP in FY24 to 36 per cent by fiscal year 2029, sparking a ripple

effect on the economy.

"We continue to be positive on the manufacturing theme as we believe most of the segments are at the cusp of a significant pickup in demand which would drive earnings growth

for the companies," said Charanjit Singh, Fund Manager, DSP Mutual Fund.

The last five years focused on key reforms by the government and policy changes.

"We believe that the period from FY 25-30 is going to be about execution," Singh added.

Private capex which had been weak for a very long time could witness a revival from FY26 led by rising utilisation levels, strong corporate balance sheets and political stability, the report mentioned.

The PLI scheme has the potential for significant capital

expenditure. It's anticipated that sectors will spend around \$39 billion between fiscal years 2024 and 2026.

"While current PLI investments are focused on pharmaceuticals, mobile phones, and solar PV modules, upcoming sectors like semiconductors, specialty steel, textiles, and automobiles are set to witness increased investment in the fiscal year 2025," the report mentioned.

Sectors like power, defence, water and manufacturing are primarily fueled by demand rather than a push, it added.

GIFT City, TiE join hands to foster entrepreneurship, economic growth

New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) -- India's only International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) -- on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with non-profit organisation TiE (earlier known as The Indus Entrepreneurs) to drive economic growth, create employment opportunities through entrepreneurship, and facilitate a robust business ecosystem in the country.



to discuss progress, address challenges, and explore new opportunities.

"We are excited to sign this MoU with GIFT City that will serve as a catalyst for capacity building to create jobs, drive economic growth, and shape innovation to transform and uplift societies and economies," said Amit Gupta, Chairman, Board of Trustees, TiE Global and Group CEO, Ecosystem Group. In addition, TiE, along with its chapters, will facilitate connections between GIFT City and its global network of entrepreneurs and industry leaders, provide insights and recommendations on enhancing the startup ecosystem, and jointly organise knowledge-sharing sessions, networking events, and boot camps.

This committee will meet periodically

Indian pharma formulations sector to more than double to Rs 5.5 trn by 2034: Report

New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) India's Domestic Pharma Formulations (DomForm) market, which includes branded generic medicines, is expected to more than double and cross Rs 5.5 trillion in the next 10 years at a CAGR of 10 per cent, according to a new report.

The report, by investment banking firm Avendus Capital, showed that currently the market is valued at Rs 2 trillion, with a growth rate of 11 per cent over the last 20 years. However, with a gradual transition from a primarily doctor-branded prescription model, more stringent quality compliance, and government policies and regulatory measures, the market is expected to make a significant growth.

"We are encouraged by the government of India's Pharma Vision 2047, which is aimed at making medicines more equitable, accessible, and affordable while ensuring high quality and more sustainable manufacturing practices. We believe that the sector will more than double from today, comfortably crossing about Rs 5.5 trillion in value by 2034," the report said.

The report also predicted shifts in channel volumes, with trade generics and the unbranded "Generic Generics", including Jan Aushadhi centres and government hospital procurement, gaining more traction. "We estimate that the DomForm market will continue growing at 9-10 per cent CAGR in the next 10 years. With the expansion of trade generics and Jan Aushadhi channels, we expect about 30 per cent volume contribution from these in 10 years," the report said.

Although off-patent generics currently account for nearly 100 per cent of the market, because of local manufacturing and process innovations, the prices of medicines are significantly lower than the global average.

Currently, more than 3,000 companies and almost 10,000 manufacturing units exist, yet they come with significant variations in quality standards.

Corning, Optiemus Infracom set up India's 1st cover-glass finishing facility



New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) US-based Corning International Corporation and homegrown Optiemus Infracom Limited on Tuesday broke ground on the Bharat Innovative Glass Technologies (BIG Tech) facility in Tamil Nadu to produce high-quality, finished cover-glass parts for mobile consumer electronics.

The BIG Tech facility, located at the SIPCOT Pillaiyappakkam industrial park in the Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu, will help strengthen local supply chains and create substantial employment opportunities.

"Today's groundbreaking for BIG Tech not

only marks a significant investment in our state's industrial capabilities but also reinforces Tamil Nadu's position as a hub for innovation and technological advancement," MK Stalin, Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu, said in a statement.

Earlier this year, BIG Tech inked an MoU with Tamil Nadu Government to set up a plant to make cover glass for mobile phones. As per the MoU, the company said to set up the cover glass manufacturing plant at an outlay of about Rs 1,003 crore.

"By actively supporting our customers as they advance their supply chains, we're giving

Sensex jumps 212 points on positive global cues

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Indian equity indices opened in the green on Tuesday following positive cues from Asian peers. At 9:55 a.m., Sensex was up 212 points or 0.27 per cent, at 77,553 and Nifty was up 53 points or 0.23 per cent, at 23,591.

Buying is being seen in midcap and smallcap stocks. Nifty Midcap 100 index is up 265 points or 0.48 per cent, at 55,842 and the Nifty Smallcap 100 index is up 202 points or 1.11 per cent, at 18,417.

In the Sensex pack, Ultratech Cement, HDFC Bank, M&M, Axis Bank, SBI, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance and Tata Steel are top gainers. HCL Tech, Bajaj Finserv, NTPC, Asian paints, Infosys and TCS are top losers. Asian markets are bullish. The markets of Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Seoul are in the green. At the same time, Shanghai and Jakarta are in the red. American markets closed higher on Monday. Crude oil benchmark Brent crude is at \$85 per barrel and WTI crude at \$81 per barrel. Mandar Bhojani, Research Analyst at Choice Broking, said, "On the daily chart, Nifty formed a bullish piercing candlestick pattern with good volume, indicating a bullish reversal from the support level of 23,400."

"If the index closes above the 23,600 level, it could further rise to 23,800 and 24,000 levels in the upcoming days. On the flip side, if the price breaks the 23,300 level, it could correct further to the 23,000 level," he added.

AI health startup Clouddphysician raises \$10.5 million

New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) Artificial intelligence (AI) health startup Clouddphysician on Tuesday said that it raised \$10.5 million in a Series A funding round led by Peak XV Partners, with participation from Elevar Equity and venture debt firm Panthera Peak.

The fresh funds will be used to propel the company's growth and operations within India and expand into multiple emerging markets and established markets such as the US.

In addition, the funds will be used to further enhance its innovative AI platform, RADAR, to improve its co-pilot features using data, the company said.

"We aim to scale our business and continue transforming critical care delivery in India and global markets. We remain committed to our vision of leveraging AI and advanced technology to ensure high-quality care is accessible to all, regardless of location," Co-founders Dr Dhruv Joshi, and Dr Dileep Raman, said in a statement.

