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## "Taken steering of development again in my hand"

**Ranchi, July 5:** After becoming the Chief Minister, Hemant Soren held the steering of the car after five months. His wife Kalpana Soren was also sitting next to him. During this, Kalpana Soren was sitting next to him and recording his words. Hemant Soren has issued a message to the state.

He has said that the steering of the development of the state is now in his hands. He has a lot of thoughts towards this state. He has many views on the tribals, Dalits, backward, minorities, indigenous people and water, forest and land. Jharkhand is a different kind of state in the country. It is called the golden bird, but it has to be said with pain that the people of the state still struggle for two meals a day. No matter which government has been in power, they have lost their sensitivity.

Further Hemant Soren said that In 2019, he was



### CM prays at Baglamukhi Mandir

**Ranchi, July 5:** Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and his wife Kalpana Soren offered prayers at Ma Baglamukhi Mandir on Kali Mandir Lane on Friday. He prayed for the happiness, peace, prosperity and progress of the people of the state.

given responsibility of giving direction to the state, after the formation of the government, a pandemic like Covid came. "Despite limited resources, acute lack of health, we worked with

great sensitivity. Two ministers died in fight with Covid. Many political obstacles kept coming in front of the government. Toppling the government, horse-trading of MLAs, getting caught in false

### Hemant compares look with Guruji

**Ranchi, July 5:** Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has made an emotional post. In which he has compared his look with his father Shibu Soren. In the post, he has also shared some pictures of his swearing-in ceremony. In the post, Hemant Soren has written that people say that I look like Baba now. But my Baba looks much better than me. Along with this, he has described himself as a reflection of his father. It is worth noting that Hemant Soren got bail from the High Court on June 28 in the alleged land scam case. After which he took oath as CM on July 4. In the post, Hemant Soren has shared a picture of his parents. He has also shared a picture with his son.

cases, I too became a victim of this strange politics and had to stay in jail for five months. Due to your blessings and strength, the government was not even allowed to get a scratch," said Soren.

"I handed over my place to respected Champai Soren ji and went to Hotwar jail. After five months, I was able to come out after the court's order. Today I have again come in front of you to fulfill the resolution of 2019 to give direction to this state. Friends, we have

crossed five years with many challenges. We have won many wars, whether it is Covid or political conspiracy. We have reached your doorstep to fulfill the resolutions," he adds.

"Many challenges are before us. There is a need to work in all areas including employment, farmers, education, health. Due to the policies of the current central government, employment is decreasing. Small-medium industries are closing down," he blames.

## BJP will ensure good governance in Jharkhand by uprooting corrupt JMM-led govt: Shivraj



**Ramgarh, July 5 :** Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday said the BJP has resolved to ensure good governance in Jharkhand by uprooting the "corrupt" JMM-led government in the upcoming assembly polls.

Chouhan, the BJP's Jharkhand in-charge, was addressing party workers in Ramgarh district.

"The coalition government will destroy Jharkhand. Farmers are in trouble as they have no electricity, youths are in trouble as there is no

employment. The entire state is in trouble due to rampant loot of sand, mines, minerals and resources.

"The BJP has resolved to provide good governance in the state by uprooting the current corrupt government," he said.

Taking a dig at Shibu Soren's family, he said that Champai Soren was removed from the post of chief minister without any fault of his. "No one outside Soren's family could become the chief

minister of the state. The removal of Champai Soren is a glaring example of dynastic politics and hunger for power," he said. Replying to a query, he said the BJP's alliance with the AJSU Party would continue in the forthcoming assembly elections. The BJP contested the recently concluded parliamentary elections in alliance with the AJSU Party in Jharkhand. Elections to the 81-member assembly in the state are due later this year.

## Keir Starmer's Labour wins landslide UK election

**Rishi Sunak concedes defeat**



**London, Jul 5:** Keir Starmer on Friday promised a phase of "national renewal" as Britain's Prime Minister-elect after he led the Labour Party to a landslide victory in a landmark UK general election with a gain of over 200 seats, as outgoing leader Rishi Sunak conceded defeat with his Conservative Party suffering its worst election defeat in history. Starmer, 61, now stands poised to take charge at 10 Downing Street after his audience with King Charles III at Buckingham Palace, following Sunak's meeting with the British monarch. As Labour crossed the halfway mark of 650 constituencies in the early hours of Friday to clinch the minimum 326 required for a majority in Parliament, Starmer stepped up to make his victory speech in London: "Change begins now. And it feels good, I have to be honest."

## Sarfraz made JMM leader in RS

**Ranchi, July 5:** Jharkhand Rajya Sabha MP Sarfraz Ahmed has been appointed as the leader of JMM parliamentary party in Rajya Sabha.



The decision to nominate him was taken in the meeting of JMM parliamentary party. Information to this effect has been given with the signature of Jharkhand

Mukti Morcha Central president Shibu Soren. He has written a letter to the chairman of Rajya Sabha in this regard informing JMM Rajya Sabha member from Jharkhand Sarfraz Ahmed has been elected as the leader of JMM parliamentary party in Rajya Sabha. Sarfraz Ahmed is a senior party leader and has experience of parliamentary work. He has worked on many parliamentary committees.

## Vajpayee again made BJP's state in-charge



**Ranchi, July 5:** Laxmikant Vajpayee has again been appointed as BJP's Jharkhand in-charge. BJP national president JP Nadda has appointed state in-charges and co-in-charges in various states including Jharkhand.

Its notification has been issued with the signature of the party's national general secretary and headquarters in-charge Arun Singh.

BJP has started preparing for the Jharkhand assembly elections. Before appointing Laxmikant Bajpayee as Jharkhand in-charge, the Bharatiya Janata Party appointed Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan as in-charge of Jharkhand Assembly elections, while Assam Chief Minister Himanta Vishwa Sarma has been appointed co-in-charge. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is on a Jharkhand tour today on Friday.

## 15 engineers suspended in Bihar after 12 bridges collapse in over two weeks

**Patna, July 5 :** After a total of 12 bridges collapsed in Bihar over two weeks, the state government on Friday suspended as many as 15 engineers. The Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government has also ordered the reconstruction of the new bridges. The cost of the construction will be imposed on the contractors found guilty.

The decision was taken after the flying squads submitted their reports, pointing out that engineers were negligent and monitoring was ineffective as the main reasons behind the collapse of the bridges. Additional Chief



Secretary of the State Water Resources Department, Chaitanya Prasad, accused the engineers of not taking proper care and highlighted the lack of diligence of contractors behind the incidents.

Briefing the media, Prasad stated, "It appears that engineers didn't exercise proper care, and contractors were not

diligent either. "Earlier, with the collapse of one more bridge in Bihar's Saran district on Thursday, the total number of such incidents rose to twelve over the past 17 days.

Speaking about the incidents, Secretary of the Rural Works Department (RWD) Deepak Singh said, "The bridge over the River Bakhra in Araria was reported damaged on

June 18. Both state and central teams are conducting an enquiry, with four engineers suspended, and two others already suspended for unrelated reasons. Payments to the contractors concerned will be withheld until the enquiry concludes, and final actions will be taken against the contractor and consultant after the final report is submitted by the inspecting teams."

He further stated that the RWD is in constant touch with the district administration, seeking input to ascertain further details regarding the incident.

## B. R Sarangi takes oath as CJ

**Ranchi, July 5:** Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi took oath as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.

At 9:45 am, Jharkhand Governor C.P R a d h a k r i s h n a n administered the oath to him at the Raj Bhavan. Sarangi will retire on July 19, 2024. On 27 December 2023, the Supreme Court Collegium recommended B. R Sarangi to be made the Chief Justice

of Jharkhand High Court. Born on 20 July 1962, Sarangi did his graduation in Commerce from BJB College Bhubaneswar. After this, he passed LLB with Honors Gold Medal from M.S Law College Cuttack, Utkal University. After LLB, he took LL.M degree. He has also done PhD in Law. Sarangi started practice in the Odisha High Court as well as the Supreme Court in the year 1985. On 20 June 2013, he was appointed as a permanent judge in the Odisha High Court. Dr Sarangi has disposed of more than 1,52,000 cases. He has written more than 1500 reported judgments.

## 2 Maoists surrender

**Ranchi, July 5:** Due to Jharkhand government's surrender policy and police's continuous campaign against Naxalism, two Naxalites have surrendered.

In Latehar, two zonal commanders of Maoists Neeraj Singh alias Sanjay Kherwar and Salman alias Lokesh Ganju surrendered in front of senior police officers. There was a reward of Rs 10 lakh each on these two Maoists. According to the information, both Maoists were active in the banned extremist organization for a long time and have carried out many Naxalite incidents. While Rajkumar Ganju alias Lokesh joined this organization in the year 2002, Neeraj Singh Kharwar joined the organization in the year 2004. There are 29 cases registered against both of them in Latehar, Palamu and Lohardaga. But due to the ongoing campaign against Naxalites, they surrendered before the police on Friday.

## CBI in Dhanbad over NEET paper leak case

**Ranchi, July 5:** CBI team is continuously taking action in Dhanbad in the NEET paper leak case. New revelations are being made every day in the case. On Wednesday, CBI team has arrested Aman Singh from Dhanbad. During CBI interrogation, Aman Singh's mother has made a shocking revelation. Aman Singh's mother revealed the whole matter. Aman's mother said that her younger son (Aman Singh) is innocent. The mother said that her elder son Amit Singh used to get admission in medical and other technical courses.

## 'Weak' Central govt might collapse in August, pave way for INDIA bloc: Lalu Prasad

**Patna July 5 (IANS)** Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) President Lalu Prasad Yadav on Friday said that the 'weak' Central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi might collapse in August.

"The Central government is very weak and it might collapse in August this year. It will allow the INDIA bloc to form a new government," Lalu Prasad said while addressing the RJD leaders and workers on the 28th Foundation Day of RJD at the party's head office in Patna. RJD, which was founded on July 5, 1997, under the leadership of Lalu Prasad Yadav. The



party had the backing of only 17 Lok Sabha MPs and 8 Rajya Sabha MPs at its inception and was also supported by many senior leaders, including Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, Mohammad Shahabuddin, Mohammad Taslimuddin, Ali Asraf Fatmi, and Abdul Bari Siddiqui.

Lalu Prasad Yadav said that the Bihar Assembly

election could take place any time and asked his party workers to stay strong, implying that their strength would contribute to the party's overall strength. He also commended his son, Tejashwi Yadav, for his hard work during the Lok Sabha elections, which resulted in the party winning four seats.

He also noted that Tejashwi's efforts in the last Assembly elections helped establish RJD as the single largest party in Bihar. "Tejashwi would make all the party's decisions for the upcoming assembly elections," the RJD Chief announced.

## Guv unhappy over TMC MLAs' oath

**Kolkata, July 5 :** West Bengal Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee on Friday administered the oath to two newly elected Trinamool Congress (TMC) MLAs on Friday, evoking sharp reaction from Governor CV Ananda Bose, who termed it as a "violation of the Constitution". During the special one-day session of the Assembly, Biman Banerjee administered the oath to Trinamool MLAs -- Rayat Hossain Sarkar from Bhagwangola and Sayantika Bandopadhyay from Baranagar -- who were sitting on a protest until yesterday due to the impasse between Raj Bhavan and the Assembly over the venue of the ceremony.

## No plans for scrapping or conducting a retest for NEET UG: Centre to SC

**New Delhi, July 5:** Scrapping the controversially-ridden NEET-UG 2024 examination would not be a rational step and "seriously jeopardise" lakhs of honest candidates who attempted the questions, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Friday.

In its affidavit submitted in response to a batch of petitions filed by candidates, coaching institutes and parents of the NEET-UG aspirants,



the Union Ministry of Education said the government has asked the CBI to conduct a comprehensive probe into

the entire gamut of alleged irregularities. "It is also submitted that at the same time, in the absence of any proof of any large-scale

breach of confidentiality in a pan-India examination, it would not be rational to scrap the entire examination and the results already declared," the Centre said.

It added that in any examination, there are competing rights that are created whereby the interests of a large number of students who have taken the examination without adopting any unfair means must not also be jeopardised.

## NEET-PG examination to be conducted on August 11

**New Delhi, July 5:** The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences announced revised dates for The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test - Postgraduate examinations on Friday. The exam will be held in two shifts on August 11, the Board said. The Board said in a release, "In continuation of NBEMS notice dated 22.06.2024, the conduct of NEET-PG 2024 examination has been rescheduled. The NEET-PG 2024 shall now be conducted on 11th August 2024 in two shifts." "The cut-off date for the purpose of eligibility to appear in the NEET-PG 2024 shall continue to be 15th August 2024. Further details regarding the conduct of examination in two shifts shall be published on NBEMS website https://natboard.edu.in in due course," the Board said.

## Shri Lakshminarayan Mandir Pran Pratishtha Mahayagna



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The third day of the Shri Lakshminarayan Mandir Pran Pratishtha Mahayagna saw a devotional atmosphere as pre-invited deities were worshipped on Friday. This was followed by the Agni Sthapana and Havan ceremonies. The main Yajman (host) was Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Roy, with many other local residents also participating as Yajmans. According to sources, various rituals such as Dhritadhivas, Gandhadhivas, Pushpadhivas, and Phaladhivas were performed for the idols set for Pran Pratishtha. The ceremonies included an Aarti and Pushpanjali program. The proceedings concluded at 5 pm. Pandit Vinod Pandey reported that the day's rituals involved the use of 50 tins of ghee, 30 quintals of fruits, one quintal of flowers, and 25 kg of Gandha Chandan. Saturday's scheduled program includes the worship of invited deities, Paath (recitation of scriptures), Havan, Devsnapan (ceremonial bath of deities), a city tour, and Shyayadhivas. (w/gsd)

## Acharya Kishore Kunal to visit Jamshedpur today

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Former IPS officer and revered patron of Patna's renowned Mahavir (Hanuman) temple, Acharya Kishore Kunal, is scheduled to visit Jamshedpur today. His visit comes upon the invitation extended by Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Roy. During his stay in Jamshedpur, Acharya Kishore Kunal will participate in the auspicious Sri Laxminarayan Temple Prana-Pratishtha Mahayagna, scheduled for today. Additionally, he will partake in the Nagar Bhraman yatra, which is set to commence at 3:30 pm.

Acharya Kishore Kunal is widely recognized for his philanthropic endeavors, having established charitable institutions such as Mahavir Cancer Sansthan, Mahavir Arogya Sansthan, Mahavir Netralaya, and Mahavir Vatsalya Hospital through the Mahavir temple in Patna. His contributions extend to significant social work, particularly in the upliftment of Dalits. He is also an accomplished author, with notable works like "Dalit Devo Bhava" published by the Ministry of Information and Publication, Government of India. (w/nkm)

## Nagar Bhraman today

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Today, as part of the ongoing Sri Laxminarayan Prana Pratishtha Mahayagna, a Nagar Bhraman program is set to take place. Scheduled to commence at 3:30 pm, the event will feature participation from Acharya Kishore Kunal, the esteemed patron of Mahavir Temple in Patna, Bihar, alongside various other dignitaries. The Nagar Bhraman will begin its route from Shri Laxminarayan Temple and will traverse through several key locations. Starting from New DS Flat behind Cable School, it will proceed through Bajrang Nagar, continue via Gadhabasa and Cable Basti Chowk, pass through Old DS Flat, and eventually conclude its journey back at the temple via New Town. (w/nkm)

## Champai Soren given warm welcome in home district

Mail News Service

**Seraikela, July 5:** After resigning from the post of Chief Minister, Champai Soren returned to his home district on Friday, where he was warmly welcomed by supporters and party workers at various locations. Despite appearing slightly emotional, Soren reassured his supporters that the fight for their rights would continue.

Speaking to the media, the former Chief Minister described his five-month



tenure as satisfactory, stating that he made significant efforts to benefit the people of the state. He highlighted achievements such as passing plans to improve education and health infrastructure and

initiating the recruitment process for teachers of tribal and regional languages.

Although he regretted not being able to personally distribute the appointment letters, he expressed confidence that the current Chief Minister, Hemant Soren, would continue his work. Supporters gathered at various spots to welcome the former Chief Minister, showing their strong support and admiration for his efforts and leadership. (w/gsd)

## DC assures action at weekly public darbar

**Seraikela, July 5:** Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla conducted the weekly public darbar at the District Collectorate on Friday, addressing grievances from residents across various parts of the district. The session saw a significant number of applications concerning land disputes, overdue old age pension benefits, and delays in implementing approved pension schemes. Additionally, requests were made for installing a hand pump in Ujwalpur village of Gamharia block and maintaining traditional practices in selecting Gram Pradhan in Kadla village of Neemdih block. Several cases were resolved promptly during the darbar, while others were referred to the respective departments for further investigation and necessary actions. Deputy Commissioner Shukla assured the complainants of timely redressal and instructed officials to expedite the pending matters for swift resolution. (w/nkm)

## Annual Elocution Contest at SDSM School



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The Annual Hindi and English Elocution Contest took place at S.D.S.M. School for Excellence on July 5. This event aimed to

enrich the speaking and oratory skills of students across various age groups. Participants from three categories, namely Group A (Std. VI to VIII), Group B (Std. IX-X), and Group C (Std. XI-XII), had the

opportunity to express their perspectives on diverse topics. Principal Moushumi Das commended the students for their efforts and applauded their oratory prowess. She emphasized the importance of such contests in developing students' confidence and ability to articulate their thoughts effectively. The event highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals by fostering communication skills through competitive platforms like elocution contests. (w/nkm)

## Tata Workers' Union felicitates retired employees



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Today, on July 5, 2024, a farewell function was organized at the Union Premises to honour and felicitate 12 retired employees of Tata Steel. The event was graced by Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary, President, Satish Kumar Singh, General Secretary, Shahnawaz Alam and Sanjeev Tiwary, Vice Presidents, Shyam Babu, Assistant

Secretary, and Amod Kumar Dubey, Treasurer & Accountant of Tata Workers' Union.

The retired employees were warmly welcomed, and they were presented with bouquets and gifts as tokens of appreciation for their dedicated service to both the company and the union. They were congratulated on their retirement and wished a pleasant and peaceful retired life ahead. (w/nkm)

## Jamshedpur artist's terracotta adorns New Parliament House

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The new Parliament House in New Delhi now features the exquisite terracotta artworks of Mohan Karan, a young artist from Sonari, Jamshedpur. His creations, which include masks and tiles, are showcased in the Aastha Gallery and add a touch of Jharkhandi art to the prestigious venue. This remarkable achievement has filled the city with pride, as Mohan's terracotta art is the sole representation from Jharkhand in the gallery.

Mohan expressed his pride in having his work displayed at such a significant location, viewing it as the pinnacle of success for an artist. He believed that being remembered for years through his art in the Parliament House would be a monumental accomplishment.

The selection process began when



Jaya Jaitley, head of the Dastkari Haat Committee, reached out to clay artists across the states. Upon learning about the opportunity, Mohan submitted his terracotta pieces online. After approval, the committee arranged for his artwork to be couriered. The Parliament House

management then selected his pieces, which now adorn the new Parliament House.

Mohan's terracotta artwork are crafted from Ganga soil. He created a mask, initially decorated with bright colors but later left uncolored as per the committee's preference. He also designed tiles showcasing Jharkhand's forest wealth, including trees and leaves, without applying any color. His creativity was appreciated for the natural elegance. Although Mohan's Dokra art was not selected for the Parliament House, it is displayed in Tata Steel's Mumbai office, depicting Jharkhand's cultural symbol, the bow and arrow.

Mohan is associated with the Tribal Artisan Group, a self-help group based in Sonari, through which he creates terracotta and Dokraartifacts. This affiliation has been instrumental in his journey as an artist. (w/gsd)

## PDJ chairs meeting for National Lok Adalat preparations



**Seraikela, July 5:** In preparation for the upcoming National Lok Adalat scheduled on 13th July at Civil Court Seraikela and Chandil Sub-Divisional Court, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chairman and Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramashankar Singh convened a meeting with all concerned departments. The meeting, held at Civil Court Seraikela, was aimed at coordinating efforts to maximize case disposals during the adalat. Judge Ramashankar Singh emphasized the importance of surpassing the previous adalat's case disposal figures, encouraging wider public participation and benefit. DLSA Secretary Tausif Meraj facilitated the proceedings, ensuring commitment from all attendees to ensure the success of the upcoming National Lok Adalat. (w/nkm)

## Trees are boons for earth and living beings: Geeta

Mail News Service

**Ghatshila, July 5:** On the concluding day of the 'Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam' campaign by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Galudih Mandal, trees were planted at booth number 17 in Deoli Village of Uluda Panchayat. Former Zila Parishad and Bajp Mandal In-charge Geeta Murmu was in charge of the campaign. Saplings were planted at 36 booths of the Mandal on Friday. Murmu emphasized the significance of trees, stating that they were boons for the earth and living beings, akin to a mother's role. She noted that trees provided shade, fruits, and contributed to the country's prosperity and environmental balance. The growth of trees, she said, was essential for maintaining a safe and protected environment.



