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Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus to head B'desh interim Govt



Dhaka, Aug 6 (IANS) Coordinators of the Anti Discrimination Student Movement on Tuesday said that Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus will be the chief adviser of Bangladesh's interim government.

In a video on social media, coordinators of the Movement said that they have spoken to Yunus who has given his ascent for the same, The Daily Star reported.

A video was posted on the Facebook profile of Asif Mahmud, another key coordinator of the student movement, stating, "We have decided that internationally renowned Nobel laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus will be appointed as the chief advisor in the interim government, and we have also spoken with Dr Muhammad Yunus. He has agreed to take on this significant responsibility in response to the call of the students and public to safeguard Bangladesh."

Key coordinator Nahid Islam said amid the crisis in the country, we urge the president to take steps to form the interim government headed by Yunus.

Nahid said that no other government except the one proposed by students will be accepted.

"As we have said, no military government, or one backed by the military, or a government of fascists, will be accepted," Nahid said.

Meanwhile, Yusuf has expressed hope that the young people will lead the country in the right direction.

Amid violence, unrest and loot in the country, President Mohammed Shahabuddin said, "I ask the armed forces to take strict action to protect the lives and properties of the people."

On Monday, President Shahabuddin decided to form an interim government to run the country after Sheikh Hasina resigned as Prime Minister amid the unrest that claimed over 400 deaths since July.

The President also approved the release of students arrested during the anti-quota protests.

The President also announced the unanimous decision to release BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia.

Sheikh Hasina to stay in India until Britain grants asylum

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) The Indian government has granted former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina an interim stay following the collapse of her government in the South Asian country on Monday, media reports said.

During this period, India will offer comprehensive logistical support as Hasina pursues asylum in the UK, Daily Sun reported.

Her stay in India is approved only temporarily, pending her relocation to Britain.

Jaishankar briefs PM on B'desh crisis at CCS meet

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi convened a critical meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg in response to the unrest in Bangladesh.

The meeting was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval.

Sources indicate that EAM Jaishankar provided a comprehensive briefing to PM Modi and the CCS members regarding the situation in Bangladesh and its potential impact on India.

Prior to the CCS meeting, PM Modi had separately discussed the political and social crisis in Bangladesh with the EAM

The EAM detailed the current developments in Dhaka and their possible implications, sources told IANS.

NSA Doval briefed the Prime Minister on the security implications of the situation, sources said.

Minorities under attack at multiple locations in B'desh

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Making a suo-moto statement in the Rajya Sabha on the ongoing situation in Bangladesh, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Tuesday expressed India's deep concern over the attacks on minorities, their businesses, and temples at "multiple locations" in the neighbouring country.

"Properties of individuals associated with the regime were torched across the country. What was particularly worrying was that minorities, their businesses, and temples also came under attack at multiple locations. The full extent of this is still not clear," the EAM said while detailing the events since August 4 when things took a "very serious turn" in Bangladesh.

Asserting that the Indian government remains in "regular touch" with the authorities in Dhaka, Jaishankar said that New Delhi expects the host government to provide required security protection to Indian establishments in Bangladesh besides ensuring the protection and well-being of the minorities.

Principal health secretary inspects MGM, find anomalies galore

Will his visit do any good, or remain formality, asks citizenry

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 6: Principal Secretary of the Health Department, Ajay Kumar Singh inspected the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College and Hospital (MGM) on Tuesday. He expressed concern over the crowded conditions in the Emergency Department while questioning how patients could recover in such an environment. He was also highly critical of unused and expensive medical equipment lying piled up in a locked room. He questioned the purchase of such equipment that were not being put to use. He was also irked by the condition of the ICU.

The Principal Secretary inspected the Ayushman Center, Radiology Department, and the medicine storage area. Singh scrutinized the store room, inquiring about expired medicines and questioning why damaged equipment had not been auctioned. The hospital Superintendent replied that a tender had been floated for the purpose. He was critical of cartons being stored in the verandah. He also admonished officials and staff concerned for purchase of excess gloves and advised them to buy prudently to avoid wastage.

The Secretary's visit to the Pediatric OPD in the PG building further



heightened his frustration. He encountered water accumulation and dirt at the entrance, and upon entering, found only one room being used while the rest were locked. Inside the locked rooms, more expensive machines were found rusting. Singh ordered the rooms to be opened and utilized, suggesting that emergency patients be shifted there.

At the NICU-PICU, Singh found women sitting on the floor to breastfeed. He criticized the condition of the breastfeeding room and pointed out an adjacent empty ward, insisting that available space be used properly.

Speaking to the media, Singh stressed that MGM Medical College Hospital required significant improvements. He said the shortage of doctors had been addressed and that the hospital was receiving Rs Five crore along with separate funds for medicines and equipment. However, he admitted that local-level management issues persisted. He warned that if the situation at the MGM Hospital did not improve within a week, departmental action would be taken and the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and department heads would be held accountable. He advocated for systemic changes and the assignment of responsibility to those executing their jobs efficiently.

Ajay Kumar Singh stated that the hospital was not being optimally managed and that resulted in patients having to face difficulties. (w/gsd)

Monsoon showers bring city to a halt

Dilraj Kaur

Jamshedpur, August 6: In a dramatic turn of weather events, heavy monsoon showers on Tuesday brought the city to a standstill for several hours. According to the weather department, the city recorded a significant 15 mm of rainfall, which was enough to disrupt the daily routines and cause widespread inconvenience.

The downpour began early in the morning and continued steadily throughout the day. As a result, several parts of the city experienced severe waterlogging. Notable areas affected included Jugsalai, Bistupur, and Sakchi, where streets turned into virtual rivers, making transportation a nightmare for commuters.

Residents and businesses in these areas faced considerable challenges. In Jugsalai, pedestrians waded through ankle-deep water, while motorists struggled with submerged roads and stalled vehicles. Bistupur, a bustling commercial hub, saw its usually busy streets deserted as shopkeepers struggled to keep water from seeping into their establishments. In Sakchi, a similar story unfolded with traffic coming to a standstill as vehicles navigated the flooded streets.

Many residents expressed their frustration and concern over the city's drainage system, which proved inadequate in handling the heavy rainfall. "Every year, it's the same story. The drainage system fails, and we are left to deal with the flooding," lamented a local shopkeeper in Bistupur.

Amalgam Steel official found dead in Adityapur Cruze hotel room

Jamshedpur, August 6 : A senior official of Amalgam Steel was found dead under mysterious circumstances in a city-based hotel in Saraikela-Kharsawan district's Adityapur on Tuesday morning.



According to police, the deceased has been identified as S. Murty Das."Das is a resident of Odisha. He is an employee of Amalgam Steel, Kandra," said a police officer stationed at Adityapur police station.

The officer further added that Das was staying in room number 315 of the Cruze Hotel. "Das had checked into the hotel on August 4. This morning, we received information that Das was not opening his room despite repeated knocks."

"On opening the door in the presence of Amalgam Steel officials and hotel staff, Das was found lying on the bed," added the officer.

The officer further stated that Das was rushed to Tata Main Hospital (TMH) for medical attention, where doctors declared him brought dead.

"We have lodged an FIR following a complaint from the family members," said Adityapur police station officer-in-charge Nitin Kumar Singh.

Singh further added that the cause of death will only be clear after the postmortem report.

Nitish Kumar's bold gamble shakes up Jharkhand politics

Political equations shift as JD(U) aims for stronger presence in upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections

Shankar Agarwal

Jamshedpur, August 6 : Jharkhand's political landscape is undergoing a significant transformation with former minister Saryu Roy joining Janata Dal (United) JD(U). This strategic move by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is aimed at bolstering JD(U)'s presence in the state, where the party has struggled to make a mark. By bringing Saryu Roy into the fold, Nitish Kumar is making a serious attempt to establish JD(U) in Jharkhand, potentially changing the dynamics of the upcoming assembly elections.

Saryu Roy's entry into JD(U) is expected to help the party secure crucial seats and enhance its bargaining power within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). The BJP's dependence on JD(U) in neighboring Bihar may now translate into seat allocations for JD(U) in Jharkhand, expanding the BJP-led NDA's influence in the state. Currently, the AJSU Party is the primary NDA constituent in Jharkhand, but with JD(U)'s involvement, the seat-sharing dynamics are likely to shift.

"I will definitely contest the 2024 Assembly Elections. However, I have yet not decided which constituency seat it will be," said Roy.

Saryu Roy's independent victory in the 2019 elections from the Jamshedpur East seat, where he defeated then-Chief Minister Raghubar Das, underscores his political significance. His move to JD(U) is expected to impact electoral outcomes in Jamshedpur



and other regions such as Mandu and Chhatarpur. JD(U)'s state president Khiru Mahato plans to introduce his son into politics from Mandu, while Sudha Chaudhary's influence in Chhatarpur could also boost JD(U)'s prospects. With ongoing deliberations in Delhi about seat-sharing, the inclusion of JD(U) complicates the political landscape, particularly for leaders like Kunal Sarangi, who may now consider shifting allegiance to JD(U) or Congress.

Nitish Kumar's long-term vision for expanding JD(U) in Jharkhand has involved various initiatives, including bringing Khiru Mahato to the Rajya Sabha. However, the arrival of Saryu Roy brings renewed optimism for the party. JD(U) working president Sanjay Jha believes this move will significantly strengthen JD(U)'s position in the state.

It may be said that the induction of Saryu Roy into JD(U) is not just a political manoeuvre; it is a potential game-changer for the upcoming assembly elections in Jharkhand. The BJP and its allies now face a revamped political chessboard, with new alliances and rivalries emerging. As the state gears up for elections, the realignment of political forces will undoubtedly lead to a dynamic and unpredictable electoral battle.

Kunal Sarangi, former Bahragora legislator talking to The Avenue Mail said, "Saryu Roy joining the JD(U) will surely change the dynamics of the state politics. It is now with the BJP how they handle the transition."

The former legislator further added that impact of Roy has been witnessed in the 2019 Assembly Elections. "Roy not only has followers in the district, he is a popular leader in the state," added Sarangi.

Advocate Sandeep Banerjee to represent Bhuiyandih residents in NGT

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: Former MP and senior Congress leader Dr. Ajoy Kumar assured the residents of Bhuiyandih that their fight to protect their homes along the Swarnarekha river is being actively pursued. On Tuesday, Dr. Kumar met with 150 families from Kalyan Nagar, Radhika Nagar, and Chhaya Nagar to discuss the ongoing issue.

Dr. Kumar announced that on August 23, senior Supreme Court advocate Sandeep Banerjee will represent the Bhuiyandih residents in the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

Banerjee will cover all legal expenses personally. A petition has also been filed in the Ranchi High Court challenging the NGT's notice. Dr. Kumar emphasized that Chief Minister Hemant Soren is committed to the cause, having instructed senior officials to take necessary actions. Attorney General Rajiv Ranjan has assured that the government will present its side in the NGT to protect the residents' homes. Dr. Kumar has been instrumental in these efforts, having previously written to the Chief Minister and met with the Attorney General to discuss the case.

The meeting was attended by local leaders and residents including Rakesh Sahu, Niranjan Prasad, Raunak Kumar Gupta, Ravi Ranjan, Ashok Sahu, Kishore Gupta, Shibu Mahato, Rajneesh Singh, Gautam Sahu, and many others. (w/nkm)

BJP demands UN intervention for Hindus in Bangladesh amid coup

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: The BJP has voiced strong concerns over the recent coup in Bangladesh and the rising violence against Hindus. Following the resignation of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the establishment of an interim military government amidst ongoing protests, BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Sudhanshu Ojha has called for United Nations intervention to safeguard Hindus in the region.

Ojha criticized the escalating attacks on minority Hindus in Bangladesh, including the demolition of temples, vandalism, and assaults. He urged the UN to deploy peacekeeping forces to protect Hindu lives and property. He also suggested that if the local police and military are unable to manage the crisis, Bangladesh should seek assistance from India, akin to the support provided in 1971.

In addition, Ojha has reiterated demands for the Jharkhand government to address the issue of Bangladeshi intruders in the state. He highlighted the Jharkhand High Court's concerns over the growing population of such intruders and urged the state government to take decisive action. The BJP warns that failure to address the issue could lead to similar instability as seen in Bangladesh. (w/nkm)

Sanitation crisis at Jugsalai as workers strike over unpaid wages

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 6: Sanitation workers, in Jugsalai, responsible for door-to-door garbage collection have halted their services in protest over unpaid wages leading to significant disruptions in the area. The protest, which began with workers demonstrating in front of the Jugsalai Municipal Council office, demanded timely wages, adherence to labour laws and other benefits.Rajju Mukhi, a sanitation worker stated, "We will continue our protest until our demands are met. We are simply asking for what is rightfully ours." The workers are demanding the implementation of a tripartite agreement with the Deputy Labour Commissioner and payment of the minimum wage as set by the Jharkhand government. They also seek an end to irregularities in ESIC and PF payments.The protest began when Cube Best Management Agency, the organization overseeing garbage collection failed to pay the workers on time. The workers holding placards have voiced their frustration and insisted that their grievances be addressed promptly to resume their duties.The strike has significantly impacted sanitation services in Jugsalai raising concerns about cleanliness and public health. Local residents have expressed worry over the deteriorating sanitation conditions due to the ongoing strike.Additional sanitation workers have joined the protest exacerbating the disruption of garbage collection services.

DBMS Lilliput School hosts 15th Annual Prize Night

Jamshedpur, August 6: DBMS Lilliput School celebrated its 15th Annual Prize Night on August 5, 2024, at the DBMS Auditorium.. Joohi Samarpita, Principal of DBMS College of Education, was the Chief Guest. The evening began with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by performances from students of various branches. Awards were presented to top achievers, including NIOS Board Toppers and Subject Toppers, by Bhanumathi Neelakantan and Kamala Subramaniam. (w/nkm)

Surinder Pal appointed Sr Dy GM of SER

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: Surinder Pal has taken over as Senior Deputy General Manager at South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata, effective 5th August 2024. Prior to this, he was Chief Project Manager at the Rail Land Development Authority in Chandigarh. An officer of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE) from the 1990 batch, Pal joined Indian Railways in 1992 and contributed to the Jammu-Udhampur Rail Link project. He holds degrees in Civil Engineering from NIT Kurukshetra and Structural Engineering from Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh. Pal's career includes significant roles such as Divisional Engineer in Allahabad, Deputy Chief Engineer in New Delhi, and Director/Vigilance for the Railway Board. He has been trained at prestigious institutions like the National Academy of Indian Railways and INSEAD, Singapore. Pal has extensive experience in planning, land acquisition, and execution of major rail projects and has a keen interest in sports, railway history, and socio-cultural activities. (w/nkm)

Train cancellations on August 6

Jamshedpur, August 5: Due to operational constraints, several trains will be cancelled on August 6, 2024.

The affected trains include the Chakradharpur-Tatanagar-Chakradharpur Special (08161/08162), Rourkela-Tatanagar-Rourkela Special (08145/08146), NSCB Gomoh-Chakradharpur-NSCB Gomoh Express (18115/18116), Tatanagar-Bilaspur-Tatanagar Express (18113/18114), and Itwari-Tatanagar Express (18110). (w/nkm)

Mass Rudrabhishek held at Gayatri Gyan Mandir

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: The Youth Wing of Gayatri Parivar Tatanagar, Navyugdal, and Pragya Mahila Mandal organized a mass Rudrabhishek at Gayatri Gyan Mandir, Bhalubasa, to celebrate the holy month of Sawan. The event saw participation from hundreds of individuals across Jamshedpur.

The program commenced with the chanting of the Mahamrityunjay mantra and prayers for health and well-being. Following this, a ceremonial Rudrabhishek was performed for Baba Bholenath. A special Rudrabhishek was conducted to support the upcoming Nari Shaktikaran Camp in Tatanagar scheduled for November.

Jasvir Kaur, President of Pragya Mahila Mandal, highlighted that preparations for the Nari Shaktikaran Camp are underway, with over 1,000 sisters expected to attend. Notably, respected sister Shefali Pandya from Shantikunj Haridwar will be visiting Tatanagar for the first time. Additionally, the Sawan Mahotsav organized by Pragya Mahila Mandal will take place on August 11 at 4 PM at Gayatri Gyan Mandir.

The Rudrabhishek ceremony was led by district women representative Manju Modi, with gratitude expressed by Navayugdal convenor Pushpendra Kumar and district youth representative Prashant Kalindi. (w/nkm)

BJM to maintain activities until merger with JD(U): Saryu Roy



Jamshedpur, August 6: On Monday, BJM workers warmly welcomed and felicitated Jamshedpur East MLA Saryu Roy at the Vidhan Sabha office in Baridih following his transition to Janata Dal (United) (JD(U)). The event was attended by numerous party workers, district officials, and divisional presidents.

During his address, Roy confirmed that although he has joined JD(U), the Bharatiya Janata Morcha (BJM) will continue its organizational activities until the merger with JD(U) is finalized. The decision on the merger will be determined through discussions between the JD(U) Jharkhand unit and BJP Jharkhand state leadership.

Roy also criticized the state government for the poor water quality in Moharda, highlighting his proposal to improve the supply by transferring clean water from Chandil Dam to Dimna Lake. He plans to launch a public signature campaign to address the issue. Additionally, BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar District President Subodh Shrivastava announced that on August 15, building in-charges will hoist flags in their respective areas, and a booth conference for the Eastern Assembly of BJM will be held on August 25. (w/nkm)

RVS College hosts insightful session on composite materials

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: On the second day of the seven-day faculty development programme at RVS College of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Deepak Kumar, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at NIT Jamshedpur, delivered an engaging keynote lecture on 'The Next Generation of Composite Materials for Industrial Applications.' Dr. Kumar discussed the future importance of materials like cotton, fiber, metal, and ceramic in industries, emphasizing the need for interdisciplinary collaboration in engineering to drive innovation. Prof. Shailendra Kumar Prasad, HOD of Mechanical Engineering, presented a memento to Dr. Kumar. The session was praised by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Kumar Tiwari for its motivational value, and Treasurer Shatrughan Singh called for more frequent lectures of this kind. Prof. Shadan Bashar proposed the vote of thanks. (w/nkm)

TWU commemorates death anniversary of U.N. Prasad

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: The Tata Workers Union held a condolence meeting to honour the death anniversary of their former General Secretary, Late U.N. Prasad, at the union premises on Tuesday at 5:00 PM. Flowers were offered, and prayers were made for the departed soul.

Union President Sanjeev Kumar Chaudhary highlighted the biography and contributions of Late U.N. Prasad, emphasizing his leadership qualities and the inspiration he provided to the union members. Dr. M.S. Singh, Office Associate of the Union, also shared detailed insights into Prasad's life and legacy.

The event was attended by General Secretary Satish Kumar Singh, Co-President Shailesh Kumar Singh, Vice President Sanjeev Tiwari, Assistant Secretaries Nitesh Raj and Shyam Babu, Senior Administrative Incharge Dharambir Kumar Singh, and numerous members of the Executive Committee and employees of Tata Workers Union.

The meeting concluded with two minutes of silence and prayers for U.N. Prasad's soul, followed by President Sanjeev Kumar Chaudhary officially closing the condolence session. (w/nkm)

Jamshedpur Trailer Owners Union Refutes Company stand on rate hike

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 6: The Jamshedpur Local Trailer Owners Union has refuted Tata Steel's recent statement regarding the rate hike being an affair between the local vendors and the trailer owners. Tata Steel, in a statement, had stated that the rate hike decision was between vendor and union.

Union President Jai Kishore Singh stated that Tata Steel, as a guardian, had a duty to look after everyone's interests. Recently, the union had been protesting for an increase in rates.

Following the protest, the authorized vendor raised the rates, and the union temporarily called off its agitation. The union had claimed that the company had conceded to their demands and therefore they had called off their agitation. Singh criticized this stance, insisting that the company management could not shirk its responsibilities.

He highlighted other issues, including improving parking facilities and allowing vehicles over 10 years old into the company premises.

The union also demanded that slag-filled vehicles be operated with bunker-equipped trucks, linking these demands directly to Tata Steel management.

He said that the union remained committed to ensuring that all their demands were met by the company management.

He said that the ongoing dialogue between the union and the vendor would continue to address rate and operational issues. Union members expressed their determination to continue to work for protecting the interests of all stakeholders. (w/gsd)

Unicorn house wins Sheyn International Football Tournament

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: Sheyn International School's football ground buzzed with excitement as the Inter-House Football Tournament for students from classes VIII to XII took place. Embracing the spirit of Pierre de Coubertin's words, "The important thing in any tournament is not to win, but to take part," the event highlighted sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

The tournament saw intense matches with Unicorn House and Griffin House advancing to the finals after narrowly defeating Phoenix House and Pegasus House in the first round. The final match was a nail-biter, ultimately decided by penalty shots. Unicorn House emerged victorious with a score of 2-1 against Griffin House, celebrating their hard-fought win.

