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Relief for new regime taxpayers, big push on job horizon

Budget 2024 Highlights

- Budget bonanza for Bihar, Andhra
- Tax relief for salaried class
- Standard Deduction Hike to Rs 75,000
- 'Poorvodaya' scheme for Eastern India
- Rs 10 lakh crore for urban housing
- Import duty on mobile phones slashed

New Delhi, July 23 : Employment creation, youth skilling and the middle class were the focus of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as she presented her seventh consecutive Budget and the first of the third term of the NDA government. In her Budget speech, spanning 1 hour 40 minutes, Sitharaman also announced relief for taxpayers who have opted for the new tax regime, hiking the standard deduction from Rs 50,000-Rs 75,000.

The markets crashed immediately after the Budget announcement. The BSE Sensex lost 1248.23 points, while the Nifty was down 409 points. However, it recovered later in the day.

Sitharaman said the Budget's nine priorities include productivity, jobs, social justice, urban development, energy security, infrastructure, and reforms.

Earlier in the day, Sitharaman, who is set to make history by presenting her seventh consecutive Budget, posed with a tablet wrapped in a 'bahi khata'-styled pouch carrying the Budget documents before leaving for Parliament. Morarji Desai had presented six budgets consecutively.

PERSONAL TAX: In a relief to the middle class, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced changes to the new tax regime, increasing the standard deduction to Rs 75,000 from Rs 50,000. The new income tax slabs are:

Up to Rs 3 lakh no tax

From Rs 3 lakh to Rs 7 lakh, the tax rate is 5%.

From Rs 7 lakh to Rs 10 lakh, the tax rate is 10%.

From Rs 10 lakh to Rs 12 lakh, the tax rate is 15%.

From Rs 12 lakh to Rs 15 lakh, the tax rate is 20%.

Above Rs 15 lakh income, the tax rate is 30%.

JOB CREATION: Sitharaman announced an allocation of Rs 2 lakh crore for job creation over the next five years and three employment-linked schemes. The first scheme includes direct benefit transfer of one month salary in three instalments up to Rs 15,000 to first-time employees registered in EPFO.

The second scheme will incentivise additional employment in the manufacturing sector linked to the employment of first-time employees. The third scheme includes reimbursement to employers up to 3,000 per month for 2 years towards their EPFO contribution for each additional employee.

EDUCATION: For students, Nirmala Sitharaman announced loans of up to Rs 10 lakh for higher education in domestic institutions. A scheme for providing internship opportunities in 500 top companies to 1 crore youth in 5 years has also been announced. In total, the Budget has allotted Rs 1.48 lakh crore



for education, employment and skilling.

ANGEL TAX ABOLISHED: In a bid to boost investment and the start-up ecosystem, the government abolished angel tax. Angel tax is levied on funds raised by startups if they exceed the fair market value of the company.

BONANZA FOR AP, BIHAR: The government has announced a series of measures for the development of Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. While Rs 15,000 crore has been announced for the development of Amravati as Andhra Pradesh's capital, an outlay of Rs 26,000 crore has been proposed for various road projects in Bihar.

WHAT'S CHEAPER: Mobile phones are expected to get cheaper with the government announcing a reduction in customs duty on mobile phones, parts and chargers to 15%. The customs duties on three cancer medicines have been exempted. Moreover, the cost of imported gold, silver, leather goods, and seafood will also decrease.

TOURISM: In the tourism sector, Sitharaman said the Vishnupath temple at Gaya and Mahabodhi temple in Bodhgaya will be modelled on the Kashi Vishwanath corridor. Nalanda will be developed as a tourist hotspot. She also announced support for development of Odisha's temples and pristine beaches.

URBAN HOUSING: Announcing PM Awas Yojana Urban 2.0, Sitharaman said housing needs of 1 crore urban poor and middle-class families would be addressed with an investment of Rs 10 lakh crore. This will include central assistance of Rs 2.2 lakh crores in the next five years.

WOMEN: Women-specific skilling programmes have been announced by the government in the Budget. "Working women hostels will be set up. Higher participation of women in the workforce is to be promoted through hostels and crèches," Sitharaman said.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: The government will provide Rs 11.11 lakh crore for capital expenditure for 2024-25, which is 3.4 per cent of the GDP. Sitharaman also announced the 'Poorvodaya' scheme for all-round development of the Eastern region of the country, covering Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.

FARMERS: In the next two years, 1 crore farmers across the country will be initiated into natural farming, Sitharaman said. A provision of Rs 1.52 lakh crore for the agriculture and sectors has been made.

Tax Relief and Revised Tax Slabs in New Tax Regime

0-3 lakh rupees	Nil
3-7 lakh rupees	5 per cent
7-10 lakh rupees	10 per cent
10-12 lakh rupees	15 per cent
12-15 lakh rupees	20 per cent
Above 15 lakh rupees	30 per cent



Narendran supports Center's next generation reforms



Jamshedpur, July 23: TV Narendran, CEO and Managing Director of Tata Steel, has expressed strong support for the Indian government's Next Generation Reforms, highlighting their potential to drive holistic economic development and enhance the ease of doing business in India.

He said, "We welcome the Next Generation Reforms, which mark significant strides toward holistic economic development. These reforms are poised to enhance the ease of doing business in India. The government's comprehensive development vision for rural, semi-urban, and urban areas will undoubtedly foster growth and employment."

Narendran noted that the increased provision for capital expenditure of approx. Rs 11 Lakh crore is a major boost for building and improving infrastructure and will have a strong multiplier effect on the economy and will also reduce the cost of doing business. As a key component of all such infrastructure development, steel will see increased demand, particularly with the enhanced budgetary allocation for housing and water supply. Narendran also praised employment linked incentive schemes are a positive step that will boost employment, particularly in manufacturing, and support economic development. The impetus on education and skilling will empower youth to meet the demands of a dynamic job market.

In addition to economic reforms, Narendran commended the government's intention to develop a roadmap for emission targets in 'hard to abate' industries. He stressed the importance of government support for the successful transition of these industries and expressed anticipation for further details on the regulations related to the "Indian Carbon Market."

Jharkhand Cong slams union budget, accuses prejudice against state



Ranchi, July 23: State Congress President Rajesh Thakur has criticized the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, calling it a "disappointment" for Jharkhand. Thakur accused the BJP of using the budget to "avenge its defeat" in the Lok Sabha elections by neglecting Jharkhand.He expressed astonishment at the minimal allocation for education and health, citing that only 1-2% of the total budget is devoted to these crucial sectors. Thakur also pointed out the budget's failure to address the slowdown in private consumption and the closure of 24 lakh productive companies between 2016 and 2022, criticizing the lack of concrete measures beyond credit guarantees.

Budget empowers middle class, paves way for 'Viksit Bharat': PM

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the Union Budget 2024-25 as 'holistic and all-inclusive' and said that it will empower every section of the society while paving the way for 'Viksit Bharat'.

"This budget will empower all sections of the society. It will take the farmers on a path to prosperity. It will unveil new opportunities for the youth. Thrust on Education and skills training will open these sectors for the next level of growth," said the Prime Minister, in his first reaction to the Union Budget.

"It will give strength to the middle class. Backward classes will also be strengthened while women's economic participation in the country's growth will also be ensured. Small traders as well as MSMEs will find adequate support for fast-paced growth," he added.

"NDA government in last 10 years ensured that those in the lower and middle-income tax category get relief.



Revision in tax slabs and increase in Standard deduction is a step in this direction. Every taxpayer stands to benefit from this," PM Modi said.

He said that the Budget will act as a catalyst in taking forward the India growth story and make India the third largest country in next few years.

"It will lay a strong foundation for the emergence of Viksit Bharat," PM Modi stated.

This is a futuristic budget: Sitharaman

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) "I believe we have to tried to bring futurist budget. We are preparing the youth so that they are job-ready. Our budget is not for the rich. We will have focused on tourism. We are looking to make every region of this country rise," Nirmala Sitharaman says in an interview DD post-budget presentation.We are trying to simplify taxation. The middle class will get money through it. This will provide relief to middle class, "Nirmala Sitharaman said. She stated that every scheme will reach to every state. It is wrong to say that if I didn't mention the state that it will not get the centre's schemes.

Rahul slams Modi's 'kursi bachao' budget



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday called the Union Budget a "kursi bachao budget" and claimed it makes "hollow promises" to BJP allies at the cost of other states, claimed that the budget was "copy and paste" job of the Congress manifesto for 2024 polls and previous budgets.

"'Kursi Bachao' Budget. Appease Allies: Hollow promises to them at the cost of other states. Appease Cronies: Benefits to AA with no relief for the common Indian. Copy and Paste: Congress manifesto and previous budgets," said the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

CM inaugurates Nirmal Awas for leprosy patients

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 23: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday inaugurated the newly constructed 'Nirmal Awas', a colony for leprosy-affected people in Ranchi's Mudma locality and promised to add new facilities to the colony and make it more beautiful.

The project, initially, was named 'Kusthashram' but the CM objected to the name while speaking on the occasion.

"The name of this project is so weird. I am hesitant to take that name. Its name should be beautiful and it should be taken with pride. So, I want the project to be known as 'Nirmal Awas'," Soren said.

As many as 256 beneficiaries are entitled to get flats in the colony. On the occasion, the CM handed over keys to 10 beneficiaries as a token gesture.

The government is committed to taking the benefit of its schemes to



needy people. We are constructing more such colonies in different districts," the CM said.

Seven G+1 blocks were constructed on an area of 5.5 acres of land in the colony to raise the standard of living of the leprosy-affected people and make their living comfortable. Built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), as many as 256 flats were constructed at Rs 35 crore.

The cost of one flat is approximately Rs 13 lakh, which is being given completely free of cost to the beneficiaries, an official said.The Urban Development Secretary, Arava Rajkamal, said, "Each flat has a bedroom, living area, balcony and combined toilet and bathroom. Facilities like internal roads, solar street lights, boundary walls, parking, drinking water supply and rainwater harvesting have been provided in the leprosy home."

The CM also distributed appointment letters among 183 candidates at the state secretariat, inducting them into various departments including urban development, drinking water, and energy.\The Urban Development Secretary, Arava Rajkamal, said that under PMAY the project, the Centre gives Rs 1.50 lakh, while the state government Rs 1 lakh. The rest of the money is afforded by the beneficiaries.

"But here, considering the financial burden on leprosy-affected people, the state government decided to bear all financial burden and gave Rs 11 lakh for each unit," he said.

Each flat has a bedroom, living area, balcony and combined toilet and bathroom. Fans, tube lights, tap water, and other equipment have also been installed in each house.

Facilities like internal roads, solar street lights, boundary walls, parking, drinking water supply and rainwater harvesting have been provided in the leprosy home, he said.

Rajkamal said a health and wellness centre has also been built in the colony, where nurses and doctors will visit regularly.

He said such colonies are also being built at Jamshedpur, Deoghar and Mihijam.

No sufficient material to order NEET retest: SC

New Delhi, July 23(IANS) In a big blow to the litigants alleging irregularities in the NEET-UG 2024, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday that sufficient material was not available on record to order a re-test.

Referring to the data analytics undertaken by IIT Madras and other statistics placed on record, a bench presided over by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud observed that there was no systematic leak of question papers breaching the sanctity of the competitive exam.

The bench, also comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said that it was mindful of the fact that directing fresh exam would be replete with serious consequences for over 2 million students who had appeared for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate) on May 5. The apex court clarified that its judgment won't prevent authorities from taking action against candidates who had secured admission using malpractices.

It also asked the National Testing Agency (NTA) to re-tally the marks afresh in view of the opinion rendered by the expert panel of IIT Delhi in respect of a contentious physics question, saying that two options cannot be treated as the correct answers to a question.

During the previous hearing, the SC had asked the Director of IIT Delhi to constitute a team of three experts to formulate its opinion on the correct option and remit its opinion to the registrar of the court by 12 noon on July 23.During the hearing on pleas seeking cancellation of the NEET-UG, a petitioner pointed out that as many as 44 candidates were able to secure full marks on account of the ambiguous question, and questioned NTA's decision to award compensatory marks in violation of its own instructions asking students to follow the latest NCERT textbook.

Budget 2024, a blueprint for developed India 2047: Bidyut Baran Mahato

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 23: Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato has hailed Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's 2024 Union Budget as a comprehensive plan for India's future development.

Mahato described it as a balanced approach laying the foundation for a developed India by 2047.

"Key highlights include initiatives for employment generation, advanced farming techniques, increased women's participation in the workforce, and support for domestic industries, particularly MSMEs.

The budget also focuses on self-employment opportunities through advanced youth training programs," Mahato stated.



He emphasized the plan to develop infrastructure in tribal villages, potentially benefiting five crore tribal youth.

Mahato also noted the reintroduction of the Vivaad se Vishwas scheme, expected to reduce tax-related disputes.

The MP highlighted the budget's attention to middle-class families, youth, and farmers, with special focus on tribal and poor welfare.

He mentioned the "Purvodaya" scheme set to benefit eastern states including Jharkhand.

Mahato praised housing initiatives targeting 3 crore houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, and the fourth phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for rural connectivity.

Concluding, Mahato viewed this budget as a balanced approach, reflecting the government's vision for comprehensive national development and setting the stage for India's economic growth towards 2047. (w/nkm)

Minister Banna Gupta criticizes new budget

Jamshedpur, July 23: Minister Banna Gupta expressed his strong disapproval of the new budget, stating that the Prime Minister had once again burdened middle-class families with taxes. "After winning the elections, we expected tax relief, but the opposite has happened, with election expenses seemingly imposed on the middle class," he said. Gupta criticized the budget for offering internships on EMIs instead of jobs to youth and neglecting farmers and women. He accused the government of cheating workers and laborers and stealing budget ideas from the Congress's manifesto,



which promised a permanent first job. Gupta also criticized the Union Minister, who had been made the election in-charge in Jharkhand, for failing to deliver anything to the people of the state. He expressed surprise at the lack of mention of health services in the budget, noting that its funding had been reduced, which he interpreted as a sign that the BJP government did not care about people's lives. "The government has not learned anything from emergencies like the Corona pandemic, which is regrettable," he added. Overall, Gupta described the budget as an 'eye wash' and accused the government of displaying an anti-tribal mentality by giving development funds to Bihar and Andhra Pradesh while neglecting Jharkhand. He also suggested that Uttar Pradesh, the state where the Shri Ram temple is located, had been neglected as a form of electoral revenge against its people. (w/gsd)

Eastern region development initiatives in budget are commendable: Behera

Jamshedpur, July 23: S K Behera, CII Eastern Region Chairman and Vice Chairman of RSB Transmission Pvt Ltd, has commended the government's budget initiatives for developing India's eastern region. He praised the 'Purvodaya' plan, focusing on Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh, and applauded the emphasis on heritage site tourism. Behera highlighted the allocation of Rs 1.48 lakh crore for education, employment, and skill development, stating it will enhance youth opportunities and improve workforce capabilities in Eastern and North Eastern States. The budget's focus on the poor, women, youth, and farmers was particularly lauded by Behera. He also emphasized the economic impact of the Rs 2.66 lakh crore allocation for rural development and infrastructure. Overall, Behera's comments reflect optimism about the government's efforts to boost development and create opportunities in India's eastern states, seeing the budget as a significant step towards regional growth. (w/nkm)



Budget reflects government's growth-led vision and support for MSMEs: Arun Prakash

Jamshedpur, July 23: Arun Prakash, Convenor of CII Jharkhand Economic Affairs, Finance & Taxation Panel, has praised the government's budget for its growth-focused approach. He highlighted the planned fiscal deficit reduction from 5.1% to 4.9%, with a 4.5% target, as a sign of commitment to economic growth. Prakash commended the focus on MSMEs, noting the extension of Mudra loan limits to Rs 20 lakh and the new scheme facilitating collateral-free term loans up to Rs 100 crore for machinery purchases. He also welcomed the Rs 11 lakh crore allocation for infrastructure projects. The CII official appreciated tax proposals, including the Customs Act review and the introduction of an amnesty scheme in direct taxes. He noted that changes in personal income tax, including enhanced standard deduction, would provide relief to citizens. Prakash concluded that the budget reinforces confidence in the government's commitment to economic growth, technological innovation, and sustainable development. (w/nkm)

Purvodaya scheme, MSME support will drive eastern region's growth: Ranjot Singh

Jamshedpur, July 23: Ranjot Singh, Chairman of CII Jharkhand State Council and MD of Emdet Jamshedpur Pvt Ltd, has lauded the Union Government's focus on the Eastern Region through the Purvodaya Scheme. Singh emphasized the scheme's potential to boost regional development and growth.



Highlighting key budget initiatives, Singh noted the increase in Mudra loan limits from 10 to 20 lakhs, which will support micro-enterprise growth. He praised the Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs, offering cover up to 100 crores without collateral, as a major step in strengthening the MSME ecosystem. Singh also pointed out the significance of the planned industrial node at Gaya for eastern India's industrial development. "These measures will fortify our economy's backbone, driving innovation, job creation, and sustainable growth," he stated. (w/nkm)

Budget 2024-25 caters to all classes: Krishna Sharma Kali

Jamshedpur, July 23: Krishna Sharma Kali, BJYM Jharkhand State Media Incharge, has hailed the Union General Budget 2024-25 as a "supreme budget for national interest." Kali emphasized that the budget addresses the needs of every social class. He highlighted the budget's focus on promoting self-employment for the middle class, supporting farmers, education, and business. Kali praised initiatives to make medicines more affordable and provide discounts for cancer treatments, which he believes will benefit the poor. The BJYM official noted the budget's attempt to curb inflation and create numerous employment opportunities. Kali's comments reflect the ruling party's positive stance on the budget, portraying it as a balanced approach to India's diverse economic and social needs. (w/nkm)



Budget aims to build future of developed India: Arjun Munda

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 23: Former Union Minister Arjun Munda stated that the latest budget was dedicated to empowering the four pillars of a developed India: youth, the poor, women, and farmers. Munda emphasized that this budget was designed to build the future of a developed India. He announced that the launch of the JanjatiUpnat Gram Abhiyanwas aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal



communities. Additionally, Munda highlighted the commencement of the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana with an allocation of Rs 11 lakh crore. This phase would provide for all-weather roads to 25,000 rural settlements. The budget also included plans for reforms in land administration, urban planning, and building by-laws in both urban and rural areas. All lands in rural areas would be assigned unique plot identification numbers. (w/gsd)

Budget a lollipop for youth and farmers: Dr. Ajoy Kumar

Jamshedpur, July 23: Former MP and senior Congress leader Dr. Ajay Kumar criticized the Union Budget 2024-'25, stating that the Modi government had deceived millions of youth and farmers. He described the budget as a 'lollipop' handed to the youth and farmers, implying that it offered superficial satisfaction without addressing real issues.

Dr. Kumar pointed out that while the Congress had promised a guaranteed



first job to youth in its manifesto, the Modi government had copied this promise in the budget without providing clear provisions on how it would be implemented. He expressed skepticism about the actual benefits of the budget for farmers, suggesting that companies teaching organic farming might profit, but the farmers themselves would not see any real gains.

He emphasized the need for the government to ensure fair crop prices, provide free electricity, affordable fertilizers, and reduce GST on farming equipment-none of which were addressed in the budget. (w/gsd)

Budget paves way for developed India: Dinesh

Jamshedpur, July 23: Former BJP District President Dinesh Kumar has praised the General Budget 2024 as a "dream budget" for all sections, particularly youth and women. Kumar highlighted the budget's focus on Eastern India's economic growth, including Jharkhand, through targeted announcements. "PM Modi's vision of a developed India by 2047 is clearly reflected in this budget," Kumar stated.

Budget will not benefit farmers at ground level: Mangal Kalindi

Jamshedpur, July 23: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the budget for the third term of the Modi government. Commenting on the budget, MLA Mangal Kalindi expressed his dissatisfaction, stating that while the people were struggling with inflation, the budget offered nothing significant for the common folks, especially in Jharkhand. Kalindi



emphasized that this budget would not benefit farmers at the ground level.He criticized the government for not addressing the number of jobs created in the past ten years and noted that there was nothing in the budget to provide relief to the public, dismissing it as merely a manipulation of figures.

Budget 2024 disappoints middle class, Employed, and marginalized : Rakesh Sahu

Jamshedpur, July 23: Rakesh Sahu, State General Secretary of Jharkhand Pradesh Youth Congress Committee, has criticized the Union Budget 2024 as disappointing and misleading. "This budget offers no relief for the middle class and salaried individuals, continuing a 10-year trend of neglect," Sahu stated. He pointed out the absence of mentions of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes in the budget. Sahu described the budget as disappointing for the poor, unemployed, farmers, women, and hardworking citizens, suggesting it primarily benefits a small group of wealthy individuals. "The Modi government seems to have crafted this budget to appease its allies like Nitish and Naidu," Sahu concluded, dismissing the budget as mere numerical manipulation. (w/nkm)

Budget to strengthen economy but falls short on key public expectations: Saryu

Jamshedpur, July 23:"The annual budget for 2024-25, presented by Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha today, is set to bolster the Central Government's economic position and enhance India's global competitiveness, moving towards the goal of a $5 trillion economy. The budget's



provision for income tax relief is commendable and is expected to benefit the middle class.However, the budget has not met public expectations regarding the reduction of petrol and diesel prices or improvements in the GST framework. The increase in tax on capital gains is anticipated to negatively impact the middle class, and rising retail prices are likely to strain household budgets," observed MLA Saryu Roy. He said that as the budget debate continued in the Lok Sabha, there was hope that the Government of India would address these issues, ensuring that economic improvements benefitted not only organized sectors but also unorganized groups. (w/gsd)

Bablu Jha criticizes budget as 'Save the Government - Increase Inflation'

Jamshedpur, July 23: Bablu Jha, District Vice President of the East Singhbhum District Congress Committee, condemned the latest budget as a 'Save the Government - Increase Inflation' budget. He criticized the budget for lacking revolutionary schemes for Dalits and tribals and for failing to double the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farmers.