The closing ceremony was attended by BJP District President Chandni Charan Saw, former Ghatshila Assembly candidate Lakhani Mardi, District General Secretary Haradhan Singh, BJYM Mandal President Hiralal Mahato, Mamta Mahato, Devasis Kumar, and numerous party workers. (w/gsd)

## Investiture Ceremony at Loyola School: New Student Council Members inducted

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** An institution's progress and growth are often driven by the quality of its leadership. In school life, the goal is to nurture leaders through responsibilities and powers conferred during an investiture ceremony. Loyola School Telco marked the beginning of the new session by inducting its new council members. The selection process for the student council is extensive, starting with self-nominations where students respond to key questions on leadership and responsibility. The ceremony was administered by School Principal Charanjeet Ohson, School



Administrator Father Gerry, School Counselor Father Pius, Coordinators Reshma Rodrigues and Zeenat Maria Sundi, Primary Moderator Colleen Xavier, along with faculty members and students. The ceremony began with the marching of the leaders holding the school flag, Captains, Vice-

Captains, Councilors from classes 6-9, and Beadles from classes 1-5. The elected leaders were conferred with badges and sashes by Father Gerry, Father Pius, the Principal, and the Coordinators. The student council took a pledge to handle responsibilities, face challenges, and work on their weaknesses to serve the school and uphold its motto.

The investiture ceremony instills in students, the aspirations and hopes to lead others with sincere efforts of responsibility and accountability. It teaches them that great leaders empower others. The function concluded with a Vote of Thanks and the Loyola Anthem. (w/gsd)

## 225 liters of illegal foreign liquor seized

**Seraikela, July 5:** In a recent operation conducted under the direction of the Excise Superintendent, a team intercepted a suspicious vehicle during night patrolling under Gamharia and Rajnagar police stations. The Excise Department's search revealed 25 boxes of Kings Gold Black Horse pet bottles and 225 liters of illegal foreign liquor inside the vehicle. Anup Nandi, the driver from Nengtasai, was apprehended at the scene and has been remanded to judicial custody. However, Badal Mandal, a resident of Jaspur in the Gamharia police station area, remains at large. Authorities have initiated investigations against individuals involved in the illegal liquor trade.

## Artiste Goutam Shankar Das inspires Karim City College students

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The Mass Communication Department of Karim City College hosted an enlightening lecture cum performance session featuring the city's esteemed theatre and voice artiste, Goutam Shankar Das. The session, held in the department's shooting studio, provided students with an in-depth introduction to the evolving world of voice artistry. Addressing students from all semesters, Das highlighted the dynamic changes in the voice industry, emphasizing the growing employment opportunities for young artistes. He explained how voice work has become integral across various platforms, from cartoons and OTT services to South Indian and world cinema, all of which rely on language translation. This surge in demand has created numerous opportunities for



voice artistes. Das reassured students that with proper training and practice, anyone, regardless of their natural voice, could succeed in this field. He stressed the importance of voice modulation not only in artistic endeavors but also in everyday life, noting its role in enhancing character portrayal. Demonstrating the concept of Navras, prevalent in

Indian acting, Das captivated the audience by presenting various emotions through different characters, earning continuous applause from the students. The interactive session concluded with a lively Question Hour, where students posed intriguing questions to Das. Participants included Rohit Shukla, Aditi Pandey, Yash Raichand, Shalini Srivastava, Sahil Asthana, Tania

Parker, Nitesh Raj, and Zarin Abedi, all of whom received thoughtful responses from Das. The session saw the participation of 40 students from various semesters, including both undergraduate and post-graduate programs in Mass Communication. The event began with an introduction by Dr. Neha Tiwari, Head of the Department, who lauded

Goutam Shankar Das as Jharkhand's top-grade drama artist recognized by Akashvani. She highlighted his extensive experience, with over 150 films and more than 50 short films to his credit. The program also featured radio drama clippings featuring Goutam provided by retired Akashvani announcer and international sports commentator Shahid Anwar.

Kuldeep Bhamra, a department student, welcomed Das with a plant, symbolizing growth and learning. The session saw the presence of Dr. Rashmi Kumari, Syed Sajid Parvez, and Syed Shahzeb Parvez. College Principal Dr. Mohammad Riyaz congratulated the department on the successful event. The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Rohit Shukla, a first-year postgraduate student, expressing gratitude for the insightful and inspiring session. (w/pb)

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Sanjiv Das son of Suryakant Das, residence of house no - 33, Parsudih, Jamshedpur, Dist - East Singhbhum, state of Jharkhand - 832110 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-  
1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth.  
2. That I hereby declare that my actual and correct name sanjiv Das son of Suryakant Das has been mentioned in my Aadhar Card bearing no 5599 0658 0884 issued by Govt. of India and Pan Card BPJPD9803B.  
3. That my name NANTU DAS son of Suryakant Das has been mentioned in my LIC Policy bearing No. - 556570757 issued by LIC Policy of India.  
4. That both the Name NANTU DAS and Sanjiv Das son of Suryakant Das are the same and one person i.e. represented by myself only.  
5. That now I shall be known as my name Sanjiv Das Son of Suryakant Das, for all intents and purposes.  
6. That I swear the affidavit to confirm the above facts.  
ADVOCATE

# Centre committed to protecting well-being of women, children & adolescents: JP Nadda

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) The Union government is committed to protecting the well-being of women, children and adolescents in the country, said Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Friday.

He said this while delivering a keynote address at the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH) Board Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

The minister lauded PMNCH for its commitment to the welfare of women, children and adolescents. He also "reiterated government's assurance to advancing this issue and fostering



meaningful youth engagement" (SDG) and preparing for the post-2030 agenda". The minister further emphasised the importance of continuing the focus on accelerating progress towards Sustainable Development Goals

common goals. In May, Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) of the WHO also reiterated India's commitment to take proactive actions for the health and well-being of women, children, and adolescents. PMNCH is the world's largest alliance committed to protecting and promoting the health, well-being, and rights of women, children and adolescents. It is governed by a Board and administered by a Secretariat hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO).



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren along with his wife and JMM MLA Kalpana Soren offered prayers at the ancient Bagulamukhi Temple in Ranchi on Friday, July 5, 2024.

## PM Modi thanks Rishi Sunak for deepening India-UK ties



New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday lauded Rishi Sunak's contribution to consolidate ties between the two nations during his tenure as the UK Prime Minister. "Thank you Rishi Sunak for your admirable leadership of the UK, and your active contribution to deepen the ties between India and the UK during your term in office. Best wishes to you and your family for the future," PM Modi posted on X.

Earlier in the day, Conservative Party leader Sunak conceded defeat in the UK general election as the Labour Party secured a resounding victory under the leadership of Keir Starmer. PM Modi and the outgoing UK Prime Minister had recently met on the sidelines of the 50th G7 Summit in Italy's Apulia last month where they had reiterated their commitment to further strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries. During their conversation, the two leaders also reflected on the strength of the India-UK relationship and agreed that this will continue to grow in the future.

## Missing policewoman and her private driver found trapped under an overturned cement-laden truck in Gopalganj district

Mail News Service

Patna, July 5 : Bodies of a policewoman and her driver, who went missing on Thursday were found trapped under an overturned cement-laden truck at a place in Bihar's Gopalganj district, virtually drowning her colleagues in unprecedented outpouring grief. Confirming the recovery of bodies, Sadar-2 sub divisional police officer (SDPO), Abhay Ranjan said the bodies were extricated from under the cement laden truck which had overturned and tumbled over a car in which the woman police officer was



travelling at Futaniganj petrol pump area under Sidhwaliya police station area of Gopalganj district. "She was on her way to court at Gopalganj when

the incident occurred," the sub divisional police officer said. The deceased, Satibha Kumari, a resident of Begusarai district, was a

sub inspector attached with Sidhwaliya police station, while her driver The driver, Manjay Kumar, is the resident of Gopalganj district.

Satibha Kumari's disappearance from around 12 noon left the police force at Sidhwaliya police station aggrieved.

"In the course of our search and investigation, it came to fore that sub inspector and his personal driver were buried under the truck. Following this, the truck was removed with the help of a crane late in the evening and the two bodies were recovered," said Gopalganj police in an official statement.

## Leopard killed in Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar

Mail News Services

Patna, July 5 : A four-year-old leopard was killed in an alleged interspecies fighting with a tigress in Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR), officials said on Friday.

According to them, the carcass of leopard was recovered from Manpur forest in Division-1's Maghuraha forest range of Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran on Thursday.

Based on the feedback during postmortem of the carcass, VTR's Division forest officer (DFO), Pradhman Gaurav, said, "It is out and out a fallout of a conflict between a tigress and the female leopard. The carcass bore injuries marks at places."

Pugmarks of the tigress were found found around," he added.

Forest officials came to know about the incident during the routine patrolling of the forest area on Thursday evening.

"Circumstantial evidences suggest that the leopard was killed two three days back. We are sending viscera to Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) at Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh and Wildlife Institute of India (WWI) at Dehradun for forensic for further investigation," said Sunil Pathak, range officer of Munguraha.

## Minor killed for plucking mango from an orchard in Bihar

Mail News Services

Patna, July 5 : A minor boy died after being beaten allegedly for plucking a mango from an orchard at Siswa Saraiya village under Bairyia police station limits of West Champaran district of Bihar on Thursday.

Giving the first hand information, deceased's father Lal Mohammad Gaddi told the Avenue Mail the incident occurred when my son, Shahabuddin Gaddi, 15, was thrashed in an orchard at Siswa Saraiya in West Champaran district, which took place on Wednesday.

"It was a small spat with a co-villager of his age (name withheld) when his uncle Anand Kumar at the behest of other family members came to orchard and thrashed my son. In the heat of the moment, he also banged his head against the road in which he was badly injured," said Gaddi. The victim was admitted to PHCH at Patna after being referred from Bettiah based government hospital where he died in the course of treatment on Thursday.

Mukesh Kumar, station house officer (SHO) of Bairyia police station confirmed the arrest of three persons including a woman in this connection. "Those arrested are Anand Kumar, Birendra Kumar and Bishwasi Devi, residents of Siswa Saraiya. One named accused is evading the arrest," said the SHO.

## Crackers burst in Kottayam as its 'son' becomes Labour MP in UK

Thiruvananthapuram, July 5 (IANS) Lights at the home of Sojan Joseph in the sleepy village at Athirampuzha near Kottayam were not switched off on Thursday night as the entire household was anxiously waiting to hear the result from Ashford, one of the constituencies in Kent in the United Kingdom. Sojan Joseph's father burst into tears and clapped his hands when his son, the Labour Party's candidate, won with a margin of 1,779 votes defeating Damien Green of the Conservative and Unionist party. "Of course, I am really happy and excited with my son's victory. We have been waiting to hear this right from the time my son told me he is going to contest the polls," said his beaming father. The house was full of Joseph's relatives and friends and soon came the sounds of crackers being burst. His brother's wife said that Joseph and his six siblings and their children are all in the UK.

## Rs 4000 crore tender allotted by last govt in Bihar cancelled

Patna, July 5 (IANS) Bihar Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) Minister Neeraj Kumar Bablu on Friday said that numerous irregularities have been discovered in tenders issued during the Grand Alliance government which has led to the cancellation of tenders worth Rs 4000 crores. "Following the formation of the NDA government, all departments have been working actively, which prompted the cancellation of the old tenders to the tune of Rs 4000 crore. We will issue the new tenders soon," the minister said. He emphasised that the NDA government is focused on moving forward rather than dwelling on the past. "The Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's ambitious Nal Jal Yojana aims to provide water to every household, and upon reviewing the old tenders, it was found that many villages and localities were excluded from this scheme. The new tenders aim to connect these areas to ensure comprehensive water supply coverage," he said. He said that additionally, PHED plans to install solar systems on water tanks to ensure a 24-hour electricity supply, mitigating issues caused by power outages.

## Will affect lakhs of honest students: Centre opposes cancellation of NEET-UG exam in SC

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) The Centre, in a preliminary affidavit filed before the Supreme Court on Friday opposed the batch of pleas seeking cancellation of the NEET-UG examination, for admission in undergraduate medical programmes, saying it would affect "lakhs of honest candidates" who appeared in it on May 5.

The Union Ministry of Education said that scrapping the entire exam would seriously jeopardise the interests of the lakhs of honest candidates who attempted the question paper held on May 5 this year. "In the absence of any proof of any large-scale breach of confidentiality in a pan-India examination, it would not be rational to scrap the entire examination and the results already declared. It is submitted that in any examination, there are competing rights that have been created whereby the interests of a large number of students who have taken the examination without adopting any



alleged unfair means must not also be jeopardised," the affidavit said.

As regards the alleged instances of irregularities, including cheating, impersonation, and malpractices, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is undertaking an investigation and has taken over the cases registered in different states, it added.

The Centre said that it is committed to conducting all competitive examinations in a fair and transparent manner and if at the behest of some criminal elements, the confidentiality of competitive examinations has been breached, they must be dealt with sternly and with the full force of

law to ensure that they are punished.

"The Government is committed to ensure the sanctity of examinations and protect the interest of students. To ensure transparency, fairness, and credibility in public examination, Parliament has enacted the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 on 12.02.2024. The Act was brought into effect on 21.06.2024 and provides for stringent punishment for offences related to unfair means in public examinations. Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Rules, 2024 under the Act have also been notified on 23.06.2024," it said.

## DC who flagged MUDA allotments, among 21 IAS officers moved by K'taka govt

Bengaluru, July 5 (IANS) The Karnataka government on Friday transferred the District Commissioner of Mysuru, Dr KV Rajendra amid the controversy surrounding irregularities in plot allotments by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Though the government transferred 21 senior IAS officers on Friday, moving Dr KV Rajendra is bound to raise eyebrows as he had written letters to the MUDA and the state government to cancel the allotments of sites.

Senior IAS officer Lakshminanth Reddy G was posted as the new DC in place of Dr KV Rajendra.

Sources said that Dr KV Rajendra had written 15 letters to MUDA, objecting to the allotment of land under the 50:50 scheme.

He had also written a letter to the Urban Development Department clearly indicating that the land allotments under the 50:50 scheme were causing loss of thousands of crores to the government.

Sources alleged that the MUDA Commissioner, did not bother to answer and ignoring the letters continued with land allotments. Senior BJP leader, R Ashoka on Friday alleged that the "Rs 4,000 crore MUDA case was taking new twists every day." R Ashoka alleged that Urban Development Minister, Bhyrathi Suresh, brought the allotment file of 14 sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, to Bengaluru. "I demand that the government put these files in public domain," he urged. Meanwhile, sources said that the state government turned a blind eye to the expert committee report stating that MUDA was indulging in irregularities and it also ignored the report by the DC seeking action against MUDA Commissioner.

## K. Kavitha's judicial custody in CBI case extended till July 18

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS)

A court here on Friday extended, till July 18, the judicial custody of BRS leader K. Kavitha in the corruption case linked to the alleged Delhi liquor policy scam. The Delhi High Court had recently rejected the bail petitions moved by Kavitha, the daughter of BRS chief and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, who had been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). In its July 1 judgment, a bench of Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma, after analysing the material collected by the investigating agency, said that Kavitha was prima facie one of the main conspirators in the criminal conspiracy hatched in relation to the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy. It said that she cannot be equated to a vulnerable woman who may have been misused to commit an offence and she was not entitled to the benefit of proviso to Section 45 of PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act).

Kavitha had moved the high court after a trial on May 6 turned down her regular bail pleas. She was first arrested by the ED and later by the CBI on April 11 when she was in Tihar Jail.



Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with Jharkhand State BJP President Babulal Marandi, former Union Minister Arjun Munda and others conducted a meeting with party MPs and MLAs at the BJP Headquarters in Ranchi on Friday, July 5, ahead of Jharkhand Assembly elections.

### S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/Chakradharpur acting for & on behalf of President of India invites E-tenders against open tender. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Sl. No., E-Tender Notice No. & Name of work are as follows: (1) 16-EL-WT-2024-25. Hiring of one no. one ton capacity truck vehicle for carrying materials to breakdown sites, pump houses, way side stations and attending breakdown under SSEE(G)/Sini unit for three years i.e. 1095 days. Tender Value : ₹ 10,50,890.10. EMD : ₹ 21,000/- (2) 17-EL-WT-2024-25. Hiring of one no. one ton capacity truck vehicle for carrying materials to breakdown sites, pump houses, way side stations for attending breakdown & maintenance under SSEE(G)/JSG unit for a period of 03 (three) years i.e. 1095 days. Tender Value : ₹ 13,94,006.39. EMD : ₹ 26,100/- . Tender Document Cost in Rs. : Nil for each. Date of Closing/Opening : 05.08.2024 at 15.00 hrs. The Tender can be viewed at website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. (PR-350)

### Bagunahatu to receive electricity from Jusco soon



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The residents of Bagunahatu are set to experience a significant improvement in their quality of life as Jusco's electricity supply reaches the area. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Roy, the construction of a Jusco power sub-station has commenced near the Bagun Nagar Drug Deaddiction Center.

In addition to the sub-station, work on laying the LT network to deliver Jusco electricity to every household is progressing rapidly, with poles being erected swiftly. The community is elated with these developments and has expressed their gratitude to MLA Saryu Roy for his dedication and efforts in addressing the long-standing electricity issues in the area. (w/nkm)

### Lions Club distributes hygiene essentials to sanitation workers

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The Lions Club of Jamshedpur, India, demonstrated its commitment to community welfare by distributing essential hygiene items to sanitation workers. Secretary Ayushman Singh highlighted the crucial role sanitation workers play in maintaining the city's cleanliness and ensuring a healthy environment for residents.

"Sanitation workers contribute significantly to our city's cleanliness. It is essential that they maintain their own hygiene as well," remarked Ayushman Singh while distributing soap, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, and shampoo among the workers. The initiative received support from key members including President M.J.F. Lion Bharat Singh, Vice President Lion Anjula Singh, Treasurer Lion Saurav Anand, Administrator Lion Meenal Sharma, and Lion Yuvraj Singh, underscoring the club's dedication to promoting health and hygiene within the community. (w/nkm)

### Young man killed in gas tanker collision

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Late Wednesday evening an unidentified young man lost his life in a collision with a gas tanker on NH 18 in Baharagora police station area. Reports indicate that the youth was crossing the road near Chitreshwar turn when the gas tanker struck him, resulting in a fatal outcome. The driver of the gas tanker, upon witnessing the accident, halted the vehicle momentarily before absconding from the scene. Authorities swiftly responded to the incident, retrieving the victim's body and initiating efforts to establish his identity. An investigation into the circumstances of the collision is currently underway. (w/nkm)

### Trailer climbs divider, driver flees scene

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Chaos ensued near Diamond Hotel at Sunsuniya Gate of TISCO Company under the Burmamines police station area on Thursday morning when a trailer lost control and mounted a divider. The driver, upon the mishap, abandoned the trailer and absconded from the scene, causing disruption to traffic flow with long queues of vehicles accumulating.

According to reports, the trailer was en route to Burmamines via Sakchi when it veered out of control, resulting in the unintended ascent onto the divider. Fortunately, no injuries were reported from the incident. Police promptly responded to the scene, ensuring the smooth flow of traffic and initiating an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the mishap. (w/nkm)

### Court upholds conviction in dowry harassment case; mother-in-law acquitted

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The appeal court has upheld the conviction of Sandeep Chatterjee in a dowry harassment case while granting relief to his mother-in-law, Suchitra Chatterjee. The case, which dates back to an incident on 9 June 2012, involved allegations by Sandeep's wife, Roshni Bhattacharya, who accused him and his mother of harassment and physical abuse over dowry demands amounting to two lakh rupees and a Pulsar motorcycle.

The then SDJM Bankim Chandra Chatterjee had initially found both accused guilty and sentenced them to two years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 2,000 each on 26 August 2023. Sandeep Chatterjee and his mother subsequently filed an appeal against this sentence.