The championship trophy was presented by Principal (Academics) Rama Srinivas, Principal (Administration) Pushpa Bhalla, Vice-Principal Keya Adak, and Headmistress Simran Saggu. The event concluded with a spirited celebration, marking a successful and exhilarating end to the tournament. (w/nkm)

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MMC unveils Anatomage Table for interactive learning

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: Manipal Tata Medical College (MTMC) has set a new benchmark in medical education in Eastern India with the inauguration of the Anatomage table, a state-of-the-art virtual dissection platform. This pioneering technology marks a significant advancement in anatomy education, offering students an immersive and interactive learning experience.

The Anatomage table is revolutionizing anatomical studies by providing a highly detailed 3D representation of the human body. Unlike traditional methods, this advanced platform allows students to explore the human anatomy layer by layer, from surface structures to microscopic details. Its interactive dissection and imaging capabilities offer a comprehensive understanding of human anatomy and physiology.

Chief Guest Ajoy Kumar Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare, highlighted the importance of this new technology.

"The Anatomage table represents a revolutionary tool in medical education, enhancing practical training and preparing future healthcare professionals with the latest technological advancements," Singh said. He emphasized how this innovation will elevate the standards of medical education in Jharkhand and produce highly skilled doctors.

Prof. (Dr.) Raj Kumar, Director & CEO of RIMS, Ranchi, and Guest of Honor, praised the installation of the Anatomage table, noting its significance in medical training. "Anatomy is fundamental to medical education. The introduction of the Anatomage dissection table is a boon for both students and teachers. It offers a detailed 3D visualization of the human body, which is crucial for understanding anatomical relationships and planning surgical procedures."

The Dean of MTMC expressed excitement about the addition of the Anatomage Table, describing it as a major enhancement to the college's educational resources. "With our dedicated faculty and advanced infrastructure, the Anatomage Table will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, enriching anatomical education and other medical subjects."

Students also welcomed the new technology. The President of the Student Council at MTMC commented, "Anatomy is one of the most challenging subjects in the first year, requiring extensive visualization. The Anatomage Table will significantly enhance our understanding and provide a modern, interactive approach to learning."

The inauguration ceremony was attended by distinguished members of the district and MTMC officials, with Ajoy Kumar Singh and Prof. Raj Kumar leading the proceedings. The introduction of the Anatomage Table underscores Manipal Tata Medical College's commitment to innovation and excellence in medical education, providing students with cutting-edge tools to excel in their future careers.

Extension of special train services announced



Jamshedpur, August 6: The Railway Department has announced the continuation of several special train services to accommodate increased passenger demand. The extended schedules for these trains are as follows:

The Ernakulam-Patna Special (Train No. 06085) will run every Friday from August 16 to September 6, 2024. Similarly, the Patna-Ernakulam Special (Train No. 06086) will operate every Monday from August 19 to September 9, 2024.

The Coimbatore-Barauni Special (Train No. 06059) is scheduled to run every Tuesday from August 13 to September 3, 2024, while the Barauni-Coimbatore Special (Train No. 06060) will run every Friday from August 16 to September 6, 2024.

Additionally, the Coimbatore-Dhanbad Special (Train No. 06063) will continue every Friday from August 16 to September 6, 2024, and the Dhanbad-Coimbatore Special (Train No. 06064) will run every Monday from August 19 to September 9, 2024.

The Tirunelveli-Shalimar Special (Train No. 06087) will operate every Thursday from August 15 to September 5, 2024, and the Shalimar-Tirunelveli Special (Train No. 06088) will run every Saturday from August 17 to September 7, 2024. (w/nkm)

CITU supports Jharkhand Sub-Secretariat Employees' strike

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 6: The Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) has expressed strong support for the indefinite strike by sub-secretarial employees in Jharkhand's Collectorate and related offices.

The strike, organized by the Jharkhand Sub-Secretariat Employees Union (Collectorate Cadre), demands urgent attention to several issues affecting employees.

CITU's Jharkhand State Committee has urged the state government to address the employees' demands, which include revising pay grades based on approved recommendations, creating new posts, reducing promotion timeframes, and implementing Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP).

The union also seeks improved job titles, changes to departmental examination norms, a redefinition of job roles, regularization of contract workers, and the integration of outsourced employees into government service.

CITU has expressed concern over the continued impact on both employees and the public due to the unresolved demands.

The union is calling on all trade unions, democratic organizations, and the public to support the strike.

They have also appealed to the Chief Minister to initiate talks with the employees' organization to resolve the strike in the public interest. (w/nkm)

Relief for city as Kharkai and Swarnarekha rivers rebound to normal levels

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: The Kharkai and Swarnarekha rivers, which recently experienced a worrying rise in water levels, have now returned to their normal levels following a cessation in rainfall and subsequent river flow adjustments. This development has brought relief to local communities who had been anxiously monitoring the situation.

A few days ago, both rivers had dropped below their danger levels, raising concerns about water shortages and potential impacts on agriculture and flood management. The Swarnarekha River's level fell to 116.22 meters at the Mango Bridge site, significantly below its danger threshold of 121.50 meters. Similarly, the Kharkai River's water level had dropped to 125.95 meters at the Adityapur Bridge site, also below its danger mark of 129.00 meters.

However, with the recent halt in rainfall and improved weather conditions, water levels in both rivers have stabilized and are now approaching their normal ranges. The increased flow from upstream regions and reduced water extraction have contributed to the recovery of the rivers' levels.

Local authorities have reported that the Swarnarekha River's water level has risen back to a healthy level, nearing its danger threshold but no longer a cause for concern. The Kharkai River has also shown significant improvement, with its water level now comfortably above the danger mark.

The return to normal levels is a welcome change for the region, alleviating concerns over water shortages and potential disruptions to daily life. Residents and businesses can now resume normal activities with less worry about the implications of low river levels.

Authorities have attributed the recovery to the natural ebb and flow of river systems, combined with timely interventions to manage water resources effectively. They have also emphasized the importance of continued water conservation efforts and monitoring to prevent future issues.

In light of the improved conditions, local officials are assessing the current water management strategies to ensure sustainability and prepare for any future fluctuations in river levels. The community is also encouraged to stay vigilant and report any anomalies to ensure that the rivers remain at safe and stable levels.

Overall, the return of the Kharkai and Swarnarekha rivers to their normal levels is a positive development, signaling stability and offering a sense of relief to those who depend on these vital water sources.

IMD predicts light to moderate rain today

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: The Indian Meteorological Department's (IMD) Ranchi Meteorological Centre has forecasted light to moderate rainfall in most places across Jharkhand today, as the monsoon remains active over the state.

Weathermen explained that the monsoon trough at mean sea level is currently passing through Phalodi, the center of a depression over northeast Rajasthan and its neighborhood, Churk, Purulia, Digha, and extending southeastwards to the east-central Bay of Bengal.

Additionally, an east-west trough is running from the depression over northeast Rajasthan and its neighborhood to north Odisha, ranging between 0.9 and 5.8 km above mean sea level, tilting southwards with height.

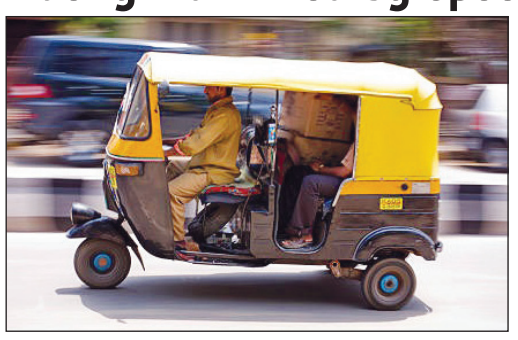
"The monsoon trough and the associated depression are contributing to the active monsoon conditions in Jharkhand," said an IMD official. "We are expecting the day's temperature in most parts of the state to witness a two-degree fall in the next 48 hours."

Jharkhand has been experiencing a rain deficit, which currently stands at 19%. Against a normal of 559 mm, the state has so far received 445 mm of rain. This prediction of continued rainfall is seen as a positive development in mitigating the deficit.

Local residents and farmers are hopeful that the forecasted rains will help alleviate the dry conditions. "We have been waiting for consistent rainfall to support our crops," said Ramesh Kumar, a farmer from Ranchi. "The prediction of more rain is a relief for us."

With the monsoon's active phase expected to bring more showers, Jharkhand looks forward to closing the rain deficit gap and ensuring better agricultural outcomes for the season.

Elderly man killed by speeding auto rickshaw



Jamshedpur, August 6: An elderly man, Chandan Singh (52), was tragically killed after being hit by a speeding auto rickshaw on Kalimati Road near Howrah Bridge in the Golmuri area late Monday night. Singh, a resident of Sakchi Gurudwara Bustee and a private security guard, was crossing the one-way road while returning home from duty. The autorickshaw, traveling at high speed from Sakchi towards Golmuri, struck Singh, causing him to fall and sustain a fatal head injury. The impact left him in a pool of blood. Local residents immediately came to his aid, while another group chased down the autorickshaw, intercepting it near the RD Tata roundabout. A patrolling police party arrived at the scene and apprehended the driver. Singh was rushed to MGM Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Golmuri thana OC confirmed the incident and stated, "We have arrested the driver and seized the vehicle. The accused will be sent to judicial custody tomorrow after a check to determine if he was driving under the influence of alcohol." This incident highlights the ongoing issue of reckless auto rickshaw driving in the city. Despite regular helmet-checking by traffic police, the regulation of unruly autorickshaws remains a significant challenge, posing a constant danger to both commuters and passengers.

ReEnvision 3.0 at XLRI: Exploring the impact of data on consumer digital transformation

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, August 6: The Conclave Committee of XLRI Jamshedpur's PGDM (GM) Batch 2024-25 successfully hosted ReEnvision 3.0, a Digital Transformation Conclave themed "Data-Driven Transformation in the Consumer World." The event brought together a distinguished panel of leaders from the Banking, Technology, and Core Engineering sectors, including COOs, Directors, Founders, Digital Heads, Managing Directors, Country Heads, and General Managers. These industry stalwarts shared their invaluable insights on India's data-driven digital transformation across the consumer world, inspiring the students and professionals in attendance.

The conclave commenced with an inaugural address by Fr. S George S.J., Director of XLRI Jamshedpur, along with Fr. Donald D'Silva, S J, Dean of Administration & Finance, and Prof. Dr. Sanjay Patro. Fr. S. George expressed gratitude to the speakers for their participation and inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp. He emphasized the significance of digital transformation through data and encouraged an exchange of ideas to inspire the students' mindsets. Fr. Donald D'Silva and Prof. Dr. Sanjay Patro also addressed the audience, thanking the organizing committee and urging students to leverage data and digital transformation in their future endeavors.

The event featured several panel discussions, starting with the theme "Strategic Partnerships and Alliances: Harnessing Digital Tools for Competitive Collaboration." Panelists included Ashish Ranjan, Chief Digital Officer of National Engineering Industries Ltd. (NBC Bearings), who highlighted the importance of strategic partnerships and authentic communication; Girish Dangayach, Chief Digital Officer of SK Finance Limited, who advocated for solutions rooted in a deep understanding of customer needs; Ashish Pandey, Global CIO, CDTO, CDIO of Dabur India Limited, who emphasized digital collaboration tools for customer relationship building; and Ramasubramaniam S, Senior Vice President of Collabera Digital, who spoke on continuous improvement and innovation to meet customer demands. The panel was moderated by Amith Shaju, a PGDM (GM) student at XLRI.

The next panel discussion focused on "Data Analytics Contribution to Consumer Goods Industry & E-Commerce." Panelists included Satyaki Mookerjee, Chief Digital Officer of CEAT, who discussed innovative solutions and strategic partnerships; Digvijay Ghosh, Consumer Product & Retail Sector & Digital Commerce Partner at EY-Parthenon, who spoke about adapting to digital disruptions and continuous learning; Nitin Dhingra, Chief Digital Officer of Hindware Limited, who highlighted leveraging data analytics for personalized customer experiences; and Ravi Kumar, Chief Digital Officer of Exide Industries Limited, who talked about integrating digital tools for operational efficiency and data-driven decision-making. This panel was moderated by Madhumeta Rajkumar, another PGDM (GM) student.

Post-lunch, the third panel discussion centered on "Leveraging Data Analytics for Marketing," featuring Sushil Pradhan, Executive Director & COO of MitKat Advisory, who discussed AI intervention and tech team emergence; Ms. Ipshita Ghosh, Managing Director of Accenture, who emphasized life-centric customer approaches and predictive analysis; Vikrant Bhargava, Chief Digital Officer of inMorphis, who focused on real-time data usage in B2B and B2C cycles; Amreesh Kher, Chief Business Officer-Insurance of Tata Digital, who shared insights on dynamic market strategies; Sunil Palrecha, Chief Digital Officer of Wissen Technology, who talked about trust in B2B sales; and Bhargab Dutta, Chief Digital Officer of Century Ply, who discussed leveraging data and strategy for market growth. The panel was moderated by Preeti Rawat, a PGDM (GM) student.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Sr. DEE/TRD, South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur acting for & on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender as mentioned below. Tenders are due to open on 30.08.2024 at 15.30 hrs. The manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl.No.-1. Tender Notice No.: CKP-D-644-Tree-Trim-TATA, Date: 05.08.2024. Name of work:** Trimming of tree branches to maintain sufficient clearance from OHE/Vulnerable to fall on OHE in the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/Tatanagar for one year. **Tender Value:** ₹ 16,82,391.70. **E.M.D.:** ₹ 33,700. **Sl.No.-2. Tender Notice No.: CKP-D-644-Tree-Trim-BNDM, Date: 05.08.2024. Name of work:** Trimming of tree branches to maintain sufficient clearance from OHE/Vulnerable to fall on OHE in the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/Bondamunda for one year. **Tender Value:** ₹ 6,65,807.45. **E.M.D.:** ₹ 13,300. **Sl.No.-3. Tender Notice No.: CKP-D-644-Tree-Trim-DPS, Date: 05.08.2024. Name of work:** Trimming of tree branches to maintain sufficient clearance from OHE/Vulnerable to fall on OHE in the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/Dangoaposi for one year. **Tender Value:** ₹ 4,76,709.75. **E.M.D.:** ₹ 9,500. **Completion period: 06 months** (for Sl. No. 1 to 3 each). **Date & Time of opening of Tender:** 30.08.2024 at 15.30 hrs. (for Sl. No. 1 to 3 each). **Place of opening of e-tender:** Sr.DEE/TRD, South Eastern Railway. **Date and time of closing of tender:** 30.08.2024 at 15.00 hrs. (for Sl. No. 1 to 3 each). E-Tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer/bidders must have class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **(PR-454)**

State to release 30 lifers

Ranchi, August 6: Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren in a meeting of the state sentence review board has decided to release 30 prisoners serving life terms.

In the meeting, cases related to the release of 67 prisoners which were rejected in the last two meetings of Jharkhand State Sentence Review Board were reconsidered.

Hemant Soren held in-depth discussions with the officials on the matter of release of 67 prisoners serving life sentence in various jails of the state in the light of the recommendation of the State Sentence Review Board.

In the course of review, after point-wise discussion with the officials on the opinion of the courts, Superintendent of Police of the concerned districts, Jail



Superintendent and Probation Officer, the Chief Minister gave his approval to the decision to release 30 prisoners.

On Monday, Jharkhand government announced the release of 39 convicts serving life sentences after reviewing 74 cases.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren chaired the State Sentence Review Board meeting, approving the release. Officials were also directed to ensure socio-economic support for the released prisoners, including linking them to skill development programs. Soren instructed officials to verify the released prisoners' family, social, and economic statuses. He emphasized the need for special action plans for generating income for the released individuals.

The Chief Minister highlighted the importance of involving the released convicts in skill development programs and schemes like dairy farming, poultry farming, and animal husbandry.

He also urged officials to ensure that the released convicts do not suffer from social stigma.

Mansuk Mahato appointed Kamalpur Panchayat President of JBKSS

Seraikela, August 6: In a meeting of the Jharkhandi Bhasha Khatian Sangharsh Samiti (JBKSS) held in Sarmali village, Mansuk Mahato was appointed President of Kamalpur Panchayat. Kumbhakaran Mahato was designated as Panchayat In-charge. The new team also includes Sanjay Mahato and Guruva Mahato as Secretaries, Gandhi Mahato, Mohammad Mazhar, Naveen Mahato and Lal Singh Sardar as Vice Presidents and Santosh Sardar and Umesh Mahato as Media In-charges. (w/nkm)

PRIs role in climate resilient actions needed in Jharkhand

Ranchi, Aug 6: There is a need too strengthen the role of panchayats level community institutions in deliberating, designing and implementing locally led climate actions.

There is also need for integrating local perspectives and knowledge into state policies to foster sustainable development and build resilience against climate-induced challenges, a senior Jharkhand government official said here on Tuesday.

Jharkhand, with its heavy reliance on agriculture and natural resources and mining, is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and energy transition, making it essential to strengthen decentralised governance through Panchayati Raj Institutions, said Vandana Dadel, Principal Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change.

The dialogues at Conference of Panchayats (CoP) highlighted the strength of local communities, especially the tribal communities of Jharkhand, in demonstrating climate resilience practices, and the significance of strengthening such endeavours.

"The state's vulnerability to climate change and the critical need for integrating local perspectives and knowledge into state policies are required to foster sustainable development and build resilience against climate-induced challenges," Dadel said.

Gram panchayat members and state government officials acknowledged the need to strengthen the role of Panchayats and panchayat-level community institutions to deliberate, design and implement climate actions.

They took part in a climate action dialogue by the Policy and Development Advisory Group (PDAG), ASAR, and Damodar Bachao Abhiyan in Ranchi.

The CoP initiative, launched in March 2022, was designed to amplify the pivotal role played by local communities in climate adaptation and mitigation strategies.

"The Conference of Panchayats was a collective effort to invert the global framework known as the Conference of Parties on Climate Change… Here, the Panchayati Raj institutions, as a mechanism of local self-governance, play a crucial and pivotal role," said Arindam Banerjee, Co-founder and Partner of PDAG.

Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions from Jharkhand showcased the use of indigenous knowledge and community-driven initiatives to adapt and build resilience against the effects of climate change.

"It's inspiring to see how actively people seek to respond to the ways climate change is impacting their lives. They are determined to have a say in how climate action plans are developed. The Conference of Panchayats is an endeavour to make this happen," said Vintua Gopal, CEO of ASAR.

"At the panchayat level, elected representatives are trying in our limited capacity to foster community-owned and community-led climate resilient initiatives," said Chandradev Ghasi, the Mukhiya (village head) of a panchayat in Bokaro.

Bovine animals rescued from smuggling attempt

Mail News Service

Gomo, August 6: Acting on a tip-off, Hariharpur police intercepted a Scorpio vehicle on NH-2 at Amalkhori on Sunday night, rescuing five bovine animals being smuggled. The police arrested the driver and his helper during the operation.

Senior SP led the directive, with station in-charge Girdhar Gopal, sub-inspector Narayan Yadav, and other officers conducting a vehicle check. The white Scorpio (WB 16AJ/6523) traveling from Isri to Dhanbad was stopped, revealing a shocking scene.

The vehicle's middle and back seats had been removed to accommodate five bovines, their necks twisted and tied with plastic rope. Among the animals were one cow, one bull, and three lactating cows.

The animals were being transported from Barhi to Asansol. The driver, Mo Fayaz from Andal Bazar, Burdwan district, and his helper, Mohammad Sahil from Qureshi Mohalla, Asansol Railway Crossing, have been charged and presented in court. (w/nkm)

BDSL Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir students shine in cluster level quiz contest

Ghatshila, August 6: Students from BDSL Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir showcased their academic prowess by winning multiple prizes at the cluster level quiz competition held on Monday at Baharagora Saraswati Shishu Mandir. The competition featured quiz rounds in English, Sanskrit, and Computer subjects, with 60 selected students from six schools participating.

BDSL Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir students secured top positions in various categories. In the Shishu category, they clinched first place, while in the Child category, they earned second place. In the Teen category for the English subject, they swept the board with first, second, and third positions. Additionally, they secured first and second positions in both Sanskrit and Computer subjects. The top-performing students from this competition will advance to the next level of contests organized by Saraswati Vidya Mandir schools in Bagbera, Jamshedpur, and Chandil.

Among those present included Lakhanlal Karmali, Principal of Ghatshila School of Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir,Kamalakant Pramanik of Chakulia,Jagarnath Kuila, teacher Chanda Mukherjee, Purushottam Pandey, Secretary of Baharagora School, and other distinguished guests. (w/gsd)

1 killed, 2 children injured in flour mill blast in Lohardaga

Lohardaga, August 6: One person died and two minors have suffered serious injuries in an explosion at a flour mill in Lohardaga's Senha. According to police, the blast occurred due to malfunction in the wheat grinding machine. The killed has been identified as 21-year-old Asfaq Anshari. While, the injured have been identified as six-year-old Tanzil Anshari and three-year-old Sakib Anshari. Asfaq's father talking to the media said, "My son was grinding wheat, when the machine exploded suddenly. The three had suffered serious injuries in the incident." He further added that with help of neighbours the three were rushed Community Health Centre.