Jha also pointed out that the budget did not address the need for the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for employees and criticized the Agniveer scheme for keeping the youth stuck in limbo. He expressed concern that women would continue to suffer due to rising inflation and labeled the budget as one that disappointed every section of society.

Budget sets stage for inclusive growth, economic resilience: Vasani

Jamshedpur, July 23: Bharat Vasani, a local trader and former General Secretary of Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) has offered his insights on the Union Budget 2024 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.



Vasani noted that the budget reflects coalition governance dynamics and addresses key constituencies, particularly rural areas, farmers, and youth."The allocation of 1.52 Lakh Crores for various schemes demonstrates a commitment to inclusive growth," Vasani stated. He highlighted initiatives such as promoting natural farming and all-weather crops, as well as support for first-time employees, as significant steps towards economic resilience.

Vasani praised the introduction of the "E Shram" portal, saying it would formalize the labor market and improve workforce matching.

He also commended the focus on MSMEs, including easier credit facilities and increased Mudra Loan limits.The "PURVODAYA" scheme for eastern states was highlighted as a crucial step towards balanced regional development.

Vasani appreciated the collaborative approach with states on various schemes.Other notable points included reduced custom duties on certain medicines, plans to simplify personal income tax compliance, and measures to discourage amateur speculation in F&O trading.

"While railways were conspicuously absent from the speech, overall, this budget lays a solid foundation for future growth," Vasani concluded.

BJP leaders praise Modi Govt 3.0 Budget as comprehensive

Seraikela, July 23: The Bharatiya Janata Party has hailed the first general budget of Modi Government 3.0, presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, as comprehensive and forward-looking. BJP leader Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, former vice-president of Saraikela Nagar Panchayat, lauded the budget for its focus on the poor, women, farmers, and youth, aligning with the vision of a developed India by 2047. He highlighted that the budget addresses nine key priorities including agriculture, employment, social welfare, urban development, and energy security. (w/nkm)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **ZEENAT KAUSAR**, Wife of Maqsood Alam, by faith-Muslim, by Nationality-Indian, Resident of H.No.164/A, Road No.13A, Jawaharnagar, P.O. Azadnagar, P.S. Mango, Town-Jamshedpur-832110, District-East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :

1. That I am citizen of Indian by birth.
2. That my husband's actual and correct name is Maqsood Alam as per his Aadhaar Card and all other documents.
3. That Areeb Maqsood is my son and he is studying in Kerala Public School, Mango, Jamshedpur in Class-IX in which my husband's name is written as Md. Maqsood Alam in school record and Registration form of council.
4. That Maqsood Alam & Md. Maqsood Alam is one and same person i.e. my husband's name.
5. That I want to rectify my husband's name as Maqsood Alam in place of Md. Maqsood Alam in school record and Registration Form in Council.
6. That I swear this affidavit to confirm above facts and to rectify my husband's name in school record of my son Areeb Maqsood, hence this affidavit.

Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

I, **PADMINI BAIPAI** aged about 68 years, W/o. Late Matai Baipai of Vill-Deogan, P.O.-Maghua, P.S.-Tiring, Dist,-Mayurbhanj, Odisha do hereby solemnly affirm on oath and state as follows :

1. That, I am the deponent of this affidavit and permanent resident of above noted address.
2. That, in pension payment order No.-S/012491/94 (ARMY) at office of the Chief CDA (pensions) Allahabad of my deceased husband Matai Baipai as a nominee my name has been mentioned as Padmini only, where my surname has been omitted.
3. That, before my marriage my name has been mentioned as Padmini Biruli, D/o-Late Narayan Biruli of At/PO-Tantnagar, P.S.-Manjhari, Dist.-West Singhbhum, Jharkhand.
4. That, after my marriage in my Aadhaar card bearing No.-9131 5107 0649 and other documents my name has been mentioned as Padmini Baipai, which is my actual name.
5. That, I Padmini Baipai, Padmini & Padmini Biruli is same and one person, which is true.
6. That, the purpose of this affidavit is to submit before the concern authority for declaration and confirmation of my name is same.

Advocate

First Turf and Cafe for Cricket and Football launch

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 23: For the first time in Jharkhand, Banjara Restaurant and Tamasha Pub, located at Marine Drive Bindal Mall, will be introducing Turf and Cafe (Box Cricket and Box Football) on July 25, modeled after facilities in metro cities.



The turf ground, suitable for cricket and football, will be jointly inaugurated by former Indian and IPL cricketer Saurabh Tiwari and special guests former MLA and social worker Kunal Shadangi, former JCA secretary Rajesh Verma, and Honorary General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Manav Kedia.

Providing this information, Rahul Bhalotia, Devendra Purohit, and Mohit Chaudhary of the group mentioned that the cricket and football turf and cafe were designed for players of all ages, including small children.

The ground was enclosed with iron mesh fencing for complete safety, and delicious snacks and meals would be available while playing.

Notably, such football and cricket turfs have become quite popular in metro cities.

People of all ages can reserve the turf for an hour or more, with the option for advance ground booking also available. (w/gsd)

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Administration ramps up efforts to clear pending schemes, sets deadlines

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Jamshedpur, July 23: In a significant development, a review meeting was convened today to assess the progress of schemes funded by the MLA head and DC bill, following directives from District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal. The meeting, chaired by Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar, was aimed at addressing delays and ensuring the timely execution of essential projects. The discussion centered on reviewing pending schemes from the fiscal years 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23. Kumar emphasized the urgency of completing these schemes and submitting the necessary DC bills without further delay. For the fiscal year 2024-25, he set a deadline of July 31, 2024, for the submission of estimates for recommended schemes to the District Office. Among the key issues addressed was the completion of pending schemes. For the Baharagora Assembly Constituency, the immediate completion of two schemes from FY 2021-22 was mandated. In the Ghatsila Assembly Constituency, four schemes from the same fiscal year are to be finalized promptly. The Jugsalai Assembly Constituency was instructed to complete one scheme from FY 2021-22, with a required site change. In Jamshedpur East, the Junior Engineer reported that sites for two schemes from FY 2021-22 have been selected, with work expected to be completed soon.

The meeting also focused on resolving site disputes that have caused delays. Schemes affected by these disputes must be expedited by obtaining recommendations from local MLAs and selecting alternative sites. In terms of municipal and block-level responsibilities, Mango Municipal Corporation has been directed to submit DC bills for seven schemes from FY 2021-22. The JNAC was given a deadline of two days to submit DC bills for eight out of ten pending schemes. The Block Development Officer in Musabani has been instructed to refund the amount for one scheme, while Potka is also required to refund the amount for one scheme. Furthermore, the Executive Engineers for both the Rural Development Special Division and NREP in Jamshedpur were directed to complete 50% of the Parliament Fund schemes. Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar highlighted the critical need for expediting the completion of pending schemes to ensure that benefits reach the intended beneficiaries. He stressed that any schemes hindered by site disputes should be fast-tracked through coordination with local MLAs for prompt site selection.

The meeting was attended by various departmental officers, reflecting a collaborative effort to streamline the implementation of these vital schemes. The officers were reminded of the strict timelines and the necessity for adherence to ensure efficient governance and optimal use of resources. In conclusion, today's review meeting underscores the administration's unwavering commitment to the effective and timely execution of developmental schemes. The directives issued aim to resolve existing bottlenecks and accelerate progress, enhancing public welfare initiatives and improving the quality of life for residents in the region. Continuous monitoring and follow-ups by the district administration will be essential in achieving these objectives efficiently. (w/pb)

HC seeks response on illegal mining in Elephant Corridor



Jamshedpur, July 23: Jharkhand High Court heard a PIL concerning illegal mining in the East Singhbhum Elephant Corridor. The division bench, comprising Acting Chief Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad and Justice Arun Kumar Rai, has directed the state government to file a reply by August 12. The applicant, Sirma Devgan, highlighted ongoing illegal construction in Chakulia, Ghatshila, Baharagora, and other areas, implicating forest department officials and mafia involvement. This illegal activity is causing elephants to leave the corridor, leading to loss of life and property. The applicant has called for an investigation and action against the responsible officers. (w/nkm)

Jharkhand government employees to receive Rs 5 lakh health insurance

Jamshedpur, July 23: The Jharkhand government has selected Tata AIG General Insurance Company to provide health insurance benefits of up to Rs 5 lakh to its employees. This scheme will cover both working and retired employees of the state government. The selection followed a tender process in 2024, in which Tata AIG, National Insurance, Oriental Insurance, Bajaj Allianz, and ICICI Lombard participated, with Tata AIG emerging as the successful bidder. The state government will cover the premium for working employees, while retired employees will need to pay the premium themselves. (w/nkm)

Telco D Road to Sabuj Kalyan Sangh area cordoned off for expansion

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 23: The area from Telco D Road to Sabuj Kalyan Sangh has been cleared and cordoned off to make way for parking chassis, as part of Tata Motors' expansion plans. Initially, hydrogen engine chassis will be placed in the area, with further plans to expand the Tata Motors plant potentially leading to the shifting of the main road.

There is also a proposal to relocate the D Road Durga Puja, traditionally held there, to the vacant space behind Sabuj Kalyan Sangh near Telco Police Station. However, the exact new location for the Durga Puja has yet to be finalized.

Negotiations are ongoing, with Central Durga Puja Committee General Secretary Rambabu Singh indicating that respectful dialogue will be used to find a solution.

Tata Motors management has stated that the current cordon is in place, but the exact plans for the site remain unclear. (w/nkm)

Hero Moto Corp's premium retail outlet to open in Dimna Chowk

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 23: Hero MotoCorp Limited, the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturer, is set to inaugurate its flagship premium vehicle showroom 'Hero Premia' on July 25, 2024. The showroom is located at NH-33, Sudha Complex, Dimna Chowk.

At a press conference, Gulshan Ahuja, Director of the showroom, announced that Hero Premia will be the hub for Hero MotoCorp Limited's premium brands which will include Harley Davidson (HD-X440), VIDA (V1 and V1 Pro), and HMCL's own premium motorcycle range-Maverick, Xpulse 200, Karizma XMR, and Extreme 160R. Premia represents a new era in premium riding and aims to offer customers an extraordinary experience. Hero Premia's core brands are attractively priced and provide a thrilling and unique riding experience not available with other brands. This is particularly appealing to customers who enjoy adventure riding in the Indian mountains, including the Himalayas, Vindhyas, Aravalli Range, and the Western and Eastern Ghats. These regions attract global travelers and adventure riders who love exploring hill climbing routes in groups. Hero Premia Jamshedpur will aim to offer the latest range of motorcycles and electric scooters to customers in and around the city. Designed to enhance the adventurous and exciting spirit of riding, Hero Premia combines digital innovation with a unique customer experience. (w/gsd)

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Open E-Tender Notice No. : CTRC-TATA-02-2024-25, dated 22.07.2024. Service e-Tender under Two Packet System is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRS)/CTRC/Tatanagar, S.E. Railway for and on behalf of President of India for the under mentioned work. Manual offers are not allowed against the e-Tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Description of work :** Miscellaneous Shed cleaning work at CTRC/Tatanagar for two years (24 months). **Tender value :** ₹ 60,45,137.04. **E.M.D. :** ₹ 1,20,900/-. **Cost of Tender Form :** ₹ 5,000/-. **Date & time of closing of tender :** 15.00 hrs. of 16.08.2024. **Date of opening of tender :** 16.08.2024 at CTRC/Tatanagar. Tender can be viewed at website : **http://www.ireps.gov.in** Complete detail particulars of the E-Tender are available on the website. If the date of opening happens to be a Bandh or Holiday, the tender will be opened at same time on the next working day. **(PR-412)**

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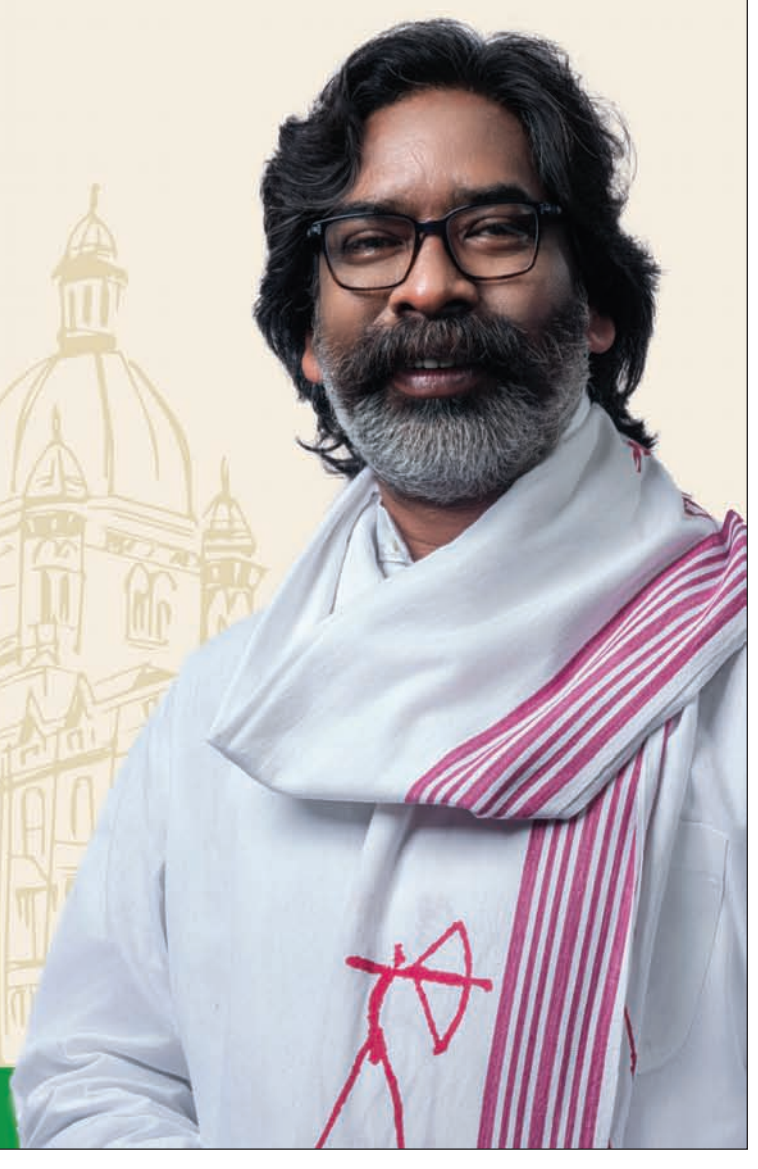
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नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

Commendable step towards regional language education in Jharkhand

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 23: The recent initiative by the Jharkhand government to introduce teaching in tribal and regional languages in primary schools deserves commendation for its potential to transform educational access and quality in the state. The School Education and Literacy Department's decision to request survey reports from districts marks a significant step towards implementing this ambitious plan.In the upcoming academic year, the state aims to incorporate teaching in nine tribal languages and six regional languages across primary schools. This initiative includes the appointment of specialized teachers fluent in these languages, paving the way for students to learn in Santhali, Ho, Khadiya, Kudukh, Mundari, Malto, Birhori, Bhumij, Asur, Bengali, Odia, Panchparganiya, Khortha, Kurmali, and Nagpuri languages. Such a diverse linguistic approach not only respects the cultural heritage of these communities but also enhances educational inclusivity.

The language movement, which gained momentum in various districts of North Chhotanagpur division, underscores the demand for local languages in education. Advocates rightly argued that learning in one's mother tongue facilitates better comprehension and communication skills among students. This initiative, therefore, addresses a longstanding educational gap by providing a conducive environment where children can learn comfortably in their own languages.For students in Jharkhand, many of whom lack a supportive educational environment at home, this initiative holds particular promise. By enabling them to learn in familiar languages, the state government empowers students to engage more deeply with their studies, fostering a stronger foundation in both academic and cultural spheres. This approach not only aids in academic proficiency but also enhances pride and confidence among students in their cultural identities.Similar initiatives across the country have shown promising outcomes in improving educational outcomes and fostering a deeper connection between students and their learning environments. (w/nkm)

Train services regulated in Adra and Ranchi Divisions

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 23: Due to ongoing development works in the Adra Division, several train services will be affected. The 08680/08679 Adra-Midnapore-Adra MEMU Special, with journeys commencing on July 23, 26, and 28, 2024, will be cancelled. Additionally, the 08671/08672 Adra-Bhaga-Adra MEMU Special, scheduled for July 22, 2024, will also be cancelled.

Furthermore, the 03594/03593 Asansol-Purulia-Asansol MEMU Special will experience short terminations and short originations at Adra for journeys between July 22 and July 28, 2024. The 18024/18023 NSCB Gomoh-Kharagpur-NSCB Gomoh Express will be short terminated at or short originated from Chandrakona Road on July 26 and July 28, 2024. In terms of diversions, the 18601 Tatanagar-Hatia Express, with journeys on July 22, 24, and 26, 2024, will run via Chandil-Gunda Bihar-Muri. Similarly, the 18628/18627 Ranchi-Howrah-Ranchi Intercity Express, journeying on July 28, 2024, will be diverted via Kotshila-Purulia-Chandil-Tatanagar-Kharagpur.

In the Ranchi Division, the 13504/13503 Hatia-Barddhaman-Hatia MEMU Express will be cancelled on July 23, 25, and 29, 2024. Additionally, the 18036/18035 Hatia-Kharagpur-Hatia Express will also be cancelled on the same dates. Furthermore, the 18601/18602 Tatanagar-Hatia-Tatanagar Express will not operate on July 25 and 29, 2024. (w/nkm)

Show-cause notice issued against Ulidih and Golmuri PS In-Charges

Jamshedpur, July 23: The court of ADJ-2 Aabhas Verma has issued a show-cause notice to the in-charges of Ulidih and Golmuri police stations for failing to present witnesses in two separate cases, despite court orders. The police station in-charges did not produce the required witnesses on the specified dates, a violation of directives from the Jharkhand High Court to expedite these cases.

Ulidih Case: In a case filed on February 6, 2019, a woman from Sidho-Kanhu School Ripit Colony, NH 33 Dimna Road Mango, accused Shashi Bhushan Singh and Sandeep Kumar alias Bunty of creating and publicizing a derogatory online photo profile to sexually harass her and coerce her into suicide. Witnesses in this case include Vasant Devi and Shailendra Kumar Sharma, but none have appeared in court so far.

Golmuri Case: This case involves Prem Mishra, who reported an assault by his neighbour Mukhtar Singh and his family on August 12, 2022. Despite a chargesheet being filed against Mukhtar Singh, witnesses Prem Mishra, Vashisht Kumar Mishra, Ajay Mishra, and Anand Kumar Mishra have not testified in court as ordered.(w/nkm)

Army recruitment rally for Jharkhand from July 27

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 23: A major army recruitment rally for Jharkhand will be held from 27th July to 10th August 2024 at Khelgaon, Ranchi. The rally, organized in collaboration with the Army Recruitment Office Ranchi and district administration, will be conducted at the Khelgaon Sports Complex, where preparations for the event are in full swing. Army Recruitment Director Colonel Vikas Bhola met with Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kumar Sinha to discuss security measures and ensure smooth conduct of the rally.

Key issues discussed included identifying and taking legal action against brokers, and ensuring police verification of candidates at the site.Colonel Bhola urged candidates and their families to be wary of brokers who may try to exploit them. He emphasized that the recruitment process is entirely free, fair, and merit-based, with no external influence. Applicants are encouraged to report any broker attempts to the police or rally officials.Eligible candidates from all 24 districts of Jharkhand will participate in the rally, which will be held at the running track of Khelgaon campus, Hotwar, Ranchi. Admit cards for the rally have been dispatched to shortlisted candidates via email as of 9th July 2024.

Candidates can download their admit cards from their registered accounts on the Join Indian Army website: www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Candidates are advised to arrive at the venue on the date and time specified on their admit cards. Entry will not be permitted without the online-generated colored admit card. For further information or assistance, candidates can visit the Army Recruitment Office, Ranchi, during working hours. All candidates (Agniveer General Duty, Agniveer Office Assistant, Agniveer Technical, Agniveer Tradesman 10th and Tradesman 8th) must bring the required documents as per the February 2024 notification. (w/nkm)

Petrol pump heist foiled by alert workers

Gamharia, July 23: On Friday night, alert workers at the Indian Oil Petrol Pump in Jaikan, Gamharia, thwarted a theft attempt by two young men. The duo, who arrived at the petrol station in a red Sumo, were caught in the act of stealing an air filling machine.

The vigilant employees gave chase and managed to apprehend the culprits before they could make their escape. The thieves, hailing from Karandih and Baghbeda, were subsequently handed over to the local authorities. The Gamharia Police have since taken the youths into custody, and the vehicle used in the attempted heist has been confiscated. (w/nkm)

Draft voter list publication on July 25



Ranchi, July 23: Jharkhand Chief Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar announced that the publication of the draft voter list will be done on July 25 under the second special summary revision program of the ongoing voter list revision in the state.

Informing media at Ranchi he said that on the occasion of publication of the draft voter list on July 25 in the state, the draft of this voter list will be displayed by BLOs at all polling stations.

He appealed to all the voters to go to their polling stations on July 25 in the morning and check their names in this draft voter list, if there is any discrepancy, then immediately inform your BLO. He said that if people want, they can check their name from home through the online mediums of Election Commission like Voter Helpline App or Voter Service Portal.