In the recent hearing, the court of ADJ-4 Anand Mani Tripathi upheld Sandeep Chatterjee's sentence of two years' imprisonment and fines under various sections.

## Protest against proposed Degree College location

Mail News Service

**Gamharia, July 5:** Local villagers in Gamharia demonstrated their opposition in front of the Zonal Office after the Gamharia Zonal Officer issued a notice calling for objections regarding the proposed location of a degree college in Burudih Mauza of the block. They submitted a memorandum expressing concerns about the location site.

The State Government has proposed constructing the degree college on five acres of old land (account number 154, plot number 46) in Burudih Mauza, which the villagers acknowledge as a beneficial initiative for students and the public. However, they voiced significant reservations about the location's practicality.

According to the memorandum submitted to the Gamharia Zonal Officer, the proposed site is situated at the far end of the Gamharia Zone. Villagers argued that this location



would pose substantial challenges for students, especially in terms of accessibility. The proposed college is approximately 10-12 km away from the Tata-Kandra main road, with inadequate transportation facilities. Many villages in the surrounding Panchayats are even farther, ranging 25 to 30 km, making daily commuting impractical and burdensome for students. The demonstrators suggested Rapcha village as a more suitable alternative due to its proximity to the main road and

better transportation infrastructure. They emphasized that locating the college in Rapcha would ensure accessibility for students from various villages in the Gamharia region.

During the demonstration, villagers including Sona Ram Tudu, Suresh Murmu, Raisen Tudu, Bablu Hansda, Mangal Manjhi, Ratilal Besra, Jamuna Murmu, and Sukaram Hansda were present to convey their concerns and objections regarding the proposed degree college location. (w/nkm)

### Preparations underway for centenary Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath

Mail News Service

**Gamharia, July 5:** The Jagannath Temple Committee is actively preparing for the upcoming Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath at the temple located in Manjhpada, Bada Gamharia. Scheduled for 7th July, this annual event has been a tradition for a century in the region.

Preparations include extensive repairs and painting of the Lord's chariot within the Jagannath temple premises. The Rath Yatra will commence from the temple



and traverse through various parts of Gamharia, culminating at the temple in Mausibari. There, Lord

Jagannath along with his siblings will reside for thirteen days.

The temple committee, led by President Jagannath Kundu, Vice President Sitaram Bej, Secretary Arun Bej, Treasurer Prem Chandra Pal, and Priest Jagannath Das, is dedicated to ensuring the smooth organization of this auspicious event.

The return Rath Yatra is scheduled for 15th July, marking the completion of this significant religious observance that draws devotees from across the Gamharia area. (w/nkm)

## Disruption of train services due to development works in Ranchi Division



Mail News Service

**Ranchi, July 5:** Significant changes are set to impact train operations in Ranchi Division due to ongoing development projects. On 7th July, 2024, several trains will be cancelled, including the 08641/08642 Adra-Barkakana-Adra MEMU Passenger, the 13303/13304 Dhanbad-Ranchi-Dhanbad Intercity Express, the

03598/03597 Asansol-Ranchi-Asansol MEMU Special, the 08696/08695 Ranchi-Bokaro Steel City-Ranchi Passenger Special, the 13319/13320 Dumka-Ranchi-Dumka Express, the 13504/13503 Hatia-Bardhaman-Hatia MEMU Express, the 18085/18086 Kharagpur-Ranchi-Kharagpur MEMU Express, the 18036/18035 Hatia-Kharagpur-Hatia Express, the 18602/18601 Hatia-Tatanagar-Hatia Express, and the 12365/12366 Patna-Ranchi-Patna Express.

In addition to cancellations, certain trains will be diverted from their usual routes. The 22824 New Delhi-

### Development works in CKP Division disrupt train services

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** In response to ongoing development projects within Chakradharpur Division, several train services will be affected on 6th July, 2024. The 18601/18602 Tatanagar-Hatia-Tatanagar Express, along with the 08698/08697 Jhargram-Purulia-Jhargram MEMU Special, and the 08151/08152 Tatanagar-Barkakana-Tatanagar Passenger Special, are all scheduled for cancellation on this date. Additionally, the 08133/08134 Tatanagar-Gua-Tatanagar MEMU Special will not be operational. Furthermore, adjustments to train routes will include the short termination or origination of services. The 13301/13302 Dhanbad-Tatanagar-Dhanbad Express journey, starting on 6th July, 2024, will now terminate or originate from Adra. Similarly, the 08173/08174 Asansol-Tatanagar-Asansol MEMU Special, scheduled for the same day, will experience short termination or origination at Purulia. (w/nkm)

Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express, scheduled for departure on 6th July, 2024, will be diverted via Bokaro Steel City-Purulia-Tatanagar. Similarly, the 18310

Jammu Tawi-Sambalpur Express, departing on 5th July, 2024, will follow a diverted route via Barkakana-Mesra-Tatisilwai-Ranchi. (w/nkm)

## Demand for action on PDS and pension issues

Mail News Service

**Gamharia, July 5:** A delegation of former councillors, led by Nathuni Singh of Ward 15, met with Block Development Officer Praveen Kumar and Circle Officer Kamal Kishore on Thursday to address pressing issues concerning PDS (Public Distribution System) and pension distribution in the area. In a demand letter submitted during the meeting, the councillors highlighted the plight of pension holders who have not received their pensions for the past four months due to the irregularities of PDS dealers in the Adityapur Municipal Corporation area. They expressed deep concern over the arbitrary behaviour of these dealers, who have allegedly failed to provide regular food grains to consumers and have even resorted to threats when questioned. The delegation emphasized that consumers have repeatedly raised complaints about these irregularities, which have been largely ignored by the dealers. They urged the Block Development Officer to investigate these complaints thoroughly and take necessary action against the errant dealers to ensure fair distribution of food grains.

Additionally, the former councillors brought to the attention of the Gamharia Circle Officer the severe financial hardships faced by elderly and disabled pension holders who depend on these pensions for survival. The cessation of pension payments over the last four months has exacerbated their difficulties, leaving them in dire need of financial support. (w/nkm)

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	11-20 रुम तक	1000
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	रेस्तरा के लिए	1000
6	बेकरी फूड कोर्ट एवं बेकरी के आउटलेट	500
	स्वीट शॉप	250
7	फार्मरफूड	250
	ठेला/ खोमचा इत्यादि	100
9	पानतथा चाय दुकान	50
	शॉपिंग कालेक्स Non-AC	4000
11	कारखाना, कार्यालया एवं उद्योग	2000
	घरेलू एवंघु	
12	मध्यम	1000
	बड़े	2500
13	सिनेमाहॉल#	2000
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14	हॉल सैल दुकान	750
	मुख्य बाजार का दुकान	500
15	मोहल्ला का दुकान	150
	अन्य दुकान	100
16	गोदाम, कोल्ड स्टोरेज (केवल गैर खतरनाक अपशिष्ट के लिए)	750
	सक्की एवं फल दुकान	100
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	2 रुम तक; 10m <sup>2</sup>	75
18	3-5 रुम तक; 25m <sup>2</sup>	125
	6-10 रुम तक; 50m <sup>2</sup>	500
19	11-20 रुम तक; 100m <sup>2</sup>	750
	20 से उपर रुम के लिए; 100m <sup>2</sup>	1500
20	अस्पताल, डिस्पेंसरी, लैबोरेटरीज इत्यादि	
	बिनाबेड का	200
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	20-50 बेड तक	5000
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23	स्वाकारी	150
	गैर सरकारी	500
24	आवासीय 50 रुमतक	1000
	आवासीय 50 रुम से अधिक	2500
25	शादी विवाह स्थल/उत्सव घर	
	3000 वर्ग मीटर तक	1500
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## Values shine in S.D.S.M School's recitation and storytelling contest



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** S.D.S.M School for Excellence recently held a Choral Recitation and Storytelling Competition for their Junior School, featuring both English and Hindi categories. Students from Standards I to III

showcased their talent through poem recitations, while students from Standards IV and V narrated stories. The event centered around the theme of 'VALUES,' emphasizing the importance and impact of values in our lives. Through their performances, students highlighted how values

provide direction and purpose, guiding us to make better choices. The competition aimed to enhance students' oratory skills, including pitch, tone, volume, pace, diction, and pronunciation, while also encouraging teamwork and cooperation towards a common goal. Participants gained valuable experience in public speaking and communication.

The winners of the competition will be honored by Principal Moushumi Das in a special assembly held at the school premises, celebrating their remarkable performances. (w/nkm)

## Explore Mythological Heritage : Vidyadeep Foundation Contest

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The Vidyadeep Foundation has announced a contest aimed at uncovering and documenting mythological heritage sites scattered across tribal regions of Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Bihar. This initiative encourages participants to explore locations linked to the epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata, celebrating the rich cultural legacy embedded in these ancient sites.

Sites of interest include the sacred Sita Kund at Ajodhya Hill in Purulia district, Pandavas' kitchen and Bhima's footprints at Bhimkhanda in Seraikela Kharsawan district, and Jharkhand Dham in Giridih where two Shivalingas established by Lord Rama and Arjun are located. Other notable locations mentioned are Jagannathpur block in West Singhbhum district, Hidbanvan in Goikera block, Senha block in Ranchi, Jaleswar Dham, and Anjan village in Gumla district.

Participants are invited to submit articles of up to 500 words detailing any mythological site they are familiar with. Entries must include specific location details such as police station, block, and district, supported by authentic references. Additionally, each submission should feature two to three photographs of the site and, if available, images of historical inscriptions or stone slabs. The contest offers participation awards and certificates to all entrants. A jury committee will select the top fifteen articles, with each winner receiving a cash prize of Rs. 2,000. Entries can be submitted via post to Sandeep Murarka at Naya Bazar, Haat Bazar, Post Jugsalai, Jamshedpur 831006, Purbi Singhbhum, Jharkhand, emailed to foundationvidyadeep@gmail.com, or WhatsApped to 9431117507. Participants are requested to clearly mention their name, address, and phone number on their submissions. (w/nkm)

जिला दण्डाधिकारी एवं उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर। (समाज कल्याण शाखा)

आम सूचना

सरकार के अपरसचिव, महिला बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड, रॉकी के ज्ञापांक-05/म0स0/दूसजेन्डर-307/2020-1412, दिनांक-02.07.2024 के आलोक में Transgender Persons के लिए गरिमागृह के संचालन हेतु e-anudan portal के माध्यम से प्रस्ताव सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा आवेदन Online आमंत्रित किया गया है, जिसका अंतिम तिथि दिनांक-07.07.2024 है। किसी भी इच्छुक स्वयं सेवी संस्थाएं Transgender Persons के लिए गरिमागृह के संचालन हेतु इच्छुक हैं तो वे सभी स्वयं सेवी संस्थाएं e-anudan portal के द्वारा स्वयं सेवी संस्था का पंजीकरण किया जा सकता है।

Transgender Persons के लिए गरिमा गृह के संचालन हेतु e-anudan portal के माध्यम से प्रस्ताव सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार को प्रस्ताव भेजने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक-07.07.2024 है।

जिला समाज कल्याण पदाधिकारी पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।

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जिला समादेष्टा का कार्यालय, झारखण्ड गृह रक्षा वाहिनी, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।

आवश्यक सूचना

झारखण्ड गृह रक्षा वाहिनी, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा जिले के प्रभावित बल के गृह रक्षकों को सूचित किया जाता है कि पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा जिला अंतर्गत मुहूर्त डियूटी 2024 के अवसर पर विधि-व्यवस्था संभारण हेतु दिनांक-16.07.2024 से 18.07.2024 तक 300 (तीन सौ) गृह रक्षकों की प्रतिनियुक्त किया जाना है।

वैसे सभी गृह रक्षक जो वर्तमान में कर्तव्य से वंचित हैं, अविनाश कार्यालय आकर अपना आगमन कराना सुनिश्चित करें।

इसे अति आवश्यक समझें।

आदेशानुसार

पुलिस उपाधीक्षक, (मु) चाईबासा

सह-जिला समादेष्टा, झारखण्ड गृह रक्षा वाहिनी, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।

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झारखण्ड सरकार

श्रम, नियोजन प्रशिक्षण एवं कोशल विकास विभाग

जिला नियोजनालय सह मॉडल कैरियर सेंटर, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

प्रधानमंत्री नेशनल अप्रेंटिसशिप मेला की तिथि-08.07.2024.

समय पूर्वाह्न 10 बजे से अपराह्न 4 बजे तक

स्थल:-सिंहभूम कॉलेज, चाण्डल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।

Sl.No.	Name of the Employer	No of Vacancies	Qualification	Age	Stipend (INR Per Month)
1	2	4	5	8	9
1.	Narsingh Ispat Limited	80	ITI - Fitter/Electrician Diploma - Mechanical/Electrical	18-26 YEARS	10,000 - 14,000
2.	Quess Corp Limited	100	ITI/10 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Science	18-26 YEARS	10,000 - 12,500

नोट:-प्रधानमंत्री नेशनल अप्रेंटिसशिप मेला में भाग लेने के इच्छुक अभ्यर्थियों को Apprenticeship Portal (<https://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in>) में निर्दिष्ट होना अनिवार्य है। मेला में भी निबंधन की सुविधा उपलब्ध होगी। रिक्ति निजी क्षेत्र से संबंधित है। इसलिए रिक्ति के शर्तों लिए सीधे नियोजक उदासीनी है। किमान एवं नियोजनालय मात्र सुविधा प्रदाता के रूप में कार्य कर रहे हैं। प्रधानमंत्री नेशनल अप्रेंटिसशिप मेला में भाग लेने के लिए किसी भी प्रकार का मार्ग मत्ता देय नहीं होगा। कोविड-19 से बचाव एवं रोकथाम हेतु निर्गत निर्देशों का अनुपालन करना अनिवार्य होगा।

जिला नियोजन पदाधिकारी सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

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## Call for narcotics ban near schools and places of worship

**Ranchi, July 5:** Today, a delegation from Yuva AJSU, led by Abhishek Shukla and Abhishek Jha, submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi demanding a ban on the sale of narcotics within 100 meters of educational and religious institutions. Highlighting the ongoing issue, Abhishek Shukla emphasized that despite existing bans, substances like alcohol, gutka, bidi, and cigarettes are openly sold in these prohibited zones, disregarding repeated directives from the Hon'ble High Court.

"We urge strict enforcement of these regulations to ensure drug-free environments around educational and religious premises," stated Abhishek Shukla during the memorandum submission.

Abhishek Jha echoed concerns over traffic congestion caused by illegal parking and dumping along roads leading to educational institutions, urging immediate action to alleviate the situation.

The delegation, including members Rohit Chaudhary, Vishal Kumar Yadav, Vikram Yadav, Priyanshu Sharma, Abhishek Sahu, Manjeet Sahu, Akash Nayan, Sumit Kumar, Aditya Kumar, and others, highlighted the detrimental impact of drug sales on the youth, urging the Ranchi district administration to prioritize measures for effective implementation of the ban. (w/nkm)

## Deputy Municipal Commissioner directs banks to expedite PMAY home loans

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** A review meeting was held in the chamber of JNAC Deputy Municipal Commissioner Krishna Kumar to expedite the provision of bank loans for the 952 housing units being constructed in Birsanagar under component 03 of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY) Urban.

During the meeting, the Deputy Municipal Commissioner outlined the guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna SOP, which provides 30 square meter housing to economically weaker sections (EWS) in G+8 multi-storey buildings with all basic amenities. Beneficiaries with an annual income of Rs 3 lakh or less are eligible.



The cost of the housing in the Birsanagar affordable housing project is Rs 6.81 lakh, with contributions from the Central Government (Rs 1.5 lakh) and the State Government (Rs 1 lakh), totaling Rs 2.5 lakh. The beneficiary's contribution will be Rs 4.31 lakh, making housing affordable in a developing city like Jamshedpur.

Given the low income of

the beneficiaries who struggle with rent and daily expenses, the Deputy Municipal Commissioner reviewed various banks in Jamshedpur to facilitate home loans. The meeting included Chief Manager of Canara Bank Pradeep Goyal, Sales Manager of HDFC Bank Kishore Kunal, Regional Head of ICICI Bank Abhishek Kumar, Senior Manager of

Union Bank of India Ajay Kumar Gupta, and Senior Manager of Canara Bank Tuila Dungri Sakchi Upadhyay.

Construction is progressing rapidly in Priority Blocks 3, 4, 8, 23, and 24 of the Birsanagar Scheme, with a target to complete 644 houses in Blocks 8 and 23 by September 2024. Beneficiaries will

receive keys only after full payment of their contributions.

However, due to financial difficulties, many beneficiaries were unable to pay the full amount. Thus, the Deputy Municipal Commissioner urged the bank managers to expedite the home loan process.

A loan status report was presented by Ritesh Raj and Ankesh Akhouri of the PMAY CLTC Cell. Of the 406 files sent to Canara Bank Bistupur, only 24 have been approved.

Other banks, including Canara Bank Sakchi (14 files), HDFC Bank Bistupur (114 files), Union Bank of India Bistupur (95 files), Central Bank of India Bistupur (42 files), and ICICI Bank Bistupur (45 files), have yet to sanction any loan.

Upon reviewing the

report, the Deputy Municipal Commissioner issued strict instructions to all bank managers to sanction home loans promptly. Canara Bank was specifically ordered to approve all 406 files within a month. HDFC Bank Bistupur, Union Bank of India Bistupur, and ICICI Bank Bistupur were instructed to take action within a week, failing which the matter would be referred to the Directorate and senior state-level banking officials.

The meeting was attended by SLTC expert Mukesh Kumar Jha, CMM Aniket Ranjan, CLTC MIS expert Ritesh Raj, MF&AS expert Ankesh Akhauri, and town planner Alok Narayan from the Directorate of Urban Administration. (w/gsd)

## Six applications for new ultrasound centers rejected due to incomplete documentation

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** A review meeting of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (P.C.P & D.T.) was chaired by District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal at the Collectorate Auditorium. The meeting focused on the evaluation and approval of ultrasound centers operating within the district.

After thorough scrutiny, the renewal of licenses for eight existing ultrasound centers was approved, along with the registration of two new centers. However, six applications for new ultrasound centers



were rejected due to incomplete documentation.

Mittal emphasized the prohibition of sex determination at all ultrasound centers. He instructed officials to conduct regular inspections to ensure com-

pliance with all regulatory criteria. A team of doctors, accompanied by a magistrate, will perform surprise inspections to enforce these directives.

In alignment with government guidelines, the movement of portable

ultrasound machines within the district has been banned. Additionally, the presence of more than two doctors or technicians during examinations is prohibited. Mandatory signage must be displayed at all centers to communicate

the illegality of sex determination and promote awareness against female foeticide.

Only pregnant women with prescriptions from registered doctors are to be examined. Examination reports must include comprehensive details of the center and the examination process, excluding any gender information. Licenses will be granted only to centers registered under the Clinical Regulation Act.

All ultrasound center managements are required to submit Form-F online between the 2nd and 4th of each month. The District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner

urged the health department officials to ensure strict adherence to these rules.

The meeting was attended by PD ITDA Dipankar Choudhary, Civil Surgeon Dr. Juhar Majhi, ACO, DRCHO, District Tuberculosis Officer, Executive Magistrate David Bahihar, District Public Relations Officer Panchanan Oraon, NGO representatives, and other concerned officers and stakeholders.

Mittal reiterated the importance of following these guidelines to prevent misuse of diagnostic techniques and to uphold ethical medical practices in the district. (w/pb)

## Jugsalai Traffic Police Station In-Charge honored in Sundarnagar

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Jugsalai Traffic Police Station In-charge Rajan Kumar, along with other police officers, was honored in Sundarnagar on Wednesday. They received bouquets and shawls in recognition of their efforts in enforcing traffic rules and conducting road safety and traffic awareness campaigns.

The honor was bestowed by young social worker Govinda Pati, along with Abhay Kumar Choubey, Govind Das, Mahavir, Sandeep Das, Mansa Das, Manish Kumar, and others. This recognition highlighted their commitment to improving road safety and raising awareness among the public about the importance of following traffic regulations. (w/gsd)

## IRCS organizes health camp at Hitku Village



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), East Singhbhum Branch, Jamshedpur, organized a Health Camp today at Hitku Middle School, a remote village. The camp was organized under the aegis of Uranium Corporation Limited (UCIL), Jadugora.

The Health Camp, conducted under UCIL's CSR initiative, saw 60 patients receiving check-ups for various ailments. Noted eye surgeon Dr. B.P. Singh screened many villagers for eye ailments, providing necessary medication and dark glasses. Six patients were identified with hyper-mature cataracts and were advised to visit Ram Manohar Lohia Netralaya, Bagbera, for surgery.

