

THE AVENUE MAIL

JAMSHEDPUR • SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 • VOL : 32 NO : 51 • RS.3/- • PAGES - 12 • www.avenuemail.in

**झारखण्ड
आदिवासी
महोत्सव
2024**

**उद्घाटन सत्र के
कार्यक्रम की झलकियां**

मुख्य आकर्षण

सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम, पूर्वाह्न 11 बजे से

- नगाड़ा समूह का वादन
- आसाम बैंड की प्रस्तुति
- "फ्लेम ऑफ दी फारेस्ट" वादन कार्यक्रम
- आदिवासी परिधान प्रदर्शन प्रस्तुति
- लेजर एवं फायर शो (VFX)

समापन समारोह

❖ मुख्य अतिथि ❖
श्री हेमन्त सोरेन
माननीय मुख्यमंत्री, झारखण्ड

❖ विशिष्ट अतिथि ❖
समस्त माननीय मंत्री, झारखण्ड सरकार
तथा
माननीय सांसदगण, माननीय विधायकगण
एवं अन्य गणमान्य अतिथियों
की गरिमामय उपस्थिति में

शनिवार 10 अगस्त, अपराह्न 05:00 बजे से
बिरसा मुण्डा स्मृति उद्यान, जेल चौक,
रांची में आयोजित है

**समारोह में आपकी
उपस्थिति सादर प्रार्थित है**

सूचना एवं जनसंपर्क विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

हेमन्त सोरेन
मुख्यमंत्री, झारखण्ड

PR - 332325 (IPRD) 24-25

World Tribal Day celebrated, 30 beneficiaries benefit from government schemes

Jamshedpur, August 9: The Town Hall in Sidhgora was abuzz with energy and enthusiasm as the district level program celebrating World Tribal Day unfolded on Friday. The event, which honored the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the tribal communities, was graced by the presence of Banna Gupta, Minister for Health, Medical Education, Family Welfare, Food Supply, Public Distribution, and Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand, as the chief guest. Other distinguished attendees included the District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal, Senior Superintendent of Police Kishore Kaushal, PD ITDA Dipankar Chaudhary, AMC Mango Municipal Corporation Ranjit Lohara, and District Welfare Officer Rajendra Gupta, among others.

The event was a grand showcase of tribal culture, with performances that included folk songs, Santali dance, Chhau dance, and the Baha dance. The rhythmic beats of the drums, the vibrant costumes, and the graceful movements of the dancers captivated the audience, who were transported into the heart of tribal life. The performances were a vivid portrayal of the tribes' connection to nature, their community spirit, and their enduring traditions.

In addition to the cultural performances, the program also recognized and rewarded the talents of young students. Winners of district-level competitions in quiz, dance, storytelling, and painting, held in various schools, were honored by the Minister. The recognition of these young talents underscored the importance of nurturing the next generation's connection to their cultural roots.

A significant part of the program was the distribution



of approval letters and assets to beneficiaries of various government welfare schemes. Thirty beneficiaries received support under schemes like the Mukhyamantri Rojgar Srijan Yojana, Van Patta, Sarvajan Pension, Mukhyamantri Pashudhan Vikas Yojana, and Credit Linkage to Self Help Groups. These initiatives, aimed at uplifting the tribal communities, were a testament to the government's commitment to inclusive development.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Banna Gupta emphasized the importance of preserving tribal culture while progressing in education, health, and agriculture. He spoke passionately about the government's efforts to promote tribal culture on a global stage and urged the community to work together to protect their heritage, natural resources, and self-respect. He paid tribute to tribal freedom fighters like Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Sidhu-Kanhu, and Chand Bhairav, whose contributions to the nation's independence and tribal

culture remain a source of inspiration.

The District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner, Ananya Mittal, in his address, highlighted the district administration's commitment to the welfare of the tribal communities. He spoke about the various schemes implemented to ensure the prosperity of tribal brothers and sisters, stressing the importance of reaching the benefits to the last person in society. He reiterated the government's dedication to connecting tribal youth, particularly girls from remote areas, to education through initiatives like scholarship programs and bicycle distribution.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishore Kaushal, also addressed the gathering, reflecting on the significance of the day. He remarked that a society is truly aware when its people understand and claim their rights. He lauded the day's celebration as a moment of pride, where the rich tribal traditions and culture of the state were in full display.



Jamshedpur celebrates World Tribal Day with vibrant events

Jamshedpur, August 9: Jamshedpur marked World Tribal Day with a series of colourful and diverse events on Friday, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region's indigenous communities. The main celebration, organized by the Adivasi Chhatra Ekta Central Committee, took place at Gopal Maidan in Bistupur, drawing a large gathering of tribal students and youth from the Kolhan region.

The event saw participation from various tribal communities including Ho, Santhal, Munda, Bhumij, Mahali, Kharia, and Gond. Hundreds of participants donned traditional costumes and played indigenous musical instruments, creating a vibrant atmosphere. Josai Mardi, chief patron of Adivasi Chhatra Ekta, emphasized that the program focused on empowering tribal youth as agents of change, echoing the United Nations' theme for World Tribal Day.

The celebration at Gopal Maidan featured 25 stalls showcasing tribal costumes, musical instruments, books,



and traditional food and drinks. These stalls proved to be a major attraction for visitors. Concurrent events were held across Jamshedpur to mark the occasion. The Adivasi Mahasabha organized discussions at Baridih Shakuntala Udyan, while Ghaghi Buru Pudi Majhi Akhara conducted a puja and public meeting at Baghbeda Sido-Kanhu Ground. Adivasi Ekta Manch held a bike rally from

Professor Digambar Hansda Chowk to Tilka Majhi Stadium Baliguma. Other notable events included an Adivasi Ekta Shobha Yatra from Baba Tilka Majhi Chowk Dimma to Dharti Aba Birsa Munda Sakchi roundabout, a bike rally organized by Sarjamda Pudi Pinda from EGL Ground, and a cultural program at Govindpur Primary School Ground by Samajik Seva Sangh. (w/nkm)

KMPM College student lands Rs 60 Lakh job offer

Jamshedpur, August 9: In a remarkable achievement, Jaiprakash Pathak, a BCA student from Mrs. KMPM Vocational College, has secured a job offer with an impressive annual package of Rs 60 lakhs.

The placement comes as a significant boost to the college's reputation for producing industry-ready professionals. Dr. Meeta Jakhanwal, Principal of Mrs. KMPM Vocational College, expressed pride in Jaiprakash's accomplishment, stating, "Jai's success exemplifies the potential of our students and the quality of education we provide." She further emphasized that this achievement highlights the excellence of the college's BCA department. (w/nkm)

New students welcomed with 'Srinath Shankhnaad 2024' orientation program

Jamshedpur, August 9: Srinath University kicked off the academic year 2024-2025 with its annual orientation program, 'Srinath Shankhnaad 2024', held at the Tata Auditorium in XLRI. The event aimed to introduce freshmen to university life through a mix of cultural performances, social events, and informational sessions. The program was graced by several distinguished guests, including Ananya Mittal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of East Singhbhum, who served as the Chief Guest. Other notable attendees included Ujjal Chakraborti, Managing Director of JCAPCPL, and Rishabh Garg, IPS SP Jamshedpur.

In his address, Ananya Mittal encouraged students to view education as a journey of discovery, emphasizing its role in understanding the world and oneself. Ujjal Chakraborti

welcomed the new students and highlighted the university's role in shaping their future.

The event also saw the launch of Srinath University's magazine, 'Sri Vaani.' Chancellor Sukhdev Mahato provided an overview of the university's courses and future prospects, while Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) S.N Singh emphasized the institution's commitment to excellent education and the importance of extracurricular activities.

The orientation included guided tours of academic and recreational facilities, helping new students



familiarize themselves with the campus. Founders Shambhu Mahato and Sandhya Mahato, along with other university

officials and guests, inaugurated the program by lighting the traditional lamp. This event marks the beginning of a new

academic journey for the freshmen at Srinath University, setting the stage for their future academic and personal growth.

Seminar at Karim City College highlights key economic issues

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: The Postgraduate Department of Commerce at Karim City College, Jamshedpur, organized a one-day departmental seminar focused on finance and marketing for M.Com Semester-4 students on Thursday. The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 60 students, who presented papers on six significant sub-themes, including "The Role of NABARD in the Indian Economy," "A Study of Diversification Strategy of Business Growth,"

"The Impact of Derivative Hedging Strategies on Fund Management Performance," "An Analysis of Working Capital Management," "The Impact of Sales Promotion on the Marketing of New Products and Services," and "A Comparative Study of ULIP Plans and Traditional



Funds." The seminar was presided over by Dr. Mohammad Reyaz, the esteemed Principal of Karim City College. Dr. Reyaz delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the importance of hard work and dedication in achieving success. He urged the students to devote 6 to 8

hours daily to their studies and encouraged them to pursue M.Com and NET qualifications, which are essential for securing Assistant Professor positions. Dr. Reyaz also commended the PG Department of Commerce for selecting such relevant topics for the seminar, noting their

importance in the current economic landscape.

Dr. Md. Moazzam Nazri, Head of the PG Department of Commerce, also addressed the students, elaborating on the seminar's objectives and highlighting the crucial role of NABARD in promoting sustainable agricultural and

facilitating the event. Dr. Rashmi Akhtar conducted the seminar proceedings, ensuring a smooth flow of presentations and discussions, while Dr. Syed Zahid Perwaiz delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants and organizers.

AFFIDAVIT

I, HRYAAN SINGH, S/o. Swati Kumari, by Faith Hindu, by Nationality Indian, Residence of Sakchi Tamarua Road, Qtr. No.-L2/7, P.O. & P.S. Sakchi, Jamshedpur, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831001, do hereby solemnly confirm and declare as follows:-

1. That I am Indian Citizen by birth.
2. That my new and correct name is HRYAAN SINGH.
3. That in my Aadhar Card bearing Aadhar No.-(UID NO.6819 2070 2569), registered my Old name as Abhikshit Singh.
4. That my old name Abhikshit Singh in my Aadhar card should be changed to the new name Hryaan Singh in my Aadhar Card.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts and to produce the same before the Authority Concerned for all intents; hence this affidavit.

SI. No.30 Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Shri. Ashok Kumar, Son of Pramanand Prasad, resident of Vill + Post - Auraiya, Thana - Adapur, East Champaran, Bihar-845301 claims to be the sole owner of ALL THAT land measuring about 11.50 decimals together with one storied residential cum commercial building thereon and comprised in or forming part of Survey Plot No. 213 under Khata No. 101 in Mouza - Shayampur, J.K. under Police Station - Adapur, under within the limits of gram panchayat in the District of East Champaran and butted and bounded on the North by Murari Pandey, on the South by 12 feet Road, on the East by Sohan Singh and on the West by Janki Prasad, W/o Rakesh Pandey (hereinafter the said Property). Two of the chain deeds in respect of the said Property being the (1) Deed of Sale dated 01.07.2011 registered in the Office of DRO / SRO Chauradano East Champaran and recorded in its Book No. 1, Volume no. 37, pages from 152 to 157 being Deed No. 3566 for the year 2011 AND (2) Deed of Sale dated 10.07.2021 registered in the Office of DRO / SRO Chauradano East Champaran and recorded in its Book no. 1, Volume no. 58, pages from 327 to 333 being Deed No. 4799 for the year 2021 (the said Title Deeds) were lost / mislaid from the custody of the aforesaid owner and consequently a General Diary was registered with Adapur Police Station vide GDE / FIR No. 360/24 dated 16.07.2024. Any person/s having any claim, demand or objection of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Said Property is hereby requested to notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof (if any) within 14 days from the date hereof failing which such claims / objections etc shall not be entertained and be deemed to have been waived and my client shall proceed to transfer or alienate the Said Property to any person/s whatsoever.

Sd/- Adv. Dayanand Singh
Mob. No.: 943103858
Address: Vidhi Associates, Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Block-A, Dukhan Ram Plaza, Above Karnataka Bank, Exhibition Road, Patna-800001, Bihar
Email ID: Vidhi.patna@gmail.com

AFFIDAVIT

I, Bablu Kumar Tiwari, Son of Late Bachan Bihari Tiwari, Aged about 43 years, by faith Hindu, by nationality Indian, resident of H.No.75/B, Birsanagar, Zone NO.6, P.S. Birsanagar, Town Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth.
2. That my actual and correct name is Bablu Kumar Tiwari as per my Aadhar Card bearing No.5272 7072 9461.
3. That in the Birth Certificate of my son Alok Kumar, bearing Reg. No.D/10088, my name has been mentioned as Bablu Tiwari.
4. That in the School Record of my aforesaid son Alok Kumar, my name has been mentioned Bablu Tiwari, which is made on the basis of Birth Certificate of my son.
5. That my wife's actual and correct name is Namita Tiwari as per her Aadhar Card bearing No.5041 5352 1666.
6. That in the School Record of my said son, my wife's name has been mentioned as Namita Tiwari.
7. That Bablu Kumar Tiwari and Bablu Tiwari both denotes to the name of same and only one person which represents myself only.
8. That Namita Tiwari and Namita Tiwari both denotes to the name of same and only one person which represents my wife only.
9. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts and produce the same before the authority concerned.

Advocate

THE AVENUE MAIL

JAMSHEDPUR • SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 • VOL : 32 NO : 51 • RS.3/- • PAGES - 12 • www.avenuemail.in



PM MODI DIALS NEERAJ CHOPRA, HAILS SPORTSMAN SPIRIT OF OLYMPIAN'S FAMILY - PAGE : 11

Tribals struggle for civilization, culture, rights unending: Soren Governor asks CM to implement PESA Act in state on World Tribal Day

Ranchi, August 9: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said that tribals have struggled for their civilization, culture and rights over natural resources.

The Chief Minister said that the tribals of Jharkhand have inherited struggle. The tribals here have never compromised with their civilization, culture and honor. They fought a long battle to protect water, forest and land.

"We are proud of our heroes who sacrificed everything for the country and state against injustice, exploitation. Even our state was formed after a lot of struggle," said Soren.

He emphasised the need for protecting the distinct tribal culture and identity, asserting that the time has come to give the exploited indigenous people their due rights.

He was addressing the launch ceremony of 'Adivasi Mahotsav-2024' that coincides with the International Day of the World's Indigenous People in Ranchi.

During the programme, tribal men and women danced to the tune of traditional 'dhol' and 'nagaras' (drums).

"There is an urgent need to protect tribal culture, tradition, land and forest. Tribals here have shown their struggle to the world. I am proud that I



was born in Jharkhand which is known as the land of brave people, land of icons like Bhagwan Birsa Munda," Soren said.

Birsa Munda, who fought against the British, died in the Old Central Jail in Ranchi in the year 1900.

"This state has its own

distinct identity and history. The original tribals have been exploited for long - before and after Independence. It is time to give them their due rights,"

Soren said.

The programme was launched by Soren jointly with Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar

The Governor also recalled the rich history of the tribal icons and asked the Government to implement the PESA Act to ensure rights of

the tribals.

The two-day festival held at Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Museum in Jail Chowk showcases the diverse art, culture and tradition of the tribal community.

State Coordination Committee Chairman Shibu Soren, also a Rajya Sabha MP, was present during the third edition of the festival besides Hemant Soren's legislator wife Kalpana.

As many as 12 books were unveiled by the Chief Minister, Governor and other guests during the festival.

Over 250 community forest rights leases were given to representatives from various districts amounting to 73,583 acres. Attired in traditional dresses, men and women from 32 tribes, including Asur, Baiga, Birhor, Chero, Munda, Oraon, Mal Pahariya, Santhal, Karmali and Kharwar, participated in the rally.

Tribal artists from Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tripura, Chhattisgarh and other states are participating in the festival.

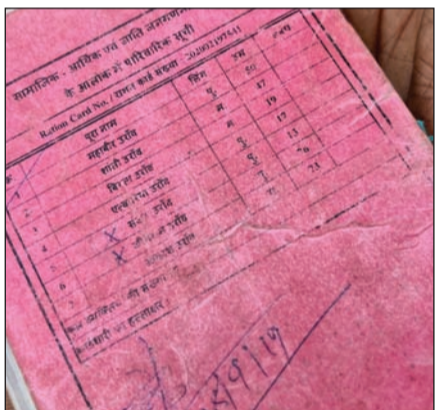
A tribal book fair is also being organised as part of the event.

Firecracker and laser shows have become the centre of attraction at the festival.

12,000 ration cards to be cancelled in East Singhbhum

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: In a move to streamline its public distribution system, East Singhbhum district in Jharkhand is set to cancel approximately 12,000 ration cards belonging to individuals who have not collected their rations for six months or more. This decision affects green ration cards issued under both the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and the State Food Security Scheme, primarily in urban areas including Jamshedpur NAC, Golmuri cum Jugsalai, Jugsalai Municipal Council, and Mango Municipal Corporation. The issue came to light through the district's online monitoring system for food grain distribution from Public Distribution System (PDS) shops. PDS dealers with low distribution percentages were issued show-cause notices on the orders of the East Singhbhum District Commissioner, leading to the recommendation for cancellation of these inactive cards. District officials have clarified that cardholders with valid reasons for not collecting rations can apply for reconsideration. These applications will be reviewed, and ration cards may be reissued, subject to the availability of quota vacancies in the district. It's worth noting that a significant number of these



ration cards were issued during the Covid-19 pandemic, suggesting a possible correlation with the unusual circumstances of that period. The district administration is also considering the possibility of migration as a factor in the non-collection of rations. To ascertain the exact situation, physical verification of each cardholder's residence may be necessary. Salman Zafar Khijri, District Supply Officer of East Singhbhum, highlighted that while 95% of ration distribution is occurring smoothly in rural areas, the urban areas are seeing a notable decline in collection, affecting the district's overall distribution percentage. (w/nkm)

Alamgir denied bail in money laundering case

Mail News Service

Ranchi, August 9: The special court for Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on Friday rejected the bail petition of Alamgir Alam, former minister and Congress MLA, who is accused in a high-profile tender scam case.