"The health centre referred them to Sadar Hospital in Lohardaga for better health care," said a police family.Doctors of Sadar hospital told the reporters that Ansari was brought dead to hospital. The Lohardaga Police has launched an investigation to find the reasons behind the blast in the mill.

PK's Jan Suraaj sets the ball rolling for Bihar election, announces its 501 members' name first time in Bihar

Patna, August 6: Virtually setting the ball rolling for Bihar assembly elections, political strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj on Tuesday announced its officer-bearers for West Champaran district, claiming to clinch all the nine assembly seats of district in 2025 elections.

The development came weeks after political strategist Prashant Kishor, who was expelled from the ruling Janata Dal (United) in 2020, embarked on a 3500 kilometre Jan Suraaj padyatra from Mahatma Gandhi's Bhitiharwa Adhram on October 2, 2022. While Krishna Bind and Archa Bala have been made Suraaj's West Champaran district president and woman district president respectively, other officer bears include newly elected General Secretary Kamlesh Kumar, Campaign Committee Convener Kundan Pandey, chief spokesperson Rashmi Rao, former General secretary Raghavendra Pathak among 501 members ranging from district to bloc level. "We are looking forward to fight 2025 elections with all our might and will clinch all the nine assembly seats," said Afaque Ahmad, a Jan Suraaj-supported MLC from Saran teachers' constituency. Meanwhile, Prashant Kishor on Tuesday taunted at Bihar CM Nitish Kumar during his public outreach programme at Madhepura in Bihar on latter's stand on status of special state for Bihar. "Nitish Kumar has been with BJP for 15 years.

BJP has been at the center for the last 10 years. This is not the first time for Nitish and BJP to improve Bihar. Today such an opportunity has come that it has become difficult for the BJP government to run at the Center on the basis of the MP from Bihar.

Today people are talking about special status, I told 10 thousand youth that Nitish is only concerned about himself," Kishor told while interacting with the mediapersons. He said Nitish Kumar asked for ministry from BJP, asked for the chair of Chief Minister for himself for 5 years. "The changes that Nitish Kumar wanted to make in the organization of Bihar BJP got done. Nitish Kumar wanted to get the headgear of Samrat Chaudhary opened and got it opened. If you look at all these issues, you will know that Nitish Kumar has the understanding to get every work related to this done, but the same Nitish Kumar did not ask the Prime Minister to open the closed sugar mill in Bihar," said Kishor.

False ceiling collapse at MMCH blood bank in Palamu

Palamu, August 6: The false ceiling of the blood storage room of Medinirai Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) in Palamau collapsed on Monday late night. No one was injured in the incident. Civil surgeon Dr. Anil Kumar stated, "Few mechanical items were damaged. At the time of the incident we had 150 units of blood. All are safe."According to hospital staffs the falso ceiling collapsed due to incessant rain in the last two days. Senior lab technician Anwar Alam explained, "Two days of heavy rain caused the false ceiling to fall. The blood bank is in the ground-floor of the building and its roof leaks even when it drizzles."

"The debris were collected and cleared at the night itself, the blood bank is fully functional and doing its business as usual," added Alam.Another hospital staff not willing to be quoted told the reporters that apart from water leakage, drug addicts steal the copper wires from the AC units. "Copper wiring of several air conditioners have been stolen," added the hospital staff.

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Letter No – JSRRDA- dated – 05.08.2024

CORRIGENDUM to PR.NO-315606 dated 10.01.2024

The Following Package No- JH22-EG-26B1 of West Singhbhum in the NIT No- 39/ 2024-25 dated 01.08.2024(Retender-7th Call) published vide PR.NO-315606 dated 10.01.2024 for the works of PMGSY is hereby Cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

Sl. No.	District/ Block	Repackage	Road Name	Length (in Kms./M)	Cons. Cost (in Lakh)	Maint. cost (in Lakh)	Total (in Lakh)	E/M (in Lakh)	Time Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11
1	West Singhbhum / Goelkera	JH22- EG-26 B1	Bridge Over local nala(89.44M) ch 2.4 Km Balia Leventa to P(VR187)	89.44 M	320.18	13.75	333.93	6.68	15 Months

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Short Notice Inviting e- quotation

Notice No- WRD/KDD - 02, ICHA – CHALIYAMA – 02/2024-25 Dated-03.08.2024

Government of Jharkhand through its Public Works Department (PWD) is engaged in framing/revision of Schedule of Rates and as part of this endeavor, quotations through e- tender are invited for Hire Charges of Plant & Machineries annexed as Annexure-I for Construction Works from Reputed Manufacturers/Owners/Lessee for respective items. The Hire Charges conforming to specifications for inclusion in the Schedule of Rates for Government of Jharkhand to be used in different civil construction/infrastructure works and repair works shall be submitted online in the website Http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Details of plant and Machineries are available on the above E-tender portal. The quotationer may download the documents from the website and quote their rate for hire charges of Plant and Machineries online from 14.08.2024 at 10:30 hrs To 23.08.2024 at 16:00 hrs. The quotation will be opened on 27.08.2024 at 14:00 Hours.
The quotation is invited to ascertain and assess the Hire Charges of Plant & Machineries at par with lowest market rare for framing of Schedule of Rate.

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अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा रिफरेन्स नं0–NIT-02/NPS/2024-25

क्र0	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन राशि	निविदा शुल्क	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय
1	Construction of RCC Drain with Slab From House of P.K. Rath to House of Tarun Satpati, at Ward No.-10 of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	1450200	29000	5000	2 महीना
2	Construction of RCC Drain with Slab Near Madrash to Near Bengal Bakrey(Both Side), at Ward No.-03, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	933500	18700	5000	2 महीना
3	Construction of RCC Drain with Slab From House of Bindu Devi to Vikrant Kr. House & Near Indoor Stadium, at ward No. 04, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	933500	18700	5000	2 महीना
4	Construction of RCC Drain with Slab Near House of Pramod Kr. To Chaibasa Road, at Ward No.-01, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	892600	17900	5000	2 महीना
5	Construction of RCC Drain with Slab From House of Harish Chandra Kr. To Nishi Kant Samal House, at ward No.08, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	756700	15200	5000	2 महीना
6	Construction of RCC Drain with Slab From House of Manoranjan Kumar to Near Mandal Sales, at Ward No.-09, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	743200	14900	5000	2 महीना
7	Construction of RCC Drain with Slab From House of Moti Shao to Alok Sarangi House , at Ward No.08, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella	593700	11900	5000	2 महीना
8	Construction of RCC Drain from the house of Kishore sharma of Kishore acharya, at Ward No.-05, Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	525800	10600	5000	2 महीना
9	Construction of RCC Culvert and RCC Drain near Singhdeo sir to Netun Panda at Ward No.-09 ,Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella	696900	14000	5000	2 महीना
10	Construction of RCC Drain from Netun Panda house to near Badri barat house, Ward No.-10, Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	1394700	27900	5000	2 महीना
11	Construction of PCC Road From House of Dinomani Pradhan to Near Land(Plot) of Surma Mishra at, Ward No.05, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella	1037800	20800	5000	2 महीना
12	Construction of PCC Road From House of Richa Sharma to Near New Road at, Ward No.01, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella	824300	16500	5000	2 महीना
13	Construction of PCC Road From House of Madan Kr. To House St. Francis School Boundary & From House of Jitendar Pandey to House of Parveen Kr. At Ward No.03, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella	365900	7400	1000	2 महीना
14	Construction of PCC Road From House of Ramchandra Soy to House of MadhusudaPardan& From House of Raj Kishor Soy to House of Manoj Kr. Pani at Ward No.02 of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	858200	17200	5000	2 महीना
15	Construction of PCC Road From House of Sona Ram Soy to House of Satpathy& From House of Krishna Singh to House of Ramesh Pardhan at Ward No.02, of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	746100	15000	5000	2 महीना
16	Construction of PCC Road from near of Rajesh babu boundary of near Surma Mishra plot, Ward No.05 Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	765000	15300	5000	2 महीना
17	Construction of PCC Road from D K School to Mansa Mahto house at ward No. 08 Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	1243600	24900	5000	2 महीना
18	Construction of PCC Road from Indradev Pradhan to Rashmi gilua house, Ward No.02 Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	1262000	25300	5000	2 महीना
19	Construction of PCC Road from Manoj kumar mohanty house to Sudam raut at, Ward No.01, Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella	1068600	21400	5000	2 महीना
20	Construction of PCC Road from Susil lamay house to Babita kande house at Ward No.03, Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	991300	19900	5000	2 महीना
21	Construction of PCC Road from Shanti Padihari house to Anand Kumar House Pandra Road Colony at Ward No.02, Under Nagar Panchayat, Seraikella.	232000	4700	1000	2 महीना
22	Construction of Urban water supply Scheme(At Hat Market, Near Stadium &Dhirudhi) with 1.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set & Deep Drilled Tube well of 25/115mm Dia, 60mtrs deep for Tolas/Village/Areas which is not included in MVS and has no Electricity or less eletricity to supply water 2000 LPH at least 15/30 year for 24 x 7 supply under JJM in the state of Jharkhand, Based on SOR w.e.f July, 2022	1475600	29600	5000	2 महीना
23	Construction of Urban water supply scheme(At Koda Sai, Garaj Chowk &Ghutu Sai) With 1.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set & Deep Drilled Tube well of 25/115mm Dia, 60mtrs deep for Tolas/Village/Areas which is not included in MVS and has no electricity or less electricity to supply water 2000 LPH at least 15/30 year for 24 x 7 supply under JJM in the state of Jharkhand,Based on SOR w.e.f July, 2022	1475600	29600	5000	2 महीना
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1. निविदादाता का नाम – प्रशासक, नगर पंचायत,सरायकेला
2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 10.08.2024
3. ई0–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – 10.08.2024 से 21.08.2024 को अपराह्न 04 बजे तक।
4. ई0 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 23.08.2024 को अपराह्न 04 बजे तक
5. ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता – प्रशासक, नगर पंचायत,सरायकेला
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वित्तिय वर्ष– 2024–25 में मुख्य शीर्ष– 4405 मछली पालन पर पूंजीगत परिव्यय के अंतर्गत वेद व्यास आवास योजना (राज्यादेश सं०– 22 रा०वि०, दिनांक– 26.07.2024) का प्राप्त लक्ष्य को पूरा करने हेतू आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि– 20.08.2024 होगी।

क्र०	योजना का नाम	लक्ष्य	आर्हताएं
1.	**वेद व्यास आवास योजना** राज्यादेश सं०– 22 (रा०वि०) दिनांक– 26.07.2024	**लघु शीर्ष–796** जनजातीय क्षेत्र उपयोजना भौतिक लक्ष्य– 05	• सक्रिय अथवा परम्परागत मत्स्य पालक/मत्स्य बीज उत्पादक /मत्स्य बिक्रेता एवं शिकारमाही से जुड़ा हो। • जिसके पास कच्चा मिट्टी से बने अथवा फूस के मकान हो। • पूर्व में संचालित विभागीय आवास योजना अथवा सरकारी आवास या समतुल्य केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार की आवास योजना से लाभन्वित हो चुके लाभुकों को लाभ नहीं मिलेगा।एक परिवार के एक ही सदस्य को लाभ मिलेगा। • आवास निर्माण हेतु जमीन उपलब्ध रहने तथा कच्चा घर वाले मछुवारों को भी कंडिका (i) एवं (ii) के अतिरिक्त लाभांवित किया जा सकता है। एक परिवार में एक आवास देय है। • आवास निर्माण हेतु अधिकतम प्रति लाभुक **मो० 1,91,200/–** रू० की आर्थिक सहायता होगी। • पक्का आवास का निर्माण मछुवारों की निजी जमीन पर कराया जायेगा।

नोटः– 1. आवेदन में दिये सभी कंडिकाओं को कार्यावधि में भर कर जमा करना होगा।
2. आवेदन जिला मत्स्य कार्यलय एंव सिंगल विंडो से प्राप्त कर सकते है।

जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी–सह–
मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी
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Dr. Asha Lakra reviews schemes for scheduled tribes

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Seraikela, August 6: Dr. Asha Lakra, member of the National Scheduled Tribes Commission, led a review meeting at the District Collectorate auditorium to assess schemes benefiting Scheduled Tribes. District Magistrate Ravi Shankar Shukla, Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat, and other district officials were present.

Dr. Lakra scrutinized the implementation of various Central and State Government schemes, focusing on the welfare of Scheduled Tribes. She directed the District Education Officer to report on teacher availability, school conditions, and student facilities. A campaign to reintegrate dropouts and enhance residential school amenities was also recommended. In health services, Dr. Lakra emphasized the need for a publicized roster of doctors and training in vaccination procedures. She reviewed welfare schemes, urging improved safety measures in hostels and timely provision of essentials.

Dr. Lakra called for all departments, including Animal Husbandry, Forest, Drinking Water, and Social Welfare, to meet targets and address issues promptly. The police department's performance was also reviewed, with an emphasis on swift action for public grievances.

The meeting was attended by key officials including trainee IAS Kumar Rajat and Deputy Development Commissioner Prabhat Kumar Bartiyar. (w/nkm)

Birua distributes crackers to chase away elephants



Chaibasa, August 6: Minister Deepak Birua visited the elephant-affected Hatgamharia block to address the concerns of local villagers. At a meeting held in Noorda village, Birua distributed large torches and crackers to help residents protect themselves from elephants, aiming to prevent the animals from entering and damaging crops. Forms for compensation were also distributed to victims of elephant-related damage. Birua, along with forest department officials, provided villagers with safety tips and advised them not to enter forest areas frequented by elephants. He emphasized the importance of gathering and using torches to deter elephants if they approach the village and warned against throwing stones at the animals, which could provoke aggression. The minister directed forest officials to offer continuous support and urged villagers to take advantage of available government welfare schemes. District Twenty Point Member Subhash Banerjee, JMM Block President Balwant Gope, and other local officials were present during the visit. (w/nkm)

Server outage disrupts CM Maiyaan Samman Yojana application camp



Seraikela, August 6: For the fourth consecutive day, the server issue at the Chief Minister Maiyaan Samman Yojana application camp left numerous women waiting in frustration. Many women spent their entire day at the camp, hoping for the server to come online, only to find their efforts thwarted. Bharatiya Janata Party's Mahila Morcha city president, Pinky Modak, visited the camp to assess the situation. She expressed her discontent with the lack of progress and the inconvenience caused to the women, who are unable to complete their registration, cook meals, or care for their children due to the ongoing server issues. Modak criticized the government for the ineffective pension scheme and called for alternative solutions, such as offline pension distribution, to avoid further distress. (w/nkm)

Sampoorna Shiksha Kavach Abhiyan launched

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Chaibasa, August 6: The Sampoorna Shiksha Kavach Abhiyan was inaugurated at the West Singhbhum District Collectorate auditorium by District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Development Commissioner Sandeep Kumar Meena, Assistant Collector Arnav Mishra, District Education Officer Tony Premraj Toppo, and District Planning Officer Francis Kujur. The initiative, a collaboration between the District Administration and Philo Edtech Private Limited, aims to enhance education quality for students in classes 9 to 12 through e-learning, focusing on improving results in the 10th and 12th grade exams.

During the workshop, detailed information was provided to the principals and wardens of 23 schools participating in the campaign. The program will benefit 7,953 students, offering 24/7 access to video and audio teaching resources via ICT labs in schools. The Fellow application will support students with class notes, test series, and a question bank. The system will address teacher shortages by providing JAC board-based subject instruction and additional support for struggling students, including career counselling. (w/nkm)

MLA Sukhram Oraon honours top students at Marwari+2 High School

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Chaibasa, August 6: Marwari+2 High School hosted a special student felicitation ceremony on Tuesday to recognize academic excellence in matriculation and intermediate examinations.

The event, inaugurated by MLA Oraon who began the proceedings with the lighting of the lamp, featured a vibrant cultural program including regional dance performances and a welcome song by the students.

During the ceremony, MLA Oraon presented certificates to students who had achieved outstanding results in their respective faculties. In his address, Oraon praised the students for their hard work and dedication, encouraging them to continue striving for excellence. He highlighted that such commitment could lead to significant future opportunities, including roles as MLA, MP, or even Chief Minister.

The students honoured included Satyajit Sahu, Jaswant Mahato, and Sujal Sonkar from the Inter Arts faculty; Sariya Naz, Monica Kumari, and Mohit Kumar Mistry from the Commerce Faculty; and Hrithik Roshan Mahato, Kolay Samad, and Divyanshu Sijui from the Science Faculty.

The event was attended by the school's principal, teachers, and parents, all of whom joined in celebrating the students' achievements. (w/nkm)

Chaos at Mainyaan Samman Yojana form distribution

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Gamharia, August 6: In Gamharia, women expressed frustration over delays and overcrowding at the form distribution center for the Mainyaan Samman Yojana, set up at the Durga Temple complex in wards 7 and 8. The situation escalated when a youth became unruly, attacking CDPO office staff and damaging property. Despite efforts to manage the growing number of applicants, the disruption led to the youth fleeing before police arrival. Authorities are now investigating the incident, with Gamharia's Zonal Officer urging the police to take appropriate action. (w/nkm)

Bangladesh Coup is result of conspiracy: Manoj Chaudhary

Seraikela, August 6: BJP leader and former vice-president of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, has denounced the recent formation of an interim government in Bangladesh as part of a larger conspiracy rather than a mere political incident. Chaudhary pointed out the dangers of overlooking the growing influence of fundamentalist and jihadi groups, comparing the instability in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to current political trends. He urged Indians to remain vigilant, suggesting that external forces, specifically Pakistan and its intelligence agency ISI, are behind the violence in Bangladesh. Chaudhary took aim at the INDI Alliance and Congress party, accusing them of creating confusion during the recent Lok Sabha elections by focusing excessively on reservations and constitutional matters. He urged voters to consider the broader implications of the current regional unrest, particularly the involvement of organizations like 'Chhatra Shivir,' which he claims is linked to the banned Jamaat-e-Islami and backed by ISI. His comments underscore the need for increased awareness and caution amidst escalating regional tensions. (w/nkm)

Zila Parishad member facilitates reunion of missing youth with family

Seraikela, August 6: A 16-year-old boy named Krishna Samad, who had been missing for five days, has been successfully reunited with his family. Krishna, who had been wandering in Kolabira and seeking shelter in a local temple, was mentally distressed and unable to provide his address. Upon learning about Krishna's situation, Shambhu Mandal took swift action to ensure his well-being, coordinating with local hotel operator Tarak Nayak to provide care and food. Mandal also used social media to track down Krishna's family. Subsequently, Krishna's father Gondo Samad and mother Nani Ka Samad were located and brought to Kolabira. The reunion was met with heartfelt gratitude from the parents, who thanked Mandal for his dedicated efforts in safely returning their son. (w/nkm)

Residents voice concerns at Mirudih Vikas Samiti meeting

Gamharia, August 6: During a general meeting of the Mirudih Vikas Samiti held in Bihari Basti, Gamharia, residents raised issues related to the lack of basic facilities in their colony. Despite settlement over a decade ago, around 500 families still face problems such as inadequate electricity, poor road conditions, and insufficient water supply. Purendra Narayan Singh assured that he has approached the former Chief Minister and local MLA Champai Soren for resolutions. Plans include improved infrastructure and a primary school. RJD State Secretary Dev Prakash Devta and other notable figures also addressed the meeting, which saw strong community participation. (w/nkm)

Preparations for free Murga Mahadev Padayatra Vishal Kanwaria Camp

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Chaibasa, August 6: A review meeting for the Free Murga Mahadev Padayatra Vishal Kanwaria Camp 2024 was held at Rungta Marriage House, Chaibasa, chaired by President Ramesh Chomal. Shri Bol Bam Seva Samiti Chaibasa organized the meeting to finalize preparations for the upcoming event.

Committee Secretary Shiv Bajaj outlined the logistics for providing food, water, and medical assistance to Kanwariyas participating in the padayatra. Temporary camps will be set up at various locations: Jhinkpani on the night of August 9, Iligadha on the morning of August 10, Hatgamharia in the afternoon, Jagannathpur at night, and Kotgarh on the morning of August 11. The Murga Mahadev temple premises will host the Kanwariyas from the evening of August 11 to the afternoon of August 12.

Additionally, a special service camp for postal Kanwariyas will be established at Kotgarh on the night of August 10. Program coordinator Manish Rungta mentioned that accommodations and food arrangements for Kanwariyas arriving from outside will be provided at Rungta Marriage House.