He said that voters can also check their name in the voter list through SMS from their mobile. For this, by writing ECI on your number, then giving a space, write your voter identity card (EPIC) number and send a message to 1950, information related to voter registration will be available through the message itself.

The Chief Electoral Officer said that if name in the voter list is checked from now on, then there will be no uncomfortable situation at the time of elections, otherwise at the time of elections, such complaints are also received that they have voter identity card but their name is not in the voter list. This "Name Check" campaign is being run to avoid such unexpected situations during the upcoming elections.

He appealed to all sections of the state including common voters, political parties, social media influencers etc. to participate in this campaign and motivate the common people to check their name in the voter list. He said that to spread awareness among the general voters about name checking, a social media campaign #NaamJancho is being run on July 25 between 12 noon to 1 pm.

Beautification and maintenance of parks by AMC

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July23: The Adityapur Municipal Corporation (AMC) is dedicated to the beautification of all parks within its jurisdiction. This includes Prabhat Park in Ward 17, Sridungri Park in Ward 2, Subhash Chandra Bose Park in Ward 18 and Rickshaw Colony Park in Ward 30. Contracts are being given for the maintenance of the parks but certain elements are politicizing the issue.

Municipal Corporation Administrator Ravi Prakash has appealed to the public to cooperate and contribute to making Adityapur clean and beautiful.Plans to create open gyms in all parks, walking and exercising facilities for senior citizens, children and women were outlined by Prakash. The security and maintenance of these gyms will be carried out by appointed to contractors. Any political interference in these initiatives would not be tolerated by the Municipal Administration.

Prakash announced plans to mark the boundaries of the Adityapur Municipal Corporation area with welcome gates at Lal Building Chowk in Gamharia and near the Kharkai Bridge. Busy areas will havedesignated parking and no-parking zones, with contractors appointed to manage them to ensure smooth pedestrian and vehicular movement. Notices have also been issued to individuals using park premises for unauthorized offices. Those who do not vacate the premises within the stipulated time will face legal action.(w-ss)



Adityapur resident and social worker Ranjan Pradeep donated Rs. 21000/- in the presence of the District Civil Surgeon for the PET scan of 32 year old Savitri Baskey who is battling cancer and undergoing treatment at Meharbai Tata Memorial Hospital (MTMH).

पुलिस अधीक्षक, रेल जमशेदपुर का कार्यालय

आवश्यक सूचना



सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता हैं कि रेल थाना टाटानगर काण्ड सं0–67/22, दिनांक–02.09.2022, धारा–363/370(04)भा0द0वि0 में पूजा हेम्ब्रम (07 माह)का अपहरणचित्र में अंकित व्यक्ति द्वारा किये जाने की संभावना है।

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PR 330389 Police(24-25).D

Mob set accused's house on fire after murder of a youth in Bihar



Mail News Service

Patna : A youth in Bihar's East Champaran district was shot dead allegedly by a shopkeeper in Bihar's East Champaran district on Monday late evening, prompting a mob to set his house. Providing details, Inderjeet Paswan, station house officer (SHO), Banjariya said the incident occurred at Chailaha Tal village in Banjariya block of East Champaran after a youth was shot dead by a shopkeeper Ajay Sah following a dispute over the payment of dues for groceries pending with him. "All the accused involved in the incident are at large. Raids are on to arrest them," the SHO said. Locals said angered by the incident, the villagers gathered near the accused Ajay Sah's house set the house ablaze at Chailahatal village in Banjariya block of the district at around 10 pm.The victim has been dentified as Naresh Sahani, son of Ramchandra Sahani, a resident of Chailahatal. Shopkeeper Ajay Sah and his father Rahendra Sah roughed up the youth first and was shot dead by the former from a close range. As tension gripped the village, reinforcement from neighbouring police stations was rushed to the spot after the incident occurred.Meanwhile, an FIR has been lodged in which nine persons have been made named accused.

Anticipatory bail verdict for Magistrate Narendra Kumar and wife expected on July 25

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 22 : The hearing on the anticipatory bail petition filed by Judicial Magistrate cum Civil Judge Senior Division Narendra Kumar and his wife Sheetal Nagle, in a case involving allegations of rape and abortion, concluded on Monday. The court of ADJ-2 Aabhas Verma will deliver its verdict on July 25.

On July 5, Jayanti Nag alias Jayanti Yadav, a resident of Bistupur CH Area Judge Colony Road No. 1, filed an FIR against Judicial Magistrate Narendra Kumar and his wife Sheetal Nagle at the Bistupur police station. Jayanti alleged that Narendra Kumar lured her into a physical relationship under the pretence of marriage, leading to her abortion thrice. Jayanti began working as a maid for Narendra Kumar in November 2021. Narendra claimed he was divorced and promised to marry her, raising their child together. On January 26, 2022, he allegedly accepted her as his wife by putting sindoor in her maang. Jayanti became pregnant twice, but Narendra made her abort the pregnancies by giving her medicine. When she pressured him for a registered marriage, he took her to Delhi, then to Chandigarh, where they had a ceremonial marriage at Mansa Temple on October 22, 2022. They visited Haridwar and Kedarnath, and stayed with a woman named Suman (mobile number 8199000450). Jayanti was taken to Narendra's ancestral home in Sahebganj twice, where his father accepted her as his daughter-in-law.

During her marriage with Narendra, she became pregnant twice more, but on August 14, 2023, Narendra allegedly kicked her in the stomach, causing a miscarriage. Narendra married his Facebook friend Sheetal Nagle on December 15, 2023, and they started living together in Judge Colony. Jayanti claimed she was physically and mentally tortured by both Narendra and Sheetal, leading to her third miscarriage in January 2024. On June 30, 2024, Jayanti was allegedly beaten severely and treated at TMH.

The court's decision on the anticipatory bail for Narendra Kumar and Sheetal Nagle is awaited on July 25. (w/nkm)

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रद्द–पत्र

इस कार्यालय के ज्ञापांक–295/जि0परि0, सरायकेला, दिनांक–16.07.2024 के द्वारा आमंत्रित अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सं0–04/2024–25 जिसका **PR No.-330065 Panchyati Raj (24-25)#D** है, को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द समझा जाए।

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PR.NO.330381 Panchayati Raj(24-25):D

'Coffee with Parents' program held at RVSCET

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 22: RVS College of Engineering & Technology (RVSCET), organised 'Coffee with Parents' program in the college auditorium attracting a large number of parents and guardians of college students. The event was welcomed by Dr. Surya Bahadur, Head of the Science and Humanities Department and convener of the program.

Principal Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari addressed the guests, highlighting that classes were conducted in accordance with the New Education Policy, emphasizing skill development alongside theoretical knowledge. He



encouraged parents to motivate their children to enrol in NPTEL courses designed by IITs for innovative learning, and stressed the importance of maintaining 100% attendance in classes.

Following the principal's address, an interactive session took place where parents' queries regarding teaching arrangements were addressed. Dr. Tiwari assured that all necessary facilities for students' studies would be provided.

Parent representatives, including Usha Tiwari, Vinod Mishra, and MD Khalid Khan, shared their views, which were noted by the college authorities. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by senior teacher Dr. S. P. Singh, and was conducted by Dr. Sudhir Jha. Key contributors to the event's success included Dr. Subrato Mahato, Dr. D. K. Haldhar, Dr. Rahi Das Kumar, Prof. Amit Sinha, Prof. G. S. Paul, and Somnath. (w/nkm)

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PR 328186 दिनांक 30.06.2024 के द्वारा कार्यपालक अभिंयता लघु वितरणी प्रमंडल सं0 02 चांडिल शिविरडिमना जमशेदपुर के अधीनस्थकंडम एवं अनुपयोगी घोषित वाहन BHF 3615 (Jeep) एवं JH 05 J 6503 (Ambassadar Car) की खुली नीलामी हेतु कंडम एवं अनुपयोगी वाहन नीलामी सूचना सं0–01/2024–25 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
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PR 330391 Water Resource(24-25).D

Fake certificate scandal: Para teachers still employed despite orders

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 23: Despite an investigation revealing irregularities in the certification of assistant teachers (para teachers) in the Kolhan division, including East Singhbhum, many continue to work with fake credentials.

The School Education and Literacy Department has recently urged the District Education Superintendent to take action, highlighting that 429 teachers statewide were found with fake certificates or unauthorized absences during verification.

While 250 teachers have been relieved, 179 remain in their positions. Specifically, in the Kolhan division, eight para teachers (seven from West Singhbhum and one from East Singhbhum) continue to work despite their certificates being found invalid.

Last year, a verification process led to the dismissal of 13 para teachers in East Singhbhum, effective August 1, but some have yet to be formally relieved. The fraudulent certificates, often from universities deemed fake by the UGC, include B.Ed and D.El.Ed qualifications.

The Jharkhand Education Project has been instructed to submit a report on the removal process, ensuring swift action against those with fake certificates or unauthorized absences. (w/nkm)

Matru-Pitru Diwas celebrated at Sanskarodaya Academy



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Gamharia, July 23: Sanskarodaya Academy in Jamalpur, Dhirajganj, celebrated Matru-Pitru Diwas with great enthusiasm.

All students actively participated in the program, expressing their feelings towards their parents in their own words. The heartfelt messages of love and loyalty from the children moved everyone present.

Dr. Digvijay Bharat, the director of the institute, emphasized that such programs help instil an understanding of love and responsibilities towards parents in children, contributing to the development of a harmonious society.

The event was attended by former headmaster Amit Kumar, and teachers Monica Kumari, Sumit Singh, Sanjana Singh, Sangeeta Satpathy, Sunil Sardar, Pinky Soren, Kaushal Kumari, along with all the students of the school. (w/nkm)

BMS celebrates 70th foundation day



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Gua, July 23: The 70th Foundation Day of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) was celebrated on July 23 at the Gua Chiriya Khan Shramik Sangh office. The event featured the hoisting of the BMS flag by Minister Ganesh Das. Following this, flowers were offered at the photo of the Sangh's founder, Dattopant Thengadi, in remembrance of his contribution.

BMS was founded by Dattopant Thengadi in Bhopal on July 23, 1955. During the Foundation Day program, members pledged to continue their efforts for worker welfare and distributed sweets. The celebration included a tree plantation drive at 1:00 pm and traditional flag hoisting.

A large number of BMS officials and cell workers were present, including Ganesh Das, Nehru Kesari, Sameer Pathak, Manoj Ram, Basant Das, Sagar Das, and Mangal Das. (w/nkm)

Wild elephants destroy three houses

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Baharagora, July 23: On Sunday night, two wild elephants wreaked havoc in Kuldiha village, under Purnapani Panchayat in the Baharagora block area, destroying the houses of Chhota Roopchand Hembram and Roopchand Hembram.

The elephants also consumed paddy stored in the houses.

The family members managed to escape unharmed by fleeing freom their houses.

The villagers managed to drive the elephants out of the village at night.

The elephants then went to Simlabandhi in the same Panchayat and destroyed the house of Mahendra Hembram. Once again, the villagers drove the elephants back towards the forest.Upon receiving the information, Panchayat head Pansori Hansda visited the affected areas to inspect the damage. He promptly informed the forest department, which sent a team to both villages to assess the damage and determine compensation for the affected families. (w/gsd)

Filariasis awareness program held at Women's College



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Seraikela, July 23: A filariasis awareness program was held on Tuesday at the women's college in Seraikela, organized by the Health Department and the NSS unit of the college.

Principal Dr. Sparkleen Dei emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness to prevent the spread of filariasis.

She advised against water stagnation and stressed keeping water sources covered to avoid mosquito breeding.

Aatish Chandra Mishra from the Health Department provided detailed information on filariasis, including its spread, prevention measures, and medication.

The program was attended by Teacher Champa Pal, Dr. Shwet Lata, Chandrashekhar Rai, and various students. (w/nkm)

New judicial codes introduced to 1st year students at Ghatshila College



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Ghatshila, July 2023: Ghatshila College hosted an introductory class for newly enrolled students in the 4-year undergraduate program on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

The event featured a lecture on India's three new judicial codes, which came into effect on July 1, 2024. Speakers, including Rakesh Kumar Sharma, President of Ghatshila Advocates Association, and local law enforcement officials, highlighted the significant changes in India's judicial system.

They explained that the Indian Judicial Code (BNS), Indian Civil Security Code (BNSS), and Indian Evidence Act (BSA) have replaced the colonial-era Indian Penal Code 1860, Criminal Procedure Code 1973, and Indian Evidence Act 1872.

The new codes aim to modernize the legal system and provide greater convenience to Indian citizens. Principal Dr. R.K. Chaudhary briefed students on college regulations and led them in taking a pledge to follow these rules.

The event, which was well-attended by faculty and students, marks an important step in educating the next generation about India's evolving legal landscape. It also aligns with the National Education Policy's goal of providing comprehensive and up-to-date education to students. (w/nkm)

Labor Superintendent secures rights for 55 contract workers at RKFL

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Gamharia, July 23: With the intervention of Labor Superintendent Avinash Thakur, 55 contract workers employed by Silicon Safe Pack Private Limited at Plant 5 of Ramkrishna Forging Limited (RKFL) have received their rightful dues. The workers had approached the Labor Superintendent, seeking their full and final settlement. A tripartite discussion was held on Monday to address the issue. The workers, who had been with the contractor for 8-9 years, were laid off in January without prior notice or proper settlement. They had not received their final payments, gratuity, PF, or three months' salary. Thanks to the intervention, the workers have now received their complete final settlement. (w/nkm)

Villagers demand removal of Gram Pradhan

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Gamharia, July 23: Led by Majhi Baba Ganga Majhi, villagers from Chhota Gamharia have submitted a memorandum to the Circle Officer and BDO of Gamharia, demanding the removal of the current Gram Pradhan, Suraj Lal Mahato. The memorandum cites Article 19(5) of the Constitution, which stipulates that no outsider or non-tribal person can hold the post of Gram Pradhan in a fifth scheduled area without the Gram Sabha's permission. The villagers argue that the current Gram Pradhan is acting against constitutional provisions. In response, the Circle Officer has issued a notice and promised to inform the Gram Panchayat head about the decision. A new Gram Pradhan will be selected following the rules and regulations. (w/nkm)

Pilgrims depart for Somnath and Dwarka under CM's Tirtha Darshan Yojana

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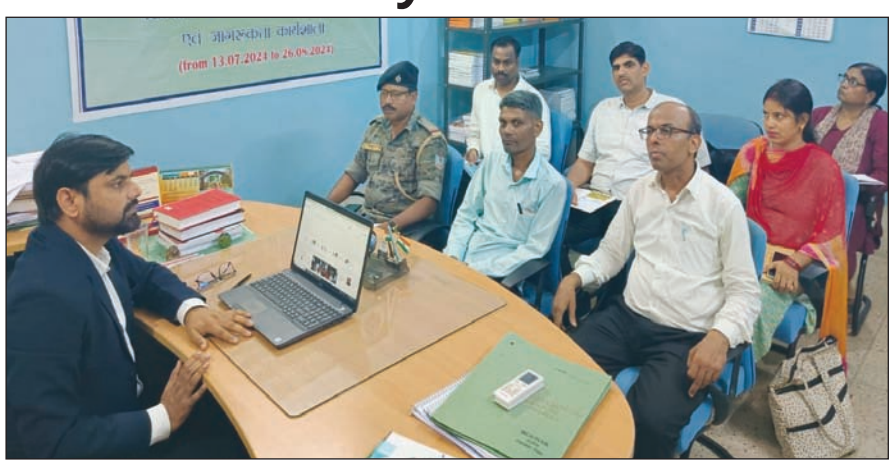


Seraikela, July 23: Under the Chief Minister's Tirtha Darshan Yojana, 31 Hindu devotees from the district departed for Somnath and Dwarka on Tuesday. The send-off ceremonies were conducted at the district headquarters by Deputy Development Commissioner Prabhat Kumar Bardiyar and District Sports Officer Amit Kumar, and at Chowka Mod by Ichagarh Block Development Officer Kiku Mahato.

Present at the flag-off were Ravindra Pradhan, Ravindra Padhiari, Pinaki Ranjan, and Bhutan Swansi. Nodal Officer Saurav Shah will lead the group, which will travel from Hatia station at 1 pm by a special train. The pilgrimage will conclude on July 30. This 7-day pilgrimage scheme, organized by the Tourism Development Corporation of the Jharkhand government, will also include a tour for Muslim pilgrims from August 4 to 10, visiting Ajmer Sharif, Fatehpur Sikri, and Agra. Deputy Development Commissioner Prabhat Kumar Bardiyar highlighted the significance of the pilgrimage, noting it provides an opportunity to visit historical sites and fulfill religious sentiments. He described the scheme as a golden opportunity for those unable to visit famous religious places due to financial constraints and encouraged district residents to take advantage of it. (w/nkm)

Meeting held to enhance special campaign for differently-abled children

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Seraikela, July 23: Under the guidance of Jhalsa Ranchi and Principal District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ramashankar Singh, a meeting was held on Tuesday in the office of the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) to ensure the effective operation of a special campaign for differently-abled children

DLSA Secretary Tausif Meraj emphasized the importance of the 45-day awareness campaign, which runs from July 15 to July 31, aimed at identifying differently-abled children and providing them with the benefits of government schemes. Participants, including CDPO, DCPO, Childline, CWC Chairman, staff, trainee advocates, and police officers, attended the meeting and pledged their full support for the campaign. The initiative highlights the collaborative effort needed to address the needs of differently-abled children and ensure they receive appropriate assistance. This campaign is a crucial step towards inclusivity and providing equal opportunities for all children. (w/nkm)

Agitation of assistant police personnel ends



Chaibasa, July 23: The agitation of the 2,247 assistant police personnel in the state has come to an end. A meeting was held with the representatives of the assistant policemen to address their key demands. The meeting, chaired by MLA Mathura Prasad Mahato, was considered favourable and successful. Also in attendance were Vinod Singh, Sudivy Sonu, Naman Vikas Kongadi, Rajesh Kachhap, and other representatives. From the Jharkhand Assistant Police Association, President Avinash Kumar Dwivedi, along with Vivekanand Gupta, Basant Kumar, Shubham Kumar, Ravindra Sahu, Pappu Kumar Baitha, Praveen Kumar, Ujjwal Kumar, and several women assistant policemen participated. With the support of the Chief Minister and the Home Department, an agreement was reached on the proposals of the assistant policemen. Consequently, the strike that began on July 2 has been called off. (w/nkm)

DRDA team conducts inspection for Abua Housing Scheme

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Chaibasa, July 23: Under the guidance of Deputy Development Commissioner Sandeep Kumar Meena, the district-level DRDA team conducted a comprehensive investigation across various panchayats in Chakradharpur, Bandgaon, Sonua, Jhinkpani, Kumardungi, Jagannathpur, Manjhgaon, and Noamundi blocks. The inspection aimed to assess the implementation status of the Abua Housing Scheme before disbursing the second instalment for the financial year 2023-24.

The team visited beneficiaries who received the first instalment but faced delays or issues in continuing construction.

The objective was to understand their problems and expedite the housing construction work. Beneficiaries are provided Rs 30,000 for work up to the plinth level, Rs 50,000 for work up to the lintel level, Rs 1,00,000 for preparation up to the roof level, and Rs 20,000 as the fourth instalment. The campaign also sought to raise awareness about additional benefits available through convergence, such as Rs 25,840 for 95 man-days under MNREGA and toilet construction facilities from the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department. Beneficiaries who completed work above the plinth level were informed about the process to receive the second instalment of Rs 50,000.

Deputy Development Commissioner Meena has instructed Block Development Officers to issue notices to beneficiaries who have not yet started construction and ensure the completion of pending geo-tagging work to facilitate the prompt release of the second instalment. (w/nkm)

Names of shopkeepers

As expected, the directive in Uttar Pradesh of mentioning names of shopkeepers on establishments falling on the routes of Kanwarias (pilgrims who trek with holy water from Sultanganj up to Deoghar's Baba Dham) has now been tabled in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, as of now, has put a stay on the directive which had also been issued by the Uttarakhand government. The Madhya Pradesh government too had been pondering on the same lines and thus the stay order has been served to the three states. The reason behind the directive that shopkeepers had to write their names at their places of business was under a cloud because the purpose of such a move was not clear. IN Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar, such directives were issued by the administration with the rider that this was being done to clear doubts and misunderstandings. But what doubts? What misunderstandings? One reason for the Muzaffarnagar administration to order such a stricture could be that the Kanwarias were being informed not to purchase food from Muslim hotels but procure it from elsewhere. Now since the Supreme Court has observed that hotel owners will have to mention the variety of food that is being served in their establishments, the Kanwarias and others will be able to opt for the food they prefer. This is absolutely logical.

Everyone has the right to purchase food of their liking and they should know their choices. Apart from the Kanwarias, there are others too who prefer vegetarian food and thus avoid such hotels where both, vegetarian and nonvegetarian food are served. It is clear that the Supreme Court's order will enable the Kanwarias and others to choose from where they will purchase their food. It is difficult to predict what the Supreme Court's final verdict on this count would be but it cannot be overlooked that on many such religious pilgrimage treks, people of several communities set up shops along the routes. These shops include eateries. There are also stalls that provide various other facilities to pilgrims. These stall owners do not have the obligation to mention their names. It is a fact that on the Amarnath trek route, food stalls are owned by Muslims and the mules and tent providers too belong to this community. It is expected that the Supreme Court will take into consideration these elements while giving its verdict on how far it is justifiable to mention the names of hotel owners at the various eateries along the routes of the Kanwarias and others in the name of community segregation.

From the Editorial Desk

'There is a possibility of rejig in Trinamool'



There is a possibility of rejig in the Trinammol after the Martyrs Day programme on July 21 even after the party won the LokSabha and bypolls handsomely.