The court's decision came after hearing arguments from both sides on Wednesday. The special public prosecutor opposed Alam's bail, describing him as the 'mastermind' of the entire scam.

Alam was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on May 15, along with his former OSD Sanjeev Lal and associate Jahangir Alam. The agency had recovered over Rs 35 crore in cash during raids on their hideouts.

Bihar police seize Californium worth Rs.850 cr, 3 arrested

Patna, August 9

Amid the frequent seizures of cattle and contraband goods, Bihar Police on Friday arrested three men and seized 50 grams of a substance, suspected to be a rare radioactive Californium, valued at Rs850 crore in international market, in Gopalganj district of the state on Friday.

According to police, the seizure was made from the possession of three men, two of them from Gopalganj district and one from neighbouring Uttar Pradesh, during the routine check of the vehicle near Balthari checkpoint at Kuchaikote in Gopalganj district.

"We also seized a certificate from IIT Madras which described substance as a rare radioactive element known as Californium. The certificate was found to be fake by Prof. S



Mohan of IIT Madras. We have approached a Pondicherry-based nuclear power company to verify its authenticity," said SP Swarn Prabhat, putting the value of consignment at Rs 840 crore, if the authenticity of the substance (suspected to be Californium and per gram value available on the

consignment are true.

Putting the weight of the consignment at 50 grams, the SP said the department of atomic energy has also been informed about the seizure. "We have also roped in the FSL team to handle the substance," said the superintendent of police.

"Further investigation

into the matter is on and efforts are on to find out the place from where it was procured and where it was to be delivered," a police officer said.

The arrested have been identified as Chhotelal Prasad (40), a native of Kushinagar and Chandan Gupta, (40) and Chandan Ram (28) - residents of Gopalganj. The two residents of Gopalganj were working a liner and helping Chhotelal Prasad to sell the consignment at lofty prices, police said.

Meanwhile, a Lakshya International School's teacher described Californium as a rare radioactive element.

"It is found in China, Germany and America among very few countries. It's used in the treatment of cancer," said Nitish Kumar, a teacher of Lakshya International school, familiar with the matter.

UISL supervisor suicide case: Police lodges FIR against two

Jamshedpur, August 9: Jamshedpur Police on Friday lodged an FIR against two officials of TATA Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (UISL) for allegedly forcing a senior supervisor of the company leading to take his life. The FIR was lodged at Golmuri police station.

Golmuri police station officer in-charge BN Singh talking to The Avenue Mail said, "An FIR has been filed against chief of department Dr. Alok Kumar and Area Manager. A case was registered on the plea of the deceased's son Pushpendra Kumar."

Om Prakash Sahu (56 Years), a senior sanitary supervisor at Public Health Department of TATA Steel UISL, died due to suicide. He was found hanging in his office at flat number 102 of Workers Flat. Another police officer stationed at Golmuri police station said, "Police said, during their investigation they have learnt that Sahu had asked his colleagues to go out for lunch". The officer further added that a case has been registered under IPC section 108. Kumar talking to media said, "Despite my father's repeated appeals his requests for support went unheeded by his seniors."

Soon after the incident, the company in an official communique had said, "TSUISL is providing all support to the investigating agencies. The company is with the aggrieved family and is providing all support as per company policy. As a responsible corporate, TSUISL is committed to the safety and well-being of all its stakeholders".

BJP convenes crucial meeting in Delhi to finalize Jharkhand Election strategy

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is ramping up its efforts for the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections, with a primary focus on finalizing seat-sharing arrangements with potential allies before announcing its candidates. This strategic approach is being orchestrated by a high-profile team including BJP state president Babul Marandi, former Union Minister Arjun Munda, Jharkhand election in-charge and Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, and Assam Chief Minister and election co-in-charge Himanta Biswa Sarma.

According to inside sources, the BJP is aiming to release its first list of candidates by the end of August, with a particular emphasis on reserved seats. The party is expected to make swift decisions regarding meetings with alliance partners within the next 7-10 days, demonstrating its urgency in solidifying its electoral strategy.

A crucial meeting with the All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) is scheduled for Saturday in Delhi, highlighting the BJP's commitment to



forging strong regional alliances. Simultaneously, discussions about a potential alliance with Janata Dal (United) are also on the agenda, with seat allocation being a key point of negotiation.

Adding to the political intrigue, Jairam Mahto, leader of the newly rebranded Jharkhand Loktantrik Kranti Morcha (JLKM), formerly known as Jharkhandi Bhasha Khatiyani Sangharsh Samiti (JBKSS), is set to visit New Delhi on

Saturday. While Mahto has publicly denied any alliance possibilities, the BJP is keen on engaging in talks with him, recognizing the potential strategic value of such a partnership.

The BJP's candidate selection process is well underway, with the party having completed extensive survey work, including both telephonic and ground-level assessments. Based on this data, the party is poised to announce candidates for approximately 40 seats in its initial list,

with subsequent announcements to follow for the remaining constituencies.

In terms of seat distribution, the BJP is proposing to allocate 7 seats to AJSU and potentially 5 seats to Janata Dal (United) if an alliance is formed. However, both parties are pushing for a larger share, with AJSU demanding over 10 seats and JD(U) also seeking 10 seats. This disparity in expectations sets the stage for intense negotiations in the coming days.

The BJP's cautious approach to these alliance talks is influenced by JD(U)'s position in the central government, forcing the party to carefully consider their demands. This delicate balancing act underscores the BJP's determination to craft a winning strategy that will secure a majority in the Jharkhand Assembly.

As the electoral landscape in Jharkhand continues to evolve, all eyes are on the BJP's ability to navigate these complex alliance dynamics while presenting a strong and unified front to the electorate. The coming weeks will be crucial as the party finalizes its strategy and candidate list, setting the stage for what promises to be a fiercely contested election in the state. (w/nkm)

Tata Steel UISL partners with Jamshedpur students to launch book on effective waste management



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: Students from over 25 city schools in Jamshedpur are set to launch a groundbreaking book focusing on cleanliness, hygiene, and waste management. This effort aligns with the nationwide "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" (Clean India Mission). The initiative, titled "SwachhtaSamvaad," is spearheaded by Tata Steel UISL in collaboration with The Hyphen and Potli Productions, aiming to engage and inspire the young minds of Jamshedpur to take an active role in promoting cleanliness and sustainability.

The campaign kicked off with an essay writing competition across the

city's schools, encouraging students to share their visions for a cleaner Jamshedpur. Participants explored best practices, identified challenges, and proposed solutions for improving cleanliness within their communities.

The enthusiastic response to this competition has set a strong foundation for this youth-driven approach to social development. Approximately 3,000 students participated in the essay writing competition, with each school nominating their two best writers.

These selected students attended a two-day, in-person masterclass on creative writing, held on August 6-7, 2024, in Jamshedpur. Led by thematic experts, the masterclass focused on diverse writing styles,

storytelling techniques, and effective expression of ideas.

Building on the skills acquired during the masterclass, the students have created a collection of stories and essays. These works have been compiled into a publication titled "SwachhtaSamvaad," which showcases the creative and insightful perspectives of Jamshedpur's youth on waste management and cleanliness.

This initiative not only enhances the writing skills of young student writers but also emphasizes the importance of community-driven efforts for social change. By using creative media as a tool for expression, the program empowers students to address various social issues and contribute to positive change in their communities.

Sedition case filed against Congress leader

Jamshedpur, August 9: A sedition case has been registered against senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid at the Sakchi police station in Jamshedpur, following a complaint by local BJP leader Abhay Singh.

The case stems from Khurshid's alleged recent controversial statement suggesting that conditions similar to the recent coup in Bangladesh could potentially occur in India. Singh, in his complaint, expressed concern that such statements by Congress leaders could potentially disrupt communal harmony in the country. He emphasized the need for immediate action against leaders making such remarks, arguing that they pose a threat to national unity and social cohesion.

The BJP leader criticized the Congress party's stance on the recent events in Bangladesh, where minority Hindus have reportedly faced persecution. Singh pointed out that while Congress leaders remain silent on the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh, they are quick to draw parallels that could potentially incite unrest within India. (w/nkm)

Tata Steel's Mines receive 5-star rating awards for sustainable development

Mail News Service

Noamundi/Joda, August 9: Tata Steel's Noamundi Iron Mine and Joda East Iron Mine, part of the Ore, Mines and Quarries (OMQ) Division, have been honoured with the prestigious 5-Star Rating Award for sustainable development practices by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, in a felicitation ceremony held at Dr.Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, on Wednesday.

Rajesh Kumar, Chief, Joda, Tata Steel, D Vijayendra, Chief, Noamundi Iron Mine, Tata Steel, Pinku Kumar, Head, Planning, Mine Planning (OMQ), Tata Steel and Gaurav Mukherjee, Area Manager, Mine Planning (OMQ) received the awards on behalf of the company.

The 5-Star Rating system, awarded by

the Ministry of Mines, assesses mining operations based on several factors, including operational efficiency, environmental management, safety standards, community engagement, and sustainable mining practices.

Tata Steel's Noamundi and Joda East Iron Mines have been industry leaders in implementing cutting-edge technologies and best mining practices. The mines have used advanced mining software, drone technology, fleet management systems, remote-controlled drills, and real-time quality monitoring systems, among other things, to achieve benchmark performance.

Multiple community initiatives have also been undertaken to ensure the education and skill development, health and sanitation, livelihood, skill development, and overall welfare of people residing in nearby villages.



Jeen Mata Festival to be celebrated with fervor on August 15

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: The religious organization Shri Jeen Mata Parivar Jamshedpur is set to celebrate the swing and Sindhara festival of Adishakti Maa Jeen Bhavani with great enthusiasm on Thursday, August 15. The event will take place on the second floor of the Shri Shiv Mandir in Sakchi Bazaar.

Shambhu Khanna, the founder of the organization, announced that the festivities will commence with a Mangal Paath dedicated to Maa Bhavani Jeen Shakti at 3:30 PM.

The recitation will be led by local Bhajan singer Mahavir Agarwal Munna. Following this, an evening session of devotional songs, referred to as "Amrit Varsha of Bhajans," will be held.

Khanna has extended an invitation to all devotees of Jeen Mata to participate in the celebration, urging them to arrive on time to ensure the success of the festival program.

This annual event is a significant religious occasion for the community, blending traditional rituals with devotional music. It provides an opportunity for followers to come together in worship and celebration of Adishakti Maa Jeen Bhavani.

The organizers are expecting a good turnout for this spiritual gathering, which serves to strengthen community bonds and preserve cultural traditions in Jamshedpur.

Anand Marg promotes environmental conservation among tribal communities



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: On the eve of World Tribal Day, Anand Marg organized a two-day plant distribution program for the tribal community in Gadra, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and traditional tribal values.

The first day of the event saw the distribution of approximately 100 sal, teak, and fruit saplings to local tribal residents.

The program also included an educational component, where participants from Gadra and surrounding villages were taught the method of making seed balls, a technique aimed at facilitating reforestation efforts.

Sunil Anand, a representative of Anand Marg, highlighted the organization's neo-humanist ideology. "Until we accept trees, plants, and animals as members of our family, the welfare of nature is not possible," Anand stated.

He emphasized that societal welfare is intrinsically linked to environmental conservation.

The event underscored the deep connection between tribal societies and nature, with Anand Marg working alongside tribal communities to promote environmental stewardship. The organization continues its efforts to maintain oxygen balance on Earth through ongoing plant distribution initiatives. Participants took a pledge for environmental conservation, demonstrating the community's commitment to preserving their natural surroundings. (w/nkm)

TWU honors retired Tata Steel employees in felicitation ceremony



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: The Tata Workers Union organized a heartwarming felicitation ceremony yesterday to honour 18 recently retired employees of Tata Steel. The event, held at the

union's conference room, celebrated the retirees' contributions and provided them with valuable information about post-retirement benefits.

Sanjeev Kumar Chaudhary, President-Secretary of the Tata Workers Union, served as the

chief guest. He personally engaged with each retiree, inquiring about their well-being and detailing the various facilities available to them, including the Puri Guest House, Benjamin Rest House, and Cancer Rest House. Chaudhary addressed concerns

raised by the retirees and assured them of the union's continued support. The ceremony, conducted by General Secretary Satish Kumar Singh, saw each retiree presented with a bouquet of flowers and a gift coupon as tokens of appreciation. Singh provided comprehensive information about the benefits and facilities available to retired employees and extended his best wishes for their future. Other union officials present at the event included Co-Secretary-Secretary Shailesh Kumar Singh, Vice President-Secretary Rajiv Kumar Chaudhary, who delivered the vote of thanks, and Vice President-Secretary Sanjay Kumar Singh. Assistant Secretary-Secretary Nitesh Raj, Ajay Kumar Chaudhary, and Shyam Babu were also in attendance. (w/nkm)

Sunita granted anticipatory bail in economic crime case

Jamshedpur, Aug 9: In a significant development, the court of ADJ-2 Aabhas Verma approved the anticipatory bail plea of Sunita Sodera, a resident of Jugsalai, in an economic crime case on Wednesday. Sunita was accused by Income Tax Officer BK Sinha of failing to declare income received in the financial year 2013-2014 in her income tax return (ITR).

The accusation centered around the sale of a property worth Rs 75 lakh, which was allegedly not disclosed in her ITR. However, Sunita had already shown this income in her 2014-2015 ITR.

DAV Bistupur hosts Capacity Building Programme for early childhood educators

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: D.A.V Public School, Bistupur concluded a two-day Capacity Building Programme for in-service teachers of Jharkhand Zone E, focusing on early childhood education. The seminar, facilitated by DAV Centre for Academic Excellence, New Delhi, targeted educators teaching Nursery to Class II.

The event, which took place on August 9 and 10, 2024, saw participation from 56 teachers representing eight schools in the zone. ARO cum Principal Pragya Singh inaugurated the programme, emphasizing the importance of quality teaching and continuous learning for educators. She highlighted the relevance of the National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and NIPUN Bharat for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).

The programme featured several sessions conducted by master trainers from various DAV schools in

the region. Topics covered included Play Pedagogy, creating Vibrant and Giggling Classrooms, understanding Literacy and Numeracy, and promoting Inclusivity in early education.

Gibi Santosh from DAV Bistupur discussed the importance of play in childhood development, aligning with NEP-2020 recommendations. Tripti Tiwari from SJ DAV PS Chaibasa focused on creating engaging classroom environments that blend fun and learning.

Ganish Kaur, also from DAV PS Bistupur, emphasized the significance of strong literacy and numeracy skills in early years for overall child development. Chandrapriya, another trainer from DAV PS Bistupur, addressed the crucial topic of inclusivity in education, discussing strategies for teaching children with diverse learning needs.

The day concluded with an interactive session where participants shared best practices for holistic student development. (w/nkm)

NIT Professor concludes faculty development program at RVSCET



Jamshedpur, August 9: The seven-day Faculty Development Program at RVS College of Engineering and Technology in Jamshedpur concluded today with a keynote address from Dr. Rajat Tripathi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics at NIT Jamshedpur.

Dr. Tripathi delivered a comprehensive lecture on the Bubble Theory of Artificial Neural Network Physics, highlighting its practical

applications in the petroleum industry for oil separation processes. His presentation provided valuable insights into this advanced technological concept.

The event saw a warm welcome by Dr. Tripathi, with Professor Dr. Rekha Tiwari from the college's Science and Humanities Department presenting him with a bouquet. Academic Dean Dr. Sharad Chandra Mahato honored the guest speaker with a memento in

recognition of his contribution to the program.

Professor Shadan Basar delivered a vote of thanks, marking the successful conclusion of the week-long faculty development initiative. The closing ceremony was attended by faculty members from various departments of RVS College of Engineering and Technology, underscoring the program's importance in enhancing academic expertise across disciplines.

IWC hosts patriotic painting competition at School of Hope

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: The Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur Zest brought smiles and patriotic spirit to the School of Hope in Bistupur today. The school, which caters to mentally challenged children, was the site of a heartwarming event organized as part of the club's Mission Muskaan and Annapurna Project. Preeti Goyal, President of the Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur Zest, led club members in spending quality time with the students.

The visit included interactive activities such as dancing with the children and educating them about the significance of



Independence Day. The highlight of the event was a painting competition centered

around the national flag. This creative activity not only engaged the students but also helped reinforce their understanding of national symbols. All participants were rewarded for their efforts, encouraging their artistic expression and patriotic sentiment. As part of their ongoing commitment to community service, the club members also provided breakfast to all the children, aligning with their Annapurna Project goals. Notable attendees included Editor Anu Mittal, Manju Maheshwari, and Tripti, who supported the initiative and helped make the day special for the students. (w/nkm)

District-level cultural program held at Town Hall Bhawan



Mail News Service

Seraikela, August 9: A district-level cultural program was held at Town Hall Bhawan, Seraikela, to celebrate World Tribal Day. Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla attended as the chief guest, along with District Council President Sonaram Bodra and Deputy Development Commissioner Prabhat Kumar Bardiar. The event began with the welcoming of guests through the presentation of saplings, followed by a lamp-lighting ceremony to

inaugurate the program. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Shukla praised the tribal society for its deep connection with nature and emphasized the role of tribal youth in advancing their community through self-determination. He highlighted the unique message and communal values derived from tribal lifestyles and traditions.