The camp group will depart from Rungta Marriage House at 4:00 pm on August 9. Key attendees at the meeting included Narayan Padia, Vinod Giga Dayama, Ghanshyam Mundhra, Dilip Agarwal, Gauri Shankar Chirania, Rajkumar Ojha, Kamal Lat, Pawan Garg, Dheeraj Lodha, Manik Das, Vijay Padia, Sonu Sharma, Gopal Shah, Rishikesh Sharma, and Pappu. (w/nkm)

World Tribal Day to be Celebrated on August 9

Seraikela, August 6: World Tribal Day will be celebrated with grandeur at Neemdih ground on August 9, organized by the Ichapid Joint Gram Sabha of the submerged area of Rajnagar. A preparatory meeting was held at Shyamsundarpur Haat Maidan, chaired by President Marcondho Bari.

The meeting focused on uniting the tribal community and reaching a consensus on the celebrations. Notable figures such as Manjhi Baba Sunil Soren of Dubrajpur and other local leaders also participated in the meeting. The event aims to promote unity and honor tribal heritage. (w/nkm)

Plant Conservation program at XITE Gamharia



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Gamharia, August 6: A program on plant conservation was organized on Tuesday at XITE Gamharia under the National Service Scheme Department and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. The department provided information on methods for conserving plants.

The program emphasized that while everyone planted trees, often as a formality, the crucial aspect was ensuring the survival of these trees by providing them with adequate food and water.

It was highlighted that during the summer season, watering the trees in the morning and evening aided in their rapid growth.

To protect the trees from pests, the use of chemical pesticides was recommended. Additionally, applying lime to the trees was suggested to strengthen their roots. Tree conservation was also noted as essential for controlling atmospheric temperature.

Students of the new session attended the event, contributing to the program's success. NSS officer Naval Narayan Chaudhary played a key role in organizing the event. Vice Principal Father Mukti and faculty members were present during the event. (w/gsd)

Divisional Commissioner seeks political party cooperation for voter list revision

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Seraikela, August 6: Divisional Commissioner Hari Kumar Keshari convened a meeting with officials from various national political parties to discuss the Special Summary Revision II-2024 of the voter list.

The meeting, held at the District Collectorate, focused on ensuring the successful implementation of this voter registration campaign. The Special Revision process, mandated by the Election Commission of India, began on June 22, 2024, and includes a second phase running from July 25 to August 27.

The revision involves door-to-door verification by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to update the voter list, including adding names, removing those of deceased or relocated voters, and making necessary corrections. Divisional Commissioner Keshari emphasized the importance of cooperation from political party members to create a clean and accurate voter list.

He urged all stakeholders to support the registration of eligible citizens who have turned 18 by July 1, 2024.

The goal is to ensure that the voter list is inclusive, error-free, and reflective of all eligible voters.

Keshari's appeal for cooperation underscores the need for a collective effort in achieving a comprehensive and reliable voter registration process. (w/nkm)

Bangladesh Debacle

Sheikh Hasina returned to power about seven months ago with an overwhelming majority but the huff in which she had to leave Bangladesh only proves how the tide had turned against her. The anger against her was on a boil and this can be gauged by the manner in which the agitators were demanding her resignation. These protestors raided and ransacked her official residence, desecrated the statue of Banga Bandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and set on fire the library dedicated to him. As expected, the army took charge after Sheikh Hasina left the country and announced the formation of a mixed interim government.

The Bangladesh army, perhaps, had done its homework. Sheikh Hasina had come to power for the fourth consecutive time through such elections which leading Bangladeshi opposition parties had boycotted. The smooth and efficient manner in which she handled national affairs assured her and her government of unruffled sailing but the recent wave of violent student protests against the reservation policy put a dent in Sheikh Hansina's governance. The flame of agitation was further fanned by her opponents and various organizations of hardliners who are alleged puppets of Pakistan. In fact, this reservation protest turned into a movement demanding a shift from the Hasina government rule. It seems, Sheikh Hasina failed to read the tactical moves of the opposition parties.

Although Bangladesh's Supreme Court brought about major changes in the reservation policy, the opposition was not satisfied. They adamantly demanded Sheikh Hasina's resignation. The anti-reservation protests turned violent with more than 300 people losing their lives and this tainted Sheikh Hasina's administrative image. She was dubbed a totalitarian and the western countries, particularly the United States of America, came out in open criticism of her. The USA went against her because she did not heed its instructions on human rights and democracy. Sheikh Hasina's attempt to normalize situations between New Delhi and Beijing made China indignant and she had to cut short her recent visit to that country. There is more than sufficient reason to believe that China may have egged the Pakistani elements in the uprising against Sheikh Hasina. Her ouster is not good tidings for India for she had a friendly inclination towards New Delhi.

It will be a matter of grave consternation for India If the Bangladeshi interim government headed by the army comes under Chinese sway. Bangladesh has been marked by anti-India activities for quite some time now. These anti-Indian forces were very much evidenced during the anti-reservation movement. The targeting of Hindus, Hindu temples and Indian establishments by the demonstrators in Bangladesh does not augur well from the Indian perspective.

From the Editorial Desk

Is Waqf Act abuse catalyst for Modi govt's intent to restrict Boards' authority?

Is abuse of the Waqf Act driving the NarendraModi-led NDA government's plan to limit the Waqf Boards' arbitrary powers?

This question is at the centre of a heated political debate as the Central government prepares to amend the Waqf Act.

Amid the ongoing debate, sources have shared with IANS details that cast the Waqf Boards' operations in a negative light, alleging misuse of the Waqf Act. Sources say for a long time, the Waqf Boards have been accused of acting like a land mafia, seizing various types of properties - including personal land, government land, temple lands, and gurdwara -following amendments to the Waqf Act made by Congress.

According to sources, initially, the Waqf Boards had about 52,000 properties across India. By 2009, this number had surged to 300,000 registered properties covering 400,000 acres of land.

"Today, the number of registered Waqf properties has exceeded 872,292, spanning over 800,000 acres of land. This represents a dramatic doubling of Waqf land within just 13 years," a source added. Sources say the MussulmanWakf Act, 1923, was introduced by the British. The British first introduced The Madras Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1925. It drew large protests from Muslims and Christians. Thus, it was redrafted



to exclude them, made applicable to Hindus only and renamed the Madras Hindu Religious and Endowments Act, 1927.

The Waqf Act was first passed by Parliament in 1954. Subsequently, it was repealed and a new Waqf Act was passed in 1995 which gave more powers to Waqf Boards. "In 2013, this Act was further amended to give unlimited powers to Waqf Boards to snatch anyone's property, which even could not be challenged in any court of law," sources said.

In simple terms, the Waqf Board has been granted sweeping powers to claim properties under the guise of Muslim charity. This effectively means that a religious body has been given almost unchecked authority, preventing plaintiffs from seeking judicial recourse, informed sources told IANS, adding: "No other religious body in democratic India has such powers."

According to information, Section 3 of the Waqf Act, 1995 states that if the Waqf Board "thinks" that the land belongs to a Muslim, then it is the property of the Waqf. The Waqf Board does not have to furnish any evidence on why they think the land falls under their ownership. Even countries that follow Muslim laws do not have a Waqf body nor does any religious body have unlimited powers, sources added.

It is also informed that the Waqf body did not repatriate any land to the Hindus that migrated from Pakistan during the Partition. Sources report several incidents where Waqf Boards have claimed ownership of entire villages. One notable example is Thiruchenthurai village in Tamil Nadu. The local Waqf Board shocked residents by declaring the entire village as its property. Situated on the banks of the Cauvery River in Tiruchirapalli district, Thiruchenthurai is home to a 1,500-year-old Sundareswarar Temple. Villagers were left questioning how the Waqf Board could lay claim to their historic settlement.

In Rajasthan, a notable case involved the Rajasthan Board of Muslim Waqf seeking financial assistance from the state government to cover workers' salaries. This request was strikingly at odds with the fact that the Waqf Board had over 18,000 properties listed across the state and generated income from more than 7,000 of these properties. Similarly, the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board claimed ownership of the 1,500-year-old Manendiyavalli Chandrashekhara Swami temple land, which comprises 369 acres in and around Thiruchenthurai village.

These incidents are cited by sources as evidence of the Waqf Boards misusing the extensive and unchecked powers granted to them by the current Act.

Another major issue is the lack of transparency and accountability in managing Waqf properties, sources said. There is no reliable assessment of the revenue generated from these assets, and concerns about how this revenue is used remain unresolved, sources added. Sources indicated reports of corruption and mismanagement are prevalent, and when revenue is documented, it should ideally be directed towards the welfare of the Muslim community.

Why no one trusts Chinese?

Recently, Microsoft has reportedly banned its employees in China from using Android devices for work, requiring them to switch to Apple devices in September.

The move aims to mitigate cyberattacks and prevent data leaks of corporate resources. The unavailability of Google Play in China, leading to reliance on operating platforms from Chinese companies like Huawei and Xiaomi, is a key factor.

This decision follows Microsoft's earlier offer to around 800 local employees in China, working in artificial intelligence and cloud business, to relocate to other countries. This relocation is in line with the US administration's efforts to restrict Beijing's access to advanced sensitive technologies due to cybersecurity concerns.

While Microsoft describes this as a "regular part of its global operations," their February report highlights state-sponsored cyberattack concerns, including hackers from China using Microsoft's AI tools for intelligence gathering and influencing narratives.

The precautionary measures taken by Microsoft are underscored by criticism from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cyber Safety Review Board, which cited "a cascade of errors" in Microsoft's failure to prevent security breaches by the Chinese state-backed hacking group Storm-0558. This group targeted email accounts of approximately 22 organisations, including US government officials, and accessed about 60,000 emails from the US State Department. Cyber espionage is undeniably the most significant national security threat facing the international community today. Recently, China's involvement in cyber espionage has been exposed, despite its covert activities since 2019. In March, the US and the UK filed charges against Beijing and imposed sanctions, accusing it of using both artificial intelligence and Chinese nationals for malicious cyber hacking operations. These activities compromised the private data of millions worldwide, including businesspeople, lawyers, journalists, academics, politicians, bureaucrats, and critics of the Chinese government.

Similarly, New Zealand and Dutch intelligence agencies have accused China of state-backed espionage campaigns targeting the Wellington Parliament and Dutch military industries.

Beijing's cyber hacking activities have also extended to neighbouring countries in Asia. This was evidenced in the February document leak from i-Soon, a Shanghai-based cybersecurity company, which revealed the Chinese government's collaboration with i-Soon's private hackers for intelligence gathering from foreign governments and organisations.

China's state-supported intelligence operations targeting other nations through cyber espionage are primarily aimed at intellectual property theft (IPT), particularly from Western countries. Due to the lesser emphasis on innovation, Chinese firms, especially those with political connections, have little incentive to pursue innovative paths. This policy effectively promotes IPT theft. To surpass Western companies in global market competition, Chinese policies permit the acquisition of foreign technology know-how through both legitimate and illegitimate means, with the latter involving cyber espionage.

In 2022, Chinese-affiliated Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) 41 was suspected of conducting cyber operations that resulted in millions of dollars worth of IPT theft from approximately 30 multinational companies across the energy, manufacturing, and pharmaceutical sectors.

Additionally, intelligence gathering has heavily targeted security sectors that possess knowledge of modern warfare's technical capabilities. Emerging Chinese-affiliated APT groups, such as APT 40, have expanded their efforts to gather information for intellectual theft from both government institutions and private companies.Telecommunication companies like Huawei and ZTE have been controversial due to Beijing's potential use of 5G infrastructure for cyber espionage and IPR theft, posing a significant national security threat.

In October last year, the Five Eyes; intelligence chiefs from the US, UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand accused Beijing of intellectual property theft through artificial intelligence in its hacking operations, which was seen as an "unprecedented threat" posed by China globally.

China's espionage activities extend beyond digital platforms to physical infiltration in target nations. Utilising its diasporic population as part of human intelligence exemplifies this approach.

A 2022 report revealed Beijing's long-term strategy of recruiting prominent scientists of Chinese descent who formerly worked at the US Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. At least 162 such scientists with prior experience at this lab have reportedly been recruited to serve the Chinese government. This represents a broader, time-intensive, unconventional tactic of intelligence gathering, where Chinese researchers and academics are incentivised to advance their expertise abroad and subsequently share their knowledge with Beijing. Notably, China's Counter-Terrorism Law (2015) and National Intelligence Law (2017) mandate Chinese nationals, institutions, and organisations to support and promote state intelligence activities by acting as informants.

Diabetes, hypertension, and lifestyle are major contributors to vascular diseases

August 6 is National Vascular Day



By Dr Prashant Raman

As medical science is evolving day by day, it is the adding up new super specializations. Modern medicine is observing the body systems more minutely and taking the management of different diseases more specifically. One specialty we are discussing today is vascular diseases.Vascular diseases are the pathologies of the vascular system. Vascular system is a term given to the blood vessels and channels that carry blood and lymphatics to and from the heart to the various parts of the body.Vascular diseases in broader sense are the diseases of these vessels and has been classified into the Arterial (the one carrying blood away from the heart), Venous (those carrying towards heart) and the lymphatic system (concerned with carrying larger molecules).The diseases can arise due to blockage arising in them due to various causes, vessel wall pathologies and due to traumatic injuries.The blood vessels are essential for carrying oxygen and nutrients to various organs of the body and hence any cut off of the supply or impaired blood flow are associated with grim outcomes if not intervened in time.The common conditions which are attributed to vascular diseases are diabetes mellitus, hypertension, sedentary lifestyle and smoking.

The usual presenting symptoms of arterial diseases are pain on walking which gradually becomes disabling and may lead to rest pain as well as gangrene. Whereas venous diseases may present as acute onset of severe pain and swelling of a limb, persistent limb swelling/ nagging dull aching pain, dilated tortuous visible veins, discoloration of legs and non-healing/ weeping ulcer.

A major concerning area of this discipline is traumatic injuries to major blood vessels which leads to acute cut off of blood supply to a part of the body. If not addressed in time (usually 6 hours is considered as golden period) may lead to loss of whole or a part of the limb. Early detection and referral of such patients by the first point of contact (health care provider) is of utmost importance.The Vascular specialist are the clinicians who take special training to treat such diseases. They are competent in medical management as well as surgical interventions. They are equally trained in open surgeries as well as endovascular management of various conditions and this makes them different from other specialties which offer only one of the modalities.

Tata Main Hospital is the first institution in Jharkhand to start a fully functional Vascular Surgery Unit. In the past 6 months many limbs and life have been saved through prompt Vascular surgical intervention.

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Sheikh Hasina came back from tragedy to lead Bangladesh - until protests forced her to flee

Sheikh Hasina, the longest-serving prime minister in Bangladesh's history, resigned and fled the country on Monday, bringing a tumultuous end to her 15-year-long rule as an extraordinary wave of protest succeeded in toppling her government.

Her ouster came after weeks of relentless protests and clashes with security forces that have killed nearly 300 people since mid-July, according to local media reports. What began as peaceful demonstrations by students frustrated with a quota system for government jobs unexpectedly grew into a major uprising against Hasina and her ruling Awami League party.

The recent upheaval was the largest and last crisis for the 76-year-old leader, the world's longest-serving female head of government, who won a fourth consecutive term in January in an election boycotted by the main opposition amid concerns that the polls were not free or fair.

How it all began

Hasina first became prime minister in 1996, and then returned in 2008 to win the office she held until Monday.

Analysts who have tracked her rise say her political life was driven by tragedy. On Aug. 15, 1975, her father and the first leader of independent Bangladesh, Sheikh MujibRahman was assassinated in a military coup.

That fateful night, while 28-year-old Hasina was in Germany with her younger sister, a group of army officers burst into the family's Dhaka home and killed her parents, three other siblings and the household staff - 18 people in all. Some say the brutal act pushed her to consolidate unprecedented power. It was also what motivated her throughout her political career, analysts say.

"Hasina has one very powerful quality as a politician - and that is to weaponize trauma," said AvinashPaliwal, a former university lecturer who specialized in South Asian strategic affairs said in January ahead of the general election.

To Hasina, her father was the founder of independent Bangladesh after its forces, aided by India, defeated Pakistan in 1971.

After the assassination, Hasina lived for years in exile in India, then made her way back to Bangladesh and took over the Awami League. But the country's military rulers had her in and out of house



detention all through the 1980s until, after general elections in 1996, she became prime minister for the first time.

Two women, two parties

What followed was a decadeslong power struggle between Hasina and former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, the chief of the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, who's now ailing and under house arrest.

The two women ran the country alternatively for years in a bitter rivalry that polarized Bangladesh politics. Hasina has often accused the BNP of courting hard-line extremists that her party, which calls itself moderate and secular, had worked to stamp out, while Zia's BNP claims the Awami League is using oppressive tactics to stay in power.

The two traded blame as the recent protests turned violent. The BNP, which backed the student protesters, repeated calls for Hasina to step down while she accused them of stoking the violence.

She said the protests had been overtaken by the BNP and another opposition party that her government banned recently.

Years of turmoil

After Hasina lost the general election in 2001, she became the leader of the opposition. Political violence, unrest and military interventions marked the years until she was reelected. Back in power, she fixed her sights on the economy and built infrastructure previously unseen in Bangladesh. A strong electricity grid that reaches farflung villages; big-ticket projects such as highways, rail lines and ports. The country's garment industry became one of the world's most competitive. The development gains sparked other advances: girls were educated on par with boys, and an increasing swell of women joined the workforce. Those close to her described Hasina as hands-on and passionate about uplifting women and poor people.

On the international stage, Hasina cultivated ties with powerful countries including both India and China. But the United States and other Western nations expressed concerns over human rights violations and press freedoms, straining relations. In January, after she won a fourth consecutive term, the U.S. and the United Kingdom said the polls were not credible, free and fair. Previous elections in 2018 and 2014 were also marred by allegations of vote rigging and a boycott from opposition parties. Her critics for years accused her government of using harsh tools to muzzle dissent, shrink press freedoms and curtail civil society. Rights groups have also cited forced disappearances of critics, which her government denied.

Opposition rises

Her government employed the same heavy-handed approach when these protests began, which inflamed tensions even more, analysts said.

The student-led movement also came as Bangladesh underwent an economic churn given the recent global slowdown. Ahead of the January polls, there was labor unrest and dissatisfaction with the government. But the latest furore highlighted the extent of economic distress in the country, where exports have fallen and foreign exchange reserves are running low. Experts say there's a lack of quality jobs for young graduates, who increasingly seek the more stable and lucrative government jobs.

"There have been plenty of protests during Awami League's regime over the last 15 years, but nothing as large, long, and violent as this one," said Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Center. He added that the especially ferocious government response of excessive force and deep pent up anger at the state as well as growing economic stress led to the escalation.

What's next?

After 15 years of Hasina's administration, it's not clear what comes next.

Shortly after she was seen on TV boarding a military helicopter with her sister, the country's military chief, Gen. Waker-uz-Zaman, said he would seek the president's guidance on forming an interim government.

He promised that the military would launch an investigation into the deadly crackdown on student-led protests that fueled outrage against the government."Keep faith in the military, we will investigate all the killings and punish the responsible," he said. "I have ordered that no army and police will indulge in any kind of firing."

"Now, the students' duty is to stay calm and help us," he added. Thousands of protesters celebrated in the capital, waving Bangladeshi flags as the news broke, while others looted her official residence, carrying out furniture and even fish from the kitchens.

It is an "end of a regime that delivered a lot of development but was increasingly authoritarian, as we saw with the mass killings these past weeks," said Naomi Hossain, a research professor specializing in Bangladesh at the London-based SOAS University.

RBI may not change repo rate owing to food inflation

Chennai, Aug 6 (IANS) The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will continue to remain cautious on the inflationary trends and may not change the repo rate, experts said on Tuesday.

Repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends money to the banks.

However, there is a variance in their views with regard to the RBI's stance.

Credit rating agency CARE Ratings said the MPC is expected to maintain the status quo on the policy repo rate on Thursday.

"The stance is anticipated to remain at 'withdrawal of accommodation', with the policy repo rate held at 6.5 per cent," CARE Ratings said in a report.

This decision is primarily driven by risks to the inflationary outlook. Although the overall growth rate is expected to remain healthy, the MPC is likely to stay cautious and monitor any emerging risks to inflation.

According to CARE Ratings, despite an above-normal monsoon so far (6.4 per cent



above the Long Period Average as of August 4), the overall risk of food inflation remains high due to highly uneven rainfall in the first half of the monsoon season.

Even though the Southern states have received good rainfall, key agrarian regions, particularly in North and East India, such as Punjab, Haryana, and the Eastern Gangetic Plains, continue to face double-digit deficits in rainfall, CARE Ratings said.

While Kharif sowing of food grains is 5.7 per cent higher than last year (as of August 2), it is marginally lower than the comparable period in 2022. Area sown under all major food categories -- cereals (4.5 per cent), pulses (10.9 per cent), and oilseeds (3 per cent) -- remains higher compared to the last year, CARE Ratings said.

Apart from food inflation risks, the recent hikes in telecom tariffs by major mobile service providers, ranging from 10-25 per cent, will put upside pressures on core inflation.