Biay Kumar Singh, Hony Secretary of IRCS, East Singhbhum Branch, convened the camp as part of the organization's humanitarian efforts. Many active members and volunteers of the Red Cross Society assisted in the camp's proceedings, with senior executives of UCIL also present on the occasion. (w/gsd)

## Arrest warrant issued against MLA Ramdas Soren

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** An arrest warrant has been issued against MLA and District President Ramdas Soren for using abusive language on Facebook against former Chief Minister Hemant Soren. The Special Judge cum Cyber Crime Judge ADJ 2 Aabhas Verma ordered the arrest on Wednesday after Soren failed to appear in court despite previous summons and a bailable warrant issued on April 18, 2024. Soren had secured bail from the police station but did not testify in court.

The case dates back to February 3, 2019, when Soren filed an FIR under the IT Act, alleging that a social media post used offensive language against his party president and opposition leader, Hemant Soren, with the intent to create disparity. The post, made at 11 pm, incited public anger. Police arrested Jamuna Jena, a resident of Sidgora, in connection with the incident and sent him to jail.

So far, three witnesses-Tapan Kumar Das, Dayanidhi Gorai, and Sheikh Badruddin-have testified in the case. The court has scheduled the next testimony for August 8. (w/nkm)

## Tata Steel's AGGREGATOR Policy sparks concern in Jamshedpur : Mukesh Mittal

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Mukesh Mittal, former Vice President of Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry and President of East Singhbhum District Marwari Conference, has expressed serious concerns regarding Tata Steel's AGGREGATOR policy in Jamshedpur. According to Mittal's recent press release, the policy, which involves shifting procurement from local small businesses to the multinational AGGREGATOR MOGLIX based in Singapore, could lead to significant economic and human crises in the region.

He highlighted that many small businesses in Jamshedpur, which have been serving Tata Steel for generations and are integral to the local



economy, may face severe financial difficulties and potentially shut down. Mittal emphasized that these businesses not only provide crucial services to Tata Steel but also contribute substantially to the local economy, supporting other businesses and creating employment opportunities.

Mittal also raised concerns about

the disregard for the years of experience and hard work that these local businesses have invested in their relationships with Tata Steel. He pointed out that previous experiences with AGGREGATORS like MOGLIX have been disappointing for local vendors, leading to skepticism about the viability and fairness of this new arrangement.

Furthermore, Mittal cautioned about potential future challenges, including monopolistic practices by MOGLIX that could strain Tata Steel financially and impact the availability of emergency services during critical situations. He urged Tata Steel to reconsider its AGGREGATOR policy and instead maintain positive dialogue with local traders to preserve the community's economic fabric and stability. (w/nkm)

## New railway ticket counter opens in Sakchi

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** A new railway ticket counter has been inaugurated in Diamond Market, Sakchi, Jamshedpur, providing essential services for railway passengers. Former state minister and AJSU party leader Ramchandra Sahis inaugurated the counter on Thursday, marking its official opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The counter will facilitate the booking of general tickets, reservation tickets, and cancellations.

Previously, the closure of a railway reservation counter in Sakchi had caused inconvenience to residents of Sakchi and surrounding areas, who had to travel to Tatanagar station for railway reservations. With the opening of this new counter, passengers can once again conveniently book their railway reservations locally in Sakchi. Ajay Kumar, overseeing the facility, announced that the counter will operate six days a week from 8:15 am to 9 pm, and on Sundays, it will be open from 2 pm to 4 pm. (w/nkm)

## Crackdown on Golgappa vendors amid health concerns



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Following reports of hazardous chemicals, including those potentially causing cancer, found in Golgappa water samples in Karnataka, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has launched investigations across multiple locations. District Food Safety Officer Manzar Hussain expressed concern over vendors not adhering to food safety regulations, using polluted water in preparation, and operating without proper hygiene practices.

Dr. Nirmal Kumar, former HOD of the Medicine Department at MGM Hospital, highlighted the health risks associated with consuming contaminated water, which include diarrhea, vomiting, stomach ailments, and potentially serious diseases like jaundice, cholera, and typhoid. He emphasized that these risks are heightened during rainy seasons.

Vendors often set up carts near drains and use water of uncertain quality for Golgappa preparation, increasing health risks. Lack of hygiene practices such as not wearing gloves while handling food further compounds these risks, potentially spreading infections like typhoid and hepatitis A and E to consumers.

In response, District authorities announced plans for raids and stringent inspections, including water testing of Golgappa vendors. Actions will be based on laboratory reports, aiming to ensure public safety and curb health hazards associated with unhygienic food practices. (w/nkm)

## R.V.S Academy organizes tree plantation drive



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** R.V.S Academy, on Dimna Road in Mango, organized a tree plantation drive to educate students about the importance of tree conservation and environmental balance.

The event saw the participation of several dignitaries, including the Chairman of the school, Binda Singh, Principal Veesha Mohindra, Vice-Principal Anita Tiwari, Trustee and Chief Office Executive Sonali

Deb, along with the teachers of the eco club and students. Together, they planted saplings and pledged to preserve and foster a culture of responsibility towards nature.

Binda Singh highlighted the indispensable role of trees, calling them faithful and utilitarian friends, and emphasized the supreme duty of preserving them. Veesha Mohindra reinforced this message, stressing that trees were lifesavers and urged the planting of more trees to maintain a lush and green environment.

Students from Std. V-VIII participated in the drive, contributing to tree preservation and raising awareness about environmental balance. Std. V students engaged in sapling plantation within the school premises, while Std. VI students participated in slogan writing to promote the drive.

The tree plantation drive aimed to raise awareness about the importance of tree planting, thereby strengthening the bond between humans and nature. (w/gsd)

## Ragging incident at MGM Medical College prompts NMC action

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Another case of ragging has emerged at MGM Medical College, prompting the victim to file a complaint with the National Medical Commission (NMC). Taking a serious view, the NMC has directed MGM Medical College's Principal to submit a

report and ensure a thorough investigation, with a focus on protecting the victim.

Patamda DSP Bachan Dev Kujur and MGM police station in-charge Ram Lal Mandal visited the college to probe the matter, questioning students from the 2021-23 batch, leading to the identification of five suspects.

An urgent meeting of

the Anti-Ragging Cell Committee is scheduled for July 5 at MGM Medical College, where pending investigation outcomes, the committee may take strict actions ranging from legal proceedings to suspensions or fines exceeding Rs 25,000 against the accused.

Principal Dr. KN Singh confirmed the DSP's

inquiry into the matter, noting initial denials from students during public questioning and no further information disclosed in private interviews.

Dr. Singh reported the victim's submission of incriminating video evidence to the NMC, despite hostel CCTV camera damage by students rendering footage

unavailable.

He underscored the college's investigation of the ragging incident and noted that medical interns, despite a designated hostel near Sakchi Sheelta Mandir, still occupy college dormitories.

Junior students have lodged complaints with the NMC against senior students, describing a

hostile atmosphere with alcohol consumption, loud music, and intimidation, disrupting studies and fostering fear among peers. Accusations include sexual harassment, coerced substance use, and an incident of indecent behavior by a senior student on June 29 under alcohol influence.

Ragging incidents at MGM Medical College

are recurrent, evidenced by previous penalties imposed on three students for misconduct toward juniors. The institution's Anti Ragging Cell Committee has addressed past grievances, levying fines and disciplinary actions against offenders, with subsequent complaints forwarded to the NMC for review. (w/nkm)

## Need for reliable infrastructure

The recent collapse of nearly a dozen bridges in Bihar within just a fortnight is alarming. On July 3 alone, five bridges and culverts crumbled in various parts of the state, including two bridges on the Chhadi River in Siwan. This has severed vital connections between villages, exacerbating difficulties during the monsoon season. Typically, local administrations across states identify and restrict the use of dilapidated structures before the monsoon. However, unlike residential buildings, bridges are essential for the daily lives of thousands, especially as the number of vehicles in villages steadily increases.

Despite advancements in technology, the forces of nature remain unpredictable. While the destruction caused by an unexpectedly intense stream can be attributed to natural disasters, the collapse of bridges over small rivers and canals soon after their construction raises serious concerns about human negligence. Governments are often so focused on grand projects that they overlook the needs of less prominent areas. This negligence could be a factor in the recent collapses in Bihar. In Siwan, the two bridges that collapsed were on the revived Chhadi River, an essential water source for thousands of acres of farmland. The local administration's efforts to revive the river under the Jeevan Hariyali Campaign should be commended, but these efforts are undermined when essential infrastructure fails. The older bridges, built three or four decades ago, are no longer capable of handling modern traffic demands. The government must prioritize either replacing or maintaining these vital structures. There is a nationwide trend of focusing on large-scale, impressive constructions while neglecting basic infrastructure needs. If India aspires to become a developed nation, it must ensure the prosperity of its villages alongside its cities. This requires a balanced distribution of resources. Neglecting bridges and culverts due to funding issues will undermine claims of progress, as the monsoon season will expose infrastructural weaknesses every year.

This issue is not unique to Bihar. Reports of potholes and cracks in new constructions are common across various states. Ensuring modern standards in all public construction projects is crucial. Accountability must be established for any negligence. A thorough review of old bridges nationwide, coupled with concrete plans for their maintenance or replacement, is essential. Without these steps, infrastructural failures will continue to hamper development efforts.

From the Editorial Desk

## Poverty headcount ratio falls to 8.5 pc from 21 pc in last 10 years

The level of poverty in India is estimated to have decreased to 8.5 per cent of the population in 2023-24 from 21 per cent in 2011-12, according to a new study by economic think tank NCAER. The study is based on the latest data from the India Human Development Survey (IHDS).

The NCAER economists led by Sonalde Desai have estimated a decline in headcount poverty ratios in rural areas over the last 10 years from 24.8 per cent in 2011-12 to 8.6 per cent now.

In urban areas, the poverty level has decreased from 13.4 per cent to 8.4 per cent. The decline in poverty in rural areas has been sharper than in urban areas.

The paper points out that there has been a significant increase in food subsidy through the public distribution system and other



benefits run through multiple schemes launched by the Centre as well as the states which have benefited the poor.

This sharper decline in poverty in rural areas was also reflected in a recent SBI Research report based on the NSSO Consumer Expenditure Survey.

According to the SBI report,

poverty has staged a significant 4.4 per cent decline since 2018-19 and Urban Poverty 1.7 per cent decline post-pandemic, which shows that government initiatives for promoting the welfare of the bottom of the pyramid are having a significant beneficial impact on rural livelihood, the report states.

Along with the sharp decline in

poverty in India, there has also been a marked reduction in the rural-urban income divide in the country, the report said.

According to a recent NITI Aayog discussion paper, India has registered a significant decline in multidimensional poverty in India from 29.17 per cent in 2013-14 to 11.28 per cent in 2022-23 which is a reduction of 17.89 percentage points.

Significant initiatives covering all dimensions of poverty have led to 24.82 crore individuals escaping multidimensional poverty in the last 9 years, the NITI Aayog paper said. Uttar Pradesh registered the largest decline in the number of poor with 5.94 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty during the last nine years followed by Bihar at 3.77 crore, Madhya Pradesh at 2.30 crore and Rajasthan at 1.87 crore, it added.

## Prayagraj set to transform ahead of Maha Kumbh 2025



The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh is preparing to make the Prayagraj MahaKumbh, scheduled to be held early next year, a grand and divine event.

The administration is working in mission mode to ensure extensive beautification and cleanliness of the city, as well as security and convenience of the devotees and tourists. According to the official spokesman, the state government has initiated a comprehensive plan to beautify the urban area. Prayagraj's rejuvenation will mirror the elaborate decorations seen during the 'PranPratishtha' of the new idol of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya.

Hundreds of pillars, green belts, horticultural enhancements, and thematic developments will be installed throughout the city reflecting the richness of Sanatan traditions. Preparations are being made to leave the visitors awestruck by the splendour of the city immersed in religious faith.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has provided essential guidelines to

various departments involved in its management. He emphasised ensuring that the MahaKumbh sets a benchmark for cleanliness, convenience, and security.

According to the Chief Minister, MahaKumbh 2025 presents a significant opportunity to showcase Sanatan Indian culture to the world. It will serve as a platform for global branding not just of Uttar Pradesh, but the country at large. He stressed the importance of contributing our best to its successful organisation, as Maha Kumbhsymbolises India's ancient culture. "The entire city should be adorned to reflect its grandeur, depicting Kumbh stories and symbols of Sanatan culture. Kumbh logos should be installed at intersections, and efforts should be made to create theme-based gates, pillars, and lighting", he said.

In line with his vision, the beautification of 38 junctions is underway in Prayagraj. The PrayagrajMela Authority has collaborated with an agency to develop designs based on traffic density analysis. Additionally, green

belts and sculptures will be established with a five-year maintenance plan.

Of the total junctions, 19 are being constructed by the Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA), 15 by the public Works Department (PWD), and two by Setu Nigam. Urban routes are also undergoing beautification, with 38 routes (totaling 75 km) being enhanced.

The Mela Authority has engaged eight architects to oversee green belt, horticulture, landscaping development, thematic development, and gap analysis for each route. Of these, 36 routes are beautified by the PDA and two by the PWD. Street art and murals will also be created on approximately 1 million square feet of walls. The PrayagrajMela Authority will fund work on 500,000 square feet from the KumbhMela fund, with the remaining 500,000 square feet.

There are also plans to construct four thematic gates, named SaraswatiDwar, Shiv Dwar, Ganga Dwar, and Yamuna Dwar, with the tender process currently underway.

## Post T20 World Cup win euphoria, India look to future without Kohli, Rohit and Jadeja

As fans and the cricket ecosystem in India continue to revel in the joy of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 victory, they are also coming to terms with Rohit Sharma, ViratKohli, and RavindraJadeja announcing their retirements from the format on a high.

Shortly after India edged South Africa by seven runs to clinch its second T20 World Cup title at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on Saturday and ended a 13-year drought for a global championship title, Kohli and Rohit bowed out from the format, with Jadeja following the same route on Sunday.

Both Rohit and Virat had been the fulcrum of the Indian batting line-up for more than a decade while Jadeja was the dependable spin-bowling all-rounder. The trio's quick retirements give India the room to try out players and see who the best picks for a solid combination for the 2026 T20 World Cup are, which they are supposed to co-host alongside Sri Lanka. But the riches of the Indian Premier League (IPL) and a robust domestic system mean India do have a good pool of T20 players to see who can fill in the huge shoes of Rohit, Virat, and Jadeja.

YashasviJaiswal, who was a part of the World Cup-winning unit at Barbados, Shubman Gill, Ruturaj

Gaikwad, and Abhishek Sharma are the next in line opening options.

All four players are a part of India's squad for the five-match T20I tour of Zimbabwe happening from July 6-14. India also has a T20I series against Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, South Africa, and England till February 2025, which gives the AjitAgarkar-led selection committee ample room to try out various combinations and other players in the fray.

"If you look at the side which will be touring Zimbabwe, there is a lot of talent there. From Shubham Gill to Rinku Singh, Khaleel Ahmed, and Sanju Samson. So, the Indian team is going to dominate well."

"Plus, there will be a lot of retirements around world cricket post this World Cup, and India will be the least affected. So, we are going to dominate, as for next 5-6 years, there will be no competition," Biju George, the former India women's fielding coach, told IANS.

Lalchand Rajput, the manager of the youthful Indian side that won the 2007 T20 World Cup in Johannesburg, told the IANS that youngsters are there to grab the vacant spots in the team but felt it will take time for them to grow into their vast shoes in the playing eleven.

"There will be challenges because you have lost the top three guys in

Rohit, Virat, and Jadeja. But there will be somebody who will take up the challenge to fill in for them because we have got a lot of youngsters who are coming up."

"We have people like YashasviJaiswal, RuturajGaikwad, and Shubman Gill at the sidelines, who have to take the mantle forward. It will be difficult for anyone to fill their shoes immediately. But I am sure that over a period of time, definitely there will be some new players who would fill in for those three."

In all probability, Jadeja's retirement from T20Is means Axar Patel becomes the lead spin-bowling all-rounder in the side. In the T20 World Cup, Axar had outperformed Jadeja with bat, ball, and in the field to show that he's now good enough to be an automatic starter in the format for India after lots of years of being an understudy to the veteran.

"With Jadeja retiring, Axar will get an extended run in the format. Some of the other left-hand spinners should also come through. It is high time now. Those three have been there and they have done it. Let them enjoy playing the rest of the time in cricket - IPL or other formats. I wish they play domestic cricket a little more," concluded George, who's the fielding coach for Delhi Capitals in IPL and WPL.



## 'Vote for.. or to vote at all': Iran Presidential run-off presents stark choices beyond reformist vs hardliner



Dr Vikas Datta

He may have finished last in Iran's Presidential race but cleric MostafaPourmohammadi made waves as the deemed conservative candidate not only displayed a rather progressive view but identified the underlying issue the regime is grappling with - and not very successfully - as reformist Masoud Pezeshkian and ultra-conservative SaeedJalili clash in the run-off on Friday.

Pourmohammadi, in a public message after his first-round exit, hailed those who had cast their ballot but also expressed

"respect" to all those who "did not believe us and did not come".

Turnout in the polls was just 40 per cent - the lowest since 1979.

"Your presence and absence are full of messages that I hope will be heard. Your message is clear and unambiguous," the cleric said on social media.

As both Pezeshkian and Jalili wrapped up their television debates on Monday and Tuesday in which they presented their courses of action and clashed vigorously on approaches and mindsets on social, economic and diplomatic matters, the overriding issue in Friday's elections is not just whether the reformist or the hardliner will prevail.

It actually is whether this question even concerns the great mass of the (absent) voters.

In more general terms, will the 60 per cent, who stayed away from polling



booths on last Friday, shed their apathy to their participation in elections - restricted or imperfect as they may be - and keep faith in the exercise as a means of political and social change?

Turnout in elections - both presidential and parliamentary - has long been deemed as a sign of legitimacy of the Iranian system. However, these hopes have been belied in the present snap elections, as well as the

parliamentary elections earlier this year (41 per cent) and the previous presidential elections (2021) - won by EbrahimRaisi - at 48.8 per cent.

An impassioned appeal by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei before the June 28 elections seeking a "maximum" voter turnout as a message to the country's "enemies", seemed to have failed to sway the voters. It is to be seen what effect his fresh

appeal ahead of the run-off will have - and the establishment will have to face up to the legacy issue sooner or later.

The turnout figured prominently in the debates between Pezeshkian and Jalili.

While Jalili called for examining why there is a "decrease in people's participation" in elections, Pezeshkian was more strident, terming it "unacceptable that 60 per cent of the people did

not come to the polls".

The reformist candidate also linked it to wider social and political issues like the internet curbs and the hijab issue, saying it also is due to women or some ethnic groups "that are not engaged by us".

"When we ignore people's rights and do not want to listen to their voices, expecting them to come to the polls is not a reasonable expectation. When 60 per cent of the people do not come to vote, we should feel that there is something wrong. There is a shortcoming," he asserted, as per transcripts of the debates on Iranian media.

The statements by Pezeshkian - who is promising looser social curbs and negotiations to relieve sanctions pressure - were also addressed to the large section of the disillusioned reform-seeking yet non-voting electorate as he faces a clear loss if they again sit at home on Friday.

In the first round on June 28, Pezeshkian got 10.41 million votes, while Jalili was not far behind with 9.47 million, out of the 24.5 million votes cast, or just about 40 per cent of the 61 million-odd electorate.

Prepollfavourite - Majles Speaker Mohammad BaqerQalibaf was the distant third with 3.38 million votes, while Pourmohammadi got 206,397 votes only.

The other two allowed candidates - Tehran Mayor AlirezaZakani and Vice President Amir-HosseinGhazizadehHashe mi - both conservatives - had quit days before Friday's election.

As the election headed into a run-off as neither Pezeshkian nor Jalili secured the victory margin of 50 per cent plus one, Qalibaf, Zakani, and Hashemi appealed to their supporters to back Jalili. Pourmohammadi did not explicitly endorse anyone but his indirect attack on

Jalili for attracting wider sanctions by blocking FATF recommendations is telling.

While the combined vote count of the conservative camp seems enough to propel Jalili to victory, there is a caveat.