District Council President Bodra also wished attendees a Happy World Tribal Day and stressed the importance of con-

Seraikela marks World Tribal Day with youth marathon

Seraikela, August 9: World Tribal Day celebrations in Seraikela began early Friday morning with a spirited marathon organized by the Adivasi Kala Kendra Bhavan Badbil. Dozens of tribal youth, led by District Council President Sonaram Bodra, initiated the race by garlanding and paying homage to the statue of Ot Guru Kol Lako Bodra at the Adivasi Kala Kendra Bhavan Badbil.

The 3-kilometer marathon proceeded through the main road, concluding at Birsa Chowk where participants paid tribute to Lord Birsa Munda. Addressing the gathering, Bodra emphasized the significance of the day for tribal communities worldwide, calling it a time to pledge commitment to preserving ancestral values, culture, and natural resources. He stressed the importance of tribal unity in protecting their rights and traditions. The event, attended by former block chief Gopinath Gagarai and members of the Tribal Art Center Bhawan Badbil, underscored the community's dedication to honoring their heritage while embracing progress and unity. (w/nkm)

servicing water, forests, and land. He noted the global significance of the celebration and pledged to uphold and promote the heritage and traditions passed down by ancestors.

The program concluded with the distribution of assets to selected beneficiaries under various schemes, including the Community Forest Lease, Chief Minister Employment Creation

Scheme, and Chief Minister Cycle Distribution Scheme. Attendees included District Council Vice President Mrs. Madhusree Mahato, District Welfare Officer Gopi Oraon, District Land Acquisition Officer Mahendra Oraon, District Supply Officer Uttam Kumar, District Public Relations Officer Avinash Kumar, and other officers and public representatives. (w/nkm)

MGNREGA workers continue 19-day strike on World Tribal Day



Mail News Service

Seraikela, August 9: Amidst World Tribal Day celebrations in Seraikela, MGNREGA workers continued their indefinite strike for the 19th consecutive day, responding to a state-wide call by the Jharkhand State MNREGA Employees Union. In a poignant display, the striking workers donned traditional attire as they staged a dharna in front of the District Collectorate.

Shankar Kumar Satpathy, the district president of the union, emphasized that the strike would persist until the government addresses their demands for grade pay and permanent employment status.

Satpathy highlighted the workers' crucial role in implementing government schemes, particularly in providing 100 days of guaranteed employment under MGNREGA, asserting that the government should, in turn, guarantee their employment. The protest site saw the presence of key union figures including secretary Anil Murmu, vice-president Manoj Kumar Tiyu, and members Savita Digg, Thakur Hansda, Vishal, Bhawani Pramanik, Gundhar Kundu, Malti Kumari, and Mastan. This ongoing strike underscores the tension between celebrating tribal heritage and addressing the pressing concerns of workers integral to rural development programs. (w/nkm)

Rotary Club marks World Tribal Day with plantation drive



Chaibasa, August 9: On World Tribal Day, Rotary Club Chaibasa, in collaboration with the Co-operative Bank Regional Office, organized a tree planting event at the local Co-operative Bank premises. The initiative saw the planting of 40 Mango and Gulmohar saplings. Club President Harsh Raj Mishra revealed that the program was sponsored by Punit Sethia in memory of former Rotary Club member Late Shashikant Sethia. Mishra also announced plans for additional planting and distribution programs throughout August at various locations. The event was attended by club members Prashant Gupta, Ritesh Mundhra, Saurabh Prasad, and Ramesh Dattani, alongside bank officials including AGM Ram Chandra Minj, Chaibasa Branch Manager Rabia Bhagat, Assistant Manager K Ramesh Rao, and Assistant Deepa Sinku. Other bank staff, including Sanjay Sinku, Rishish Puri, and orderlies, also participated. The bank has committed to regular care of the planted saplings, with a particular focus on protecting them from cattle. (w/nkm)

SS Academy celebrates Fruits Day

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: SS Academy's pre-primary wing hosted a vibrant Fruits Day celebration on its premises, featuring young students dressed as various fruits. The children showcased their knowledge about the benefits and uses of fruits through an array of songs, poems, and speeches. As part of the day's theme, all students brought fruits in their tiffin boxes. The event was graced by the school's chairman, Mathura Singh, secre-

tary Prince Singh, and Dr. Lata Mankar. UKG students Aavya Mankar and Shivesh Bharti skillfully conducted the program, while Anjali Singh delivered the vote of thanks. The success of the event was attributed to the efforts of teachers including Madhuri Sharma, Diya Sinha, Shweta Singh, and Smita Chakraborty. This creative and educational celebration not only entertained but also emphasized the importance of fruits in a healthy diet, engaging the young learners in a fun and memorable way. (w/nkm)



World Tribal Day celebrated by JASS



Seraikela, August 9: The Jharkhand Andolankari Samman Samiti (JASS) in Seraikela observed World Tribal Day by paying homage to the martyrs of the Kharsawan firing incident at the site where it took place.

The ceremony, held on this significant day, was marked by traditional tributes to honor the brave souls who lost their lives. Key figures in attendance included Shankar Soy, the committee's president, secretary Atul Sardar, and vice president Mangal Majhi. They were joined by Kharsawan Raja Gopal Narayan Singhdev and Queen Aparajita Singhdev, along with advocate Shiva Puri. District leaders such as Ganesh Gagarai, the president of Ho Samaj Mahasabha, Vishnu Banra, the president of Ho Samaj Yuva Mahasabha, and Kol Jharkhand Bodra, the president of Manki Munda Sangh, also participated in the event.

The gathering included members from various local communities, including Jyoti Munda of the Active Women Committee Kharsawan, and many others. They all paid their respects to the martyrs in a traditional manner, bowing down in reverence to their sacrifice. (w/nkm)

World Tribal Day celebrated by AJSU in remote village

Chaibasa, August 9: The AJSU Party marked World Tribal Day with a celebration in Ota Diri village of Baipi Panchayat, a remote area within the Chakradharpur Assembly constituency. Munda, a prominent figure in the event, honoured local men and women by presenting them with clothing. Addressing the gathering, Munda emphasized the significance of the day, stating, "Today is a very happy day. We all tribals are celebrating it as World Day. We must maintain our culture, civilization, and identity." He stressed the importance of accelerating tribal development and fostering unity among all tribal communities.

The event saw a large turnout of AJSU party workers, with key party leaders in attendance including Ramdev Tanti, Sukhdev Jamuda, Sunil Jamuda, Anil Jamuda, Rakesh Jamuda, Lal Singh Jamod, Deepak Munda of the media cell, Manik Munda, Pradeep Mahato, and Jagbandhu Tanti. (w/nkm)

Chaibasa Chamber gears up for 14th AGM



Mail News Service

Chaibasa, August 9: The Chaibasa Chamber of Commerce and Industries is making final preparations for its 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled for August 11 at the local Pillai Town Hall. This meeting marks the completion of the one-year term of the current working

committee, led by Chairman Madhusudan Agarwal, for the 2023-25 session. The Chamber, boasting a membership of 498 reputed business professionals from across the district, held a crucial working committee meeting on August 7 at JH 06 Tippy Restaurant to finalize the AGM arrangements. The AGM's agenda is compre-

hensive and designed to provide a thorough overview of the Chamber's activities and finances. The event will commence at 11:00 AM with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a welcome address from the President. Subsequent speeches will be delivered by outgoing President Nitin Prakash, former Presidents Anil Khirwal and Lalit Sharma,

and Vice Presidents Shibulal Agarwal and Vikas Goyal. Secretary Neeraj Sandwar will present the annual report, while Treasurer Rajiv Khirwal will provide a detailed financial statement covering the past year's income and expenditure.

Following a lunch break, the AGM will reconvene with presentations from various sub-committee chairpersons, who will report on their respective committees' activities and achievements. The meeting will conclude with a question and answer session, providing an opportunity for members to address the Speaker and seek clarification on specific subjects. This annual gathering underscores the Chamber's commitment to transparency and member engagement in its operations and decision-making processes, offering a platform for comprehensive review and discussion of the organization's activities and future direction. (w/nkm)

World Tribal Day celebrated with tree plantation

Chaibasa, August 9: District officials and school children gathered at the Nature Interpretation Center in Chaibasa, West Singhbhum, to commemorate World Tribal Day with a tree planting ceremony and cultural events.



District Magistrate and Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary led the initiative, joined by Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar and Forest Division Officers from Chaibasa and Saranda. The group planted trees on the centre's premises, emphasizing the day's focus on environmental conservation.

Following the plantation drive, attendees watched a film showcasing tribal civilization and culture, aimed at raising awareness and appreciation for indigenous heritage.

In his address, Deputy Commissioner Chaudhary highlighted the significance of World Tribal Day, stating, "This day con-

veys the message of conserving water and forests. It is a day dedicated to nature worship." He extended his greetings and best wishes to all district residents on this occasion.

The event was attended by various district officials, including Deputy Development Commissioner Sandeep Kumar Meena, ITDA Project Director Smita Kumari, and Assistant Collector Arnav Mishra, among others.

Train cancellations and route changes affect Tatanagar railway services

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: Several train services passing through Tatanagar are facing disruptions due to line blocks in different regions. The Tatanagar-Hatia Express will run on an altered route via Chandil, Muri, and Gunda Vihar, bypassing Purulia on August 10, 12, 14, and 17. The Asansol-Tatanagar MEMU train will terminate at Adra instead of Tatanagar on August 10, 16, and 18. Long-distance trains are also affected, with the Ernakulam-Tatanagar Express running on a diverted route on multiple days until August 29 due to a line block near Coimbatore. Similarly, trains connecting Tatanagar to Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru, Ernakulam, Alleppey, and Tambaram will operate on alternate routes for varying periods extending into late August and early September. (w/nkm)

to late August. Route changes will impact several trains due to line blocks in different regions.

The Tatanagar-Hatia Express will run on an altered route via Chandil, Muri, and Gunda Vihar, bypassing Purulia on August 10, 12, 14, and 17. The Asansol-Tatanagar MEMU train will terminate at Adra instead of Tatanagar on August 10, 16, and 18.

Long-distance trains are also affected, with the Ernakulam-Tatanagar Express running on a diverted route on multiple days until August 29 due to a line block near Coimbatore. Similarly, trains connecting Tatanagar to Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru, Ernakulam, Alleppey, and Tambaram will operate on alternate routes for varying periods extending into late August and early September. (w/nkm)

From pen to gun: KVGs student bags RIMC seat Vedant makes it to prestigious institution on Jharkhand ticket

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 9: In a proud moment for Jamshedpur, Vedanta Sharma, a student of Kavyapta Global School (formerly Mount Litera Zee School), has secured admission to the highly esteemed Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) in Dehradun. Vedanta, son of Ms. Snigdha Kumar and Mr. Praveen Kumar from Kadma, has clinched the sole seat allocated to Jharkhand for this term.

RIMC, often hailed as the cradle of military leadership in India, is a premier institution that grows future officers for the Indian Armed Forces. Established in 1922, it boasts a rich history of producing distinguished leaders



for India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. The college, spread across 140 acres in the pictur-

esque Doon Valley, operates under the Union Ministry of Defence and maintains an impres-

sive teacher-student ratio of 1:14. Vedanta's achievement is particularly noteworthy given the fierce competition for RIMC admission. The college selects only 25 cadets every six months from across the country through a rigorous selection process. His success underscores his exceptional abilities and dedication, marking him as a potential future leader in the armed forces.

The community of Kadma, Jamshedpur, along with the faculty and students of Kavyapta Global School, are celebrating this remarkable accomplishment. Vedanta's admission to RIMC not only brings honor to his family but also highlights the quality of education imparted at Kavyapta Global School. (w/nkm)

ED's credibility hinges on evidence and conviction

In recent years, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have increasingly made headlines for conducting raids and arrests under money laundering charges. However, these actions have sparked widespread allegations that these agencies are being misused to suppress political opposition. The Supreme Court has even weighed in on the matter, advising the ED to exercise caution and improve the quality of its evidence and prosecution. Despite these warnings, concerns persist regarding the lack of seriousness with which evidence is handled in such cases.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court expressed concern over the ED's low conviction rate in money laundering cases, urging the agency to adopt more scientific methods of investigation. This observation is telling, as it highlights the frequent dissonance between the number of cases filed and the number of successful prosecutions. While the ED has been swift to carry out raids and make arrests, the rate at which these actions translate into convictions remains alarmingly low, raising questions about the strength and credibility of the evidence presented.

The Union Home Ministry's recent disclosure in the Lok Sabha underscores this issue. Between 2014 and 2024, the ED registered 5,297 cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). However, out of these, only 40 cases resulted in convictions. This stark disparity suggests that the ED's efforts in proving allegations in court do not match the zeal with which it initiates actions. Such a low conviction rate inevitably casts doubt on the integrity of the agency's operations and fuels accusations of bias and political motivation.

The Supreme Court's recent advice to the ED is a clear indication of the need for the agency to reassess its approach. There is an evident gap between the urgency of its actions and the thoroughness required in building a watertight case. This inconsistency not only undermines the ED's effectiveness but also provides fodder for opposition parties to challenge the agency's impartiality, further damaging its reputation.

For the ED to restore and maintain its credibility, it must prioritize the collection and presentation of strong, irrefutable evidence that can withstand judicial scrutiny. Without a significant improvement in its conviction rate, the perception that the ED is being used as a political tool will persist, eroding public trust in its ability to fairly enforce the law.

From the Editorial Desk

Home affordability remains stable in India as interest rates stay steady

Home affordability has remained stable in the first half this year as interest rates have stayed steady since the end of 2023, a report showed on Wednesday.

According to Knight Frank India's Affordability Index, Ahmedabad is the most affordable housing market among the top eight cities, with a ratio of 21 per cent.

It is followed by Pune and Kolkata at 24 per cent each. Mumbai was the only city that remained marginally higher than the threshold at 51 per cent.

Stable affordability is essential to sustaining homebuyer demand and sales momentum, which, in turn, acts as a key economic driver for the country.

"As income levels rise and economic growth strengthens,



end-users financial confidence is significantly bolstered, encouraging them to make longer-term financial commitments toward asset creation," said Shishir Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director,

Knight Frank India. Given the RBI's healthy 7.2 per cent GDP growth estimate for FY 2025 and a stable interest rate scenario, income and affordability levels are expected to continue to support homebuyer

demand in 2024, he noted.

The report witnessed steady improvement from 2010 to 2021 across the eight leading cities of India, especially during the pandemic when the RBI cut policy repo

rate (REPO) to decadal lows.

The central bank subsequently raised the REPO rate by 250 bps in a space of nine months starting May 2022 to address growing inflation.

This impacted affordability across cities in 2022. As the REPO rate has remained steady since February 2023, healthy income growth has helped counteract rising prices and comparatively high interest rates, bringing affordability back to the current levels, the findings showed.

Demand has continued to grow since 2023 and has sustained at multi-year highs in H1 2024.

The stable interest rate scenario is expected to sustain in the near term, as economic growth continues to remain on track, the report mentioned.

B'desh unrest a \$250 mn monthly readymade garment export opportunity for India

If the political unrest in Bangladesh, nearly 10 per cent of the neighbouring country's readymade garment (RMG) export orders could shift, presenting a \$200-250 million monthly export opportunity for India's RMG sector in the near term and \$300-350 million in the medium term, a report said on Thursday. India has enough headroom to increase RMG exports by 20-25 per cent given the available capacities in the sector, according to a CareEdge Ratings report.

"In case of sustenance of the socio-political disturbance for more than one or two quarters, Bangladesh exporters would face difficulty in ensuring on-time delivery to its customers. In such a situation, India is expected to gain monthly export orders of \$200-250 million in the near term," said Akshay Morbiya, Assistant Director at CareEdge Ratings.

As global RMG brands and retailers are relatively stickier with their sourcing partners, a large part of this market share loss could be permanent and lead to a gain in monthly export orders of around \$300-350 million in the medium term," Morbiya mentioned.

In the global RMG trade (\$550 billion in 2023), Bangladesh occupied the second position with around 8.5 per cent market share.

Bangladesh's share in global RMG trade has consistently increased, largely at the expense of China. Meanwhile, India remains at the seventh spot in terms of global RMG trade with a market share of



around 3-4 per cent.

According to the report, countries such as Bangladesh and Vietnam captured a large part of China's declining share in the global RMG exports in the past.

"Recent political upheavals and social unrest in Bangladesh, which is the second largest exporter of RMG after China, present an opportunity for the Indian RMG sector," the report mentioned.

In FY24, Bangladesh's RMG exports were around 3.2 times of Indian RMG exports. However, during the April-June quarter of FY25, this ratio narrowed down to around 2.5 times, "reflecting India eating into the share of Bangladesh".

"Apart from the impact of socio-political upheavals in Bangladesh, this was also aided by various initiatives to enhance the competitiveness of Indian RMG exports," the report findings showed.

"With the China+1 sourcing strategy already in the works, global

RMG brands and retailers have limited alternatives such as India, Vietnam and Cambodia to replace Bangladesh. India is in a prime position to capitalise on the opportunity," said CareEdge Ratings.

India has its presence across the textile value chain from fibre to garment, unlike Bangladesh which is largely dependent on the import of yarn and fabric.

Furthermore, various government initiatives such as PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) parking, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, and free trade agreements (FTAs) with key export markets, are designed to enhance textile exports.

These factors collectively position India as a strong alternative for global brands seeking reliable garment supplies. Indian entities with substantial capacities are likely to benefit the most, as they can manage large single orders from global brands.

Steady repo rate, indexation benefits booster dose for housing industry

The Central Bank's decision to keep repo rates unchanged at 6.5 per cent for the ninth consecutive time aligns well with the government's indexation benefits, industry experts said on Thursday, adding that this will further help aspiring homebuyers. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has decided to keep the repo rate unchanged as inflation has risen above 5 per cent, beyond the targeted level of 4 per cent.