Clouddphysician is a full-stack AI and operations company that partners with hospitals to manage patients in their ICU and Emergency departments.

"They are building an India-first business which has the opportunity to become the world's first independent, scaled-up business in this space," said Mohit Bhatnagar, Managing Director at Peak XV.

JSW Steel USA to invest \$110 million to expand renewable energy biz



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"These investments have the potential to significantly reduce US import reliance in the infrastructure and renewable energy sectors," he added.

"The new investments will enable us to progressively deliver high-

quality steel products while further defining our niche markets through a "Made in America" speciality steel portfolio," said Parth Jindal, Director of JSW Steel USA.

This portfolio expansion will also support the expanded development of the domestic renewable energy market by increasing JSW USA's service capacity towards its customers within the offshore wind market.

These new projects, which further build upon JSW USA's recent \$145 million investment in its Mingo Junction facility

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Obesity, smoking key triggers for Alzheimer's Disease, say experts

New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) Obesity and smoking are key triggers for Alzheimer's Disease, said health experts on Monday, stressing the need to control both, especially in young adults.

Alzheimer's is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder, which is a serious public health concern.

It leads to memory loss, cognitive decline, and inability to perform daily tasks.

The experts explained that obesity and smoking are the major risk factors for vascular dementia and can trigger Alzheimer's owing to the inflammation caused due to smoking.

"Smoking damages blood vessels, reducing blood flow to the brain, which can harm brain cells. Obesity is linked to inflammation and insulin resistance, both detrimental to brain health," Dr. Vikas Mittal, Pulmonologist at the CK Birla Hospital, Delhi, told IANS.

Curbing the major risk factors are important as a recent study published in the journal The Lancet showed that global dementia cases are set to triple, with 153 million living with dementia by 2050.

Alzheimer's, the most common cause of dementia, accounting for 60 to 80 per cent of cases,



is also expected to soar. "Obesity also causes conditions like diabetes and cardiac disease which are known risk factors for Alzheimer's. The presence of these conditions worsens brain health while promoting inflammation, oxidative stress, and vascular damage, which leads to memory decline and increase in Alzheimer's Disease," Dr. Anurag Saxena, HOD and Cluster Head Neurosurgery, Manipal Hospital Dwarka, told IANS.

Additionally, obesity impairs metabolic functions and insulin signalling which increases the risk of

neurodegeneration. On the other hand, "smoking worsens oxidative stress and inflammation in the brain which increases the development of Alzheimer's.

"The harmful chemicals in cigarettes like nicotine and tar damage blood vessels and interfere with blood flow. Smoking can not only accelerate Alzheimer's Disease but also other forms of dementia," Dr. Anurag said.

Moreover, people with a family history of Alzheimer's are more prone to the condition if they smoke.

The combination and genetic factors and the

effects of smoking increases the progress of Alzheimer's symptoms, the doctor noted.

Dr. Shailesh Rohatgi, HOD, Department of Neurology, DPU Super Speciality Hospital at Pune, told IANS that he advised maintaining a balanced lifestyle and eating habits and keeping a constant check, as vascular dementia can even develop at an early age due to various lifestyle habits.

He also stressed on "daily activities which are not just limited to physical movement but also engaging the brain. It is important to engage your brain in mental activities like board games."

Over 8 in 10 Indian professionals plan to invest in upskilling in FY25: Report



New Delhi, June 24 (IANS) Over 8 in 10 (85 per cent) Indian professionals are planning to invest in upskilling in FY25, a new report showed on Monday.

According to global ed-tech company Great Learning, the purpose of upskilling among freshers has grown by 8 percentage points, standing at 83 per cent this year as compared to 75 per cent in FY24.

Among key sectors, the intent to upskill in FY25 was highest among

professionals from manufacturing, engineering, capital goods, and BFSI.

The report surveyed over 1,000 professionals to unearth key trends and factors influencing the upskilling preferences of Indian professionals in the coming year.

About 79 per cent of professionals highlighted upskilling as necessary for future-proofing their careers in FY25.

Bengaluru and Chennai have displayed the highest intent to upskill this year compared to other metros in India, the report mentioned.



New AI model to help prevent power outages

New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) A team of US researchers has developed an artificial intelligence (AI) model that could help electrical grids prevent power outages by automatically rerouting electricity in milliseconds.

The automated system, published online in the journal Nature Communications, is an early example of "self-healing grid" technology, which uses AI to detect and repair problems such as outages and storm-damaged power lines on its own without human intervention.

Researchers from the University of Texas at Dallas demonstrated that their solution can automatically identify

alternative routes to transfer electricity to users before an outage occurs. It is because AI has the advantage of speed, the team said. Unlike human-controlled processes that can take minutes to hours, the system can automatically reroute electrical flow in microseconds.

"Our goal is to find the optimal path to send power to the majority of

users as quickly as possible," said Dr. Jie Zhang, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science.

"But more research is needed before this system can be implemented."

Roshni Anna Jacob, an electrical engineering doctoral student at the varsity, said that electricity blocked due to line faults can be reconfigured using switches and power from available sources nearby, such as from large-scale solar panels or batteries.

The researchers next aim to develop similar technology to repair and restore the grid after a power disruption.

Acupuncture may lower hot flashes post anti-hormonal breast cancer therapy



New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) Acupuncture may significantly reduce hot flashes and other hormonal side effects of endocrine therapy taken by women with breast cancer, claimed a study, based on a pooled analysis of three clinical trials, on Monday.

Endocrine therapy helps block hormone signalling that drives some forms of breast cancer. Although a life-saving treatment, up to 80 per cent of women experience hot flashes -- a sudden, temporary sensation of body warmth, flushing, and sweating -- and other side effects after taking it, leading to discontinuation, while elevating the risk of cancer progression and death.

To probe acupuncture's potential, researchers from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, US, conducted a coordinated,

multinational project consisting of three independent randomised controlled trials in the US, China, and South Korea.

The analysis, published in the journal CANCER, included 158 women with stage 0-III breast cancer. These women were

randomised to immediate acupuncture (IA) who received acupuncture twice a week for 10 weeks and were followed for an additional 10 weeks without acupuncture or delayed acupuncture control (DAC).

DAC participants

received usual care for 10 weeks, then crossed over to acupuncture with a reduced intensity (once per week) for 10 weeks.

After week 10, 64 per cent of people in the IA group reported improvements in the number and severity of

their hot flashes, compared with 18 per cent in the DAC group.

Further, the DAC participants who received weekly acupuncture showed significant improvements in symptom scores relative to week 10. No side effects were reported by any of the participants.