As Pourmohammadi shows, despite appearances and (chiefly Western) perceptions, Iranian politics is not just two opposing distinct and united reformist or conservative camps, but a more fluid system due to many different sub-groups with their own agendas and aspirations. There is an overlap in policy too, whether of the conservative hardliners or the progressive reformists.

But political participation, or rather, the lack of it, remains an abiding challenge and it remains to be seen if Pourmohammadi's hopes are realised.

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# Bajaj Auto launches world's first CNG-powered motorcycle 'Freedom 125'

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Two-wheeler major Bajaj Auto on Friday launched the world's first CNG motorcycle -- Freedom 125, in three variants.

Starting at Rs 95,000 (ex-showroom), the bike comes powered by a 125-CC engine, with the ability to toggle between petrol and Compressed Natural Gas powertrains.

The CNG motorcycle was unveiled by Rajiv Bajaj, MD of Bajaj Auto, in the presence of Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari, in Pune.

The CNG tank will be placed under the seat and have a capacity of two kilograms. It will be coupled with a two-litre petrol tank and will have a range of 330 km, the company claimed.



"With the Bajaj Freedom, riders can reduce their operational costs by 50 per cent, leading to significantly more savings. Its longest-in-class seat and mono-linked type suspension offer superior comfort while the Bluetooth connectivity adds convenience," Bajaj said.

The Bajaj Freedom CNG runs 102 km per kg of CNG, meaning it will have a range of about 200 kms on one full tank of CNG.

According to the company, the bike generates 9.5 PS of maximum power and 9.7 Nm of peak torque.

In May, Bajaj Auto launched the highly anticipated 'Pulsar NS400Z' in the country at Rs 1,85,000 (ex-showroom) in four colours -- Glossy Racing Red, Brooklyn Black, Pearl Metallic White, and Pewter Grey.

# Realme introduces realme C63 with the only Vegan Leather Design

Delhi/ Jamshedpur: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today announced the launch of the realme C63, the latest addition to their Champion Series. The realme C63 is a budget-friendly smartphone, which comes with the only Vegan Leather Design in the segment that offers both style and durability.

The realme C63 comes equipped with a 45W fast charging feature, ensuring quick power-ups and less downtime. It also boasts a robust 5000mAh battery, providing long-lasting power for all-day use, even for heavy users. The realme C63 also offers flagship-level AI experience with innovative features such as Air Gestures, Rainwater Smart Touch and the highly acclaimed Mini Capsule 2.0. Commenting on the launch, a realme Spokesperson said, "We are thrilled to introduce the realme C63, the latest addition to our Champion Series. At realme, we are committed to providing innovative technology that meets the needs and aspirations of our young consumers. The realme C63 is a testament to this commitment, offering an array of advanced features at an accessible price point."

# Sensex closes flat, smallcap and midcap stocks gain

Mumbai, July 5 (IANS) Indian equity indices closed flat on Friday following a volatile session.

At closing, Sensex was at 79,996, down 53 points and Nifty was up 21 points or 0.09 per cent, at 24,323.

Buying is seen in midcap and smallcap stocks. The Nifty midcap 100 index was up 470 points or 0.83 per cent, at 57,089 and the Nifty smallcap 100 index was up 148 points or 0.79 per cent, at 18,941.

HDFC Bank, the leading private lender was down by 4.58 per cent at closing, which primarily influenced the Nifty Bank adversely by 0.83 per cent at closing.

In the Sensex, Reliance, SBI, NTPC, HUL, L&T, Nestle, Power Grid, ITC, JSW Steel, Wipro, Sun Pharma, Kotak Mahindra and Bajaj Finance were the gainers. HDFC Bank, Titan, Tata Steel, M&M, IndusInd Bank, and UltraTech Cement were the losers.

Vaibhav Vidwani, Research Analyst, Bonanza Portfolio, said that today the Asian stock markets reached new highs, buoyed by expectations of U.S. interest rate cuts in September.

"10-year US treasury yield fell as the US market awaits the jobs data that is due on Friday. Many investors are hoping that Friday's jobs data will indicate that the labour market and economy are cooling, as this could support the case for Federal Reserve interest rate cuts," he added.

Among the sectoral indices, PSU Bank, Pharma, FMCG, Metal, Energy, Infra, and PSE closed in the green, and Private Bank and Fin Services in the red.



# Naidu meets Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for support on urban infra projects



New Delhi, June 5 (IANS) Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Minister of Power, Manohar Lal Khattar, held a meeting with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu here on Friday.

The discussions between the Union Minister and the Chief Minister covered issues related to electric mobility, metro development, waste management, and the PM KUSUM scheme for setting up renewable energy projects such as solar water pumps for farmers.

Chandrababu Naidu also sought support to establish Andhra Pradesh as a leading state in green hydrogen initiatives. Besides, housing issues and progress under the AMRUT scheme were taken up with the objective to advance these initiatives effectively, according to an official statement issued after the meeting.

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched on 25th June 2015 in 500 cities and towns across the country. The mission focuses on the development of basic infrastructure, in the selected cities and towns, in the sectors of water supply; sewerage and septage management; storm water drainage; green spaces and parks; and non-motorised urban transport. A set of Urban Reforms and Capacity Building have been included in the Mission. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has approved State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) of all the States/Union Territories (UTs) amounting to Rs 77,640 crore for the entire Mission period.

# Cyber Peace Foundation, NCW aim for 10 lakh women's training in Digital Shakti 5.0



New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF), along with the National Commission for Women (NCW), on Friday launched the fifth phase of the Digital Shakti Campaign, a pan-India project on digitally empowering and upskilling women and girls in cyberspace, with an aim to increase the number to 10 lakh. Digital Shakti was started in 2018 with the vision of introducing women to the digital era to enhance their skills. This initiative began at Punjab University. So far, it has trained 6 lakh women on how to be safe in the digital world and in the fifth phase, it aims to increase that number to 10 lakh.

"This programme aligns with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India," said Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW. "Despite India being on the verge of becoming the third-largest power in the world, women still face struggles in all fields. The gender gap remains significant, with only 43 per cent of women in the science field, falling short of the desired 50 per cent," she added. Under this programme, the CPF has established responders in each state that will provide training and enhance the skills of women and girls in Digital skills, Cybersecurity awareness, AI, emerging technologies, etc.

"This is one of the biggest campaigns in the nation, running continuously to make a difference. I extend special thanks to the Aasha workers, NGOs, industry professionals, and all the people associated with the campaign," said Major Vineet Kumar, Founder, and Global President of CPF.

# After Eiffel Tower, UPI goes live at another location before Paris Olympics

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) After the successful implementation of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for online ticket booking at Eiffel Tower, NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPIL), the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), on Friday, enabled the acceptance of UPI at Galeries Lafayette's flagship store in Haussmann, ahead of Paris Olympics.

This is in partnership with Lyra, a French leader in securing e-commerce and proximity payments.

# Tata Power launches rooftop solar initiative for homes in UP

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Tata Power Solar Systems Limited, has launched a rooftop solar initiative aimed at powering homes in Uttar Pradesh (UP) with clean energy.

Starting from Varanasi, the ambitious initiative promises substantial financial savings and environmental benefits for residents through state-of-the-art Rooftop Solar Solutions, the company said on Friday.

Consumers in the state can avail a maximum subsidy of up to Rs.1,08,000 on rooftop solar installation. This will comprise a Central government subsidy of Rs 78,000 for up to 3 kW and a maximum of Rs30,000 (Rs 15,000 per kW) for up to 3kW by the State Govt., which will be over and above the Central government subsidy.

"Tata Power Solar's commitment to quality and innovation ensures that this initiative will significantly boost the region's energy availability and sustainability. With a robust channel partner network Tata Power is well-positioned to offer expedited rooftop solar connections to the residents of Varanasi and Uttar Pradesh," the company said in a statement.

Tata Power said the initiative aligns with India's national goal to



achieve 40 GW of solar rooftop installations

Speaking at the launch ceremony in Varanasi, Praveer Sinha, CEO & MD, Tata Power, said: "Tata Power solar offers made-in-India, state-of-the-art solar panels ensuring superior performance and longevity on installation. Its bifacial panels also ensure that light is absorbed on both sides, guaranteeing higher efficiency in less space."

Switching to solar energy offers tremendous economic advantages. A typical household installing a 3 kW solar rooftop with an initial investment of around INR 1.08 lakh (subsidy of INR 1.08 lakh can

be claimed) can generate 12 units of electricity daily, translating to approximately 360 units per month.

With the average electricity tariff in Varanasi, this setup can save residents up to INR 27,000 per year on their electricity bills, Tata Power said.

Net metering allows residents to earn credits for any excess electricity generated by their solar systems and fed back into the grid. This not only reduces their electricity bills further but also ensures that no generated power goes to waste, enhancing the overall financial benefits of switching to solar energy.

# Govt sets ball rolling for Tranche-II green hydrogen projects

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on Friday announced that the capacity of Tranche-II under the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Programme will be 450,000 TPA (tonnes per annum) of Green Hydrogen, with 40,000

TPA capacity reserved for biomass-based pathways (bucket-II) and the rest for technology agnostic pathways (bucket-I).

Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) is the implementing agency for this tranche as well. The Request for Selection (RfS) will be issued by SECI shortly.

The bidding will be based on the least average incentive quoted by the bidder. The minimum bid under bucket-I is 10,000 TPA while the maximum bid is 90,000 TPA. The minimum bid capacity in bucket-II is 500 TPA and the maximum capacity is 4000 TPA. A bidder can bid in any or both buckets.

# India on way to become a developed nation by 2047: NK Singh

Mumbai, July 5 (IANS) India is moving towards becoming a developed nation by 2047 but it needs to sustain its growth trajectory for the next two decades, leading economist and policymaker NK Singh has said.

Addressing an event while being conferred the prestigious Honorary Fellowship at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Singh further said that he felt honoured to be in the ranks of Indians like Nobel Prize-winning Professor Amartya Sen and former President KR Narayanan.

The university said the honour

recognises Singh's long-standing and committed relationship with LSE and his efforts in facilitating relations with India as co-chair of LSE's India Advisory Board.

"In the third term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he and all the Union Ministers are committed to the vision of a developed India of 2047. India needs to maintain this pace of growth for the next decades," Singh added.

India is the fastest-growing economy in the world. India's growth rate in the financial year 2023-24 was 8.2 per cent, which is estimated to be 7.2 per cent in the current financial year.

# Govt rolls out electric bicycles to accelerate Lakhpati Didi scheme



New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) The Ministry of Rural Development on Friday signed an MoU with Convergence Energy Services Limited to empower rural women self-help groups by providing them with electric bicycles in order to give them access to green mobility.

The MoU was signed by Joint Secretary, of Rural Livelihoods from MoRD Smriti Sharan and MD & CEO, of Convergence Energy Services Limited Vishal Kapoor in the presence of Secretary, of Rural Development Shailesh Kumar Singh.

Shailesh Kumar Singh said that this partnership of Green Mobility will further support the economic and social empowerment of rural women and accelerate enabling of Lakhpati Didis in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision.

Smriti Sharan stated that this partnership with EESL will prove to be a boon to the SHG women in rural entrepreneurship with green wheels.

Vishal Kapoor said through this intervention CESL is keen to support the government's initiative of enabling three

crore Lakhpati Didis in rural areas, reflecting its commitment towards women empowerment and national green objectives.

The project aims to build livelihood opportunities, independence and prosperity amongst SHG women, elevating their socio-economic standing. Additionally, the project intends to keep rural mobility congestion-free thereby contributing towards decarbonisation of the last-mile mobility space.

Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) is a subsidiary of state-owned Energy Efficiency Services Limited, a joint venture of public sector companies under the Ministry of Power. CESL is focused on energy solutions that lie at the confluence of renewable energy, electric mobility and climate change.

# Accel to host India's largest Cybersecurity Summit on July 25

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Leading venture capital firm Accel is set to host India's largest Cybersecurity Summit in Bengaluru July 25.

To evangelise the early-stage cybersecurity startup ecosystem in India, the event will bring together security operators, CISOs, and notable founders from around the world.

The summit will provide a platform for startups to showcase their cybersecurity innovations and pitch to a select group of CISOs from both large enterprises and tech unicorns like PhonePe, Groww, Cred, and Flipkart.

"With the exponential growth of large SaaS and consumer companies in India, security teams have become highly skilled at combating increasing threat surfaces. Accel has funded over 50 cybersecurity companies globally, many of which have Indian-origin founders," said



Prayank Swaroop, Partner at Accel.

"There are significant opportunities for founders in India to build the next generation of global cybersecurity companies focusing on areas like AI in cybersecurity, application security, and security operations," he added.

India's cybersecurity landscape has seen remarkable growth. According to a report

by the Data Security Council of India, the market reached approximately \$6 billion in 2023, clocking a CAGR of over 30 per cent from 2019 to 2023.

The products segment alone grew by more than 3.5 times, reaching close to \$3.7 billion in 2023 from \$1 billion in 2019.

There will be four distinct knowledge tracks at the summit, tailored to the varied interests of attendees, and a

pavilion where startups and data security teams can showcase their products.

Application Security: This track will cover topics like setting up a high-quality AppSec programme and automating tasks across the AppSec stack.

Security Operations: This track will cover how to leverage SIEM and SOAR for automating security operations and explore strategies for scaling security operations as organisations grow.

AI in Security: Exploring the role of AI in enhancing the AppSec stack and Large Language Model (LLM) security. Founders in Security: Insights into best practices for scaling go-to-market strategies and selling to security teams and CISOs. The lineup of speakers for the summit includes Ajit Sancheti, General Manager of Logscale at CrowdStrike; Ankur Bhargava, Head

of Product Security at PhonePe; Himanshu Das, CISO at Cred; Ross Haleliuk, Founder of Venture in Security;

Josief Harush, Head of Supply Chain Security at Checkmarx; Anthony Belfiore, Chief Strategy Officer at Wiz; Prajal Kulkarni, CISO at Groww;

Ashwath Kumar, Principal Security Engineer at Razorpay; Ruchir Patwa, Co-founder of Sydelabs; Ansh Patnaik, Chief Product Officer at Cognigito; Anand Prakash, Founder of Pingsafe;

Raghuvier Kancherla, Co-founder of Sprinto; and Avinash Nagla, Founder of Sprouts. The summit is being organised by Accel, led by a committee including Prayank Swaroop, Akshat Jain (Co-founder and CTO at Cyware), Ankita Gupta (Co-founder and CEO at Akto), Vandana Verma (Senior Developer Advocate at Snyk), and Sandesh Anand (Co-founder at Seezo).

# Diabetes, BP patients must aim for bad cholesterol levels below 70 mg/dL : CSI

**New Delhi, July 5 (IANS)** People in the general population or those with low-risk must maintain LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, often called the "bad" cholesterol, levels below 100 mg/dL, while those with diabetes or hypertension should aim for LDL-C below 70 mg/dL, according to the first-ever Indian guidelines for dyslipidemia management released by the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) on Thursday.

People in the very high-risk category, with extreme risk for CVDs, must aim for LDL-C levels below 55 mg/dL, noted the guidelines which come as the prevalence of dyslipidemia in India is getting alarmingly high, and the resulting CVDs are also surging, especially among the young adults.

New guidelines also recommend non-fasting lipid measurements for risk estimation and treatment, shifting from traditional fasting measurements. Increased LDL-C remains the primary target, but for



patients with high triglycerides (more than 150 mg/dL), non-HDL cholesterol is the focus. Non-HDL includes all the bad types of

cholesterol. "The general population and low-risk individuals should maintain LDL-C levels below 100 mg/dL and non-HDL-C levels below 130 mg/dL. High-risk individuals, such as those with diabetes or hypertension, should aim for LDL-C below 70 mg/dL and non-HDL below 100 mg/dL," as per the guidelines.

"Aggressive targets are suggested for very high-risk patients, including those with a history of heart attacks, angina, stroke, or chronic kidney disease. These patients should aim for LDL-C levels below 55 mg/dL or non-HDL levels below 85 mg/dL," explained Dr. J. P. S. Sawhney, Chairman of the Department of

Cardiology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, & Chairman of the Lipid Guidelines.

The guidelines stated that for patients with high triglycerides (more than 150 mg/dL) and non-HDL cholesterol is the target.

Furthermore, the guidelines recommend evaluating lipoprotein (a) levels at least once, as elevated levels (more than 50 mg/dL) are associated with cardiovascular disease.

The prevalence of elevated lipoprotein (a) is higher in India (25 per cent) compared to the Western world (15-20 per cent).

It also called for lifestyle changes, such as regular exercise, quitting alcohol and tobacco, and

reducing sugar and carbohydrate intake.

"High LDL-C and non-HDL-C can be controlled with a combination of statins and oral non-statin drugs. If goals are not achieved, injectable lipid-lowering drugs like PCSK9 inhibitors or Inclisiran are recommended," noted Dr. S. Ramakrishnan, Professor of Cardiology at AIIMS, New Delhi, & Co-Author of the Lipid Guidelines.

In patients with heart disease, stroke, or diabetes, statins, non-statin drugs, and fish oil (EPA) are recommended. Triglyceride levels above 500 mg/dL require the use of Fenofibrate, Saraglitazor, and Fish Oil, the experts said.

## Beauties from 30 countries say 'wahTaj' as they visit Taj Mahal

**Agra, July 5 (IANS)** A sea of 110 beauties from around 30 countries on Thursday visited Agra, Uttar Pradesh to witness one of the seven wonders of the world 'TajMahal'.

The Tourism Police had made strict arrangements for the safety of the world's beauties. Surrounded by security, these world beauties saw the symbol of love, TajMahal.

They looked quite excited after witnessing the TajMahal. These world beauties got lost in the beauty of Taj and its amazing architecture and could not stop themselves from saying 'wahTaj'.

They also showed special interest in knowing the mosaic and history of TajMahal. They learned about the history of TajMahal and its architecture through



the help of tourist guides. The visuals show the beauties arriving from England, Bangladesh, Botswana, Vietnam, Brazil, Fiji, Uganda, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and others.

They were dressed in their traditional attire. TajMahal is an ivory-white marble mausoleum, which is situated on the right bank of the river Yamuna in Agra. It was commissioned by Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan to house the tomb of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Meanwhile, Czech beauty Krystyna Pyszkova was crowned as the 'Miss World' on March 9, 2024. Krystyna had defeated YasminaZaytoun of Lebanon, Ache Abrahams of Trinidad and Tobago, and LesegoChombo of Botswana.

'Miss India' SiniShetty had failed to make it to the Top 4. India had hosted the coveted beauty pageant after a gap of 28 years, and it was hosted by filmmaker Karan Johar and the winner of Miss World 2013, Megan Young

## Doctors face high burnout, must set clear boundaries for work & personal life

**New Delhi, July 5 (IANS)** While we call them beacons of hope, heroes of life, doctors often face extensive job pressures and long hours of duty, leaving them burnt out and with physical and emotional problems. Thus it is imperative to set clear boundaries to maintain a perfect work-life balance, health experts said on Monday on National Doctors Day. National Doctors Day is celebrated on July 1 every year to appreciate the efforts of doctors, as well as to raise issues about them.

"In many professions including the medical profession, it is easier for the work pressure to crawl in the personal time leading to easy and early burnout. Doctors should understand this and try to set clear boundaries between work life and personal hours," Dr Meenakshi Jain, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad, told IANS.

Jain said that given the strenuous work hours, requirement of high cognitive performance and often changing schedules, doctors should also try to take

breaks if possible and have better communication with team members to improve work efficiency without extra stress. Set healthy boundaries.

"As doctors, we are so preoccupied with patients' health that we tend to often neglect ourselves. Long and erratic work schedules and the enormity of taking responsibility for the lives of others are taxing. We should prioritise our health first," Dr TusharTayal, Lead Consultant, Department of Internal Medicine, CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram, told IANS.

Citing that work-life balance is essential, the experts suggested a healthy and regular sleep-wake cycle is paramount.