Telecommunication services account for about 2.1 per cent of the overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket and 4.4 per cent of core inflation. The recent sales tax increases on fuel prices in a few states will also marginally impact inflation prints. Moreover, the upward revision of prices for aviation turbine fuel (ATF) and commercial cooking gas by major state-owned retailers can have second-order effects on the CPI.

The credit rating agency also expects the RBI to retain its growth projection of 7.2 per cent for FY25.

However, Parijat Agrawal, Head of Fixed Income at Union Mutual Fund, has a different take on RBI's stance.

"The inflationary pressures have cooled off and monsoon worries have subsided. The fiscal consolidation seems to have given the required comfort as it follows the glide path. We expect the policy to have a dovish tilt taking cognisance of the recent weakness in the global economy and volatility in financial markets. We expect the policy rates to remain unchanged; the Monetary Policy Committee may change the stance to neutral," Agrawal said.

According to Bank of Baroda Economist Aditi Gupta, the MPC will hold the repo rate steady as well as its stance, 'withdrawal of accommodation'.

Indian stock markets end marginally low on a high volatile day

Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) After a roaring beginning in the morning trade when the Sensex surged by more than 900 points, the Indian benchmark indices ended at a marginal low on Tuesday, as investors remained cautious amid global concerns.



Among the Asian peers, Japanese shares rebounded. The Nikkei 225 stock index surged 10.23 per cent, or 3,217 points in its biggest one-day gain. In Europe, the FTSE 100 and stock markets in Paris and Frankfurt were steady.

Sensex closed at 78,593, down 166 points, while Nifty closed at 23,992, down 63 points. Nifty Bank lost 321 points to close at 49,770. The Nifty 50 saw 21 stocks ending in the green and 29 closing with losses.

The BSE Midcap index was down 0.71 per cent while the Smallcap index ended 0.57 per cent lower. Adani Ports, Britannia Industries, HUL, HCL Technologies and Cipla were among the top gainers on the Nifty. On the other hand, shares of HDFC Life, SBI Life and BPCL ended as the top losers. The rupee ended at a fresh low at 83.95 per dollar against Monday's close of 83.84.

According to market analysts, the sharp decline is largely in response to the recovery in equities seen early in the day following the global rout on Monday.

However, the drop in VIX is not seen as sustaining and the pullback above 18 reflects that the Indian market remains sensitive as global events unravel, they noted.

According to experts, it appears that the US recession fears are a bit premature and overdone and investors need not to panic. On Monday, Sensex fell 2,222 points or 2.74 per cent to close at 78,759 while Nifty fell 662 points or 2.68 per cent at 24,055.

According to global brokerages, the Indian benchmark indices remain more resilient amid the US economic slowdown.

India's installed solar power capacity reaches 85.47 GW, wind power at 46.65 GW: Minister



New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) The government on Tuesday informed that the total installed capacity of solar photovoltaic (PV) power in the country stands at 85.47 gigawatt (GW) and wind power at 46.65 GW.

The Centre has undertaken several measures and initiatives to promote the development of renewable energy (RE), including solar and wind power.

These measures directly or indirectly incentivise industries to increase the use of RE against the consumption of energy from conventional coal-thermal-based power, according to Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy.

The minister told the Rajya Sabha that the country aims to achieve 500 GW of installed electric capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030. Towards that goal, the Centre has permitted foreign direct investment (FDI) up to 100 per cent under the automatic route.

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has also waived Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) charges for inter-state sale of solar and wind power for projects to be commissioned by June 30, 2025, for Green Hydrogen projects till December 2030 and for offshore wind projects till December 2032.

"To boost RE consumption, Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) trajectory has been announced till 2029-30 including separate RPO for decentralised Renewable Energy," the minister informed. A project development cell for attracting and facilitating investments has also been set up. There are other schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evamUtthaanMahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, National Programme on High-Efficiency Solar PV Modules, National Green Hydrogen Mission, and the development of 1GW Offshore Wind Energy Projects, etc.

According to the Economic Survey 2023-2024, India has a well-established infrastructure to attract FDI in sectors like greenfield projects such as renewable.

Top American and European companies in the renewable energy sector, such as First Solar, Vesta, and Scatec, have established their operations in India to take advantage of the growing demand for green technologies.

Coal India, GAIL ink pact to set up plant for converting coal to synthetic natural gas

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Leading Maharatna public sector companies Coal India Limited and GAIL (India) Limited have signed a landmark joint venture agreement for setting up a Coal to Synthetic Natural Gas plant using surface coal gasification technology, the Ministry of Coal announced on Tuesday.

The plant to come up in the Raniganj area of Eastern Coalfields Limited in West Bengal is expected to produce 80000 Nm3 per hour of Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG). The annual production is slated at 633.6 million Nm3 per hour which will require 1.9 million tonnes (mts) of coal to be supplied by Coal India Ltd (CIL).



"The synergy and partnership of the two corporate giants is a big step towards achieving the goals of the National Coal Gasification Mission which facilitates the utilisation of chemical properties of coal," the ministry said in a statement. SNG is a fuel gas predominantly consisting of methane (CH4) which is a feedstock for the production of various chemicals and fertilizers. The upcoming plant would help secure the raw material and reduce the country's dependence on imports of natural gas in accordance with the Atmanirbhar mission. It will also help to minimise carbon emissions in the economy as part of the fight against climate change.

Debasish Nanda, Director (Business Development) CIL and R K Singhal, Director (Business Development) GAIL inked the joint venture agreement on behalf of their companies.

M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary, Coal, in his address at the signing ceremony mentioned that the commitment of CIL and GAIL to this project will be a role model. "Gasification is the highest priority area for the Ministry of Coal. India has been blessed with huge reserves of coal and these reserves should be utilised for gain in an environment-friendly manner," he added.

1,530 Indian-flagged vessels handling record 13.5 million gross tonnage: Minister

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) In a boost for domestic capabilities while reducing dependency on foreign entities in the shipping sector, there has been a consistent rise in Indian tonnage and now, 1,530 vessels are Indian-flagged with 13.7 million gross tonnage (GT), the Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

According to Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, 1,041 vessels with 1.7 million GT are now engaged in coastal trade (as of June). While 485 Indian-flagged vessels with 11.95 million GT now operate in overseas trade, four vessels of 45,604 GT have been acquired under Indian-controlled tonnage. "Overall, 1,530 vessels are Indian-flagged with 13.7 Million GT. With the rise in Indian tonnage, there has been a shift in business preference towards Indian-flagged vessels over foreign-flagged ones," the minister said in the Rajya Sabha.

Majority Indian online shoppers worried about data security, exposure of personal info: Report

Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) A significant number of Indian consumers shopping online are worried about the possibility of data breaches, according to a report on Tuesday.



In the report by EY Future Consumer Index (FCI), based on responses from 1,000 Indian participants within a worldwide poll, 77 per cent of Indian consumers express profound concern about the possibility of data breaches when shopping online. About 73 per cent said they worry about their private information being disclosed.

A whopping 62 per cent of Indian consumers reported making online purchases influenced by AI recommendations as compared to just 30 per cent globally.

The report also revealed that 78 per cent of consumers prefer to shop on online platforms that provide human customer service support.

Joy e-Bike Showroom inaugurated in Sakchi



Jamshedpur, August 6: The Joy e-Bike showroom, Tarun Auto Distributor, was inaugurated at the Adarsh Abdul Rahim Complex on Sakchi Bazar Milkhiram Market Road on Tuesday. The showroom was jointly inaugurated by Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Vijay Anand Moonka and social worker Balchand Harnathka.

Prominent attendees at the event included proprietor Sandeep Harnathka, Omprakash Moonka, Prem Garhwal, Abhishek Agarwal (Goldie), Hari Harnathka, Anubhav Harnathka, Neetu Harnathka, and Vishwanath Agarwal. (w/gsd)

Centre mulling some respite on LTCG tax regime for real estate sector

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Amid the debate on the impact of the long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax on the real estate sector, the government is mulling options to address concerns of the stakeholders, including a "grandfathering clause", likely allowing transactions completed before July this year to continue benefiting from previous indexation rules.

When a new clause or policy is added to a law, certain people may be relieved from complying with the new clause which is called "grandfathering".

In the Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the withdrawal of indexation benefits from real estate and lowered the LTCG tax from 20 per cent to 12.5 per cent. Indexation adjusts the purchase price of an asset for inflation, thereby reducing the gains and ultimately the tax liability. According to industry sources, for real estate transactions, the government may be looking at allowing taxpayers to choose between the old and new LTCG regimes.

However, the picture will only be clear once FM Sitharaman addresses the LTCG issue in her response to the Finance Bill likely on Wednesday, reports said.

Mukul Bagla, Chair of the Direct Tax Committee at PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), said that in the Finance Bill 2024, the Finance Minister has rationalised the provisions of taxation of a capital gain on the real estate sector. However, at the same time, the Bill has denied the benefit of indexation of the cost with respect to all transactions which take place after July 23, 2024.

The PHD Chamber told Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra that the above change will have an adverse impact on the ongoing real estate transactions.

"It was proposed to the Revenue Secretary that the old law may be retained or retained at least till March 31, 2025. It was also proposed that an option be given to the SEC that it can choose between the old regime where indexation was allowed and tax was to be paid at 20 per cent, and the new regime wherein there is no indexation loan, but the tax has to be paid by at the rate of 12.5 per cent," Bagla told IANS.

Such options are already available to the SEC when choosing the taxation for individuals under the new regime and the old regime.

IndusInd Bank launches 'PIONEER Private'

Mumbai, Aug 6 : IndusInd Bank announced the launch of its 'PIONEER Private Program', an exclusive program of bespoke financial solutions, tailored to every need of the High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs). Having established a strong presence in serving the HNI segment, this new program marks a significant leap forward in IndusInd Bank's commitment to personalised excellence catering to the diverse financial and banking needs of HNWIs. PIONEER Private is an exclusive realm of tailored financial solutions designed to cater to the unique needs of the HNI/UHNI community. The bespoke program has been crafted based on the ethos that 'History Lies Ahead' and caters to every facet of the discerning UHNWIs' financial journey.

A comprehensive range of full-stack banking solutions focusing on sophisticated investment avenues, spanning from the traditional to the avant-garde, estate & legacy planning, seamless trade and forex services, customised credit and structuring solutions and many more client-centric personalised offerings. Further, the program offers personalised insurance solutions in partnerships with leading insurers and provides opulent lifestyle experiences tailored to clients' preferences, enhanced by top-of-the-line private metal credit and debit cards and state-of-the-art wearables.

Flipkart Unveils #FlipTrends 2024

Medinipur, Aug 6 : In the run up to this year's festive season, Flipkart presents its H1 edition (January to June 2024) of the much-awaited '#FlipTrends' Report, which presents an interesting analysis of the shopping habits of 500 million+ registered Flipkart users. The FlipTrends Report reveals insights into an array of consumer shopping trends - some expected and many that come as a surprise. All things technology and beauty remain at the top of the shopping wishlist. Nostalgic products make a comeback while classic fashion remains a staple.

Ravi Vijayaraghavan, Senior Vice President - Analytics and Data Science at Flipkart, said, "Consumers today are more discerning and mindful of their choices, gravitating towards seasonal and personalized preferences. At Flipkart, we are delighted to present our FlipTrends H1 2024 report which not only reflects interesting shopping trends but also showcases growth opportunities for e-commerce at large. Our commitment to customer-centricity remains unwavering as we strive to anticipate and fulfill the evolving demands of our diverse customer base. As we move into the festive spirit of things, our focus remains on fostering trust, convenience, and affordability, ensuring that Flipkart remains the ultimate destination for customers evolving shopping needs."

Retail sales of cars, SUVs surge 10 pc in July

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Retail sales of passenger vehicles in India, including cars and SUVs, posted a 10 per cent jump to 3,20,129 vehicles in July this year compared to 2,90,564 in the same month last year, driven by new model launches and higher discounts, according to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA).

"Dealers reported benefits from good product availability, attractive schemes, and a wider range of products," the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) Vice President C S Vigneshwar said in a statement.

Heavy rains, low consumer sentiment, and intense competition posed challenges but dealers managed to sustain sales through strong promotions and incremental discounts, he added.



However, Vigneshwar also pointed out that the growth is accompanied by high inventory levels which have surged to a historic high of 67-72 days, equivalent to Rs 73,000 crore worth of stock.

"This poses a substantial risk for dealer sustainability, necessitating extreme caution. FADA urges passenger vehicle (PV) original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to be vigilant about potential dealer failures due to these high inventory levels," he stated.

Two-wheeler retail sales in July stood at 14,43,463 units, an increase of 17 per cent over 12,31,930 units in July 2023.

The segment experienced robust growth due to a thriving rural economy, the positive effect of a better monsoon, and the government's support programmes enhancing rural incomes, Vigneshwar observed.

"The introduction of new products and better stock availability also contributed significantly, despite market slowdowns in certain regions, excessive rains, and increased competition," he added.

Commercial vehicle (CV) retail sales grew 7 per cent year-on-year to 80,057 units last month. "Positive factors included growth in the construction and mining sectors, while challenges such as continuous rainfall, negative rural market sentiment, poor finance availability, and high vehicle prices were also noted," Vigneshwar said.

Tractor sales declined 12 per cent year-on-year to 79,970 units in July.

FADA, which collated vehicle registration data from 1,568 out of 1,645 RTOs across the country, noted that the near-term outlook across the auto retail segments shows a blend of optimism and caution.

Two-wheeler sales are expected to be buoyed by factors such as a growing rural economy, positive monsoon impacts and the introduction of new products. The festive season beginning after the Aadi festival and favourable agricultural conditions are also likely to contribute to increased sales. On the other hand, heavy rainfall and inconsistent monsoon patterns may dampen demand in certain areas. FADA noted that the PV segment could see mixed results in the near term.

How your gut health can determine skin health

New Delhi, Aug 6 (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 antioxidants, 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.

Studying horse miscarriages may explain early human pregnancy loss

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Human miscarriages could finally be decoded by their mammalian counterparts, horses, shows a new study.

A study of horses, which share significant similarities with humans in chromosomes and pregnancies, revealed that 42 per cent of miscarriages and spontaneous abortions in the first two months of pregnancy were due to complications from an extra set of chromosomes, a condition called triploidy.

"Over that embryonic period (up to eight weeks from conception), triploidy had rarely been reported in mammals outside of women," said Mandi de Mestre, professor of equine medicine at Cornell University.

"The study tells us that over the first six weeks of gestation, this will likely be the primary cause of pregnancy loss following natural conception," said De Mestre who is the corresponding author of 'Naturally Occurring Horse Model of



Miscarriage Reveals Temporal Relationship Between Chromosomal Aberration Type and Point of Lethality'.

The study will be published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Human miscarriages occur in 10-20 per cent of pregnancies and are commonly associated with chromosomal errors, but there have been no suitable animal models that truly duplicate the features of the condition.

The new research findings will help veterinarians better understand the causes of pregnancy loss in horses and identify horses as an excellent model for studying human miscarriage.

"We were able to study the impact of chromosome errors across the entire pregnancy in the horse. We found that triploidy is only associated with losses in early pregnancy," de Mestre said.

In the study, de Mestre's laboratory at Cornell and earlier at The Royal Veterinary College, London, received fetus and placenta samples from veterinarians who treated horses with failed pregnancies over a period of 10 years.

Researchers investigated the prevalence of different types of chromosomal errors associated with pregnancy loss.

Chromosomal errors were found in 57.9 per cent of losses up to day 55 of gestation, 57.2 per cent of losses between days 56 and 110, and only 1.4 per cent of losses between days 111 and the end of pregnancy.

Aneuploidy was mainly associated with miscarriages in the first 10 weeks, while deletions or duplications were found in miscarriages after 110 days.

These findings were similar to those observed in studies in women.

The study's findings will likely change clinical management of pregnancies in horses and point researchers toward new diagnostic tests and investigations into molecular mechanisms leading to chromosomal abnormalities.

Suffering from high BP? Eating fruits and vegetables may help

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Fruits and vegetables, which are an under-prescribed treatment, have become a crucial part of hypertension treatment, new research said on Tuesday. Diets high in these foods have been shown to lower blood pressure, reduce cardiovascular risk, and improve kidney health due to their base-producing effects.

A new study in The American Journal of Medicine, presents findings from a five-year interventional randomized control trial.

Despite efforts to improve hypertension treatment with pharmacological strategies, hypertension-related chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular mortality are rising. Heart disease remains the leading cause of death for patients with chronic kidney disease.

The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet, rich in fruits and vegetables, is recommended as the first-line treatment for primary hypertension. However, it



is often under-prescribed and under-implemented, despite supporting data. Diets high in fruits and vegetables are associated with lower blood pressure, reduced chronic kidney disease progression, and decreased cardiovascular disease risk and mortality.

"Our patient studies showed that an acid-producing diet (high in animal products) is harmful to kidneys, while a base-producing diet (high in fruits and vegetables) is beneficial. We hypothesized that fruits and vegetables are both kidney- and heart-healthy because they reduce dietary acid," said Donald E Wesson from Dell Medical School, The University of Texas.

The study involved hypertensive patients with macroalbuminuria -- a marker of chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular risk. Participants were divided into three groups: one adding 2-4 cups of fruits and vegetables to their daily diet, another taking sodium bicarbonate ($NaHCO_3$) tablets, and a control group receiving standard medical care.

Results showed that both fruits and vegetables and $NaHCO_3$ improved kidney health, but only fruits and vegetables reduced blood pressure and cardiovascular disease risk. Co-investigator Maninder Kahlon, PhD, noted, "Fruits and vegetables achieved these benefits with lower doses of medication, supporting their use as a foundational treatment for hypertension."

Female patients less likely to get pain medication

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Female patients are consistently less likely to receive pain medication prescriptions compared to male patients with similar complaints, a new study reveals. The study, led by Professor Shoham Choshen-Hillel and Mika Guzikevits from the Hebrew University, has uncovered a concerning sex bias in pain management decisions at emergency rooms.

The research showed that female patients are prescribed fewer pain relief medications than male patients, even after considering variables such as pain levels, age, medical history, and complaint type.



This suggests a systemic issue where women's pain is not taken as seriously or treated as aggressively as men's pain.

By analysing electronic health records from American and Israeli healthcare systems, the researchers found that female patients discharged from the emergency department are less likely to receive treatment for pain complaints compared to male patients.

Specifically, datasets from emergency departments with discharge notes, revealed that female patients are less likely to receive a prescription for any type of analgesic medication, including opioids and non-opioids, compared to male patients.

Female patients with pain complaints are less likely to receive analgesics for every pain score and age group and receive fewer analgesics from both male and female physicians.

Additionally, female patients stay an additional 30 minutes at the emergency department, and their pain score is 10 per cent less likely to be recorded by triage nurses.

In a controlled experiment involving 109 nurses, pain was rated as less intense if the patient was said to be female rather than male, suggesting that the bias is driven by gender stereotypes.

Researchers develop more accurate method for cervical cancer screening

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Japanese researchers have developed a more accurate method that comes with high diagnostic power to screen against cervical cancer from mucus samples.

Cervical cancer has approximately 500,000 new cases diagnosed each year. But the number of people diagnosed with precursor lesions in the cervix -- also known as cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) -- is 20 times higher.

Researchers from Fujita Health University aimed to identify biomarkers that could assist in the early detection of cervical cancer.

Currently, the two most widely used screening procedures for these conditions are human papillomavirus (HPV) tests and cytology examinations. While cytology has rather low sensitivity for detecting CIN, HPV tests are highly sensitive. Yet HPV infections do not always lead to cervical lesions, resulting in poor specificity.

The new study, published in the journal Cancer Science, focussed on a series of compounds that showed abnormal expression in serum and cervical mucus samples in cervical cancer patients.

These findings could potentially revolutionise disease prevention strategies, said the team.

They initially looked to find how changes in local immunity are related to cervical cancer, and "aimed to study all the currently known microRNAs (miRNAs) associated with the development and progression of cervical tumours", said Professor Takuma Fujii.

The team compared the miRNA and cytokine profiles from serum and mucus samples, collected from patients with cervical cancer or CIN, over approximately eight years.

Initial screening pointed out three candidate miRNAs and five candidate cytokines in serum, and five candidate miRNAs and seven candidate cytokines in mucus.

"While miRNAs and cytokines in serum showed limited diagnostic accuracy, a specific combination of miRNAs and cytokines in mucus samples proved much more promising. This suggests that focusing on changes in local expression levels, rather than serum levels, may offer a superior diagnostic strategy," said the team.

"Our study, for the first time, demonstrates that analysing mucus samples can distinguish cervical tumours from normal tissues more accurately than serum samples," Fujii said.