"By managing side effects, our approach makes it easier for patients to continue their prescribed medication, which has the potential to reduce the risk of cancer recurrence and improve long-term outcomes for breast cancer survivors," said lead author Weidong Lu, from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Weidong also suggested people interested in using acupuncture start with "a short trial period" and based on the results "engage in a long-term programme".

Junk food driving piles, fistula and fissures cases in young Indian adults: Doctors

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Regular junk food consumption and inactive lifestyles are fuelling cases of painful piles, fistula and fissures in young adults aged between 18 and 25 years, said doctors on Monday.

People with piles and fissures -- common disorders concerning the anal region -- suffer from symptoms like passing bloody stools or having trouble passing stools, itchy and irritable anal cavity, inflammation, rectal bleeding, and discomfort when sitting for a long time, among others.

A fistula is an unusual opening near the anus that connects to the inside of the anus or anal canal. This problem occurs because of constipation, straining during bowel movements, and ulcerative colitis," he

added. Lakin said that in the past 2-3 months, approximately 50 patients have visited with complaints of piles and fistula, and for fissures, the number is higher than 80. About 60 per cent of males while 40 per cent of females suffer from fistula and piles. Whereas, 70 per cent of females and 30 per cent of males tend to have fissures.

"There is overall over 10 per cent in these conditions when compared to previous years. The incidence of these conditions is recently seen in age groups of 18-25 due to junk food consumption," the doctor noted.

Hemant Patel, Laparoscopic and General Surgeon, ZynovaShalby Hospital told IANS that "cases of piles, fistula and fissures are increasing in younger age groups

mostly in males. There has been a significant rise in these patients in the past few years".

He noted seeing 5-6 patients with such conditions daily.

According to health experts, eating a balanced diet, exercising daily, preventing constipation by incorporating fibre-rich foods into meals, maintaining proper hydration by drinking sufficient water, quitting smoking and alcohol consumption, and avoiding straining during bowel movements can help ease the condition.

Other ways to manage the condition include "medications, creams, and a sitz bath. If the conditions get severe then one will have to undergo a minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery," Lakin said.

Tagore Society celebrates Kazi Nazrul Islam's 125th Anniversary

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Nazrul Sandhya was organized by the Tagore Society at the Rabindra Bhawan on the occasion of rebel poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam's 125th birth anniversary. The program commenced with the rendition of Nazrul songs by Sushmita Goswami and Shayantan Adhikari from Kolkata. Famous artists from Jamshedpur, Anindita Gupta, and Shubhendu Roy Choudhary presented Kazi Nazrul's compositions. Shyama Prasad Chakraborty



accompanied them on the tabla, Mukul Roy on the keyboard, Ashok Das on the flute, and Amitabh Chatterjee on the manjira. Giving information about this

Bengal. He had rebelled against oppression and had composed nationalistic songs, which he sang himself. His songs came to be known as Nazrul Sangeet or Nazrul Geeti. He contributed immensely not only to the field of music but also literature. He has ruled the hearts of music lovers since the last century. The program was organized as a tribute to a great litterateur, and also to make the younger generation appreciative of such a contributor to Bengali literature, culture, and history. (w-rd)

Lifer for Sajid, Ramzan, Ajmat Ansari in Ranchi murder case

Ranchi, June 25: The Ranchi Civil Court has sentenced Mohd. Sajid, Ramzan Ansari, and Ajmat Ansari to life imprisonment for their involvement in a murder case. Additionally, the court has imposed a fine of thirty thousand rupees on each of the convicted individuals. The verdict was pronounced by Additional Judicial Magistrate Sachindra Birua at the Civil Court. The case, registered as number 205/2019 at Argora police station, stemmed from the tragic stabbing death of Mangru Pahan in 2019. (w/nkm)

725th Free Eye Camp of IRCS concludes

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25:

The 725th free eye camp, organized by the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), East Singhbhum Branch, concluded at Ram Manohar Lohia Neta, Bagbera, Jamshedpur. This camp was held in collaboration with Ram Manohar Lohia Sewa Sansthan, Draupadi Devi Chimanlal Bhalotia Sewa Sansthan, Rajasthan Sewa Sadan, and the District Rural Health Committee. Dr. B P Singh, a noted eye surgeon, conducted post-operation checks on 18 patients who underwent cataract surgery on June 23. The patients were discharged with dark glasses, a month's worth of medication, and instructions on post-operative care. The three-day camp, which commenced on June 22, was supported by Pravin Chandra M Parikh and Mridula P Parikh, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. At the discharge ceremony, the Parikh family presented the patients with



clothes and biscuit packets. The patients expressed their gratitude to the Red Cross Society and the Parikh family for restoring their vision. Bijay Kumar Singh, Hon Secretary, IRCS East Singhbhum Branch, and Balmukund Goel, President of Ram Manohar Lohia Sewa Sansthan, commended the Parikh family for their support and encouraged others to contribute to the Red Cross Society's mission. The next eye camp, supported by Himalayan Steel Services Limited, will be held from June 29 to July 1, 2024. (w/gsd)

JWU students lead awareness rally against drug abuse



Jamshedpur, June 25: As part of Drug Eradication Week, students from Jamshedpur Women's University organized an impactful awareness rally aimed at combating drug abuse within the community. The rally, held on the sixth day of the week-long campaign, saw enthusiastic participation from students across various faculties, including NSS, B.Ed, and M.Ed. The primary objective of the rally was to educate the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse. Following the rally, an engaging quiz and group discussion session were conducted. Many students actively took part in the quiz, testing their knowledge on drug prevention strategies. The group discussion delved into important topics such as individual responsibility towards creating a drug-free India and effective measures to prevent drug addiction. The success of the program was attributed to the efforts of key organizers including Nodal Officer DSW Dr. Kishwar Ara, NSS Coordinator Dr. Gloria Purti, B.Ed. Coordinator Dr. Kamini Kumari, and IQAC Director Dr. Ratna Mitra.

Students battling to secure their future under BJP rule: Dr Ajoy Kumar

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Dr. Ajoy Kumar, Congress Working Committee member and former Jamshedpur MP, criticized the Modi-led NDA government over the recent NEET paper leak, stating that the administration should be ashamed of the 70 incidents of question paper leaks over the past seven years. He

pointed out that Prime Minister Modi has remained silent on this issue, which he termed a betrayal of the dreams of over 23 lakh students and their families. In a press release issued on Monday, Dr. Ajoy highlighted numerous examples where exams were canceled due to paper leaks, underscoring the pervasive issue of unemployment and corruption in job recruitments. On March 15, 2024, the teacher recruitment examination in Bihar, which saw 75 lakh candidates, was canceled due to a paper leak. Similarly, the UP Police examination held on February 17 and 18 for 60 lakh candidates was canceled by the Yogi government on February 24 due to the same issue. Dr. Ajoy emphasized that the arrests in states like Bihar, Gujarat, and Haryana demonstrate that corruption in examinations has been conducted systematically, making these BJP-ruled states epicenters of paper leaks. In 2023, the UP Police Constable Recruitment Exam was canceled amid paper leak allegations. The Uttar Pradesh Teacher Eligibility Test 2021 (UPTET Exam 2021) and the Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) exam were also canceled due to paper leaks.