"There is a possibility of an organisation rejig after the Martyrs Day programme this year. We are expecting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to throw some light in her speech on Sunday," a senior Trinamool Congress leader said.

Trinamool organises the Martyrs Day programme every year as a tribute to the 13 people who were killed during a demonstration held by the West Bengal Youth Congress then led by Banerjee on July 21, 1993.

Party insiders said that in the backdrop of the party's electoral successes both in the recently concluded LokSabha polls as well as the following bypolls, the Chief Minister is also expected to set the tone for preparations for the 2026 state Assembly polls.

The Chief Minister is expected to give a specific message on how the organisational structure of the party will operate in making an early beginning of the mass outreach programmes ahead of the Assembly polls.

She is also expected to highlight the party's strategy over national politics and its coordination with the other allies in the opposition INDIA bloc.

"We are also expecting her to throw some light on the party's strategy to organise mass movement on various issues against the Union government and BJP, especially with regard to the non-payment of Central dues under different Centrally-sponsored schemes to the state government," the party leader added.

Political observers feel that the issue Trinamool Congress now faces is the frequent eruption of factionalism within the party which is often leading to clashes and involvement of party leaders in mob violence and 'kangaroo courts'.

Good policing defines the success of a democratic state



By D.C. Pathak

It is a matter of great satisfaction that Prime Minister NarendraModi has been spending plenty of time with the annual conferences of Directors General of Police traditionally convened by the Director of the Intelligence Bureau to review the internal security situation in the country and the law and order management as a vital determinant of it.

Prime Minister Modi has been sharing his thoughts on how to improve and modernise the functioning of the police force in India. At his initiative, the conference is now held outside the national capital in different states which certainly stresses the importance of providing a uniform level of law and order, handling and safeguarding internal security throughout the length and breadth of the country regardless of the differing political complexion of the government at the Centre and in the states.

Democracy is a system of governance by and for the people and it is one of its fundamental requisites that the police representing a coercive arm of the State must be impartial, accessible and humane while enforcing law and maintaining order.

In a multicultural setting like India's and in a situation where the nation was particularly vulnerable to external threats to its internal security, police have to be adequately vigilant on the ground to assist the national intelligence and investigation agencies in countering the danger of narco-terrorism, mafia working for foreign masters and cross-border enemy operations.

The role of police in protecting national security has now become crucially important. Since good policing is a prerequisite for the stability of our democratic state, it is necessary to rectify the persistent flaws in policing on a note of urgency.

At the last DGP conference held at Jaipur, Prime Minister Modi rightly spoke of the need to change the police's mindset by enhancing reliance on data and facts rather than force, building police-public partnerships and creating a positive image of the police among citizens.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah steered the conference on all three days and referred to the challenges of narcotics, cybercrime and a switch over to forensic-led investigations.

He emphasised the need for training police officers in the new criminal laws enacted by Parliament.

An important advance the DGP conference has made is that it has evolved into a national 'think-tank' for discussing such important matters as delegation of decision-making power in the police, striking the right professional relationship between political leaders and police officials, and strengthening the elements of commitment and empathy in functioning of the police. The conference now deliberates on a range of security-related issues, including border management, cyber threats, danger of radicalisation, counter-terror operations, identity frauds, misuse of Artificial Intelligence and weaponisation of social media.

Because of the personal association of the present Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah with the DGP conference, this event has become strategically important for national security and helped to keep law and order management and internal security issues above politics. In the environment of deepening caste and communal divides noticed in the aftermath of the recent Parliamentary election, the threat of communal militancy fomented by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence and the danger of separatism in Punjab instigated by anti-India lobbies, particularly in the West, may get aggravated.

It has to be appreciated that Prime Minister Modi has himself prescribed a 'whole of government' approach to counter 'radicalisation' by engaging intellectuals, social media and even civil servants within the ambit of the constitutionally recognised principle of harmonious coexistence of diverse religious communities.

An invaluable suggestion made by Home Minister Amit Shah at the last DGP meet was that a conference on 'urban policing' would be organised to establish a common system of policing in all municipal areas so that all vulnerable groups could be taken care of and protected against unscrupulous elements.

Major cities of India already had a Police Commissionerate system and Home Minister Amit Shah's recommendation would go a long way in setting a common benchmark of efficient policing in all urban centres, particularly in tackling the menace of human trafficking, organised gangs using children for begging and crimes against women.

In a democratic state, the police should be an instrument for safeguarding the human rights of citizens and not merely protecting them against conventional crime.

A primary responsibility for providing a uniform level of law and order management throughout the nation -- notwithstanding the federal character of Indian polity -- lies on the officers of the IPS and IAS who manned the so-called 'steel frame' of governance everywhere. They got the police and administrative machinery to deliver regardless of the political stamp of the government and set their parameters of constitutional propriety about not misusing legal authority.

Even though police had been defined as a 'state' subject it had to be realised that political parties would come and go but the 'steel frame' that delivered on valid policies in service of the people was there in continuity -- enjoying a certain guarantee of service and perks.

Officers of IAS and IPS are recruited by the Centre on the strength of a merit-based national-level competitive examination, trained for their professional duties and then allotted to the states on an understanding that their performance graph would be broadly tracked by the former.

There is no equivalent of IAS and IPS in any other major country in terms of providing a 'career in leadership' in administration from the very beginning. The young officers do join the civil services on a note of high morale but unfortunately face a dampening of enthusiasm as they witness flaws of political interference and lack of fairness flowing top down.

The Centre should actively explore the ways and means of acquiring a say in the appointment of the Chief Secretary and the DGP of the state -- the Supreme Court has already spoken against the practice of appointing 'Acting DGP' by the state government out of a political motivation and defined the procedure involving Union Public Service Commission for forming a panel for selection to the post of DGP.

This could of course be replicated for the appointment of Chief Secretary as well. The Centre needs to pursue this more actively in the national interest.

A secular democratic state rests on the foundations of equality before the law and the welfare of the poor and the weak.

Indian Constitution defines the Fundamental Rights of citizens but expects them to fulfil some duties towards the state as well and these include an obligation to promote patriotism, safeguard public property against violence and protect the sovereignty and integrity of India.

Citizens should be willing to extend legitimate help in the prevention and investigation of serious crime and this will be made possible only if the police inspire trust in the law-abiding people. Unfortunately, the police station -- the unit of police establishment closest to the ground -- has not improved its working and responses to the public in terms of entertaining complaints, abstaining from the use of 'third degree' and eliminating corruption in its ranks.

The Indian Police Service has not succeeded in affecting these basic improvements in the functioning of the police station to the required extent even after decades of its existence and this should be a cause for concern for its leadership.

The latter should move fast to improve things since there are testing times ahead for the police because of an expected increase in caste, community and regional tensions, rise in cyber crimes and intensification of the adversary's covert operations designed to weaken India's internal security.

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

Preface of 'Constitution' copy that Rahul flashes faults Nehru's policy, Emergency

During his election campaign and following the election results, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly claimed without evidence that the NDA government led by Prime Minister NarendraModi is endangering the Constitution and aiming to abolish reservations for marginalised sections of society.

As part of his political rhetoric, he has been prominently displaying a small pocket-sized Constitution bound in red and black leather, positioning himself as the protector of the Dalits, Scheduled Caste, Tribals (ST), and OBC communities, advocating for the preservation of their constitutionally guaranteed reservations.

However, Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in LokSabha, Rahul Gandhi, appears to be unaware of the contents of the preface of this compact book. Ironically, Supreme Court advocate GopalSankaranarayanan, the creator of this pocket-sized Constitution book, has not viewed Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's policies favourably.

More critically, the legal expert refers to Indira Gandhi's Emergency period to emphasise the significance of the Constitution.

Sankaranarayanan has articulated his views in the preface of the book.

In the preface, he states: "Our Constitution was crafted by the finest, most emancipated minds of the time, and thankfully, not directed by the confused Nehruvian social policy that guided successive governments."

"Were it not for the strength of this document, Indira Gandhi would not have been compelled to end the darkest episode in independent India by ending the Emergency, and the nation's poorest would not have been empowered by the Right to Information Act."

Interestingly, Sankaranarayanan has also expressed opposition to OBC reservations at some point and advocated for a thorough overhaul of current reservation policies.

K.K. Venugopal, Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court and former Attorney General of India, who has penned the foreword for this leather-bound pocket constitution, reminisces about the emergency period "which hit the nation like the Tsunami and brought about the realisation that the Constitution could be subverted".

In the foreword section of the book, his views convey a clear message, as he writes: "Would the founding fathers have ever imagined the tribulations, the controversies, the confrontations that would arise when the provisions are implemented? At the same time, they would, undoubtedly, have conceived of the vast benefits that the disadvantaged sections of society would derive through the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution of India.

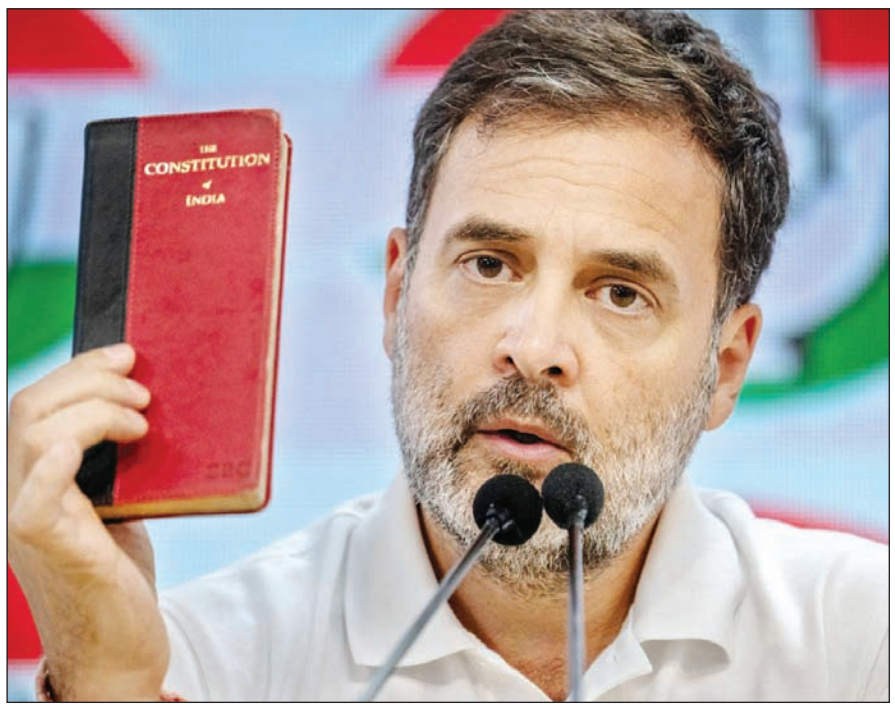
By distributing powers between the Centre and the States and through separation of powers between the three organs of State, the founding fathers would have been satisfied that the nation would march forward in tranquility and peace without any conflicts between the State and the Centre or between the different organs of State. Could they have been more mistaken?"

In an unmistakable reference to the period of emergency phase, he further underscores: "From the earliest years itself, the legislative wing and the executive wing of the State on the one hand, confronted the judicial wing on the other, with the accusation that they had vastly encroached upon the powers not given to them but given to the executive."

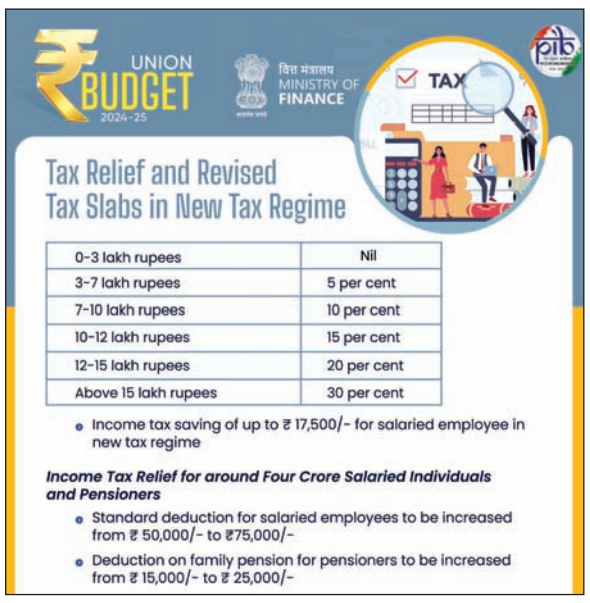
He writes: "The then Law Minister on October 28, 1976, issued a strident warning to the judges of the Supreme Court, and I quote: 'An atmosphere of confrontation was sought to be created by those whose duty it was to see that they did not encroach upon the field which did not legitimately belong to them. Nothing should be left undone now to ensure that such a situation did (sic, does) not recur.

If even after the amendment, confrontation continues, then I think it will be a bad day for the judiciary'. And again: "We are trying to save them from the temptation to intrude into powers which do not belong to them. What we are doing today is not to save the people from the judges but really enabling the judges to save them from themselves."

"This was said during the Emergency, which hit the nation like the Tsunami and brought about the realisation that the Constitution could be subverted. It is true that the Supreme Court did not rise to the occasion, but in the aftermath of the lifting of the emergency, this one wing of the State, the Judiciary, spearheaded by the Supreme Court of India, established its primacy, by ensuring that the vast rights bestowed on the people by the Constitution, including human rights, freedom of speech and the right to life and liberty were all rendered sacrosanct."



New tax regime slabs revised, standard deduction hiked to Rs 75,000 from Rs 50,000



New Delhi: Finance Minister NirmalaSitharaman revamped income tax slabs under the new regime in Union Budget 2024 in a bid to make it more attractive. The standard deduction limit was also hiked from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000, marking an increase of Rs 25,000.

The Finance Minister said that the tweaked tax slabs would save salaried individuals Rs 17,500 annually under the new regime. Additionally, the Finance Minister adjusted some of the tax slabs.

The updated tax slabs are as follows: income up to Rs 3 lakh will be taxed at 0%, Rs 3 lakh to Rs 7 lakh at 5%, Rs 7 lakh to Rs 10 lakh at 10%, Rs 10 lakh to Rs 12 lakh at 15%, Rs 12 lakh to Rs 15 lakh at 20%, and income above Rs 15 lakh at 30%.

Earlier, under the new income tax regime, there was no tax up to Rs 3 lakh income, Rs 6 lakh to Rs 9 lakh was taxed at 10%, Rs 9 lakh to Rs 12 lakh was taxed at 15%, 12 lakh to Rs 15 lakh at 20% and Rs 15 lakh and above at 30%.

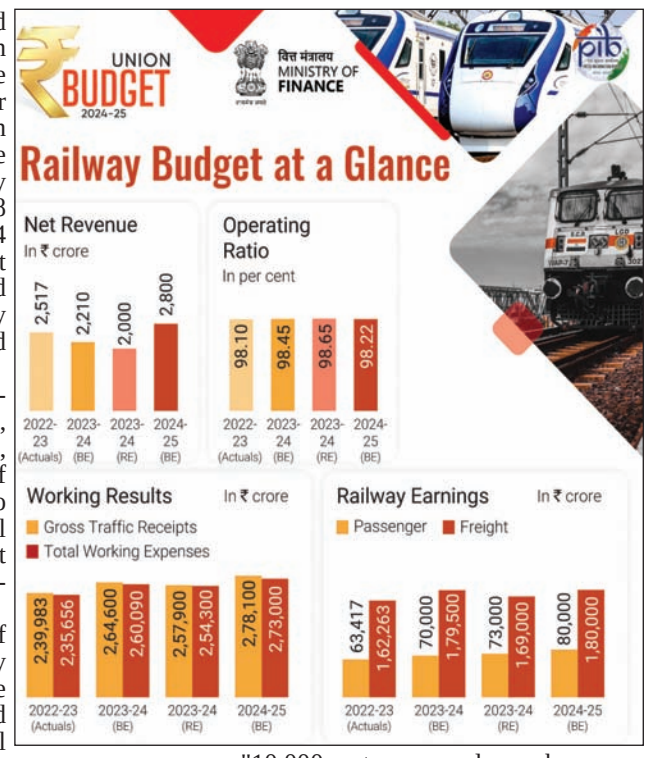
Specifically, the changes have been made in three slab categories -- Over Rs 3 lakh to Rs 6 lakh at 5% has become Rs 3 lakh to Rs 7 lakh, Rs 6 lakh to Rs 9 lakh at 10 % has now become Rs 7 lakh to Rs 10 lakh and over Rs 9 lakh to Rs 12 lakh at 15% has become Rs 10 lakh to Rs 12 lakh.

These changes are likely to provide a big boost to middle class taxpayers.

The government has also increased the deduction limit for employers' contributions to the National Pension System (NPS) from 10% to 14%.

Moreover, the deduction for family pensions is proposed to increase from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000, benefiting around 4 crore salaried individuals and pensioners.

Will use Rs1.08 lakh crore to boost safety: Railway Minister Vaishnaw



New Delhi : Amid spate of accidents in the recent days, the Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday said the Railways Ministry would use the Rs1.08 lakh crore budget 2024 allocation to "boost safety". He also said the Kavach '4.0' safety system was approved last week.

Addressing a post-budget conference, Vaishnaw said, "Rs1.08 lakh crore of budget allocation to Indian Railways will be used to boost railway safety in 2024-25."

Sharing the news of the Kavach '4.0' safety system's approval, the railways minister said 4,275 kms of optical fibres have been laid down under Kavach systems in India.

"Kavach will get a major part of the funds earmarked for safety-related measures," he added.

The minister also said that the demand for 'general' travel is on the rise in the Indian Railways.

"10,000 extra general coaches over and above the 2,500 general coaches announced earlier will be manufactured in India," he added.

The Operating Ratio target of India Railways for 2024-25, Vaishnaw said has been set as 98.22% from 98.65% in 2023-24.

Sensex recovers after robust budget, Titan and ITC top gainers

Mumbai, July 23 (IANS) Indian equity indices made a smart recovery from the day's lows and closed flat on Tuesday, following robust budget announcements.

At closing, Sensex was down 73 points or 0.09 per cent, at 80,429 and Nifty was down 30 points or 0.12 per cent, at 24,479.

During the trading session, the Sensex touched a high of 80,766 points and a low of 79,224 points. Nifty touched a high of 24,582 points and a low of 24,074.

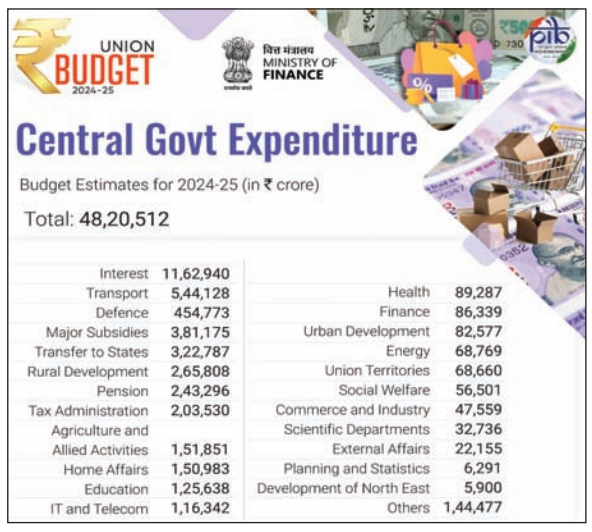
In the Sensex pack, Titan, ITC, NTPC, Infosys, HCL Tech, HUL, and Sun Pharma were the top gainers. L&T, Bajaj Finance, SBI, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, and Power Grid were top laggards.

A declining trend was seen in midcap and smallcap stocks as compared to largecap stocks.

The Nifty Midcap 100 index fell 339 points or 0.60 per cent to 56,285 and the Nifty Smallcap 100 index closed at 18,400, down 162 points or 0.88 per cent.

MandarBhojane, Research Analyst at Choice Broking, said: "The market is expected to remain highly volatile. Investors should hold their positions with a trailing stop-loss. Any dip will be a buying opportunity as the overall trend remains bullish."

One month wage for first-time employees: FM Sitharaman



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced that the Central government will give one month's salary to the new employees entering the workforce.

The amount will be provided to the employees as a Provident Fund contribution.

"Government to set up three schemes for employment generation. Scheme for first-timers to provide one-month wage to all persons newly entering the workforce in all sectors. First-time employment scheme to benefit 2.1 crore lakh youths," FM Sitharaman said.

Scheme A is for first-timers, Scheme B is for the creation of jobs in the manufacturing sector, and Scheme C is for support to employers, FM Sitharaman explained.

Under Scheme A, there will be a direct-benefit transfer of one month's salary, in three instalments to a maximum of Rs 15,000, to first-time employees registering with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation.

Under Scheme B, employees and employers will get incentives to be provided directly, as per their EPFO contributions, in the first four years of employment.

Scheme C will see reimbursements to employers, up to Rs 3,000 per month for two years, towards EPFO contribution for each additional employee.

The Finance Minister said that 20 lakh youth will be skilled over five years.

Deadline to avail Centre's EV promotion scheme ends July 31

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) The government on Tuesday said the last date of its Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS) 2024, which aims to provide further impetus to the green mobility and development of electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing ecosystem in the country, is July 31. The scheme's duration was 4 months (April 1 till July 31) with an outlay of Rs 500 crore. "Total payout under the demand incentive is limited to Rs 493.55 crore (supporting 3,72,215 vehicles).