Anuj Puri, Chairman of Anarock Group, said that the RBI's decision sets a positive tone for the housing industry.

"With interest rates staying steady, EMIs will remain manageable for current and potential homeowners, potentially leading to increased home sales - particularly in the price-sensitive affordable segment," he said.

The earlier announcement regarding indexation also brings tax advantages for property investors, as it permits adjustments to the purchase price keeping inflation in mind, reducing capital gains tax burdens upon property sale.

According to Madhavi Arora, lead economist at Emkay Global Financial Services, the



RBI is likely to be on wait-and-watch mode for assessing multiple macro forces.

"We understand that shifting debates on global narratives require the RBI to be flexible. However, the volatility in India FX and rates has been manageable amid the recent global market turmoil, giving flexibility to the RBI to stay focused on domestic inflation and financial sector risk management," said Arora.

The RBI Governor said the country's inflation rate is expected to come down in the third quarter of the current financial year.

According to Vimal Nadar, Senior Director and Head, Research at Colliers India,

the RBI has remained cautious and maintained benchmark lending rates at 6.5 per cent.

"In the first MPC meeting after the Budget, the RBI has projected a GDP growth rate of 7.2 per cent for FY2025, led by robust high frequency economic indicators across key sectors," said Nadar.

Interestingly, stability in interest rates coupled with the recent announcement to rationalise stamp duty charges along with concessions for women homebuyers bodes well for the real estate sector, especially residential segment.

"Moreover, partial withdrawal of the applicability of the revised LTCG tax arising out of sale of land

and buildings retrospectively provides elbow room to effect housing sales with minimal tax outgo," Nadar noted.

Shrinivas Rao, FRICS, CEO, Vestian said that a steady monetary policy for the past one and half years has ensured stability in the real estate sector, boosting demand for all asset classes. Though India's position today is far more resilient on the economic front which could have allowed a slight rate reduction to test the water on inflation and exchange rates, the RBI has taken a safer bet and decided to wait for rate reduction by the third or the fourth quarter of this year, said Umesh Kumar Mehta, CIO, SAMCO Mutual Fund.

How strong is the BJP without the RSS

By R.K. Sinha

Mohan Bhagwat, the chief of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) expresses his frank opinion on specific issues or occasions. Yes, when he speaks, the whole nation listens intently. His statements are interpreted from various angles. Recently, after the Lok Sabha elections, Mohan Bhagwat caused a stir by indirectly blaming some BJP leaders of being 'arrogant'.

Addressing a Sangh event in Nagpur, Maharashtra, Mohan Bhagwat said, "A true servant maintains decorum while working. They don't have an ego like 'I did this'. Only such a person deserves to be called a servant." What does he intend to convey by discussing ego? One opinion is that some BJP leaders, after coming to power, have not remained

humble. They have become arrogant. They have distanced themselves from the concerns of the common people. They have alienated themselves from public service. Due to this, the people did not give BJP the expected success in the recent Lok Sabha elections. A top official of an organization allied to the BJP was telling me a few months ago, he met an Union Minister for some important work. The minister knew that he had dedicated his entire life as an RSS worker. Despite all this, the Union Minister did not give him much importance. The smug minister forgot that the BJP gets its strength from the RSS and its allied organizations. There is no doubt that BJP leaders who are not familiar with the importance and ideology of the RSS need to change their thinking. The BJP has no existence without the Sangh. In his speeches, Mohan



Bhagwat has consistently praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the 'Pran Pratishtha' (consecration) of the Ram temple, Mohan Bhagwat said, "Before coming to consecration festival, Prime Minister Modi observed a strict fast. He followed a much stricter regimen than what was asked. I have known him for a long time and I know, he is an ascetic."

The Sangh is the parent organization of the BJP, so it's natural that it will have an impact on the BJP. Additionally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been an active Sangh campaigner. However, for some time now, there has been a muted discussion about whether the BJP always operates under the influence of the Sangh? If not, to what extent does the Sangh have control

over the BJP?

You will remember that during the Lok Sabha election campaign, BJP President JP Nadra said that the BJP is a political organization and the RSS is a cultural and social organization that does its own work. He also said that the BJP's structure has become strong and now it runs on its own. Nadra made this statement in an interview to a noted daily

newspaper when asked if the presence of the Sangh within the party had changed compared to the Atal Bihari Vajpayee's era.

Whether Nadra should have said all this about the relationship between the Sangh and the BJP or not, but somewhere there are signs that some ideological differences arose between the Sangh and some BJP leaders during the Lok Sabha elections. However, I cannot say anything concretely about this, whether the BJP ignored the suggestions given by the Sangh regarding the selection of some candidates for the elections in Uttar Pradesh after the party's defeat there. The Sangh and the BJP have been working together for a long time in many elections.

Yes, it is true that a lot of leaders from other parties have joined the BJP. They may not have a lot of allegiance to the Sangh's thinking. But no one can

deny that the BJP still needs the support of the Sangh. The BJP must follow Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's ideology. He was far from ego. He was a serious philosopher and deep thinker, as well as a dedicated organizer and leader who established the highest level of personal integrity and dignity in public life.

I worked with him in Bihar in the 1960 to 1968, till his last days. I was a teenager then though politically very active and aware. There was no trace of arrogance in his personality. BJP leaders must always follow his ideas and lifestyle.

Mohan Bhagwat speaks plainly. He has also expressed his opinion on the unrest in Manipur. "Manipur has been seeking peace for a year. This should be discussed as a priority. The state had been peaceful for the past 10 years. It seemed that

the old 'gun culture' had ended. The fire ignited or instigated by the sudden tension there, is still burning. Who will pay attention to this? It is our duty to prioritize and pay attention to it," he said.

Undeniably, Manipur has been burning for almost a year. Violence and massacres continue there. The situation hasn't come under control. Just when it seems that peace is about to be restored in Manipur, bad news comes from there. The situation in Manipur has troubled the entire country. Obviously, the whole country connects with Mohan Bhagwat's opinion on Manipur. Now the country's desire is that peace be restored in Manipur and the warmth that existed in the relationship between the Sangh and the BJP should return.

(The author is a senior editor, columnist and former Rajya Sabha MP).

India's steel production shot up by over 35 million tonnes in last 4 years: Centre

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) India's crude steel production has shot up by over 35 million tonnes in the last four years from 109.14 million tonnes in 2019-20 to 144.30 million tonnes in 2023-24, the government informed the Parliament on Friday.

India became the world's second-largest steel producer in 2018 surpassing Japan and has succeeded in maintaining this rank since then, Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma told the Rajya Sabha.

He said the Government as a facilitator has taken several measures to create a conducive policy environment for improving production and consumption of steel in the country. These include the implementation of the Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy to promote 'Made in India' steel for Government procurement.

The Government has also launched a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme to promote the manufacturing of Specialty Steel within the country and reduce



imports by attracting capital investments. The anticipated additional investment under PLI Scheme for Specialty Steel is Rs 29,500 crore. This is expected to create an additional capacity of around 25 million tonnes (MT) for speciality steel.

The minister further stated that to make Indian steel become globally competitive, the government has reduced basic customs duty on ferro nickel, a raw material used for steel, from 2.5 per cent to zero, making it duty-free, while duty exemption on ferrous scrap has been extended up to March 31, 2026, in the Budget for 2024-25.

Besides, the 'Make in India' initiative and PM Gati-shakti National Master Plan are helping enhance steel usage through further engagement with potential users, including the Railways, Defence, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Agriculture and Rural sectors.

The Government has also been coordinating with Ministries and States, besides other countries, to facilitate the availability of raw material for steel making on more favourable terms, the minister said.

The notification of the steel scrap recycling policy to enhance the availability of domestically generated scrap has also helped to increase production, he added.

India's aircraft MRO industry to double from \$2 bn to \$4 bn in next 7 years: Minister

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) The recent order by domestic airlines for over 1,100 aircraft is expected to double the size of India's MRO aviation business from \$2 billion to \$4 billion over the next seven years, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Rammohan Naidu informed Lok Sabha.

The minister said that the government was not only focussing on the needs of Indian airlines but also aiming to attract international carriers to use the country's MRO (maintenance repair and overhaul services), including in strategic locations like Thiruvananthapuram.

The government has recently announced the unification of GST slabs for MRO components and services, which will facilitate the integration of domestic MROs with



global value chains, he observed.

He emphasised the government's commitment to creating a robust environment for both domestic and international airlines to access

world-class MRO facilities in India. The minister said India's geographical advantage allows the country to offer MRO facilities to numerous international airlines, which would make the country a competitive global player.

Naidu underlined key initiatives taken by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to strengthen the MRO sector.

The minister addressed concerns about the MRO industry's integration into global value chains, affirming that efforts were underway to harmonise Indian MRO facilities with international standards.

The minister also highlighted the potential of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to drive growth.

India's domestic air passenger traffic grows 8.6 pc in July, international traffic up 16.7 pc



in FY2025, ICRA said its outlook on the Indian aviation industry is stable.

"The momentum in air passenger traffic witnessed in FY2024 is expected to continue into FY2025, though further expansion in yields from the current levels may be limited," the rating agency noted. The capacity deployment for July was higher by 5.2 per cent over July 2023 (91,632 departures in July 2024 against 87,086

departures in July 2023). Further, the number of departures in July 2024 were higher by 0.2 per cent on a sequential basis. The month of April recorded the highest single-day traffic of 470,751, surpassing the previous historic highs. For July 2024, the average daily departures were 2,956, higher than the average daily departures of 2,809 in July 2023, the report mentioned.

According to the report, the pace of recovery in industry earnings is likely to be gradual owing to the high fixed-cost nature of the business.

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) Domestic air passenger traffic in India witnessed a growth of 8.6 per cent (year-on-year) at 131.4 lakh in the month of July, compared to 121 lakh in the same month last year, a report showed on Friday.

Moreover, the domestic air traffic was higher by 10 per cent than pre-Covid levels of 119.1 lakh in July 2019, according to the report by credit rating agency ICRA.

From April to July (four-month period), domestic air passenger traffic was 533.4 lakh, reflecting a YoY growth of 5.2 per cent against the same period last year (506.9

lakh), and 13.2 per cent higher than the pre-Covid level of 471.1 lakh in the same four month period in FY20.

In the first quarter of the current fiscal, the international passenger traffic for Indian carriers stood at 80.5 lakh with a YoY growth of 16.7 per cent, against 68.9 lakh (April-July period in FY24) and higher than the pre-Covid levels of 54.1 lakh by 48.7 per cent.

The continued recovery in domestic and international air passenger traffic, with a relatively stable cost environment and expectations of the trend continuing

Innovative leadless pacemaker set to revolutionize cardiac care

Asansol, August 9: The medical landscape is witnessing a major breakthrough with the launch of the world's smallest leadless pacemaker, a game-changer in cardiac care. This new technology, comparable in size to a vitamin capsule, is implanted via a vein in the leg, eliminating the need for the traditional chest incision and associated risks such as infection and lead complications. Patients benefit from a significantly less invasive procedure, with potential discharge on the same day and reduced hospital stays.

Trent Q1 net profit more than doubles to Rs 393 crore

Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) Fashion major Trent Ltd on Friday reported a 126 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 392.6 crore for the April-June quarter of the current financial year, from Rs 173.48 crore in the same quarter of the previous financial year.

The revenue from operations for the Tata Group company came in at Rs 4,104.4 crore, up 56 per cent from Rs 2,628.37 crore in the same quarter last year, the company said in a regulatory filing.

The company's EBITDA margin rose to 14.91 per cent during the quarter compared to 13.93 per cent in the year-ago period. Noel Tata, Chairman, Trent Limited is upbeat about the company's outlook.

Lenovo announces 'Back to College' Offers

Bangalore, August 9: Prepare for an amazing academic year with Lenovo's exclusive back-to-college offers, valid until August 18, 2024, on their latest laptops and desktops. Whether you need a reliable device to complete your assignments, powerful performance for creative projects, or top-notch tech to shine in your college life - there's a device for every need. Discover top devices and take advantage of incredible discounts on the best technology solutions at unbeatable prices.

Lenovo also offers exclusive bundle deals, including Legion accessories worth INR 23,999 available at INR 7,999, and select models of JBL Clip 4 ECO speakers at special prices starting from INR 999.

TRAI releases consultation paper on audit-related provisions of telecom regulations

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) In a bid to create a fair and equitable environment for all stakeholders, the government on Friday introduced the consultation paper on audit-related provisions of telecommunication regulations.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issued the paper on 'Audit related provisions of Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2017 and the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual'.

According to the telecom regulatory body, Interconnection Regulation establish a trust-based system through third-party auditors to balance the diverse interests of various service providers, including broadcasters and distributors, while keeping the consumers at the forefront.

"Independent Audit is one of the core principles of Interconnection

Regulations. In this regard, some stakeholders have opined that certain amendments are required in the audit related provisions in the Interconnection Regulation 2017," said the TRAI.

Among the broad issues dealt in the consultation paper are amendments required in audit-related provisions in 'Interconnection Regulation 2017' (as amended); amendments to audit manual and enabling provisions for infrastructure sharing in 'Interconnection Regulation 2017 and Audit Manual'. The TRAI said that comments on the consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by September 9 and counter comments, if any, may be submitted by September 20.

In June, TRAI released recommendations on inputs for the formulation of 'National Broadcasting Policy-2024' to establish a robust broadcasting ecosystem. The policy aims to target a broad roadmap for 10 years with a special focus on the next 5 years.

India to surpass China to become world's largest 2-wheeler market in 2024

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) India is projected to surpass China this year to become the world's largest two-wheeler (2W) market, a report said on Friday. The robust economic growth, consumer preference for 2Ws for short-distance commutes, and increasing 2W demand in the shared mobility space will help India overtake China, according to Counterpoint Research.

The electric E2W market is growing at a rapid clip, with 2024 sales penetration expected to be 1.5 times that of four-wheeler passenger EVs.

The two-wheeler sales grew by less than 1 per cent YoY in 2023. Going forward, it is the electric two-wheeler (E2W) segment of the market that will see more growth, with over a quarter of 2Ws sold in 2024 expected to be battery-powered.

Senior analyst Soumen Mandal said that the 2W market is



heading towards maturity, but the adoption of electrification is expected to rise significantly, particularly after 2025. "Especially, Southeast Asian countries and India will witness mainstream adoption of E2Ws with a faster transition to EVs in these markets," he mentioned.

Among the top 10, three E2W brands are from India -- Ola

Electric, TVS Motor and Ather Energy reflecting India's emerging presence in the E2W market. Ola and Ather are also greenfield "EV-first" 2W companies challenging the incumbents such as TVS, Hero and Bajaj.

"In the premium 2W segment, we are seeing the entry of newer players such as Ultraviolet,

Revolt Motors, Energica Motor, Damon and ARC Vehicle to compete with Harley Davidson, Enfield, Yamaha and others," said the report.

The electric E2W share in global 2W sales will reach 44 per cent by 2030, while cumulative E2W sales will exceed 150 million units between 2024 and 2030, driving global scale for the emerging E2W value chain.

Research Vice President Neil Shah said that similar to the four-wheeler market, they are seeing the 2W market transforming to embrace connectivity, especially against the backdrop of increasing electrification.

"Electrification entails ubiquitous wide area network connectivity, like 4G now or 5G RedCap in the future, along with related software and services," said Shah. The overall semiconductor consumption by 2Ws will also increase to 15 per cent by 2030.

Mutual funds have earned trust of Indian investors amid robust regulations: SEBI

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) As the financial landscape in India witnesses a significant shift, the mutual fund ecosystem has played a crucial role in this transformation, stepping up remarkably to earn the trust of Indian investors, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said on Friday.

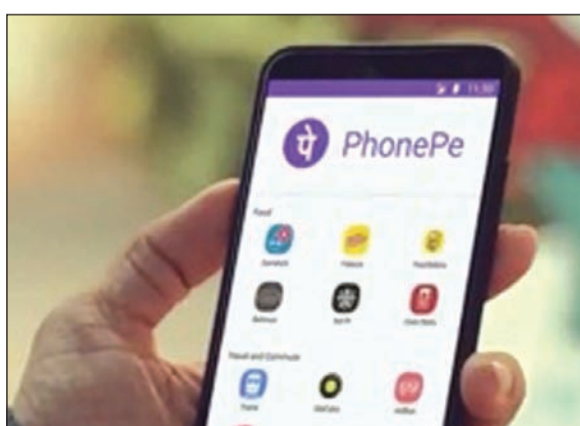
Addressing industry chamber Assocham's '16th Mutual Fund Summit' in the national capital, Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan, Whole-Time Member, SEBI said that more and more individuals are channelling their savings towards risk capital formation. This is evident from the impressive growth in unique mutual fund investors, reflecting a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 18 per cent.

"Over the past three years, key benchmarks, including the Sensex, have delivered a commendable compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 14 per cent, with an annualised realised volatility of just 14.3 per cent. Compared to global markets, this performance stands out for its higher returns and lower volatility," Gopalakrishnan told the gathering.

"By ensuring that funds are passed on the day of settlement, we are reinforcing our role in market development and regulatory advancement", he added.

According to Sundararaman Ramamurthy, Managing Director and CEO of BSE, the primary regulatory change that has occurred in the past year is the democratisation of access to information.

PhonePe launches pre-approved term life insurance



New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) PhonePe on Friday announced the launch of a 'pre-approved term life insurance' feature on its platform.

The feature aims to make insurance coverage more accessible and affordable for millions of Indians by waiving the requirement for proof of income at the time of policy purchase.