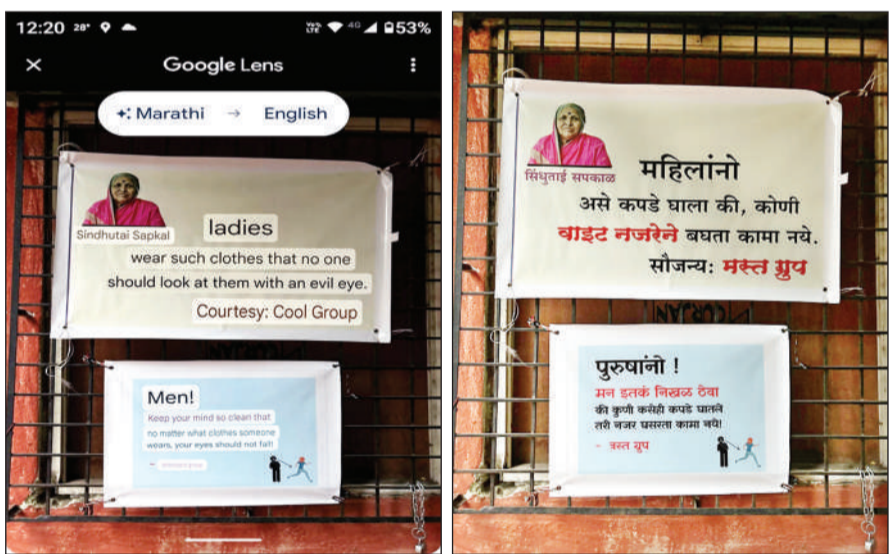
For good physical and mental health, the experts advised maintaining a regular schedule, avoiding skipping meals, exercising or brisk walking for 30 min daily, and developing some hobbies, among others.

Dr Meenakshi also emphasised the importance of the emotional wellness of doctors.

## "Men, Keep Your Mind Clean": Pune Women Group's Epic Response To "Dress Modestly" Poster

**New Delhi, July 5 (IANS)** Though it's 2024, the world still places restrictions on women's clothing and judges their fashion choices. In one such recent case of moral policing, a poster that urged women to dress modestly to avoid attracting attention. The board went viral on social media, triggering a savage and much-needed response from a women's group.

It all started when a group calling themselves the 'Mast Group' put up a poster saying, "Women, wear clothes in such a way that no one dares to look at you with evil eyes." In response, another board from "Trash Group" came up below it, asking men to keep their minds and



thoughts pure. It read: "Men, keep your mind so clean that no matter what clothes someone wears, your eyes should not fall." Notably, the posters originally written in Marathi were spotted near a walking track in Pune.

The pictures have gone viral, with users applauding the women's group for their perfect response to the unsolicited piece of advice.

One user wrote, "Retort Pune style. Women/ woman who came back with an apt reply need to

be given an award. Additional kudos for the accompanying illustration explaining the slippery nazar. The main & the real disturbing part is however the original message."

Another commented, "Love the response..btw, fully clothed women have never been assaulted or teased?? ... Clothes don't matter, some men get excited looking at anything female."

A third added, "Reply poster should have been bigger.....Also dressing appropriately is as important for men as it is for women. This is by no means sexist but a simple individual / societal etiquette which has become more than necessary. Right time, right place, right dress!"



# Use of AI for self-prescription poses risk to human life, warn doctors

**Hyderabad, July 5 (IANS)** Use of Artificial Intelligence (IA) for self-diagnosis and prescription poses significant risk to human life, warn healthcare professionals.

On Doctors' Day, they voiced concern over the growing trend of patients depending on Internet search results even for serious ailments.

They believe that while there are many advantages of using the Internet, there are no less problems impacting everyday lives because of it.

Ease in life and potential risks, both multiplied over the last couple of years, if not more, with the entry of AI and Machine Learning (ML), which are fast overtaking our lives, say doctors.

According to them, the Internet has emerged as a primary source of health information, fuelling a rise in unsupervised self-medication practices.

AI has introduced a new

facet to this trend, which poses significant risks to human life.

Engaging in such unchecked behaviour presents grave threats and may result in fatal consequences if incorrect medications are consumed due to misjudgement.

Potential dangers of self-medication include inaccurate self-diagnosis and the misuse of medications, leading to potentially hazardous drug interactions or incorrect dosages, they said.

AI works based on data input, and in healthcare data has to be accurate to the last decimal to ensure perfect diagnosis of the ailment to provide best medication or treatment.

Hundred per cent accuracy is certainly not possible when it comes to providing data by non-healthcare practitioners.

"The Internet, especially AI, is developed and dominated by the western world, especially the US. Basic information



available on AI platforms could be those associated with the geography and demography of the West.

"Such information may or may not be suitable to people in India, because the information available will only be to the closest and not the most accurate," Dr. Gayatri Kamineni, COO, Kamineni Hospitals told IANS.

"Dosages matter to ensure best treatment for any ailment, and if that input is wrongly provided, the result could be disastrous, even leading to fatalities in certain cases."

"The Internet in general and AI in particular must be seen as a support function and not as a judgment to trust blindly," she said.

Dr B Kishore Reddy, Chief Ortho Oncologist and Managing Director, Amor Hospital believes that when someone takes medication without consulting a doctor or medical professional, he might be choosing the

wrong drug.

"Additionally, self-medication increases your risk of taking an incorrect dose or using drugs for longer than necessary. And if you take a substance for a prolonged period, your body may become dependent and need this substance to continue functioning correctly. "Sometimes patients may feel some short-term relief and may think taking medication to alleviate symptoms is beneficial. But there is a likely possibility that such medication could mask symptoms of an underlying medical condition, and if proper medical guidance is not sought, that underlying condition could worsen and become dangerous over time."

"Misusing or overusing medication can also increase the risk of severe medical complications, causing harmful symptoms, including nausea, convulsions and

even death."

"Internet, especially Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have eased the lives of healthcare practitioners. We have access to the most advanced treatment protocols, and due to the ease in communication, the risk of making mistakes has reduced a great deal in a hospital setting."

"However, this advancement is controlled and monitored by experts who have decades of experience in providing best care. It is the combination of experience, expertise, and Internet, which delivers the best outcome for patients."

"Depending on the Internet alone, without the experience and the expertise is not advisable at all," observed Dr. C. Mallikarjuna, Chief Urologist and Managing Director, Asian Institute of Nephrology & Urology (AINU).

# Change begins now, says Keir Starmer as his Labour Party sweeps UK election

**London:** Keir Starmer vowed to bring change to the nation as the new prime minister after his Labour Party surged to a comprehensive win in a parliamentary election on Friday, ending 14 years of often tumultuous Conservative government.

Starmer, 61, stepped up to make his victory speech in London just hours away from formally becoming the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

"We did it, you campaigned for it, you fought for it, you voted for it and now it has arrived, change begins now," declared Starmer to a cheering crowd, promising that the work begins right away.

He pledged "national renewal" following 14 years of Conservative rule.



However, Starmer cautioned that having "a mandate like this comes with a great responsibility." Meanwhile, the country's first British Indian

prime minister comfortably held on to his own Richmond and Northallerton seat in northern England with 23,059 votes but failed to turn things around for

his party at a national level.

The centre-left Labour was set to win a massive majority in the 650-seat parliament with Rishi Sunak's Conservatives poised to suffer the worst performance in the party's long history as voters punished them for a cost of living crisis, failing public services, and a series of scandals.

Sunak had earlier conceded defeat and said he had called Starmer to congratulate him on his victory.

"Today power will change hands in a peaceful and orderly manner, with goodwill on all sides," Sunak said after regaining his seat. "There is much to learn and reflect on and I take responsibility for the loss to the many good hardworking Conservative candidates ... I am sorry."

## Rishi Sunak concedes to Keir Starmer in UK elections : I am sorry

**London:** UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak conceded defeat to Labour Party leader Keir Starmer as the Conservatives headed towards a historic defeat in the elections. Starmer is on track to become the next UK Prime Minister as trends showed the Labour Party crossing the majority mark in the House of Commons.

Rishi Sunak said the British people had delivered a "sobering verdict" and there was a lot to learn and reflect on.

"The British people have delivered a sobering verdict tonight... and I take responsibility for the loss," Sunak, the UK's first prime minister of colour, said.

"The Labour Party has won this general election, and I have called Keir Starmer to congratulate him on his victory," he further said.

While eight Conservative cabinet ministers lost their seats, Sunak held on to his constituency of Richmond and Northallerton in northern England, bagging 47.5% of the votes.

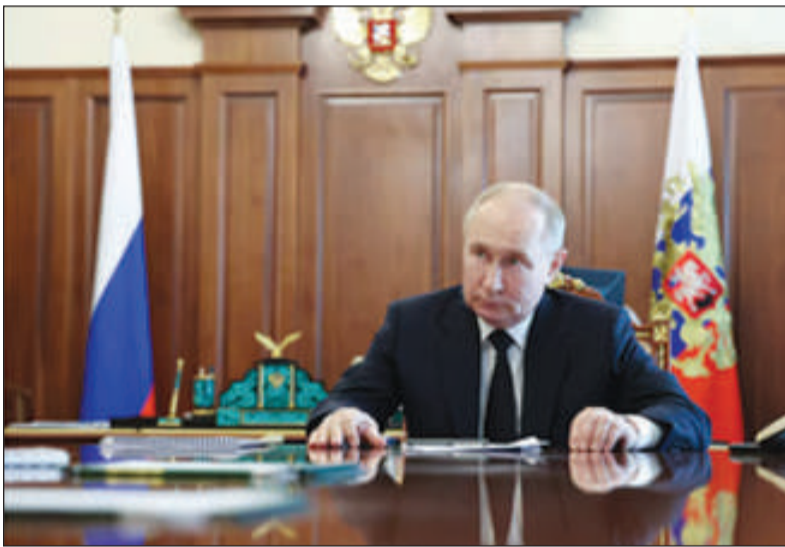
"To the many good, hard-working Conservative candidates who lost tonight, despite their tireless efforts, their local records and delivery, and their dedication to their communities. I am sorry," Sunak said.

## 4 killed, several wounded as truck overturns in Sri Lanka

**Colombo, July 5 (IANS)** Four people have been killed, while three others were seriously injured after a truck overturned along the Badulla-Soranathota road in Uva Province of Sri Lanka on Friday, the police said. Badulla police said that the accident took place around 12:00 p.m. local time when the lorry was transporting construction workers, Xinhua news agency reported.

The wounded have been admitted to a local hospital, and their condition is critical, according to the police. There has been a spate of accidents in Sri Lanka in the last few days. Around 25 people were injured after a bus collided with a lorry transporting cement in Madampe, located in Sri Lanka's North Western Province, on Thursday morning.

## Russia ready to start production of medium-range missiles in response to US actions: Putin



**Astana, July 5 (IANS)** Russia is ready to start producing short- and medium-range missiles in response to US actions, Russian President

Vladimir Putin has said. "I said that in connection with the withdrawal of the United States from the Intermediate Nuclear Force

(INF) Treaty and the announcement that they start production, we also consider that we have the right to begin research, development, and production (of these missiles) in the future," Putin told reporters on Thursday after the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Astana.

Russia is carrying out such research and development and is ready to start production, he said, adding that Moscow can act in a similar way in case US short- and medium-range missiles are deployed in any region of the world, Xinhua news agency reported.

The US and the Soviet Union signed the INF treaty in 1987, which prohibited possessing, developing and testing ground-launched missiles with a range of 500-5,500 km.

In 2019, the US officially announced its withdrawal from the INF treaty.

## Voting for presidential runoff commences in Iran



**New Delhi, July 5 (IANS)** Voting for the Iran presidential runoff commenced on Friday morning, with two top contenders, Masoud Pezeshkian and Saeed Jalili, in the run.

Pezeshkian, a reformist and Iran's former health minister, and Jalili, a principlist and the former chief negotiator in the nuclear talks between Tehran and world powers, both have cast their votes in the capital city, accompanied by their



supporters. Earlier, Iran's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, voted in the first minutes of the voting and stressed the need for a higher turnout, the official website of the leader said in a post on X. Iran went to polls on June 28, and the next day, Spokesman of Iran's Election Headquarters Mohsen Eslami announced the results for the first phase, in which Pezeshkian garnered 42.6 per cent of the total votes, while Jalili got 38.8 per cent.

Despite leading the race, none of the candidates were able to cross the 50 per cent mark required to win the presidential race. However, in the second phase, whichever candidate will garner maximum votes will assume the power.

Iran's 14th presidential election, which had initially been set for 2025, was rescheduled following the unexpected death of President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash on May 19.

## Pakistan to host SCO Summit in October, India, other member states to be invited

**Islamabad:** Pakistan on Thursday said it would host the SCO Heads of Government meeting in October and invite all heads of government of the member states of the grouping.

Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said at the weekly press briefing that Pakistan, as the rotating Chairmanship of the SCO

Council of Heads of Government (CHG), would host the SCO Heads of Governments Meeting in October this year.

When asked if Pakistan would extend an invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit and attend the Summit in Pakistan, Baloch replied, "The chairmanship belongs to

Pakistan, so in our capacity as the chair, we will be extending invitations to all Heads of Government of SCO member states".

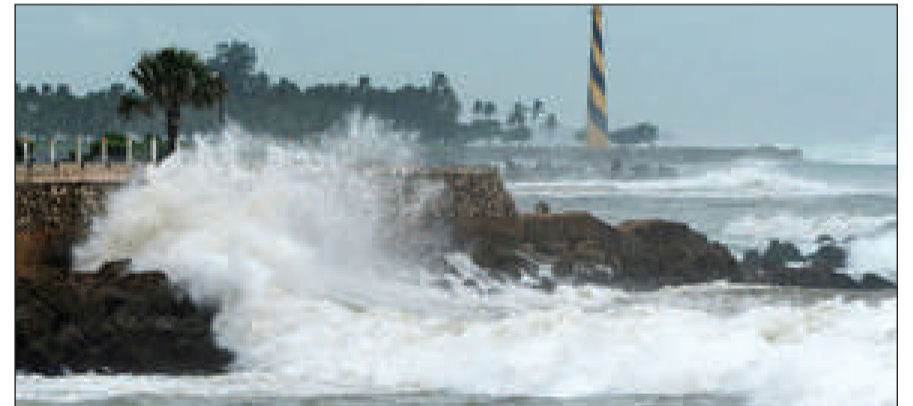
"This conference will take place in person, and we hope and expect that all members of SCO will be represented at the Heads of Governments Meeting being held in October", she said.

## Sunak resigns as UK PM, will step down as Conservative leader soon

**London, July 5 (IANS)** Rishi Sunak, who resigned as the UK Prime Minister on Friday, has confirmed that following the General Election result, he will also be stepping down as the Conservative leader once the formal arrangements for choosing his successor are in place. "I have given this job my all, but you have sent a clear signal that the government of the United Kingdom must change. And, yours is the only judgment that matters," said Sunak in a short speech delivered in front of the PM's office in Downing Street.

"I have heard your anger, your disappointment and I take responsibility for this loss. To all the Conservative candidates and campaigners who worked tirelessly, but without success, I'm sorry that we could not deliver what your efforts deserved," he added.

## Hurricane Beryl strengthens to Category 3, heading for Mexico's coast



**Mexico City, July 5 (IANS)** Hurricane Beryl strengthened to a Category 3 storm and is heading towards Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, a tourism hotspot in the country, after leaving a trail of destruction across the eastern Caribbean.

"Data from the Air Force reconnaissance aircraft indicate that Beryl has strengthened to a Category 3 hurricane with maximum winds of 115 mph (185 km/h)," the US

National Hurricane Center said in an advisory on Thursday night.

Beryl was downgraded to Category 2 earlier in the day, Xinhua news agency reported.

Beryl was expected to bring heavy rain and winds to the Yucatan Peninsula, a major tourism destination that includes the Mayan pyramids and resorts, and to strengthen in the Gulf of Mexico to make a second strike on the country.

On Thursday, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador urged people to move to higher ground, shelters, or homes of friends and family in other places.

He wrote on social media that Hurricane Beryl's trajectory indicates that it will enter through Tulum, a town on Mexico's Caribbean coastline. "Do not hesitate; materials can be recovered. The most important thing is life."

## 26 British-Indian candidates, with roots from Kerala to Punjab, taste success

**London:** Voters in the UK delivered a historic verdict. The Keir Starmer-led Labour Party secured a landslide victory, dethroning Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party after 14 years. Though Sunak, an Indian-origin politician, lost the general election, but the British-Indian community has something to smile about.

Twenty-six Indian-origin candidates have emerged victorious in the 2024 general election in the UK.

This is a good showing by the British-Indian candidates as the current House of Commons has 15 Indian-origin MPs.

This election in the UK saw a record number of 107 Indian-origin candidates contest the

polls. There are a million people who identify themselves as Hindus in the UK and are the third-largest religious group, according to the 2021 Census.

The Labour Party, which was punished by Indian-origin voters in the 2019 election because of its anti-India stance, has made amends under Keir Starmer. It fielded a record

number of Indian-origin candidates in this election.

Here are the details of the British-Indian MPs and their respective seats who made it to the House of Commons from both the Conservative and Labour parties. The elected MPs have their roots in a range of Indian states, from Kerala to Punjab.

## Starmer sweeps, Sunak slumps: Five major takeaways from UK elections

**New Delhi, July 5 (IANS)** It was a rain-soaked day in late May when PM Rishi Sunak came out of his 10 Downing Street residence to announce elections on July 4, and it was another rainy day on Friday when he came out to concede defeat, with his Conservatives suffering a major hammering to slump to a new parliamentary low - at less than a fifth of the total seats.

The crushing defeat for the Conservative Party follows 14 eventful years in power in which they not only led the country out of the European Union, weathered the Covid pandemic, and sought to fashion a new position for the country in the world beyond continental ties, but also suffered a string of controversies, frequent leadership changes - 5 PMs in a decade and a half! - and major internal divisions.

Presiding over a decade or more of economic stagnation and social neglect - since PM David Cameron's austerity programme and the implications



of Brexit - also led to the outcome.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party, reeling from a string of defeats after its own 13 years in power and a pronounced leftward slant under Jeremy Corbyn, reformed and revitalised itself under former government law officer, Sir Keir Starmer, to provide a cogent programme and successful outreach.

It won 412 seats - just a shade under the 419 garnered by Tony Blair in 1997 to end 18 years of Conservative rule, but equal to his haul in 2001.

Time will show whether the

result was actually a Labour victory or a Conservative defeat, though it must be considered that the loathing for the present dispensation and enthusiasm for the available alternative are not evenly matched.

It also has to be seen how the Labour Party will do in power, but the course and results of the elections throw up certain instructive points - though it is debatable if they are long-term in nature or linked to this particular electoral cycle.

**Economic situation and living standards remain overriding public concern**

The Conservatives presided over a decade and more of economic morass where not only incomes remained stagnant amid rising inflation, leading to standards of living dipping, but productivity declined too.

Granted the consequences of Covid were challenging for all governments, but Cameron's austerity programme and the lowered social spending it entailed, and then, Brexit were choices. By the time Sunak promised the country was turning the corner, the damage had been done.

**Power may (or may not) corrupt but long stints 'blind'**  
The course of British political history for the past four and a half decades is instructive. Of these 45 years, the Conservatives were in power for 32 years - in two consecutive tranches of 18 years (1979-1997) under Margaret Thatcher and John Major and 14 years (2010-24) under Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson, Liz Truss, and Sunak, against 13 for Labour (1997-2010) under Blair and

Gordon Brown.

It is evident that complacency and a disregard for public perception crept in, as admitted by a string of senior Conservative leaders, many who lost their seats, that they had grown distant from the people and failed to respect and respond to the concerns.

**Don't ape far-right populists**  
This is particularly applicable to the Conservatives, which, over the past few years, swung more and more to the right, in a bid to outflank the Brexit Party/Reform UK on issues such as EU membership and immigration, a la Suella Braverman.

It did not provide them appreciable benefits, but damaged them as votes swung to Nigel Farage's Reform Party, which may have got only 4 seats but hit them in scores. Conservatives learnt too late that if you bring a populist party into the limelight by seeking to appropriate its platform, what will prevent people from voting for the real thing itself?

## Labour Party's Keir Starmer officially appointed UK PM by King Charles



**London:** Britain's head of state King Charles III officially appointed Labour leader Keir Starmer as prime minister on Friday during an audience at Buckingham Palace.

A photograph released by the palace showed the monarch shaking hands with Starmer, whose party won a landslide election victory. The king earlier accepted the resignation of Conservative leader Rishi Sunak.

"The King received in Audience The Right Honourable Sir Keir Starmer MP today and requested him to form a new Administration," a palace statement read.

"Sir Keir accepted His Majesty's offer and kissed hands upon his appointment as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury."