Haryana experienced multiple paper leak scams, including those involving the HPPSC, HSSC, and police recruitments. Dr. Ajoy criticized the BJP government for failing to empower the country's large youth population. He noted that children wait years for job vacancies, only to face significant expenses in filling forms and taking exams, with all their hard work ultimately thwarted by corruption. He argued that BJP's corruption is weakening the nation and undermining the potential of its youth. (w/nkm)

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Health

Experts call for stricter, wider regulations on harmful artificial food colours



New Delhi, June 25 (IANS) Doctors on Tuesday called for stricter and wider regulations on harmful artificial food colours, a day after Karnataka banned their use over potential health concerns.

Karnataka's Food Safety and Standards Department on Monday passed an order imposing a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh and punishment from seven years up to life imprisonment for using artificial colours in chicken kebabs, fish, and vegetable dishes across the state.

Artificial food colourings enhance food's visual appeal and stability, which can boost consumer satisfaction. However, dyes like Sunset Yellow, Carmoisine, and Rhodamine-B pose health risks, including allergies, hyperactivity in children, and potential carcinogenic effects.

"Recent tests in Karnataka revealed hazardous levels of these dyes in kebabs, leading to public health concerns. Given these risks, there is a strong case for stricter regulations or broader bans on harmful artificial colours," Dr. Basavaraj S Kumbar, Consultant- Internal Medicine, Aster Whitefield Hospital, Bengaluru, told IANS. "Encouraging the use of natural alternatives and increasing public awareness about the dangers of synthetic dyes can help protect consumer health and promote safer food practices," the doctor added.

Dr. Piyush Ranjan, Senior Consultant & Vice Chairman, Department of Gastroenterology, Sir Ganga Ram hospital told IANS that some synthetic colouring agents affect children and can cause aggressive behaviour in them. "Some of these agents may also be carcinogenic and thyroid cancers have been reported. Issues of allergy and asthma may also be associated with the use of artificial colouring agents," he added.

In March, Karnataka banned the use of Rhodamine-B, an artificial colouring agent used in gobi manchurian and cotton candy. Vanshika Bhardwaj - Senior Dietician, Marengo Asia Hospitals, Gurugram told IANS that consumption of these artificial food colours can lead to oxidative stress, increase cell apoptosis and affect the brainstem. "Rhodamine-B appears green in powder forms, and it turns vivid fluorescent pink with water. It damages the kidney, liver and increases the risk of Stomach tumour. Regular consumption of food containing this can damage the cerebellum tissue in the brain and result in functional abnormalities," she added.

Vanshika informed that the colours have been linked to allergic reactions, hyperactivity, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children, as well as potential carcinogenic effects and organ damage.

"Considering these risks, there is a strong argument for banning artificial food colours to prioritise public health and safety. Stringent regulations and labelling requirements are necessary to inform consumers, allowing them to make informed choices about consuming products with artificial colours," the dietician said.

What made Apara Mehta initially 'sceptical' about the supernatural fantasy genre

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Senior actress Apara Mehta, who has recently joined the cast of 'Suhagan Chudail', shared that initially, she was a bit sceptical as she has never done a supernatural fantasy genre, along with insights into her character's appearance.

Known for her work in 'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi', Apara, who essays the role of Yogini Kapila in 'Suhagan Chudail', shared: "Initially, I was a bit sceptical since I have never done a supernatural fantasy genre before. However, having worked with the wonderful team and especially Nia Sharma, who is very dear to me, I knew this show was extraordinary, which convinced me to take it on."

Detailing her role, she added: "I am playing the role of Yogini, who will support Deeyaa in fighting against Nishigandha's evil schemes. My look in this show is very different from anything I've done before, it is a grey attire in a salt and pepper look, a completely new appearance for me."

Prosenjit Chatterjee's Bengali film 'Devi Chowdhurani' secures Indo-UK co-production status

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Actors Prosenjit Chatterjee and Srabanti Chatterjee's Bengali film 'Devi Chowdhurani' has secured official Indo-UK co-production status by both governments.

This collaboration underscores the deepening cultural and creative ties between India and the UK, setting a new precedent in international film production.

Produced by Aparna and Aniruddha Dasgupta of Adited Motion Pictures (US/India) in conjunction with Soumyajit Majumdar of LOK Arts Collective (India/UK), 'Devi Chowdhurani' is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Subhrajit Mitra. The film, adapted from

the classic novel by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, chronicles the life of India's first female freedom fighter and is set to feature a mesmerising musical score by globally renowned composer Pandit Bickram Ghosh.

The UK co-producers of this film project are HC Films and Moringa Studios.

This film, along with 'Joyguru', the recently announced flagship Indo-US-UK-France co-production, are the first two films from the collaboration slate of Adited Motion Pictures and LOK Arts Collective, with a focus on global Indian cinema.

Prasenjit says he is extremely delighted to be a pivotal part and lead male protagonist of 'Devi

Janhvi walks for Rahul Mishra in Paris; 'there was meditative Zen-like vibration in the room'

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Actress Janhvi Kapoor became the muse for ace couturier Rahul Mishra in Paris for Haute Couture Week and said that there was a "meditative zen-like vibration in the room".

Making her international runway debut in a scintillating mermaid-style garment from Mishra's Couture Fall 2024 collection named Aura, Janhvi shared a motley of pictures from her walk on Instagram. Captioning the images, Janhvi wrote: "A first thank you @rahulmishra_7 for having me as a part of your spectacular show that encapsulated energies and auras so beautifully."

"There was a meditative zen-like



vibration in the room that felt like such a change of pace compared to the exciting but hectic madness at Paris Couture Week that was contagious right till the door of your show." The silhouette featured a mermaid-style holographic skirt with a glittery embroidered skirt

paired with a dramatic train and a heavily embellished black bustier. She completed her look with soft, cascading waves and dewy makeup. The actress added: "The slow soulful music, the patiently gliding models in your intricate garments, and most

importantly, you and your family and team's sincerity, simplicity, unadulterated creativity, and passion made this a perfect first."

In 2020, Mishra became the first Indian designer to showcase at the Haute Couture Week in Paris.