With this launch,

supports insurance providers to now serve more users, specifically over 30 million individuals, who previously could not avail of term insurance due to the lack of income proof.

Millions of PhonePe users including merchants, self-employed individuals, gig workers, and many more user groups who don't have formal proof of salary or income, can now avail of term insurance products seamlessly on the PhonePe platform. In fact, the company is focused on scaling up this offer tremendously and expanding its reach to make it accessible to up to 50 million users by later this year.

"We are excited to announce the launch of the 'pre-approved sum assured (PASA)' feature on our platform.

Symbiosis MBA admissions are now open via SNAP Test 2024

New Delhi, August 9: The registration process for the Symbiosis MBA programmes through the Symbiosis National Aptitude Test (SNAP) 2024 has officially begun. This highly esteemed entrance examination in India opened its application window on August 5, 2024. Applicants are encouraged to visit the official SNAP website for comprehensive details on the registration process, eligibility criteria, and other essential information. Please note that test city and test date allocations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. The SNAP Computer-Based Test (CBT) for 2024 is scheduled across three distinct dates: December 8, 2024 (Sunday), December 15, 2024 (Sunday), and December 21, 2024 (Saturday). The highly anticipated announcement of SNAP 2024 examination results will occur on January 8, 2025 (Wednesday).

The upcoming test offers aspiring candidates the opportunity to apply to 27 programmes across 17 institutes under Symbiosis International (Deemed University) with a single application form.

The test will be conducted in 80 cities across India, and candidates can attempt it up to three times. The highest score from these attempts will be considered, following a "best of three" approach. The registration fee for each attempt is INR 2250, with an additional fee of INR 1000 per programme applied for.

MTBD inaugurates five new state-of-the-art dealerships

Purnea / Chappara, August 9: Mahindra's Truck and Bus Division (MTBD) has reinforced its presence in the Indian commercial vehicle market by inaugurating five new state-of-the-art dealerships in July. The new facilities, located in Jhansi, Ghaziabad, Raipur, Bharuch, and Kadapa, span four states and add 37 service bays capable of servicing over 75 vehicles daily. The dealerships also offer amenities like driver lodging, 24-hour breakdown assistance, and AdBlue availability.

Jalaj Gupta, Business Head of Commercial Vehicles at Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., emphasized the strategic importance of these new dealerships, stating, "The expansion will enhance our network's reach and provide better servicing options to our customers, ensuring more uptime for their fleets. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and are committed to delivering innovative and efficient transportation solutions."

MTBD's new dealerships also support the recently launched mileage guarantee program, "Zyada Mileage Nahintoh Truck Wapas," which underscores Mahindra's commitment to superior technology and customer satisfaction. The Mahindra BLAZO X, FURIO, OPTIMO, and JAYO trucks, known for their double service guarantees and best-in-class fuel efficiency, are expected to further strengthen Mahindra's position in the competitive CV market.

Most women keen to use GenAI for career growth, just a third trained to use

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) A significant majority of women find it crucial to use Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) to boost their careers, yet only one-third are prepared by employers to use the technology, said a report on Thursday.

The report by the IT industry's apex body Nasscom was launched on the sidelines of the Nasscom Global Inclusion Summit at Bengaluru.

The findings point out that women view Gen AI tools as a significant boost to their perceived competence. About 45 per cent of the surveyed

women in tech roles experienced higher confidence compared to their non-tech peers.

In addition, the report outlined that Gen AI adoption is driven by efficiency and innovation, acknowledging its transformative potential.

About 95 per cent of junior, 96 per cent of mid-management, and 100 per cent of senior management women are ready to invest more time to achieve professional success in GenAI. And 1 in 5 women was also found to use GenAI tools almost daily with nearly 35 per cent of senior management women



reporting daily usage.

While GenAI can act as an equaliser for women in tech, only 35 per cent of surveyed women respondents felt completely prepared by their employers.

Further, challenges for the lower adoption and usage of GenAI tools among women include limited knowledge, lack of trust, restricted access to these tools, and fear of competence scrutiny. From entry-level roles to the C-suite, women consistently point to knowledge gaps as the primary challenge in adopting Gen AI, the report said.

Despite significant progress in diversity and AI/Gen AI adoption, Sangeeta Gupta, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Nasscom, voiced out the substantial gaps that continue to limit women's full potential in the tech industry.

She noted that "Gen AI is set to dominate the tech industry, it is critical to address key challenges, to empower women in these roles".

Sreysha George, Managing Director and Partner, at Boston Consulting Group added that while "globally, senior women lead in

GenAI adoption, India lags with a 64 per cent gender disparity in AI leadership".

She stated that to "capture the \$320 billion AI market, India's tech sector needs diversity".

"This will ensure effective systems by eliminating biases and incorporating varying ethical perspectives," George said

To bridge the gender gap, the report called out organisations to play a pivotal role in driving GenAI adoption by creating environments that support and encourage these technologies.

How your gut health can determine skin health

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) There is a direct connection between the health of your gut and the way your skin appears, said experts on Tuesday.

With increasing skin and gut problems, the experts highlighted the importance of diet and lifestyle. Gut health is important for skin health because of the gut-skin axis. Imbalances in the gut microbiota can cause inflammation, which can appear on the skin as conditions like acne, eczema, or rosacea.

Maintaining a healthy gut helps regulate immune responses, which may reduce skin inflammation and improve overall skin condition. A balanced gut microbiome ensures proper digestion and nutrient absorption, supporting the skin's natural barrier function. Proper gut health can thus lead to improved skin health and appearance.

Dermatitis herpetiformis, associated with celiac disease (gluten sensitivity), is one example where gut health directly impacts the skin. Increased inflammation from an unhealthy gut can worsen skin problems, including psoriasis, rosacea, acne, and eczema.

"Gut health plays a crucial role in skin health due to the gut-skin axis. Imbalances in gut microbiota can lead to inflammation, which may manifest as skin issues. Maintaining a healthy gut helps regulate immune responses, potentially reducing skin inflammation and improving overall skin condition," Dr. Prasad Bhate, HOD & Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology at Manipal Hospital, Pune, told IANS.



Diet plays a vital role in maintaining both gut and skin health. "Foods rich in fibre, probiotics, and antioxidants, such as yoghurt, kefir, leafy greens, berries, nuts, and fatty fish, support both gut and skin health. These foods help maintain a balanced gut microbiome and provide essential nutrients that promote skin hydration and repair," he further added.

Many gastrointestinal conditions, including inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), are connected to skin manifestations. Skin issues such as acne, rosacea, and psoriasis are linked to gut health. These conditions often correlate with gut dysbiosis, an imbalance in gut bacteria that can trigger systemic inflammation and immune responses, worsening skin problems.

The relationship between gut and skin health underscores the importance of maintaining a balanced gut microbiome to prevent or alleviate these skin conditions. By addressing gut health, it is possible to reduce inflammation and immune-related skin issues, highlighting the interconnectedness of the body's systems.

"Many gastrointestinal conditions, such as inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), are

associated with skin manifestations. Skin conditions linked to gut health include acne, rosacea, and psoriasis. These conditions often correlate with gut dysbiosis, where an imbalance in gut bacteria can trigger systemic inflammation and immune responses, exacerbating skin issues," Dr Naresh Jain, Senior Consultant - Dermatology at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram, told IANS.

While medications can assist in managing skin problems, addressing underlying gut health is crucial for long-term improvement.

"Yes, medications like antibiotics, probiotics, and anti-inflammatory drugs can help manage skin problems by addressing underlying gut health issues. However, they should be used under medical supervision, as improper use can disrupt gut microbiota balance and potentially worsen skin conditions," advises Dr. Jain.

Maintaining gut health involves eating a variety of fibre-rich foods, reducing ultra-processed food intake, and staying hydrated. These steps can help maintain a healthy gut microbiome, which in turn, supports healthier skin.

Tech-driven lifestyle fuelling personality disorders in girls in India

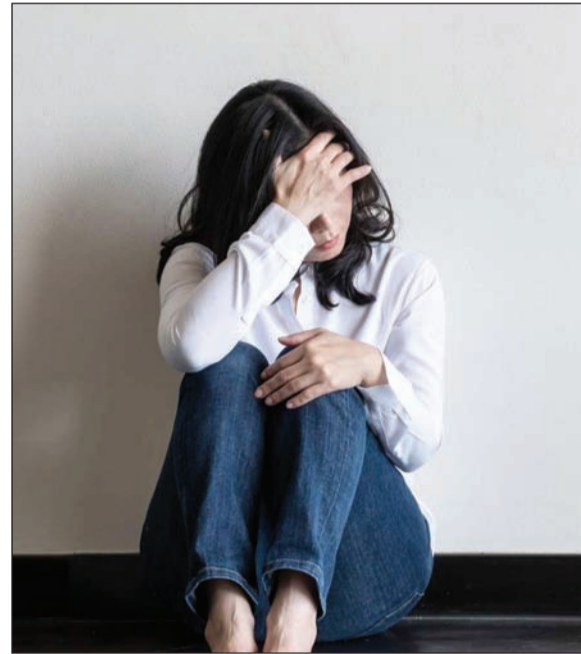
Faridabad, Aug 9 (IANS) Increased use of social media and digital interactions are affecting the mental health of more young girls in India than boys, according to an expert.

Late childhood and adolescence are the age groups when personality starts developing and gradually solidifying before getting further established in the early 20s.

Dr.Rakesh K Chadda, HoD, Psychiatry, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad said advances in technology are making adolescents and young adults aged between 15-25, vulnerable to developing mental health challenges.

He blamed it on "the rise of information technology, particularly the increased use of social media and digital interactions" for the negative impact on health, especially mental well-being.

It is because the overuse of technology has



diminished physical activity and exercise in daily routines, disrupted regular sleep patterns in both timing and duration, encouraged instant messaging without time for reflection, and reduced face-to-face, in-person interactions, the psychiatrist explained.

"Emotionally unstable personality disorder (EUPD), also known as a Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), has significantly increased among youth over the last one to two decades, with rates more than twice in females compared to males," Dr.Chadda said.

The expert noted that if left untreated, it can severely impact social and occupational functioning, leading to co-occurring mental health issues like depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and an increased risk of suicide.

"Substance abuse has notably increased among individuals aged 15-25, particularly with alcohol and illicit drugs. Depression is more prevalent in females within this age group, while substance abuse is more common among males.

"Additionally, self-harm and anxiety disorders are seen more frequently in girls, implicating a gender disparity in mental health issues," Dr Chadda said.

A recent study, published in the April issue of the Indian Journal of Psychiatry, revealed a 22 per cent prevalence of BPD among college students.

In comparison, a 2019 study estimated the prevalence at 15 per cent,

and a 2016 meta-analysis of 43 global studies had placed it at 9 per cent.

This data suggests a noticeable increase in BPD prevalence in India.

Additionally, clinical settings have reported a rising number of BPD cases over the past decade, a stark contrast to the numbers observed 20-30 years ago.

In addition, the risks of cybercrimes such as bullying, financial fraud, and exposure to inappropriate content are all growing concerns, particularly for adolescent girls and youth, the expert noted.

Cyberbullying can worsen mental health problems and contribute to low mood, social withdrawal, self-harm tendencies, and substance use, thereby adding to the overall disease burden.

The expert emphasised healthy lifestyle interventions and urged parents, teachers, and policymakers to sensitise the youth.

IT jobs set to surge by 8.5 pc in 2025, GCCs the driver

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) Driven by a surge in hiring by Global Capability Centres (GCCs), jobs in the IT sector are projected to grow 8.5 per cent by 2025, according to a report on Thursday.

After experiencing a slowdown late last year and early this year, the demand for skilled IT talent is now on the rise, making it crucial for businesses to strategize their hiring plans for the upcoming year, according to the report by Indeed, a global hiring platform.

Companies are actively hiring for roles such as application developer, software engineer, full-stack developer, senior software engineer, and PHP developer. There is also a growing demand for .NET developers, software



architects, DevOps engineers, data engineers, and front-end developers.

"The IT sector consistently stands as a powerhouse, and recently there was a lull in hiring owing to recessions and companies exercising

caution but now there will be an uptick in hiring, with Global Capability Centers (GCCs) being significant contributors to this uptick," said Sashi Kumar, Head of Sales at Indeed.

Nearly 70 per cent of all tech jobs are currently

software roles. The dominance of software positions is driven by several interconnected factors. As businesses increasingly rely on software for operational efficiency and innovation, the demand for developers

to create and maintain essential systems has grown significantly.

Additionally, rapid advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and Blockchain technologies have amplified the need for specialised software development, keeping companies competitive, the report mentioned.

The thriving tech startup ecosystem also plays a vital role, as new ventures prioritise hiring developers to build and scale their products. Moreover, the ongoing need for updates, security patches, and new features in existing software ensures a steady demand for professionals who can keep pace with evolving user needs and technological advancements, the findings showed.

Public awareness, Govt action needed to curb unhealthy foods, halt rising NCDs

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) Public awareness coupled with government action is needed to curb unhealthy food practices which will then help fight the rising non-communicable diseases like obesity, diabetes, and hypertension, according to experts on Tuesday.

India has been witnessing a significant rise in obesity, diabetes, and hypertension which have been driving various health problems majorly heart diseases, stroke, and cancers.

A recent study, published in the journal Nature Medicine, showed that westernisation of diet characterised by increased consumption of processed foods, refined carbohydrates, and unhealthy fats has contributed to the global rise in gut microbial vulnerability, chronic inflammation, and chronic

diseases, affecting mainly the cardiovascular system, systemic metabolism, and the gut.

"Changing dietary patterns and eating more industrial food products is responsible for increasing obesity and diabetes and 56 per cent deaths in India," Arun Gupta, a paediatrician, and NAPI convener, told IANS.

He blamed it on the "seductive and misleading advertising" and called for "necessary stringent regulation to control the food industry which comes at the expense of a sicker population".

Meanwhile, the study by researchers from the Medical University of Innsbruck in Austria discussed the links between diet and disease in the context of obesity and type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, gut and liver diseases, and solid malignancies.



They also argued that "healthcare professionals and societies must react

today to the detrimental effects of the Western diet to bring about sustainable

change and improved outcomes in the future".

Kochi-based gastroenterologist, told IANS that the term

"Western diet" may be misleading and stigmatising, instead, he urged "it needs to be replaced by more precise, neutral terms such as 'convenience diet', 'industrialised diet' or 'urban diet'".

"Thus, it is not a question of the Western diet, but rather dietary indiscretion. It is driven by peer influence, advertising, availability, affordability, and convenience," he said.

"Essentially, it refers to an increased amount of ultra-processed foods, high-calorie beverages, and fatty snacks that are high in sugar and salt being consumed instead of a balanced diet consisting of healthy fruit and vegetable servings, whole grains, eggs, legumes, fish, and lean meat," he explained.

The doctor stated that excessive consumption of

ultra-processed foods, unhealthy fats, and high salt and sugar in the setting of a sedentary lifestyle is a well-known recipe for chronic illnesses.

He called for educating children "about healthy eating patterns, informing of the outcomes of poor dietary choices".

"While the additional effects of alcohol and tobacco are already known, what needs to be studied more are the effects of pesticides, plastics, reheated oil, various pollutants, food colouring agents, and preservatives," Jayadevan said.

Gupta also suggested that the government "bring a Bill for 'warning on the front of the pack' and 'restriction of marketing and advertising' exposure of people and move to halt rising obesity and diabetes".

Student leaders rewarded with key ministries in Bangladesh interim government



Dhaka, Aug 9 (IANS) Nahid Islam, one of the main coordinators of the anti-quota protests that eventually led to the resignation of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday, was on Friday given a key role in the newly-formed interim government in the country.

Nahid will take care of the telecommunications, information technology and posts ministry in

the government being led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus.

Asif Mahmud, another key figure in the 'students against discrimination' movement, will look after the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the government announced on Friday.

An interim government in Bangladesh was sworn in on Thursday night, with Yunus serving as its Chief Advisor.

Yunus has so far kept several key ministries with himself, including defence, education, railways, agriculture, commerce, etc. A student activist, Nahid also emerged as a key figure in the formation of the interim government in the country.

He not only held several rounds of discussions with Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Army chief General Waker-Uz-

Ready to work with interim Govt in Bangladesh, says China

Dhaka, Aug 9 (IANS) Citing that friendship between China and Bangladesh runs "long and deep", Beijing said on Friday that it "stands ready" to work with the newly-formed interim government in Bangladesh to promote bilateral relations between the two countries.

"China has noted that Bangladesh has formed an interim government and welcomes it. China strictly follows the principle of non-interference in other countries' internal affairs. We respect Bangladesh's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity and the development path independently chosen by the Bangladeshi people," said a Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson. The former PM paid an official visit to China last month (July 8-10) at the invitation of Chinese Premier Li Qiang.

"We stand firmly by our policy of good neighbourliness and friendship with all the people of Bangladesh. The friendship between China and Bangladesh runs long and deep. China values its relations with Bangladesh, and stands ready to work with Bangladesh to promote bilateral exchanges and cooperation in various areas, and further advance our comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership," the Chinese spokesperson added.

Zaman after Hasina's departure from Dhaka but also played a major role in convincing Yunus to join the interim set up.

He had assured that the interim national government will have fair representation from the student community and members of the civil society.

As Yunus arrived in Dhaka on

Thursday afternoon, he was welcomed at the airport by Army Chief Zaman and student leaders, including Nahid Islam. The interim government comprises 17 members, who come from varied backgrounds ranging from human rights activists to former central bank governor and an election commissioner.

Japan marks 79th anniversary of atomic bombing of Nagasaki



Tokyo, Aug 9 (IANS) Japan marked the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombing of its western city of Nagasaki on Friday, with the city mayor calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Nagasaki Mayor Shiro Suzuki delivered a peace declaration during the annual event, Xinhua news agency reported.