New skin-derived compound shows promise in combating hyperpigmentation

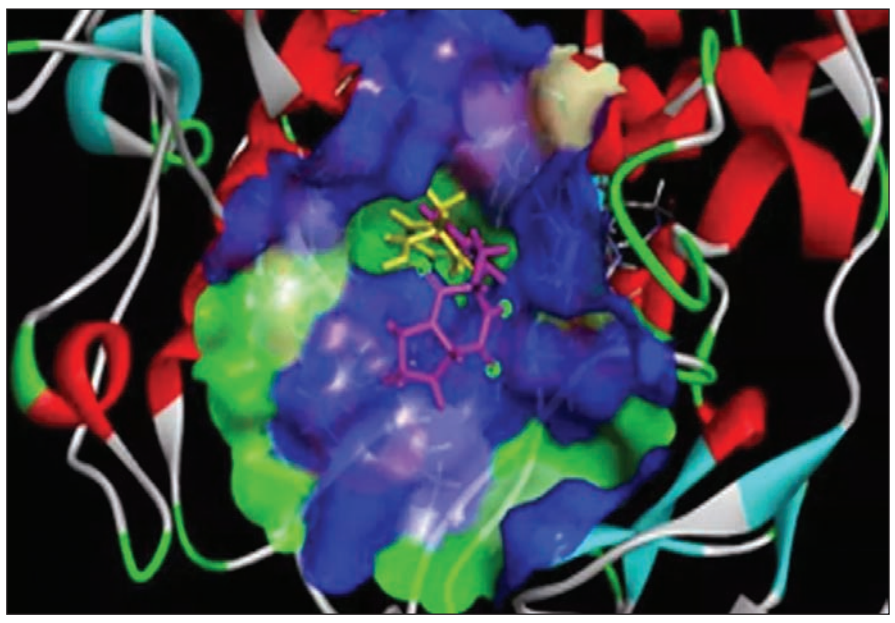
New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) New research has identified a skin-derived compound, known as Corynebacterium tuberculostearicum (C. tuberculostearicum), a bacterium commonly found on human skin that could combat hyperpigmentation.

Melanin protects the skin, the body's largest organ and a vital component of the immune system-from the damaging effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

When the skin is exposed to UV radiation, melanin production is stimulated in melanocytes, with tyrosinase playing a key role in the biosynthetic pathway. with disruptions in this pathway resulting in hyperpigmentation.

To address this, tyrosinase inhibitors that suppress melanin synthesis have become valuable in the cosmetic industry. Unfortunately, some of these compounds, such as hydroquinone, have been found to be toxic to human skin, causing issues like vitiligo-like symptoms and rashes. Consequently, hydroquinone is no longer recommended for use.

The increasing demand for safer alternatives has sparked a race to discover tyrosinase inhibitors from microbes that produce



compounds with low toxicity.

The study, led by Assistant Professor Yuuki Furuyama from the Department of Applied Bioscience at TUS, was published in the International Journal of Molecular Sciences on July 4, 2024.

"Bacteria that reside on our skin and evade immune responses often become commensals, neither benefiting nor harming us. We chose to investigate metabolites produced by these commensal bacteria for their potential as tyrosinase inhibitors. These natural skin-derived products exhibit low toxicity, making them inherently safer," explained Dr Furuyama.

After screening over 100 skin-derived bacteria, the team identified C. tuberculostearicum as a producer of a potent tyrosinase-inactivating compound. Their assays utilized tyrosinase from the mushroom Agaricus bisporus to confirm inhibition. Subsequent experiments pinpointed the active compound as cyclo(L-Pro-L-Tyr).

"Our goal was to understand how cyclo(L-Pro-L-Tyr)-- a compound that blocks melanin production, reducing skin dark spots. disrupts tyrosinase activity," explained Dr. Furuyama. Our findings revealed that cyclo(L-Pro-L-Tyr) mimics L-Tyr--an amino acid that helps produce melanin in the skin, binding to and obstructing the substrate-binding pocket of mushroom tyrosinase. This interference renders the enzyme inactive."

Understanding the potential of cyclo(L-Pro-L-Tyr) as a skin probiotic for hyperpigmentation, the research is optimistic about its non-toxic nature and its antimicrobial, antioxidant, and anticancer properties.

UK calls for UN-led probe into B'desh crisis; no mention of asylum to Hasina



London, Aug 6 (IANS) The UK government called for a United Nations-led probe into the unrest that led to the resignation of former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Foreign Secretary David Lammy said the UK wants to see a "peaceful and democratic future" for the South Asian country as Hasina resigned and fled Bangladesh on Monday.

However, there was no mention of the asylum for Hasina, which the former Bangladeshi Prime Minister is seeking.

"The last two weeks in Bangladesh have seen unprecedented levels of violence and tragic loss of life... All sides must work together to restore calm under a transitional government," David Lammy said in a statement on Monday.

"The people of Bangladesh deserve a full and independent UN-led investigation into the events of the past few weeks," the UK Foreign Secretary said, adding that his country wants to "see action taken to ensure Bangladesh a peaceful and democratic future."

"The UK and Bangladesh have deep people-to-people links and shared Commonwealth values," he added.

Notably, India will offer comprehensive logistical support as Hasina pursues asylum in the UK. Her stay in India is approved only temporarily, pending her relocation to the UK.

On Monday, Hasina landed at the Hindon Air Base in Ghaziabad, hours after resigning from the post, as thousands of protesters stormed and vandalised 'Ganabhaban' - the official residence of the Prime Minister in Dhaka.

It was reported that over 100 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured in the clashes that took place between police and the protesters on Sunday.

The student-led non-cooperation movement put immense pressure on Hasina's government over the past few weeks.

The students had been protesting against a 30 per cent reservation in government jobs for relatives of freedom fighters who wrested independence for Bangladesh from Pakistan in a bloody civil war in 1971 in which, according to Dhaka officials, three million people were killed in the genocide by Pakistani troops and their supporters.

Be vigilant and exercise caution, India advises its citizens travelling to UK

London, Aug 6 (IANS) The High Commission of India in London issued an advisory on Tuesday for Indian citizens visiting the United Kingdom, advising them to stay "vigilant" and exercise "due caution" while travelling in the country.

Several incidents of violence and arson were reported during anti-immigrant protests held in the country over the weekend following last month's mass stabbings in northwest England's Southport.

"Indian travellers would be aware of recent disturbances in some parts of the United Kingdom. The High Commission of India in London is closely monitoring the situation.

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Ismail Haniyeh's deputy likely to become interim head of Hamas



Tel Aviv, Aug 6 (IANS) The Hamas will select a new leader on an interim basis to replace Ismail Haniyeh, its political head who was assassinated in Tehran on July 31, as per media reports.

Arabic media outlets have reported that Khalil al-Hayya, who is the deputy to Haniyeh in the Hamas hierarchy, is likely to become the interim head of the group and internal deliberations are on within Hamas for this.

However, the names of Hanieyh's predecessor Khaled Mashal and Mousa Abu Marzook who is a senior leader of the outfit, are also being deliberated upon as probable replacements for Haniyeh who was the face of Hamas in international discussions.

Meanwhile, the indirect hostage talks between Israel and Hamas have fallen apart after the assassination of Haniyeh. According to reports in Hebrew media, the talks are suspended for the time being and both Qatar and Egypt, who were part of the mediatory talks, are not pursuing the discussions.

However an Israeli negotiating team is still in Cairo and according to sources, the Israel team is in the Egyptian capital for talks regarding the presence of Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in the Philadelphi corridor and Rafah crossing. Sources said that this team does not have anything to do with the hostage mediatory talks.

Meanwhile, Israel's security establishment has prepared itself for any eventuality of a possible attack from Iran. Sources in Israel's defence ministry told IANS that the country was fully prepared for any attack from Iran.

The sources also said that there are deliberations within the security apparatus of Israel to go for an offensive against Iran before Tehran strikes Israel.

Iran says assassination of Hamas chief undermines regional, international stability

Tehran, Aug 6 (IANS) Iran's Acting Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani said that Israel's assassination of Hamas Politburo Chief Ismail Haniyeh had undermined regional and international stability and security.

At a meeting with foreign ambassadors and diplomats, Bagheri Kani said that Israel saw the sole way in "warmongering and expansion of conflict among regional countries and among Palestinians," according to a statement released by the Iranian Foreign Ministry, Xinhua news agency reported.

He emphasised that the assassinations of Haniyeh and the senior Hezbollah commander Fouad Shokor a few hours earlier in Beirut, Lebanon, should not be regarded as unrelated to the developments in the occupied Palestinian territories and regions and that these events were in line with Israel's numerous "terrorist actions" in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Syria. Haniyeh was attacked while he was Iran's official guest and in the country's legal territory, said Bagheri Kani, condemning the assassination as an "unjustified and illegal violation and aggression" against Iran's sovereignty.

Haniyeh, who had been invited to attend Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, was killed along with his bodyguard early Wednesday when their residence in Tehran was hit, according to Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, which said Israel had carried out the "terrorist attack" and vowed "a harsh and painful response."

'Hindus are very afraid', B'desh ISKCON Gen Secy seek's India's help amid unrest

New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Amid the chaos and unrest in Dhaka and other parts of the neighbouring country, the General Secretary of ISKCON Bangladesh, Charu Chandra Das Brahmachari, on Tuesday expressed concerns over the targeted attacks on Hindus as he appealed to the Indian government to come to their rescue.

In an exclusive interview with IANS, Brahmachari said, "The situation was bad yesterday... we were afraid that temples and Hindus in Bangladesh will be attacked anytime."

He also highlighted the recurring pattern of minorities being targeted whenever the government falls.

"Hindus are very afraid that they will be attacked anytime. This is because whenever the government falls, minorities are affected. This happens every time," he told IANS. Brahmachari also recounted incidents of Hindu temples and houses being "burnt down" and families being "attacked" following Sheikh Hasina's resignation as the Prime Minister on Monday.

Appealing to the Indian government, he said, "Since India and Bangladesh share good relations, the Indian government can do something for the Hindu minorities here. We request them to please help us."

When asked if he plans to seek refuge in India, Brahmachari expressed his commitment to his country but acknowledged the possibility of many Hindus leaving Bangladesh if the situation worsens.

"I am a 'Sadhu' (monk), and this is my country. But if this situation continues, many will leave the country and go to India or any other nation," he said.

B'desh President orders immediate release of jailed ex-PM Khaleda Zia



New Delhi, Aug 5 (IANS) Amid the political unrest in Bangladesh that saw Sheikh Hasina resign as the Prime Minister and flee the country on Monday, President Mohammed Shahabuddin chaired a meeting at the Bangabhaban in Dhaka to discuss the formation of an interim government with the chiefs of the three armed forces, leaders of various political parties, and civil society representatives.

The meeting unanimously decided to release BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia immediately.

The President's press team said in a statement that the meeting led by Shahabuddin "decided unanimously to free Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia immediately".

At the meeting, a condolence resolution was also taken in memory of those killed in the anti-quota movement and prayers were sought for forgiveness and peace for the departed souls.

The meeting decided to form an interim government, urging everyone to exercise patience and tolerance in controlling the law and order situation in the country. It also decided to take strict action to stop looting and violent activities.

Besides, it was decided to release all the people detained during the anti-discrimination movement. A consensus was also reached at the meeting that no community should be harmed in any way. Earlier, as Hasina left for India, Bangladesh Army Chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman confirmed the news of her resignation and said that an interim government will be formed soon to run the country.

Hezbollah launches drone attack on northern Israel

Beirut, Aug 6 (IANS) Lebanon's armed group Hezbollah announced that it launched drones on military targets in northern Israel on Tuesday.

Hezbollah said in a statement that it launched an air attack "with a squadron of suicide drones that targeted the headquarters of the Golani Brigade and the headquarters of the Egoz Unit 621 in the Shraga barracks north of occupied Acre".

Confrontations between Hezbollah and the Israeli army escalated following Israel's attack on Dahieh in Beirut's southern suburbs, killing Hezbollah senior military commander Fouad Shokor and seven civilians, Xinhua news agency reported.

Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah threatened a "definite and painful" response to the Israeli raid at the appropriate time and place.

Tensions along the Lebanon-Israel border escalated on October 8, 2023, following a barrage of rockets launched by Hezbollah toward Israel in solidarity with Hamas' attack on Israel the day before.

Israel then retaliated by firing heavy artillery toward southeastern Lebanon.

A suicide drone also known as a loitering munition, or exploding drone, is a kind of aerial weapon with a built-in warhead that is typically designed to loiter around a target area until a target is located, then attack the target by crashing into it.

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श्रीमति बबिता आचार्य, आशुटंकक (निलंबित), रूपांकण प्रमंडल सं0–2, आदित्यपुर स्थायी पता–ग्राम+पो0–ईचा, थाना–राजनगर, जिला– सरायकेला–खरसॉवा, झारखण्ड 831002 को दिनांक–15.07.2013 से अनाधिकृत रूप से स्वेच्छापूर्वक कार्य से अनुपस्थित रहने के फलस्वरूप मुख्य अभियंता, ईचा–गालुडीह कम्पलेक्स, आदित्यपुर के पत्रांक–1533 दिनांक–29.11.2023 द्वारा गठित विभागीय कार्यवाही में संचालन पदाधिकारी/प्रस्तुतीकरण पदाधिकारी द्वारा अनेकों बार पत्र एवं प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के माध्यम से सूचित/निदेशित किये जाने के बावजूद वे अभीतक अपना बयान/पक्ष रखने हेतु संचालन पदाधिकारी के समक्ष उपस्थित नही होने के फलस्वरूप संचालन पदाधिकारी द्वारा समर्पित जाँच प्रतिवेदन के आलोक में इन्हें दोषी मानते हुए झारखण्ड सरकारी सेवक (वर्गीकरण नियंत्रण एवं अपील) नियमावली 2016 के नियम 14 के खण्ड (X) में अंकित वृहत शास्ति "सेवा से हटाया जाना, जो सरकार के अधीन आगामी नियोजन के लिए निरर्हत्ता नही होगी" अधिरोपित किया जाना प्रस्तावित है । उक्त प्रावधान के आलोक में श्रीमती आचार्य, आशुटंकक (निलंबित) को वृहत शास्ति अधिरोपित किये जाने के पूर्व एक अवसर प्रदान किया जाता है ।

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अपर अभियान निदेशक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक 328/(AMD), दिनांकः– 06.12.2022 के आलोक में सरायकेला–खरसावाँ जिले के सरायकेला शहरी क्षेत्र में 15 वें वित्त आयोग (स्वास्थ्य) के तहत् संचालित किये जाने वाले **Urban Health and Wellness Centre** के संचालन हेतु चिकित्सकों की सेवा प्राप्त किया जाना है। चिकित्सकों के चयन हेतु दिनांकः–13.08.2024 को असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक–सह– मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ कार्यालय में पूर्वाहन् 12:00 बजे को **Walk in Interview** निर्धारित किया गया है। इच्छुक निजी चिकित्सकों से निम्नांकित शर्तों के अधीन आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते है।

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7.	**Walk in Interview** में उपस्थित होने के लिए किसी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता देय नहीं होगा।	

Walk in Interview हेतु सभी आवेदक अपना बायोडाटा, सभी मूल प्रमाण पत्र एवं दो सेट छायाप्रति के साथ उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

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1	विभाग का नाम	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाषन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 07.08.2024, समय 2.00 बजे अपराह्न
3	निविदा प्राप्ति(ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 13.08.2024, समय 4.30 बजे अपराह्न
4	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौधोगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस, झारखंड मंत्रालय के ज्ञापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के आलोक में विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राषि Online जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 13.08.2024, समय 4:30 बजे अपराह्न
5	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 14.08.2024, समय 4.30 बजे अपराह्न
6	तकनीकी बीड खोलने का स्थान	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर।
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम/पदनाम	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर
8	प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नं0	0657–2372314, 7541824824
9	ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नं0	0651–2480345

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	ग्रुप संख्या	योजना की सख्या	प्राक्कलित राषि (रूपये मे)	अग्रधन की राषि (रूपये मे)	परिमाण विपत्र कामूल्य (रूपये मे)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	प्रधानमंत्री आदर्ष ग्राम योजना अन्तर्गत पोटका प्रखंड के हरिणा पंचायत में 06 अदद 125/115mm dia, 60 Mtr deep T/Well with Installation of IM-II Hand का निर्माण कार्य ।	GR-1	06 Nos.	536830/-	11000/-	1250/-	1 Month
2	प्रधानमंत्री आदर्ष ग्राम योजना अन्तर्गत पोटका प्रखंड के हरिणा पंचायत–तेंतला में सोलर अधारित ग्रामीण जलापूर्ति योजना निर्माण कार्य।	GR-02	01 Nos.	570390/-	11500/-	1250/-	1 Month

निविदा की शर्ते, परिमाण विपत्र एंव योजनाओं की विस्तृत विवरणी विभागीय वेबसाईटhttp://jharkhandtenders.gov.in से Download की जा सकती है। प्राक्कलित राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है।

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डाक बन्दोबस्ती सूचना।

एतद् द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगरपालिका अधिनियम के सुसंगत प्रावधानों के अधीन वित्तीय वर्ष 2024–25 के लिए निम्नांकित सैरात का डाक बन्दोबस्ती/डाक दिनांक 16.08.2024 को अपराह्न 1:00 बजे से नगर पंचायत, सरायकेला सभागार में अद्योहस्ताक्षरी की उपस्थिति में आम डाक (उच्चतम डाक) द्वारा किया जायेगा।

डाक में भाग लेने वाले इच्छुक व्यक्ति/व्यवसायी दिनांक 16.08.2024 को पूर्वाहन् 10:30 बजे से अपराह्न 12:30 अपराह्न तक अपना प्रस्ताव निविदा, जमानत राशि एवं आवश्यक प्रमाण पत्र इत्यादि लिफाफा में बंद कर सील बॉक्स में जमा कर सकते है एवं जमा करने के पूर्व लिफाफा के ऊपर संबंधित सैरात का नाम अंकित करेंगे। उसी दिन दिनांक 16.08.2024 को अपराह्न 1:00 बजे से बॉक्स खोलकर कार्यवार निविदादाताओं के बीच डाक की बोली लगा कर उच्चतम डाक के लिए अग्रतर कार्रवाई की जायेगी। बंदोबस्ती/निविदा विहित प्रपत्र में जमा करना आवश्यक है, जो इस कार्यालय में 1000.00 (एक हजार) ₹ (जो वापस नहीं होगा) मात्र नगद जमा कर दिनांक–14.08.2024, अपराह्न 02:00 बजे तक प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

डाक बंदोबस्ती की जानेवाली सैरात की सूचीः–

क्रं. सं.	सैरातों का नाम	बन्दोबस्ती हेतु न्यूनतम निर्धारित वार्षिक राशि (₹)	वर्तमान में कार्यादेश निर्गत होने से लेकर दिनांक–31.03.2025 तक की न्यूनतम निर्धारित राशि	जमानत राशि (₹)	बंदोबस्ती अवधि
1.	साप्ताहिक हाट(षुक्रवार)	3,31,100	2,48,325	24,832	कार्यादेश निर्गत तिथि से 31.03.2025 तक
2	दैनिक गुदड़ी बाजार (न0प0 विद्यालय के समीप)	2,48,600	1,86,450	18,645	
3	मैक्सी–टैक्सी स्टैण्ड	3,32,750	2,49,562	24,956	
4	ठेला खुमचा महसूल	1,00,000	75,000	7,500	
5	मांस–मछली बाजार	70,000	52,500	5,250	

नियम एवं शर्तेः–

1. उक्त डाक बंदोबस्ती का निष्पादन एन0आई0टी0 में उल्लेखित शर्तो के अनुरूप होगा तथा डाक समिति का निर्णय अंतिम व मान्य होगा। इसके विरूद्ध न्यायालय में किसी भी प्रकार का वाद मान्य नहीं होगा।
2. बंदोबस्ती स्थल की साफ–सफाई, रौशनी, पानी एवं सुरक्षा व्यवस्था बंदोबस्तधारी को स्वयं करना होगा।
3. बंदोबस्ती अवधि में किसी प्रकार की छुट नहीं दी जायेगी जैसे–दैविक प्रकोप, महामारी, हड़ताल, बंदी, व्यापारियों के आवागमन पर होने वाले व्यवधान इत्यादि।
4. बंदोबस्ती स्थल के अंतर्गत किसी भी प्रकार का विवाद अथवा दुर्घटना के लिए बंदोबस्तधारी स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे।
5. उपरोक्त बंदोबस्ती को बिना किसी कारण बताये रद्द करने का अधिकार अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा।
6. वित्त विभाग के निर्देशानुसार पट्टा बंदोबस्ती के एकरारनामे को निबंधन कराने का प्रावधान है। एकरारनामे की निबंधन शुल्क की पूर्ण राशि का व्यय बंदोबस्तधारी को स्वयं करना होगा।

विशेष जानकारी के लिए कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

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अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–18/वर्ष 2024–25

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम : कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर।
2. परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 12.08.2024 को 1:00 (एक) बजे अपराह्न तक।
3. निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 13.08.2024 को 3:00 (तीन) बजे अपराह्न तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 13.08.2024 को 3:30 (साढ़े तीन) बजे अपराह्न।
5. परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री स्थान : (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर, अंचल, राँची। (ख) कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर।
6. निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान : (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर, अंचल, राँची। (ख) पुलिस नियंत्रण कक्ष, साकची, जमशेदपुर।
7. निविदा खोलने का स्थान : (क) अद्योहस्ताक्षरी का कार्यालय।
8. **कार्यों की विवरणी :–**

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू.में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू. में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू. में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
12	Construction of "E.G.S./I.C.D.S. Centre (Aganbadi) Building in "PUNASIA" Under Bahragora Block.	11,08,200.00	2,500.00	22,200.00	6 Months
25	Construction of "E.G.S./I.C.D.S. Centre (Aganbadi) Building in "BHATTI AREA I" Under Musabani Block.	11,08,200.00	2,500.00	22,200.00	6 Months
33	Construction of "E.G.S./I.C.D.S. Centre (Aganbadi) Building in "KOKE TOLA" Under Golmuri-Cum-Jugsalai Block.	11,08,200.00	2,500.00	22,200.00	6 Months

नोट :– यूकैन निबंधित निविदाकार ही निविदा डाल सकते है।

- निविदा की शर्तें अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर उपलब्ध है।
- एक निबंधन पर दो से अधिक कार्यो का परिमाण विपत्र देय नहीं होगा।
- भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्रॉफ्ट/डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट ही मान्य होगा। बैंक ड्रॉफ्ट/डिमाण्ड ड्रॉफ्ट कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर के पक्ष में एवं भारतीय स्टेट बैंक मुख्य शाखा, जमशेदपुर में भुगतेय होगा, जिसे लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।
- झारखण्ड सरकार, पथ निर्माण विभाग के संकल्प सह ज्ञापांक–2146 (S) राँची, दिनांक–09/09/2020 के आधार पर निविदा का निष्पादन किया जायेगा।
- अग्रधन के रूप में NSC/TD/FD (Validity) 3 Years & Duly Pledged मान्य होगा। जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर के नाम से प्रतिज्ञित होगा।
- Years & Duly Pledged मान्य होगा। जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर के नाम से प्रतिज्ञित होगा।
- संवेदक को आवेदन के साथ इस आशय का शपथ–पत्र देना होगा की उनका कोई भी कार्य एकरारित समय सीमा बीत जाने के बाद लंबित नहीं है।

निविदा की शर्त्ते कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

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Health

Rising obesity in kids can lead to poor health later



New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Childhood obesity is one of the leading and steadily increasing health concerns, experts said on Sunday.