Bhairava Anthem: India's Biggest Song of the Year unveiled ft. Prabhas and Diljit Dosanjh from Kalki 2898 AD

Mumbai, June 25 : After much anticipation the wait is finally over. The creators of Kalki 2898 AD have unveiled what is being hailed as India's Biggest Song of the Year-the Bhairava Anthem.

This song brings together India's most formidable talents, featuring global icons Prabhas and Diljit Dosanjh in a collaboration that fans have eagerly awaited.

Kalki 2898 AD has been a film that can only be called a dream, uniting the country's top actors, being the first Indian film to make its mark at Comic-Con San Diego, the first-ever Indian film to feature an animated prelude, and even showcasing a 4-ton futuristic vehicle 'Buji' currently touring India. Now, they've surpassed expectations by blending the cultural richness of North and South India into an anthem.

The music video, set in the dark and futuristic world of Kashi, is a visual marvel. Sung by Diljit Dosanjh and Vijaynaran, with lyrics penned by Kumaar and music composed by Santhosh Narayanan, the track is a perfect description of Prabhas's character Bhairava in the film. Choreographed by Pony Verma,



and the video has the unique styles of Diljit and Prabhas, featuring both global artists in black lungis and turbans. The highlight in the video comes when Prabhas picks up his lungi, makes a turn, and walks away with his signature swag, prompting Diljit to join his hands in admiration. Truly a mic-drop moment!!

Sonakshi oozes love in pictures with Zaheer from reception night; she calls it 'divine intervention'



According to media reports, the 'Heeramandi'

actress purchased the

lavish apartment in

September last year. Situated on the 26th floor,

Raghav Juyal opens up on his transformation into 'ruthless, menacing' Fani

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) Leaving behind his good boy image, actor-dancer Raghav Juyal has turned grey for his upcoming film 'Kill', where he will portray the "ruthless and menacing" antagonist named Fani, whom he said "nobody saw coming" from him.

Directed by Nikhil Nagesh Bhat, 'Kill' is an action thriller that unfolds during a train journey to the national capital. It features a pair of commandos who face an army of invading bandits led by Raghav's character, Fani. Bhat praised Raghav's performance, describing Fani as a character who brings gore and madness to the entire storyline.

"Raghav's character is undoubtedly excellent. 'Fani' is funny and witty yet cruel, making him an unforgettable presence in the film," said Bhat.

For Raghav, the role marks a "180-degree transformation," which no one saw coming from him.

"I feel nobody saw this coming from me. It's such an evil character, which is so far away from what people have seen of me or know me as a person," Raghav told IANS.

The actor added, "The complete 180-degree transformation is what excited me the most about 'Kill', to deliver something so unexpected. Fani is not your average villain; he is ruthless, menacing to the maximum."

Producer Guneet Monga Kapoor also shared the impact of Raghav's character, Fani, on the movie.

"Because of Raghav's character's unpredictability, a lot of stakes go up. He killed it."

Kangana's 'Emergency' set to release on September 6; of Indian democracy'

Mumbai, June 25 (IANS) After multiple delays, actress-turned-politician Kangana Ranaut's upcoming film 'Emergency' is finally set to release on September 6. The actress, who had previously announced the postponement of her movie due to her Lok Sabha 2024 election campaign, took to Instagram on Tuesday and shared that the film is all set to hit the big screen.

Kangana also shared a new poster along with the announcement. Talking about the same, Kangana said: "I am deeply inspired by William Shakespeare's Macbeth, the essence of 'Emergency' is the destruction wrought when ambition goes unchecked by moral constraints. It is undoubtedly the most sensational chapter of Indian democracy, and I am eagerly awaiting its worldwide release on September 6, 2024."

Upon sharing the poster, Kangana captioned it: "The Beginning of the 50th Year of Independent India's Darkest Chapter. Announcing #KanganaRanaut's #Emergency In Cinemas on September 6, 2024. The Explosive Saga of the Most Controversial Episode of the History of Indian Democracy, #EmergencyOn6Sept in cinemas worldwide."

The film tells the story of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, portrayed by Kangana. The Emergency was declared in 1975 and lasted for 21 months, due to perceived internal and external threats to the country.

Apart from Kangana, the film also stars Anupam Kher, Milind Soman, Shreyas Talpade, Mahima Chaudhry, and the late Satish Kaushik, among others.

Produced by Zee Studios and Manikarnika Films, the film's music is composed by Sanchit Bahlara, with the screenplay and dialogue written by Ritesh Shah.

For makeup, she opted for nude pink lips, winged eyeliner, a contoured face, and a red bindi. Her hair was tied in a neat bun adorned with a 'gajra'.

The actress accessorised the outfit with a green choker necklace, matching 'chandbaalis', and bangles, along with minimal red mehndi on her hands.

Taking to Instagram, Sonakshi shared love-filled pictures with Zaheer from their reception night.

In the snaps, the 'Lootera' actress is seen wearing a custom red 'chand boota' brocade Raw Mango sari.

The snaps show the couple giving each other forehead kisses.

Prosenjit Chatterjee's Bengali film 'Devi Chowdhurani' secures Indo-UK co-production status



cultural diplomacy efforts between India and the UK, facilitated by the Indo-UK film co-production treaty signed in 2007.

Prasenjit says he is extremely delighted to be a pivotal part and lead male protagonist of 'Devi

Chowdhurani' (Bandit Queen of Bengal), directed by Subhrajit Mitra, which has been granted the status and coined as the first Indo-UK co-production for any Bengali language film by both governments.

He added: "This will pave a new path for the regional film industries and promote Indian films which are rooted to her rich cultural and historical heritage. I wish this initiative all the very best." In October 2023, the

concepts of both 'Devi Chowdhurani' and the forthcoming musical pan-India Hindi feature film 'Joyguru' were shared by Soumyajit Majumdar at a historic reception at the Guildhall.

The Indian authorities instrumental in this landmark decision include the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), the Film Facilitation Office (FFO), and Invest India, with the British Film Institute (BFI) and the Department of Culture, Media, and Sports (DCMS) representing the UK.

'Devi Chowdhurani', now in the early post-production phase, also features a stellar cast that includes Sabyasachi Chakraborty, Arjun Chakraborty, Darshana Banik, Bibriti Chatterjee, and Kinjal Nanda.

A joint statement from Aparna and Aniruddha Dasgupta (Adited Motion Pictures): "This recognition for 'Devi Chowdhurani' as the first Bengali film to receive official Indo-UK co-production status is a dream come true for us at Adited Motion Pictures."

"It represents not just a significant achievement in our filmmaking journey but also a celebration of the rich cultural heritage and historical bonds between India and the UK."