A moment of silence was held at 11.02 a.m. local time, as this was the time when a US B-29 bomber dropped a plutonium-core atomic bomb, nicknamed Fat Man, on August 9, 1945, killing around 74,000 people in Nagasaki by the end of that year.

The port city remains the last place in the world to have suffered an atomic bomb attack.

"We also call for your dialogue and diplomatic efforts to explore a path toward peaceful solutions, no matter how difficult the path is, instead of choosing a path toward arms expansion or threats of force," Suzuki added.

President Murmu urges diaspora in New Zealand to become part of 'India story'

Auckland, Aug 9 (IANS) Inviting them to be part of the 'India Story' during the AmritKaal, President DroupadiMurmu on Friday lauded the Indian community in New Zealand for its role in strengthening the partnership between the two countries.

"Our relations with New Zealand are quite deep and multifaceted. The Indian community has played an important role in its development and prosperity. The dedication, hard work and creative spirit of the Indian community in New Zealand is admirable. These are the values that have guided us for generations, and will continue to inspire us in the future," said President Murmu while interacting with members of the Indian community in Auckland on Friday.

The President, who arrived in



New Zealand from Fiji on Wednesday, is currently on the second leg of her visit to the Pacific region. Her visit assumes

significance as it is the second Presidential visit to New Zealand in eight years.

Addressing the diaspora,

President Murmu also announced that India will soon be opening a Consulate in Auckland.

"We see our diaspora Indian community across the world as important partners in our journey to build the India of our dreams," she said.

"I would like to commend the New Zealand Government and the people of this great country who have warmly embraced the Indian community. Your inclusive and welcoming spirit has enabled our community to flourish and prosper," the President added.

On Thursday, President Murmu held discussions on various issues, ranging from deepening cultural ties to commitment for regional and global security, with New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, the country's Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro and the Deputy PM and Foreign Minister Winston Peters.

Israel says it agrees to resume ceasefire talks



Jerusalem, Aug 9 (IANS) Israel replied to Qatar, Egyptian and US mediators early Friday, saying that it will send a delegation to resume talks on a Gaza ceasefire deal on August 15.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement that the negotiation team will be dispatched "to finalise the details for implementing the framework agreement", Xinhua news agency reported.

The announcement was made after mediators of the three countries released a joint statement, calling on Israel and Hamas to restart the talks on August 15 to close all remaining gaps in the proposed deal and begin implementing it without further delay.

Cairo, Doha, and Washington mediated a week-long truce between Israel and Hamas that ended in late November 2023, which included a swap between Palestinian prisoners and Israeli hostages and more humanitarian aid delivery to Gaza. Yet, later mediation efforts to reach a ceasefire agreement have not been fruitful.

Over the past 10 months, the ongoing conflict in the Gaza Strip has killed 39,699 Palestinians so far and injured 91,722 others, according to an update released by Gaza's health authorities on Thursday.

Under massive attack in Bangladesh, minorities say their lives are in 'disastrous state'

Dhaka, Aug 9 (IANS) As many as 205 incidents of persecution of members of minority communities have been reported across 52 districts in Bangladesh since former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation on August 5, Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian OikyaParishad said on Friday.

The incidents, which are expected to be far more in numbers than being reported, come as a massive challenge for the interim government in the country which was sworn-in on Thursday under the leadership of Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus who won the Nobel Peace prize.

"We seek protection because our lives are in a disastrous state. We are staying up at night guarding our homes and religious places. I have never seen such incidents in my life. We demand that the government restore communal harmony in the country," Nirmal Rosario, the president of the unity council, was quoted as saying by 'The Daily Star'. The Bangladeshi newspaper detailed that an 'open letter' has been sent to Yunus, the contents of which were made public in Dhaka on Friday as the OikyaParishad expressed "profound sorrow and concern" over a particular group's "unprecedented

Under massive attack in Bangladesh, minorities say their lives are in 'disastrous state'

violence" against minorities.

The letter was signed by the OikyaParishad's General Secretary Rana Dasgupta and Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad President Basudev Dhar who demanded an "immediate end" to the ongoing situation.

It mentioned that the ongoing communal violence, that began immediately after Sheikh Hasina's departure from Dhaka, has caused "widespread fear, anxiety, and uncertainty" among minorities in Bangladesh.

"According to organisational details and media reports, thousands of Hindu families have become destitute and many temples have been attacked and burned. Numerous women have faced assaults, and there have been murders in several places. Other minorities have also suffered during this period," the newspaper reported.

The Daily Star report also revealed that the interim government is facing criticism from several quarters for exclusion of religious texts other than the Quran during its swearing-in ceremony on Thursday. "The exclusion of readings from other religious texts contradicts our Constitution, the spirit of the Liberation War, and anti-discrimination values.

Ukraine downs 27 Russia-launched drones

Kyiv, Aug 9 (IANS) The Ukrainian forces shot down all 27 combat drones launched by Russia in an overnight attack on the country.

According to Ukrainian Air Force, Shahed-136 and Shahed-131 drones were intercepted over seven regions in northern, central, southern and eastern Ukraine overnight, Xinhua news agency reported.

The air defence system was operating in the Kyiv region, but there were no casualties or damage in the area.

Two drones were destroyed over the central Dnipropetrovsk region and caused damage to infrastructure, said regional governor Sergii Lysak.

Bulgaria's president appoints new caretaker PM



Sofia, Aug 9 (IANS) Bulgaria's President Rumen Radev on Friday nominated GoritsaGrancharova - Kozhareva as new caretaker prime minister, tasking her with proposing a caretaker government.

The constitution does not specify a deadline for the caretaker prime minister to present the cabinet lineup, but the president has requested this to be done by August

19, Xinhua news agency reported.

Given the situation that has arisen and the consultations with political parties on Thursday, the most appropriate date for the new early parliamentary elections was October 20, Radev said. "In this regard, you should propose the composition and structure of the caretaker government no later than August 19, so that we can fit into the legal requirements," Radev told Kozhareva.

Kozhareva's cabinet will replace the current caretaker government led by DimitarGlavchev, who was appointed on April 9 after the resignation of Prime Minister Nikolai Denkov on March 5. The parliament had failed to produce a regular cabinet after the snap elections on June 9.

Glavchev, who previously served as president of the Bulgarian National Audit Office (BNAO), was selected from a limited pool of eligible candidates defined by constitutional amendments passed in December 2023.

These amendments stipulate that the caretaker prime minister must be chosen from among the speaker of the National Assembly, the governor or deputy governor of the Bulgarian National Bank, the president or vice-president of the BNAO, or the Ombudsman or a deputy Ombudsman.

Radev said that over the past months, tensions have escalated due to suspicions of political use of Glavchev's government. "I have always believed that caretaker governments are meant to calm the tense political situation," Radev said. "Dear Kozhareva, in this situation, you are the only possible option," Radev said during the appointment.

Kozhareva, holding a master's degree in accounting and control from the DA Tsenov Academy of Economics in Svishtov, has extensive experience in banking and finance. She had held various high-ranking positions within the BNAO before being elected deputy head in 2015.

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

विशेष सूचना

एतत् द्वारा सरायकेला-खरसावाँ जिला के सभी निवासियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि, फाईलेरिया उन्मुलन हेतु **MDA-IDA** अभियान दिनांक 10.08.2024 से 25.08.2024 तक के तहत स्वास्थ्य कर्मी दल (सहिया/सेविका) के द्वारा फाईलेरिया रोधी **DEC, Albendazole** एवं **Ivermectin** दवा की एक खुराक मापदण्ड के अनुसार प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को मुफ्त खिलायी जायेगी। दिनांक 10.08.2024 को बूथ में तथा 11.08.2024 से 25.08.2024 तक स्वास्थ्य कर्मी/दवा प्रशासक दल के द्वारा घर-घर दवा की खुराक खिलायी जायेगी।

अपने को फाईलेरिया बिमारी से सुरक्षित रखने साथ ही अपने जिला, राज्य एवं देश को फाईलेरिया मुक्त बनाने में सहयोग करें। फाईलेरिया बिमारी मच्छाड़ों के काटने से होता है और इसका लक्षण बहुत दिनों के बाद दिखाई देता है। फाईलेरिया के लक्षण में हाँथ और पैर की सूजन (हाथी पाँव) एवं अण्डकोष का सूजन (हाईड्रोसिल) है। इस बिमारी से नियंत्रण के लिये भारत सरकार द्वारा **MDA-IDA** अभियान चलाया जा रहा है।

जिला के सभी जनताओं से अपील है कि, फाईलेरिया रोधी दवा की एक खुराक स्वास्थ्य कर्मी दल के उपस्थिती में अवश्य सेवन करें। दवा पूर्ण रूप से सुरक्षित है।

फाईलेरिया मुक्ति अभियान में सभी करें सहयोग।

राष्ट्रीय वैक्टर जनित रोग नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम, झारखण्ड।
जिला मलेरिया नियंत्रण समिति, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ के सौजन्य से।

निवेदक
सिविल सर्जन सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

PR 332328 (Saraikela)24-25'D

झारखण्ड सरकार

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:- **07/2024-25/RWD/EE/JSR** दिनांक :- 08.08.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)		कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
			अंक में	अक्षर में	
1.	RWD/JAMSHEDPUR/14/2024-25	मुसाबनी डुमरिया पथ से बिजुलडुवा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं-1.000 कि०मी०)	1,17,94,700.00	एक करोड़ सत्रह लाख चौरानवे हजार सात सौ रूप मात्र	9 माह
2.	RWD/JAMSHEDPUR/15/2024-25	चौली चोक से जीतराम बास्के के घर तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं-1.500 कि०मी०)	1,53,60,900.00	एक करोड़ तिरपन लाख साठ हजार नौ सौ रूप मात्र	12 माह

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 14.08.2024।
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 31.08.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रपंक्ति की राशि jarkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन मोड में स्वीकार की जाएगी।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 02.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर, ब्लॉक-करनडीह, थाना-परसुडीह, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड, पिन-831002।
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०- 0657-2298902।
8. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jarkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

PR 332317 Road(24-25)#D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,

ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

Email ID- rdsdjamshedpur@gmail.com

अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- 02/2024-25 / 2nd Call

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले) / ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची के अधीन समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से निम्नांकित कार्य के लिए मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु०)	अग्रपंक्ति का मूल्य (रु०)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रु०)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा Call सं०
1	पोटका प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत भाटीन-1 ग्राम में ऑगनबाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का निर्माण।	11,08,200.00	22,500.00	2,500.00	6 माह	2 nd Call

नोट:- (1) ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले) / ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची के अधीन समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

PR 332302 Rural Development(24-25)#D

झारखण्ड सरकार

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:- **06/2024-25/RWD/EE/JSR** दिनांक :- 08.08.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)		कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
			अंक में	अक्षर में	
1.	RWD/JAMSHEDPUR/11/2024-25	चौबनी पंचायत में चौबनी मेन्ना टोला से दुर्गा आटा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं-4.500 कि०मी०)	4,35,57,100.00	चार करोड़ पैंतीस लाख सन्तानन हजार एक सौ रूप मात्र	15 माह
2.	RWD/JAMSHEDPUR/12/2024-25	चलमोडा चोक से धनियावेडा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं-3.800 कि०मी०)	3,80,09,200.00	तीन करोड़ अस्सी लाख नौ हजार दो सौ रूप मात्र	15 माह
5.	RWD/JAMSHEDPUR/13/2024-25	मुसाबनी प्रखण्ड श्वासापुर मध्य विद्यालय से गुरुद्वारा नीचे टोला भागा सी०टी०सी० गेट नं०-2 तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं-2.650 कि०मी०)	2,75,40,600.00	दो करोड़ पचहत्तर लाख चालीस हजार छः सौ रूप मात्र	15 माह

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 14.08.2024।
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 05.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रपंक्ति की राशि jarkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन मोड में स्वीकार की जाएगी।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 06.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर, ब्लॉक-करनडीह, थाना-परसुडीह, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड, पिन-831002।
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०- 0657-2298902।
8. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jarkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

PR 332312 Road(24-25).D

Health

Diabetic patients at higher risk for neuropathic pain, experts warn



Asansole, August 9 : Individuals with diabetes are increasingly at risk of developing neuropathic pain, particularly if their condition is not well-managed, according to recent findings. The damage caused by diabetes to blood vessels restricts oxygen and nutrient delivery to nerves, resulting in nerve harm and subsequent neuropathic pain.

Consistently high blood sugar levels disrupt nerve cells, impairing their function and hindering their ability to repair themselves. Additionally, many diabetic patients are deficient in crucial vitamins, such as vitamin B, which exacerbates neuropathy symptoms. "Diabetic neuropathy primarily affects the peripheral nervous system, which controls sensations and movements in the arms, legs, and other body parts," said Dr. Praveen Kumar Yadav of Aarogyam Neuro Clinic. "High triglycerides in the blood also contribute to nerve damage."

Symptoms of diabetic neuropathy include tingling, cramps, burning sensations, pain, and weakness, often starting in the hands and feet before spreading to the arms. Unhealed foot wounds, weakness, pain in extremities, and changes in digestion are red flags requiring immediate medical attention. Dr. Yadav stated the importance of managing diabetes to reduce neuropathic pain and prevent further nerve damage. He advises patients experiencing pain to seek prompt medical advice.

Kay Kay Menon on shooting in Shantiniketan: 'You could feel the presence of Rabindranath Tagore'

Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) Actor Kay Kay Menon, who is all geared up for the release of his upcoming series 'Shekhar Home', has opened up on how the locations inspire artists, sharing about shooting for the show in Shantiniketan, West Bengal.

'Shekhar Home' is a detective drama set in the early 1990s in the fictional West Bengal town of Lonpur.

Speaking about the location, Menon said, "Each location has its own charm and its own air. So, Shantiniketan was such, that you could feel the presence of Rabindranath Tagore over there. I always go by the rhythm of things. I feel that a place has a rhythm and Shantiniketan has a Tagore rhythm."

Shedding light on how an actor performs irrespective of their surroundings, the 57-year-old actor shared: "I remember, while shooting for 'Shekhar Home' in West Bengal, the temperature was somewhere around 45 degrees Celsius -- scorching heat.

NTR Jr's 'NTRNeel' goes on floors, to release on January 9, 2026

Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) The makers of star NTR Jr's upcoming tentatively titled film "NTRNeel" on Friday announced that the film, which has gone on floors, will hit the big screen on January 9, next year.

The official account of NTR Arts on X, formerly known as Twitter, shared a string of pictures from the muhurat puja, attended by NTR Jr., Prashanth Neel, their families, and producers from NTR Arts and Mythri Movie Makers.

The tweet read: "The moment we all have been waiting for is here #NTRNeel begins with an auspicious Pooja Ceremony. The DUO is all set to create a MONSTROUS HAVOC at the



BOX OFFICE See you all on his land from ????? Man of Masses @ t a r a k 9 9 9 9 # PrashanthNeel @ MythriOfficial

@NTRArtsOfficial". The film marks the first collaboration between NTR Jr. and "KGF" director Prashanth Neel. Produced by the presti-

gious Mythri Movie Makers and NTR Arts, the film is set to be a grand spectacle. There are reports claiming actress Rashmika

Mandanna will be seen as the leading lady in the film. Other details about the films are under wraps. NTR Jr., who was last seen on screen in "RRR"

by S.S. Rajamouli, is gearing up for the release of "Devara: Part 1". The film marks actress Janhvi Kapoor's debut in Telugu films. "Devara: Part 1" also stars Saif Ali Khan and Prakash Raj.

The film is an epic action saga set against coastal lands, which briefs about rip-roaring, emotionally charged incidents in the periodic timeline.

The star will also be seen in the second instalment of the "War" franchise, where he will be seen locking horns with actor Hrithik Roshan.

The film, which marks the actor's Hindi debut, is directed by Ayan Mukerji and also stars Kiara Advani.

Ahead of 'Laapata Ladies' screening for judges, Aamir Khan visits Supreme Court

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) Ahead of the screening of the film 'Laapata Ladies' for judges, Bollywood actor Aamir Khan was seen on Friday witnessing the proceedings in the Chief Justice of India's courtroom at the Supreme Court.

Khan joined the top court when a three-judge bench, headed by CJI DY Chandrachud and comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra was hearing a matter pertaining to promotion of women in armed forces.

CJI Chandrachud welcomed the veteran actor, who was seen sitting in a special visitor gallery in courtroom 1 of the apex court.

Echoing similar sentiments, Attorney General R Venkataramani, the highest law officer of the Centre, appearing virtually, in a lighter vein, submitted that it was a "star-



studded court today".

This evening, the top court, as part of the activities organised during the 75th year of its establishment, will screen the movie 'Laapataa Ladies' in the SC auditorium.

Producer Aamir Khan and his ex-wife Kiran Rao, who has directed the movie, themed on gender equality, will also remain present during the screening.

"As part of the activities organised during the seventy-fifth year of the establishment of the Supreme Court of India,



the movie 'Laapataa Ladies', which is based on the theme of gender equality, will be screened on Friday, 9 August 2024 in the Auditorium, C-Block, Administrative Building Complex," said a notice issued by the apex court late on Thursday.