In case the funds for the Scheme or its relevant sub-components are exhausted prior to July 31, 2024, then the Scheme or its relevant sub-components will be closed accordingly, and no further claims will be entertained under the EMPS 2024, said the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

The claims submitted under the scheme will be incentivised on a first-come-first-serve basis. The EVs eligible for incentivisation under EMPS 2024 scheme must be manufactured and registered within the validity period of EMPS 2024 certificate. "The subsidies for demand incentive are eligible for e-2w and e-3w sold and registered until the funds are available or the number of vehicles supported reaches the maximum number or until July 31, 2024, whichever comes first," the ministry said.

Mobiles set to get cheaper as FM lowers customs duty on phones and related parts

New Delhi, Jul 23 : The government on Tuesday proposed slashing import duty on mobile phones, chargers and some components that are used for manufacturing of handsets in the Union Budget for fiscal year 2024-25.

Finance Minister NirmalaSitharaman said with a three-fold increase in domestic production and almost 100-fold jump in exports of mobile phones over the last six years, the Indian mobile phone industry has matured.

"In the interest of consumers, I now propose to reduce the BCD (basic customs duty) on mobile phone, mobile PCBA and mobile charger to 15 per cent," Sitharaman said.

Earlier BCD on mobile phones, chargers and motherboard was 20 per cent.

The government has proposed to exempt specified goods for use in manufacturing of connectors in mobile phones and oxygen-free copper for use in manufacturing of resistors (an electronic component) from BCD levy.

The BCD on specified goods for use in manufacturing of connectors was in the range of 5 to 7.5 per cent and oxygen-free copper for use in manufacturing of resistors attracted 5 per cent BCD.

Mobile phone industry body ICEA said that the move will enhance export competitiveness of India in the segment.

"We had recommended to reduce BCD on mobile phones, its PCBA and charger/adapter to 15 per cent, which has been accepted. The mobile and electronics industry is elated with the announcements and will go a long way to enhance manufacturing, exports and our competitiveness," ICEA chairman Pankaj Mohindroo said.

Top industry chambers laud fiscal consolidation, tax reforms, job creation

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Leading industry chambers on Tuesday lauded the Union Budget 2024-2025, saying it is a people-centric budget which balances equitable growth with fiscal sustainability.

Sanjay Nayar, President of Assocham, said with no easy giveaways, the budget focuses on a longer, more sustainable path of job creation through manufacturing in the country and a strengthened role of the MSMEs.

"Skilling the youth, formalising job creation, continued infrastructure spending, and urban development, along with the climate of enhanced local capex spending will encourage the private sector to join in, given under levered balance sheets. This is a longer, more sure way to enhance employment and



sustainable consumption," he contended.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has fixed the fiscal deficit at 4.9 per cent of GDP despite higher allocations for social welfare schemes due to robust tax collections in a fast-growing economy.

According to SanjivPuri, CII President, the maiden budget of the new government has unravelled a comprehensive roadmap for sustainable and equitable growth while retaining the focus on the creation of jobs.

"The nine key priorities unveiled in the Budget for 'Viksit Bharat' provides an all-encompassing blueprint for an inclusive, resilient, prosperous, environmentally sustainable and technologically advanced India, which would be a crucial milestone in our journey for a developed India by 2047," Puri noted.

Govt announces over Rs 3 lakh crore for schemes benefiting women and girls



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Focussing on women-led development, the government on Tuesday announced more than Rs 3 lakh crore for schemes benefiting women and girls.

"Increasing the participation of women in the workforce will be a priority," said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting her seventh Budget. "This will be facilitated by setting up hostels and creating partnerships to organise women-specific skilling programmes and promotion of market access for women Self Help Group enterprises," she said.

She said, "We need to focus on the poor, women, youth and farmers."

Further, the allocation for women's welfare and empowerment saw a 218.8 per cent jump from FY14 to FY25. "The growth is indicative of India's determination to shift from women-led development to women's development, as stated in the Economic Survey 2023-2024," the Finance Minister said.

Centre's 8-point booster for MSMEs to help them compete globally

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) In a booster for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the government on Tuesday formulated a detailed package that covers financing, regulatory changes and technology support for them to grow and also compete globally.

Among the measures are a credit guarantee scheme for facilitating term loans to MSMEs for purchase of machinery and equipment without collateral or third-party guarantee.

The scheme will operate on pooling of credit risks of such MSMEs, stated Finance Minister NirmalaSitharaman while presenting the Union Budget 2024-25 in Parliament.

Giving more details, the Finance Minister said that a separately constituted self-financing guarantee fund will provide, to each applicant, a guarantee cover up to Rs 100 crore, while the loan amount may be larger.

The borrower will have to provide an upfront guarantee fee and an annual guarantee fee on the reducing loan balance.

"This Budget provides special attention to MSMEs and manufacturing, particularly labour-intensive manufacturing," she said.

Another measure is to make credit more accessible to MSMEs via a new, independent, and in-house mechanism.

The Finance Minister proposed that public sector banks (PSBs) will build their in-house capability to assess MSMEs for credit, instead of relying on external assessment.

They will also take the lead in developing or getting developed a new credit assessment model, based on the scoring of digital footprints of MSMEs in the economy.

"This is expected to be a significant improvement over the traditional assessment of credit eligibility based only on asset or turnover criteria. That will also cover MSMEs without a formal accounting system," the Finance Minister noted.

FM cuts fiscal deficit to 4.9 pc to keep economy on stable growth path



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Presenting the Union Budget 2024-25 in the Parliament on Tuesday, Finance Minister NirmalaSitharaman fixed the fiscal deficit at 4.9 per cent of GDP despite higher allocations for social welfare schemes due to robust tax collections in a fast-growing economy.

Sticking to the fiscal consolidation path will help ensure a stable growth path for the economy as a lower deficit helps keep inflation in check.

"The gross and net market borrowings through dated securities during 2024-25 are estimated at Rs 14.01 lakh crore and Rs 11.63 lakh crore, respectively. Both will be less than the 2023-24 figures," the Finance Minister said.

The reduced borrowings by the government will leave more money in the banking system for companies to borrow for investments, which will in turn help spur growth and create more jobs.

Sitharaman also said that for the 2024-25 fiscal, total receipts other than borrowings and the total expenditure are estimated at Rs 32.07 lakh crore and Rs 48.21 lakh crore, respectively. The net tax receipts are estimated at Rs 25.83 lakh crore.

"The fiscal consolidation path announced by me in 2021 has served our economy very well, and we aim to reach a deficit below 4.5 per cent next year," the Finance Minister said during her 80-minute Budget speech.

She also said the government is committed to staying the course on fiscal consolidation.

"From 2026-27 onwards, our endeavour will be to keep the fiscal deficit each year such that the Central government debt will be on a declining path as a percentage of GDP," the Finance Minister said.

She also pointed out in her speech that GST has been a "success of vast proportions".

"To multiply the benefits of GST, we will strive to further simplify and rationalise the tax structure and endeavour to expand it to the remaining sectors.

"GST has decreased tax incidence on the common man; reduced compliance burden and logistics cost for trade and industry; and enhanced revenues of the Central and state governments," she added.

President's customary 'dahi-cheeni' for Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Ahead of presenting the Union Budget in Parliament, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met President Droupadi Murmu in the Rashtrapati Bhawan on Tuesday.

The President fed her 'dahi-cheeni', a ritual performed by elders in Indian families to bestow good luck before undertaking important tasks.

This year's Budget is the seventh consecutive Budget for Finance Minister Sitharaman and the Modi government's 13th straight Budget since 2014. She also makes history as the first finance minister to present seven consecutive Budget speeches, surpassing former Prime Minister Morarji Desai's record of six consecutive Budgets between 1959-64.

"Papa Mein CA Ban Gayi": Tea seller's emotional reaction to daughter's achievement is viral

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Amita Prajapati's story of resilience is inspiring hearts across India. The young woman, who hails from a Delhi slum, defied the odds of becoming a chartered accountant. Ms Prajapati in a heartfelt post on LinkedIn, detailed her 10-year journey and her father's unwavering support despite their challenging circumstances living in a slum.



"It took 10 years. Every day, with dreams in my eyes, I would ask myself if this was just a dream or if it would ever come true. July 11, 2024, today, it became a reality. Yes, dreams do come true," she wrote.

"They used to say you can't afford to educate her so much by selling tea, save money and build a house instead. How long will you keep living on the streets with grown-up daughters? Anyway, one day they will leave as they are someone else's wealth, and you will have nothing left. Yes," of course,' I live in a slum (very few people know this), but now I am not ashamed," she added.

She concluded her post by thanking her parents for believing in her, "Whatever I am today is because of my Papa and Mummy who believed in me so much and never thought that one day I would leave them but instead thought that I would educate my daughters."

The viral video shows Ms Prajapati hugging her father.

Ms Prajapati's touching moment with her father resonated deeply with many, resulting in a wave of heartfelt comments.

A user wrote, "Heartiest Congratulations CA AmitaPrajapati , Your hard work and perseverance have paid off. Your dedication and patience are a true inspiration to everyone who faces challenges along the way."

Another user wrote, "Literally your story is too inspirational especially for those who belong from lower middle class family and don't have enough resources you have proven that no matter from which place do you live or from which family you belong or what is your financial condition the thing only matters is your dedication or passion to achieve something if you are passionate for some thing in your life and if you wanna achieve that thing so you will have to work dedicatedly towards your goal by ignoring all fucking taunts and you will definitely got success."

"Indeed, her achievement is commendable and will lead her to a quality life. She must focus on bringing justice to her profession and duties," the third user wrote.

Elon Musk, Vinod Khosla trade barbs as Biden quits presidential race

San Francisco, July 23 (IANS) Elon Musk and ace venture capitalist VinodKhosla on Monday got engaged in a public spat on X social media platform after US President Joe Biden dropped out of the US Presidential race.



Khosla, an Indian-American investor, came out against former US President Donald Trump, saying it is hard for him to support someone with "no values, lies, cheats, rapes, demeans women, hates immigrants like me".

"He (Trump) may cut my taxes or reduce some regulation but that is no reason to accept depravity in his personal values. Do you want a President who will set back climate by a decade in his first year? Do you want his example for your kids as values?" asked Khosla.

The Tesla and SpaceX CEO replied, saying Trump doesn't hate him.

"In fact, I think he likes you. Meet him and find out for yourself. I'm not suggesting that Trump is without flaws, however we need an administration that is more likely to be meritocratic and promote individual freedoms over the heavy hand of government," the tech billionaire argued.

Musk further said that many years ago, that was the Democratic Party, but now, "the pendulum has swung to the Republican Party".

Khosla replied, saying he agrees with meritocracy and promotes individual freedoms.

"But abandon climate and "drill baby drill? Be MAGA (Make America Great Again) and abandon NATO and American leadership and moral authority? I was a socially liberal registered fiscal Republican till climate made me switch to Independent," posted the top investor in Silicon Valley.

Musk continued to support Trump, saying civilisation does need oil and gas for quite some time.

"I don't think we should demonise an industry that is essential for humanity to function. However, as you know, sustainable energy production and consumption is growing very rapidly and is tracking to exceed use of hydrocarbon fuels. That will happen no matter what Trump does," Musk emphasised.

He further said that for NATO, the amount contributed by the United States is "absurdly higher than other allies".

"Why are American taxpayers paying for the defense of Europe when Europe is fully capable of doing so itself?" said Musk.

Know what is corneal damage that affected Jasmine Bhasin

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Maintaining proper hygiene and regular eye checks is key to avoiding eye problems related to lenses, said experts on Monday, as noted TV actress Jasmine Bhasin reportedly is suffering from corneal damage due to her lenses.



In an Instagram, the 34-year-old actress shared that it will take her at least four to five days to recover fully from corneal damage that she got after wearing contact lenses at an event in Delhi.

Bhasin thanked her followers for their love and blessings and noted that she is now recovering.

Earlier in a media interview, Bhasin of 'Tashan-e-Ishq' and 'Dil Se DilTak' fame, reported that despite feeling pain in her eyes, she continued with her work commitments, opting to wear sunglasses during the event.

However, her condition worsened, and she eventually lost her vision temporarily. She said she was diagnosed with corneal damage and had her eyes bandaged.

Speaking to IANS, Dr.Bhavya Reddy from Aster Whitefield Hospital stressed the need to maintain hygiene, use lenses appropriately, and avoid contaminants.

"The key pointers include washing hands before lens handling, fresh cleaning solution usage, and disposing of any irritating contacts immediately. Take off the lens immediately and get a quick checkup with an ophthalmologist if you suspect redness, irritation, and pain soon after wearing contact lenses. Always keep a pair of backup spectacles," Dr. Reddy said.

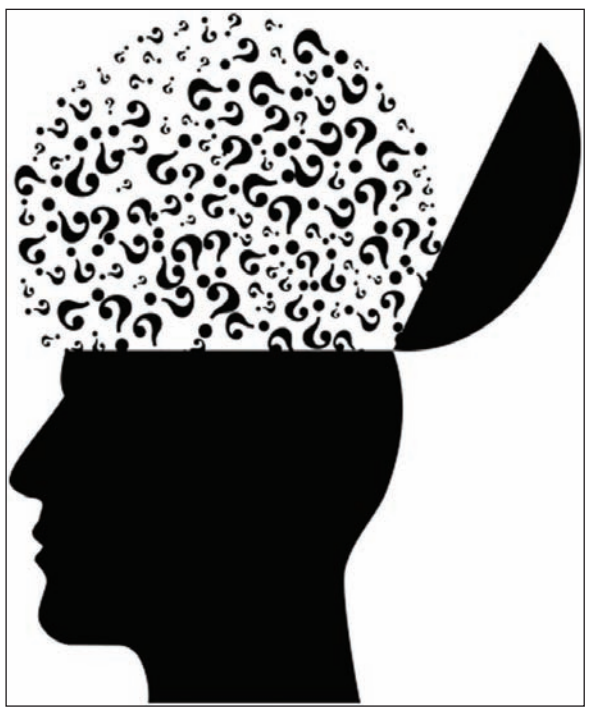
Common symptoms of corneal damage include sharp, stabbing pain worsened by blinking or light exposure, redness, blurred or cloudy vision, light sensitivity, excessive tearing or dryness, and mucus-like discharge.

"Visual distortions such as halos around lights may occur. If you experience any of these symptoms, consult an eye care professional immediately," Dr Neeraj Shah, Chief Medical Officer and Consultant, Sankara Eye Hospital Jaipur told IANS.

The experts advised following proper guidelines on lenses like buying contact lenses of the correct size and fit. Maintain hygiene by washing hands before handling the lenses. Adhere to the recommended wear schedule; lenses are made of materials that determine their safe wear time. Avoid sleeping in lenses unless prescribed. Schedule regular eye check-ups to monitor eye health and lens fit.

Economic Survey links mental health disorders with 'significant productivity losses'

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) In a first, the economic impact of mental health was discussed in the Economic Survey 2023-24 tabled by the Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister NirmalaSitharaman in Parliament on Monday.



The Survey talks extensively about mental health, its significance, and implications on policy recommendations. It also associated mental health disorders with "significant productivity losses".

It is because the condition leads to "absenteeism, decreased productivity, disability, increased healthcare costs, among others".

Citing the National Mental Health Survey (NMHS) 2015-16, the Survey noted that 10.6 per cent of adults in the country suffered from mental disorders. However, the treatment gap for mental disorders ranged between 70 per cent and 92 per cent for different disorders. It also showed a higher prevalence of mental morbidity in urban metro regions (13.5 per cent) as compared to rural areas (6.9 per cent) and urban non-metro areas (4.3 per cent).

The Survey also pointed out poverty as a reason for increasing mental health issues among people. It showed that "stressful living conditions, financial instability, and a lack of opportunities for upward mobility contribute to heightened psychological distress".

It also highlighted an increasing prevalence of poor mental health among adolescents exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Citing the NCERT's Mental Health and Well-being of School Students Survey, it showed that 11 per cent of students reported feeling anxious, 14 per cent as feeling extreme emotion, and 43 per cent experiencing mood swings.

The Survey noted key initiatives and policies such as the National Mental Health Programme and National Tele Mental Health Programme by the government to tackle the rising burden of cases. It also informed of increasing mental health professionals by sanctioning 25 Centres of Excellence to increase the intake of PG students.

The government also provisioned mental health services for 22 AIIMS, also provided online training courses via digital academies to general healthcare medical and paramedical professionals.

The Survey stresses important policy recommendations including redoubling efforts to increase the number of psychiatrists, and sensitising mental health at the preschool, and at the Anganwadi level to provide precious early identification of disorders.

From Gongbi to Confucius, this author keeps alive a tradition

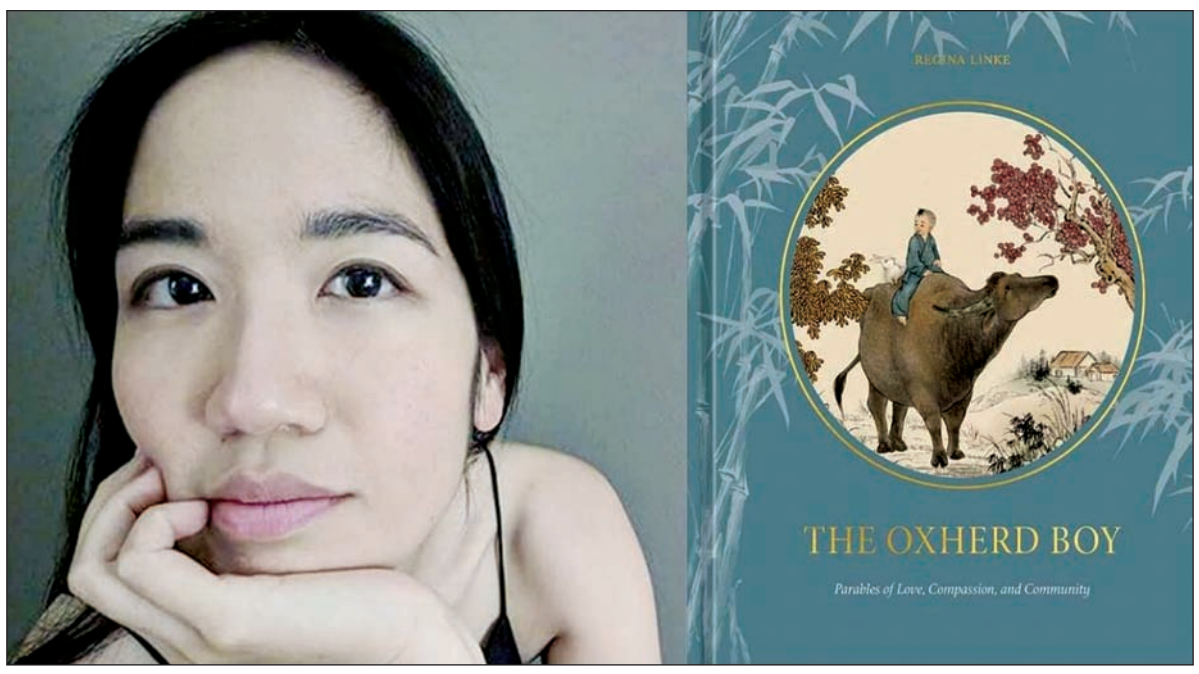


By Kavya Dubey

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Drawing from traditional ancient Chinese philosophies, Regina Linke, a Taiwanese-American artist specialising in gongbi style painting, tells (and depicts) the parable of 'The Oxherd Boy' (Penguin), who seeks to find joy in the mundane.

Gongbi is an ancient form of brush painting that illustrates narrative subjects in intricate and colourful detail. Although naturally drawn to this art form, Regina did not dive into it headfirst until her teacher's remark when she was young: "You'll never be a great gongbi artist."

Regina shared with IANS her train of thoughts and what sailed her through this apparent discouragement to make a mark in this tradition of fine art "that was already brimming with incredibly talented and persistent painters."



"What pulled me through this challenge was exploring and trying to understand why my teacher felt this way. When I looked more closely, I realised that becoming a 'great gongbi artist' wasn't my purpose at all," she said.

"I didn't want to spend every waking hour perfecting my linework or dedicate years to a handful of works to be enjoyed by few collectors. I would rather make many simple, charming works for everyday people to enjoy," she explained.

"I'm not a great gongbi artist, but I am a creator that applies gongbi style illustration in a new way, and I'm very happy with that," she made the admission.

However, when Regina's teacher encouraged her to forge her own path with her background in Western composition and perspective, she knew that it was good advice.

"Culture is a funny thing. It's very difficult to notice your own culture unless you get a chance to compare it with another, and explore a different way of being," said Regina, who was born and grew up in the US to Taiwanese immigrants.

"So while I was raised with cultural Chinese values, I saw the world through a fairly American lens. I became very aware of this aspect of myself after I moved to Taiwan as a mom to a young son. I felt myself compelled to reflect on what I could teach him, and choose what traditions from which culture to pass on."

Sharing about how she got a hold on the cultural nuances that prompted her to come up with a work like 'The Oxherd Boy', she chose to instil in her five-year-old son values from the three major teachings of traditional Chinese scholarship-Taoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism-through a little boy and his animal friends, "in a way that felt more approachable and applicable in the kind of world that my son is growing up in now."

Regina's maiden work certainly has had a bearing on her journey of parenthood.

"My son became very curious and also concerned about death when he was four," she said, recounting an incident: "We were on a road trip through a very beautiful part of Taiwan, and he was sitting next to me, crying as he realised that some day, the people he knows and loves would no longer exist. No one ever warned me about little children having existential crises!"

While Regina has been familiar with various explanations and beliefs about the afterlife, she does not believe in any one of them very strongly.

"You could say that my parents encouraged the Confucian perspective that I would do better to try to live a life of goodness than worry about death. But that wouldn't have helped my son at the time. So, I introduced him to the Buddhist teaching that life and death are one, that when conditions are just so, we experience life, and when conditions no longer support life, we experience death."