The duo said that collaboration with Soumyajit and LOK Arts Collective, along with the support from both

governments, has been an inspiring experience.

"This project is a testament to the power of storytelling in bridging cultures and creating something truly remarkable. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has believed in and supported this vision," they said.

Soumyajit Majumdar (LOK Arts Collective) added: "With dynamic producer duo Aparna and Aniruddha Dasgupta of Adited Motion Pictures, we found like-hearted partners having a shared vision, and it's so encouraging to know that 'Devi Chowdhurani', our first film collaboration, has attained the feat of an official Indo-UK co-production with the guidance of the FFO-India and BFI-UK."

Afghanistan clinch thriller against Bangladesh to enter maiden SF, Aus bow out

T20 World Cup

Kingstown, June 25

(IANS) Afghanistan clinched a low-scoring thriller against Bangladesh by eight runs in a rain-hit Super Eight match on Tuesday to enter semifinal of the T20 World Cup for the first time and in the process, also knocked Australia out of the tournament.

Putting into bat first, Afghanistan posted a below-par score of 115/5 in 20 overs. But in defence, Rashid Khan and Naveen-ul-haq showcased scintillating bowling to successfully defend the total as Bangladesh were bowled out for 105 in 17.5 overs chasing a DLS target of 114 in a match that was reduced to 19 overs due to rain interruptions.

Rashid finished with figures of 4-23 while Naveen claimed 4-26 in a historic win for Afghanistan.

Batting first, Afghanistan

had a slow start as they 27/0 at the conclusion of the Powerplay and easy runs were proving hard to come by. On the very first ball, opener RahamanullahGurbaz was nearly run out of a quick single, only just making it through.

The opening duo Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran made a 50-run stand early in the ninth over, becoming the first pair to put together four partnerships of at least 50 in a T20 World Cup.

Despite Bangladesh controlling the run rate, they gave away 13 extras in the first nine overs. Afghanistan were 58/0 at drinks and needed to increase their pace.

The breakthrough wicket came on the fourth ball of the 11th over when Zadran (18 off 29) failed to clear long off. The 12th over was a well-timed maiden, increasing the pressure on Afghanistan's batters.

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total.

Bangladesh took two more wickets before the 18th over, leaving Afghanistan at 99/5 with two overs remaining. Rashid Khan's entertaining cameo, including three sixes and frustration over the running between wickets, helped Afghanistan reach 115/5 in 20 overs.

Rain then arrived in St. Vincent, leaving Australia and

the competing teams anxiously waiting to see how long it would last.

Defending 115, Gurbaz was back in focus as play finally resumed, but not on a positive note. An awkwardly bouncing ball struck the keeper on the knee and he limped off the ground.

FazalhaqFarooqi removed Bangladesh opener TanzidHasan (0 off 3) in the

second over of the chase. And Naveen-ul-Haq struck two huge blows in the third over, including the captain NajmulHossainShanto for 5.

Midway through the fourth over, the rain arrived again. The second delay would exhaust the match's time reserve - any more delay and DLS would come into effect.

Bangladesh clawed their way to 46/3 at the six-over mark, as Litton Das and SoumyaSarkar stitched a partnership across the back half of the powerplay.

Then came Rashid into the attack, who removed SoumyaSarkar (10 off 10). The pressure was again on Bangladesh, who needed to complete the run chase in 12.1 overs to overtake Australia and qualify for the final four.

Back-to-back boundaries from TowhidHridoy in the eighth over swung momentum away from Afghanistan, but Rashid took care of Hridoy's next over, making another twist in the game.

Litton steadied the ship, as drinks approached, finding assistance from reliable veteran Mahmudullah. The pair had their team at 77/5 at drinks.

Rashid then took back-to-back wickets, including Mahmudullah, to end the 11th over and balance the contest. His figures stood at 4-17 off three overs, showcasing his exceptional efforts.

Suddenly, the rain arrived again, as the Afghans were two runs ahead of the DLS par score. But the third delay was only short-lived, as players returned to the field. Bangladesh edged back in front of par in the 13th over, despite their semifinal chances officially coming to an end.

With 20 runs needed from the last four overs, a timely boundary helped Litton to reach a 41-ball half-century. Taskin Ahmed (2 off 9) then chopped on a Naveen-ul-Haq delivery, leaving Bangladesh at 109/9, needing nine runs from eight balls.



Sai Sudarshan returns to Surrey for County Championship fixture

London, June 25 (IANS) Surrey have secured the services of Indian cricketer B. SaiSudarshan for the upcoming round of County Championship fixture against Essex in a highly anticipated top-of-the-table clash. Sudarshan first joined Surrey in 2023 and played a crucial role in helping the club secure the County Championship title away at Hampshire. Sudarshan's recent form has been nothing short of impressive. In the IPL, he had a standout season with the Gujarat Titans, scoring his first century in the competition and accumulating over 500 runs. His consistent performances earned him a debut in the ODI format for India, where he impressed with two half-centuries in three innings against South Africa.

'Something like a dream, proud of this team', says Rashid on sealing SF berth

Kingstown (St Vincent), June 25 (IANS)

Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan and his boys have finally done it for the country with a thrilling win against Bangladesh in the Super Eight to enter their first-ever semi-final in the T20 World Cup.

Afghanistan, who defeated New Zealand (group stage) and Australia (Super Eight) in the tournament, have reached the semifinal of the ICC men's tournament

for the first time. In the ODI World Cup last year in India, Afghanistan stunned England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka but failed to make it through the semifinals.

Reflecting on the win, Rashid said it is a dream come true moment for him and he is really proud of his players who have scripted history for the team. "It's something like a dream for us as a team being in the semifinal. It's all about the way we have

started the tournament. The belief came while we

beat New Zealand. It's unbelievable, I don't have any words to describe my feelings.

Back home, everyone is so happy for this big achievement.

"The only guy who put us in the semifinal was Brian Lara and we proved that right.

Before the competition at the welcome party, I told him, 'We won't let you down. We'll make it through and prove you're right.' I am proud of this

team," Rashid said in the post-match interaction.

Despite setting a modest total of 115 in 20 overs in a rain-hit clash, Rashid and Naveen-ul-Haq bagged four wickets each to bundle out Bangladesh for 105 in 17.5 after the target was adjusted to 114 in 19 overs due to rain.

Rashid admitted they were 20 runs short of the par score but they gave their 100 per cent on the field and stuck to their plans.

Anush to represent India in dressage event at Paris Olympics

New Delhi, June 25

(IANS) The Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) has picked AnushAgarwalla to represent the country at the upcoming Paris Games in Dressage event after he pipped close contender ShrutiVora on better average after a careful evaluation of the recent performances of the contenders.