The officials of the Registry have also been invited for the movie. 'Laapataa Ladies', released on March 1, tells the story of two young newly-wed brides who get exchanged during a train ride to their husband's homes

Suniel Shetty shares video of 'Naga Panchami' puja at his Mangalore home, explains significance of tradition

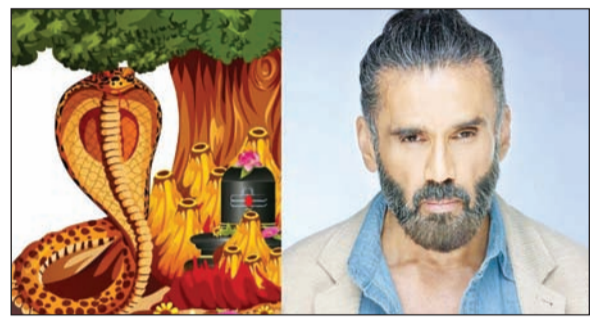
Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) Actor Suniel Shetty on Friday shared a glimpse of 'Naga Panchami' puja at his home in Mulki, Mangalore, Karnataka, saying 'the serpent gods bestow their blessings, guarding our land, our families with ancient wisdom and power'.

Naga Panchami observes worship of snakes, and it is celebrated on the fifth day of bright half of lunar month of Shrawana, according to the Hindu calendar.

Taking to Instagram, Suniel, who has 4.9 million followers on the photo sharing application, shared a Reel video, wherein we get a glimpse of his residence in Mangalore.

The snippet shows a priest doing puja of the 'nag' idols, offering flowers, fruits, and other things.

Suniel captioned it as: "Mangalore. Mulki. Home. Nagapooja at our



Naga Katte. A sacred place where devotion meets the divine. Here, the serpent gods bestow their blessings, guarding our land, our families with ancient wisdom and power."

A fan commented on the post and said: "Love how you showcase the traditions of Mangalore and your heritage".

Another user said: "How rooted u n ur fam is!!"

The 62-year-old actor has acted in over 100 films, in a career spanning over 30 years. He made his debut in Hindi films in 1992 with 'Balwaan', opposite Divya Bharti.

Suniel has then appeared in movies like 'Waqt Hamara Hai', 'Dilwale', 'Anth', 'Mohra', 'Gopi Kishan', 'Krishna', 'Rakshak', 'Border', 'Judge Mujrim', 'Vinashak - Destroyer', 'Bade Dilwala', 'Hera Pheri', 'Refugee', 'Dhadkan', 'Pyaar Ishq Aur Mohabbat', 'Awara Paagal Deewana', 'Jaani Dushman: Ek Anokhi Kahani', 'Qayamat: City Under Threat', 'LOC Kargil', 'Main Hoon Na', 'Hulchul'.

He has also featured in 'Shaadi Se Pehle', 'Phir Hera Pheri', 'Apna Sapna Money Money', 'Mission Istanbul', 'De Dana Dan', and 'No Problem'.

Priyanka Chopra flaunts 'new eye colour' as she preps for 'Citadel' Season 2

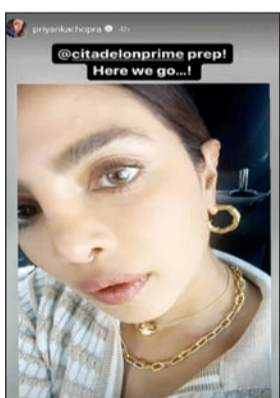
Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) Indian actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas has started prepping for the second season of the spy action thriller "Citadel".

Priyanka took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a video of herself sitting in the backseat of her car and flaunting a honey-hued eye colour.

In the clip, the actress is heard saying: "New eye colour for Citadel, what do you think?"

For the caption, she wrote: "@Citadelonprime prep! Here we go...!"

Created by Josh Appelbaum, Bryan Oh, and David Weil, with the Russo brothers as executive producers, the first season of "Citadel" also stars Richard Madden. It first premiered in 2023 and had the actors as Citadel agents Mason



Kane and Nadia Sinh. The star cast also had Stanley Tucci and Lesley Manville among the main cast.

In 2023, it was renewed for a second season. Joe Russo announced that he will direct all the episodes in the season. Several non-English language adaptations have been announced. The Indian adaptation starring Varun Dhawan and Samantha Ruth Prabhu is titled

"Citadel: Honey Bunny" and will premiere on November 7.

Talking about Priyanka, he was shooting in Australia for the film "The Bluff", a swashbuckler drama directed by Frank E. Flowers. The film also stars Karl Urban, Ismael Cruz Cordova, Safia Oakley-Green and Vedanten Naidoo.

"The Bluff" is set in the Caribbean islands during the 19th century. It features Priyanka as a former pirate who must protect her family when her past catches up with her.

She had recently shared a BTS "of a rainy day from the sets of the film.

The actress had posted a short video from the sets of the film, which shows the drizzling. Priyanka says in the video: "It's a rainy day on 'The Bluff'. But, we don't stop.

Kareena, Twinkle, Rakul, Ayushmann cheer for Neeraj Chopra's silver win at Paris Olympics

Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) Bollywood celebrities Kareena Kapoor Khan, Twinkle Khanna, Rakul Preet Singh, and Ayushmann Khurrana congratulated Neeraj Chopra for winning a silver medal in the men's javelin throw final in the Paris Olympics.

Taking to Instagram Stories, Kareena shared a picture of Neeraj, and wrote: "Champion," followed by a rainbow and star emojis.

Twinkle also took to Instagram and shared an article from her digital media company Tweak India, which is now acquired by the Good Glamm Group. The headline read: "Neeraj Chopra brings home India's first silver at Olympic 2024."

Rakul Preet said: "Woohoo! Neeraj, you've



done it again! Congratulations on securing your second Olympic medal! India beams with pride!" Ayushmann shared a picture of Neeraj holding the Indian flag, and said: "India's shining star... shabaash Neeraj."

Nimrat Kaur wrote: "Champion. Legend. The

pride of India!" Neeraj came into the final and threw the javelin to 89.45 m in the Paris Olympics. Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem broke the Olympic Record with a monster heave of 92.97 metres and won the gold medal. Meanwhile, on the work front, Kareena was

last seen in heist comedy film 'Crew'. The movie featured Tabu and Kriti Sanon alongside Kareena in the lead roles. Diljit Dosanjh and Kapil Sharma played pivotal characters in the Rajesh Krishnan directorial film.

She next has 'Singham Again' in the pipeline.

Rakul last featured in Tamil vigilante action film 'Indian 2', directed by S. Shankar, and is jointly produced by Lyca Productions and Red Giant Movies. The movie is a sequel to the 1996 film 'Indian', and Kamal Haasan reprises his role as Senapathy.

The diva next has 'Meri Patni Ka Remake', and 'De De Pyaar De 2' in the pipeline.

Ayushmann was last seen in the comedy drama 'Dream Girl 2', directed by Raaj Shaandilyaa and produced by Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor under Balaji Motion Pictures.

The movie stars Ananya Panday, Paresh Rawal, Annu Kapoor, Rajpal Yadav, Vijay Raaz, Asrani, Abhishek Banerjee, Manjot Singh and Seema Pahwa.

Ali Fazal poses with Blake Lively, Hugh Jackman for Baz Luhrmann's photoshoot

Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) Actor Ali Fazal on Friday gave a peek into his latest photoshoot, in which he is seen sharing the frame with International stars Blake Lively and Hugh Jackman, shot by Australian director Baz Luhrmann.

The royal photoshoot was for the September issue of Vogue magazine which is directed by Baz. The cover featured Hugh as 'Lombre', and Blake as 'The Cat'.

The photoshoot shows Ali wearing a golden sherwani and standing next to

Hugh, posing for a casino scene.

Ali captioned the post: "Ok let me put it to rest - yes that is me all secretly dressed up royalty crashing Baz Luhrmann's Hitchcockian Whodunnit Casino scene. Hehe. And for the rest of this beautiful ensemble piece--

WHAT CAN I SAY Anything for Baz @bazluhrmann. I was filming a project in LA when i got the call. And i have truly been blessed that this was the 3rd time Anna Wintour who i can never thank enough, has had me

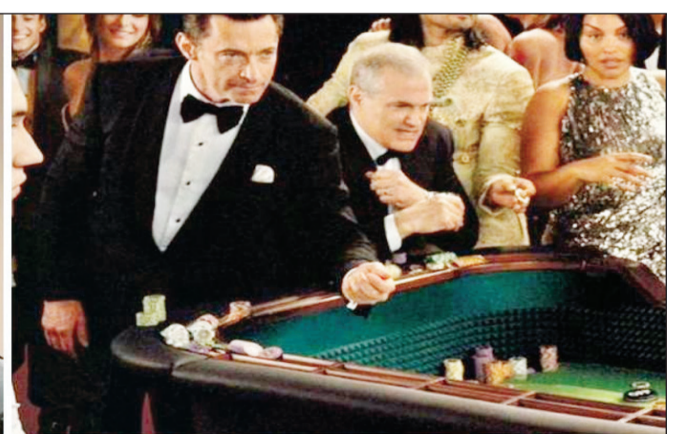
out and about for my American Vogue outing. So, we jump on a plane and we play."

"It was one shot, and the best part about Baz comin in was he shot the whole thing like scenes so, there's my dreams of workin with him coming true. Well, not fully - what? Almost.. what??? Thank you@voguemagazine and team for being ever so kind. And Blake @blakelively you're a rockstar, i do hope our paths cross again in good time..Mr Jackman - Aye

@thehughjackmanI wana thank @michael_philouze for putting up with my suggestions on styling. Am dressed in a@sabyasachiofficial royal sherwani bandh gala," concluded Ali.

On the work front, Ali has been a part of English films like -- "The Other End of the Line", "For Here Or To Go?", "Furious 7", "Victoria & Abdul", "Death on the Nile", and "Kandahar".

He next has "Metro... In Dino", "Lahore 1947", and "Thug Life" are in the pipeline.



'First time since 2016, Arshad has won against me', says Neeraj Chopra

Paris, Aug 9 (IANS) After taking the silver medal in the men's javelin throw at the Paris Olympics, finishing behind Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who won the gold medal, Neeraj Chopra praised the 27-year-old's performance and said it is the first time since 2016 that Arshad has won against him.

Neeraj, who came into the final as the favourite with a brilliant effort of 89.34 metres in the qualifying round, hurled the spear to 89.45, his second-best ever effort and a clear improvement on the 87.58 that bagged him the gold medal in Tokyo, to finish behind Arshad, who won the gold medal with an Olympic record-shattering 92.97m attempt.

Notably, Arshad crossed the 90m mark twice to set a massive Olympic record, held by Andreas Thorkildsen of Norway (90.57m in Beijing 2008), to win Pakistan's first Olympic medal since Barcelona 1992 and ended the night with another gigantic 91.79m throw on his final attempt.

Moreover, Arshad's medal was the first individual Olympic gold won by a Pakistani athlete at the Olympics.

"Arshad performed well and I would like to congratulate him. I've been competing with him since 2016, and this is the first time he has won while competing together," said

Neeraj after the final. Neeraj slipped towards the end of his throw on his initial attempt and it was ruled out as invalid. However, he brought himself back into the game with a season's best of 89.45m on his second attempt, before he stepped out and decided not to log the third throw, which barely crossed the 80m mark.

"Despite the injury, I am pushing myself hard. The throw was good, but I still have a lot left in me, and I need to stay fit to achieve it," said the Tokyo Olympics gold medalist.

The top five throws in the men's javelin throw final have all been better than the 87.58m that won



Neeraj is like my son, prayed for him: Nadeem's mother

Lahore: Motherly love is one of the most profound and powerful forces in the world, which can even make wars stop. A motherly love which transcends the borders of India and Pakistan. Arshad Nadeem and Neeraj Chopra's mothers have set an example that a mother would celebrate her son's win and would want nothing but the best for the opponent and especially when both are good friends as well. Arshad Nadeem's mother celebrated her son's historic gold medal in the final of the men's javelin throw final at the Paris Olympics 2024. Neeraj's mother, Saroj, said that Arshad is also like her son. Arshad's mother has echoed the same sentiments, saying she sees Neeraj as her own son like Arshad.

"He (Neeraj) is also like my son. He is Nadeem's friend and also his brother. Wins and losses are part of the sport. May god bless him, may he win medals. They are like brothers, I've prayed for Neeraj too." Arshad's mother said in an interview with a Pakistani news channel. Both Neeraj and Nadeem are good friends off the field despite being fierce rivals on it. Neeraj also helped Nadeem on multiple occasions.

"I am thankful to entire Pakistan for the support they lent to Nadeem, the prayers they offered for my son," Arshad's mother added.

"I haven't achieved a 90-meter throw yet, but during the second attempt, I felt that today might be the day. I have faith in myself, and I know I'll reach that milestone someday. Holding your flag and winning a medal for your country is an incredible feeling," said Neeraj.

The reigning world and Asian Games champion acknowledged that frequent injuries before Paris 2024 hindered his title defense preparations. "The last two or three years were not so good for me. I'm always injured. In

training, I'm not doing a lot of throws because of my groin (injury) I really tried hard, but I have to work on my injury (staying injury-free) and technique," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Neeraj became the second Indian men's athlete and third overall to win back-to-back medals in the Olympics after wrestler Sushil Kumar, who won a bronze and silver in the 2008 and 2012 Games. Shuttlar PV Sindhu is the other Indian to win consecutive medals - silver in Rio and bronze in Tokyo -- at the Games.

PM Modi dials Neeraj Chopra, hails sportsman spirit of Olympian's family

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday spoke to the Paris Olympics silver medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and hailed the sportsman spirit of his family.

PM Modi congratulated the Olympian on bagging a silver medal in the Paris Games and also advised him to not worry about missing the gold as he has already made the nation proud with his feat.

"You've once again brought glory to the country. Millions of people were watching you with hope, even at 3 AM," PM said to Neeraj.

Neeraj, who won the gold in Tokyo Games, replied, "The



entire nation's hope for gold couldn't be fulfilled due to the injury. Ups and downs are part of the game. We'll work even harder in the future."

Notably, Arshad crossed the 90m mark twice to set a massive Olympic record, held by Andreas

Thorkildsen of Norway (90.57m in Beijing 2008), to win Pakistan's first Olympic medal since Barcelona 1992.

PM Modi also lauded the sportsman spirit shown by Neeraj's mother (Saroj Devi), recalling her interview in which

she said, "The guy who won gold (Arshad Nadeem) is also my child".

The Prime Minister further inquired about Neeraj's injury, to which the Olympian said, "We'll make a decision after discussing it with the team. The competition was very tough. In such a situation, making the throw and bringing a medal for the country is a great joy."

"You did really well. I remember last time you mentioned that the competition in javelin is tough. The way you managed even after the injury is truly remarkable. Just let go of the gold from your mind..." the PM added.

Sreejesh named India's flagbearer with Manu Bhaker for closing ceremony

Paris, Aug 9 (IANS) The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Friday announced the nomination of hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh as the joint flagbearer with pistol shooter Manu Bhaker at the closing ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

IOA president PT Usha said Sreejesh was both an emotional and popular choice within the IOA leadership, including the Chef de Mission Gagan Narang, and the entire Indian contingent.

"Sreejesh has served Indian hockey in particular and Indian sport in general admirably through more than two decades," she said.

PT Usha said she had spoken with javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who claimed his second successive Olympic Games medal by winning silver on Thursday.

"I spoke with Neeraj Chopra and appreciate the spontaneity and grace with which he agreed that Sreejesh should be the flagbearer at the closing ceremony," she said. "He told me 'Ma'am, even if you had not asked me, I would have suggested Sree bhai's name'. It is reflective of the immense respect Neeraj has for Sreejesh and his contribution to Indian sport," she added.

Denying Vinesh silver defies logic, sporting sense, says cricket legend Tendulkar

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) Vinesh Phogat's heroic redemption story which saw her qualify for the gold medal match at the 2024 Paris Olympics turned its head fast as the 29-year-old was disqualified.

"Time for an Umpire's Call! Every sport has rules and those rules need to be seen in context, maybe even revisited at times. Vinesh Phogat qualified fair and square for the final. Her disqualification by weight, was before the final, and hence, for her to be robbed of a deserving silver medal defies logic and sporting sense," read the statement by Tendulkar.

"It would have been understandable if an athlete were to have been disqualified for ethical breaches such as the usage of performance-enhancing drugs. In that case, to not be awarded any medal and be placed last would be justifiable. "However, Vinesh beat her opponents fairly to reach the top two. She definitely deserves a silver medal. While we all wait for a verdict from the Court of Arbitration for Sport, let us hope and pray that Vinesh gets the recognition she deserves," Tendulkar added in his statement.

Indian men's and women's 4x400m relay team eliminated in qualifiers

Paris (France), Aug 9 (IANS) India's athletics campaign at the 2024 Paris Olympics came to a disappointing end as the men's and women's 4x400m relay teams failed to make it to the final rounds at the Stade de France on Friday.

The men's team consisting of Muhammed Anas, Muhammad Ajmal Variyathodi, Amoj Jacob and Rajesh Ramesh finished fourth in the second heat of Round 1 with a time of 3:00.08 which was their season best.

Despite the top finish, India was not able to crack into the top eight across the two heats which saw them eliminated. Muhammad Ajmal Variyathodi, who ran the second leg for the Indians, recorded the team's fastest time with 44:55 on the clock.

Team Botswana in the first heat recorded the fastest time across the circuit with 2:57.76 with Great Britain and the United States of America being the second and third fastest respectively. France was the fastest team in Heat 2 with a time of 2:59.53 on the clock which was the fourth fastest overall. The women's team on the other hand consisting of Vithya Ramraj, Jyothika Sri Dandi, Machettira Raju Poovamma and Subha Venkatesan finished last in Heat 2 with a time of 3:32.51 which saw them placed second to last across the two heats ahead of only Cuba who had a time of 3:33.99.