She explained further: "If life is a wave coursing across the surface of the sea, death is simply the wave falling back into the ocean. This became a chat between the ox and the oxherd boy in the book, and remains the most relevant explanation that my son relies on today when he thinks of death and reincarnation. He might come to a different conclusion someday, and that's alright."

Such moments have been significant for Regina as they "have challenged me to reflect on my own understanding of the world. It's one of the humbling parts about being a parent for me, realising that I don't have all the answers, but I can explore the questions with him." 'The Oxherd Boy' became the book Regina needed to create for herself. It was and continues to be an exercise of self-inquiry as "I unlearn and learn anew the things that I understand to be true," she revealed.

Replete with quotable thoughts, a conversation in the book goes as such:

"It makes me sad when others don't get their happily ever after," the Rabbit grumbled; the oxherd boy said: "Maybe their happily ever after is the chance to begin again."

With 'The Oxherd Boy' Regina Linke conveys the message that "life can be both honest and joyful through the daily work of love."

Kamala Harris secures majority of delegates, Trump campaign targets her on 'border invasion'



Washington, July 23 (IANS) US Vice-President Kamala Harris has secured the support of the majority of Democratic delegates who will formally elect her as the party's nominee for president at the convention in August as the Trump campaign prepared to hold her responsible for the "border invasion" and J.D. Vance slammed the Democratic party ticket switch as a threat to democracy in his first solo speech as the Republican nominee for Vice-President.

Harris surpassed the mark of 1,976 delegates needed to win the nomination reflecting the overwhelming support she is getting from the Democratic party, which is rapidly coalescing around her candidacy from the level of leaders down to the rank and file members.

She has no challengers so far.

The party plans to lock up the process through virtual polling before the start of the convention on August 19.

"When I announced my campaign for President, I said I intended to go out and earn this nomination," Harris said in a statement late Monday.

"Tonight, I am proud to have secured the broad support needed to become our party's nominee, and as a daughter of California, I am proud that my home state's delegation helped put our campaign over the top. I look forward to formally accepting the nomination soon." She added: "Over the next few months, I will be travelling across the country talking to Americans about everything that is on the line. I fully intend to unite our party, unite our nation, and defeat Donald Trump in November."

Although the presidential election takes place on November 4, early polling is scheduled to start in September, just a few weeks after the four-day Democratic convention closes in Chicago, Illinois on August 22. Democratic voters tend to vote early either through in-person voting at early booths or through mail and drop boxes. Republicans have historically voted on election day, but that is changing. The Democratic party has been galvanised by Harris' elevation to the top of the ticket and the cloud of doom that hung over the party since Biden's disastrous performance in the first presidential debate against former President Donald Trump had lifted, giving way to new energy. Donations are pouring in with the Harris campaign reporting raising an unprecedented $81 million in the first 24 hours since Harris became the nominee.

Harris's ascendancy has been watched closely by the Trump campaign, which would have preferred a weakened Biden. In a memo to campaign staff, Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles, who are running the Trump campaign, said: "Just as Donald Trump fired Joe Biden, he will demonstrate to the world he can fire Dangerously liberal Kamala as well."

Death toll in Ethiopian landslide rises to 157



Addis Ababa, July 23 (IANS) A landslide in southern Ethiopia has claimed more than 157 lives, the local government said on Tuesday.

The landslide occurred on Monday in southern Ethiopia's GezeGofa district, Xinhua news agency reported.

The local community is currently working to save the lives of the injured and provide shelter and food to the victims, the Gofa Zone Government Communication Affairs Department said in a statement.

The death toll has increased due to additional accidents involving people who went to the area for life-saving work. Some teachers, health workers, and agriculture professionals who were present for the rescue work have become victims of the accident, the local government said.

Ethiopian Red Cross Association and professionals from the neighbouring regions and zones are at the site helping the victims. The local government has called on all Ethiopians to provide support and attention needed to the zone for further rescue efforts.

EAM Jaishankar to attend key ASEAN, Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting



Tokyo, July 23 (IANS) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is expected to hold significant discussions with his counterparts from several Southeast nations besides foreign ministers of Australia, Japan and the United States, over the next few days at the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' gathering in the Laotian capital of Vientiane and the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Tokyo.

The EAM will be in Laos from July 25-27 to participate in the Foreign Ministers' Meetings under the ASEAN framework in the format of ASEAN-India, East Asia Summit(EAS) and ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

The 57th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) will be attended by over 1000 delegates, including foreign ministers and representatives from 31 countries.

ASEAN countries remain an important pillar of India's 'Act East' policy and key partner of its Indo-Pacific Vision underlined by Prime Minister NarendraModi's Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) vision.

Netanyahu meets families of Israeli-American hostages in Washington

New York, July 23 (IANS) In what was his first meeting in the framework of the diplomatic visit to Washington, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with the families of the Israeli-American hostages held in the custody of Hamas, earlier on Tuesday, India time.

"I am doing everything in my power to combine the necessary humanitarian objective and the imperative to return the hostages, and at the same time, preserve the existence of the State of Israel," Netanyahu said after the meeting.

"I am not prepared in any way to give in on the victory over Hamas. If we give up on this, we will be in danger in the face of Iran's entire axis of evil," he added.

Several representatives of the families of the hostages who accompanied the Israeli PM on flight to Washington and soldiers who fought on October 7, and who have fought in Gaza, also participated in the meeting which was also attended by Netanyahu's wife Sara.

Representatives of bereaved families who have lost their sons in the fighting in Gaza and the Western Negev were also present at the meeting.

Another Hindu temple in Canada vandalised, MP calls for action



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) A Hindu temple in Alberta's capital Edmonton was vandalised with "hateful graffiti" on Tuesday. This incident adds to the series of attacks that have happened recently on Hindu establishments in Canada.

Canadian Member of Parliament Chandra Arya took to X to express his concern over BAPS SwaminarayanMandir that was defaced.

He wrote: "During the last few years, Hindu temples in Greater Toronto Area, British Columbia and other places in Canada are being vandalised with hateful graffiti."

Drawing attention to the extremist elements instigating such incidents, the Liberal MP, known for his advocacy on multicultural issues, highlighted that "Gurpatwant Singh Pannun of Sikhs for Justice last year publicly called for Hindus to go back to India. Khalistan supporters publicly celebrated in Brampton and Vancouver the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, brandishing images of deadly weapons."

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1	2	3	4	5	6
29	Construction of "E.G.S./I.C.D.S. Centre (Aganbadi) Bu ilding in "JAGANNATHPUR" Under Dhalbhumgarh Block.	11,08,200.00	2,500.00	22,200.00	6 Months

PR 330410 Building(24-25)D अन्य कार्य एवं शर्तें पूर्व की भाँति यथावत् रहेगी। कार्यपालक अभियता भवन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर।

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अति अल्पकालीन ई निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई निविदा सूचना संख्या -07/NREP/SARAIKELA/2023-24 **(3rd Call)**

कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :–

क०सं०	ग्रुप सं०	प्रखण्ड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन राशि (2%)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	अभ्युक्ति
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2	नीमडीह	ग्राम–बाडेदा, पंचायत–बाडेदा में तुरू सबर के घर से सुखलाल सिंह के घर तक पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण कार्य	2810100.00	56500.00	5000.00	तीन माह	3rd Call

1	जिला का वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	दिनांक – 24.07.2024
2	ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय–	दिनांक– 25.07.2024 से दिनांक– 31.07.2024 तक समय – अपराहन् 05:00 बजे तक।
3	ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान –	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण नियोजन कार्यक्रम, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।
4	ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक– 01.08.2024 के अपराहन् 5.00 बजे
5.	ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता–	कार्यपालक अभियंता,एन.आर.ई.पी. सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।
6	ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संख्या	7004618937(संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष संख्या)

7. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है,तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
8. सरकार के संयुक्त सचिव,ग्रामीण विकास विभाग,झारखण्ड,राँची का पत्रांक–02 (नि0नि0–17)–251/23 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग 3130 (अनु0),राँची, दिनांक–09.10.2023 द्वारा दिये गये निदेश के अनुपालन में सभी कागजात के साथ निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जाएगा उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस की जाएगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जबावदेही निविदादाता की होगी।
10. ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले) झारखण्ड ,पथ निर्माण विभाग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (विशेष प्रमण्डल) झारखण्ड अंतर्गत पंजीकृत श्रेणी के संवेदक भाग ले सकेगें।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
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PR.NO.330370 Rural Development(24-25):D

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ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–WRD/MID/CHAIBASA/ F2-02/2024-25(2nd Call)

1.कार्य का नाम :–

ग्रुप संख्या	योजना का नाम	जिला	प्रखण्ड	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रूपये में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	हुदुबुदुंग नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण कार्य।	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम	बन्दगॉव	62.320	10,000.00	1,25,000.00	11 माह
2.	सिनूडूबा नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण कार्य।	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम	मनोहरपुर	80.026	10,000.00	1,61,000.00	11 माह
3.	सलई नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण कार्य।	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम	मनोहरपुर	71.135	10,000.00	1,43,000.00	11 माह

नोट :– केवल ई० (Online Mode) निविदा ही स्वीकार होगा।
2. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट WWW.jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखें।
3. बेवसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय :– 30.07.2024 के अपराहन् 02:00 बजे से।
4. ई०–निविदा में भाग लेने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– 13.08.2024 अपराहन 02:00 बजे तक।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– 14.08.2024 अपराहन् 02:00 बजे ।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम, पता , दूरभाष सं० एवं ई०–मेल आई डी०– कार्यपालक अभियंता , लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा/9471742851 ई०मेल – eemidchaibasa@gmail.com, eemidchai-cemr-jhr@nic.in
7. निविदा के B.O.Q की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदानुसार B.O.Q के मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि में बदलाव होगा ।
8. प्राक्कलित राशि का 10 प्रतिशत से नीचे के दर से निविदित (Quoted rate is more than 10% below the schedule rate) के परिपेक्ष में पथ निर्माण विभाग झारखण्ड रॉची के पत्रांक 2146(S) दिनांक 09.09.2020 के शर्तावली के अनुसार अतिरिक्त जमानत की राशि एकरारनामा करने के समय जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा ।
9. परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस विभाग झारखण्ड मंत्रालय, धुर्वा, राँची के आदेश सह ज्ञापांक 120, दिनांक 03.10.2023 के अनुरूप (Online) प्राप्त की जायेगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान सम्वेदक द्वारा जिस बैंक खाता से किया जाएगा। उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर बैंक खाता को बन्द कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही सम्वेदक की होगी।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

PR 330308 West Singhbhum(24-25).D

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अल्पकालिन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–**UDD/AMC/07/2024-25** दिनांक– 22.07.2024

ग्रुप सं0	वार्ड सं0	कार्य का नाम	निविदा की राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
01	23	laying of 450 mm dia hume pipe drain from JAYANTI ENCLAVE to SHRI SAI VATIKA and from house of K C Yadav to Ambition Tower in Ward no 23 under amc	8,04,310.00	16,500.00	5000.00	4 माह
02	22	laying of 450 mm dia hume pipe drain from DAMRO to Durga puja maidan in Ward no 22 under amc	4,40,786.00	9,000.00	1000.00	4 माह
03	11	construction of 300mm np2 rcc hume pipe drain and laying of paver block from house of H/O Rajendra Prashad to Aashirwad Building at ward 11 Under AMC.	8,88,242.00	18,000.00	5000.00	4 माह
04	14	Construction of Rcc drain in from (1) Piple tree to infront of Hari Om Tower (Munga tree) (2) Ranu Sarkar to Sekhar kumar Samanata (3) Santosh Agrawal to Arjun Das ward no 14 Under AMC	12,73,288.00	26,000.00	5000.00	4 माह
05	15	Construction of Rcc drain in front H/O S N Jha and in front H/O Chandrasekhar Singh ward no 15 Under AMC	1,44,305.98	3,000.00	1000.00	4 माह
06	10	Laying of paver block road from srimati karmi sardar house to dhananjay mahato house, krishnapur rahadgoda in Ward No. 19 under AMC	11,07,402.00	22,500.00	5000.00	4 माह
07	19	Laying of paver block road in gali between road no. 10 and 15 (near house of A K Singh) Ward No. 19 under AMC	4,13,565.00	8,500.00	1000.00	4 माह
08	19	Construction of 300mm dia hume pipe drain from in Gali between Road No. 10 and 15 (near house of A K Singh) ward No. 19 under AMC	4,58,470.00	9,500.00	1000.00	4 माह
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि		दिनांक– 27.07.2023 (अपराहन 5.00 बजे से)			
3	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि		दिनांक– 10.08.2023 (अपराहन 5.00 बजे तक)			
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि		दिनांक– 12.08.2023 (अपराहन 03.00 बजे)			
5	निविदा आमंत्रण करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम		अपर नगर आयुक्त, नगर निगम आदित्यपुर			
6	निविदा से संबंधित जानकारी हेतु मोबाईल नम्बर		7488840585			
7	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन नम्बर		7488840585			

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प्रशासक
नगर निगम, आदित्यपुर

PR 330398 (Urban Development) 24-25 (D)

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अल्पकालिन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

पुनः ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–**UDD/AMC/04/2023-24** दिनांक– 22.07.2024

ग्रुप सं0	वार्ड सं0	कार्य का नाम	निविदा की राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
03	3	Construction of RCC drain from house of house of amir singh to dinesh mandal in ward no 03 under AMC.	4,58,782.00	9,500.00	1000.00	2 माह
04	3	Construction of brick work drain near house of dinesh mandal in ward no 03 under AMC	2,22,333.00	4,500.00	1000.00	2 माह
10	7	Detail estimate for laying of 450 mm dia hume pipe drain from house of Raju chowdhary to durga mandir at loharpada near kedia petrol pump in Ward no 07 under amc	6,43,807.00	13,000.00	5000.00	2 माह
14	14	Construction of RCC drain from House of Sonu Tanti to Ramsakal Kalandi, Only RCC Slab from House of Rajesh Gorai to Pinki Dukan in Ward No. 14 under Adityapur Municipal Corporation.	12,70,390.00	25,500.00	5000.00	2 माह
17	15	Construction of 300mm NP2 RCC Hume Pipe drain from Hanuman Mandir to Near House of Rajesh Kumar in Ward No. 15 under Adityapur Municipal Corporation.	4,60,730.00	9,500.00	1000.00	2 माह
18	16	Construction of RCC drain from Chhabi Mahato and Laxmi Shop in Ward No. 16 under AMC.	1,85,345.00	4,000.00	1000.00	2 माह
28	20	Construction of RCC drain from house of house of anil saw to main drain near electric board office adityapur in ward no .20	6,46,915.00	13,000.00	5000.00	2 माह
31	24	Construction of RCC drain from house of Santosh Singh to Narayani steel gate in Ward No. 24 under Adityapur Municipal Corporation.	18,74,581.00	38,000.00	5000.00	2 माह
32	24	Construction of 300mm np2 dia hume pipe drain from house of Durga ojha to house of ajay kumar in Ward No. 24 under Adityapur Municipal Corporation.	8,57,264.00	17,500.00	5000.00	2 माह
40	28	Laying 300mm dia hume pipe drain from shivkali mandir to near house of sodager thakur and dwarika yadav in ward no 28 Under AMC	1,67,146.00	3,500.00	1000.00	2 माह
43	30	Construction of RCC drain from a. LIG Flat 3 and 4 back side b. Near LIG Flat 6 in ward no 30 under AMC (Section of RCC drain 2'0"x20").	3,47,400.00	7,000.00	1000.00	2 माह
44	31	Construction of RCC drain from 18 no. Janta Flat to Road no. 12 (Section of RCC drain 5'0"x4'0") in Ward No. 31 under Adityapur Municipal Corporation.	24,97,300.00	50,000.00	5000.00	2 माह
45	32	Renovation of sewerage drainage chamber (3'-0"x2'-6"x3'-6") Behind House of Vishnu Giri and Near House of Santosh Sharma in ward no-32 under MC Adityapur	27,320.00	1000.00	1000.00	2 माह
47	33	Construction of 300mm np2 rcc hume pipe drain and laying of paver block from house of Tura Purti to Suresh Narayan a t ward 33 Under AMC.	3,61,500.00	7,500.00	1000.00	2 माह
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
48	33	Construction of 300mm np2 rcc hume pipe drain Near Vikash Mahali to House of Tulshi Sahu at ward 33 Under AMC.	41,770.00	1,000.00	1000.00	2 माह
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि		दिनांक– 27.07.2023 (अपराहन 5.00 बजे से)			
3	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि		दिनांक– 10.08.2023 (अपराहन 5.00 बजे तक)			
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PR 330403 Urban Development(24-25)D

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कृशकों के लिए आम सूचना

प0 सिंहभूम एवं सरायकेला–खरसावाँ जिलों के सभी कृशक बंधुओं को एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि वर्ष 2024–25 के लिये "उद्यान विकास की योजना" के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न कार्य अवयवों के लिये सरकारी अनुदान पर भौतिक लक्ष्य प्राप्त हुआ है। उक्त लक्ष्य के विरूद्ध योजना का कार्यान्वयन में SC/ST, लघु एवं सीमांत कृशक, कृशक समूह, महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह,सखी मंडल, FPO (कृशक उत्पादक संगठन) को प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी। इस योजना हेतु लाभुक कृशकों का चयन, पंचायती राज संस्थाओं के स्थानीय प्रतिनिधियों तथा झारखण्ड स्टेट लाइवलीहुड प्रमोशन सोसाईटी (JSLPS)/ BAO/BTM/ATM, सब्जी प्रसार कार्यकर्ता, प्रखण्ड में कार्यरत् उद्यान मित्रों द्वारा अनुशंसा के आधार पर किया जाएगा।

आवेदनकर्त्ता अपना आवेदन जिला उद्यान कार्यालय, झारखण्ड स्टेट लाइवलीहुड प्रमोशन सोसाईटी (JSLPS), BTM/ATM एवं प्रखण्ड में कार्यरत् उद्यान मित्रों के माध्यम से प्राप्त कर दिनांक 10.08.2024 के अपराहन् 5.00 बजे तक पूर्ण विवरणी के साथ भरकर जमा कर सकते हैं। सुपात्र लाभुकों को पहले आओं पहले पाओं के आधार पर लाभ दिया जाएगा।

क्रम	कार्य अवयव	भौतिक लक्ष्य (हे0/इकाई/संख्या/एकड़)	
		प0 सिंहभूम	सरायकेला–खरसावाँ
1	बागवान/उद्यान मित्रों/कृषकों को 05 (पाँच) दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण	900 सं0	500 सं0
2	युवाओं को 25 दिवसीय माली प्रशिक्षण	30 सं0	25 सं0
3	मिर्चा की खेती	70 हे0	50 हे0
4	ओल की खेती	60 हे0	40 सं0
5	अदरक की खेती	40 हे0	30 हे0
6	कीट रहित सब्जी उत्पादन इकाई	37 सं0	27 सं0
7	खुले वातावरण में फूलों की खेती	80 हे0	70 हे0
8	टिशु कल्चर केला की खेती	40 हे0	60 हे0
9	गृह वाटिका की स्थापना (प्रति इकाई 25 डिसमील)	90 इकाई	60 इकाई
10	सब्जी की खेती	600 हे0	500 हे0
11	मशरूम कीट वितरण (प्रति लाभुक 30 प्लास्टिक बैग कम्पोस्ट एवं स्पॉन)	5100 सं0 या 170 लाभुक	4950 सं0 या 165 लाभुक
12	संरक्षित फूलों की खेती	01 हे0	01 हे0
13	पपीता की खेती	40000 सं0	25000 सं0
14	टिशु कल्चर स्ट्रोबेरी की उन्नत खेती	30 हे0	25 हे0
15	पॉली हाउस का निर्माण	1000 वर्ग मी0	–
16	गुणवत्तायुक्त सब्जी, फूल, फल, पौध बिचड़ा उत्पादन (सैपलिंग नर्सरी)	60 सं0	60 सं0

नोट :–
1) वैसे लाभुक/कृशक या उसके परिवार का चयन किया जाएगा, जो पिछले तीन वर्शों में उद्यान विभाग द्वारा संचालित योजना का लाभ नहीं लिया हो। झारखण्ड स्टेट लाइवलीहुड प्रोमोशन सोसाईटी के द्वारा लक्ष्य के अनुरूप स्वयं सहायता समूह की विवरणी उपलब्ध नहीं कराये जाने की स्थिति में अन्य माध्यम से गठित कृशक समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह को आच्छादित किया जा सकेगा।
2) आवेदन पत्र में सभी आवश्यक कागजात यथा फोटोग्राफ, आधार कार्ड, मोबाईल न0 (चालु स्थिति में), बैंक पासबुक की छायाप्रति, भू–स्वामित्वा प्रमाध पत्र की छायाप्रति अथवा शपथ पत्र, जमीन का अद्यतन रसीद, आवेदक के हिस्से में पड़ने वाले भूमि का कागजात के संबंध में मुखिया से प्राप्त वंशावली संलग्न होना आवश्यक है।
3) अपूर्ण आवेदन स्वतः रद्द समझा जाएगा।
4) पिछले तीन वर्शों में जिन ग्रामों का चयन नहीं किया गया है उन ग्रामों के चयन में प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी। सासंद आर्दश ग्राम, श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी रूर्बन मिशन योजना एवं एग्री स्मार्ट भिलेज में चयनित गाँव के कृशकों को प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी।
5) आवेदक के पाससब्जी, फल, फूल एवं संरक्षित फूल आदि की खेती से संबंधित पर्याप्त भूमि हो तथा सिंचाई की सुविधा उपलब्ध हो।
6) उद्यानिकी फसलों की खेती का केन्द्र प्रायोजित Per Drop More Crop योजना के साथ अभिसरण किया जायेगा। इससे पानी की बचत एवं उत्पादन में वृद्वि होगी।
7) झारखण्ड स्टेट लाईवलीहुड प्रोमोशन सोसाईटी के महिला स्वयं सहायता समूहों/सखी मंडल को योजना अन्तर्गत आच्छादित किया जायेगा। ऐसे समूहों को कृशि, पशुपालान एवं सहकारिता विभाग के अन्य योजनाएँ यथा ऑन फॉर्म वाटर मैंनेजमेंट (सूक्ष्म सिंचाई योजना) के तहत् लाभान्वित किया जायेगा।
8) इस योजना का कार्यान्वयन यथा संभव Cluster में किया जायेगा।
9) योजना का कार्यान्वित कार्य अवयवों का GEO Tagging किया जायेगा।
10) युवाओं को माली प्रशिक्षण –200 घंटा (25 दिन), न्यूनतम उम्र – 20 से 45 के बीच हो, योग्यता – मैट्रिक अथवा समकक्ष एवं कृशि, उद्यानिकी फसलों के क्षेत्र में अनुभव हो।
11) बागवान/उद्यान मित्र/कृशक को 05 (पाँच) दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण में योग्यता – मैट्रिक अथवा समकक्ष एवं कृशि, उद्यानिकी फसलों के क्षेत्र में अनुभव हो।
12) उक्त योजना से संबंधित जानकारी एवं आवेदन जिला उद्यान कार्यालय, प0 सिंहभूम, झारखण्ड स्टेट लाइवलीहुड प्रोमोशन सोसाईटी (JSLPS), BAO/BTM/ATM, सब्जी प्रसार कार्यकर्ता, प्रखण्ड में कार्यरत् उद्यान मित्रों इत्यादि से सम्पर्क कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

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New tool shows promise in reducing depression risk in elderly



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) US researchers have developed a novel tool that can help reduce the onset of depression in individuals over 60.