It will be India's first ever entry at the Dressage event at the Olympics as largely riders in past



editions competed in Eventing categories only.

Agarwalla has been consistent since the qualification period began last year and achieved Minimum Eligibility Requirement four times while veteran ShrutiVora earned the required two MERs this month.

When an average was taken out of the contenders in the assessment, Anush emerged winner. He had an average score of 67.695 % which was better than Shruti's 67.163 %.

Selection trial for football and archery trainees on June 29

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25:

Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Ranchi, Jharkhand, in collaboration with the District Administration East Singhbhum Sports Branch, is organizing a one-day talent selection trial competition for the 2024-25 session. The event, supervised by the District Sports Officer of East Singhbhum, aims to identify and recruit talented trainees

for football and archery residential sports training centers across Kolhan Division.

The trials will take place on

Saturday, 29 June 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Football trials for both boys and girls will be held at the Timplate Sports Complex, Jamshedpur, while archery trials will be conducted at the AEC Ground (near BPM School), Burmamines, Jamshedpur.

Eligibility and Registration: Participants must be between the ages of 10 and 14 and hail from the districts of East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, or SaraikeLaKharsawan. Interested players are required to bring two passport-size photographs, their Aadhaar card, birth certificate, and any sports achievement certificates they may have.

Football: For Boys -Upgraded Vidya Mandir Chakradharpur Residential Football Training Center: 5 vacancies, Residential Football Training CenterKharsawan: 5 vacancies. Total Vacancies for Boys: 10

For Girls-Upgraded Vidya Mandir Chakradharpur Residential Football Training Center: 5 vacancies.

In Archery: Boys-Residential Archery Training Center Dugni SaraikeLaKharsawan: 1 vacancy

For more information, participants can contact the District Sports Branch East Singhbhum at 7479413570.

Little Flower School thrash Loyola Telco 4-1

Tata Motors annual sports event kicks-off with football tourney



twelve school teams.

The opening match saw Little Flower School (LFS) triumph over Loyola Telco with a convincing 4-1 victory. In the second match of the

day, Valley View edged out ABMP School in a closely contested game, securing a 1-0 win.

Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated by Tata Motors GM Prakash

Sinha, along with Admin Head VN Singh and Town Admin Head Rajat Singh, who were present to encourage the young athletes and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship.

NTHA commemorates Olympic Day with Floris Bovlander



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Naval Tata Hockey Academy (NTHA) observed Olympic Day on June 23 in presence of Olympic Gold Medallist, Floris Jan Bovlander.

The day is observed as a celebration of the Olympic movement and its core values of excellence, friendship, and respect.

The day also witnessed an exhilarating hockey clash ensued between Team Florisv NTHA Coaches where Team Floris defeated Team NTHA Coaches in the final shoot-out. NTHA boys' team along with 50 players also attended a session with Floris where he shared his Olympic gold medal journey, discipline, skills and memories he had here in the early

years of NTHA. During the lively interaction of Kids with Floris, the young hockey enthusiasts radiated excitement and cheered for the Indian contingent participating in the Paris 2024 Olympics. This further ignited the passion of these budding hockey players who aspire to make the country proud someday. NTHA Project Director, Gurmeet Singh Rao was also present.

Sudhir Mahato had a close bonding with karate: Nageshwar Rao

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Birth anniversary of the late Sudhir Mahato was celebrated with great reverence at his office in Uliyan (Jamshedpur), under the supervision of the Jharkhand Goju Ryu Karate Do Association. The event saw the participation of 100 Karatekas.

The celebration was graced by Savita Mahato, MLA of Ichagarh, and her daughter, who cut the birthday cake and shared it with all the Karatekas present.

Kyoshi L. Nageshwar Rao, Chief Technical Director of the Jharkhand Goju Ryu Karate Do Association, spoke fondly of the late Sudhir Mahato, highlighting his deep passion for karate.

Rao noted that Mahato was the founder chairman of the Jharkhand State Karate Association in 2007 and had earned significant accolades, including being honored in

Kathmandu, Nepal, participating in the National Karate Championship in Chennai, and receiving an honorable black belt from Grand Master Fukatoshi of Japan in 2010.

The event was also attended by Shihan Sarju Ram, Laltu Mahato, Sensei Niraj Kumar, Sampai Prashant Kumar, and Sampai

Karnisa Das. A two-minute silence was observed in memory of Sudhir Mahato, followed by a performance by the Karatekas in his honor.

The event concluded with Kyoshi L. Nageshwar Rao expressing his gratitude to all participants and attendees for making the celebration memorable.

Jamshedpur police conduct raid in Bihar for absconding accused

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: In a decisive move, the Sitaramdera police from Jamshedpur executed a meticulously planned raid in Darbhanga, Bihar, targeting the residence of Santosh Giri, who is currently absconding in connection with a substantial fraud case amounting to approximately Rs 12 lakh involving the diesel business. Despite an extensive search, Giri was not located at his residence.

As part of their procedure, the police pasted a notice at his house and issued a formal warrant for his arrest. This operation was carried out within the jurisdiction of the Ghanshyampur police station in Darbhanga district. Authorities have mandated that Giri present himself in court immediately, with the next hearing scheduled for June 25.

This case was originally reported in 2022 by businessman Deepak Monani at the Sitaramdera police station. Alongside Giri, several other individuals, namely Abhishek Singh, Pradeep Singh, Sunil Singh, Ranjit Prasad, and Praveen Kumar Sinha, have been implicated. Unlike Giri, these individuals have already secured bail. Notably, Ranjit Prasad resides in Jamshedpur, whereas the other accused hail from different regions. (w/nkm)

BJP observes Black Day in protest against Emergency in 1975

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar marked a solemn "Black Day" on Tuesday to protest against the Emergency imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975. The event, held at the Bada Hanuman Mandir Auditorium in Mango, saw leaders and activists gather to commemorate what they termed as the darkest chapter in Indian democracy. Under the chairmanship of Mahanagar President Sudhanshu Ojha, a seminar titled 'Defense of Democracy - Our Resolution' was conducted, where discussions highlighted the egregious impact of the Emergency on India's democratic fabric. Leaders of the BJP, including Amar Bauri, Leader of Opposition in the Jharkhand Assembly, and other prominent figures like senior BJP leader



Gurvinder Singh Sethi and former MLA Maneka Sardar, were present to pay homage to the democracy fighters who valiantly opposed the authoritarian regime. Amar Bauri, in his address, condemned the Emergency as a period when fundamental rights were trampled upon and political dissent was silenced. "The imposition of Emergency by Indira Gandhi's government shackled our constitution and plunged India into darkness for 21 months," he remarked. He also underscored the role of BJP in upholding democratic values and cautioned