Vinesh Phogat appeal hearing: India to argue wrestler 'didn't commit fraud'



Paris, Aug 9 (IANS) : Vinesh Phogat and Team India will argue that the wrestler "did not commit any fraud" and she should be given a joint-silver medal in the women's 50kg category at the Paris Olympics. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) registered Vinesh's plea to overturn her disqualification and be awarded a joint silver medal.

day of the final. Despite 'drastic measures', including cutting her hair and trimming her clothes, led by the Indian medical team, led by Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, Vinesh was 100 grams overweight.

Senior counsels Harish Salve and Vidushpat Singhania, a renowned lawyer who has fought for many athletes in the past, were roped in as lawyers to argue the case at the hearing in front of the CAS ad-hoc panel in Paris. The CAS, in a statement on Friday, said Dr Annabelle Bennett, from Australia, will be sitting as a Sole Arbitrator during the hearing in Paris.

"The Sole Arbitrator's decision is expected to be issued before the end of the Olympic Games," the CAS said.

McLaughlin-Levrone shatters world record for women's 400m hurdles gold

Paris, Aug 9 (IANS) Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone cemented her status as one of the sport's all-time greats by shattering her world record in the 400m hurdles final at the Paris Olympics. The American superstar ran a blisteringly fast race to win the women's 400m hurdles gold medal in a new world record time of 50.37 seconds. It marked the fifth time the American had lowered her own world record, and she became the first woman to go back-to-back at the Olympics in the event since it made its debut at Los Angeles 1984.



"Grateful to God for this opportunity, grateful to be celebrating my 25th birthday like this. It was yesterday, just a super opportunity, you can't even imagine," said McLaughlin-Levrone. "It's amazing to

see our sport continue to grow, for people to want to watch the 400m hurdles. I knew it was going to be a tough race. An amazing competition all the way round," McLaughlin-Levrone quoted by World Athletics.

Her Dutch rival Femke Bol, who had steered her nation to gold in the mixed 4x400m six days earlier, clocked 52.15 for a second successive Olympic bronze after being overtaken in the closing stages by McLaughlin-Levrone's teammate Anna Cockrell, who claimed silver clocking a personal best of 51.87 that moved her to fourth on the world all-time list.

Four Jamshedpur athletes to represent India at World Master Athletic Championship

Jamshedpur, August 9: Four master athletes from Jamshedpur have been selected to represent India in the 25th World Master Athletic Championship, set to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from August 13 to August 25, 2024. The event will witness the participation of 8,000 athletes from 111 countries. The selected athletes from Jamshedpur include one male and three female competitors, all chosen by the Master Athletic Association of Jharkhand based on their outstanding performances. In the 50+ age category, SK Tomar will compete in



the hammer throw and discus throw events. In the 60+ age category for women, Kavita Kumari will participate in the javelin throw. Charanjit

Kaur will compete in the javelin throw in the 55+ age category, while Neetu Kumari will represent India in the 45+ age category for the 5000-

meter race. A ceremonial send-off event was held today, August 9, at the Red Carpet Office in Telco, Jamshedpur, to wish the

Suryakumar Yadav to play Buchi Babu Tournament for Mumbai

Mumbai, Aug 9 (IANS) India men's T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav will be playing the pre-season Buchi Babu Invitational tournament for Mumbai from third round of the league stage, confirmed the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA). In a statement issued by Joint Secretary Deepak Patil, MCA said Suryakumar will feature in Mumbai's match against TNCA XI starting on August 27 in Coimbatore. Mumbai, the current Ranji Trophy holders, are placed alongside TNCA XI and Haryana in Group C of the 2024 edition of the Buchi Babu tournament, starting on August 15. Mumbai will be captained by India Test batter Sarfaraz Khan in the competition seen by many as vital preparation for the upcoming 2024/25 domestic season. Suryakumar was last seen in action when he captained India to a 3-0 T20I series sweep over Sri Lanka at Pallekele last month.

athletes success in their upcoming competition. The event was attended by Regional Manager (Field and Sales) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Jharkhand, Ghanshyam Mulwani, as the chief guest. Special guests included Executive Officers of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Jharkhand, Saikat Day and Nitish Kumar. The event also saw the presence of former international pole vaulter Gurdev Singh, former international cyclist and master athlete Avtar Singh, master athlete Mithilesh Kumar, President of the Master Athletic Association of Jharkhand, Vijay Singh, and Secretary of the East Singhbhum Master Athletic Association Shyam Kumar Sharma. The dignitaries bid farewell to the athletes, offering them bouquets and best wishes for their performance. President of the Master Athletic Association of Jharkhand, Vijay Singh, expressed confidence in the athletes' abilities and wished them success in winning medals. The team will depart from Tatanagar to Delhi by train and then fly to Sweden for the championship.

Mysterious noise sparks panic in Wayanad

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 9 (IANS) Even as the people of Wayanad are slowly recovering from the devastating July 30 landslides which left 413 people dead and 152 still missing, there was tension and fear in certain areas of Wayanad, Palakkad, and Kozhikode after locals heard sounds coming from under the ground on Friday, though seismic experts have ruled out any cause for worry.



The sounds were heard at around 10.30 a.m. on Friday.

At Ambalavayal in Wayanad, villagers and school children felt the sound and tremors and ran out on to the roads.

Similar incidents were reported at Kuderinjil in Kozhikode district. These two places are located in a

radius of 50 sq km. Likewise in Palakkad district, a tremor was felt around the same time. With the TV channels

taking it up in a big way, the National Center for Seismology after their investigation into what happened ruled that it was

not an earthquake and there was nothing to be concerned about. The Kerala State Disaster Management

Authority ruled out an earthquake after their preliminary studies and said they will study what happened in detail.

The Geological Survey of India officials also ruled out an earthquake.

A retired seismic expert pointed out that these could be just natural movements of the earth. There have been instances in the past when such a phenomenon happened in and around the area where a landslide had taken place. Many residents in these areas have said they experienced the windows rattling.

"A sound was definitely heard and a few experts have done a preliminary study and have said there is nothing to be worried," said a Local Self Government official.

CPI-M refuses Bengal Govt's 'gun salute' for Buddhadeb

Kolkata, Aug 9 (IANS) The CPI-M leadership, on Friday, announced, that they are not accepting the offer of "gun salute" for former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, as announced by his successor and current Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, on Thursday.

Party insiders said that the decision has been to refuse the gun salute as a mark of respect for Bhattacharjee's life-long inclination for a simple lifestyle in his two-bedroom apartment at Palm Avenue in South Kolkata.

Party insiders added that his family members, including his widow Mira Bhattacharjee, are also against any kind of ceremonial practice.



According to the CPI-M politburo members and the party's Secretary in West Bengal Md Salim, the announcement of the gun salute has nothing to do with the party's own programmes regarding the last journey of the former Chief Minister.

"Throughout his life, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee practised simplicity. So

there is no question of gun salute," he said.

Party insiders said that after his last exit from the then state Secretariat of Writer's Buildings in 2011 as Chief Minister, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee refused to accept any kind of state government facilities to which he was entitled as a former Chief Minister.

Man pushes teen girl in front of train for rejecting proposal, arrested

Jaipur, Aug 9 (IANS) The Rajasthan Police have arrested a man for killing a 15-year-old girl by pushing her in front of a train after she rejected his friendship proposal on Friendship Day in Udaipur, officials have said. The accused has been identified as Shourveer Singh, son of Ram Singh, Udaipur's Superintendent of Police (SP) Yogesh Goyal said that the father of the 15-year-old minor girl lodged a missing report at Pratap Nagar Police Station in Udaipur on the night of August 2. The girl's father claimed that his daughter, who left for computer class, had not yet returned home. Subsequently, an investigation and search were launched.

A police team received information that the body of a girl was lying on a railway track. On receiving the information, the team reached the spot. The girl's family members, who were also called for the identification of the deceased, confirmed that she was their daughter.

The team started an investigation into the incident with the help of intelligence and technical support. The suspect, Shourveer Singh, was detained and during interrogation, the accused confessed the crime. After which the accused was arrested, police said.

According to police, the accused during interrogation said that "since the girl did not befriend him, he lured the girl and called her to the railway track, Debari, on the pretext of a meeting. When the deceased girl refused to befriend the accused, he killed her by pushing her in front of a train coming on the track".

Exhibition to showcase Defence

Pune, August 9 : Participants from more than 15 countries are likely to attend a three-day international exhibition that will showcase Material Engineering, Equipment, Technology for Defence, Transport and Alternate Energy (MET) besides Heat Treatment (HTS), beginning on September 4th at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai.

Disclosing this here, Pradeep Goyal, President ASM International said that the MET & HTS 2024 is the most comprehensive business platform, supported and participated by several Indian Government Ministries, State Governments, bringing together PSUs, Industry Experts, leading Corporates, SMEs and Start-Ups besides varied Industry Associations from India and overseas.

Held biennially, the 3-day high level events will feature brain-storming sessions where a distinguished panel of speakers from industry leaders, academia and research personnel from India and abroad will deliberate on Advanced and Smart Materials and their processes and the latest advancement in Heat Treat technologies.

The slated edition the 5th MET & 15th HTS, being organised by ASM & TAFCON, will be the biggest ever, offering excellent opportunities for all the stakeholders to showcase their latest innovations, new initiatives, technologies, machinery & equipment to a global audience.

SC stays ban on hijab by Mumbai college

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Friday passed an interim order staying the instruction passed by a Mumbai college banning sporting of hijab, veil, stole, cap, etc. on the academic campus.

Posting the matter for further hearing in the week commencing from November 18, a Bench presided over by Justice Sanjiv Khanna ordered an interim stay and expressed hope that its interim order would not be misused by anybody. However, the Bench, also comprising Justice PV Sanjay Kumar, stressed that no religious activities should be permitted on college premises and burqa cannot be worn by girls inside the classroom. On Thursday, Chief Justice of India (CJI), DY Chandrachud was apprised by the counsel representing Muslim students that they would not be allowed to appear for the college examination and their plea required an urgent hearing. At this, CJI Chandrachud told the petitioners' counsel that the apex court would hear the matter on August 9. Earlier, a Division Bench comprising Justice AS Chandurkar and Justice Rajesh Patil of the Bombay High Court, on June 26, dismissed Muslim students' plea saying they were not inclined to interfere with the decision of the Chembur Trombay Education Society's (CTES) NG Acharya & DK Marathe College.

The girls, students of SYBSc and TYBSc (Computer Science) programmes for the last two years, had termed the CTES management's decision as "arbitrary, unreasonable, bad in law and perverse" in their petition.

The petitioners contended that the new dress code imposed by the college violated their Fundamental Rights to privacy, dignity and religious freedom.

"The prohibition on wearing a hijab rather leads to indirect discrimination against female Muslim students regardless of the motive behind the impugned instruction as the outcome is prejudicial and discriminatory - the same violates Article 14 of the Constitution," said the Special Leave Petition filed before the apex court through advocate Abiha Zaidi. The prohibition on wearing a hijab has resulted in female Muslim students being stigmatised and not being able to attend classes - this also has resulted in victimisation and indirect discrimination under the guise of enforcing discipline, it added.

Bangladesh crisis: Patrolling intensified at marine borders in Bengal's Sunderbans

Kolkata, Aug 9 (IANS) Various central and state security agencies, including the Border Security Force (BSF), Coast Guard and coastal police, have increased the intensity of patrolling at the marine borders with Bangladesh in the Sunderbans area scattered over West Bengal's North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas districts, as these are the most vulnerable points for illegal immigration in wake of the ongoing crisis in the neighbouring country.

A senior official from the state police said that besides patrolling by the BSF and members of state police, seasoned officers and staff of the state Forest Department, who are long acquainted with the spider net of narrow creeks in the region are also being involved in the process.



As per the latest information available, joint teams of members of the coastal police force and Forest Department staff are mainly guarding the connecting points of the innumerable creeks with the main river, using high-end motorised boats for the purpose. On the other hand, the

BSF, using motorised boats, speed boats, and other vessels, have intensified the patrolling on the marine borders scattered in the Sunderbans areas and private vessels coming to their notice are intercepted, searched and the citizenship credentials of the passengers are being

checked.

In addition, a hovercraft of the Coast Guard has also been deployed in the Sunderbans area for round-the-clock monitoring of the situation.

All these different forces have also been equipped with high-end and sophisticated night-vision cameras and binoculars considering that the chances of illegal immigration are higher during the night hours.

Sources from the state police said that movement restrictions have also been imposed on those residing at the island villages near the marine borders. Besides restrictions on fishing at certain points in the area, the residents of these island villages have been asked not to climb on the river embankments in the area.

ED attaches assets worth Rs 113 crore of realty promoter linked to Lalu Prasad

New Delhi, Aug 9 (IANS) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached properties valued at around Rs 113 crore of Amit Katyal, an alleged associate of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad's family, and his realty firms in a money laundering case, officials said on Thursday.

The case pertains to "siphoning and illegal diversion" of plot buyers' money by Amit Katyal, Krrish Realtech and Brahma City "without having any licence from DTC in its name".

The ED initiated an investigation based on various FIRs registered by the Gurugram Police and Economic Offences Wing (EOW), New Delhi, under various sections of IPC against Krrish Realtech, Brahma City, Amit Katyal, Rajesh Katyal and their associates.



It is alleged that Krrish Realtech and Amit Katyal, involved in the real estate business, have duped the investors in the guise of allotment of plots on which no license existed and illegally diverted hundreds of crores of funds of such plot buyers abroad through criminal conspiracy, misrepresentation, fraud and cheating.

The ED had conducted search operations under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA),

2002, in March, and incriminating evidence of Amit Katyal, Rajesh Katyal and others were seized, which revealed more than Rs 200 crore taken from plot buyers have been invested abroad in hotel-cum-luxury real estate project in Sri Lanka and St. Kitts & Nevis to obtain passport through shell companies whose beneficial ownership has been traced to Amit Katyal's son Krishan Katyal, the agency said in a statement.

Ajit Pawar apologises to onion farmers, says ban on exports dealt a big blow

Niphad (Maharashtra), Aug 9 (IANS) NCP National President and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Friday apologised to the onion farmers of the state, saying that various decisions taken by the Centre, including a ban on onion exports, were a mistake which dealt a big blow.

Addressing a farmers' rally on the second day of his Jansanman Yatra at Nphad in Nashik district, Ajit Pawar assured that onion exports won't be banned now, reiterating the commitment of the NCP and the MahaYuti government to provide all the possible assistance to the onion farmers.

"The Central government's decision to ban onion exports dealt a big blow to the MahaYuti (grand alliance). The blow from the Lok Sabha



elections was so severe that it broke our backs. It hit the MahaYuti hard and crippled us... We made a mistake and I ask for forgiveness," Pawar said, adding that onion exports would no longer be halted.

"We have decided not to ban onion exports. We have also decided to waive the electricity bills of the farmers. The government has introduced a slew of schemes for milk, cotton, soybean, and rice

growers," he said. "We are here for long-term politics, not short-term gains. Women will question me if they don't get benefits (of the Ladki Bahin scheme) tomorrow. If someone sets a false narrative, don't fall prey to it. The government has earmarked Rs 45,000 crore for the implementation of a slew of welfare and development schemes," the NCP chief said.

Minister of Railways provides update on Kavach Train Protection System Implementation

New Delhi, August 9: The Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, recently addressed Parliament questions regarding the status of the Kavach train protection system. In his response, the Minister highlighted the significant progress made in implementing this indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system across Indian Railways.

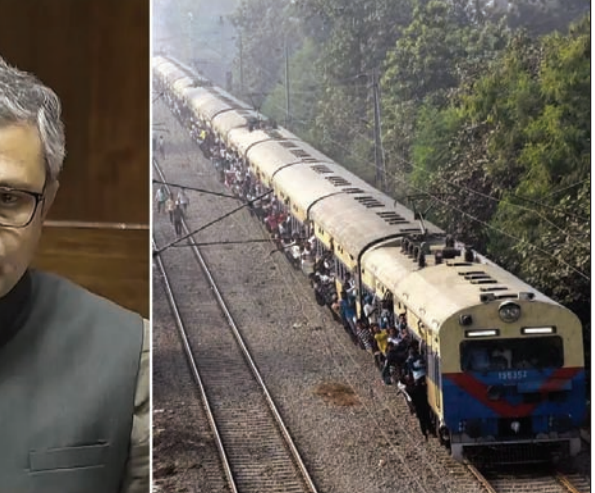
Kavach, which began development after 2014, has already been deployed on 1465 route kilometers and 144 locomotives on the South-Central Railway. The system is

designed to aid loco pilots in maintaining specified speed limits by automatically applying brakes if necessary, especially during inclement weather. Implementation of Kavach involves a complex series of activities, including installation of equipment at stations and on tracks, provision of locomotive equipment, laying of optical fiber cables, and setting up telecom towers.

The Minister reported substantial progress on the Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah corridors, covering approximately 3,000 route kilometers. This includes the laying of 4275 km of optical fiber cable, installation of 364 telecom towers, and



equipping 285 stations and 319 locomotives with necessary hardware. Furthermore, a Detailed Project Report has been prepared for an additional 6000 route kilometers.



A significant milestone was reached on July 16, 2024, with the approval of Kavach 4.0 specifications by RDSO. This version incorporates all major features required for

India's diverse railway network. The Minister emphasized that within a short period, Indian Railways has developed, tested, and begun deploying this advanced

Automatic Train Protection System. Regarding costs, the Minister stated that trackside and station equipment installation costs approximately Rs. 50 lakhs per kilometer, while equipping each locomotive costs about Rs. 70 lakhs. To date, Rs. 1216.77 crores have been utilized for Kavach works, with an allocation of Rs. 1112.57 crores for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Looking ahead, the Railways is focusing on increasing capacity and scaling up implementation. This includes trials and approvals for more Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) at various stages.