Researchers from Mass General Brigham, in collaboration with Yale University, have shown that a higher Brain Care Score (BCS) is associated with a lower risk of late-life depression.

The findings, published in Frontiers in Psychiatry, highlight the potential of the BCS in helping patients make lifestyle changes to improve brain health.

"The Brain Care Score is a simple tool designed to help anyone in the world answer the question, 'What can I do to take better care of my brain?'" said Jonathan Rosand, co-founder of the McCance Center for Brain Health at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The study indicates that raising the BCS can lower the risk of depression, dementia, and stroke. It also highlights a bright opportunity to prevent these conditions. The BCS focuses on modifiable risk factors: Physical (blood pressure, haemoglobin A1c, cholesterol, BMI), lifestyle (nutrition, alcohol intake, smoking, physical activity, sleep), and social/emotional (stress, relationships, life purpose). The study, based on data from over 350,000 participants, found that a five-point increase in BCS was associated with a 33 per cent lower risk of late-life depression, although researchers found a significant link between baseline BCS and depression risk in under-50s, contrary to expectations.

They are now investigating the neurobiological basis of this association in younger individuals, although much remains to be learnt.

'Kalki' tops IMDb's list of most popular Indian movies of 2024, followed by 'Manjummel Boys'



Mumbai, July 23 (IANS) The recently released box-office juggernaut 'Kalki 2898 AD', starring Kamal Haasan, Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, and Prabhas, has topped the IMDb list of Most Popular Indian Movies of 2024 so far.

The epic science fiction film, directed by Nag Ashwin, is set in a post-apocalyptic world in the year 2898 AD.

It follows a select group on a mission to save lab subject SUM-80's unborn child, Kalki.

The film marks the first instalment in a planned Kalki Cinematic Universe.

Director Nag Ashwin said: "It's a great pleasure and honour for our whole team to be featured on the IMDb list. I think it directly reflects the love of our audience across the world. This inspires us to keep pushing the boundaries."

The second spot was grabbed by the Malayalam film 'Manjummel Boys'.

The film stars Soubin Shahir, Sreenath Bhasi, Balu Varghese, Ganapathi S. Poduval, Lal Jr., Deepak Parambol, Abhiram Radhakrishnan, Arun Kurian, Khalid Rahman, and Shebin Benson.

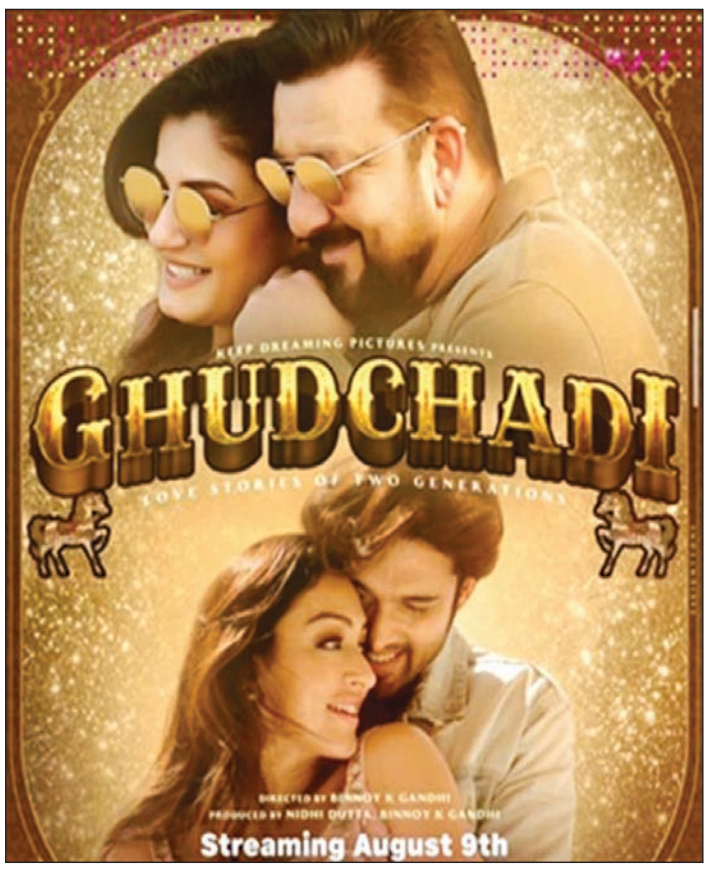
Based on a true incident from 2006, 'Manjummel Boys' follows a group of friends from a small town called Manjummel near Kochi, who decide to vacation in Kodaikanal. Things take a turn when one of them becomes trapped in the Guna Caves.

Chidambaram, the director of 'Manjummel Boys', said: " 'Manjummel Boys' is a tale of friendship and a survival thriller, exploring universal themes of triumph against the odds. The film's visual storytelling transcends language barriers, making it accessible to a global audience. This film is very close to my heart, and the love and overwhelming response from the audience have been truly humbling."

The Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone-starrer 'Fighter' ended up in the third spot on the list, followed by 'Hanu Man', 'Shaitaan', and 'Laapataa Ladies'. Other movies on the list include 'Article 370', 'Premalu', 'Aavesham', and 'Munjya'.

Regarding the Most Anticipated Indian Movies for the Rest of the Year, the Allu Arjun-starrer 'Pushpa: The Rule' tops the list, followed by 'Devara Part 1', 'Welcome to the Jungle', 'The Greatest of All Time', 'Kanguva', and 'Singham Again'.

Other films on IMDb's list of Most Anticipated Indian Movies for the Rest of the Year include 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', 'Thangalaan', 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha', and 'Stree 2'.



Sanjay Dutt, Raveena Tandon starrer 'Ghudchadi' to release on August 9 on OTT

Mumbai, July 23 (IANS) The makers of the Sanjay Dutt and Raveena Tandon-starrer romantic comedy film 'Ghudchadi' announced on Tuesday that the movie will be released on August 9 and will be streaming on an OTT platform.

The makers took to Instagram and shared the first poster of the movie. The poster features Raveena and Sanjay in a romantic pose, candidly laughing.

It also features Parth Samthaan and Khushali Kumar holding each other.

The post is captioned: "Double the pyaar = Double the confusion! Watch 'Ghudchadi', streaming from August 9, exclusively on JioCinema Premium."

'Ghudchadi' is written and directed by Binnoy K. Gandhi and produced by Nidhi Dutta and Binnoy.

The movie also stars Aruna Irani, Ansha Sayed, and Navni Parihar in pivotal roles.

'Ghudchadi' will be released on August 9 on JioCinema Premium.

Raveena, who made her acting debut in the 1991 action film 'Patthar Ke Phool', has starred in hit movies like 'Dilwale', 'Khiladiyon Ka Khiladi', 'Ziddi', 'Laadla', 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan', 'Dulhe Raja', and 'Anari No.1'.

In recent years, she has appeared in the Kannada film 'KGF: Chapter 2', which was written and directed by Prashanth Neel and produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the banner Hombale Films.

The film starred an ensemble cast including Yash, Sanjay Dutt, Srinidhi Shetty, and Prakash Raj.

The actress also starred in the streaming legal drama film 'Patna Shuklla', directed by Vivek Budakoti and produced by Arbaaz Khan.

It stars Manav Vij, Chandan Roy Sanyal, Satish Kaushik, Anushka Kaushik, Jatin Goswami, and others in pivotal roles.

Her upcoming project includes 'Welcome to the Jungle'.

Sanjay, who last featured in the Tamil film 'Leo', has several projects in the pipeline, including 'Double iSmart', 'Sheran Di Kaum Punjabi', 'KD - The Devil', and 'Baap'.

Parth, who is making his Bollywood debut with 'Ghudchadi', is known for his work in shows like 'Kaisi Yeh Yaariaan', 'Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya', and 'Kasautii Zindagii Kay'.

Sonam Kapoor drops glimpses of concept photoshoot, vows to fight prejudices



Mumbai, July 23 (IANS) Actress and fashion icon Sonam Kapoor has shared a glimpse of her new photoshoot for a magazine, promoting acceptance and fighting against prejudices.

Sonam recently shot for a magazine and can be seen wearing a white off-shoulder gown with matching bell-shaped sleeves.

The actress opted for minimal makeup and accessorised the outfit with big, colourful ethnic jhumkas.

The magazine has captioned the post with Sonam's quote: "In a society where traditional views are still prevalent, taking a stand can be controversial, but I believe it's essential to use whatever platform I have to promote acceptance and fight against prejudices - Sonam A Kapoor."

Sonam, the daughter of actor Anil Kapoor, started her career as an assistant director with filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Black'.

The actress made her acting debut with the 2007 romantic drama 'Saawariya', alongside Ranbir Kapoor. Produced and directed by Bhansali, the film was based on Fyodor Dostoevsky's 1848 short story White Nights.

Sonam has featured in movies like 'Delhi-6', 'I Hate Luv Storys', 'Mausam', 'Raanjhanaa', and 'Prem Ratan Dhan Payo'.

In 2016, she essayed the role of Neerja Bhanot in the biographical thriller film 'Neerja', directed by Ram Madhvani and written by Saiwyn Quadras and Sanyuktha Chawla Shaikh.

The movie also featured Shekhar Ravjiani, Shabana Azmi, Yogendra Tiku, Kavi Shastri, and Jim Sarbh in pivotal roles. 'Neerja' revolved around the real-life event of the attempted hijacking of Pan Am Flight 73 in Karachi, Pakistan, by the Libyan-backed Abu Nidal Organisation on September 5, 1986.

Sonam also appeared in movies like 'Pad Man', 'Veere Di Wedding', 'Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga', 'Sanju', and 'Blind'. On the personal front, Sonam is married to businessman Anand Ahuja. The couple has a son named Vayu.

Arjun Rampal joins Rana, Venkatesh Daggubati in season 2 of 'Rana Naidu'

Mumbai, July 23 (IANS) Actor Arjun Rampal, who was recently seen in the sports action film 'Crakk', has joined the cast of the Telugu-language streaming show 'Rana Naidu'. The series focuses on the on-screen father-and-son duo of Rana and Naga Naidu, with the second season promising more adrenaline-pumping drama.

The show also stars Rana Daggubati and Venkatesh Daggubati.

Arjun's role is set to raise the stakes in this action-packed drama of family feuds and follies. The tension is palpable, and viewers are bracing themselves for a wild ride of power, glamour, and personality clashes.

The series follows the story of the titular character, who makes a living by fixing the messes left behind by his famous



clients, earning him the moniker "fixer of the stars."

Rana faces conflict as he struggles at home, with his bond with his wife and two children being irreparably damaged. The situation takes a turn for the worse when his estranged father, Naga Naidu, is released from prison after serving 15 years for a crime he never committed.

Produced by Sunder Aaron and Locomotive Global, 'Rana Naidu' is created by Karan Anshuman and directed by Karan Anshuman, Suparn S. Varma, and Abhay Chopra.

'Bigg Boss OTT 3' makers to take action over defamatory 'doctored clip': 'Matter of serious concern'

Mumbai, July 23 (IANS) The makers of the controversial reality show 'Bigg Boss OTT 3' issued a clarification on Tuesday regarding an 'obscene' viral video circulating on the internet.

They stated that the video clip in question has been 'doctored to include obscenity and is fake'. The makers have initiated action against those responsible for creating and distributing such defamatory content against 'Bigg Boss OTT' and JioCinema.

On Monday, Shiv Sena legislator Manisha Kayande urged the Mumbai Police Commissioner to immediately shut down the show due to obscenity.

She pointed out that the episode, which aired on July 18, featured housemates engaging in inappropriate acts in front of the camera.

"Even kids watch this show. So this show should be stopped immediately. Strict action should be taken against the producers of this show and the CEO of the broadcasting company by filing a case under cybercrime. A written request has been made to the Commissioner of Police to investigate the matter," Kayande had said in her statement.

On Tuesday, in response, a JioCinema spokesperson stated in an official statement: "JioCinema adheres to strict programming standards and guidelines to ensure the quality and appropriateness of any content that streams on our platform.

'Khel Khel Mein' motion poster promises a healthy dose of laughter and secrets

Mumbai, July 23 (IANS) The makers of the upcoming multi-starrer film 'Khel Khel Mein' unveiled its motion poster on Tuesday, promising a rollercoaster ride of humour and intriguing conversations.

The poster showcases the ensemble cast of Akshay Kumar, Taapsee Pannu, Vaani Kapoor, Ammy Virk, Aditya Seal, Pragya Jaiswal, and Fardeen Khan sharing a hearty laugh.

It then flips to show them hiding a secret, with their fingers pressed to their lips.

The film is touted to provide a delightful mix of laugh-out-loud moments and heartwarming scenes that resonate deeply.

'Khel Khel Mein' is set to be released on August 15, coinciding with Independence Day.

The film secured the August 15 release date after the Allu Arjun-starrer 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' was postponed to December 6.

This film marks Ammy Virk's second recent Hindi release after 'Bad Newz', which also starred Vicky Kaushal and Triptii Dimri.

'Khel Khel Mein' will now clash with the Shraddha Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao-starrer 'Stree 2' at the box office.

Presented by Gulshan Kumar, T-Series, and Wakaoo Films, 'Khel Khel Mein' is a T-Series film, Wakaoo Films, and KKM Film production.

It is directed by Mudassar Aziz and produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Vipul D. Shah, Ashwin Varde, Rajesh Bahl, Shashikant Sinha, and Ajay Rai.



India's Olympics 2024 journey begins on July 25, archers up first



Paris, July 23: Indian contingent will kickstart its Paris Olympics journey from July 25 onwards, with 117 athletes set to feature in 69 medal events across 16 sports. A 29-member athletics team led by Neeraj Chopra will represent a large chunk of the contingent that will be travelling to France for the Olympics. There will also be a 21-member-strong shooting contingent, which will be the second-largest team sent by India for any sport at Paris 2024. This is the biggest shooting team India has sent in its Olympic history, with 15 shooters sent during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics being in second place, as per Olympics.com.

The archers competing in Paris for raising the tricolour high include stars like Deepika Kumari and Tarundeep Rai. They will be competing in the individual ranking rounds on July 25 and will be the first Indians in action, prior to the opening ceremony scheduled for the next day.

India will be getting their first shot at a medal during the mixed team air rifle medal matches scheduled for July 27 at the National Shooting Centre in Chateauroux. Two Indian teams, Sandeep Singh/Elavenil Valarivan and Arjun Babuta/Ramita Jindal, will be competing in this event. Manu Bhaker will compete in two individual pistol events and the 10 m air pistol mixed team competition as well.

However, the star of the show, the reigning Olympic and World champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, will be in action during August. The qualifiers for the men's javelin throw event will take place on July 6 and the final will take place two days later.

Two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu will be aiming to make it a hat-trick of medals during badminton events scheduled from July 27 to August 5.

Tokyo 2020 silver medalist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu will be in action in the women's 49 kg category competition scheduled for August 7.

Lovlina Borgohain, who secured a bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics will be in action during the boxing events starting from July 27 and concluding on August 10. During this, the two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen is all set to make her Olympic debut as a huge medal prospect for Team India.

The 16 sports India will be competing in during Paris 2024 are: Archery, athletics, badminton, boxing, equestrian, golf, hockey, judo, rowing, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis and tennis.

The Olympics will conclude on August 11. India will look to outdo its tally of seven medals from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, which included a gold, two silver, and four bronze medals.

Asalanka to captain Sri Lanka against India



Colombo, July 23 (IANS) All-rounder Charith Asalanka will lead Sri Lanka in home T20Is against India, starting from July 27, as the selection commitee announced a 16-man squad for the three-match series on Tuesday.

The T20I games will be played on July 27, 28, and 30 at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium in Kandy.Sadeera Samarawickrama and Dilshan Madhushanka have been dropped, with selectors instead opting for the likes of Chamindu Wickramasinghe, Binura Fernando and Avishka Fernando.

Veteran Dinesh Chandimal also returned to the fold as is in line to play his first T20I match since February 2022.

The series against India is also the first assignment for former captain Sanath Jayasuriya, who has taken over the responsibility as the Interim Coach.

Jayasuriya was appointed early this month following the resignation of former coach Chris Silverwood, who resigned at the end of June following the poor performance by Sri Lanka at the last T20 World Cup in the USA and the Caribbean islands.

Nigerian wall of steel Stephen Eze returns to Jamshedpur



Jamshedpur, July 23: Jamshedpur FC has secured the services of Nigerian international Stephen Eze, who has signed a two-year deal with the club. The 30-year-old Nigerian international brings a wealth of experience and physicality to the Men of Steel's defense. This marks the fourth foreign signing and the first foreign signing in central defense.

The tough Eze is a physical specimen with his tall frame of 6' 4" inches. He has proven to be a significant advantage in both attacking and defensive set pieces. Eze in his previous season with the Men of Steel in 2020-21, won an impressive 93 aerial duels, showcasing his dominance in the air, scored 4 crucial goals and won 126 duels overall demonstrating his ability to outmuscle opponents.

Eze was thrilled with the move to Jamshedpur FC and said, "I am ecstatic to be back at Jamshedpur FC, a club that has always felt like home to me although my first season was different in the bubble in Goa during covid. So I am excited to now play in our real home at the Furnace. I want to build on my previous experience from ISL and contribute to help team succeed in the ISL. I am excited to be in Jamsedpur and get started."

Head Coach, Khalid Jamil lauded the defender as he said, " I'm thrilled to welcome Stephen Eze back to Jamshedpur FC! He's a versatile player who will solidify our defense as a center back, capable of playing on both the right and left sides, as well as in a defensive midfield role. His experience in the ISL will be invaluable, particularly in set pieces, where he'll play a crucial role in both defense and attack. We need aggressive and experienced players like Eze in our setup, and I believe he has the leadership qualities, maturity and presence to marshal our defense."

Stephen Eze will don the jersey number 6 and join pre season in the coming weeks.

Paris Olympics: Australian water polo player tests Covid-19 positive

Paris, July 23 (IANS) An Australian water polo player has been isolated at the Paris Games following a positive Covid-19 test, as confirmed by the country's Olympic team chief, Anna Meares, on Tuesday. The athlete's name has not been disclosed, but close contacts are being closely monitored and tested to prevent any further spread of the virus. Despite this setback, the team continues its training as planned.The Tokyo 2020 Olympics were delayed by a year due to the pandemic and were held with limited spectators. However, the current approach to managing Covid-19 is more measured."We were due to have two players from water polo with us; however, currently, we have had one athlete from their team isolating with COVID, which was detected last night," Meares stated during a news conference."As a precaution, they're not joining us this morning. I must emphasise that we treat Covid no differently than other bugs like the flu. This is not Tokyo. The athlete is not particularly unwell and is still training but sleeping in a single room."

Murray to retire after Paris Olympics

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Former World No. 1 Andy Murray confirmed he will retire from tennis after the 2024 Paris Olympics via a social media post on Tuesday.The 37-year-old Scot, who made his first Olympic appearance in the Beijing Games in 2008, is planning to play in the singles and doubles in Paris, which will be his fifth Games."Arrived in Paris for my last ever tennis tournament," Murray wrote on X.

"Competing for Team GB has been by far the most memorable weeks of my career and I'm extremely proud to get to do it one final time!" he added.The Briton bagged his first Olympic singles gold in the 2012 London Olympics, where he defeated Swiss legend Roger Federer in straight games.In Rio 2016 Games, he became the first male tennis player to win two Olympic singles gold medal, when he beat Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro.The tennis action in Paris begins at Roland Garros on July 27 and concludes on August 4, with medal rounds being played from August 2.