Mindset that led to Emergency very much alive in Congress: Sethi

Jamshedpur: In a scathing critique, senior BJP leader Gurvinder Sethi declared that the ideological underpinnings that precipitated the Emergency in 1975 are still palpable within the Congress party today. Speaking at an event commemorating the Black Day organized by BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar, Sethi drew parallels between historical events and contemporary political dynamics. Addressing a gathering of party members and supporters, Sethi remarked, "The mindset that led to the imposition of Emergency by Indira Gandhi is regrettably very much alive in the Congress party." He emphasized that the Emergency period, marked by widespread censorship, curtailment of civil liberties, and imprisonment of political opponents, remains a stark reminder of the perils of unchecked. (w/pb)

against threats to democracy posed by certain political factions. Amar Bauri honored several veterans of the democracy movement, presenting them with shawls as a token of gratitude for their resilience and courage during those tumultuous times. Earlier in the day, BJP leaders paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Maidan, symbolizing their commitment to non-violent resistance against authoritarianism. Workers donned black bands on their arms in symbolic protest against the suppression of freedoms during the Emergency. (w/pb)

TWU meet: NS Grade employees to receive post-retirement medical facilities Union's long standing three-tier system to continue

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Uncertainty surrounded whether Tata Steel's NS grade employees would receive medical benefits after retirement, akin to the benefits enjoyed by employees of the old grade. During a committee meeting on Monday, Union Vice President Shahnaz Alam clarified that the agreement made during former President R Ravi Prasad's tenure did not state that NS grade employees were excluded from post-retirement medical facilities.

The meeting saw opposition members, including former Deputy President Arvind Pandey, RC Jha, Omprakash Sharma, Shivesh Verma, Dharmendra Upadhyay, and Vimal Kumar, questioning the ruling bench on this issue. Responding to the committee



members' queries, Tata Workers Union President Sanjeev Kumar Chaudhary stated that disciplinary actions against committee members were not unprecedented. He cited the suspension of BB Singh, father of current union official Sanjay Singh, for 13 months. Chaudhary mentioned the implementation of ECBS 2.0 during his tenure and addressed concerns about the guest house in Kathmandu and Puri. The meeting, which began

at 9 AM and lasted until nearly 3 PM, included tributes, confirmation of the previous executive committee meeting proceedings, and approval of accounts from March to May.

Additional matters were discussed with the chairman's permission. The president assured that the issue of employee PF would be presented to the auditor and resolved according to existing rules. He also confirmed that the union's long-

standing three-tier system would continue, and initiatives would be taken regarding TMH's RO and meetings with the MD and committee members.

Committee members highlighted issues such as concessions for NS grade employees in booking guest houses, lowering the ECBS passing score, and improving canteen quality.

They also addressed LTC and IB concerns. RK Singh raised important issues like flat repairs, canteen quality improvement, and flexible working hours for women employees, to which the president did not respond.

General Secretary's Club House Role: General Secretary clarified that his appointment as an officer of the clubhouse was at the president's behest and expressed no personal interest in the role.

Presence of Outsider in Meeting: Notably, an outsider, the bodyguard of Union President Sanjeev Kumar Chaudhary, was present during the committee meeting, marking a first in the union's history.

Committee Members Who Raised Questions: Om Prakash Sharma, Arvind Pandey, RC Jha, Dharmendra Upadhyay, Shivesh Verma, Santosh Pandey, Rakesh Kumar Singh, Dineshwar Kumar, Vimal Kumar, RK Singh, and others. (w/gsd)

Late Sudhir Mahato's birth anniversary commemorated

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: The 68th birth anniversary of the late Sudhir Mahato, former Chief Minister of Jharkhand, was solemnly commemorated at Nirmal Mahato Stadium in Kadma. The event saw a gathering of both ordinary citizens and distinguished guests, including Mahato's widow, Inchagarh MLA Savita Mahato, Ghatsila MLA Ramdas Soren, and numerous senior leaders from the JMM party. Attendees paid their respects by garlanding Mahato's



statue, an act symbolizing their reverence and remembrance. The JMM District Committee orchestrated this tribute event, which also featured a

cricket tournament. Winners of the tournament were honored with awards, presented by the esteemed guests in attendance.

Heavy rain expected in Jamshedpur from today

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 25: Light drizzle across Jharkhand, including Kolhan, on Tuesday provided some relief from the intense heat. Garhwa district recorded the highest temperature at 40.9 degrees Celsius, while Ramgarh saw the highest rainfall with 4.0 mm. The temperatures in Garhwa, Palamu, and Daltonganj surpassed 40 degrees Celsius. In Jamshedpur, the maximum temperature reached 39.5 degrees Celsius, and the minimum was 28.4 degrees Celsius. Saraikela and West Singhbhum recorded maximum temperatures of 39.6 and 37.6 degrees Celsius, respectively. East Singhbhum and Saraikela experienced drizzle on Tuesday, with the

Meteorological Department predicting significant rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms on Wednesday.

According to the Meteorological Department's Ranchi Center, heavy rain is expected across most districts in Jharkhand. On June 26, northeastern and southern parts of the state, including Deoghar, Dhanbad, Dumka, Giridih, Godda, Jamtara, Pakur, Sahebganj, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Simdega, and Saraikela Kharsawan, are likely to experience heavy rain. On June 28 and 29, the northwestern and central parts, including Palamu, Garhwa, Chatra, Koderma, Latehar, Lohardaga, Ranchi, Bokaro, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Khunti, and Ramgarh, are also expected to receive substantial rainfall. (w/gsd)

Election of District Home Guard Corps on July 7

Jamshedpur, June 25: The Jharkhand Home Guard Corps Lok Sevak Sangh has scheduled the election for its East Singhbhum district unit on July 7. The election will be held at Bistupur Postal Park. Officials announced today that the election aims to address issues faced by Home Guard personnel transparently. Dinesh Kumar Yadav, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Sangh, has requested the Deputy Commissioner of Jamshedpur to appoint a magistrate to oversee the election to ensure its peaceful and transparent conduct. The voting will take place from 10 am to 4 pm. Copies of the request letter have also been sent to the SSP.

Promotion of Asst. Professors at MGMC in July
Jamshedpur, June 25: Assistant professors at Mahatma Gandhi Medical College are likely to receive promotions by next month. The merit list, including names of 141 assistant professors from across the state, has already been released. The Health Department recently announced the eligibility criteria for these promotions.

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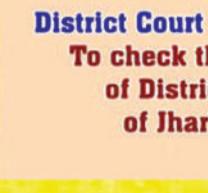
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