## Monsoon fails in Seraikela, lowest June rainfall in 22 years

Mail News Service

**Seraikela, July 5:** The monsoon has once again failed to deliver in Seraikela Kharsawan district, with this June seeing the lowest rainfall in 22 years. The district recorded only 36.1 mm of rain, significantly below the normal level. This has caused considerable concern among farmers, as the lack of water prevented paddy seedlings from sprouting and left fields dry. Typically, the monsoon arrives in the first half of June, prompting farmers to sow paddy seeds in anticipation of the rains. Once the monsoon begins, the seeds germinate with the moisture, and farmers usually start weeding their fields in early July. However, the insufficient rainfall this year has disrupted this routine, leaving farmers worried about their crops. Although last June also saw below-average rainfall, this year's figures were only one-fourth of the average, far from adequate for farming needs. (w/sgsd)

## Major Satyanarayana's team outlines vision for Andhra Association elections

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** A press conference was held at Nirmal Bhawan, Sonari, by Major Satyanarayana and K Srinivas in the context of the upcoming Andhra Association elections. Major Satyanarayana presented a detailed plan of priorities his team will focus on if they win the election. The team aims to position their school among the top 10 in Jamshedpur over the next five years and provide



specialized training for students in classes 10 and 11 to prepare for higher education. They also plan to conduct self-employment skill

development courses for both male and female students. There are plans to set up an Atal Tinkering Lab to promote innovation and

creativity, alongside expanding the existing physics and chemistry laboratories. In celebration of the association's 100th anniversary, the team will

request the Jharkhand government to acquire land by passing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) in the General Assembly. They pledge to ensure the participation of every life member in the 100th Anniversary Celebration, aiming to celebrate it like a festival. Additionally, the team plans to adopt a unique approach by welcoming every member of the Opposition and respecting their sentiments. Major S a t y a n a r a y a n a

emphasized that these priorities reflect the commitment and vision of their team. He expressed gratitude for the support and trust they have received. Along with Major Satyanarayana, key team members K Srinivas Rao, B Sudhakar Rao, Ram Joga Rao, Prasad Rao, V Srinivas Rao, N R K Rao, Sanyasi Rao, and Veer Pratap Rangam, I Srinivas, P Laxman Rao and several others were also present at the press conference. (w/nkm)

## AI Lab inaugurated at RVS College of Engineering & Technology

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lab, jointly established by Dell Technology and Intel Corporation, was inaugurated at RVS College of Engineering and Technology on July 5. The inauguration ceremony saw Chief Guest Pooja Yadav, Program Manager at Intel, and Special Guest Shradha Agarwal, CEO of Izki Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd., cutting the ribbon to mark the occasion. The event was graced by



Binda Singh, President of RVS Educational Trust, Bhagat Singh, Secretary, Shatrughan Singh, Treasurer, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari, Principal of the college, Dr. Vikram Sharma, Head of Training and Placement, and

various department heads, faculty members, and students. Addressing the gathering, Pooja Yadav emphasized the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence in today's world. She congratulated the college management

on establishing the AI Lab, foreseeing a promising future for RVS College in Jharkhand with enhanced capabilities in AI, which will significantly impact fields like marketing. Shradha Agarwal highlighted the

evolutionary role of technology, drawing parallels to the adoption of mobile phones and social media platforms. She expressed optimism about AI's potential as a modern tool for development, urging the audience not to fear technological advancements. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari, in his address, highlighted the college's commitment to skill development aligned with industry needs. He acknowledged the support of Dell and Intel in establishing the AI Lab, following the successful establishment of the VLSI

Lab previously. The event commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. Vikram Sharma, who emphasized the transformative impact of AI. The proceedings were conducted by second-year BCA students, Disha Shah and Sweety Kumari. Faculty members including Dr. Rekha Tiwari, Professor Anita Giri, Professor Moni Mandal, Professor Pranshu Sinha, Professor Kunal, and Professor Akanksha, along with Rajiv Ranjan Das, played pivotal roles in organizing the program. (w/nkm)

## DC enrolls 100th child at Nagarpalika Bangla Madhya Vidyalaya

**Chaibasa, July 5:** Kuldeep Chaudhary, the Deputy Commissioner of West Singhbhum, personally enrolled the hundredth child for the academic session 2024-25 at the Adarsh Nagarpalika Bangla Madhya Vidyalaya in Amla Tola Ward No. 19. The milestone enrollment took place today in the presence of the school's headmaster, teachers, and the child's mother, Malti Tiu. The enrolled student, Madki Tiu from Deliamarcha village in the Mufassil police station area, was admitted to Class 1. Following the enrollment, DC Chaudhary provided the child with free books, exercise books, and two sets of school uniforms, which were provided by the state government. According to Headmaster Asim Kumar Singh, a total of one hundred enrollments have been completed so far for the academic session 2024-25. The breakdown includes 12 students in Class 1, 5 in Class 3 and 4 respectively, 6 in Class 5, 58 in Class 6, 11 in Class 7, and 3 in Class 8. Among the enrolled students, 78 belong to Scheduled Tribes, followed by 16 from Other Backward Castes, and 6 from Scheduled Castes. (w/nkm)

## YC strengthens organization in Jamshedpur East Assembly



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Under the guidance of former MP and prominent leader Dr. Ajoy Kumar, State General Secretary of Youth Congress, Rakesh Sahu, convened a crucial meeting with four sector in-charges of Jamshedpur East Assembly. The meeting aimed to address local issues and strengthen

organizational efforts. Dr. Ajoy Kumar actively participated in the meeting, lending an ear to the concerns raised by the sector in-charges. He also engaged with officials over the phone to expedite resolutions for various area-specific challenges, including widow pensions, disability pensions, area cleanliness, road construction, drains, and other

needs. Key decisions were made during the meeting, including plans to establish service camps across all sectors to better serve the community. Social worker Ramesh Sharma of Bhuinyandih Kanubhatta, Lalbhatt Sthir Youth Congress Assembly President Neeraj Sahu, Lalbhatt resident Deepak Gope and Lalmoan Jamula, along with Sakchi Nehru Colony Sthir Booth Sector In-charge Rahul Sau and Satpal Singh, played pivotal roles in organizing and strengthening booth committees. The meeting saw the participation of several prominent figures and colleagues from the area, including Namrata Singh, State Secretary of Mahila Congress, Gautam Sahu, Vice President of Eastern Assembly of Youth Congress, and other local leaders. (w/nkm)

## Hundreds join Youth Congress in Bhuinyandih

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** With the Assembly elections just a few months away, political parties are ramping up their preparations. Today, a membership drive was held in Gwala Basti under the Jamshedpur East Assembly constituency, led by Satyam Singh, Senior Vice President of the Jharkhand State Youth Congress. The drive saw hundreds of youth, including Bittu Kumar Yadav and Mukesh Kumar, join the Youth Congress. East Singhbhum Youth



Congress President Neeraj Singh welcomed the new members with garlands. The event featured Jharkhand State Congress Committee Secretary Prince Singh as the chief guest. Addressing the youth, Singh criticized the BJP government, calling it a government of mere slogans, with terms like

"smart city" and "ideal village" being deceptive. He emphasized the need to strengthen the Congress party in the upcoming Assembly elections and to connect people with Congress ideology to keep the BJP out of power in Jharkhand. He assured the new members of his support and urged all workers to address

regional issues promptly. Prominent attendees included Naveen Mishra, Kuldeep Singh, Raghu Chandan Pradhan, Amit Singh, Abhishek, Shubham, Nikku Singh, Pramod Rajak, Jackie Rai, Rajesh Sharma, Rajiv Yadav, Amit Paswan, among others, along with hundreds of young party workers. (w/sgsd)

## Dr. Ajoy Kumar honors special children at Bal Vihar School

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Dr. Ajoy Kumar, attending as the chief guest, was part of an enlightening entertainment program held for special children (mute and deaf) at Sonari Bal Vihar Carmel School on Friday. Organized jointly by St Mary's School Alumni and Interact Club, the event saw participation from 130 special children. In his address to the children, Dr. Ajoy Kumar emphasized that determination and hard work can overcome any physical challenge, inspiring the children to pursue their dreams with honesty and dedication.



He praised the teachers of Bal Vihar School for their commendable efforts in nurturing special children, acknowledging their dedication and commitment. Dr. Ajoy

Kumar was honored during the event with a shawl by the institution, recognizing his support and encouragement. Gurusharan Singh, President of St. Mary's

School Alumni, highlighted that the program aimed to foster development among special children through engaging activities like painting and various fun

games. The institution, known for organizing medical camps and health check-ups, continues to prioritize the holistic development and entertainment of children. During the event, Dr. Ajoy Kumar also awarded children who excelled in sports, reinforcing the spirit of achievement and participation. Present at the occasion were St Mary's School Principal Dr. Varnan D'Souza, Bal Vihar Principal Sister Arshit, along with several dignitaries and community members, underscoring the collective effort to support and empower special children. (w/nkm)

## Basement of Mangal Tower in Kadma converted into parking lot

Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Jamshedpur witnessed a transformative event as the basement of Mangal Tower in Kadma, previously occupied by shops and warehouses, was cleared and repurposed into a parking lot following a directive from the Jharkhand High Court. Acting on the court's orders to address map deviations, a team from Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee undertook the task on Thursday without facing any significant opposition. Under the supervision of City Manager Joy Gudiya and engineers Prakash



Sahu, Satyajit Mahato, and Sanjay Kumar, the operation commenced with the evacuation of a studio located in the basement of Holding Number 16, Kadma Shop Area. Despite initial logistical challenges, including the need to utilize labourers due to restricted JCB access, the team efficiently

dismantled the shop to facilitate the conversion process. The initiative, enforced under the strict scrutiny of the High Court, saw the premises cleared by midday, with local authorities ensuring compliance amidst the presence of curious onlookers. (w/nkm)

## BJP delegation urges JNAC authorities to tackle dengue



Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** A delegation of BJP members, led by former vice-president Ajay Srivastava, presented a memorandum to the Deputy Municipal Commissioner of Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee, advocating for proactive measures against

dengue in NAC areas. The delegation stressed the urgency of starting preparations to combat dengue and manage flood-related issues, particularly in Sonari, Kadma, Bistupur, and Sakchi. Ajay Srivastava emphasized, "It's crucial to begin preparations now to prevent the spread of dengue and address flood-

related challenges." The delegation requested JNAC to clean both small and large drains, ensure proper functioning of sluice gates, raise awareness about dengue prevention measures, and conduct fogging and insecticide spraying in the area. Accompanying Ajay Srivastava were former divisional president of Sonari, Om Prakash Singh, state working committee member of Kisan Morcha, Manik Singh, former divisional president of Bistupur, Suranjan Rai, former general secretary of Bistupur division, Biren Tiu, as well as Santosh Kumar Mohanty, Ashok Kumar Dubey, Prasenjit Das, and Amarendra Mallick. (w/nkm)

## Xavier's School hosts CISCE Zonal Football team selection competition

**Gamharia, July 5:** Xavier's School Gamharia organized a competition for the selection of the CISCE Zonal Football Team, drawing participants from 15 ICSE schools across Jamshedpur. This three-day event was structured into three phases, with selections for Under-14, Under-16, and Under-19 categories. The selected players will represent the Jamshedpur Zone in regional competitions. The competition was inaugurated jointly by the Principal of XITE College, Father Francis S.J., and the Principal of Xavier's School, Father Sebastian Puthenpura S.J. Father Sebastian encouraged the participants, highlighting the global popularity of football and expressing pride in their enthusiasm for the sport, especially in a country where cricket dominates. He urged the players to demonstrate sportsmanship and bring



honor to both the Jamshedpur Zone and their respective schools. Referees Chhotray Tudu, Veer Singh, Lakshya Hembram, Deepak Kumar, and Biju Murmu from JSA officiated in the matches, with SK Dey as the chief selector. The School's Vice Principal, Father Dayanidhi S.J., along with Sister Rashmi, Sister Archana, Brother Amlaraj, and sports teachers Vikas Kumar Singh, Sujit Rajak, Sunita Manjhi, and Tulika Dhara Koley, played crucial roles in ensuring the competition's success. (w/sgsd)

## Reconstruction and Pran Pratishtha at Shri Hanuman Late Ghasia Yadav Temple

Mail News Service

**Chaibasa, July 5:** Today in Chaibasa, the Shri Shri Hanuman Late Ghasia Yadav Temple in Pulhatu commenced its reconstruction and Pran Pratishtha program with a schedule packed with religious ceremonies. The day started with a Kalash Yatra at 7:00 am, followed by an evening Aarti at 9:00 pm. Tomorrow, on 6th July, worship will begin at 9:00 am, and in the evening, devotees will gather for the Ganga Aarti. The main event, the Pran Pratishtha, is scheduled for 11:00 am on 7th July, followed by Prasad and Mahabhog at 1:00 pm. A highlight of the celebrations will be the Bhajan Sandhya featuring renowned Bhajan singer Shahnaz Akhtar also on 7th July. Jharkhand Minister Deepak Birua will preside over the reconstruction and Pran Pratishtha ceremony as the chief guest. Special guests including Joba Majhi, Geeta Koda, and Mukund Rungta will grace the occasion with their presence. Leading the program are Sikandar Yadav as President, Lalu Kujur as General Secretary, Manish Yadav as Vice President, and Madan Yadav as the Patron of the Shri Hanuman Temple. Devotees are invited to participate in these auspicious rituals and seek blessings at this revered temple in Chaibasa. (w/nkm)

# Shubman Gill confirms Abhishek Sharma to open with him in first T20 against Zimbabwe

Harare, July 5 (IANS) Shubman Gill, India's captain for the five-match T20I tour of Zimbabwe, has confirmed that he will be opening the batting with his Punjab state-mate Abhishek Sharma, while Ruturaj Gaikwad will bat at number three in the series opener at the Harare Sports Club on Saturday.

With the next edition of the T20 World Cup to be hosted by India and Sri Lanka in 2026, the T20Is against Zimbabwe mark the beginning of a new two-year journey for the current world champions in the shortest format.

"Abhishek will open with me, and Ruturaj will play at number three. Rohit bhai and Virat bhai had opened in the World Cup, and I also open (the innings) in the T20s. So, I



think I would like to open in the T20s," said Gill in the pre-match press conference. Gill and Abhishek, who

are now all set to debut in international cricket for India on Saturday, will be staking an early claim to fill the gap left by T20I

retirements of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli after India won the T20 World Cup at Barbados last month.

"I think there is always pressure and expectations. But what I think Virat bhai and Rohit bhai have achieved, if I go to reach that thing, then it will be very difficult for me. Every player has his own goal, like where he wants to reach."

"So there is a lot of pressure. If you want to reach where other people have reached, then you have more pressure. But what they have achieved or what they have done for India, there is no pressure in that thing, because they are both idols and legends of Indian cricket," added Gill.

The right-handed batter

also said his new-look team is just having the pressure of doing well in Zimbabwe. "In terms of what we want to achieve as a team, there is definitely pressure about it. I think there is pressure no matter what match you play, because if there would be no pressure playing in any kind of match or situation, then I don't think there is any point playing that match."

"There is always pressure whenever you play because there is pressure for you to perform in every match or tournament that you play. So I don't think there is any pressure in terms of this being the match of a new cycle. But in terms of yes, we want to do well as a team, that is the pressure there for us."

# 15 City girls selected for CISCE Chess Regionals

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 5: The 5th CISCE Chess Tournament 2024 for under-14, under-17, and under-19 girls was held today at Ramakrishna Mission English School, Bistupur. A total of 62 girls participated across the three categories, competing for a chance to represent the Jamshedpur zone at the CISCE Regionals in Patna.

In the under-14 category, the top five girls who qualified are: Nitya Bharti from Carmel Junior College, Pragna Bhardwaj from J H Tarapore School, Aadishree Singh from Hill Top School, Vridhi Agarwal from Carmel Junior College and Divyangana Raj from Sacred Heart Convent School.

The top five girls in the under-17 category are: Aditi Kashyap from J H Tarapore School, Advika



Mohanty from Carmel Junior College, Aastha Singh from J H Tarapore School, Nikkitha Sakhare from Sacred Heart Convent School and Siddhi Nagelia from DBMS School.

In the under-19 category, the top five girls are: Sunidhi Singh from J H Tarapore School, Anjali Singh from VIG English School, Dyuti Chakraborty from Sacred Heart Convent School, Samridhi Budhia from Carmel Junior College and Yashi Khara from Carmel Junior College.

The top three students in each category were

awarded medals by the guest of honour, Purvi Ghosh, President of Lions Club, along with Jayant Bhuyan, Chandan Kumar Prasad, Chiranjee Lall, and Awdesh Kumar, Joint Secretary of ESDCA.

IA Chandan Kumar Prasad served as the tournament director, IA Jayant Bhuyan was the chief arbiter, and IA Vishal Kumar Minz was the deputy chief arbiter for the event.

K. Rajani, Principal of Ramakrishna Mission English School, Bistupur, Jamshedpur, expressed her gratitude to all participants and officials.

## In conversation with PM Modi, SKY reveals secret to keeping calm during final over heroics

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Suryakumar Yadav's catch



in the final over of the T20 World Cup final will go down the annals of Indian cricketing history as one of the seminal moments of the triumphant journey. During an interaction with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi after the team's triumphant return home, Suryakumar Yadav (SKY) revealed what had helped him keep calm in that situation.

"At that moment I did not think that I would catch it, I was thinking I'd push the ball in and save the boundary because the wind was also against me. Once I had the ball in my hand I thought I'd throw it the other side but Rohit bhai was too far at that time so I threw it in the air and caught it," he said. "We have practised a lot for such situations as I think that I already do batting but where else can I contribute to the team," said Yadav to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. PM Modi also went on to ask if the team practices for catches so close to the boundary ropes 'where you may have to throw the ball in the air', to which Rahul Dravid revealed that Surya has taken '150-160 such catches in the practice.'

## This triumph was bound to happen for me, and for the team, says Virat Kohli

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Talismanic batter Virat



Kohli, who signed off from T20Is with a Player of the Match knock of 76 as India defeated South Africa by seven runs to win the T20 World Cup final, said the triumph in Barbados was something

which was bound to happen for him and the team.

Kohli made these comments during the Indian team's interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a breakfast meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. "Virat tell me, the battle this time was full of ups and downs," PM Narendra Modi asked the right-handed batter about his time in the tournament. To this, Kohli replied, "Thank you for inviting us all here. This day, I will forever remember it. I was not able to contribute as much as I wanted to do. I told Rahul Dravid at one point that I was not able to do justice to myself and this team. He told me that he had the belief that I will deliver when the situation arises." "I told Rohit Sharma also, when we walked out to bat (in the final), I was not very confident, but after the first delivery, I told Rohit 'What is this game? One day, you feel you won't even be able to score a run."

## Rishabh Pant reveals PM Modi's call to mother after accident made him 'relax mentally'

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) Rishabh Pant's comeback



from his career-threatening accident to winning the T20 World Cup has been nothing short of miraculous. He was one of the star attractions when the World Champions went to meet Prime Minister

Narendra Modi upon landing in India on Thursday. PM Modi spoke to Pant and asked him about his road to recovery and what was going through his head in what was perhaps one of the toughest challenges the left-handed wicketkeeper had to face.

"I want to start by thanking you so much for the invitation. My accident took place around 1-1.5 years back and I also remember that you called my mother when it had happened. There were a lot of things going through my mind at that point but when my mother told me you called and said 'there won't be any problem,' that made me relax mentally," said Pant to the Hon'ble PM Prime Minister.

## Virat Kohli leaves for London after victory celebration in Mumbai

Mumbai, July 5 (IANS) Star batter Virat Kohli



departed for London in the early hours of Friday from Mumbai to meet his wife and children after an exhausting day of T20 World Cup victory celebrations with a open-top bus victory parade followed by felicitation at Wankhede Stadium.

The Indian Cricket Team's journey back to India was marred by delays, but their arrival in

Delhi was met with a grand reception. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the champions for a special breakfast. The celebrations didn't stop there. The team traveled to Mumbai for a spectacular road show, where thousands of fans gathered to catch a glimpse of their heroes.

The crescendo of the festivities was at the Wankhede Stadium, where the BCCI felicitated the team. The stadium echoed with cheers as the players danced and sang the patriotic song "Vande Mataram" by AR Rahman, uniting the nation in joy.

Following the jubiliations, Kohli quietly made his way to London. According to sources, he left India on a private chartered flight bound to London at 3:15 am and landed by 12:45 pm (IST).