With a large segment of the population falling in the younger age group, childhood obesity is a growing concern that could lead to significant health problems in adulthood.

Addressing the rising issue of childhood obesity in India, experts emphasise the long-term health risks associated with it and the need for early intervention. Initiatives like school-based education and healthy meal programs are crucial in managing and preventing obesity. Lifestyle changes remain the primary tool so that adulthood risks can be managed, with bariatric surgery remaining an option for more serious/specific cases.

"Childhood obesity is a significant problem in our country, given our large young population. Obese children are more likely to become obese adults, facing numerous metabolic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, joint pain, and obstructive sleep apnea," Dr. Daksh Sethi, Consultant in Minimal and Bariatric and Robotic Surgery at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, told IANS.

He highlighted the importance of school-based initiatives, drawing inspiration from the U.S, where schools track BMI monthly and follow up with families, suggesting a similar approach for India to monitor and manage childhood obesity.

For treatment, he noted that lifestyle modifications are crucial, with bariatric surgery considered for older children or those with specific conditions.

The impact of early adulthood weight gain on heart health was discussed as well. The main solution remains adopting a balanced diet and regular exercise along with yearly health check ups to prevent long-term cardiovascular issues.

A.P. Dhillon shares glimpse of upcoming track with Salman Khan, says 'don't call it a comeback'



Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) Punjabi music star A.P. Dhillon is set to release his upcoming track, 'Old Money', on August 9. However, he has advised his admirers not to label the track as his "comeback."

On Tuesday, the singer-songwriter took to Instagram and shared a snippet from the music video, which he directed himself.

The clip features Bollywood superstar Salman Khan and shows A.P. seeking his permission to visit some place.

A.P. Dhillon, who revolutionised Punjabi music by introducing 80s synth-pop elements, has been away from the limelight for almost a year following the release of his Prime Video documentary, 'AP Dhillon: First of a Kind'.

While fans speculated that the singer-songwriter was on hiatus, A.P. Dhillon revealed that he didn't go anywhere but was working round the clock to ensure he designs the best piece of music for his listeners.

He penned a heartfelt note in the caption, emphasising that streaming data, awards, and media attention only inflate an artist's ego and detract from what really matters -- their art.

A.P. Dhillon wrote: "I started out as an artist hoping to inspire the next generation and leave a legacy that really impacts our culture and community. Streams, awards, sold-out shows, the headlines... along the way I learned that all of these things do nothing but inflate your ego and take away from what really matters... the music... the art."

Known for chart-topping tracks like 'Brown Munde', 'Excuses', and 'Summer High', A.P. Dhillon shared that he got tired of doing things the simple way, which is why he has been taking his time to create something truly special.

He added, "With God's blessings, I got two of the biggest icons our world has ever seen to support me in accomplishing this goal. Everything I have been working on is to prove to you that reality can really be greater than your dreams if you focus on what truly matters to you as a human being. I am working as hard as ever and hope you like what is to come. 'Old Money' out this Friday. Don't call it a comeback."

Tusshar Kapoor: I believe in good and bad fortune



Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) Actor-producer Tusshar Kapoor, who practices Buddhism, says he does believe in "good and bad fortune". He strongly feels that one can change their destiny with sincere prayers. "I believe in good fortune and bad fortune. We have come into this world with certain karma. Some people work hard, but they don't get beyond a certain amount of benefit because there is always something (obstacles) coming their way," Tusshar told IANS. The actor added: "And sometimes, people are not so hardworking, but things fall into place for them."

He does believe that "in the long term, hard work pays off more," but "luck definitely has a part to play in the short term at least.".

"It can reduce the time required to reach your goals or it can make things delayed; that depends on your luck. I believe it is all connected to your karma. I think we manifest all this," said the son of veteran actor Jeetendra.

Talking about how luck can be changed, Tusshar said: "I am a Buddhist follower, so I think you can always change your karma and destiny, add more good fortune to your life, and change your luck. I do believe in good and bad luck, but I don't believe it is fixed and you can't change it. I believe that with sincere prayer and all, you can change your luck." Tusshar is currently seen on the OTT show "Dus June Ki Raat," where he plays Bhagesh, a person having bad luck. Asked what he loves more, films or OTT, Tusshar said: "First love is always in films, but as an actor going to set and performing and doing your job and working on a good team, I think that is the same everywhere.

Mallika Sherawat says 'feels great to be back home' after holidaying in Paris



Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) Indian actress Mallika Sherawat was missing Los Angeles as she returned home from her holiday in Paris.

Mallika took to Instagram, where she shared a video of herself opening her backyard door, and cuddling her pet dog, a Labrador Retriever.

"Feels great to be back home, Los Angeles I have missed you," she wrote as the caption.

The actress last month shared a video of herself enjoying herself in the ocean in a teeny-weeny bikini.

"I love playing with the ocean waves, the wild rhythm of the sea evokes a sense of boundless freedom," she had captioned the post. She then shared a video montage of herself posing on a motorbike.

"I may not know how to ride a motorbike but I sure know how to pose with it," she had written.

Tagged as one of the most bold actresses in Hindi cinema in the 2000s, Mallika made her debut in films with a small role in the 2002 film "Jeena Sirf Merre Liye", where she was credited as Reema Lamba.

Her performance in "Murder" starring Emraan Hashmi, which was released in 2004, popped eyeballs. She gained international acclaim with her work in movies such as 'Hisss' and 'Politics of Love'. She has also worked in films such as "Khwahish", "Bachke Rehna Re Baba", "Pyaar Ke Side Effects", "Aap Ka Suroor - The Real Love Story", "Welcome" and "Kis Kis Ki Kismat" among many others.

On the work front, Mallika was last seen in 'RK/RKay', a comedy-drama by Rajat Kapoor. The film also features Ranvir Shorey, Manu Rishi Chadha, and Kubbra Sait.

Taapsee Pannu discovers a different side of her personality with sarees



Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) Actress Taapsee Pannu, who has two films lined up to release this month, has shared her newfound appreciation for sarees and how they have helped her discover a different side of her personality.

Taapsee revealed that wearing sarees, which are a traditional part of Indian attire, has introduced her to a new aspect of herself and also shared that it's truly 'comfortwear'.

The actress said: "I think I discovered a new side of my personality. When I embraced wearing sarees, and by sarees, I don't mean the ones that people generally wear on red carpets or special occasions or festivals. I'm talking about the daily wear sarees."

Taapsee, who is currently in Paris enjoying the Summer Olympics, has been seen strolling around in her avant-garde sarees.

The actress recently attended the hockey match between India and Great Britain, which India won, securing a spot in the semi-finals against Germany.

Taapsee has collaborated with the fashion label Suta and is embracing the vibrant colours of France while donning stunning sarees.

The actress noted, "I realised a different side of my personality started showing when I wore these sarees. Over time, as I liked what I saw in the mirror, I became more and more comfortable wearing them."

On the professional front, Taapsee will next be seen in 'Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba' and 'Khel Khel Mein'.

'Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba' is a sequel to her 2021 film 'Haseen Dillruba' and will be released on Netflix on August 9.

'Khel Khel Mein', a theatrical release, features Taapsee alongside Bollywood stars Akshay Kumar, Fardeen Khan, Pragya Jaiswal, and Aditya Seal, and will hit theatres on August 15.

Coffee with 'Bhutta': Karishma Tanna's perfect blend for monsoon date



Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) Actress Karishma Tanna has shared a glimpse of a coffee date with her friend, perfectly complemented by 'bhutta' for the monsoon season.

Karishma, who has 7.5 million followers on Instagram, took to the Stories section and shared a video of herself making coffee with the help of a coffee machine.

The actress is seen wearing an oversized pink and blue striped shirt and denim trousers. Her hair is tied in a bun, and she is flaunting her natural look. Another video shows Karishma and her friend enjoying their coffee date with chocolate chip cookies. The last snap shows Karishma holding a 'bhutta' in her hand, captioned: "White bhutta love."

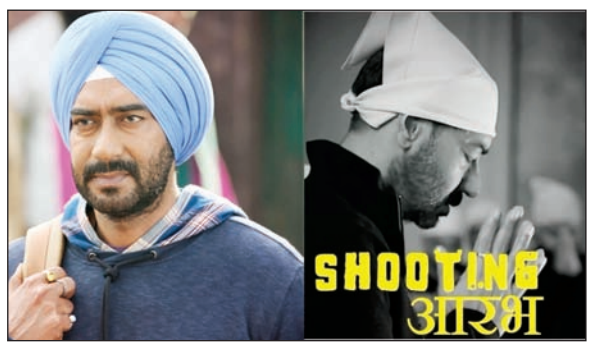
Karishma made her television debut in 2001 with the long-running family drama 'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi'.

The actress has since starred in shows like 'Paalkhi', 'Naagin 3', Qayamat Ki Raat', 'Kahi To Milenge', 'Manshaa', 'Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chand', 'Kkoi Dil Mein Hai', 'Kkusum', 'Raat Hone Ko Hai', 'Ek Ladki Anjaani Si', 'Pyaar Ke Do Naam: Ek Raadha, Ek Shyaam', 'Jaane Pehchaane Se... Ye Ajnabbi', 'Sajan Re Jhoot Mat Bolo', 'Jeanie Aur Juju', 'Karrle Tu Bhi Mohabbat', among others.

Karishma has also participated in the controversial reality show 'Bigg Boss 8', the dance reality show 'Nach Baliye 7', and emerged as the winner of 'Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 10'.

She has featured in the legal web series 'Guilty Minds', which stars Shriya Pilgaonkar and Varun Mitra in the lead roles.

Ajay Devgn kickstarts 'Son of Sardaar 2', shares special video



Mumbai, Aug 6 (IANS) Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn, recently seen in 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha', has begun shooting for his upcoming movie 'Son of Sardaar 2'.

On Tuesday, Ajay took to Instagram and shared a video announcing the start of filming for the sequel to the 2012 film.

The movie is reportedly being shot in Scotland. The video captures moments from the set, featuring a jimmy jib, vibrant Holi shots, clips of dance sequences, Ajay's son Yug, and the superstar visiting a Gurudwara.

Ajay wrote in the caption: "The journey of #SonOfSardaar2 begins with prayers, blessings, and an amazing team." 'Son of Sardaar 2' picks up where its predecessor ended.

Directed by Ashwni Dhir, the original 'Son of Sardaar' was a remake of the S. S. Rajamouli film 'Maryada Ramanna'. It followed the rivalry between the Sandhu and Randhawa families and starred Sanjay Dutt, Sonakshi Sinha, and Juhi Chawla.

The sequel, 'Son of Sardaar 2', is directed by Vijay Kumar Arora and features several actors in cameo roles.

However, according to media reports, Sanjay Dutt, who originally played the antagonist, has been replaced by actor-politician Ravi Kishan due to Sanjay's UK visa application being rejected because of his past incarceration.

The announcement of 'Son of Sardaar 2' comes after the poor box-office performance of 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha', which marked the lowest opening for Ajay Devgn in a decade, earning only Rs. 7.75 crore in four days, according to an industry tracker, Sacnilk. Meanwhile, Ajay also has the highly anticipated 'Singham Again' in the pipeline.

Rohit Shetty, who is the director of the film, had earlier told IANS that the film is currently in the post-production stage.

Bear McCreary composes for 'The Lord of the Rings : The Rings of Power' Season 2 again



Los Angeles, Aug 6 (IANS) Emmy Award-winner Bear McCreary has composed tracks for "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power" season 2, which also includes two new tracks featuring renowned singers Rufus Wainwright and Jens Kidman.

The soundtrack will be released worldwide on August 23. For the first season of "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power", composer Bear McCreary brought in a blend of orchestra, percussion and folk instruments from across Europe and North Africa, combined with solo vocalists and choirs singing.

McCreary for the second season, has worked on new themes and colours, including Bulgarian women's choir and gadulka for Rhûn, children's choir for the pastoral city of Eregion, Hardanger fiddle for new character Estrid, and deathly whispers for the terrifying Barrow-wights, read a statement.

Grammy-nominated artist Rufus Wainwright brings his rendition of "Old Tom Bombadil". "The Last Ballad of Damrod," a song about a vicious Hill-troll by Jens Kidman.

McCreary is happy to bring the writer J.R.R Tolkien's book to life once again.

"I am honoured to continue forward on this journey, bringing the events of Tolkien's Second Age to life on the screen," McCreary said.

The series also features names such as Sophia Nomvete, Benjamin Walker, Rory Kinnear, and Daniel Weyman, who too have lent their vocals to several songs on the soundtrack.

"This new soundtrack is a stunning companion to the series' continued exploration of the Second Age" said Bob Bowen, head of music for Amazon MGM Studios.

Bowen added: "With the debut of Season Two on the horizon, we're excited to give fans a further glimpse into the epic series."

Season Two of "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power" will debut on Prime Video on August 29.

The second season of "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power" is produced by showrunners and executive producers J.D. Payne and Patrick McKay

Paris Olympics: 'Saving the best for the final', says Neeraj Chopra after topping qualification round



Paris, Aug 6 (IANS) Defending Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra said, he has saved his best for the final after topping the men's javelin throw qualification with a throw of 89.34m in the Paris Olympics here at the Stade de France on Tuesday.

Neeraj achieved the best throw of the qualification across both groups in his first attempt to start his title defence in style. He won the gold medal in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with a throw of 87.58m. He became the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal in the track and field event.

"This is just the qualification round, the mindset and the situation in the final are different. I should focus on the preparations for the final after getting a good start," Neeraj told reporters after the end of the qualification round.

The 26-year-old said all the throwers who have qualified with the automatic qualification mark of 84m will be tough competition in the final. However, he emphasised that he had saved his best for the medal event.

"I'm saving the best for the final and focussing on it. I'm ready for the final. I was not doing good here in the practice but when the qualification started, I had set the aim of qualifying in the first throw. My fitness is better now and I warmed up well before taking the first attempt," Neeraj said.

Other than Neeraj, eight athletes qualified for the final with the automatic qualification mark including Grenada's Anderson Peters (88.63m), Julian Weber (87.76m) of Germany, Arshad Nadeem (86.59m) of Pakistan and Julius Yego of Kenya (85.97m), who completed the top five.

Talking about his mindset, Neeraj said he tries to give his best in the first throw. "I try to do well from the first throw itself but it doesn't happen every time. If I fail to get the best out of first throw then I try to do my best in every throw," he said.

When asked about the adductor injury that he sustained earlier in the year, Neeraj said, "I'm (feeling) better and taking all the precautions with a proper warm-up before the throw.

India's Kishore Kumar Jena, who was in Group A, failed to reach the final after notching the best effort of 80.73m which came in his first attempt. The second throw was a foul before he threw 80.21m in the third attempt.

Neeraj, the reigning world and Asian champion, will aim to become the first Indian athlete to clinch two individual gold medals in the Olympics on Thursday (August 8).

Paris Olympics: Indian men's TT team bows out with loss to China in opener



Paris, Aug 6 (IANS) The Indian men's table tennis team of Sharath Kamal, Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar crashed out of the Paris 2024 Olympics after losing to the top-seeded Chinese team in the Round of 16 here on Tuesday. In a best-of-five encounters match, the 14th-seeded Indian team lost 0-3 to the reigning champion China.

First up, in the men's doubles match, world No. 1 singles table tennis player Wang Chuqin and five-time Olympic gold medallist Ma Long defeated Harmeet and Manav 3-0 (11-2, 11-3, 11-7).

Commonwealth Games champion and India's top-ranked singles player at world No. 41 Sharath Kamal played the second match of the tie against world No.2 singles player Fan Zhendong, who won the men's singles gold medal in Paris 2024.

Sharath won the first game but eventually lost the contest 1-3 (11-9, 7-11, 7-11, 5-11). Zhendong.

In the match that could have made India's day, world No. 59 Manav played well against Wang Chuqin, but the Chinese player's skill level was simply unmatched, as Thakkar lost 0-3 (11-9, 11-6, 11-9).

Earlier, Harmeet and Sharath were eliminated in the first round of the men's singles events. Manav, on the other hand, only competed in the team event.

The Indian women's team of Manika Batra, Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath, seeded 11th, stunned fourth-seeded Romania 3-2 in their Round of 16 tie on Monday.

The Indian trio will take on the winner of the match between the USA and Germany in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Paris Olympics: Duplantis sets new world record to win men's pole vault gold

Paris, Aug 6 (IANS) Sweden's Armand Duplantis broke his own world record as he successfully defended his pole vault title at the Paris Olympics.

Duplantis cleared 6.25m with his third and final attempt late on Monday to eclipse his previous mark of 6.24m set in April.

American Sam Kendricks took silver and Greece's Emmanouil Karalis claimed bronze.

"The party is going to be pretty big," the 24-year-old replied when asked what his plans were for the night ahead. "Not that much sleep, a lot of partying, a good time."Duplantis, a two-time world champion who has broken the world record nine times, is the first man since American Bob Richards in 1952-1956 to win back-to-back Olympic pole vault titles, reports Xinhua.

He said the crowd had spurred him on as he sought to break his world record with the gold medal already guaranteed."I was just trying to channel the energy everybody was giving me, and they were giving me a lot of it. It worked out," he added.Kendricks produced a season-best leap of 5.95m to finish ahead of Karalis and Ernest Obiena of the Philippines, who each cleared 5.90.

Paris Olympics: Sable secures spot in final of men's 3000m Steeplechase

Paris, Aug 5 (IANS) Renowned distance runner Avinash Sable made history on Monday by becoming the first Indian to reach the final of the 3000m Steeplechase after finishing fifth in heat 2 of round 1 after clocking a time of 8:15.43 at the Stade de France here.

Avinash Sable, currently ranked 15th in the world finished behind Mohamed Tindouft, who clocked a personal best of 8:10.62 in the event, World No.4 Ethiopia's Samuel Firewu, World No.3 Kenya's Abraham Kibiwot and World No.9 Japan's Ryuji Miura.

The 29-year-old Indian took an interesting strategy at the beginning of the race and set a solid pace. He surged into the lead till near the 1000m mark. Soon after he was overtaken by Abraham and Samuel. Sable remained in the third or fourth spot and then made a timely dash, which saw him move up to the second spot.

However, the final dash saw the Moroccan finish first and Sable slip to fifth. But the early lead had created enough separation for him to secure a place in the final. Sable is known for his famous 'kick' in the home stretch. But on Monday, his strategy was to set the initial pace and capitalise on the early advantage.

Despite the comfortable lead, the army man was seen slowing down and looking at the gap behind him in the final stretch which saw USA's Matthew Wilkinson almost pipping the Indian for the final qualification berth.