On Kohli, Rohit's T20I retirement, big revelation from Mhambrey

Mumbai, July 23: Indian cricket stalwarts Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma dropped a bomb on fans, as they announced their retirement from T20 internationals as the team lifted the T20 World Cup 2024 title. While Virat broke the news in the post-match presentation ceremony, Rohit shared his plans in the press conference after the game. While many feel the decision was pre-planned, India's departing bowling coach Paras Mhambrey has revealed that neither Virat, Rohit, nor Ravindra Jadeja had shared their plans about calling it quits in the shortest format.Mhambrey revealed that the T20 retirement decision was equally surprising for the Indian team as well as the support staff as it was for the fans."I think no one was expecting that (the retirement announcements)," Mhambrey said."If you had any conversation earlier, we would have known this would be coming. But none of them had this conversation. If, individually or privately, they had a conversation with someone like Rahul (Dravid), that's a different thing, but not amongst the team or other individuals. So that was a little surprising for us as well," he said.

Have two Assistant Coaches: Gambhir

Mumbai, July 24: India head coach Gautam Gambhir, speaking to media on Monday, confirmed the names of two assistant coaches that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has approved. Though the complete list of coaches will be confirmed only after the Sri Lanka tour, Gambhir is happy to see the board agreeing to most of his demands as the head coach of the Indian team. During the media briefing, Gambhir revealed that his former Kolkata Knight Riders mates, Ryan Ten Doeschate and Abhishek Nayar have joined him as assistant coaches.

Union Budget: Increased allocation for Khelo India draws positive response



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Sports industry watchers on Saturday welcomed the government's decision to allocate increased funds for Khelo India, the Centre's flagship project that will get Rs 900 crore in the 2024-25 financial year.

The Rs 900 crore that Khelo India received is the highest allocation from the Sports Ministry's total budget of Rs 3,442.32 crore in the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday.

The budgetary allocation for sports for this financial year is very slight as the Olympic cycle concludes in August while the next Commonwealth Games and Asian Games are two years away.

The Khelo India budget for the previous financial was hiked to Rs 880 crore from Rs 596.39 crore in the 2023-24 budget. This year, the government added a further 20 crore to it. The government has also increased support for the National Sports Federation (NSF) by Rs 15 crore, raising it to Rs 340 crore. The Sports Authority of India has received a hike of Rs 26.83 crore, from Rs 795.77 to Rs 822.60.

The increase in budget has received a positive response from people associated with the sports industry.

"There is an increased budget for the sports sector through the Khelo India scheme and this should give an impetus to both high performance and grassroots build-up. An additional budget for sports infrastructure is also a big bonus. Right motivation during the Olympic buzz," said Prasanth Shanthakumaran, Partner and Head, Sports Sector, KPMG in India.

"The 2024 Union Budget marks a significant milestone for Indian sports, with an unprecedented allocation of Rs 3,442 crore (announced in the interim budget in February). This funding underscores the government's commitment to enhancing sports infrastructure and nurturing grassroots talent.

"As the Paris Olympics approaches, this enhanced support will boost our athletes' preparations and morale," Siddhartha Upadhyay, President and Founder of STAIRS Foundation, wrote in a note.

Youth should focus on sports and education, not politics: Dr. Ajoy Kumar



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Jamshedpur, July 23: Former MP and senior Congress leader Dr. Ajoy Kumar distributed cricket kits to about 180 young players in Jamshedpur on Monday.

"If the youth plays and studies diligently, the country will definitely progress," Dr. Kumar stated. He emphasized the importance of providing better opportunities for young athletes, criticizing political parties for misleading youth with divisive politics.

Dr. Kumar urged youth to focus on their careers rather than getting caught up in religious or caste-based politics. "A better career can be made in sports as well," he added, expressing his belief that India's success is tied to its sporting achievements.

The event was attended by several party workers, including Raja Singh Rajput. (w/nkm)

Women's Asia Cup: Pakistan inch closer to semis spot with 10-wicket win over UAE

Dambulla, July 23 (IANS) Pakistan Women's completed a dominating ten-wicket victory over the United Arab Emirates (UAE) side to proceed closer to the semifinals of the Women's Asia Cup at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium.This was the first-ever ten-wicket victory for any team in the history of the Women's Asia Cup.The Pakistani spinners took full advantage of the conditions in the subcontinent and turned the game away from the UAE batters in the first innings of the game taking seven of the eight wickets that fell. Despite a valiant 40-run knock by opening batter Theertha Satish, the wicketkeeper-batter was heavily let down by her teammates with the second-highest scorer being skipper Esha Oza who scored 16 runs.

Brief score:United Arab Emirates 103/8 in 20 overs (Theertha Satish 40, Sadia Iqbal 2-11, Tuba Hassan 2-17) lost to Pakistan 107/0 in 14.1 overs (Gull Feroza 62 not out, Muneeba Ali 37 not out) by 10 wickets.

'Yuvi paji gave him a look and player instantly apologised', recalls Abhishek Sharma

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) India batter Abhishek Sharma shared an incident that underscored the profound influence of former all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has had on his career. The 23-year-old recounted how Yuvraj came to his rescue during a Ranji Trophy match for Punjab, saving him from a sledging by an opponent. Abhishek has long idolised former all-rounder Yuvraj Singh and in a recent interview on the YouTube channel Second Innings with Manjot Kalra, Abhishek revealed the particular incident.

He revealed that Punjab had decided to target a specific player from the opposition team. Following the plan, Abhishek sledged the player while bowling. Later, when Abhishek went out to bat, the player retaliated by sledging and abusing him. The situation took a turn when Yuvraj Singh, who was at the other end of the pitch, noticed Abhishek's discomfort.

Paris Olympics: 'We are confident about our chances', says archer Deepika Kumari



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) India's ace archer Deepika Kumari is confident of the team's chances in the Paris Olympics. She said clear communication in tough situations will benefit them in the quadrennial event. Indian archers will compete in all five medal events in Paris: men's and women's teams, individual, and mixed categories.The women's team boasts exceptional talent including the 2022 Asian Games bronze medallists Ankita Bhakat and Bhajan Kaur, apart from Deepika.x"The strength of any team lies in its communication and combination. It's essential to support each other in various situations. We talk a lot and discuss how to handle different scenarios. Clear communication, especially in tough situations, is a huge strength for us. We are confident about our chances at the Olympics," Deepika said on JioCinema's 'The Dreamers'.Bhakat, who is fulfilling a lifelong dream of competing in the Olympics, expressed her confidence in the team's progress."Since I started archery, I have always dreamt of playing in the Olympics. Now, that dream is coming true. In past World Cups, we rarely played podium matches, but this time it's different. We learned from our early setbacks and improved significantly. Our performance has been consistently better in each competition, and I believe we will perform well at the Olympics," Bhakat stated.

She emphasised the importance of self-belief, adding, "I know what level of performance I'm capable of. When I give my 100%, the medal will surely follow."

Bhajan echoed Bhakat's sentiments, stressing on the importance of continuous improvement and giving their best effort. "My performance at the second World Cup was much better than the first one, so I started feeling victorious about my progress since the first World Cup," said Kaur.

"Whenever we go for a tournament, we focus on giving our best, no matter the magnitude of the tournament. Our aim is to leave no stones unturned for the Olympics as well and we are confident that we will return from Paris with a medal."

Bhakat also pointed out the invaluable experience of having a veteran like Deepika Kumari in the team. "It's a great advantage that Deepika is going to the Olympics for the fourth time. She understands the challenges we might face in Paris," she explained.Bhajan added, "Deepika's experience, along with Ankita's, is our biggest strength. They help us understand and rectify any issues in our game. Our ability to communicate and support each other is crucial."Deepika, one of India's most decorated archers, has been a beacon of excellence in the sport. The former World No.1 archer has won medals in World Cups, Asian Championships, the Commonwealth Games, the World Championships, and the Asian Games.

Financial support for higher education loans up to Rs 10 lakh

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) The Centre on Tuesday announced financial support for loans up to Rs 10 lakh for higher education in domestic institutions even as it slashed the grant for the higher education regulator UGC by over 60 per cent.

The allocation for prestigious B-schools -- Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) -- has also been reduced for the second consecutive year, according to the Union Budget.The budget for school education has been increased by over Rs 535 crore but the grant for higher education reduced by over Rs 9,600 crore from the previous fiscal year's revised estimate (RE).The overall budget allocation for the education sector has gone down by over Rs 9,000 crore. The Centre has allocated over Rs 1.20 lakh crore to the Ministry of Education for 2024-25 as against revised estimate of over Rs 1.29 lakh crore in the previous financial year.Presenting the budget for 2024-25 in Parliament, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that financial support will be provided for loans up to Rs 10 lakh for higher education in domestic institutions.

She said e-vouchers for this purpose will be given directly to one lakh students every year with interest subvention of 3 per cent of the loan amount.

"For helping our youth who have not been eligible for any benefit under govt schemes and policies, the government will provide financial support for loans up to Rs 10 lakh for higher education in domestic institutions. E-vouchers for this purpose will be given directly to one lakh students every year with interest subvention of 3 per cent of the loan amount," Sitharaman said.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the series of comprehensive and concrete measures announced by the finance minister will be a "win-win for all stakeholders - students, academia and industry"."This is going to fulfil aspirations of our youth, empower people with more livelihood opportunities, increase accessibility to quality education and skills and is also going to create over 4.1 crore new jobs in the next five years," Pradhan said .The budget for research and innovation in educational institutions has gone up by Rs 161 crore. Similarly, the allocation for World Class Institutions has gone up from Rs 1,300 crore (RE) to Rs 1,800 crore.

The funding for the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been brought down to Rs 2,500 crore from the previous year's RE of Rs 6,409 crore, a 60.99 per cent drop. The same was slashed in the interim budget presented by the government.

The IIMs, counted among the noted business schools in the country, have faced a cut in the budget for the second year in a row. Last year, the budget for IIMs was slashed from Rs 608.23 crore (RE) to Rs 300 crore. This year it has been further reduced to Rs 212 crore from the revised estimate of Rs 331 crore.

The budget for Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) has also seen a marginal dip from the RE last year.

The grant to the top technology institutions has dropped from RE of Rs 10,384.21 crore to Rs 10,324.50.

However, the support grant for central universities has increased by over 28 per cent. The budget for central universities has been increased to Rs 15,472 crore from RE of Rs 12,000.08 crore.

In school education, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, NCERT, PM Shri schools and grants-in aid to state governments and governments of Union territories have seen a rise in the budget allocation.

Upgrading 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in hub and spoke model, aligning course content with skill needs of industry and revision of model skill loan scheme, are among the measures announced by the finance minister for the skill development sector.

She said, "One thousand ITIs will be upgraded in hub and spoke model, course content and design will be aligned to the skill needs of industry and new courses will be introduced for emerging needs. I am happy to announce a new centrally sponsored scheme for skill development in which 20 lakh youth will be skilled over a period of five years." "The model skill loan scheme will be revised to facilitate loans up to Rs 7.5 lakh with a guarantee from government promoted fund...this measure is expected to help 25,000 students every year," Sitharaman added.

Budget : UGC faces over 60% cut



Three cancer medicines out from basic customs duty

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the Union Budget 2024-25 in Parliament on Tuesday, announced that three cancer treatment medicines will be exempted from basic customs duty.The health minister also outlined modifications to the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on X-ray tubes and flat panel detectors used in medical X-ray machines as part of the Phased Manufacturing Program to "enhance domestic production capacity."Addressing the Budget speech here, FM Sitharaman said, "To provide relief to cancer patients, I propose to fully exempt three more medicines from customs duties. I also propose changes in the BCD on x-ray tubes & flat panel detectors for use in medical x-ray machines…"These initiatives are part of the government's comprehensive strategy to improve healthcare affordability and accessibility, while also promoting local manufacturing and innovation in the medical sector.Industry players welcomed the government's robust measures to fortify India's healthcare infrastructure and accelerate growth in the pharmaceutical sector, saying it reflects a significant stride towards sustainable development and innovation in healthcare.Dr Harsh Mahajan, founder and chairman of Mahajan Imaging & Labs and Chairman of the FICCI Health Services Committee, said this is a budget for continuity and inclusive growth.

Rs 1.48 lakh crore for education, employment and skilling of youth

New Delhi, July 23 : The Centre has set aside Rs 1.48 lakh crore for education, employment and skilling of youth, which is 30 per cent higher than the previous allocation of Rs 1.13 lakh crore."In this Budget, we particularly focus on employment, skilling, MSMEs and the middle class," stated Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the Union Budget 2024-25 in Parliament on Tuesday.

Taking forward the theme of the first full-year Budget of the newly elected government, the Finance Minister announced a Prime Minister's package of five schemes and initiatives.

The package aims to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs 2 lakh crore. "This year, I have made a provision of Rs 1.48 lakh crore for education, employment and skilling," she added.



Delving into further details of the announcement, Sitharaman stated that the government will implement the following three schemes for 'Employment Linked Incentive', as part of the Prime Minister's package. These will be based on enrolment in the EPFO, and focus on recognition of first-time employees, and support to employees and employers, she said.

The Finance Minister said that 20 lakh youths will be skilled over five years.

The government will also provide financial support of up to Rs 10 lakh for higher education in domestic institutions.

As part of the scheme, 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes will be upgraded in a hub and spoke arrangements.

The Finance Minister on Tuesday laid out nine priorities of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, with a focus on employment, skilling, agriculture and manufacturing.

These are -- agriculture, employment, inclusive development, manufacturing and services, urban development, energy, infrastructure, innovation R&D and next-gen reforms.

Centre announces one crore houses for urban poor

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday proposed an allocation of Rs 2.2 lakh crore for urban housing, along with a Rs 10 lakh crore interest subsidy scheme in the flagship Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme.

This will give further impetus to the government's programme to provide affordable housing.

"Housing needs of one crore urban poor and middle-class families to be addressed with an investment of Rs 10 lakh crore, including the Central assistance of Rs 2.2 lakh crore over the next five years," FM Sitharaman said in her Budget Speech in Parliament.

She also mentioned the first Cabinet decision of Modi 3.0 term and said that the construction of three crore additional houses will be facilitated under the PMAY scheme of which two crore will be in the rural areas under PMAY (Grameen).

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is among the most ambitious schemes of the Modi government.

The allotment is a significant expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) in the latest budget announcement.

In the Interim Budget 2024, the Finance Minister had proposed that two crore more houses would be taken up in the next five years. Under this scheme, the government claimed that they were close to achieving the target of three crore houses.

In last year's, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana was enhanced by 66 per cent to over Rs 79,000 crore.

Solar push: 1 crore households to get 300 units of free power

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced the launch of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, aiming to instal solar panels in 1 crore households for providing 300 units of free electricity every month.Presenting Union Budget 2024-25, Sitharaman said the scheme has generated remarkable response with more than 1.28 crore registrations and 14 lakh applications, and we will further encourage it. "In the interim budget, I had announced our strategy to sustain high and more resource-efficient economic growth, along with energy security in terms of availability, accessibility and affordability," she added.The 2023-24 Budget allocated Rs 7,327 crore to solar projects. The Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana, announced in January, complements the 2014 Rooftop Solar Programme aimed at 40 GW by 2022.Sitharaman has also proposed to expand the list of exempted capital goods used in manufacturing solar cells and panels.

Projecting nuclear energy as a significant part of the energy mix for Viksit Bharat, the FM said, "Towards that pursuit, our government will partner with the private sector for setting up Bharat Small Reactors, research & development of Bharat Small Modular Reactor, and research & development of newer technologies for nuclear energy."

"The R&D funding announced in the interim budget will be made available for this sector," she added.

Budget comes up with booster dose to transform 14 big cities into Growth Hubs

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) The Union Budget 2024-25 has accorded high priority to the Centre working with states to facilitate the development of 'Cities as Growth Hubs'.Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that transit oriented development plans for 14 large cities with a population above 30 lakh will be formulated, along with an implementation and financing strategy.

"This will be achieved through economic and transit planning, and orderly development of peri-urban areas utilising town planning schemes," the Finance Minister said.She said the government will formulate a framework for enabling policies, market-based mechanisms and regulation for creative brownfield redevelopment of existing cities with a transformative impact.Besides, under the PM Awas Yojana Urban 2.0, housing needs of 1 crore urban poor and middle-class families will be addressed with an investment of Rs 10 lakh crore.This will include the Central assistance of Rs 2.2 lakh crore in the next five years. A provision of interest subsidy to facilitate loans at affordable rates is also envisaged.In addition, enabling policies and regulations for efficient and transparent rental housing markets with enhanced availability will also be put in place, the Finance Minister said.She also said that in partnership with the state governments and Multilateral Development Banks, the Centre will promote water supply, sewage treatment and solid waste management projects and services for 100 large cities through bankable projects.These projects will also envisage use of treated water for irrigation and filling up of tanks in nearby areas.Besides, the Budget also provides for a scheme for improving the life of street vendors in cities.

"Building on the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme in transforming the lives of street vendors, our Government envisions a scheme to support each year, over the next five years, the development of 100 weekly 'haats' or street food hubs in select cities," the Union Minister said.

Nirmala Sitharaman also said that the government would encourage states which continue to charge high stamp duty to moderate the rates for all, and also consider further lowering duties for properties purchased by women.

Union Budget 2024-25 earmarks Rs 4,883 crore as aid to neighbouring countries



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) India has allocated Rs 4,883 crore as aid to foreign countries in the Union budget tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament on Tuesday.

This year's allocation marks a decrease from Rs 5,408.37 crore designated in the fiscal year 2023-24.

India has allocated Rs 2,068.56 crore to Bhutan, down from Rs 2,400.58 crore allocated last year, of which Rs 2,398.97 crore was used. Afghanistan sees an allocation of Rs 200 crore, the same as the fiscal year 2023-24, however, last year an extra Rs 20 crore was used. Bangladesh will receive Rs 120 crore, a decrease from Rs 200 crore allocated last year, with only Rs 130 crore used.

Nepal was allotted Rs 700 crore, up from Rs 550 crore allocated, and an extra Rs 100 crore used in the previous year. Sri Lanka received an increased allocation of Rs 245 crore, up from Rs 150 crore allocated last year. India continues to extend support of Rs 400 crore to the Maldives, consistent with the previous year's allocation, though actual usage last year was Rs 770.90 crore.

Allocation to Myanmar is Rs 250 crore, down from Rs 400 crore allocated last year, with Rs 370 crore used. Mongolia received Rs 5 crore, down from last year, which was Rs 7 crore, but only Rs 5 crore was used. Chabahar Port is to get Rs 100 crore, the same amount as last year.

India has allocated Rs 370 crore to Mauritius, down from Rs 460.79 crore allocated last year, with Rs 330 crore used. Seychelles was allocated Rs 40 crore, up from Rs 10 crore allocated last year, with Rs 9.91 crore used.

African countries received Rs 200 crore, down from Rs 250 crore allocated last year, with Rs 180 crore used. India has allocated Rs 20 crore to Eurasian countries, down from Rs 75 crore allocated last year, with only Rs 20 crore used.

Latin American countries will receive Rs 30 crore, down from Rs 50 crore allocated last year, with Rs 32 crore used.

Meanwhile, aid for other developing countries and disaster relief is Rs 125 crore and Rs 10 crore, respectively.

It is worth noting that aid for Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Seychelles increased in the new Budget, while allocations for Bhutan, Myanmar, Mauritius, Bangladesh, and Mongolia decreased compared to 2023.

Aid to Afghanistan and Maldives remained unchanged.

Additionally, the aid allocation to Chabahar Port also remained unchanged.

This was the Modi government's first Budget for its third term, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman making history by presenting her seventh consecutive budget, surpassing the record held by former Prime Minister and Finance Minister Morarji Desai.

Budget provides Rs. 2.66 lakh crore for rural development



New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced that Rs. 2.66 lakh crore has been allocated for rural development, including rural infrastructure.

She also said that three crore additional houses will be constructed under the PM Awas Yojana in rural and urban areas.

Presenting the Budget for 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha, she said, "This year I have made a provision of Rs. 2.66 lakh crore for rural development, including rural infrastructure".

Temple corridors in Bihar, focus on Odisha

New Delhi, July 23 (IANS) Bihar is set to benefit from Sitharaman's tourism push for the state and other key projects. While presenting the budget, she said that the government will undertake comprehensive development programmes for Vishnupad temple in Gaya and Mahabodhi temple in Bodhgaya - both in Bihar.

Presenting the government's annual financial statement, Sitharaman emphasised developing India as a "global tourist destination". The Budget 2024 aims to foster religious tourism.

She told the Lok Sabha, "Tourism has always been a part of our civilisation. Our efforts in positioning India as a global tourist destination will also create jobs, stimulate investments and unlock economic opportunities for other sectors."

The Central government plans to provide world-class facilities and tourism infrastructure corridors for Vishnupad temple and Mahabodhi temple in Bihar similar to the Kashi Vishwanath temple corridor in Uttar Pradesh.

The ancient Vishnupad temple is a revered Hindu shrine dedicated to Lord Vishnu, located on the banks of the Phalgu River in Gaya. The Mahabodhi temple in Bodhgaya is an important Buddhist site which attracts several international tourists every year.

"Vishnupad temple at Gaya, and Mahabodhi temple in Bodhgaya, are of immense spiritual importance. Comprehensive development of Vishnupad temple corridor and Mahabodhi temple corridor will be supported modelled on the successful Kashi Vishwanath corridor to make them a world-class pilgrim and tourist destination," the finance minister announced.

The ancient city of Rajgir, which holds religious significance for Hindus, Buddhists and Jains, will be developed to boost tourism.

"Rajgir holds immense religious significance for Hindus, Buddhists and Jains.

A comprehensive development initiative for Rajgir will be undertaken. Our government will support the development of Nalanda as a tourist centre besides reviving Nalanda University to its glorious stature," Sitharaman said in her budget speech.