## Maha govt felicitates Rohit Sharma, Surya, Dube & Jaiswal at Vidhan Bhavan



Mumbai, July 5 (IANS) A day after they received a rousing welcome at Marine Drive for winning the T20 World Cup, the Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma and his teammates Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube and Yashasvi Jaiswal were received at the Vidhan Bhavan with a traditional Aarti and Kumkum. For a change, Vidhan Bhavan wore a festive look for the grand felicitation of Mumbaiers Sharma, Yadav, Dube and Jaiswal as the ministers, elected representatives, government officers and the staff queued up to welcome them and have a first look. They were given a standing ovation at the Central Hall in Vidhan Bhavan amid slogans such as 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki Jai', 'Rohit Sharmacha Vijay Aso', 'Bharatiya Cricket Sanghacha Vijay Aso'.

## Mera choorma abhi tak aaya nahi: PM Modi's candid chat with Neeraj Chopra

New Delhi, July 5 (IANS) The members of the Indian contingent for the Paris Olympic Games met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence as they get ready to leave for France.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a candid moment with reigning Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra during an interaction with athletes bound for Paris. He reminded Neeraj to bring 'choorma' (a popular delicacy from Haryana and Rajasthan) made by his mother.

During the interaction with Paris bound athletes, Neeraj casually greeted the Prime Minister, saying, "Namaskar Sir, Kaise hain?" (Hello Sir, how are you?) To which PM Modi replied with a chuckle, "Mai vaisa hi hu" (I am just the same).

## Jamshedpur lad Mobashir back in 'Men of Steel' frame

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 5: Mobashir Rahman, the talented 26-year-old midfielder, has returned to his home club Jamshedpur and is set to play for two seasons with a performance based extension for another. Mobashir was a vital cog in Jamshedpur FC's triumphant ISL Shield winning campaign in 2021-22. His impressive performances yielded in 2 goals and 4 assists previously for the Men of Steel.

The move exhibits Head Coach Khalid Jamil's philosophy of acquiring experienced winners while balancing youth and homegrown talent.

Mobashir Rahman's return to his hometown club was emotional as he exuded joy and commitment and said, "Rejoining Jamshedpur FC is an honour and



privilege to represent my motherland once again. I'm thrilled to be back at the Furnace, where my ISL journey began. I'm committed to delivering my best performances and making my family, the fans, and Jamshedpur proud. I'm indebted to Coach Khalid Jamil for placing his trust in me, and I aim to justify his faith by continuously striving for excellence under his leadership." < Mobashir

Shield. After being part of JFC youth teams (TFA), Mobashir graduated to the Jamshedpur FC Reserves squad and made his ISL debut for the Men of Steel in 2018. In 2022, he made a move to East Bengal FC and subsequently had a brief loan spell at Chennaiyin FC in 2024.

"I welcome Mobashir Rahman back. As a local lad and product of the Tata Football Academy, this move holds great significance. I've watched him grow and develop as a player, and this season presents a crucial opportunity for him to shine. Although a young player, he now has ISL experience under his belt and hence have high expectations. He'll need to push himself to the limit to earn his place in the team and prove his worth to the club, as there's stiff competition in his position" said Head Coach Khalid Jamil.

## Pakistan to host Bangladesh, England and West Indies in 2024/25 season for seven Tests

Lahore, July 5 (IANS) Pakistan is all set to host



Bangladesh, England, and West Indies for Test matches in its very hectic 2024/25 home season, said the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday. The schedule also has a tri-series at home featuring New Zealand

and South Africa in the lead-up to 2025 ICC Champions Trophy 2025, for which it has set dates from February 19 to March 9. Pakistan's home season will begin with two Tests against Bangladesh in Rawalpindi (August 21-25) and Karachi (August 30-September 3). It will then host England for three Tests in Multan (October 7-11), Karachi (October 15-19) and Rawalpindi (October 24-28). Pakistan will then travel to Australia from November 4-18 to play three ODIs and as many T20Is. They will then travel to Zimbabwe from November 24 to December 5 to play three ODIs and as many T20Is, to be staged entirely at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo. Their tour of South Africa starts on December 10 with three T20Is and as many ODIs, followed by two Tests at Centurion and Cape Town, respectively.

After returning home, Pakistan will host the West Indies for two Tests in Karachi (January 16-20) and Multan (January 24-28). It will be followed by New Zealand and South Africa participating in an ODI tri-series in Multan from February 8-14 in the run-up to the Champions Trophy.

## Spanish Sharpshooter Javier Siverio back in JFC

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 5: Continuing with its spate of signings Jamshedpur Football Club announced the extension of Spanish sniper Javi Siverio.

The 26-year-old Spaniard had joined the Men of Steel in January, freshly after being champion of the Super Cup where he scored two crucial goals. Quickly proving his worth, he scored 3 goals in just eight appearances for the Men of Steel. His physical presence, clean finishing, and ability to play pressing football significantly bolstered Jamshedpur FC's

attacking capabilities.

Siverio signs a one-year deal with a performance-based option to extend.

Siverio's excitement about his new chapter with Jamshedpur FC was palpable when he said, "The club and head coach Khalid Jamil have placed their trust in me, giving me the opportunity to prove my worth. I embraced this challenge last season and am thrilled to have rediscovered my best football with the Men of Steel. We should have finished much better on the table for the team that we were, and this is season is about correcting that. As soon as the season ended,



it was clear the club wanted me to extend my stay. For me staying here

was always my first choice. Our goal is always to win while giving our

best in every game to make our fans proud. The We need to continue making them proud on the pitch, and I believe they will come in even greater numbers. We must be formidable at home, and for that, we need their unwavering support"

Head coach Khalid Jamil expressed his confidence in Siverio's abilities, highlighting how well he fits into the team's style of play. "Siverio is an attacking striker who complements my style of play perfectly. His work rate helps to play high-pressing football effectively and he is strong in aerial duels. He

integrates well with the team and with four years of experience in the Indian Super League (ISL) is well-acquainted with the playing conditions in India. His versatility in being able to play as a lone striker as well as a second striker is an asset. He is a talented striker who possesses the ability to both create and convert them into goals. This season will be crucial for him to make a significant impact and contribute significantly to the club with consistency." Jamil remarked. Javier Siverio is set to join pre-season in July and wear the jersey no 9 for the men of steel.

# CII hosts 11th Manufacturing Conclave East, focuses on future-proof manufacturing Amidst Middle East war zone India has achieved GDP growth of 8.2%: Volvo India MD RSB's SK Behera highlights brain drain concerns, calls for enhanced skill training in India

## Volvo will boost work orders for Adityapur Industries: MD

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Kamal Bali, President and Managing Director, Volvo Group India Pvt Ltd highlighted Volvo's commitment to sustainability both in India and globally.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of CII Manufacturing Conclave East in Jamshedpur on Friday, Bali emphasized Volvo's research on hydrogen-powered trucks, stating, "We are exploring how to run trucks by directly injecting hydrogen into the tank, and soon we will begin production of such trucks in India." Bali further stated, "We plan to increase the work orders for industries in Jharkhand, particularly in the Adityapur Industrial Area, due to the exceptional quality of work delivered by companies here."

Discussing economic growth prospects, Bali projected, "The country's economy will grow tenfold, leading to expansion across all industries. It's not just about numbers; industries must also focus on gender equality, women's employment, climate change, sustainability, renewable energy, reuse, waste management, and the circular economy." Regarding Volvo's investments and technological advancements, Bali revealed, "We currently employ 5000 people in one unit alone, with ongoing work in technology and renewable energy across India." He added, "Volvo has introduced LMG trucks and is advancing towards using hydrogen cells to power vehicles. We have developed a method to directly inject hydrogen into vehicle tanks, and these vehicles will be launched soon." (W-mb)



resilience amidst geopolitical challenges. He stated "Amidst Middle East war zone and other geopolitical challenges, other countries are experiencing a decline in the GDP growth rate and in this havoc, "India is in the spotlight as it has achieved a GDP growth of 8.2% this year. If India continues to achieve 8% growth rate for 20+ years, it would be able to lift millions of Indians out of poverty as it has a low per capita growth". Moving forward, he discussed few of the many factors that is helping and will continue to help India in attaining the position of 3rd largest economy in the world. He said, "The recipe to move ahead is Adaptability, Flexibility and Free footed". He also shared 8 mega trends which if followed rigorously will help to boost the present \$600 billion (2024) to \$6 trillion by 2047. While making

such a remarkable statement he expressed his firm faith in the Indian manufacturing sector. Lastly, he concluded by stating "Sustainability is not an option but an imperative". Suvendra Kumar Behera, Chairman, CII Eastern Region & Vice Chairman & Managing Director, RSB Transmissions (I) Ltd said, "Manufacturing sector contribute 16 -17 % of India's GDP with a target to contribute to atleast 25% of country's GDP by 2025. He majorly expressed his concern about "Braindrain" where intelligent minds are exiting India to work for foreign nations. If good skill sets and training centres are established here in India, the skill set will boom and will get youngster to work for nation." Ranjot Singh, Chairman, CII Jharkhand State Council & Managing Director, Emdet Jamshedpur Private Limited inaugurated the session

with his opening remarks. He said, "By 2030, India will become the leading manufacturing hub." He also stated that "The Eastern Region is a cornerstone of India's industrial prowess and cannot be overlooked in the journey to global manufacturing leadership. He also said CII can create a conducive and collaborative environment by taking up matters that are of utmost importance in the fast-paced economy. Ramphal Nehra, Chairman, CII ER Manufacturing Sub Committee & Director & Plant Manager, Tata Cummins Pvt Ltd said, "Manufacturing is one of the most important pillars of our country". Ujjal Chakraborti, Immediate Past Chairman, CII Jharkhand State Council & Managing Director, Jamshedpur Continuous Annealing and Processing Company Pvt Ltd said,

## Political instability in Jharkhand and Singur drama in Bengal make auto investors jittery: SK Behera

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Speaking to the media on the sidelines of CII Manufacturing Conclave East, SK Behera, Chairman, CII Eastern Region & Vice Chairman & Managing Director, RSB Transmissions (I) Ltd highlighted the rapid growth of India's manufacturing sector amidst increasing investments. Addressing concerns over political instability affecting investment in states like Jharkhand and the aftermath of the Singur incident in Bengal, Behera noted, "The auto industry's reluctance to invest here has direct repercussions on local youth. Governments must ensure a conducive environment and transcend political barriers to attract investments, especially in the automotive sector." He pointed out that significant investments are flowing into states like Odisha, citing a recent seminar where positive assurances were received from the state government. Behera expressed optimism about the future of India's manufacturing sector, attributing it to robust support from the central government and ongoing initiatives. "The path forward for the manufacturing sector looks promising," Behera concluded, highlighting the need for collaborative efforts between industry and governments to realize these opportunities effectively. (W-mb)

Jharkhand with its abundant mineral resources and strategic location has carved a niche for itself in India's manufacturing sector, particularly in the steel, automotive and automotive components industry. Ravindra Kulkarni, Vice Chairman, CII Jamshedpur Zonal Council & Head - Jamshedpur Plant, Tata Motors Ltd emphasized on India's commitment to

sustainability, aiming for carbon neutrality by 2070. He highlighted the pivotal role of MSMEs as the backbone of the Indian economy and emphasized digital transformation, data analytics, and robotics as key drivers of progress. The 11th Edition of CII Manufacturing Conclave East witnessed more than 200 participants. (W-mb)

### Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) CII organized the 11th edition of Manufacturing Conclave East with the theme of Future Ready to Future Proof Manufacturing at a hotel in

Adityapur on Friday. Eminent leaders from industry deliberated on emerging technologies and their potential to future proof the manufacturing sector.

Kamal Bali, President and Managing Director of Volvo Group India Pvt Ltd, highlighted India's economic

## Appeal case of Rs 9 Lakh cheque bounce dismissed

### Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** The court of First Judge cum District Judge Anil Kumar Mishra-1 dismissed the appeal filed by the informant against the acquittal of the accused in a 9 lakh cheque bounce case on Friday. Sanjeev Kumar Bhagat, a resident of Mango, had originally filed the case against Shriram Singh, a resident of Telco. The case was first heard by the court of First Class Judicial Magistrate Utkarsh Jain, who acquitted Shriram Singh on 10 November 2023 due to a lack of evidence. Following the acquittal, Sanjeev Kumar Bhagat appealed the decision. However, after hearing arguments from both sides, Judge Anil Kumar Mishra-1 upheld the lower court's ruling and dismissed the appeal. Advocate Om Prakash represented the accused in court. (w/nkm)

## New DFO takes charge in Jamshedpur



**Jamshedpur, July 5:** Jamshedpur witnessed the appointment of Shaba Alam Ansari as its new Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), who officially assumed office on Friday. Ansari's posting order was issued by the state government on Saturday, and he wasted no time in beginning his duties the very next afternoon. He took over from former DFO Mamta Priyadarshi, expressing his commitment to persist in his efforts to conserve forests and wildlife, a cause he has championed in his previous term as Jamshedpur's DFO. Upon relinquishing her role, Mamta Priyadarshi reflected on her tenure positively, highlighting various initiatives she undertook to safeguard the region's forests. She extended her best wishes to Shaba Alam Ansari, emphasizing continuity in the conservation efforts she initiated. Shaba Alam Ansari brings experience to the role, having previously served as Jamshedpur's DFO in 2015. His return was greeted warmly, and upon assuming office, he pledged to uphold ongoing forest department initiatives. Additionally, Ansari emphasized his intention to create employment opportunities for villagers residing in forested areas, aiming to empower local communities economically. (w/nkm)

## SDO conducts raid, 2.5 kg Ganja seized

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** In a dramatic turn of events reminiscent of a film scene, Dhalbhum subdivision SDO Parul Singh led a surprise raid near Kali Mandir in Birsanagar on Thursday evening, resulting in the seizure of 2.5 kg of ganja. The raid unfolded when a police team surrounded a house and apprehended Kundan Singh and Pawan Kumar, allegedly involved in the illegal ganja trade.

Prior to the raid, SDO Parul Singh's driver, Satpal, covertly entered the premises and purchased ganja worth Rs. 100 from the kingpin. The kingpin offered two types of ganja packets, priced at Rs. 100 and Rs. 800 respectively. Despite three attempts by the driver to negotiate the price of the Rs. 800 packet, the kingpin remained firm. Satpal proceeded to leave with the Rs. 100 packet, signalling the commencement of the planned operation. SDO Parul Singh, stationed nearby, swiftly led the Birsanagar police team to the location. Upon arrival, the kingpin initially refused to open the door despite SDO Parul Singh's identification. Facing determined enforcement from the Birsanagar police, the door was eventually opened, leading to the discovery of ganja packaged in plastic. Additionally, scales for weighing ganja, sealing materials, and other related paraphernalia were confiscated from the premises. (w/nkm)

## Awareness campaign launched to prevent Diarrhoea



### Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** In a significant effort to combat the spread of Diarrhoea diseases, Rajesh Sharma, Secretary of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkhand Government, and Ananya Mittal, District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner, jointly flagged off the Diarrhoea Prevention Awareness Rath from the Collectorate premises in Jamshedpur. The initiative aims to educate the public about the prevention of Diarrhoea, particularly during the rainy season when the disease's prevalence increases. Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar and other officials were also present to support this vital campaign. The

awareness chariot will traverse various villages across all blocks, disseminating crucial information on preventing Diarrhoea by maintaining cleanliness, drinking pure water, and consuming fresh food. Speaking at the event, Secretary Rajesh Sharma emphasized the importance of awareness in preventing diseases. He noted that many illnesses, including Diarrhoea, often arise from a lack of proper information. The campaign is designed to educate people on how to avoid the disease by adopting hygienic practices District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal highlighted that the incidence of Diarrhoea tends to rise during the rainy season. He stated that the awareness chariot would inform

district residents about essential preventive measures, such as handwashing before meals and ensuring the consumption of clean water and fresh food.

The campaign also aims to inform the public about the dangers of consuming contaminated water and the necessity of maintaining cleanliness. Diarrhoea, a disorder of the digestive system characterized by continuous loose stools, can be significantly mitigated through these preventive measures. While most patients recover with treatment, some cases can be severe, underscoring the importance of prevention.

Additionally, the campaign includes a facility for free treatment at Sadar Hospital, Sub-Divisional Hospital, and all Community Health Centers (CHCs) and Primary Health Centers (PHCs) across the district. This ensures that those affected by Diarrhoea have access to necessary medical care. The event also featured the launch of a signature campaign by Secretary Rajesh Sharma and senior district officials, aimed at spreading the message of Diarrhoea prevention and health care among the district's population. This initiative reflects the Jharkhand Government's commitment to improving public health and preventing the spread of Diarrhoeal diseases through proactive and educational measures. (W-pb)

## JPP vows to contest all 81 Assembly seats, offers 'Third Option' to voters

### Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** In a bold move ahead of the upcoming assembly elections, the Jharkhand People's Party (JPP) has announced its intention to field candidates in all 81 constituencies across the state. Former MLA and JPP leader Surya Singh Besra made this declaration during a press conference held at Jamshedpur Parishad on Friday. Besra criticized the state's major political players - the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and Congress - accusing them of failing to deliver on development promises and instead "looting the mineral wealth of Jharkhand." He positioned the JPP as a 'third option' for voters disillusioned with the established parties. "JPP will work to give the third option in Jharkhand state," Besra stated, announcing plans for a 15-day 'Vikalp Yatra' (Alternative Journey) beginning August 15th to raise awareness about the need for political change. Besra particularly targeted the ruling JMM, calling on Chief Minister Hemant Soren to fulfill promises made during the 2019 campaign, including implementation of local and education policies and providing employment to youth. "If you have made a promise, you will have to keep it or else you will have to leave the throne," he warned. The JPP leader also alleged widespread corruption, claiming there's a "commission game from Panchayat to Secretariat" with bribes reportedly reaching up to 5 crore rupees for high-level appointments. While critical of the major parties, Besra indicated the JPP is open to alliances with smaller political organizations that share similar ideologies.

As Jharkhand approaches its 24th year of statehood, this announcement sets the stage for a potentially more competitive electoral landscape, with the JPP attempting to position itself as an alternative to the established political order. (w/nkm)

# Govt buildings to be connected with pipe water scheme

### Mail News Service

**Jamshedpur, July 5:** A detailed review meeting focusing on the Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) was convened today at the Collectorate Auditorium in Jamshedpur. The session was chaired by Rajesh Sharma, Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of Jharkhand. Key officials, including District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal, Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar, and other departmental officers, were in attendance.

The primary agenda of the meeting was to assess the current status and progress of various schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural). The discussions covered a range of topics, including the implementation of drinking water supply schemes in Jamshedpur and Adityapur divisions, block-wise Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) coverage, multi-village schemes, challenges related to No Objection Certificates (NOC) for project clearance, operational drinking water

## Secretary convenes Jal Jeevan Mission meeting



testing laboratories, and the ongoing construction of plastic waste management plants.

The Secretary emphasized the necessity of completing all small and large projects under the Jal Jeevan Mission within the stipulated timelines. He underscored the importance of ensuring that tap water reaches all villages and households included in the mission. There was a strong emphasis on the need for better operation and maintenance of water supply schemes. The Secretary directed officials to connect all approved pipe water schemes to essential community facilities such as health sub-centres,

government schools, Anganwadi centres, Panchayat buildings, and community toilets.

Officials were instructed to ensure that residents do not face problems related to contaminated drinking water, especially during the rainy season. The Secretary called for the activation of Jal Sahiya for laboratory testing of drinking water and the replacement of inactive Jal Sahiya with new appointments.

The Secretary highlighted the need to address NOC-related issues from various departments swiftly. He suggested that such matters should be presented in

the District Coordination Committee meetings for prompt resolution at the district level. Proper publicity of the schemes was stressed, with the Secretary emphasizing the importance of informing the public about the contact points for addressing any issues. All Junior Engineers (JEs) were instructed to be present at block headquarters on Block Divas to facilitate this communication.

Instructions were issued to complete the under-construction plastic waste management plants in Jamshedpur and Adityapur within the specified timeframe, aiming to enhance waste

management infrastructure in the region. During the review of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural), the Secretary stressed that the success of this campaign hinges on changing public behavior. He pointed out the critical need for awareness among the general public about the adverse effects of open defecation and the proper disposal of plastic and other waste to prevent environmental damage. The meeting saw the participation of several high-ranking officials, including the Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineer, and other departmental officers. Their presence highlighted the collaborative effort needed to achieve the objectives of both the Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural). At the meeting's conclusion, Secretary Rajesh Sharma expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the district officials and emphasized the need for continued diligence and teamwork to meet the mission goals. District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal and Deputy Development Commissioner Manish Kumar also reiterated their commitment to the successful implementation of these critical schemes. (W-pb)