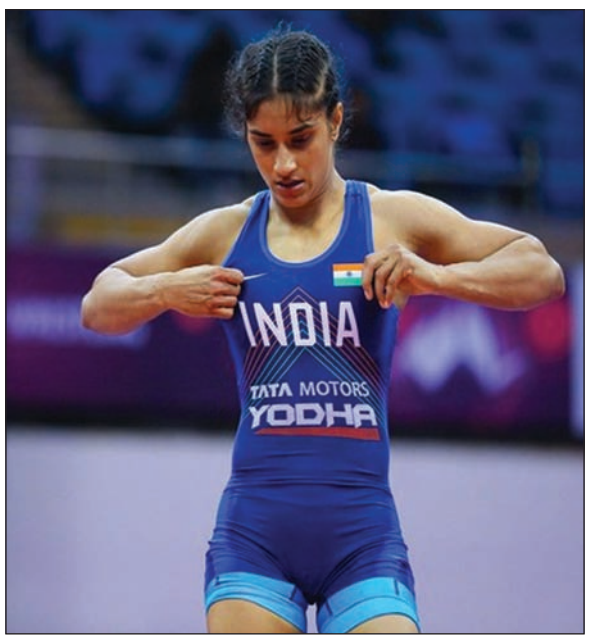
Paris Olympics: Vinesh advances to semifinals, beats Oksana 7-5

Paris, Aug 6 (IANS) Continuing her majestic march at the biggest stage, Vinesh Phogat advanced to the maiden semifinals of the women's freestyle 50kg match after beating Ukraine's Oksana Vasylivna Livach 7-5 in her second bout of the day at the Paris Olympics 2024 on Tuesday.

Vinesh, who started the day by stunning Japan's four-time World Champion and Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Yui Susaki, took an initial lead of 2-0 in the first period of the match against Oksana, who won her first bout 10-0 on technical superiority.

The second period was a bit challenging for Vinesh as Oksana fought back and took a 2-pointer after the Indian grappler had stretched her lead to 4-0 with two minutes and two seconds remaining in the match.

The 29-year-old Vinesh recovered quickly to



counter and got one more point to her name to take the lead 5-2.

In the last few seconds of the bout, the Ukrainian attacked fiercely but Vinesh managed to hold on to her defence and counter-attacked to get a 2-pointer via technical superiority.

With 10 seconds left in the match, the Ukrainian grappler came up with a big move but Vinesh defended well and restricted her to one point. And that was enough for Vinesh to win the match 7-5.

Earlier, Vinesh advanced to the quarterfinal by registering a 3-2 upset win over Yui Susaki, the undisputed queen in 50 kg, who has still now lost only five bouts in her career since 2010.

A former World No.1 in 48kg, Vinesh is participating in her third Olympics. She narrowly missed a bronze medal in the 2016 Rio Olympics because of an injury. In the Tokyo Olympics, she lost to Vanesa Kaladzinskaya in the 53kg quarterfinal. Her stay in the tournament came to an end after Kaladzinskaya lost in the semifinal, ending repechage hopes for the Indian.

In the past, Vinesh has participated in the 48 kg and 53 kg weight categories. This time in Paris, she is taking part in 50 kg.

Paris Olympics: France to meet Spain in men's football final



Paris, Aug 6 (IANS) France will face Spain in the men's football final at Paris 2024, after they rallied to beat 10-man Egypt 3-1 after extra-time late on Monday.

Jean-Philippe Mateta, who had netted the winner in France's 1-0 win over Argentina in the quarterfinal, scored a brace in the semifinal.

After a goalless first half, Egypt broke the deadlock in the 62nd minute through defender Saber Mahmoud who had a shot blocked, but collected the rebound and beat two defenders before firing home, reports Xinhua.

Mahmoud's strike jolted France into action. Their relentless attack paid off in the 83rd minute when Mateta raced onto Michael Olise's through-ball and drove it past the helpless Egypt goalkeeper Alaa Hamza.

With the score 1-1 after 90 minutes, the game moved into extra-time, and Egypt suffered a major blow when defender Fayed Omar was sent off for a second yellow card just two minutes into the first period.

Global Chess League: Nihal Sarin, Sadhwani, Sindarov among Prodigy players for Season 2

Mumbai, Aug 5 (IANS) India's top young players Nihal Sarin and Raunak Sadhwani will be among the Prodigy players to be included for Season 2 of the Global Chess League, scheduled to be held from October 3-12 at Friends House in London. The Global Chess League is a joint venture between FIDE, the sport's World governing body, and Tech Mahindra.

The first-of-its-kind franchise-based league features a total of six teams consisting of six players - one Icon player, two Superstar male players, two Superstar female players, and one prodigy in each team. In the tournament, each team will play a total of 10 matches in a double round-robin format, with the winner of each match being decided in a best-of-six board scoring system.



Raunak Sadhwani, who earned the Grandmaster title at the age of 13, will be making his comeback in the second season. To further add to the excitement, World No. 54 and Grandmaster Javokhir Sindarov return to the fray along with Jonas Buhl Bjerre and Nihal Sarin. They will be joined by Daniel Dardha and Volodar Murzin for the highly anticipated second season.

On his return to the league, Sadhwani, said, "I am thrilled to be back for the second season of the Global Chess League. In the first season, I got an opportunity to be a part of exciting matchups and immerse myself in the ever-expanding chess ecosystem.

Paris Olympics: Things Indian men's hockey team needs to focus on in semis against Germany

Paris, Aug 6 (IANS) The Indian men's hockey team gears up for the all-important clash against Germany without key defender Amit Rohidas in the Paris Olympics semifinals here on Tuesday and will need to take care of some key points during the clash.

The Indian team will face several challenges in the semifinal match, primarily related to recovery and tactical adjustments. After playing a nerve-jingling and energy-sapping clash with Great Britain in the quarterfinals on Sunday, India will have to take care of many issues in the clash.To overcome the challenges to be faced in the upcoming semifinal match, the Indian team should consider implementing the following key strategies.

Physical and mental recovery

This will be the key aspect of the match against Germany. The Indian team needs to recover physically, mentally, and emotionally after the intense quarterfinal match, which went to the shoot-out. This includes proper rest, nutrition, and mental conditioning to ensure players are at their best.

"Recovering physically, mentally, emotionally is going to be the key. These sorts of games drain you completely. So it has drained them. So, the first thing is they have to recover," M.M Somaya, the 1980 Games gold medallist, said.

Player shortage

India will also have to recover from player shortage as Amit Rohitas has not received a reprieve from the disciplinary committee and the Jury of Appeal. The team now has to play with one player less, 15 instead of 16 in the squad, which could impact their performance significantly.

"We will have to play one player shot from the 16. And in today's rules of rolling substitution, where they make 40-50 changes in a match, one player short means your options are limited as compared to the opposition. So, that's a handicap (for the Indian team)," said Somaya.

So, while taking care of these



things, the Indian team will also have to come up with sound tactical planning to overcome this handicap.

The team needs to prepare strategically for Germany, as they are the reigning World Champions and very tough opponents playing with fewer players against such an opponent requires careful planning to maximise their effectiveness on the field.The team needs to develop a game plan that accommodates the potential absence of a key player (Rohidas). This may involve adjusting formations and roles to maintain team balance and effectiveness.The team also needs to conduct a thorough analysis of Germany, focusing on its strengths and weaknesses. They should tailor the game strategy to exploit the opponent's vulnerabilities while reinforcing the team's defensive and offensive capabilities.

By focusing on these strategies, the Indian team can enhance its chances of success in the semifinal.

The team also has some positives that it can bank on in the semifinal and one of the main confidence boosters is its past performance in the semifinals, which significantly influences its current approach in several ways.

The team's recent success in reaching the semifinals of the Tokyo Olympics after a long gap has boosted the players' confidence. This historical achievement serves as motivation to perform better and aim for the final in Paris.

The past semifinal experiences provide valuable lessons in handling pressure situations. The team can analyse previous matches to identify what strategies worked and what didn't, allowing them to refine their approach.

After a narrow 1-2 defeat to defending Olympic champions Belgium, the team came back brilliantly to outplay Australia in their final league match, beating Australia in the Olympics for the first time in 52 years.

The team has so far shown resilience in tough matches, which is crucial for the semifinals. Their ability to play tactically smart rather than just relying on a traditional attacking style reflects a mature approach to the game.

The shift from playing attractive hockey to effective hockey indicates a strategic evolution. The team now prioritises winning through tactical discipline, which is essential against strong opponents in the semifinals.

Overall, if the Indian team takes care of these points, it can overcome the challenge posed by World Champion Germany and advance to the final for the first time since the 1980 Games in Moscow.

People who lost everything can't be called encroachers: Kerala CM slams Union Environment Minister



Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 6 (IANS) Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday slammed Union Minister of Environment Bhupender Yadav for his remarks on Wayanad landslide victims, saying that those people who have lost everything cannot be called encroachers.

"Anyone who knows the hardworking Wayanad people, living in the high-range areas, would never insult them. They are the worst affected people due to the landslide. How can the people who lost everything be called encroachers," the Chief Minister said.

On Monday, the Union Environment Minister alleged that the Wayanad area has been encroached illegally by the people, who have grabbed the land with the help of local politicians, putting Kerala's environment at great risk.

The Chief Minister said that the needless reference to the disaster by the Union Environemnt Minister could have been avoided as people are suffering.

"It is completely wrong to blame the state government and the local politicians for the encroachments and the mining activities which resulted in the worst ever disaster the Wayanad has witnessed," the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister said that the Centre is using the Press Information Bureau (PIB) to malign the image of Kerala by publishing articles against the state government.

"PIB has been asked to get articles written by experts against Kerala. These reports have to be believed in the light of the statement from the Union Minister," the Chief Minister said.

Meanwhile, the rescue operations in landslide-affected four villages of Kerala's Wayanad entered the eighth day on Tuesday with the death toll reaching 402 and around 170 still missing.

The over 1,200-strong rescue team comprising personnel from all the Defence forces, NDRF, SDRF, police, fire services and volunteers began searches early in the morning in the four worst-affected areas in Churalmala, Velarimala, Mundakayil and Punchirimadom.

Special teams have been searching in the Chaliyar River from where several bodies and dismembered body parts were recovered in the past few days.

DNA tests are being conducted on all such body parts.

In over 100 relief camps, mostly set up in various educational institutions in and around the affected areas, over 10,300 people have been housed.

BJP is afraid of Nitish Kumar, says Prashant Kishor



Patna, Aug 6 (IANS) Jan Suraj campaign chief Prashant Kishor claimed on Tuesday that the BJP is afraid of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The poll strategist claimed that Nitish Kumar's influence is so great that it has compelled the BJP to make organizational changes.

Speaking to the media in Patna, Kishor said, "The fear of Nitish Kumar on the BJP government is such that he first got Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary's turban removed. After that, he also forced the central leadership of the BJP to make organizational changes in Bihar as per his wish."

Kishor was referring to the change in the BJP's state leadership when Samrat Chaudhary was removed as the party state president in Bihar and Dilip Jaiswal was appointed in his place.

Prashant Kishor criticized Nitish Kumar, stating that "Nitish Kumar asked for a ministry from the BJP, asked for the Chief Minister's chair for five years for himself. He got the changes he wanted in the organization of Bihar BJP."

"Nitish Kumar wanted to get Samrat Chaudhary's turban removed, and he got it done. If you look at all these issues, you will realize that Nitish Kumar knows how to get things done in this manner, but he did not ask the Prime Minister to open the closed sugar mills in Bihar," he said.

Kishor added, "Nitish Kumar should have said that we will support you only when factories are set up in every district of Bihar, but Nitish Kumar did not do so."

Curfew along Indo-B'desh border to be strictly monitored: BSF



Kolkata, Aug 6 (IANS) Border Security Force (BSF) on Tuesday said that the curfew along the India-Bangladesh border will be strictly monitored in the wake of the illegal infiltrations following the political turmoil in Bangladesh.

BSF DIG and Spokesperson, South Bengal Frontier, A K Arya, said that meetings were held with villagers at the Uttarpara and Mustafapur Border Outpost to discuss the prevailing situation in Bangladesh after the change of power.

"Villagers were advised not to move around without any purpose on the border road or the nearby areas after dark. Announcements are also to be made from mosques to keep villagers away from the border. It has also been decided that shops in villages will close by 9 pm. Farmers have also been asked to use the fence gates only for essential work," the BSF Spokesperson said.

He said that there is a need to maintain vigil and prevent infiltration and other criminal activities such as smuggling in the border areas.

DIG Arya said that another coordination meeting was held at the Bornberia Border Outpost. "Key issues discussed in the meeting included management of tall crops in border areas, the problem of jute dumping by civilians near the border, civilian movement on border roads after curfew and land acquisition for fencing in unfenced areas," he said. He said that the meeting emphasised the importance of addressing these issues to maintain border security and community safety. He said that during all the meetings, the BSF stressed the importance of good relations between the force and the local civilian population. "It was emphasised that better coordination would result in fewer hassles for the BSF and villagers alike," DIG Arya said.

Encounter underway in J&K's Udhampur



Jammu, Aug 6 (IANS) An encounter is underway between the security forces and a group of terrorists in J&K's Udhampur district on Tuesday, officials said.

Officials said that an encounter between the security forces and the terrorists began in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur.

"After specific input was gleaned regarding movement in the area, a SADO (Search and Destroy Operation) was launched in the wee hours today by our parties; contact has been established with a group of terrorists in Khaned area of PS Basantgarh. Ops underway", DIG, Udhampur-Reasi, Rayees Mohammad Bhat, said in a post on X.

Udhampur is one of the mountainous districts of the Jammu division where foreign terrorists have been reported to be hiding in the dense forests.

In order to eradicate terrorism from the hilly districts of the Jammu division including Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Reasi and Udhampur districts, the army has deployed over 4,000 soldiers, including elite Para commandos and those trained in mountain warfare. The terrorists hiding in the dense forests of these districts have carried out hit-and-run attacks against the army, paramilitary forces, and civilians.

The entire anti-terrorism strategy was revisited at the high-level security meetings chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

Police has detained around 40 people on suspicion of having harboured, helped or acted as guides for the terrorists. Two of these detained suspects have confessed to having accompanied the terrorists when they carried out ambush attacks in the Doda area. The security forces are aggressively carrying out operations in these districts to target the terrorists, their over ground workers (OGWs), sympathisers, and harbourers.

Andhra Pradesh to open 100 Anna canteens on Aug 15



Amaravati, Aug 6 (IANS) The Andhra Pradesh government will open 100 'Anna' canteens on August 15, announced Municipal Administration Minister, P Narayana on Tuesday.

He said these 100 canteens would be set up in 33 municipalities across the state and provide meals for Rs 5.

He asked the municipal commissioner to focus on the canteens for the next one week.

The minister directed officials to coordinate the team setting up kitchens in the canteen buildings.

Narayana held a video-conference with municipal commissioners across the state.

Special Chief Secretary, Municipal Administration, Anil Kumar Singhal, Director Hari Narayana and other senior officials attended the video conference.

The minister reviewed the construction of canteen buildings at various places. He had a detailed discussion on their opening.

After assuming office as the Chief Minister in June, Chandrababu Naidu had signed five files and this included a file to re-open Anna canteens, which were shut by the previous government of YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) led by Jagan Mohan Reddy.

The earlier government of Telugu Desam Party (TDP) had established Anna canteens between 2014 and 2019 to provide meals at Rs 5 to the poor and the middle class.

As TDP founder and former Chief Minister, NT Rama Rao (NTR) was affectionately called 'Anna' (elder brother), the government had given the name Anna canteens.

Woman gives birth to quadruplets in Jaipur



Jaipur, Aug 6 (IANS) A woman has given birth to four children here in a hospital, who are being kept under medical observation as they reportedly had difficulty in breathing, officials said.

Two of the four children born are boys and the other two are girls.

Hospital Superintendent Asha Verma said: "Santosh Prajapati, 21, a resident of Dausa, was admitted to Unit-6 of the hospital on August 4. On Monday morning, at around 8 a.m., the woman gave birth to four children through normal delivery."

Due to the low weight of the children, they have been kept under special medical observation.

Of the four children, two weigh one kg each, while one weighs 700 gm and the other 930 gm.

The doctor said: "The woman is healthy now, however, the children are having some difficulty breathing."

"The woman also complained of anaemia during pregnancy. She is being treated in this hospital," he added.

BJP protests outside Tihar demanding CM Kejriwal's resignation after HC order



New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) Delhi BJP on Tuesday staged a protest outside Tihar Jail demanding the resignation of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is incarcerated there.

The protest came in the wake of a High Court verdict on Monday upholding the Delhi CM's arrest by the CBI in a corruption case stemming from the alleged excise policy scam.

The court disposed of CM Kejriwal's bail plea and granted him the liberty to approach the trial court for relief.

Tuesday's protest against the Delhi CM by BJP workers was led by Delhi President of the party, Virendra Sachdeva and other senior leaders.

During the protest, BJP cadres chanted slogans demanding CM Kejriwal's resignation.

Virendra Sachdeva said they were seeking his resignation because governance and administrative work in the national Capital had come to a standstill because of the CM being in prison and running the show from there.

He insisted that after the court's order, CM Kejriwal should tender his resignation instead of running the government from prison.

"No minister of the AAP government is ready to take responsibility for any issue and they are busy shifting the blame on officers. Corruption has risen to new heights and the people of Delhi are being crushed in this messy situation," Sachdeva charged.

CM Kejriwal was arrested by the CBI on June 26 from Tihar jail, where he was lodged in judicial custody in a money-laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) that is connected to the liquor policy issue.

3 terror associates arrested with arms and ammunition in J&K's Anantnag



Srinagar, Aug 6 (IANS) Three terrorist associates were arrested and arms, ammunition, and explosives were seized from them in J&K's Anantnag district on Monday, officials said.

Officials said that the security forces arrested three terrorist associates along with arms and ammunition in the Bijbehera area of Anantnag.

"These individuals, all residents of Hassanpora Tavela, were detained during a joint 'Naka' (Checking Operation) at Hassanpora Tulkhan Road in the Bijbehara area. The recoveries include one pistol, one pistol magazine, 8 pistol rounds, one grenade, and one Improvised Explosive Device (IED)," an official said.

Police have taken cognisance of the incident and registered a case against the terrorist associates under relevant sections of law.

Security forces have been aggressively going after terrorists, their over-ground workers (OGWs), terror supporters and sympathisers.

J&K Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha has said that unless the terror ecosystem is destroyed right from its roots, offshoots and the top, peace would always remain elusive in the UT. It is for this reason that the security forces have been given orders to go all out against the terrorists, narco-terrorism, and the environment that sustains terrorism in J&K.

Meanwhile, after a group of 40-50 foreign mercenaries were reported to have become active in the hilly areas of the Jammu division, a reviewed anti-terror strategy has been adopted by the army and other security forces.

'Can Muslim girl marry after attaining puberty', Centre seeks SC's priority adjudication



New Delhi, Aug 6 (IANS) The Centre on Tuesday urged the Supreme Court to adjudicate on priority as to whether a minor Muslim girl can marry a person of her choice after attaining puberty.

Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta, the second highest law officer of the Centre, mentioned before CJI D.Y. Chandrachud a plea filed by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) against the Punjab and Haryana High Court order, which had held that a Muslim girl can marry a person of her choice after attaining the age of 15.

SG Mehta submitted that diverse views were being taken by different High Courts across the country, resulting in the filing of multiple special leave petitions before the apex court around the same issue. "Please see if this can be listed on priority," he said.

At this, CJI Chandrachud assured SG Mehta that he would direct the listing of the batch of petitions.

In January last year, the top court issued notice to the government and others on NCPCR's plea to decide upon the question of law, clarifying that its decision not to stay the impugned order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court may not be used as precedent. It appointed senior advocate Rajshekhar Rao as amicus curiae in the matter to assist the court

The SC pointed out that if the high court judgment -- which held that a Muslim girl aged 15 years can enter into a legal and valid marriage as per personal law -- was stayed, the girl might be restored to her parents against her wishes.

Before the apex court, SG Mehta had contended that Muslim girls who were 14, 15, and 16 years old were getting married. "Can there be a defence of personal law? Can you plead custom or personal law as a defence against a criminal offence?" he said.

The plea filed by NCPCR said the Punjab and Haryana HC erred in ignoring the fact that sexual intercourse with a minor girl below the age of 18 years, is sexual assault as per the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and this legal position cannot be changed due to marital status of the child and that whether on the facts and in the circumstances of the case and in law.

It added, "The high court was justified in upholding that a minor girl, after attaining puberty after the age of 15, on her own willingness and consent, can enter into a marriage of her own choice while not considering the validity of a marriage with a minor all the while glossing over the fact that the impugned judgment would lead to endorsing child marriage which is illegal in India because POCSO Act applies to everyone."

The high court's order came on a habeas corpus petition filed by a 26-year-old man against the detention of his 16-year-old wife in a children's home in Panchkula. The high court noted that such a marriage would not be void in terms of Section 12 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006.